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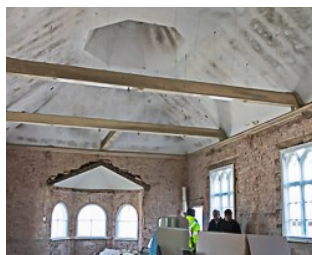
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 always welcome. We can help if  
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 what you want to say.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS for the next edition TO  
 BE WITH THE EDITOR BY 16th APRIL  
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# Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

Easter is on its way! Shelves brimming with Easter eggs remind us of this fact but when exactly is Easter? Each year the date changes and as the Easter holidays draw to a close, churches around the world will be celebrating this great event which reaches its highest point on Easter Day, Sunday 21st April. But what is all the fuss about any way.

On Easter Day, churches around the world will be celebrating the Good News that God raised Jesus from the dead, overcoming death and opening up a new way of life including a new relationship with God and each other. This spectacular event also announced God's victory over evil and sin. It is an event which defies reason, which cannot be proved by science, which is beyond human understanding because it is a God event, an example of God stepping into history to bring about phenomenal changes. It is an event which is still being pondered, examined, questioned and believed in over 2000 years later throughout the world. This event could be viewed as the greatest day in history.

But the story doesn't stop here, it is not just a past event, because each and every one of us is invited to experience this new way of life and go on experiencing it for all eternity. This new way of life is not just experienced beyond the grave but can be experienced in the here and now because Jesus is alive and active today – working in the world today – working through and in people's lives all around the world - making a difference and changing people's lives for the better. Easter is all about new beginnings and possibilities, hope and forgiveness.

Easter Day celebrates all this and because of Easter Day each day of our lives can be a day when each of us can start afresh, have a fresh start and a new beginning; each day is full of potential and can be full of hope. The life that Jesus offers is life in all its fullness; it is our choice whether or not we choose this for ourselves. We are responsible for making the Easter message a lived reality.



As our Easter eggs come and go, may each person in our community come to know and experience the gifts of Easter as a lived reality in your lives - gifts which go on into eternity.

Have a Happy Easter!

*Rev Zoe*

## Mothers' Union

We enjoyed learning about 'Church and Education' from Mr Colton in March and we look forward to hearing about the 'Future of the Mothers' Union' from our speaker in April, David Mellors. Having just celebrated our 120th anniversary at Laxton it will be interesting to speculate about what the coming years might bring and the challenges we may face. It looks like being an interesting evening.

Everyone is welcome at Janet Cooke's house on April 29th for this meeting, which starts at 7.30pm.

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

The only update we have as the magazine goes to press is the following e-mail received by Sir John Starkey on 6/3/19



Dear Sir John

I would just like to update the Trustees and yourself on where we are currently are.

I can confirm that we received a total of seven bids from the nine expressions of interests. The bids were all, generally, of high quality and it was clear that a lot of thought and time had gone into them. The seven have now been reduced to a shortlist, and those parties have been invited to an interview with The Crown Estate.

Following interviews, which are scheduled to take place next week, I will be able to update you and the Trustees further.

*Iain Mills*  
Senior Asset Manager



# Village Hall Quiz Night

The second, and most likely to be the last Quiz Night to be held at Egmonton Village Hall went ahead as planned and we say many thanks to Egmonton Hall Committee for the use of the hall whilst Laxton is being renovated.

A fun evening for the almost 80 participants ensued, the raffle was the usual mix of excitement and chaos and the question master was unable to get the speaker system adjusted correctly so that every could hear, so had to shout instead!!!



The catering team worked wonders again in the “strange to them kitchen” and a magnificent 15 prizes were provided by the Committee and supporters to round off the evening.

The winning team RED (does it stand for Retired and Extremely Dangerous- like the films!!) had a narrow win of three points over The Dolly Mixtures, and in equal 3rd place, one point behind were “And then there were four” and “Beefeaters”. Well done to all.

Very big thanks again to ALL who attended and continue to support the Hall, to all the Committee who worked particularly hard (Pat, Rachel/Neil and Janet in the kitchen especially) Also thanks to the Committee and supporters for donating raffle prizes and the wonderful sweets and Roberta for collecting teams fees and helping with the raffle

The mushy peas were again produced “in house” on the Egmonton smart cooker rather than our “dodgy” one and again we haven’t heard of any upset stomachs since so we must have done them properly!!!

Thanks to Anna from Maloney’s for supplying the pies: several people commented that they were particularly good this time!

Big, big thanks to Cath for producing a fine set of 50 testing questions; never easy and again there was only one question out of the 50 that nobody got!!

£537.32 was made for Village Hall funds.

The next quiz will be our winter one, to be held on Friday 6th December 2019. Make a note in your diaries now.

*Michael Manning*

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# **Easter Day**

## **A Dawn Mass**

**Will be celebrated at **6.00 am****

**on Sunday 21st April**  
**Egmanton Church**

**With Archdeacon David Picken**  
**and Rev. Zoe Burton**

**Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits**

**Easter Day, Sunday 21st April**  
**Moorhouse Church**

**will reopen after the winter break with a**  
**service of**

**Holy Communion**

**at 3.00 pm**

**The service will be taken by**  
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# Things to Do this Month

**Remember to donate undies for Africa & plants for Pat's stall**

- Mar 28<sup>th</sup>** Talk from an Auctioneer at Rotary, South Forest Leisure Centre, 7 for 7.15pm.
- Apr 10<sup>th</sup>** Hear about the History of Marks & Spencer at WI, 7.30pm, **EVH**
- Apr 10<sup>th</sup>** Hear the discussion on 'Laxton & Norwell, an Open and Closed Case', 7.30pm **Norwell VH**
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup>** Laxton History Group performing the Laxton Mummers Play at the AGM and Supper **EVH**
- Apr 17<sup>th</sup>** Talk from Lincoln Cathedral's master Stonecarver - Rotary, South Forest Leisure Centre, 7 for 7.15pm
- May 1<sup>st</sup>** **5.20am** See in the May, join the walk **Laxton Castle**
- May 1<sup>st</sup>** Medical Detection Dogs Talk and tea 1.45 for 2.00 pm, **Wellow Memorial Hall**. [Book places](#)

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

## Coffee Morning

**11th April 10.30am - 11.30am**

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at Corner Farm, the last property on the right travelling down the village towards Kneesall.



Why not come and join us?  
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# Village Hall Update

The builders, Trio are cracking on at a pace at the moment; all the old plaster is off and all the walls needing to be removed have been. The space this has created in the foyer is huge and will be a great benefit to us. Their expectation to finish is still by the end of July and we can't wait to see it.



As mentioned last month, we will be having some form of "official opening", if you have any ideas please let us know.



Please see the progress photos here.

*Michael Manning*



# **Our Group Mothering Sunday Service**

**at**

**Wellow Church  
Sunday 31st March  
at 10.30am**



**The service will be taken by Lay  
Minister Joan**

**Everyone welcome  
Come and receive a posy of flowers**

## **Good Friday Stations of the Cross**

**will be held at  
Kirton Church**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
at 10.30am**



***The service will be taken by the Rev.  
Alistair Littlewood***

**Everyone welcome**

## Dawn Chorus Walk

Once again we look forward to welcoming Rattlejag Morris Dancers to Laxton Castle on the morning of May 1st. They dance as the sun rises - around 5.25am - and serve bacon cobs, beer and hot drinks to those who come to watch. Everyone is welcome to this traditional event.

Following the final dance, when the public are invited to join in, Stuart Rose leads a walk through the open fields to listen to the dawn chorus. In the past the walkers have identified over 30 species of birds by their song if not by sight.

May 1st is mid week so some may need to leave the walk before the end. There are a number of points where you can get back into the village quite easily so everyone can do some, if not all, of the walk. On a lovely morning there is nothing better.

## Probably Our Most Informative Wednesday Speaker of this Rotary Year.



I have been very fortunate to attract Lincoln Cathedral's Master Mason / Master Stonecarver as our speaker on April 17th. I have heard him speak once before and any disappointment was down to the fact he stopped speaking after an hour. He has had a fascinating life and if you are only coming to one of our speakers this year please make it this one.

The arrangements are the usual ones. Please book a place with me on 870601, or a note through the front door. The cost is £10 for a two course meal with coffee in the South Forest Restaurant.

Transport is available from Laxton at 6.45 for the meeting at 7.15. This is an excellent opportunity to listen to an enthusiastic master craftsman enthusing about his work.

NB The date is correct, we could not get our speaker for the final Wednesday, so for this month it is **APRIL 17th**, 7.00pm at South Forest Leisure Centre Restaurant, Edwinstowe.

If you are interested in Rotary as an organisation then please come along to any of our Wednesday meetings, transport arrangements as above. About a quarter of our members are women and the age profile is currently 40+ though any age is OK.

*Jeff*



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## The Cow

Come, children, listen to me now  
And you shall hear about the cow;  
You'll find her useful live or dead;  
Whether she's black or white or red

When milk maids milk her morn or night,  
She gives them milk so fresh and white;  
A this we little children think,  
Is very nice for us to drink

The curdled milk they press and squeeze,  
And so they make it into cheese;  
The cream they skim and shake in churns,  
And then is soon to butter turns.

And when she's dead her flesh is good,  
For beef is our true English food;  
And though in health it makes us strong,  
To eat too much is very wrong.

The lime and bark the tanner takes,  
And of her skin he leather makes;  
And this we know they mostly use,  
To make soles for boots and shoes.

The hair that grows upon her back,  
Is taken whether white or black,  
And mixed with mortar, sort or long,  
Which makes it very firm and strong.

And last of all, if cut with care,  
Her horns make combs to comb our hair;  
And so we learn, with thanks to teachers  
That cows are very useful creatures.

*Spotted on show with the note 'Printed for H. Dexter, Infants School, Guildford'*



Members were brought up to date with the next stages of the Michael Wood Award at our meeting in February. These will be:

At Kneesall School on **4th April 1.30 – 3.30pm** when the children present their work to parents and members.

**5<sup>th</sup> June, 9 and 10am** when we will present their gifts and certificates. Members are encouraged to attend on both occasions.

We will be taking examples of the work the children produce to display at the Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair in Mansfield on Sunday 12th May. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event which includes talks and entertainment as well as a large number of stalls from groups across the county.

We have given our dramatised readings based on the HLF research twice recently. On both occasions it was very well received, though by two quite different groups in Southwell and Lenton.

Our AGM will be slightly different this year with the usual historical supper replaced with historical entertainment. Joan has found the script of the Laxton Mummers play in the Archives in Nottingham. It turned up in correspondence between Revd. Collinson & Mr Willis. It was 'written by a Laxton man who had played in it and who was crippled in the war'. Historically it was played by men, who would have been farm hands, and in the style of a pantomime. Joan is currently recruiting her cast...

Towards the end of the year, on Tuesday October 12th, we will be going to Oxford for the day. The Mark Pierce 1635 map of Laxton will be featured in an exhibition of historical maps. This is a rare opportunity to see this wonderful document on public display and it will be alongside amazing survivals of very early maps.

We are currently deciding if we should hire a coach or go by minibus. It would be helpful if any non members who would like to attend, or simply to take advantage of a bus trip to this lovely city, would let Jean know of their interest so we can choose our transport wisely.

Our speaker for the evening was arranged at short notice after the booked speaker was unable to attend. We were very pleased to welcome Adrian Gray to speak about the background to the local men who became the Pilgrim Fathers.

Adrian has written a book which gives great detail on the subject. A short



**Laxton History Group Present**

# **Laxton Mummers Play**

**at Egmanton V.H. with the 2019 AGM**

**plus a two course supper**

**Friday 12th April, 7.00pm**

**£7 per person**

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**Please bring your own drink and glasses**

version is available now with the full text planned to appear for the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower next year.

The heritage of the Pilgrim Fathers had its roots here long before the Mayflower. Notts born men were instrumental in the development of many world religions of today: Thomas Cranmer; many of the Mayflower Pilgrims - Baptists, Quakers and American Non-Conformists; John Wesley - Methodism, and William Booth - the Salvation Army.

To those not familiar with the story, local names played a great part in the story. Sturton-le-Steeple produced several of the key individuals, while others had strong connections with Grove, Rufford and Gainsborough as well as the better known Babworth and Scrooby. Adrian suggested that non-conformist views were able to flourish here because they were supported by the gentry who supported each other in keeping quiet about the local practices. The distance of these places from London or York where they would have been clamped down on enabled them to take hold and the strong convictions of the men involved ultimately took them to Holland and for some, to America, on the Mayflower. Local man John Brewster was a leader among them.

Our next meeting is the AGM. Everyone is very welcome - see above.

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Thank you.

## Tuxford Young Farmers



First we went to a Pro Cam meeting on the 20th of February. It was very interesting as they talked about agronomists and what they do.

Next we were at a bowling competition at Mansfield Super Bowl, on the 21st of February. It was a competition between other clubs and was a good bit of fun. We came 3rd out of about 8 teams. Well done Tuxford!!

After that we ended up at the Beermats brewery on the 27th of February. While we were there we were given a sample of some of the beers they brew - but not for the under aged...and then we got given a talk about how they brew their beers.

Next we had a street dancing lesson from one of our members ,Jess Rose, on the 6th of March. We all tried our best and Jess taught us a few moves and then put a routine together for us to perform to her. It was a lot of fun.

*Emily*



## Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest

As President this year I have invited a speaker from Medical Detection Dogs to come along and give a presentation about the charity and it's work. It will be on **Wednesday 1st May, 1.45 for 2.00 in the Wellow Memorial Hall.**

This will be followed by a light afternoon tea of sandwiches and cake.

Tickets are £6.00 and can be obtained from me by calling in at School House or phone on 01777 870601 If you have the time please come along and support us and bring a friend, husband or partner. Help to spread the word about this less well known charity.

Proceeds will go to Medical Detection Dogs.

*Pat Naylor*



## CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

### **31st Mar   Mothering Sunday**

10.30am   Wellow **WfA**

### **7th April   Passion Sunday**

9am   Kirton **HC**

4pm   Wellow **HC** + Passiontide reading followed by APCM

### **14th April   Palm Sunday**

**10.30am   Laxton HC** with palm crosses

4pm   Egmonton **Es** followed by APCM

### **18th April   Maundy Thursday**

6pm   Kneesall, Family of Churches service with meal

### **19th April   Good Friday**

**10.30am   Laxton, Hot Cross Bun Service**

7pm   Kirton, Stations of the Cross

### **20th April   Easter Eve**

Confirmation Candidates, Southwell Minster

### **21st April   Easter Day**

6.00 **am**   Egmonton Dawn Mass

10.30am   Kirton **HC** and also Wellow **HC**

3pm   **Moorhouse HC**

### **28th April   Easter 1**

9am   **Moorhouse HC**

**10.30am   Kirton MP**

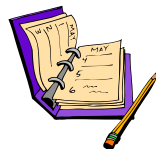
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – ‘Open Vestry Hour’ for Christening and wedding enquiries:** 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Paulinus Church Office, Church Circle, New Ollerton.

Revd Zoe can be reached at the Vicarage on **(01623) 862818** or work mobile: **07983 946930** or email: [\*\*revzoe65@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:revzoe65@gmail.com)



# *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

**2019**



<b>Mar 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MU</b>	
<b>Mar 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>Visitor Centre</b>
<b>Apr 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WI Party</b>	<b>@ Egmonton</b>
<b>Apr 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WI Meeting</b>	<b>@ Egmonton</b>
<b>Apr 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prof John Beckett speaking @</b>	<b>Norwell VH</b>
<b>Apr 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>History Group AGM</b>	<b>@ Egmonton <u>NB Friday</u></b>
<b>Apr 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MU</b>	

## ***Forward Planning***

*Alternate months, 4th Tuesday*      *Parish Council*

<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>May Day Sunrise</b>	<b>Laxton Castle followed by Dawn Chorus Walk</b>
Sat / Sun May 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Newark Show	Newark Showground
<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Great Notts History Fair</b>	<b>Mansfield Library</b>
<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maypole celebrations</b>	<b>Wellow Green</b>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rogation Sunday</b>	
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	APM & Rural Policing Talk	Visitor Centre
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	Southwell Ploughing Match	Thoresby Estate
<b>Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Quiz Night</b>	

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We offered congratulations to our team who achieved a very creditable second place in the Village Hall Quiz and also to our Treasurer, Sally, whose birthday it was.

There were many countywide opportunities for Brenda to read out. It is great that belonging to our federation offers us so many chances to take part in activities which we couldn't put on for ourselves. This time we heard about the County Quiz, triple target shooting, croquet and a literary lunch where the speaker will be Stephen Booth to name but a few. Anna had recently attended a day learning to embroider a landscape which she had thoroughly enjoyed. This was an appropriate introduction to Jan Garside, our speaker who had come to talk about 'Textile Art'.

Jan told us she was 'travelling light'. She was right as her beautiful woven items were light as a feather, and we were blessed to see and examine such a wonderful display of talent at close quarters.

Jan gave up midwifery on medical grounds and went to college thinking of doing a multi media course. When it came to it she didn't like the sound of the course and accepted her friends' invitation to join them in the weaving class. She was soon hooked.

The first sample we were passed was of 'monofilament', the synthetic thread Jan works with. It was astonishingly fine and immediately we could imagine the hours which had gone into producing her work.



Jan described the moment she became hooked on weaving. Her tutor showed her a sample with lovely wavy lines in the weave. Jan couldn't quite believe that this happened when you took the work off the loom, where it was stretched tight and the threads were all straight. She admitted to crying out in delight when she cut off her first piece and it did indeed create waves. The next level is elastic thread, which creates even more dramatic effects when the tension is released.

While she was studying for her BA Jan was asked if she would like to exhibit at the V&A - quite an accolade for someone still studying. The work she made was on show there for a month.

We heard in detail about an installation made to honour the Maidens of Minsterley. There is a tradition to craft a paper crown to hang over the seat used in church by a virtuous young woman who died after



becoming engaged but before marriage. Jan had made a piece to capture the feeling of the crown which was suspended above a chair. This was dressed with

various items including a pair of woven shoes, which we were fortunate enough to see.

Jan described some of her commissions and the ingenious decorations she uses. One had some 5,000 fishing weights individually tied to it. Another piece was inspired by Japanese prayer messages and kimono.

As well as solo projects like this, Jan does collaborative work. She studied for an MA and chose to learn to use a powered loom to do



Jacquard work. During this period she was approached by the University of York to create some work based on the textiles in Hardwick Hall for display there.

Jan described being inspired by the



lace on a cuff in a painting and the process of using this in her design. She was also interested in the story of Bess of Hardwick. The display was entitled 'Virtue and Vice' and drew upon the secret messages women would weave into their work as they went. To reflect this, Jan wove pages of a book. She designed and created the piece which had around eight pages separated so that you could see both sides, but joined to each other. Each was woven with text and letters. It was a stunning piece of



work and when we learned that all three pieces for this display had been made in six weeks we could scarcely credit it.

We all felt privileged to have heard from such a talented and inspiring teacher and Brenda had no trouble offering our heartfelt thanks.

At the next meeting on April 10th we shall be hearing about 'The History of Marks & Spencers' and our competition will be '**A recollection of M&S**', which might be a brief story, something purchased there or anything you like.

This month's winners of the competition for a piece of textile art was won by Rosemary with Heather second and Lesley third.

## Recycling



We have been using the Police Aid recycle bin situated at the Dovecote top car park since 2010 and the money we get for this is held in an account and is available for any Projects to benefit Laxton.

So if you have anything going spare, pop it in a bag and drop it in the bin please. If you are unable to take it yourself please let me know and we will collect for you.

Please see photo of the bin and what you can recycle.

Many thanks

*Michael Manning*

# Notts TV in Laxton Again



Notts TV, which works closely with and relies on volunteer support from students at Nottingham Trent University's Brackenhurst campus, has been filming again in Laxton.

Last year they came to make a fairly broad ranging film about the well known aspects of the village. This time they are being more ambitious. They employed the services of two drone pilots to overfly the castle site on three separate occasions in February. Amazingly they

had glorious weather and clear blue skies on each occasion. From their images they can produce a 3D image of the landscape.

The students also engaged James Wright, the acknowledged expert on castles in the county dating from this period. James advised them on all aspects of the castle structure and function and he was interviewed on film by the team in discussion with Prof. Martyn Bennett from NTU.

Open Field was given the opportunity to photograph the group visit and the students interviewed Dik and Joy on film for their 'behind the scenes' production which supported the work. Joy took the opportunity to book James to speak at the History Group next year. Look out for details early in 2020.

Back at base the team plan a digital reconstruction of the castle and at the time of writing, the anticipated date of broadcast is 2nd April. The film should appear online after this and details will be published here.



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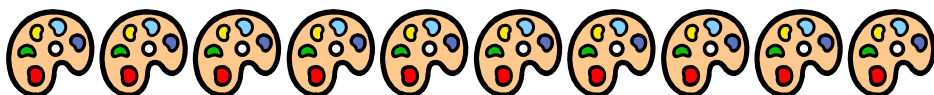
The Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest's collection of lightly used bras and new pants for Africa continues to go well.

We recently opened the door to a lady who had come from Farnsfield and was laden with bags of bras which were donated through a charity shop there.

These seem such an everyday items to us that 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.



## Ossington Art Group



The group would welcome new members. Why not call in at the 'Hut' on a Monday 10am - 12, have a coffee and try your hand at painting or drawing?



Our resident art tutor, Graham Laughton, will be on hand to help.



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# The Dukeries Singers

We are well into spring now and I am busy in the garden. I could perhaps have a short sit down during Choir practice although we usually prefer to stand to sing!



We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm. until 9-00pm. upstairs in the theatre refreshment area at the Dukeries Academy, Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

We are busy rehearsing for two Concerts.

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Apr** A joint Concert with the Newstead Abbey Singers to be given at St. Paulinus Church in Ollerton at 7-00pm. This joint Concert will be our first with this Choir and we are looking forward to it very much.

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May** A Concert at Farndon Church. This is one of many enjoyable return visits to this venue.

Our Secretary Pauline would be delighted to hear from you on **07951 609217** if you would like to book us for your event of any kind.

We can also be found at [thedukeriessingers.](http://thedukeriessingers.com)

Let's hope for lots of lovely Spring sunshine and not so many of the April showers.

*Jan*

## Pat's Plant Stall

I am hopeful that the stall will be out for business by the end of April with a few herbaceous plants. The more tender items will make an appearance once the weather is more settled. Tomatoes, courgette, beans, cucumber and bedding to begin with.



Medical Detection Dogs will be the charity to benefit.

*Pat Naylor*

# Dukeries Woodturning Society

Our first meeting using our new, second projector was a great success. Everyone commented on how helpful it was to have two views of what is happening on the lathe.

We also received the wonderful news that we have been awarded a £1300 Special Project Grant by Newark & Sherwood District Council. Well done to our Secretary, Mike Manning, for securing this for us. It will cover the cost of the new equipment and allow us to update our kit.

We were delighted that several new members joined on such a good night. We always welcome guests and new members with a free first visit, meaning you don't need to commit to the annual membership until you have given us a try. The annual fee of £15 reduces monthly during the year to reflect the months you have missed, so it is no problem joining for a part year. The nightly fee is £5 when you come.

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- the excellent professional demonstrators, many of whom travel a long way. We are the only club in this region which some of them visit;
- Having a go on our lathe at our quarterly 'hands on' nights;
- Refreshments in the interval

We welcome all ages and levels of experience and hope to see you at the **Jubilee Hall, Ollerton on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm**. On April 20th there we welcome David Lowe to demonstrate to us.

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

## Parish Council - Rural Policing

As mentioned last month, we have invited Inspector Heather Sutton, the Newark Town Police Inspector to attend our Annual Parish Meeting on TUESDAY 28/5/19 to give a talk.

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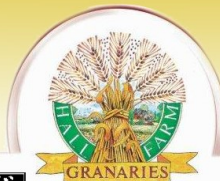
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## **Rent-to-own cap a win for people paying over the odds**

Sherwood & Newark Citizens Advice was very pleased to learn of the FCA's recent announcement that it will cap the cost of rent-to-own goods from 1 April 2019, which will help local people struggling with repayments.

Jackie Insley, Chief Officer, said: "This cap, which the service has campaigned for, is a win for those struggling with the runaway costs of rent-to-own agreements. We're delighted it will now be introduced as we see the massive harm caused by the crippling interest rates when local people come to us for help. The cap will stop people from paying over the odds compared to similar products on the high street and falling into further debt when costs spiral out of control."

Rent-to-own companies sell household items, such as appliances, furniture and electronics, through 'hire purchase agreements'. These agreements - usually arranged over three years - involve customers paying off the price of the product as well as interest, in weekly payments. The agreements allow people on low incomes to purchase goods that they cannot afford to pay for upfront. But these goods come at a high cost. Interest rates can be as high as 99.9%, and missed payments are subject to fees of £10-12 per occasion. More generally, rent-to-own goods are a bad deal - with high mark-ups on prices, costly delivery charges, and expensive add-ons, such as aftercare and insurance.

Citizens Advice research found that, affordability checks by sellers often do not identify where consumers might face financial difficulties in meeting the cost. In particular other expenditure is overlooked. As a consequence rent-to-own goods often make worse existing financial difficulties - with the consumer likely to be behind on important bills, such as energy or council tax. 50% of rent-to-own customers have borrowed to meet payments. Only half of all rent-to-own agreements are completed - leaving customers paying large sums for goods that they often do not get to keep.

Citizens Advice says hundreds of thousands of people use the high-interest agreements. Nationally, the service helps approximately 5,000 people a year with rent-to-own issues. It has also welcomed the decision by the regulator to place restrictions on other charges, including late payment fees.



Anyone requiring advice or support can get help online at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) or from Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark Open Door Advice Sessions held at:

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## Milton Mausoleum



Our season begins with our 5th Friends of Milton Mausoleum Lunch at the West Retford Hotel, Retford on Sunday 14th April 12.30 for 1pm. Adults: £18, Children: £10. We hope you can join us at this popular venue for an afternoon with friends. Please contact us on

[milton.mausoleum@outlook.com](mailto:milton.mausoleum@outlook.com) or phone Gillian (01777 248310) or Jenny (0779 1527 569) to book your place and choose from our menu. We look forward to updating you on our recent success and exciting plans for the future.

We are looking forward to opening our iconic building this season from May – Sept. every Sunday from 2pm – 4pm. We can also provide guided tours for groups on other dates by prior arrangement. We enjoy telling the story of the building and the people involved. Our committee is continually researching new information about this building which has a place in our local history. Further planned events are as follows:

Sunday 2nd June at 2pm AGM – all are welcome

Saturday 22nd June Summer Concert (celebrates 50 years of CCT)

Saturday 14th Sept. Entertainment by “Limited Ability Band”

More details in due course.

We look forward to meeting with you and we thank you for your continued support.

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Book Club	(30 <sup>th</sup> Apr, 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul. 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Sep.) 7.30pm

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

**2019**

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Music (VV)	Kit Holmes & Al Greenwood
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