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A Message From Our Churchwarden



We seem to be having a busy time at church at the moment, which is good for us, keeping us going forward.

First we had baby Ralph's baptism in April, which was followed by the Flower Festival. I would just like to say another, thank you to everyone for their support and help with this.

After everything was totalled up, we finally finished with a grand total of £911. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

On July 2nd, we had a lovely service of baptism during the Holy Communion service, when Ophelia was baptised by the Reverend Margaret Groves.

Lammas

On Sunday, August 6 at 10:30 am. It will be our annual Lammas Day service in church. This year the service will be conducted by the Rev Canon John Smith.

As we have a priest this year, we will be able to have Holy Communion during the service, which is as it should be. We will be pleased to see any new people in the village at this service. It is one of our old traditional services, which we have every year. This is where the first sheaf of corn is brought into church to be blessed.

The service will be followed by a brunch of bacon cobs. If you would like to join us, please let me know for catering purposes.

If anyone could offer to do a reading or prayer, which are all printed out on the service sheets, I would be most grateful. Thank you.

Brenda 870541.



From the Registers

Congratulations to Ophelia Ida, who was baptised into the church on Sunday, 2nd July 2023, at Saint Michael, the Archangel church, Laxton.

Ophelia was born on 14th October 2022 and is the daughter of David, Duncan Peters and Corrin Parkes of Timothy Road. She is a sister to Heidi. The service was conducted by the Reverend Margaret Groves.

Get Well Wishes

We send our very best wishes to George Noble. He is doing very well and was even seen braving the weather at the Fête. We are so pleased to hear that he is doing really well and wish him a continuing successful recovery.

We send best wishes for a speedy recovery to anyone who is unwell at the present time. Our thoughts are also with those in hospital or awaiting admission.

We are always pleased to share good wishes for anyone who is unwell, but we do need to know that they consent to their names being published please.

Sympathy

We were sorry to hear of the death of Frances Soubry, of Tuxford. She was a regular worshipper at Egmonton church and will be sadly missed by her friends in the villages in this area. We send sympathy to all her family and friends.

BIG Birthday Greetings

80

We send BIG congratulations to Terry Smith, who will be celebrating his 80th towards the end of August. Congratulations Terry and we hope you have a memorable day.

Church Garden Fête July 14th 2023

What do they say about the English? Weather doesn't put us off? Well it didn't on July 14th when we held our church Garden Fête. Despite it raining all day, we still carried on and people turned up in their waterproofs and wellies.



I would like to say thank you to Roy and Jean for offering us the use of their garden and sheds so that we could go ahead and have our yearly church Garden Fête. It was the first since July 2019.

The weather was not on our side, but we carried on with all the stalls. The cake stall had two full tables, which sold out in no time. No wonder. Everything looked so good! The tombola stall was bulging and as popular as ever.



There was an amazing raffle, which a lot of people had donated prizes for. A surprising number of people stayed to hear the prizes drawn and one or two people went home with quite a collection of prizes to deliver to the lucky winners. Tucked in

among the prizes was a doll in need of a name. Stuart Rose chose the names beginning with S and R and was rewarded with 'Rosina' as his prize for the correct guess.

Sandra's book stall was so well supported that she could have started a library! There was a good selection of paperbacks and hardbacks and she could have restocked three times over with the items in boxes.

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Then there were the hot dogs, cream scones and tea. Jean and Roy's daughter, Mel, looked quite at home in the shed with her barbecue cooking the hot dogs etc.

We even managed to have some games as well. Mel was not given the chance to take time off as the 'Pluck a Duck' wasn't as waterproof as her real

life kind, and had to be in a shed. Mel got the job of managing that game while she turned sausages on the BBQ.

The skittles was set up in a shed so that there was no need to run after the ball after every throw. Things started slowly here, but soon picked up and for some people it proved addictive. After one go they had another and another ... In the end there was a tie between Geoff Rose and Daniel Salmon. Jean got the job of calling on the toss of a coin to decide the winner and the prize went to Dan.

The bean bag ladder also worked very well in a shed with the beanbags landing on a nice dry floor. To say it was the first time we had been to Blacksmith's Cottage, everything worked incredibly well thanks to the hard work put in to prepare it all and a surprising number of gazebos and marquees to add to the cover available.

Jean and Roy would like to thank everyone who gave up time in advance to fetch equipment and get the marquees and everything set up as well as those who donated or came along to support.

Everyone seemed to enjoy it despite the weather. It was nice to see everyone and catch up with old friends and people new to the village. We were also joined by our church friends from Kirton and Wellow, and appreciate them coming to support us on what might have been a terrible night. Thank you all

Thank you to Jean, Roy and their family for all the hard work in setting up the marquees etc. and to all those who gave items for the stalls. It was a horrible night, but despite that we raised a total of almost £600, which was a great effort. We will publish the final total next month. Thank you again

Brenda

STOP PRESS: Jean has two umbrellas which were left behind after the fête. Please see her if you lost one.

The Woman the Establishment Chose to Forget



In order to emulate the woman who was the subject of her talk to the History Group, Rosemary Gibson dressed herself entirely in black and wore a profusion of bling earrings, necklaces and rings. She was talking to us about Violet Van der Elst, a largely forgotten millionairess who for 30 years campaigned to abolish the death penalty. Violet herself always wore black and possessed jewellery worth £250,000. It was a brave attempt by Rosemary Gibson to reproduce Violet's look, but unfortunately her speaker's fee didn't quite run to the quarter of a

million pounds necessary to purchase jewellery like Violet's.

Violet was actually, however, born into poverty. She was one of ten children, the daughter of a coal porter and a washerwoman. Aged seventeen, she was working as a scullery maid when she met and married Henry Nathan, a civil engineer. Henry was the first step in Violet's rise to fame and to riches. A formidable personality, enormous sex appeal and a will to work ensured that she would rise above her back street beginnings. She developed her own cosmetics line and a brushless shaving cream called Shavex, which was greatly in demand by the British officers in the trenches in the first World War. She worked tirelessly to sell her products and with the help of Jean Romaine Van der Elst, her manager, she amassed a huge personal fortune. When Henry Nathan died, she married Jean, a Belgian who was also an artist.

In 1937 she purchased Harlaxton Manor near Grantham, restored it, installed electricity and bathrooms, and renamed it Grantham Castle. Violet made it a sanctuary for animals as she cared very deeply about animal welfare. At this time, she was at the height of her wealth and fame, mixing freely with some of the aristocracy and with those who had influence in Society. It was also during the 1930s that she began a vocal and colourful campaign against capital punishment, attending all executions in order to stand outside the prison, waving a banner whilst

a brass band played. She had aeroplanes flying banners over the prisons calling for an end to capital punishment. The organiser of endless demonstrations, she was arrested on numerous occasions, all of which was very good publicity for her campaign. Unbelievably, whilst all this was going on, and whilst still running her business empire, she found time to stand as an Independent Candidate for Parliament on three occasions but was unsuccessful each time.

In later life various rumours circulated about her relationships with her young male secretaries and her tyrannical treatment of her staff. She certainly took no prisoners in any of her relationships and she was loved and hated in equal measure. Some of these rumours may have been started by her opponents and by those on her staff who believed they had been unjustly treated.

She spent most of her fortune fighting for her various causes and in litigation against those who opposed her. Largely forgotten and with her fortune all but gone, she died in Ticehurst House, a lunatic asylum, in 1966. She had however lived to see the abolition of the death penalty in the previous year.

Violet was in many ways ahead of her time, a business woman, a campaigner, a dedicated party goer and a great eccentric. Thank you, Rosemary Gibson for bringing her to our notice, her story is a colourful one and one of both victory and great sadness. She deserves to be remembered.

Joan Cottee

Thanks to Joan for her entertaining account of a lively presentation. At the meeting members decided that there was no enthusiasm for burying another time capsule. It was felt that there were no obvious physical artefacts available to put in it and paper or photographs need special preparation to withstand the effects of time in that environment. Digital media could be included, but with no guarantee that those digging it up after a worthwhile period of time would have devices to read our current memory sticks, they might be of little use.

It was mentioned that devising something to recall this year for publication on the internet or lodging with the University or County Archives was probably more appropriate in modern times.

Names were taken for the planned trip to Brodsworth Hall and Gardens. There will be no meeting in the Hall in August, but it is hoped members will be able to participate in a social event. The next meeting in the Hall will be on September 20th when Richard Gaunt will talk about the Women in the Lives of the 4th and 5th Dukes of Newcastle.



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International Visitors

Laxton has long been a draw for visitors from all over the world. In the last month a 60 strong group came for a brief visit to hear about our unique farming system. They were undertaking a tour of agricultural sites in the area and had mostly come from Australia and New Zealand. Having all worked on an exchange scheme in Canada in the mid 1970s, this was an opportunity for an educational reunion.

They were followed a week later by a group from Oregon State University. The group's leader has brought groups of students here more than once in the past. This was the first visit for five years because one had been at the planning stage when Covid brought all such plans to a halt.

These groups are students of agriculture and usually a mix of in person and on-line students. This year one on-line student was actually permanently resident in Tunisia. Their tours take in both interesting aspects of British agriculture and cultural sites. They usually visit Oxford, but this time were going on to Cambridge followed by Edinburgh and finally Glasgow.

After their return, they asked to complete an evaluation of their tour. We have been told that on each occasion Laxton has come out as their favourite location. They always enjoy the opportunity to meet members of the community and to experience a little of how daily life here works. Given the other important places they visit, this is very rewarding.

The students get themselves to London, where they meet up and then they tour the various locations using a mix of train and hired buses,



staying in hostel style accommodation. They were based in Nottingham in university accommodation during the period that they visited Laxton and had previously been to see the University of Nottingham agricultural campus at Sutton Bonnington.

They enjoyed viewing

AUGUST CONGRATULATIONS

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

*Happy birthday wishes go to:
Michael M(93), Terry Smith (80)
Ian Creighton, Rachel Hennell,
Mark W, Sue S, Dave S and Ian R,
Cynthia B,*

*We wish a happy anniversary to
Jean & Roy Hennell, Jean &
Keith, Morton, Robert & Jan,
Heather & Derek Storton,
Joy & Dik Allison, Pat & Jeff
Naylor and anyone else
celebrating this month.*

*If you are celebrating please
accept best wishes. If you are
aware that we have missed
someone, please let us know so
that we can congratulate them.*





the film in the Visitor Centre and undertaking a guided walk through the village to Laxton Castle with Stuart Rose. They studied the church and some of the buildings before having the chance to enjoy a traditional roast dinner with apple crumble and custard at The Dovecote. They loved the meal and it was interesting that they mostly had not

experienced anything similar before.

After lunch they had a chance to walk off some of the calories on the footpath down to Egmanston. Several students were particularly interested in plants, so being able to see the crops and wild flowers up close on the walk was very interesting for them.

Thanks to Jean Wright and the kind permission of the Banks family, the group were able to visit their second motte & bailey castle of the day. By then they had grown accustomed to the idea that they would not be seeing something stone built and reminiscent of Newark Castle.

They also had a talk from Jean and a chance to have a good look around the church with its amazing decoration. They were very impressed by it and by the age of the tombs and artefacts they saw. No doubt their leader will return with another group in a couple of years.



Laxton History Group



Just a reminder that the History Group will not be meeting in the Hall in August. The next in person meeting will be on 20th September to learn more about the women in the lives of the Dukes of Newcastle.

Village Barbecue



A dry window in the showery weather on the evening of Saturday 8th of July, allowed seventy villagers to enjoy a BBQ at the home of our hosts Daniel Salmon and Sarah Stringer.

Tasty meats from Maloney's were accompanied by an array of salads and complimentary Pimms and lemonade, followed by strawberries and cream.

A modest entry fee was requested from guests, with the remainder of the costs being covered by a £200 donation from the Community Coffee Morning proceeds, from co-organisers Helen and Dave Sheard and, of course, Daniel and Sarah.





Daniel and Sarah were presented with a bunch of flowers as a token of thanks. Praise and thanks from guests was plentiful on the night, and feedback since has been without exception positive.

We hope this will become an annual event, moving round the village in different gardens. Thanks go to everyone who supported this event and contributed their conservation, laughter and good humour to making the BBQ such a success.

Lammas Service

St Michael's Church, Laxton

Sunday 6th August

10.30am

The blessing of the first sheaf of corn

The service will be followed by brunch

Please call Brenda for catering purposes (870541)

Everyone welcome.

Young Farmers' Tractor Road Run



The Dovecote Inn hosted a gathering of tractors on 25th June when Tuxford Young Farmers based both the start and finish of their fundraising Road Run in aid of club funds and the Alzheimer's Society in the yard. Thanks to Harvey Saddington for his excellent drone photos. It is good to have such an unusual view of a local event which includes a

nice shot of the heart of the village.

Some 30 tractors joined in the event despite the scorching temperatures, which pleased the organisers. Given the prospect of spending the day on a hot tractor in the heat of the sun on the hottest day of the year so far, it would have been understandable if drivers had opted instead for a cooler way to pass their Sunday.

They left Laxton at 10am and their route took them through first Egmonton then Norwell and on to North and South Muskham, finishing their morning journey at Little Carlton where they enjoyed a lunch kindly hosted by J and J Burnett's.

The return trip brought them through Knapthorpe and Cauntton on their way back to The Dovecote.

Young Farmers would like to thank The Dovecote for hosting them; Bofs Hogs for donating the burgers for their BBQ and Will Hill for cooking them and everyone who donated raffle prizes or bought tickets. The event raised £600 from the tractors and £249.33 in the collecting bucket. The bucket collection will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society, with £429.80 going to club funds after deduction of expenses.



Michael Duxsbury Tractor Road Run

Early summer is the tractor road run season and the drivers who enjoy taking their vintage vehicles out on the road in support of good causes find themselves with plenty of opportunities.

Just a couple of weeks after the Young Farmers event, the annual Michael Duxsbury event took place. This is a well established feature of the local calendar and always attracts great support. Around 100 vehicles take part annually, raising £4,625 in 2022 bringing the total raised for Weston Park Hospital's cancer ward at Sheffield to £87,435!

This year was no different with 98 tractors, their drivers and passengers meeting at College Farm, Tuxford before setting off at 10am.

For the first time in some years, this year the route took them north into Bassetlaw and the only tractors seen in Laxton and Egmonton

were those of the local families going up to Tuxford or returning.

There was a good representation from our villages, both drivers and trailers full of family and friends. It was good to see that George Noble, still recovering his health, was riding in comfort while son in law Lee Doyle drove his tractor with the family riding behind.



Amanda Hennell had found an unusual and enjoyable way of celebrating her big birthday.

The convoy left Tuxford past the prison heading for Westwood Farm on their way to Milton, Bevercotes, Bothamsall and the Crookford Ford. This was quite deep and treacherous, making drivers lift their feet to avoid a dunking and causing some disquiet for the passengers. Apleyhead Farm on some narrow lanes leading to Five Lane Ends, Morton and Ranby, past the second prison of the day and on to a much needed lunch stop at Tiln Farm. The morning had been quite a marathon, taking some three hours. By then everyone was definitely ready for some food and a drink.



After a well-earned rest and with everyone comfortably fed and watered, they set off again back through Ranby and nearby Gamston Aerodrome via Eaton and Upton to Askham and East Markham, by which time the end was in sight back at the yard in Tuxford.



There was a great collection of raffle prizes as well as some special prizes. Keith Morton won the cup for best tractor. Unusually the cup for the most money raised was given posthumously to John Smith of Tuxford, who had left £1,000 in his Will for the event funds.

At the time of writing, the amount raised this year was not known.

Kirton Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning held on June, 17th, at Kirton, was not only a lovely social occasion, but also, raised a total of £913.80.

£613.80 of this will go into Kirton Church Funds, and £300 will be donated to the Salvation Army Ukrainian Appeal.

Many thanks to all those who attended - to all those who couldn't come, but who sent donations - to those who helped, either on the day or beforehand - to those who supplied plants, baking, raffle prizes or items for the bric a brac and bring and buy stalls.

We couldn't have done it without you all - thank you so much for your support !

Beckett - Bennett Wedding Follow Up

Last month we carried a report of the wedding between Mr John Keyworth Beckett of Egmonton Hill Farm and the bride, Miss Lily Elizabeth Bennett. Mavis Beckitt contacted us and offered this photo of the happy couple with their bridesmaids, the best man and the bride's father.

The wedding took place on 13th August 1926 and for its day it was an excellent photo, printed about 250 x 200mm, which is most unusual for local photos from that time.



The younger bridesmaid on the left was Edith Cocking (married name Smith) who was the mother of Mavis and Beryl, while the smaller girl on the right was Irene Cocking (married name James), who was mother to Jenny (now in Newark) and David (now in America).

The older bridesmaids were Alice and Doris Bennett, sisters of the bride, and cousins to the younger girls. The bride's mother was sister to Margaret Noble's grandmother, both daughters of the Bagshaws who were at Town End Farm at the time.

Descendants of these two families are to be found in a surprising number of the well established families still in Laxton today.

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Nottinghamshire welcomes the Tour of Britain



On the day that the July edition of Open Field was sent for printing, the news was announced that the county would host the start as well as the finish of the fourth stage of the Tour of Britain this autumn. The event will take place on **Wednesday 6 September 2023**.

Contrary to earlier announcements, it seems the whole stage will be in Nottinghamshire. Local residents will have much better options to see major parts of the event than first seemed to be the case.

The full map has now been published. The start will staged in Edwinstowe at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and the finish in Newark. Over 100 riders from the world's leading teams are expected to tackle the route. The winner of the race's latest visit to Nottinghamshire's will be crowned at the finish beside Sconce and Devon Park in Newark.

The peloton and entourage will once again travel to Moorhouse from Ossington, turn right at the junction then go through Egmonton and on to Tuxford. Other places they will pass through include Clumber Park, Worksop, Retford, Southwell, and Collingham. The entire stage will cover a 170-kilometre route.



From past experience of seeing the event pass through our villages, we know that there will be an enormous amount of support vehicles and police motorcycles to see as well as the riders. This time they will be here well into the race, so it is possible there may have been a break away and there could be more than one group to see.

Road closures will be announced nearer the time. They are applied and lifted as the race progresses, so anyone who needs to travel in the area should make a point of checking for the details before the day.

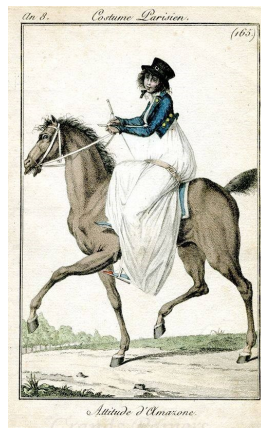
The County Council have just announced that there will be a number of competitions associated with the event on their web site.

News from the Museums of Tuxford

The Perils of Riding Side Saddle

Riding side saddle is very elegant but do you realise how dangerous it used to be?

The early side saddle had two pommels, not like today, but both on top of the saddle. The right leg was trapped between the two pommels whilst the left leg rested in a stirrup that had no release mechanism. The result was if you fell, your right leg was trapped on top of the saddle, your foot was trapped in the stirrup and your head hanging down would frighten the horse. Being a prey animal, the horse would imagine you were a wolf about to attack it and run for its life!



In the early part of the 1800s when the Empire line came into fashion, the dresses were of fine soft material that gave the impression of the diaphanous robes of the Greeks. The skirts were very full and panties had not yet been invented. One can imagine the perils of riding in such

a dress on a windy day. To save their modesty a strap was fixed around their thighs to prevent the dress blowing up and revealing all. This must have added to the feeling of insecurity on the old two pommel saddle.



Ladies were always accompanied by a man to look after them and they took life at a very steady pace. Horses can be unpredictable and the combination of the above factors led to the death of many a fair maid! In fact it leads to an early

flowering of health and safety. More on this next time.

The Museum of the Horse at Sally Mitchell's Gallery is open 9-4 Monday to Friday and 10-2 on Saturday

The Walks of Life Museum

We have a selection of beautiful milk prams as they were known. It must have been hard work and a risky business as they don't have brakes. If you broke bottles or spilled milk, you would have been in serious trouble with the master.



One of the university students working with us has produced a display with facts about milk and also about a very famous actor who delivered milk in his youth. We have over a hundred different milk bottles. Some readers will remember their free school milk in the small bottles which started in August 1946.

Some bottles illustrate a fascinating step back to a time where advertising on milk bottles was the major source of selling your wares. They range from the dairy producer to major brands of food and Nottingham Theatre Royal who all advertised on bottles in our collection

We are also very excited about the work being done on exploring the history of the house in conjunction with Nottingham Building Preservation Trust and Nottingham Country Council conservation officers. They have been offering opportunities for people to volunteer to learn traditional building skills (information and dates available on our Facebook page)



The Walks of life museum is open from 11am to 4pm on Thursdays and Saturdays other dates by arrangement.

Contact Diane **01777 872776** / dianehunt08@btinternet.com

Parish & Church Notices ...

- Remember the church jumble sale. We have a gents three-speed bicycle, also two ladies for sale, in good running order.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- Next Sunday's preacher can be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.
- We are pleased to note that there has been a change of mind by the Housing Department regarding the name for the new Housing complex for the elderly. 'St Peter's Close' did seem somewhat inappropriate.



AUGUST SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

30th July

No Services

6th August

10:30am	Laxton Lammas Day,	HC	Rev Margaret
4.00pm	Wellow	EP	Heather B

13th August



9.00am	Egmanton	HC	Father David
10:30am	Kirton	HC	Father David

20th August

10:00am	Walesby	HC	Rev Vaughn Sweet
10.00pm	Wellow	HC	Rev John Smith

27th August

No Services



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th July

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August

Weds 9th

WI Outing

Sat 19th

Coffee Morning tbc



Forward Planning:

6th Sept

Tour of Britain

8th - 17th Sept

Heritage Open Days

14th Sept

Sports Field Meeting

Sat 30th Sept

Southwell Ploughing Match, South Muskham

Regular Events:

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Quiz Nights

1st Friday of December & March tbc

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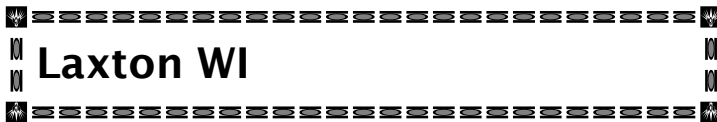
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Laxton WI



Wednesday, July 12th was our monthly meeting night. The president welcomed all our members.

Members had attended a painting workshop at County House. They were pleased to come away with lovely paintings of irises. Two members also went to try their hands at a game of croquet at Southwell. This is always good fun.

We are still appealing for knitted items for 4US to send abroad for the children for Christmas. If you have not knitted for this collection before, the items needed are things like hats, scarves and gloves to be sent to Europe to help keep children warm in the cold winter weather. If you are not sure what might be useful, please call Brenda on 870541 for information. We are always very grateful to receive donations for knitters who are not members.

For future events, we have walking netball and another painting workshop, which this time will be for beginners. A willow weaving class has been arranged where those attending will be making a birdfeeder.

It might not sound like a traditional WI activity, but there really will be axe throwing in the woods! Rather more believably, there will be a visit to Bromley House Library in Nottingham. This lovely place houses 50,000 books in a three story house, which also has a walled garden.

Members have been invited to go to County House at Newark to have a look round. All members are invited to go, but it is a lovely opportunity to welcome new members and for them to see the house and what happens there. It is a county headquarters and office and was bought by the Federation to enable them to have a permanent office with space as well to run activities for members. Needless to say there is a kitchen, where our County Federation Executive members often find themselves preparing something tasty for visiting members. The house stands at the side of the river in the castle grounds. You will see it every time you are held up in traffic waiting to negotiate the Ossington roundabout!

Invitations had also been received for a Rummikub competition, a music quiz and a bingo evening.

Our speaker for the evening was Sue Floyd, who has been to speak to us before as she speaks on several subjects and is very good.

Her subject this evening was Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the late Queen Mother.

She spoke in-depth about her life from when she was born on Saturday 4 August 1900 at Saint Pauls, Walden Berry, the daughter of Lord and Lady Glamis. In addition to Elizabeth, there were five sons and two daughters. Another daughter died at the age of 11 and another son was born after Elizabeth.



HM The Queen Mother, Richard Stone, public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Her father, Lord Glamis' family dated back to Robert the Bruce. She was called Elizabeth Angela Marguerite, and was known as Lady Elizabeth Glamis. Her mother, Nina, was the daughter of Reverend Charles Cavendish Bentinck.

Elizabeth and her younger brother, David, were very close when they were young and spent summers at Glamis Castle. She loved the outdoors and country life and loved animals, especially her ponies and dogs. In later life, she was able to pursue her love of horses. She bred them, and took a close interest in her race horses, as did her daughter, our late Queen. She always had her corgi dogs around.

She loved meeting people and was known for always looking so smart in her lovely hats. Her love of jewellery and pearls was well-known.

When she married, she became the Duchess of York until her husband became King George VI. After the death of the King, she still kept up with public appearances as long as she could.

She was very close to her daughters, late Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret as well as her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

She was a great servant to the country throughout her life, and is sorely missed by everyone as she put the lot into her life.

Our next meeting on 9th August is our annual outing, and this year we shall be going out for a meal at The Chequers Inn and then for a river trip.

At the end of September or the beginning of October. We will be having another bingo night because everyone so enjoyed the last one. Look out for details in next months magazine.



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08/07/23	14	Anne Dutton
15/07/23	30	Rollover

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Egmanton Craft & Produce Show

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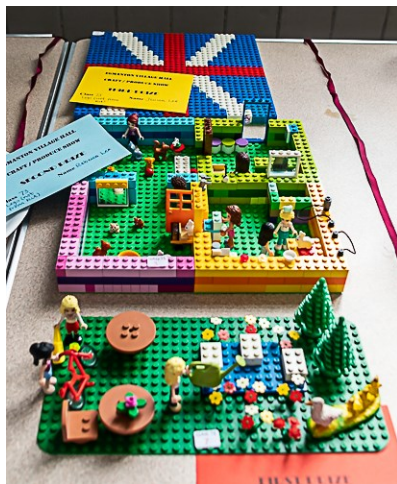
There are classes for adults and children, including crafts, cookery, photography, fruit, vegetables flowers and flower arranging. There are prizes for all the children's classes and a selection of trophies for various classes.

There is an entry fee of 50p per entry, and entries should be delivered to Elizabeth at the address given in the schedule no later than 5pm on **Tuesday 29th August**.

Entries can be staged between 9.30am and 11.30am on Saturday 2nd September. Non-perishable entries may be left with Elizabeth in advance if you are unable to attend in person.



Judging takes place from 11.30am and the show opens to the public between 3.00pm and 4.30pm when refreshments are available. It is a happy event and a good chance to both catch up with friends over a cuppa and to get some ideas for your own entries in other shows. During this period prizes are awarded for the children's classes and trophies are presented.





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The Dukeries Singers Summer Concert



"The atmosphere was just lovely."

This was just one of the comments following our event at The Jubilee Hall, Ollerton. The Dukeries Singers hosted their annual summer concert which, supported by The Forest Singers from Mansfield, was heralded as a great success. Other comments included *"It was a pleasure to see the audience enjoy themselves so much. Faces were just beaming"*. Philip Robinson said that his friends thoroughly enjoyed the variety of performance and mix of listening.

Led by the brilliant Vicki Melling, Musical Director, Janet Otter and Fay Shackleton on piano the group performed a variety of pieces from the Beatles number 'When I'm Sixty-Four' to 'Bring Him Home' from Les Misérables and many more pieces.

The performance was complemented by the amazing duo of Maureen Lockwood and Sandra Carter, who brought the house down with applause. They entertained with 'Fast zu keck' and 'Romanza' on piano and clarinet.



The Edwinstowe Hand Bell Ringers provided novelty, playing a range of songs including a piece adapted specially for hand bells by John Ottaway 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles' in homage to his great love of football. A sensational solo by Maureen Ross, 'Nella Fantasia', and 'Che Faro Senza Euridice' performed by Musical Director, Vicki Melling herself, were both outstanding.

The Jubilee Ukuleles provided us with loads of fun, accompanying the community singing with a selection of 50's, 60's and 70's tunes - 'Singing the Blues' to 'Living Doll' and included a song that took me back by Lonnie Donegan, 'Putting on the Style'.

4 Day Road Closure to Tuxford

We have received advanced notice that the road from Egmonton to Tuxford will be closed between **8am on Monday 21st August and 4pm on Friday 25th August 2023.**

The alternative routes to Tuxford are either via Kirton (going down Cocking Hill from Laxton or along Kirton Road from Egmonton) or through Egmonton to the Old Great North Road, turning left at the junction and following the road into Tuxford past the new Co-op store.

Local Open Gardens

This garden will be open in aid of the National Gardens Scheme:

Saturday 29th July

Floral Media, Norwell Road, Cauntton, NG23 6AQ, 10am - 4pm
admission £4, children free, home made teas.

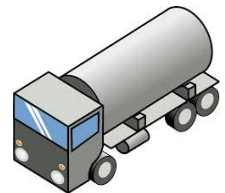
Group Oil Order

The price of oil is less than the last time we ordered. At the time of writing, the Boilerjuice average 1000 litre headline price is 59.2p/litre, which is much less than last time, but the situation is volatile, varying significantly daily

The next order will have been placed by the time you read this. The next order will be due in November, usually towards the end of the month. The timing of this is to try to ensure nobody runs out over Christmas and New Year and also to beat the inevitable seasonal rise as people place last minute orders.

Please let me know if you will be needing an order **from early November onward**. Anyone whose order can be placed by email is very welcome to join. Please contact me on oil@openfield.org.uk

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www.heritageopendays.org.uk where events are listed and you can search by county. See listings for dates and to book.

Sites in the county within easy reach which are listed so far include:

- Lowdham signal box,
The Sidings, Lowdham, Nottinghamshire, NG14 7DU
- Mansfield Town Centre Heritage Walk
- A guided walk / talk around Newark's timber framed heritage
- Civil War Tour of Newark, including the Queen's Sconce
- Heritage Building Skills Demonstration and Participation
- The National Holocaust Centre & Museum, Laxton
- Unwrapping Newark Town Hall (250 years of history)
- Retford Masonic Hall

If you fancy going a little further afield, Prof. John Beckett is leading a walk round heritage Beeston.

There are other opportunities to take behind the scenes tours at:

- Manuscripts & Special Collections, University of Nottingham - the archives where the Manvers Collection, the records of the Pierrepont family and Lords of the Manor of Laxton, are stored
- Nottinghamshire Archives, County House, Nottingham
- Greens Windmill & Science Centre, Nottingham
- Newstead Abbey

or even to try a Photography Workshop with Neil Pledger at Bromley House Library, Nottingham (Tuesday 12/9/23)

What a Difference a Week Makes!



It certainly did in Laxton. Admittedly July 8th, the day of the BBQ was not promising at all, but by the time that mattered, it had turned into a lovely summer evening.

The contrast with July 14th, the date of the Garden Fête, was

not lost on anyone. The Hennell family and friends got soaked setting up protective cover and the wind did its best to blow the gazebos etc. over.

The good people of Laxton and their friends turned up in numbers to enjoy both events regardless.



Laxton Visitor Booklet

Now that the new interpretation boards have been installed, work has been gathering pace on the guide booklet available for visitors in the Visitor Centre.

Prof. John Beckett of the University of Nottingham wrote the original version at the end of the 1980s and he has been working on updating the text to reflect the changing times and new ownership of the Laxton Estate.

Prof. Beckett has been working with Dik and Joy Allison to retake many of the views used to illustrate the text. Thanks to the various villagers who have given their permission for their photos to be included. We will keep you up to date on when the booklet will appear in print.

I bought a pram for £400 online, but it never arrived. At checkout it said delivery would take 3-5 working days, but I never received any tracking information. I

chased the seller and they said they'd speak to the delivery company, but now when I try to phone them my call goes straight to voicemail. I've had no response to emails either. The website I bought it through looked legitimate but now I've seen people posting on review sites about products that never arrived and some are saying this is a bogus seller. Have I been scammed and if so, what can I do?

This sounds like a very frustrating situation, and unfortunately scammers are always finding more sophisticated ways to trick shoppers, including having very legitimate-looking websites.

From your letter, there are signs it could be a scam. We've detailed information on our website about how to spot the signs of a scam that you might find useful to check.

As you've already parted with your money, the first step is to contact your bank immediately to let them know you think you've been scammed.

In terms of getting your money back, a lot depends on how you paid. We have full details on our website on the routes you can take. For example, if you paid by debit card, your card provider can ask the seller's bank to refund the money. This is known as the 'chargeback scheme'. If you paid by credit card and the item cost more than £100 but less than £30,000 you might be able to claim under the Consumer Credit Act. This is known as a 'Section 75 claim'. Under £100 on credit card you can't use Section 75 but you can use chargeback.

It's always a good idea to report a scam, even if you haven't got your money back yet. You can do this by contacting Action Fraud.

It's also worth knowing your rights as a consumer in case the seller does get back in contact and turns out not to be a scammer. If something you ordered hasn't arrived, it's the seller's responsibility to get the item to you. So if they say they don't know where the pram is,

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Citizens Advice runs Scams Awareness campaigns aiming to: give people skills to identify scams; encourage people to share their experiences with scams; help people gain the confidence to report scams. The campaign is led by Citizens Advice in collaboration with the Consumer Protection Partnership (CPP).

Minutes of Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council Meeting 9/5/2023 (Draft)

Present: Councillors:

S. Hill (Chair), M.Hennell, J.Hill, S.Rose, A Moorhouse, R. Creighton,
D. Sheard

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk), S. Michael, Members of the public (x2)

		ACTION
LMPC/ 158/23	<p>Election of Officers:</p> <p>The following were elected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Chair – Mr S Hill (unanimous having been proposed and seconded and withdrawn for the vote) (b) Vice-Chair – Mr J Hill was proposed and seconded. Councillors noted the clerk's advice that, ideally, the chair and vice chair would not be from the same family. Mr M Hennell was also proposed and seconded. Both withdrew from the meeting. Mr J Hill was elected by a majority of four. (c) Accounts scrutineer – Ms A Moorhouse (unanimous) (d) Defibrillator inspection councillor - Mr J Hill (unanimous) (e) Resilience store keyholder – Not required (f) Flood contact – Mr D Sheard (unanimous) 	
LMPC/ 159/23	<p>Apologies for absence: There were no absences. It was noted that Mr Pringle had a conflicting NCC commitment.</p> <p>The chair thanked Mr Manning for all the work he had done for the parish council and village in the past. He also recognised Mr Godson and Mr R Hennell's contributions over the years. All present recognised the debt of service which was owed to the retiring councillors.</p>	
LMPC/ 160 /23	<p><u>Declarations of interest:</u> There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.</p>	

		ACTION
LMPC/161/23	<u>Dispensations:</u> None required.	
LMPC/162/23	<u>10 Minutes public speaking:</u> Nothing	
LMPC/163/23	Thoresby Estate report (if any): The clerk reported that Mr Pierrepont had not been available to attend that evening.	
LMPC/164/23	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 28 March 2023: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 28 March 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/165/23	<p>Matters arising: LMPC/139/23 - <i>10 Minutes public speaking</i> – The clerk will follow up on the outstanding highways matters with Mr Pringle. LMPC/151/23 - <i>Village environment and appearance:</i> d. Bench for Moorhouse – Councillors formally approved the purchase of the Wirksworth bench and hard standing fixing at £385.55 +£27.80 plus VAT. e. Councillors were pleased that the coronation events had been successful with the litter pick being very well attended. The clerk will obtain an update on the replacement interpretation boards. There were no other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
LMPC/166/23	<p>Reports from councillors: The chair reported that he had been unable to attend the most recent SNG meeting and asked Mrs Michael for an update. Mrs Michael reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Speeding traffic had been the main issue of concern b. Drones had also been discussed. <p>She also took the opportunity to thank Mr Manning, Mr Godson and Mr Hennell for the valuable work they had done over the years which had had a huge impact in the parish. This was echoed by all the parish councillors.</p>	

		ACTION
LMPC/167/23	<p>Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field matters (if any): Councillors noted that the Glebe Field rent had been paid. They discussed keeping in touch with the sports field committee and asked the clerk to invite Mr Manning to provide a bi monthly report on sporting activities which were taking place.</p> <p>There was discussion of the condition of the pinfold furniture and benches in the village. The possibility of a community network refurbishment event was considered. Councillors agreed to appoint Mr Sheard as the property inspection councillor to inspect and report on the parish council's assets bimonthly. Mr Sheard will provide an initial report at the annual financial matters meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>DS</p>
LMPC/168/23	<p>Planning matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applications: None b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None c. Compliance: No matters raised 	
LMPC/169/23	<p><u>Defibrillator inspection report:</u> Mr J Hill confirmed that the defibrillator had been inspected</p>	
LMPC/170/23	<p>Archive of parish records: The clerk reported that NCC had inspected the records and were happy to store them in their archive. Councillors approved the deposit of the records and authorised Mr Manning to sign NCC's deposit form.</p>	MM
LMPC/171/23	<p>Village environment and appearance, including Bar Farmhouse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community network group: See LMPC/167/23 (Property matters) above. b. Bar Farmhouse: Mrs Michael Had been unable to follow up because of the pre-election period. c. Parish roads and pavements: The chair emphasised the importance of notifying all highways issues to NCC. d. Bench for Moorhouse: See LMPC/ 165/ 23 (Matters arising) above. e. 2022 Coronation Committee – Event arrangements: Councillors were delighted that the litter picking had been so well attended and successful. They noted that the Young Farmers had also joined in covering the wider area. Twenty five bags of litter had been 	

		ACTION
LMPC/ 171/23 Contd.	<p>collected with sixteen filed in the pinfold. Waste had also been collected from the dyke. They thanked Mr Sheard for organising the day. They also thanked the residents who had organized the refreshments.</p> <p>f. NottsBus On Demand: The clerk would again invite the NCC officers being invited to attend a parish meeting</p> <p>g. 2023-24 dog bin contract: Councillors noted that the new dog bin had been installed. The clerk will arrange for this to be added to the emptying schedule</p>	Clerk
LMPC/ 172/23	<p>a. <u>Financial position as at 31 March and 30 April 2023:</u> Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 March 2023 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). They noted that the April bank statement had not arrived in time for the meeting. The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved thirteen payments totalling £867.46. Councillors appointed Ms R Crighton and the chair as signatories in place of retired signatories, Mr Manning and Mr R Hennell.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/ 173/23	<u>Service faults:</u> None reported	
LMPC/ 174/23	Correspondence: All noted.	
LMPC/ 175/23	5 minutes public speaking time: Nothing raised	
LMPC/ 176/23	<u>Agenda items for next meeting:</u> See above.	
LMPC/ 177/22	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>a. Annual Financial matters - 7.30 pm Thursday 8 June 2023 in the Visitor Centre</p> <p>b. July 2023 – 7.30 pm Tuesday 11 July 2023 at Moorhouse Church</p>	See over

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Minutes of Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council Meeting 8/6/2023 (Draft)

Present: Councillors:

S. Hill (Chair), M.Hennell, J.Hill, A Moorhouse, R. Creighton, D. Sheard

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)

		ACTION
RPC/ 178/23	Apologies for absence: Mr Rose was absent. Councillors consented to the absence.	
RPC/ 179/23	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
RPC/ 180/23	Dispensations: No dispensations required.	
RPC/ 181/23	<u>10 Minutes public speaking:</u> No public present	
RPC/ 182/23	<p>a. 2023 schedule of fixed assets: The council unanimously approved the schedule valuing fixed assets at £29,440. After discussion, councillors decided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The clerk should enquire of Mr Manning as to who owns the sports pavilion ii) A grit bin count should be undertaken on the walk round with Mr Pringle. iii) Review of foxed assets to be an agenda item for the July meeting. <p>b. To agree the 2023/2024 annual accounts: Agreed.</p> <p>c. To certify exemption from limited assurance review under section 9 Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015: Councillors certified that, as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Both the council's annual gross income and expenditure for 2021/22 were less than £25000, and ii) The council had been in existence since before 1 April 2014, and 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Agenda</p> <p>A</p>

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RPC/ 182/23	<p>iii) The external auditor had taken no step in relation to 2021/22 which precluded exemption and</p> <p>iv) The court had made no declaration under section 28(3) of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014</p> <p>v) the council was exempt from a limited assurance review and authorised the clerk and chair to sign the certificate of exemption.</p> <p>d. 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 will arrange, socially distantly, councillors' approval having been obtained.</p> <p>e. 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).</p>	
RPC/ 183/23	<p>Property matters – Property manager's report on Pinfold and actions: Mr Sheard reported that the pinfold furniture needed some attention and making good. Councillors agreed that there should be a volunteers' day to undertake the work and authorised Mr Sheard to spend up to £250 on materials for the project. There was discussion of a longer term asset plan and of flood resilience planning. The clerk will re-send the email from Mr Pringle regarding the village walk round.</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>Clerk</p>
LMPC/ 184/23	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11 July 2023 at Moorhouse church. Noted that this was one week earlier than usual.</p>	

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- ♦ **Yoga** – with Karen Baker Resumes 9th September. Mondays, 7.15pm - 8.45pm Email karenbaker321@outlook.com
For Information please contact, mobile **07399 669380**
- ♦ **Pilates** - Resumes Thursdays from September 5:30pm -6.30pm with Holly Rye. Contact **07415436001** Email holly-rye@hotmail.co.uk
- ♦ **Egmanton WI** - Third Thursdays in the Hall
- ♦ **Coffee Morning:** Second Saturdays 10 - 12. (9th Sept—none in August) All welcome

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Michael

Laxton Sports Field Bonus Ball Weekly Draw

Following an approach from Tuxford U16 Football Team to hire our facilities they will, in addition to our hire charges, take any unallocated Bonus Balls that are available.

So if anyone would like to take a ball or an additional one, please let me know asap; the available numbers are

7, 30, 34, 35, 37, 40, 41, 44, 51, 52, 53, and 59.

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Email : gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

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The Michael Ducksbury Memorial Vintage Tractor Road Run 2023



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