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Cover photograph by Janet Cooke

**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY 16th FEBUARY PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED.**



# Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

Inspiration for this month's letter has been drawn from a winter walk in the countryside after a crisp frosty night. My husband Nigel and I were treated to a wonderful sight, this being a very large gathering of fieldfare gorging their way and feasting on all the berries that the hedgerows could offer. It was a sight to behold seeing all these winter migratory birds tucking into their version of a good afternoon tea. Trees, fields and hedgerows providing a temporary home for these birds to dwell amongst them and meeting their needs until these birds were ready to return back to their homeland in spring-time.

Of course, in the spring-time, these same hedgerows and our resident fruit trees will be adorned with beautiful blossom which will again give way to their fruits which we, like the birds, will all enjoy perhaps not taking our fill in one sitting to the extent that the fieldfare were on that particular winter's day! As I savoured the experience of the fieldfare and their enjoyment of the 'fruits of the hedgerows', I began to ponder on the Biblical wisdom of fruit trees and bearing fruit and what this all meant for us today.

We are encouraged to make Christ our dwelling place and fed upon him that through the power of his Spirit we might bear good fruits in our lives and in meeting the needs of others in the homelands where we live and work. Drawing upon this imagery, we discover that Christ is our Fruit Tree as we ourselves, growing in God's likeness become like fruit trees. In this sort of relationship with Christ we are invited to become strong trees and fruitful trees – bearing the good fruits of peace, joy, hope, gentleness, love, kindness, patience, generosity, faithfulness and self-control.

I am also reminded of the poem 'Jesus Christ the Apple Tree' whose verses remind us that we belong to this Tree, when we are weary with our toil, in this Tree we can take our rest and it's fruit make our souls thrive. It is the Tree in the end whose leaves do not wither and whose purpose is for the healing of the nations.

Many blessings

*Rev Zoe*

## From the Registers

The ashes of the late Charles William Haigh were interred in the Garden of Remembrance at St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton on Saturday 16th December 2017 by the Rev. Philip Howson. Our sympathy goes to Pat, Robert, Christine and the rest of the family.

## Sympathy

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Rev Zoe Burton who lost her mother suddenly in the new year. Our sympathy goes to her and her family at this sad time.

## Get Well Soon

We are pleased to hear that Alan Tunnard, Margaret Maddison and Colin Cree are recovering well. We also understand Mrs Walker has been poorly. We send every good wish to them all for a speedy return to health.

We hear that Keith Dutton has not been too well and send very best wishes to both him and Anne.

## Another 'BIG' Birthday

One of our regular contributors managed to stay below the radar for his recent big birthday, but now we know, we would like to wish a belated 70th to Michael Manning for January. Congratulations and we wish you many more to come.

## Thank You

All her customers would like to thank Jean for delivering milk to her regular customers over quite a few years now. The service she provided, supported by her family when she managed to get away on holiday, was appreciated by us all.

We wish Jean a very happy retirement and hope she and Roy can make good use of their camper van in future.





## Mothers' Union

Members are going out for a meal in January. In February the meeting will take place on 26th, but at the time of writing Janet was encountering great difficulty finding speakers who had not suffered a crisis of their own to identify someone to come.

If you want to know who it will be, please contact Janet direct nearer the time, otherwise it will be an interesting surprise guest on the night.

## Open Field Subscriptions - Reminder

If you have yet to catch your distributor and pay your 2018 subscription, please can you put your £4 in an envelope with your own name on it and drop it in to them. If you don't know where your distributor lives, you are welcome to drop the envelope in to Jean Hennell at Corner Farm, the last property on the right at the bottom of the village.

The subscription is a subsidised price for the magazines you receive so prompt payment would be very much appreciated.

*Thank you.*



## Thank you - Christmas Dance

Our November dance proved popular again with a good turn out and everyone up on the floor dancing. Thanks to Bruce and Marion for supplying the music for us and to everyone who gave raffle prizes and food and helped in any way. Thanks to Jean and Rachel for their help. The event raised £455 for church funds.

## QR Code

You may have noticed the new addition to the front cover of the magazine. Keeping up with the times, we have introduced a QR code, which allows anyone to scan it with their phone to go straight to the web site for 'Open Field'.

Thanks to Mike Manning for the suggestion, having noticed it used elsewhere. Do you have any ideas how we could improve the magazine? Please let us have your suggestions.

## Christingle

We held our annual Christingle service on December 17th. It was taken by Rev. Philip Howson. Thanks to Graham for playing the organ. Thanks also for two solo musical pieces from Jack



Hoyland who played 'O Come All Ye Faithful' on his clarinet and his sister Ella Hoyland who played the 'Rocking Carol' on her flute. It was lovely to see the children with their Christingles lit while singing 'Away in a Manger'.

Thanks to Jean, Emily and Janet for reading. Thanks also to Janet for biscuits, mince pies and a hot cup of tea and also the lovely Christmas tree and lights.

*Brenda*

## Plough Sunday



Our annual Plough Sunday service was held on 14th January. The service was taken by the Rev. Philip Howson, a first for him.

Thanks to Stuart Rose for the loan of the plough and churn and to Stuart Clarke, Ian Thorne and Jonathan Price for doing the Bible readings.

Thanks to Mike, Stuart and Roy for processing with the plough and churn and a big thank you to Janet for tea, coffee and scones.

*Brenda*

# Village Hall Update

The revised plans for the village hall renovation have finally been submitted by our architect, Carl Andrews, to the Local Authority Planning Committee.



The suggestions made by villagers at the open meeting in the village hall on November 25th were taken into consideration and a site meeting was held with the architect, the committee and those villagers who would most be using the kitchen and community area. Carl took on board all of the suggestions made and the plans were altered accordingly.

When we are able to use the newly renovated hall alongside our existing activities we hope to put on a variety of services –

- \* A playgroup,
- \* An internet café,
- \* First Aid Training,
- \* Keep Fit classes,
- \* A book club and exchange library,
- \* Dance classes,
- \* Painting classes,
- \* Yoga,
- \* and a film club.

These are just a few suggestions and if you have any other ideas please let us know.

We want to provide our village community with services to suit everyone. Please contact any one of us and let us know what you want and what you would support.

*The Village Hall Committee*

## Village Hall News

The March Quiz on Friday 2/3/18 is to go ahead as normal and very soon after that the Hall will be closed and the builders move in to start the work.

As soon as we know fixed dates we will let you all know.

*Michael Manning*

# Things to Do this Month

Use your old paper £10 notes before 1st March

- Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** Coffee Morning
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** Go to try **bell ringing** at Wellow church.  
7.30 - 9pm
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** **WI 'Royal Brides'** 7.30pm **VH**
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup>** **History Group** 'Life on the Home Front'  
7.30pm **VH**
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup>** **Rotary Quiz Night with Meal.** South Forest  
Leisure Centre, 7 for 7.15pm. £11 inc. meal and  
quiz. Book on 01623 823866.

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

*Coffee*

*Morning*

*8th February*

*10.30am - 11.30am*

The next coffee morning  
will take place on  
Thursday 8th February at  
The Dovecote Inn.

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

Plenty of tea, cakes, and chatter.



## Flying the Red Ensign - Acknowledgement

*Michael Manning received this message about the Red Ensign event which Laxton participated in in September at the suggestion of the Parish Council. Our flag has been flying at The Dovecote since then.*

This year our 'Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day' campaign was a huge success, with the British Merchant Navy's official flag flown at more than 650 locations ashore around the UK - see our impressive 'Roll of Honour' at [www.merchantnavyday.uk](http://www.merchantnavyday.uk)

On behalf of Seafarers UK, may I say how much we appreciate your support for this important initiative to raise public awareness of our island nation's dependence on past, present and future Merchant Navy seafarers.

I am pleased to attach artwork to print your own 'Certificate of Commemoration'. (*This appears on the back page of the magazine this month.*)

Next year Merchant Navy Day, 3 September, falls on a Monday. As you know, there are no restrictions on when a Red Ensign can be flown ashore in the UK. Hopefully you will be able to organise a flag-hoisting ceremony on the Monday - and have it flying all week!

*Carole Hunt*

## Carol Singing



Our thanks to Linda and Dave at The Dovecote for hosting our Carol Singing Night. We had a very enjoyable evening with a good attendance.

Rev. Phil played his guitar and Graham his keyboard as people chose their favourite carols.

A collection was taken of church funds which raised a total of £86. Thanks again to everyone.

*Brenda*

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**Wednesday 14th February**

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**Tuesday 27th February**

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**Event cards for 2018** listing all our special events and celebrations are now available from The Dovecote. If you prefer, let us know and we will deliver one to your door.

**Book now for all these events. For further information or to book a table, please call us on 01777 871586, visit the Website [www.dovecoteinnlaxton.co.uk](http://www.dovecoteinnlaxton.co.uk) or find us on Facebook.**

**All events can be booked and paid for on line using PayPal**

**Look forward to seeing you all soon at your local pub,  
The Dovecote Inn at Laxton**



# Festive Fun at The Dovecote

Where does the time ago?

It doesn't seem 5 minutes since we were in the throes of the festive season.



We were fortunate enough again this year to have the pleasure of the Reverend Philip and his team leading us in an evening of joyful Christmas Carol singing. A lovely turn out from friends, neighbours and Dovecote regulars, and a good time was had by all.

This was followed a couple of night's later by our village

community festive get together and Christmas quiz. So pleased again to see a good turn out from the village. We hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did, and it's something that we, as a village community, should continue to promote and organise into the new year.

And finally New Years Eve. What a great opportunity to all get together and celebrate amongst friends and family at our big free bash. Another fantastic fun evening, but oh how sad though to see but a handful of villagers in attendance.



To everyone in Laxton, love us or loath us, it's your village pub. We are here for you, but without your support we cannot survive. So here's to a happy, successful and community spirited 2018!

Best regards,  
Linda and David x



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## Final Wednesday Speaker Evenings with Meal

Our 'Last Wednesday Speaker' for February isn't a speaker. Instead we are organising what we hope will be a regular quiz night - regular being a couple of quizzes each year. A team can be up to six members at £1 per person. Please bring your team along and join us for a meal as well. Our two course meal with coffee, or tea, is just £10, and we meet at South Forest Leisure Centre, Edwinstowe, at 7pm for a 7.15 start.



If you would like to come along just contact me on **07711802683** or phone South Forest Leisure Centre direct on **01623 823866**.

**Diary Details.** Wednesday February 28th, 7pm for 7.15 start. The £11 includes meal and entry to the quiz.

*Jeff Naylor*

## Laxton's Historic Open Field Farming System

The Visitor Centre meeting of the Trustees was held on 18/12/17 with a full turnout and attended by Kylie Roberts and Andrew Fallows from Carter Jonas.

Sir John Starkey the Chairman gave a presentation following his meetings with the Crown Estate and others and he gave his ideas and suggestions to the Trustees as to how the future of the Open Field preservation could be managed.

He asked that the Trustees formally agree to him taking the lead in the considerable negotiations needed and he would report back. This proposal was accepted by the Trustees.

Sir John also suggested that he present his ideas to the village and the Parish Council. The next Parish Council meeting was due to be held on 23/1/18 and it was suggested that Sir John's presentation be held prior to the Parish Council meeting in the village Hall. at 7pm

A report back of this meeting will appear in next month's *Open Field* and hopefully there will have been a full turnout.

*Michael Manning*

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## Laxton History Group



The first meeting of the New year will be held in Laxton Village Hall on 17th January at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Steven Watson, a Newark auctioneer, telling us some tales from the trade.

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope to seeing members old and new there on the night and will report next month.

## Withdrawal of the Paper £10 Note

The Bank of England recently issued a new polymer £10 note on 14 September 2017. These are now circulating widely.

The old paper notes (right) will soon stop being accepted as legal tender – meaning you can no longer use them as a method of payment.



The last day to use your paper £10 notes is 1 March 2018. After this date you can exchange them at the Bank of England in person or by post. Some retailers, banks and building societies may still accept these notes; however this is at their own discretion.

There are plans to issue a new polymer £20 note in 2020.

## Christmas Card Deliveries



Thanks to everyone who brought their Christmas cards and donations to church.

I'm pleased to say a total of £200 was raised for church funds.

Thanks to Janet, Pat and Jeff for their help in delivering the cards and to Pat for the lovely new box she made.

*Brenda*

**The Licensing Service of  
the Rev. Zoe Burton  
by Bishop Paul, Bishop of Southwell  
will take place at  
St. Andrew's Church, Eakring  
on Tuesday 13th February 2018  
at 7.30pm.**

**The service will be followed by refreshments**

Zoe has already been licensed as priest in charge of Ollerton with Boughton, so will now be licensed as priest in charge of Kneesall, Laxton with Moorhouse, Wellow with Rufford, Egmanon, Kirton, Walesby, Bilsthorpe and Eakring.

The service will be followed by refreshments. Would anyone who would like to go please let me know for seating and catering.

Thank you  
Brenda (870541)

## **Dukeries Woodturning Society**

The Society's meetings have moved to the Jubilee Hall, Ollerton and will in future be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm.

We have our own lathe and each month a professional demonstrator comes to show how they produce their work. We have a video system which enables us to show close ups of the work in progress on a screen so everyone has a bird's eye view as good as the turner's.

Everyone of any age is welcome and it is open to ladies as well as men. Refreshments are available in the break and provide an opportunity to get to know other members who share this hobby.

Your first visit is free and after you have joined it costs just £5 a time. Please make a note in your new diary to come and join us at The Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton on Wednesday 28th February at 7.00pm. We look forward to welcoming new and returning members there.

Monthly meetings continue throughout the year each fourth Wednesday. For more information see the [www.dukerieswoodturning.org.uk](http://www.dukerieswoodturning.org.uk)



## Miss Cox's Class

*It has been pointed out that there are 13 children in the back row of Janet Cooke's photo and only 12 names. The missing name was Reg Rose who is near the right. Joan Pashley's name was misread and so for the benefit of anyone wanting to keep this page, it is republished this month. Apologies for the errors.*



### Key

**Back Row:** Peggy Walker, Dorothy Randall, Sheila Beckitt, Ron Frecknall, Colin Cree, Roy Beckitt, Son Frecknall, John Rushby, Reg Quinn, Reg Rose, Les Noble, ? , Bernard Dickinson

**Middle Row:** Rita Rose, Rhona Beckitt, Joyce Robinson, Joan Pashley, Margaret Frecknall, Marian Rushby, Hilda Bartle, Cynthia Boddy, Miss Cox

**Front:** Joyce Goodall, Vera Bartle

Many of these children live here still or lived much of their lives here. How many communities can say that?

Can anyone identify the unnamed boy?

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES JANUARY 2018

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

**28th Jan   Epiphany 4**  
**9am                      Laxton HC**

**4th Feb        The Presentation of Christ**  
9am                      Kirton **HC**  
10.30am                Kneesall **HC**  
4pm                      Wellow **Es**

**11th Feb    Next before Lent**  
9am                      Walesby  
**10.30am                Laxton HC**  
4pm                      Egmanton **Es**

**14th Feb    Ash Wednesday HC with Ashing -**  
10am St Giles Ollerton, 7pm Kirton, 7pm Bilsthorpe

**18th Feb    Lent 1**  
9am                      Egmanton **HC**  
10.30am                Wellow **HC**

**25th Feb    Lent 2**  
9am                      Laxton **HC**  
10.30am                Kirton **HC**

### **Tues 13th Feb - Revd Zoe's Licensing Service**

Revd Zoe, presently Priest in Charge of Ollerton with Boughton, will be licensed by Bishop Paul as Priest in Charge of: Bilsthorpe, Eakring, Egmanton, Kirton, Kneesall, Laxton with Moorhouse, Walesby and Wellow with Rufford on Tues 13th Feb at 7.30pm at St Andrews church, Eakring.

***Tuesday 13th February – 'Open Vestry Hour' for baptism and wedding enquiries*** 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Paulinus Church Office, Church Circle, New Ollerton. Alternatively contact the Church Administrator, Eileen on Fridays at the Vicarage between 9am – 2pm  
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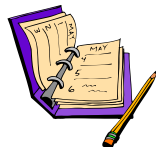
**Revd Zoe's number** at the Vicarage: (01623) 862818.



# *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

2018

<b>Feb 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Feb 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WI</b>
<b>Feb 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>History Group</b>
<b>Feb 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MU</b>



## **Forward Planning**

Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Village Hall Quiz
Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	Church Dance expected to be in the Village Hall
Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council
<b>May 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Notts County Show, Newark</b>
<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair</b>
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish Council with Annual Parish Meeting
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council

Details of other events will appear later, bearing in mind the closure of the Village Hall for works.

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

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

## **Copy Date for March: 16th February.**

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# Laxton WI



There was an excellent turn out for the first meeting of 2018. With 21 members present and four or five apologies due to absence or illness. It shows that we are going from strength to strength. Brenda offered a warm welcome to Anne Firth and Madeline Pawson from Kirton who both joined tonight and to Annette Burton who came with Bridget as a visitor for her first meeting.

The national subs have gone up to £41 this year, but the good news is that our institute keeps £20 of that towards our costs. Members received voucher booklets containing their new membership cards.

Last month we had welcomed two visitors from the Notts County Executive, Ellie Briggs and Jenny Bailey. We hear that Ellie gave us a good report on our AGM and Jenny said she had enjoyed her visit, so it was great to know we had pleased two ladies who are very familiar with WIs all over the county.

Brenda thanked Joy for sending in our submissions for the county centenary photobook and asked members to let Joy know if they would like to have a copy of our own when it is ready. She will be able to arrange a bulk order at an advantageous price and may not subsequently be able to get reprints.

Notts County Federation have been busy organising events for the centenary year. Brenda read out a comprehensive list of offerings. There was interest in several, which will be followed up by requests for tickets.

The Executive are arranging an exhibition of the last 100 years' events at County House between March 14th and 16th. There will also be a celebratory event in Newark Parish Church on 7th April.

We took the opportunity to discuss ideas for this year's programme. The speaker for February will be Sue Floyd whose topic is 'Royal Brides'. This is a very appropriate talk as the meeting falls on Valentine's Day.

**The competition will be for a wedding photo - old or new.**

By this time it had become apparent that our speaker this month was not going to arrive, so we were able to have a more in depth discussion. We arranged to hold our annual party on 4th April at Egmonton Village Hall in anticipation of Laxton being closed.

This month's competition was won by Margaret Palmer with Bridget Smedley 2nd and Lesley Booth 3rd.

Elizabeth Banks has very kindly offered to run a craft meeting in march, possibly with an Easter theme.

## **Tuxford Young Farmers**



Members of Laxton History Group will be the guests of Tuxford Young Farmers at their meeting in Egmanon Village Hall on Wednesday 31st January. They will be giving a presentation based on the recent Heritage Lottery Funded project which resulted in the publication of seven booklets about Laxton between 1900 and 1920.

## **Moorhouse Services at Laxton**

As mentioned last month, the services normally held at Moorhouse are at Laxton during the winter - 9am on January 28th, taken by Rev. Philip Howson and 25th February.

## **Kirton Congratulations**

CONGRATULATIONS to Nicola Batty from Kirton, who is to be presented with the Annual Robin Hood Award for outstanding community service!

This honour is awarded by the Sherwood Forest Rotary Club, to someone who works tirelessly for the good of others in the community. Nicola was nominated by Kirton villagers, anxious to see her rewarded for all the hard work she undertakes, to keep the village looking spick and span and well cared for! As a result of her enthusiasm, other people have been encouraged to join in maintenance jobs too, with amazing results. There have been many positive comments, and much praise from villagers, which certainly justifies the bestowal of the award on this worthy recipient - Well done Nicola!

The presentation ceremony will take place on Sunday, January 28th, at South Forest Leisure Centre.

## **Winter Opening at Recycling Centres**

Nottinghamshire's recycling centres, operated by Veolia (NCC's waste contractors) are on winter opening hours. The recycling centres will be open from 8am and close at 4pm until Wednesday 28th February. This includes those at Brailwood Road, Bilsthorpe, Brunel Drive, Newark and Hallcroft Road, Retford.



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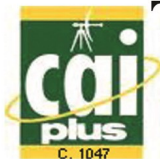
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# Ringling Remembers

## Become a bell ringer for WW1 Armistice Centenary

On 11 November 2018, 100 years since Armistice, bells will ring out in unison from churches and cathedrals in villages, towns and cities across the country. Big Ben will also strike at 11am to mark the centenary.

Church bells across the UK remained restricted throughout the course of the war and only rang freely once the Armistice was declared. Many bell ringers joined the war effort and many lost their lives – at least 1400 during the course of World War 1.

To mark the final year of the First World War centenary celebrations, it is hoped to recruit 1400 new bell ringers nationwide in honour of those who lost lives during the conflict. This campaign, 'Ringling Remembers', is being run by the Department of Communities and Local Government in collaboration with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. It is intended to keep this singularly British art alive in memory of the 1400 who lost their lives – linking together past, present and future.

This is where you come in! St Michael's Church has a ring of six bells, but sadly there hasn't been a resident band of ringers for many years. However there is a small nucleus of people learning to ring at St Swithin's Wellow, where there is an enthusiastic group of ringers, with a view to eventually forming a band at Laxton. The church wardens and these ringers would be thrilled if some more volunteers came forward to allow the Laxton bells to be rung on a more regular basis. (Currently bell ringers from other places have to be booked in advance for weddings and special services).

If you've ever wondered about bell ringing, or wanted to give it a go but didn't know how, now is your chance! Ringling is not something that can be learnt overnight, but is fun, sociable and a fantastic challenge. Contrary to what you might think, you do not need to be strong, musical or even a church goer (although at St Michael's you do need to be able to climb some steep stairs). Anyone from 9 years to 90 can learn. The Wellow ringers are a friendly bunch and the Tower Captain is also the Southwell and Nottingham Guild Ringling Master – he is very experienced at teaching complete novices, and extremely patient!

So please consider honouring the memory of the 1400 bell ringers lost in the 'war to end all wars', and come along to St Swithin's, Wellow on **Thursday 8th February between 7.30pm and 9pm** to find out more. If you would like a chat beforehand, please phone **Robert Wilson on 01636 821265** (and if you can't make it on the 8th we welcome visitors at any Thursday night practice). Do come and join us!

# Laxton Sunday Nights - Fun, Laughter, Songs and Sticks

In the course of researching my family history 40 years ago, I had several chats with two ladies who were brought up in Laxton, Violetta Rose and her niece Madge Quibell.

Older readers might find their recollections of family gatherings bring back memories of village life in the 'old days'..

Madge and Violetta both talked about life at Roses' 'Top Farm', (today's School Farm - please see last issue for more on that) but this is Madge speaking:

'We would all gather on a Sunday night at the farm and, as tradition dictated, have a hot supper. My grandad was one of a big family so there was a lot of us.

"Granny Rose would have a huge pan on the fire with a big steamer full of unpeeled potatoes. We had to peel them ourselves with a fork. The bottom half was filled with stew made from the left overs of the Sunday dinner.

'Afterwards we would gather round the piano and sing hymns and songs." {Anyone remember Nellie Dean?}

"Grandpa Rose would play the tambourine and my mother Reeny and Aunt Violetta would play the piano in turn. They could both sing, Violetta in particular having a lovely voice.

As they grew older, Eric and Fred {Sampson} had to learn to play the piano, which they both hated, especially Eric. 'We had a good sing-song, even the boys, both of whom could really sing.

'Grandpa wasn't very tall but Granny Rose was a big woman. She kept order with a stick which she always left handy on the table.'" Despite the stick, Madge said that both she and her brother Bill used to enjoy Sunday nights and that, even after she got married, they all still congregated.

She remembered the evenings as being full of fun, full of laughter. Compare this with Sunday nights now. All eyes on phones or iPads, watching their own programmes, stuck in their own little world. Recognise this? Full of laughter?

Oh for a sing-song!

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Footnote. Violetta Sampson (nee Rose) died in 1980 aged 93 years. [b1886]

Madge Hennell (nee Quibell) died in 2002 aged 94 years.[b1907]



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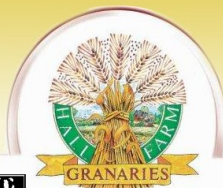
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13/1/18	5	Ian and Jackie

Thank you all for your continuing support for our Sports Field. The total number of balls is 59, the same as the National Lottery. There are numbers available. **If you would like to join, you can choose from the numbers 11, 34, 52, 53, 56, 57 and 59. Anyone with a current ball is also invited to take another.**

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*Michael Manning*



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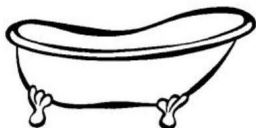
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# The Dukeries Singers



Writing on a very murky day, a quotation from Dr.J.R.Stockton comes into focus.

*"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March."*

Mind you, we already have Spring flowers in bloom and the propagator is dusted off for a spot of seed sowing. February is always "break the resolution" time as too many seeds are bought despite my January intentions of growing less "stuff."

The Choir is in full rehearsal mode with an exciting programme of music to delight our audiences. As always we aim to provide a varied programme of styles of music so that there is something for everyone to enjoy.

We have one concert booked - on Saturday 10 March at Weston near Sutton and two concerts to be arranged. A joint concert with The Newstead Abbey Singers and a concert at the RAFA Club in Newark.

If you would like to book the Choir for your charity do, fund raising effort, Birthday bash or any other celebration, do ring our Concert Secretary Phil on **01623 822070** He would be delighted to hear from you.

We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm until 9-15pm in The Concert Hall at The Dukeries Academy, Ollerton, best accessed via The Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

You can find more information about the Choir on line at;

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A fabulous February to you all.

Jan

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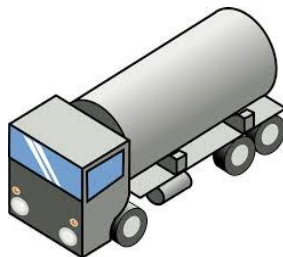
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14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Kurling	Kurling
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