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

A Message from our Churchwarden, Brenda

The beginning of 2022 doesn't look very good at the moment, as we have lost two more of our preachers.

Janice Hannington of Boughton who was one of our readers retired at Christmas after working in the Ollerton parishes and then helping in our parishes. I am sure she will be greatly missed.

Father David James of Worksop, who has kindly been taking services at Egmont and Kirton has also had to retire due to family commitments, which will mean another priest less.

Please contact me if you need any details of services, as they sometimes have to be changed due to the availability of priests.

Brenda

Plough Sunday



Our Plough Sunday service was held on Sunday 9th January. This is another of our traditional church services, which we are trying to keep going.

Our preacher was Heather from Eakring. In her sermon she spoke about the history of Plough Sunday and the plough boys when they

celebrated the last day of the holidays before going back to work in the fields and started ploughing.

A nice touch in her prayers was when she prayed for all the farmers in the village and everyone who worked the land. She gave a special mention to the Open Fields, the Jury and Court Leet.

The lessons were read by Stuart C, Jonathan P and Joanne P. The plough was presented by Stuart R and the churn by Jem H and Andrew B

We were joined by friends from Moorhouse Wellow, Kirton and Walesby churches.

Sympathy - Pat Haigh

It was with great sadness that we heard of Pat's death on 29th November 2021. We send deepest sympathy to Robert, Christine and all family and friends.

Sympathy - Colin Cree

It was with equal sadness that we learned of the death of Colin Cree, just a few days later, on 3rd December. Deepest sympathy is sent to Dorothy, Lesley, Andrea and all their family and friends.

Thank You - Pat Haigh

Robert, Christine and their families would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and cards received on the death of their mother, Pat Haigh on 29th November 2021.

Thank You - Colin Cree

Dorothy Cree and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards on Colin's passing.

The collection after the funeral service was for Lincs and Notts Air ambulance and raised £550.

Get Well Soon

We are sorry to hear that a number of local people are experiencing Covid 19 as this edition goes to press. We send very best wishes to Janet and Justine and family and any other readers who are currently unwell.

We are pleased to hear that Mavis continues to recover well from her recent health issues and wish her well for a full recovery.

Christmas Tree Switch On

The first Laxton Christmas Tree Switch on proved to be a great success on the evening of December 5th. A few days before, four enormous trees were put in place, thanks to the Thoresby Estate who donated them. See back page for pictures.



The next task was to install the lights, which required the help of a cherry picker to reach the very top of each of them.

On the big night the first arrival was a huge tractor and the trailer which had carried Notts Young Farmers the previous night for their Santa Tractor Rally, along with Stuart Rose's Land Rover, still wearing the

decorations and inflated Santa which had bedecked it to lead their convoy.

And so everything was ready for the great crowd who arrived in the car park of The Dovecote at 5pm to enjoy the entertainment. Michael Manning welcomed everyone along with the children from



Kneesall School who had come to sing. They were as amazing as ever, displaying confidence, discipline and great musicality. Several of them have Laxton connections and proud parents and grandparents were there to share the occasion with them. The applause of the big crowd rewarded their songs.



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Sam at the pub had prepared a hot buffet of pork cobs, sausage rolls, cakes, nibbles and coffee which was gratefully received on a night which, though chilly, was thankfully dry.

Rev Tony Cumberlidge, a former military Chaplain from Edwinstowe, told the story of how St Boniface started the Christmas tree tradition.



Following this Gregor Pierrepont from Thoresby Estates was invited to say a few words. He said how pleased they had been to donate the trees - rather larger than had been anticipated - and

wished everyone a happy Christmas and New Year. He then made his way through the throng to switch on the lights on the tree at The Dovey. This was also the signal to switch on the other trees, positioned opposite and at either end of the village.

Malcolm Bevan and some members of his community brass band played for the carol singing which followed. Again villagers and friends were represented.

At the end of the organised entertainment Michael Manning thanked everyone for attending and for taking part.



It had been an excellent evening and a great way to inject some festive spirit into what has, for many, been a rather grim year.

A Sad Week for Laxton

The final week of November / first week of December was a particularly sad one for Laxton.

On 29th November the shock was tangible as people heard of the death of Pat Haigh. Pat and Bill moved to Laxton in the 1960s and rapidly became very much part of the village in every sense.

Bill began farming Manor Farm and soon became a Jury member - a role he fulfilled with pride for over 50 years. Pat supported him, bringing up their family, Robert and Christine, and for many years running a very successful B&B in their home.

They were familiar faces in the village, and to newer arrivals it came as a surprise that they were not among the families which have been here for generations.

Their family grew over the years, and Pat was a proud mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Just a few short days later the news spread that Colin Cree had died. Colin had not been in the best of health for some time, but losing him was still a shock. He had passed the age of 90 and was seen on a tractor working in the open fields as recently as last summer.

Colin came from a Laxton family and was born here. He was one of the last of a generation who went to the village school and farmed the soil his family had farmed before him. Roy Beckitt once recounted that the desk he sat at beside Colin in what is now the Village Hall was riddled with shrapnel from the bomb which killed Miss Willis at School House, next door.

Colin married Dorothy, who survives him, and like Pat, she supported him and raised their family, Andrea and Lesley in their farm house. In recent times their granddaughter Faye has become a familiar figure at their home and in the village.

Colin would have known the days when horses still worked the open fields as featured in the historic black and white film about the village made in about 1935. He is shown in the more recent films as a member of the Jury and bidding at the annual grass sales.

Neither of these very special villagers will be forgotten. They were deeply respected and much loved. The village feels the poorer for their loss. We give thanks for their lives here and extend deepest sympathy to all those dearest to them,

Thank You 1: Christmas Card Deliveries

We must say a huge thank you to Pat and Jeff for coming back to Laxton to deliver the Christmas cards around the village. I'm sure they enjoyed having a walk around the village and seeing people again, although it was such a miserable morning.

Thank you to everyone who donated money to the church by leaving their Christmas cards in the box. A total of £165 was raised for funds.

Thank you once again,

Brenda

Thank You 2: Christmas Lights

Another thank you, this time to everyone involved in arranging the Christmas Tree Lights Switch on in December. Thanks also to the girls for going round and collecting donations for the church funds on the evening. A total of £237.32 was raised.

Thank you also to the Parish Council for allowing the collection to go to church funds and to everyone who contributed.

It was a lovely evening, which I'm sure everyone enjoyed.

Brenda

Thank You 3: Christmas Lights

Many thanks to all who turned up and supported the Christmas Tree Light Switch On and made it such a great success. We are very hopeful that it will become an annual event for years to come.

Michael Manning

Thank You 4: Stamps

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MY STAMP COLLECTORS

Thank you to all the people who have sent me their stamps this year. Bransby Horses sent me a thank you card to show their appreciation. Please keep sending the stamps to Joy, Jean or myself.

Once again 'Thank You'. Sandra

The Laxton Farming System - Court Leet

December 2nd saw around 30 people gathering on socially distanced seating in the Village Hall for the first meeting there of annual Court Leet. They were welcomed by Brenda, Janet and Lesley serving refreshments. In addition to the members of the Jury and the Steward, Alistair Millar, there were a number of observers from the village and elsewhere.



Traditionally the Bailiff opens the Court, using the formal, traditional wording. Robert Haigh performed this Duty after which Alistair offered the sympathy of those present on the death of his mother, Pat a couple of days previously.

The Manor Suit Roll was called and Robert paid the 2p essoign for the eight absentees.



Members of the Jury, which will carry out the field inspection field next year, had been selected by Robert and they were formally sworn in. First Ivan Rayner, Foreman of South Field, took the longer oath reserved for the Foreman of the new season's wheat field.

Traditionally the other

jurors have been called up in groups of four. In these Covid times, this was not possible as they acknowledge their oath by kissing a Bible. They were called up individually and instead requested to pick up the Bible using prepared pieces of paper large enough to wrap around it. Each could then kiss a clean surface, socially distanced from his fellows.

The minutes of the previous Court were read and the matters arising addressed. Following this the





results of the Jury inspection the previous week were presented along with suggested penalties for infringements. There were fewer of these than in recent years, resulting in only £15 in fines and a handful of warnings. For the first time in recent years, the Foremen of the fields which had not been inspected were asked to comment on

infringements there. Spraying too far seems to be the commonest problem, but there was no clear decision on how far constitutes a serious misdemeanour. The issue is significant because many of the sykes in the fields are SSSIs and subject to special regulations.

With the arrival of a new Landlord, in the form of the Thoresby Estates, it was felt appropriate to review the rules governing the practices in the Open Fields. The recent versions were to be sent to the Bailiff, Robert Haigh, and the Clerk to the Gaits and Commons, Stuart Rose, for review and in anticipation of suggested revisions being brought before the Court next year.

This concluded the formal business and the floor was opened for discussion of general business.

The Parish Council had very recently considered a planning application from Thoresby for a house in the village based on a conversion of a barn which was previously part of the tenancy of the late Ken Shepherd. Gregor Pierrepont, representing Thoresby, said that they wanted to make good use of redundant buildings which were not being used for farming. This gave rise to concern that buildings which might be required by a tenant at a later date could be lost to the farm. A recently arrived new villager expressed dismay at learning of this application just weeks after buying their property.



Finally a representative of Newark & Sherwood District Council said she had come from the Planning Department to inform the Court of the Council's current review of Conservation Areas. Laxton is long overdue for review and a proposal has been brought forward to bring the Open Fields within the Conservation Area, which currently covers only the built area of the village. They had booked the Hall for a consultation on this, which is reported on elsewhere in this edition.

With this the meeting closed.



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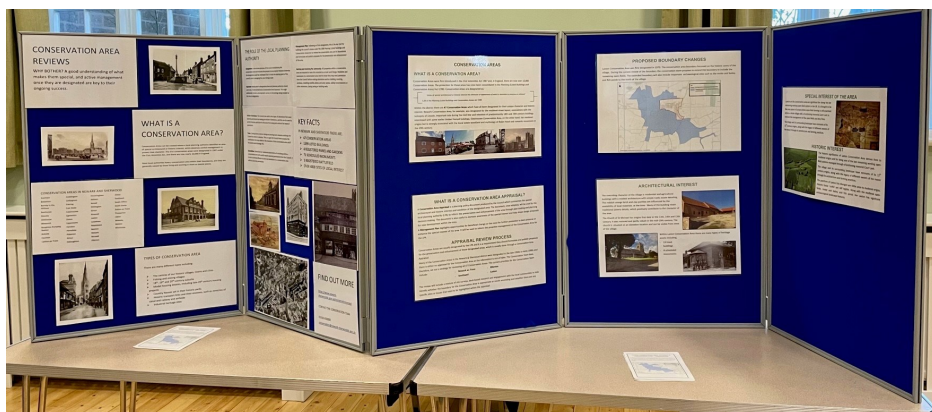
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Laxton Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation

Newark and Sherwood District Council are undertaking an appraisal of the Laxton Conservation Area. The Conservation Area was designated in 1970 and there is currently a six week consultation to seek views on revised plans for how it might look in the future.

The plans propose extending the boundaries of the Conservation Area to include the open fields. This would offer them the same



planning protection as the built area of the village.

There was a consultation event in the Village Hall on Thursday, 13 January 2022, which was attended by a range of villagers and interested parties. It is not too late to have your say if you were unable to attend.

The consultation is open until 18th February. Comments can be submitted to Newark and Sherwood District Council by post to Castle House, Newark, or by email.

There is full information on the council website, and comments can be submitted via the online survey, which is most easily found using the QR code shown here on the right.

Juliette Wilson is the officer responsible..



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The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Eunice S, Mavis B, Di J, John G



We wish a happy anniversary to anyone celebrating this month.

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

We would love to give a mention to everyone for their special day, so please let Jean or Brenda have details with dates in good time.

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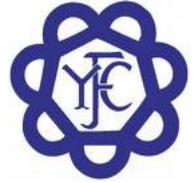
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Tuxford Young Farmers



Since Remembrance Sunday we have firstly made children's shoe boxes where we filled shoe boxes with all sorts of different items such as socks, colouring books and toothpaste and toothbrushes.

We have been to go karting at Doncaster. After that we had a tour around Farols new depot in Newark and had a interesting talk about how they started and have expanded,. While we were there, we were also served some refreshments. Thanks to them for that and for an interesting evening.

Then we have done wreath making where we all made our wreaths with help from Lisa Hollingsworth.

We all also wore a Christmas jumper to raise money for Cancer Research and The Air Ambulance where we all gave £2 for wearing them.

We have had the junior quiz for Notts where our team from Tuxford Young Farmers won. Well done to the team members!

Finally we had our last meeting before our Christmas meal at The Dovecote Inn and then our 2 week break. For our last meeting we met up at the Dovecote Inn and played a game of Articulate.

You may have seen our signs locally. We always welcome new members, and as the signs say 'You don't have to be a farmer to be a Young Farmer'.

Emily

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

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Vaccination Update



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Booster vaccinations

Booster vaccine doses are available on the NHS for people most at risk from COVID-19 who have already had 2 doses of a vaccine. You are now eligible for a booster dose **from 3 months** after you had your 2nd dose. This period has been reduced recently.

Those eligible include:

- people aged 18 and over
- people who live and work in care homes and frontline health and social care workers
- people aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts them at high risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19
- carers aged 16 and over
- people aged 16 and over who live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)

How to get a booster:

There are a number of sites in Nottinghamshire delivering the booster jab. You can book an appointment on the NHS website or by calling 119. Eligible members of the public will be able to book from **61 days after their second dose**.

Third doses for people who are immunosuppressed

The Government says that people who are immunosuppressed should have a third dose of the Covid-19 vaccine – not a booster, but a third dose to ensure that such people receive the same protection given by two doses for those with normal immune systems.

Letters are being sent from specialist teams at the hospitals to invite those eligible to receive their vaccine. People who are eligible can then walk into any of the vaccination sites with their eligibility letter to receive this third dose. Please note, you will still need to receive a booster dose six months from the date of your third primary course dose.

Answers from British Quizzes, Part 5

DOG EAT DOG (BBC1)

Ulrika Jonsson: Who wrote Lord of the Rings?

Contestant: Enid Blyton

PAUL WAPPAT (BBC RADIO NEWCASTLE)

Paul Wappat: How long did the Six-Day War between Egypt and Israel last?

Contestant (after long pause): Fourteen days.

NATIONAL LOTTERY

Eamonn Holmes: Dizzy Gillespie is famous for playing what?

Contestant: Basketball.

NOTTS AND CROSSES QUIZ

Jeff Owen: Where did the D-Day landings take place?

Contestant (after pause): Pearl Harbour?

DARYL DENHAM'S DRIVETIME (VIRGIN RADIO)

Daryl Denham: In which country would you spend shekels?

Contestant: Holland?

Denham: Try the next letter of the alphabet.

Contestant: Iceland? Ireland?

Denham (helpfully): It's a bad line. Did you say Israel?

Contestant: No.

PHIL WOOD SHOW (BBC GMR)

Wood: What 'K' could be described as the Islamic Bible?

Contestant: Er . . .

Wood: It's got two syllables . . . Kor . . .

Contestant: Blimey?

Wood: Ha ha ha ha, no. The past participle of run . . .

Contestant: (Silence)

Wood: OK, try it another way. Today I run, yesterday I . . .

Contestant: Walked?

FEBRUARY SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

30th Jan

10.00am	Walesby	HC	Rev Alistair L
10.30am	Kirton	HC	Rev John C

6th Feb

10.30am	Laxton	HC	Rev Margaret G
4.00pm	Wellow	EP	Heather B

13th Feb

10.00am	Walesby	HC	Rev Alistair L
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20th Feb

9.00am	Walesby	HC	Rev John C
10.30am	Kirton	HC	Rev John C

27th Feb

9.00am	Egmanton	HC	Rev John C
10.30am	Kirton	HC	Rev John C

March

2nd Mar Ash Wednesday

7.00pm	Wellow	HC with Ashing	Rev John C
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6th Mar

10.30am	Laxton	HC	Rev Margaret G
4.00pm	Wellow	EP	Heather B



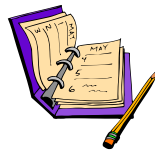
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2021

February

Weds 16th

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Forward Planning

March

Fri 4th

Village Hall Quiz Night

Weds 16th

History Group Social Meeting

VH 7.30pm

Tues 22nd

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Regular Events:

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*4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July,
September and November*

Quiz Nights

1st Friday of December & March tbc

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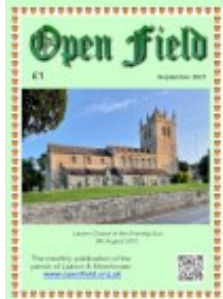


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Many thanks to those who have paid promptly, which is a big help to the distribution team. Thank you.

Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings remain suspended for the time being.

We will let you know when we plan to start again. The rota on the inside cover will restart to remind hostesses of when their turn is coming round.



In this edition we hoped to have two meetings to report. Our December monthly meeting was held on Wednesday 8th. Unfortunately our President, Brenda, was not able to attend as she had a cold so the meeting was taken by our Secretary, Lesley, who welcomed members to the meeting.



Once the business of the day had been discussed, including dates for our diaries if any of us wanted to attend other WI events, we then had an enjoyable evening playing various games brought and organised by Sandra. Games included Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders, Draughts, and Beetle Drive.

Lesley, Justine and Joyce also brought us some wonderful home made refreshments - mince pies, quiches and Bakewell slices. These together with a nice cup of tea or coffee and a natter with our friends made for a really relaxing evening.

We left looking forward to the first meeting of 2022 on Wednesday 12th January with its competition entitled "Fur or Feather".

January

Unfortunately things didn't go to plan and I am sorry that our January WI meeting was cancelled, but owing to the Covid situation, we all thought it was the sensible thing to do.

Our speaker was to have been Chris Abbott, whose subject was 'The Lighter Side of Veterinary Nursing'. Hopefully she will be able to come at a later date, when things get better. We will be in touch with everyone or you can contact Lesley or myself for further information.

Brenda

We meet at 7.30 in the Village Hall and there is always a warm welcome for visitors and new members.

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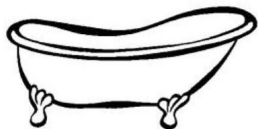
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Laxton Village Hall

We are still very hopeful that the March Quiz on FRIDAY 4th will go ahead as planned.

Team names and numbers to me please.

Michael Manning

Tel 870844



Defibrillator - Do you want a Second?

As regularly mentioned in the magazine, the village defibrillator is situated in the Visitor Centre and is easily accessed via the cabinet. As also mentioned it can only be used following authorisation from a 999 call.

However following a discussion at the last Parish Council meeting, we wondered if it would be appropriate to have a second unit available elsewhere.

We decided to ask villagers how they felt about a second unit and where to store it.

If anyone has any ideas please let a member of the Parish Council know.

Michael Manning

Mothers Day Service

Sunday, 27 March 2022

Saint Bartholomew's Church

Kneesall

10:30 am

**The service will be led by
Reverend Canon John Chambers**

More details next month

Save Your Stamps for Charity



Sandra Clarke collects stamps for Bransby Horses throughout the year. The Christmas post provided a welcome boost to the collection, but you can pass on yours at any time

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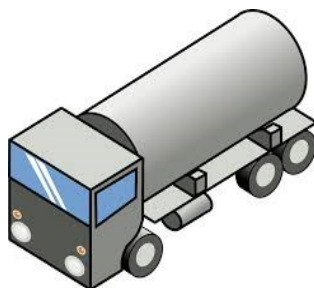
ensure that the stamp is not damaged.

You can leave yours with Jean Hennell, Brenda Noble or any WI member in Laxton or with Joy Allison in Egmonton and they will be passed to Sandra.

Thank you

Group Oil Order

The prices have plateaued in recent weeks, but unfortunately slightly over 60p/litre. It doesn't look as though the next order will be cheap. By the time you read this it will have been placed.



Members of the group are notified by email ideally or possibly by text when an order is imminent. This time the process was triggered by an enquiry from a member. If you don't want to miss the chance to order with a substantial number of others and get a discount in the process, please send in your details to be added to the list. This puts you under no obligation. You order what you want, when you want and you handle all the financial arrangements.

Please include with your request your current contact details and delivery instructions such as lock, need advance notice of delivery etc. I pass your land line, mobile(s) and email address to the chosen supplier. If you haven't ordered for a while you may not have passed changes on.

Anyone whose order can be placed by email is very welcome to join. Please contact me on oil@openfield.org.uk

The group currently covers an area of roughly 5 miles radius from Laxton.

Joy

East Markham Players 2022 Pantomime

'Puss in Boots' by Sarah Daly: **Tickets available from Sally Mitchell's** **Gallery, Tuxford**

This year the Players will again be performing their new pantomime, at two venues. You are assured of seeing some old favourites and some new faces as well as some of the younger members stepping up to the bigger roles. Regulars will be surprised by how grown up some of them look two years on from the last time we saw them on stage.

DUNHAM –Saturday 5th February 2022
2pm and 7pm.

EAST MARKHAM – 10th – 13th February 2022. Evenings 7pm with a matinee on the Saturday again. All audience numbers are restricted to allow for some social distancing, however the Thursday performance will be especially restricted to 60 people for those looking for greater safety.

The intrepid Billy sets off with his trusty Mog on a quest for health, happiness and wealth! Inevitably and reluctantly he accepts the help of his Great (Really Great) Aunt Delilah who's looking for wealth, wealth, a bit more wealth and a hot blooded man, although she's not actually that fussy, any man will do!! In fact anyone on the front three rows would do?!

Soon he meets his love, the beautiful Princess Oreo, who's particularly fond of his Pussy! Ehem.. However the evil Count Baquard (Backward) has other plans and a penchant for potions!

Can our furry friend save the day? Will Dame Delilah leave audience members needing counselling? Will the evil Count Baquard be forced to come forwards? Will Billy and Oreo make it to the altar? Will there be a panto this time, oh yes there will!

And we hope to see you there for more fun with East Markham Players.



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Laxton History Group



The Group has made the decision not to resume monthly meetings yet, with many members in the more vulnerable age group. We had an enjoyable get together at Hall Farm, Weston in September, when it was agreed to arrange another event before Christmas.

We don't seem to bring good weather for these events. In September there was a strong wind and heavy rain had barely stopped when we arrived. This time Storm Arwen was doing its best and, while we were definitely spared the worst of it in this area, it was still very windy with heavy showers.



On the day before the Prime Minister announced the requirement to start wearing masks again in larger indoor settings and supermarkets, we met in the upstairs room at Hall Farm's Birds Nest Coffee Lounge.

We were greeted by two of the biggest elves in the area - two regulars who had volunteered to help serve on a particularly busy day. We all enjoyed a Christmas sandwich, with a delicate Wensleydale tart for the vegetarians, which definitely didn't look like an afterthought, which is often the case.

It was a good occasion to be able to catch up with friends whom we have not seen for a while and to have a good natter over some tasty food. Many thanks to Lesley and her team at Hall Farm for looking after us so well.



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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting 23/11/21

Present: Councillors:

M. Manning (chair), S. Hill, M. Hennell, J. Hill, S. Rose, J. Godson, R. Hennell

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk), S. Michael (District councillor), B. Perry (Thoresby Estate representative), Member of the public (x2)

1. **Apologies for absence:** There were no absences. Apologies from Mr Pringle were noted.
2. **Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – including sports field and Glebe Field and sub-tenancy). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
3. **Dispensations:** None required.
4. **10 Minutes public speaking:** Nothing raised.
5. **Thoresby Estate report (if any):** Councillors welcomed Mr Perry to the meeting and were looking forward to working with him and the Thoresby Estate in the best interests of the parish. They thanked the Estate for the donation of Christmas trees and for the donation of land to the rear of the village hall to enable the creation of a garden space. They invited representatives of the Estate to attend the switch on of the Christmas lights on 5 December 2021. Mr Perry invited the parish council to contact him between meetings as necessary to address an issues which may crop up going forward.
6. **Minutes of the village meeting held on 22 September 2021 and the Parish Council meeting held on 29 September 2021:** The minutes of the village meeting held on 22 September 2021 and the Parish Council meeting held on 29 September 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair, subject to the amendment of LMPC/88/21 (Defibrillator inspection report) to refer to Mr Jem Hill instead of Mr Mark Hennell.
The chair praised the minutes of the village meeting in particular as a very fair, thorough and accurate representation of the discussions which had taken place.
7. **Matters arising:** No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.
8. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Mr Pringle's report referring to the lack of progress in relation to the 30 mph signs and cancellation of the proposed meeting with NCC Highways (Via) was noted.
Mrs Michael reported that steps continue to be taken to improve the condition of Bar Farmhouse but, otherwise, had nothing to report.
9. **Reports from councillors:** Mr S Hill reported that the most recent SNG meeting attended by PCSO Dunn and the newly

appointed D Makin had considered:

- a. The issue of abandoned cars
- b. Rural theft
- c. Enforcement of the 30mph speed limit on A616.

The next meeting would take place in January 2022.

10. **2022 meeting dates:** The dates circulated by the clerk were approved.

11. **Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field and sub tenancy and associated legal services:** Mr Rose reported that he had obtained three hedge laying quotes as follows:

- a. James Hoyland - £3360
- b. Critchleys - £2134 (excludes wood removal but contractor prepared to burn it if members of the parish council assist)
- c. Whites -£3750

all of which had been circulated.

Mr J and Mr S Hill declared personal interests in this item, a cousin/nephew being one of the contractors, and did not participate in the discussions which followed.

Councillors discussed the quotes agreeing that the firms were all reputable and the only difference was price. They noted that it would be necessary for the council to purchase tanalised posts. They also noted that the prospective tenant had tidied up the gate area and verbally indicated that they would be happy to maintain the hedge once re-laid.

After consideration, councillors **decided** (5 in favour:2 abstentions) to approve and accept the quote from Critchleys, being the least expensive. They noted that a deposit was required in the sum of £864.80.

After further discussion, they **agreed** that Mr Rose will accept the quote with the deposit to be paid subject to written confirmation to Critchley's that the deposit was to be applied to the materials and those materials would belong to the parish council.

Councillors discussed the draft licence received from Larken & Co which had been circulated. They unanimously **approved** the licence and **authorised** the chair to sign on the council's behalf. The clerk will let Larken & Co know.

12. **Planning matters:**

- a. **Applications: 21/02354/FUL - CONVERSION OF EXISTING BARN TO FORM A SINGLE DWELLING - School Farm High Street Laxton NG22 0NX:** The chair suspended standing orders to allow the members of the public to address the meeting. Councillors noted the concerns expressed, in particular:
 - i. That the property which was the subject of the application was a semi-detached property
 - ii. The proposal involved an extended footprint
 - iii. The development was not in keeping with the adjoining property
 - iv. The development, if approved, would be overbearing and intrusive on the adjacent property

- v. The adjacent property would be overlooked
- vi. There was potential for noise and parking issues whilst any works were underway.

They also recognised that investment in the Laxton estate would involve some change, although that was not material to planning decisions.

After discussion, councillors unanimously **decided** to object on the grounds that the proposed development is intrusive and would result in a loss of privacy for the adjoining property.

The members of the public left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

b. **To note planning decisions by NSDC:** None

c. **Compliance:** No matters raised.

13. **Defibrillator inspection report:** Mr Jem Hill had reported that he had completed the inspection. There were no issues. Councillors went on to consider whether the defibrillator might be better located in the recently acquired telephone kiosk which was more visible than the Visitor Centre. After discussion, and noting that the Visitor Centre is close to the pub, a heavily visited location, the councillors **decided** to consider the purchase of a second defibrillator at their next meeting. The clerk will include it as an agenda item for the meeting on 25 January 2022. In the meantime, the chair will seek the parish's views on a second defibrillator and the wider question of the use of the telephone kiosk in The Open Field. Mr Perry offered to enquire whether the Thoresby Estate would be able to provide any support for a second defibrillator. There was also discussion relating to improving the signage for the defibrillator.

14. Village environment and appearance, including:

- a. **Dog bin installation – Update:** Mr J Hill will install the bins, one on either gate to Mill Field. He will let the clerk know when they are installed to enable her to advise NSDC waste collection to update their collection schedule.
- b. **Relocation – 30 mph speed signs to village entries:** See LMPC/102/21 (reports from District and County Councillors) above.
- c. **Speeding traffic including possible weight limit - Update:** Councillors noted that the speed survey had not revealed a speeding problem
- d. **Bar Farmhouse:** See LMPC/ 102/ 21 (reports from District and County Councillors) above.
- e. **Christmas event and decorations:** The chair and Mr Rose updated the meeting as to the plans which were underway, referring to the following in particular:
 - 1. The four trees would be on display in gardens because of issues erecting and lighting them on the kerb
 - 2. As agreed at the September 2021 meeting, the chair had purchased the lights on behalf of the council

3. The trees and lights should be installed at the weekend. Councillors appreciated that a cherry picker would be required to install the lights and supports for the trees would also be required

4. The Dovecote had offered to host the switching on event outside and provide refreshments

5. The event to take place on 5 December 2021.

Councillors discussed the plans, refreshments to be offered and costs at length and unanimously **approved and adopted**:

1. The siting of the trees

2. The switch on event as planned, subject to a maximum expenditure on refreshments of £800 to be funded from the clothing bank proceeds

3. The use of a cherry picker to install the lights at a cost of £250 plus VAT

4. To pay Mr Rose for the supply of the tree supports. Mr Rose withdrew for the discussion of this matter.

f. **Laxton Conservation Area Character Appraisal – Update:**

Councillors noted that the consultation was planned for January 2022 and **agreed** to promote the appraisal.

1. **Financial position as at 31 October 2021:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 October 2021 (incorporating the 2021 -22 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.

2. **Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously **approved** ten payments totalling £2325.15.

3. **Appointment of internal auditor:** Councillors **agreed** that Halam parish clerk should be asked whether she would be prepared to undertake the role for a further year.

4. **Review system of internal control:** Councillors discussed the operation of the system of internal control and **agreed** that it was adequate for the size and needs of the council and continued to operate effectively, subject to the appointment of an internal auditor which was in hand.

5. **Consider need for interim internal audit:** The clerk advised councillors as to the on-going nature of the internal audit process. Councillors considered their financial affairs for the financial year to date. They **decided** that, given the thorough nature of the internal audit carried out by Halam parish clerk, an interim internal audit would be disproportionate and was not justified.

16. **Service faults:** The clerk will report that the street light adjacent to Lilac Farm has disappeared leaving a dangerous stump.

17. **Correspondence:** All items of correspondence noted.

18. **Agenda items for next meeting:** As above

19. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 25 January 2022

20.

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

There are additional entries to this list this month as there was no January edition of the magazine. We will be returning to monthly reporting next month.

As you can see below, there are some numbers which are not taken. These are available for anyone to buy. The cost is £1 per month and the winning number is the Bonus Ball drawn in the National Lottery draw on Saturdays.

With all the new villagers who have moved into the Laxton and Moorhouse recently, it would be good to welcome some of you to the regular participant list. If you would like to subscribe to a number, please contact Michael Manning on 870844.

If the number drawn for the Lottery is not taken, we have a rollover of the prize money to the following month.

The Bonus Ball funds remaining after the prizes have been paid out are used to support the Sports and Recreation Field, which is used by the village football and rounders teams and occasionally for other events.

Date	No	Name
20/11/21	53	Ian and Rebecca
27/11/21	09	Roy and Sue
4/12/21	47	Jeanette and Dave
11/12/21	38	ROLLOVER
18/12/21	59	ROLLOVER
25/12/21	18	Ken/Diane& Richard
1/1/22	42	Brian and Ruth
8/1/22	27	ROLLOVER
15/1/22	04	Cath Manning

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: **1, 2, 7, 11, 20, 23, 26, 27, 34, 51, 52, 56, 57, 59**. Please contact me on 870844. Thank you. *Michael Manning*

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Amusing Parish and Church Notices, 2

- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone it is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to be water-baptised on the table in the foyer.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

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

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Laxton Defibrillator

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

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Michael Manning



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Useful Contact Details

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Mark Hennell 07812 908316, evenings
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