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Beer & BBQ with the Bishop at  
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# Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

Did you watch the Royal wedding? According to online sources, more than 2 billion people worldwide tuned in to watch Prince Harry and Meghan exchange their vows in church. If I was to sum up wedding couples responses to the question, 'Why do you want a church wedding', their responses would include: marrying in church is personal, spiritual, meaningful and beautiful and for them, the church is much more than a wedding venue.

If you are reading this letter and considering getting married, have you thought about a church wedding? People sometimes say to me that they can't get married in church because they don't come to church on a regular basis. For any wedding, whether at church or in the registry office there are legal requirements which all couples must meet. You may be able to get married in a Church of England church if you don't live in the Parish but one of you has a, recognised legal, special connection with a church or have regularly gone to church services in that parish church for a period of at least six months, please speak with me to find out more about what counts as a special connection or regular attendance. There are special guidelines on marriage in church if you are divorced. There may well be a way forward but you will need to have a chat with me first about your situation to explore the possibilities for you. Alternatively you can have your wedding blessed in our churches following a civic ceremony or you can renew or re-affirm your wedding vows. Over the years I have been privileged to share with couples in the renewal of the wedding vows, particularly for Silver, Ruby, Golden and even Diamond wedding anniversary. I wonder who the longest married couple in the village is?!

If any couple is thinking of getting married or having a wedding blessing or re-affirming their wedding vows in church, please speak with me (telephone: 01623 862818 email [revzoe65@gmail.com](mailto:revzoe65@gmail.com) ) or alternatively, come along to our Vestry Hour on the second Tuesday of the month between 6.30pm – 7.30pm in St Paulinus Church office. No appointment is needed, it works as a drop in, on a first come first served basis.

On the weekend of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July (Open Churches Weekend), our churches will be celebrating marriage. As part of our special 'wedding themed' weekend in our family of 12 churches, there will be 4 special songs of praise services (Laxton's is at 10.30am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>); there will be displays and refreshments served throughout the weekend and this includes our local church here in Laxton which will be open from 10.30am - 5.30pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information speak to Brenda Noble. Please check out our noticeboards, Facebook pages and church websites to see what is happening elsewhere in our Family of churches or ring/email me! All are welcome and we'd love to see you!

Blessings, Rev Zoe

## Thank you from Stephanie and Family

Stephanie and family thank you so much for the kindness and concern shown during Alan's recent illness - the visits to him in hospital and at home and the many offers of help and support. Then when he passed away, so many messages of sympathy and we were heartened by the number of people who attended his funeral.

Alan showed so much courage and determination whilst dealing with not only the pain caused by his cancer but his loss of mobility and everything that goes with it.

He will be missed by many, but especially by us and we will remember him always with love and respect.

The collection for Bassetlaw Hospice which was taken in memory of Alan in lieu of flowers amounted to a very generous £665 and this has been passed on to them.

## Thank you to Eric

Not everyone uses the footpath up from the chapel to the church, but those who do have commented on how nice it looks since Eric began to keep it tidy because he likes to see it well kept.

A big thank you to Eric for taking the initiative and doing something which benefits everyone who walks that way.

## Lammas Day

### Holy Communion

**8.00am, Laxton Church**

**Wednesday 1st August**

**The blessing of the first sheaf of corn by Rev. Zoe**

**followed by breakfast at the Dovecote Inn**

Linda and Dave at The Dovecote have kindly offered to provide breakfast for us after our Lammas service. The cost will be £6 per head. Please will you let me know if you are coming to church and require breakfast afterwards as I have to let The Dovecote know numbers in good time.

Brenda (870541)



## Moorhouse Garden Fête

There are times when you count your blessings and there is no doubt that everyone concerned with Moorhouse fete counted theirs as the event was blessed with a beautiful balmy evening between tropical rain storms. The house and garden looked lovely, particularly so with the new works to the front of the



house. The refreshments were well up to the high standard we all expect and a good, if slightly lower than usual, attendance of locals and friends from the benefice came to share an enjoyable, traditional country event. The skittles was won by John Gent and the target shooting

by Ian Morton. Well done to both.

Many thanks to everyone who donated, ran stalls and games or came to support. The event raised £450 for church funds.

## Telephone Problems - Update

There has been much correspondence between Egmonton Parish Meeting and various bodies. John Smith, Parish Clerk, has personally handed copies to Robert Jenrick MP and his assistant Sue Gray has been dealing with emails.

Following a further contact from a Laxton resident, who continues to have problems, requesting an update and a follow on conversation with John, I sent an email to Sue Gray stating that there seems to be no perceptible improvement in Laxton as a result of the continued efforts to get work done and the correspondence with BT. Residents are still paying for a service which they are unable to use at times and it affects both broadband and conversations. Mike Manning was copied in on this correspondence and is proposing that Laxton Parish Council add their voice to the complaints. I will be passing the names we have collected to him when they are ready to proceed.

*Joy*

# Seed Scattering Weekend

Rt Rev Tony Porter, Bishop of Sherwood and his wife, Lucille spent a packed weekend in our benefice enjoying events put on by all the churches. They were incredibly fortunate not to experience the torrential rain of the previous week and after a dull start their time with us here was quite warm and pleasant.

In our immediate area they watched the unusual spectacle of teddy bears parachuting from the tower of St Swithin's Church at Wellow followed by a lunch.



After this they moved over to Egmonton where the good folk of Kirton church had joined with Egmonton to produce a lovely afternoon tea in Egmonton Village Hall.

The invitation sent out to the local community meant that there was a good attendance of people from the village as

well as from other churches in the group. It was lovely to see quite a few young people enjoying meeting each other and playing games which had been brought to entertain them. They joined with the adults in thoroughly enjoying the lovely selection of sandwiches, cakes and savouries provided.

In the Hall there was a display of wildlife photographs from Retford & District Photographic Society. The quality was excellent and visitors really enjoyed this opportunity to see them.

There were more photos in the church, which was open for the afternoon to enable visitors to have a close up look at some of the items in the building which are not easy to see because of their small size or difficult to reach position. This was display was completed with some abstracts from the old Parish Almanacks from the time when Egmonton shared clergy and the publication with Laxton and Moorhouse in the 1890s.

This seems to have been a busy period locally. We know from the research for Laxton History Group's booklets that things were happening in Laxton, but the period from 1893 - 1900 included

## June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

references to the redecoration of Egmonton church and the installation of the screen and new bells as well as the opening of Egmonton School, now the Village Hall, on September 18th 1899, which reduced Laxton's numbers and consequently Mr Willis' income.



There was just time to regroup before the visiting party came up to Laxton for the final event of the day - the novel 'Beer & Burgers with the Bishop'. All-comers at the Dovecote door were greeted by Revd. Phil with his raffle tickets which were the tokens for the free beer and burgers

kindly provided by the sponsors David had arranged.

It remained a pleasant evening and most of the group which assembled for the event remained outside enjoying it.

The PCC would like to say a big thank you to Dave, Linda and their sponsors at The Dovey for providing a burger and drink on Saturday night to celebrate our 'Seed Scattering' weekend with Bishop Tony and his wife Lucille.

Thanks also to the Rev. Phil Howson for organising it for us. The weather was perfect and everyone had a lovely evening.

Revd. Zoe asked us to thank everyone - who *'was involved in organising or hosting an event; those who helped behind the scenes (all the hidden ministry) and those who came and supported our 'Seed Scattering' weekend. It was good to see seeds of new friendships developing, seeds of new possibilities as we seek to reach out to our communities; seeds of belonging as a Family of 12 churches; seeds of encouragement as we supported each other and so much more.'*





## Mothers' Union

The June meeting of Laxton Mothers' Union is our annual outing. This year we will be visiting Winkburn, just the other side of Maplebeck. We will be having a look around the Hall and visiting the beautiful little church. We will report on our trip next month.



Our special 120th anniversary service to celebrate this milestone 24th September is now all planned and invitations have gone out. Some replies have even been received. Everyone is welcome. Please let Janet know if you would like to attend.

## Pat's Charity Plant Stall

Pat's Plant Stall outside School House still has available hanging baskets, planted pots, shrubs, bedding plants, tomatoes, mangetout, herbs, a few climbing beans



and assorted herbaceous plants. The bedding plants include mixed geranium, petunia, French marigold and begonia.

Please browse and put money through the letter box for items you select and take home. If you are looking for anything particular, do ask. There may be more stock waiting to be put out. If you have any spare plants, please consider donating them.

Money this year will be going to the Pituitary Foundation and other local charities supported by the Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest.

*Pat Naylor*

## Michael Duxsbury Memorial Road Run

The annual tractor road run raising money for the cancer ward at Sheffield Hospital takes place on July 1st, leaving from Tuxford. The route often takes in Laxton but is not published in advance. You can't miss around 100 vintage tractors, some with villagers on board.

## Village Hall Update

We are still awaiting confirmation from the National Lottery about our new Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Jeanette has been looking at additional funding organisations in case these are needed

as some costs have risen and so we have not yet been given the go ahead to start the tendering process.

We are still looking for the Hall to close at the beginning of September

*Michael Manning*



## Notts TV Programme on Laxton

We have asked NottsTV if a DVD of their programme about the village is available for general viewing and to keep as an archive document, but they have not replied yet.

However the programme is still available to view on line via the link:

**<https://nottstv.com/programmes/rediscovering-notts/>**

## New Data Protection Rules

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which came into force at the end of May apply across the board. They are particularly keen that children and vulnerable people are not referred to in a way which will identify them without the permission of the parent / carer or the individual.

The Information Commissioner is still working out just how to apply the requirements to small hobby / community organisations which are exempt from registration. To do our best to conform to the requirements we have discussed the issue with Revd. Zoe and will no longer be using the surnames of people who are sent good wishes when they are unwell unless they have specifically said we may on that occasion. We already omit surnames of children unless we have been given permission to use them.

If you submit an item which names someone, please check that they are happy for their name to be published before doing so. Submitting an item for publication which carries your own name will be taken as permission to it being published. Thank you.





## **Laxton Church Garden Fête Helpers and Donations Needed**

**The PCC would be grateful for any donations for the stalls - cakes, tombola, raffle prizes, books, plants etc.**

**Are you free on the evening of 20th July? Please could you spare a couple of hours to help at the Garden Fête?**

**Could you help run a game, look after a stall or help set up in the afternoon / take down afterwards? Men would be particularly welcome for some of these jobs.**

**If you can help please contact a member of the PCC or, call Brenda on 870541.**

Moorhouse Church presents -

## **A Summer Sunday Lunch**

at The Old England, Sutton-on-Trent, NG23 6QA  
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# Sports Field

The Sports and Recreation Field had it's AGM on 21/5/18 and below are the approved Annual Accounts. You will see that most of our income is from the weekly Bonus Ball Draw and many thanks to all of you who have taken 48 of the available 59 numbers. If anyone would like a number or a second or even a third, please let me know.

We are still looking for additional members to join the Committee. We don't meet that often but we could really do with 2 or 3 more to get greater representation in the village/Parish.

The meeting also gave us the opportunity to remember dear Alan Tunnard who was one of the founder members of the Committee back in 2005/6. He was a very keen sportsman and a regular attender at the meetings. He was always offering to provide practical help and fully wired out the new pavilion after it was built. He and I spent time together, recoating the pavilion and other odd jobs. We all sorely miss him.

## **Laxton Sports & Recreation Feld Statement of Accounts for the period 1/4/17 to 31/3/18**

### **Receipts**

Bonus Ball collections	2,714.00
Stuart Shepherd Memorial Day	391.50
Field rental LAFC (16/17 and 17/18)	550.00
Field Rental (Rounders (17/18 + 18/19)	110.00
Gang Mower sale	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3,965.50</u></b>

### **Payments**

Winning Numbers Payouts	1,300.000
Pavilion Seats	Cx No 95 146.24
Brain Tumour Donation	Cx No 96 391.50
Replacement Goals and nets	Cx No 97 1,978.52
Diesel (Roy)	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3,836.26</u></b>

Net surplus for the year	129.24
Balance at bank 1/4/17	2145.19
Net surplus for the year	129.24
<b>Balance at bank 1/4/18</b>	<b><u>2,274.43</u></b>

M.MANNING  
Secretary Treasurer

# **The Dovecote Inn at Laxton**

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**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July                      Butcher's Block Steak Night    6pm - 9pm**

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**Friday 6th July                      2018 Summer Ball                      7pm - midnight  
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**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August    Meet the Suppliers 3 Course Gourmet Evening  
7.00pm for 7.30pm**

This evening features Maxey's of Kirklington with  
**'A Vegetarian Delight'**

£25 inclusive of wine with every course, £15 per person without wine

**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**

# **St Michael the Archangel, Laxton Open Churches Weekend, 7th & 8th July**

## ***‘A Celebration of Marriage’***

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am - 5.30pm**

Displays of wedding dresses,  
flowers, cakes, photos and music  
playing.

Tea, coffee and cakes being served  
all day



## ***‘Songs of Praise’***

**with Joan Wood Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**

Favourite wedding hymns and readings after which  
the church will remain open until 5.30pm.

Tea and cakes will be served after the service and  
throughout the day.

We invite all couples who are thinking of getting  
married in church; who have recently got married or  
who have been married a long time to come along and  
join us in this weekend to celebrate marriage.

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### **Visiting Researchers**

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Laxton hosted a visit from a group from Oxford University during June. They were here as part of a wider study looking at ‘Feeding Saxon England’. They are hoping to find evidence in the fields and plants of what might have been here in those times. More on this next month. We have also been contacted by a London masters student working on a project on ‘Enclosures’ who wants to see how landscapes looked before the enclosures happened.

# Things to Do this Month

☆ Check if you need oil if you want to join our group order

- July 7<sup>th</sup>** Laxton Gymkhana, 8.30am onwards, Kneesall Road Gymkhana Field
- July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** Celebration of Marriage, in church 10.30 - 5.30
- July 14<sup>th</sup>** Kirton Coffee Morning, 10.30am, £2
- July 15<sup>th</sup>** Strawberry Tea at Corner Farm - book tickets
- July 20<sup>th</sup>** Laxton Garden Fête, Old Vicarage, 6.30pm
- July 21<sup>st</sup>** See Laxton History Group's dramatised readings
- July 21<sup>st</sup>** Concert at Milton Mausoleum, 7pm, £8
- July 25<sup>th</sup>** Enjoy a meal with the Rotary Club and hear a talk on Antarctica, South Forest, £11, 7 for 7.15pm
- July 30<sup>th</sup>** CHinK Giant Sale from 10am, Tuxford
- VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre**

## Coffee Morning

12th July

10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 12th July at Janet Cooke's house at the top of Timothy Road.

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.





# Wellow Maypole Celebrations



The weather was perfect, resulting in the best attendance for many years. It was a 'family affair' this year as the new May Queen Isabel Leatt (13) and 'Wellow Jack' Reuben Leatt (11) were, for the first time, brother and sister! Isabel's younger sister

Autumn (6) was one of her two train bearers. She was also attended by six Maids of Honour.

Isabel was crowned by retiring May Queen Imogen Cove (14) who had previously opened the event accompanied by Ollerton Town Drum Corps. 37 dancers took part in the Maypole dancing and Wellow Jack was accompanied by 9 mischief making 'Bogies'.

Other attractions included live music from Derbyshire based folk rock band Acorn Roots, Scottish Country

Dancing and sheepdog displays by Elaine Hill from Cumbria. This last involved ducks and ducklings being herded through and round a series



of obstacles on the Maypole green, including children from the audience! Punch and Judy and old fashioned children's swing boats helped to give a traditional feel to this longstanding event.

The organising Maypole Committee would like to

say a huge thank you to all the participating children, entertainers, stallholders, hard working volunteers, and most particularly to everyone who attended. The friendly atmosphere and good natured crowd helped to make this year's Wellow Maypole Celebrations a big success!

*Janet Carr*



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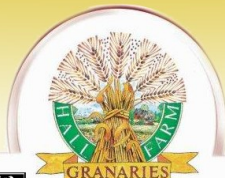
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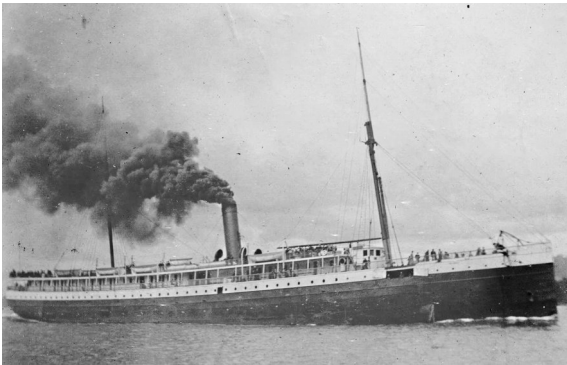
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## An American Tale, Episode 3

### ‘AND THREE WEEKS TO GET BACK.’

*This month MWS has sent us the penultimate article in the mini series about Laxton folk who ventured to America and memorably took six weeks of unimaginable discomfort aboard ship to get there. Things went well for them there due to their hard work and willingness to adapt.*

*Then*



.....John and Mary Jane decided to come home for a holiday and visit parents and family in Laxton. This time on a steam ship and in a cabin. At first they stayed at Bottom Farm but finding their father Joseph in a bad way they decided not to return to Manhattan, Illinois. There was no farm in Laxton going so they took a farm at North

Scarle where their second daughter, Dorothy Violetta, was born in 1886. All they earned in the first year was a cart-load of twitch.

John wrote to a neighbour in America, Mr Thomas Gray, who had been looking after his farm in Manhattan, asking him to sell up for him and settle his affairs. Mr Gray then sold his own farm as well and came to England with his daughter bringing John's belongings with him.'

Shortly afterwards John heard that Corner Farm in Laxton was available. He applied for it in 1886 and after some negotiations he was given the tenancy, one condition being that his father, Joseph, gave up his tenancy of Bottom Farm. This was agreed in 1887 and so to.....

'our farm cross t'road' where Joseph died in 1889.

MWS

## Parish Council

The Pinfold is in the process of being refurbished; many thanks to Roy Haynes of Timothy Road for undertaking this and to Eric, also of Timothy Road for clearing the Twitchill Footpath yet again.

*Michael Manning*



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# Laxton Weddings

*This month, as the church holds a 'Celebration of Marriage', it seems appropriate to use the first of the reports on villagers' weddings gleaned by Jo Godson during her researches at the Retford Library looking in the old copies of the Retford, Gainsborough and Worksop Times. Thanks Jo.*

## **10th August 1906**

The marriage of Mr Saml. Peatfield, farmer of Laxton, and Miss Rhoda Sampson, of Thonock, Gainsborough, took place on Wednesday, August 1st, at the Parish Church, Gainsborough. Considerable interest was taken in the marriage, as Mr Peatfield belongs to an old Laxton family and has been a member of the Parish Church choir for many years. He was the recipient of some handsome presents, including fish carvers, knives and forks, cruet, etc., from the members of the choir, the Rev. C. B. and Mrs Collinson, the Rev H. A. Martin (late vicar), Mr and Mrs Willis, etc., The happy pair arrived at Laxton on Thursday evening, when they were greeted with a merry peal by the ringers of the Parish Church.

## **24th May 1907**

A pretty wedding took place at the Parish Church on Whit Monday. The contracting parties were Mr William George Quibell, of Laxton and Miss Reeny Rebecca Rose, daughter of Mr John Rose, farmer of Laxton. The bridesmaids were Miss Violetta Rose, sister of the bride and Miss Alice Bagshaw. Mr S Bartle acted as best man. The Rev C. B. Collinson performed the ceremony. There was a large number of friends present at the service. Mr Willis played Mendelsohn's "Wedding March". The wedding presents were numerous. Amongst the guests were the Rev C. B. and Mrs Collinson, Mr, Mrs and Miss Willis, Mrs Bartle, Mr Bartle, Mr and Mrs Beckett, Mr and Mrs Woolhouse, Mrs Quibell, Mr and Mrs Squires.

## **31st October 1913**

A very pretty and interesting wedding took place at the Parish Church on Tuesday, the 21st inst. The contracting parties were Mr Frederick Kirton and Miss Nellie Whitworth. The bride, who was given away by her brother, was charmingly attired in a dress of cream mohair and white hat with ostrich plume and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The chief bridesmaid, Miss Helena Whitworth, wore a pale blue dress of mercerised lawn and black hat with plume. Miss Kathleen and Barbara Whitworth, young sisters of the bride, looked very pretty in pale blue dresses and hats to match of the same material. Many friends and villagers met at the Church to witness the ceremony. Mr Harold Blythe, of Mansfield, who carried out the duties of the best man, drove them to and from the church in his motor car. A reception was held at the bride's home and later the happy couple were driven to Kneesall, their future home. There were many beautiful and useful presents including a silver cruet from the bridegroom's workmen.



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## Tuxford Young Farmers



The Nottinghamshire County Show was held too close to the copy date for last month's magazine to include a full report of what was a very successful show for Tuxford YFC. We won 'Club of the Year' and the 'Interclub Challenge'. We also came second in exhibits overall and second overall in stock judging.

Well done to Katie who won the 'Best in Show' trophy for floral classes. Congratulations too to Harvey, Daisy, Beth and Graham who came first in stock judging. Of course there was also the first place in the 'Witch's Broom' class won by Emily, reported last month. It was a great performance by everyone, so well done to them all.

Since the Show we have been to Hall Farm Granary at Weston to see their newly completed and opened shop and café. We also had an interesting visit to Grove and Rufford Hunt Kennels.

We are a friendly and welcoming club who organise fun and interesting things to do every week of our season. We always welcome new members or visitors who would like to come and meet us with a view to joining. We will soon be stopping meetings for the summer but will restart in September when we would love to see you.

## Final Wednesday Speaker Evenings with Meal

Your local Rotary meets at South Forest Leisure in Edwinstowe. Guests are always welcome, male and female, all ages, and often transport can be arranged if required.



The 'Final Wednesday of the Month' Speaker Programme continues on July 25th when our speaker is Robert Baker who has recently visited Antarctica. He will be presenting his illustrated talk on at South Forest.

If you would like to come along just contact me on 07711 802683 or phone South Forest Leisure Centre direct on 01623 82386 saying you wish to reserve meals for Wednesday March 28th, 7pm for 7.15 start. The £11 includes meal and speaker.

Transport could be arranged for people from Laxton.

*Jeff Naylor*

## Ossington Art Group Exhibition

**The exhibition on July 7th has had to be cancelled.  
Please tell anyone who may have planned to go.**

## Laxton History Group



**Come and see History Group members  
perform their Dramatised Reading of  
research from the Heritage Lottery Fund  
project!**

We had planned an outing for July but this has had to be deferred so instead we have brought forward the performance of our new presentation which members asked to see. Everyone is welcome, so please join us in the Hall at 7.30pm on July 18th. £2 inc. refreshments.

## 2018 Events at Milton Mausoleum

The 2018 season was opened recently with our 4<sup>th</sup> Friends Lunch at the West Retford Hotel for 80 guests. It was a great opportunity to inform friends of our plans and events for this year.

Please find details of our first two events.



**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup>. July                      The Sounds of Summer Concert 7pm**

Concert featuring soloist Alison Wade, with  
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**Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Sept Vintage Tea Party – 2pm for Heritage Open Day**

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Bobby on 07708 042065 / [milton.mausoleum@outlook.com](mailto:milton.mausoleum@outlook.com)

# Strawberry Tea for Hospital Helipads



Once again we have the opportunity to enjoy a lovely afternoon and a tasty tea sitting in Jean and Roy's garden. Fresh summer salad and strawberries and cream will be available for the first 60 people to buy their tickets.

New villagers will not know that this is now well established as a highlight in Laxton's busy summer programme of events. Everyone is welcome to support this excellent cause and it is a lovely, relaxed opportunity to meet your fellow villagers. We hope to see you there and really look forward to meeting you.

The proceeds from the event go to support the work to provide helipads at hospitals. Many Air Ambulances have to land at some distance from the hospital and transfer the patient to a land ambulance for the final part of the journey. Helipads on hospital premises enable Air Ambulances to land on site, saving patients the delay and discomfort of a transfer by land ambulance from the nearest landing point into the safe hands of doctors awaiting them in the Accident and Emergency departments.

Everyone is warmly welcomed to come along and to bring friends or family. If you can't make it (or even if you can) donations of cash or for the cake stall, raffle or tombola would be much appreciated along with simple fund raising ideas suitable for a garden setting. All suggestions welcome to make this a very successful afternoon to help to provide helipads for hospitals.

The tea consists of ham and salmon salad, strawberries and cream, cakes and a cuppa. Tickets cost £7.50 each from Jean on **01777 870276**. The fences at Corner Farm aren't elastic even if your waist band is in the presence of strawberries, so if you want to come for a delicious Sunday tea, call soon and buy your tickets. We would hate you to be disappointed.

## Apology

We apologise for the very dark appearance of the magazine last month, which made some of the photos hard to make out. This was due to a technical gremlin at the printing stage. We are reprinting pictures which suffered most with an update on the information kindly provided by readers about the subject matter of the photos.

# Laxton History Group



Last month we celebrated our 100th meeting and in June we began a new chapter of something which began at our 50th.

TV historian and presenter Michael Wood donated to us the fee he received from the Thoroton Society for a lecture in Newark Town Hall with the brief that we should use it to 'promote history'. After much discussion we began the 'Michael Wood Award' project working with Kneesall School. With the support of the school, the funding has enabled us to encourage families to work with their children to look at an aspect of their history which interests them. This could be the local area, their house, a family member or whatever takes their fancy.

The project is started with a visit to Laxton by the children from the top two years in the school. They hear about our history and how evidence of it can be seen all around us. We help them understand the importance of getting as close to the source of the information as possible to seek first hand evidence of what occurred.

The project has far surpassed anyone's expectations and has been an outstanding success. The children have presented a vast range of topics in projects of an extremely high standard. Both our Group and the school have been delighted with it and are keen for it to continue. Earlier this year History Group members opted to donate £800 from Group funds to keep the project running beyond the deadline when the original funds would run out. They also voted to try to involve another school of similar size so that we can run the project every year.

This all became a reality when over 20 children and a group of teachers from Norwell and Normanton Schools arrived in Laxton on June 4th. The schools run under one Head Teacher and will be involved in the project as one unit.

There were only minor bus issues considering Marshalls at Sutton on Trent were still reeling from flooding the previous Saturday. They were soon resolved and our visitors were met in the Visitor Centre by Roger and Joan Cottee (who lead the project on our behalf), Group Chair John Chambers, Stuart Rose and Mary Haigh. After an introductory discussion they were able to walk through the village talking about the green and the buildings and thinking





about their differences and the way they are set out. Amanda Hennell had kindly said that the group could visit Blacksmith's Cottage to look at the old stables and forge which look much now as they would always have done. Next it was time for lunch in the Village Hall.



The children are liable to be the last visiting party to be entertained in the Hall as it is now, so they themselves became part of our history. When they had eaten they had a surprise visit from teachers Miss Child and Mr Willis who headed the school 150 and 100 years ago respectively. They bore a remarkable resemblance to Joan and Roger!

The children certainly sat up straight at the crack of a cane on a table and listened with disbelief to what school days were really like back before the Education Act and shortly after.

Joan and Roger produced some stories from the times which gave them food for thought and set them to work trying to do some of the work the Laxton children of old might have tackled. They rose to the challenge brilliantly and Joan had to admit that they were the best group she had presented her writing exercise to.



When they had had a taste of discipline and learning by chanting times tables the group gathered up their things and moved next door to Ivy House Farm where Robert Haigh told them about the buildings and how the farm works. They tried to imagine how it might have looked before the introduction of modern machinery. This was also an opportunity to look out at Mill Field and its strips and to talk about the historic agricultural system and landscape.



They then went on to the church to see where schooling in Laxton had begun, including the carved initials on the tombs. The children's day ended with a visit to the pinfold where they had a chance to say what they had most enjoyed about their visit. They were asked about their first thoughts on what subjects they might elect to research. It seems they are fired with enthusiasm and we will look forward to seeing the results. The children now have until the end of this term to work on their chosen project, which they will present at 8am on 18th July. We wish them well and look forward with equal enthusiasm to seeing the results of their hard work.

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

June / July 2018

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

**24<sup>th</sup> June**

9am

10.30am

**Trinity 4**

Moorhouse **HC**

Kirton **HC**

**1st July   Trinity 5**

9am

4pm

4pm

Kirton **HC**

Wellow **EP**

Egmanton **Es**

**8th July   Trinity 6** 'Open Churches' Weekend – celebrating marriage

10.30am

**Laxton Songs of Praise**

**15th July   Trinity 7**

9am

10.30am

Egmanton **HC**

Wellow Patronal Festival **HC**

**22nd July   Trinity 8**

9am

10.30am

Moorhouse **HC**

Kirton **HC**

**29th July   Trinity 9**

10.30am

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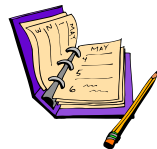
**Tuesday 10th July – 'Open Vestry Hour' for baptism and wedding enquiries 6.30 – 7.30pm, St Paulinus Church Office, Church Circle.**



# *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

**2018**

<b>Jul 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Michael Dicksbury Vintage Tractor Road Run</b>
Jul 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open Churches Weekend 'Celebration of Marriage'
Jul 7 <sup>th</sup>	Laxton Gymkhana
<b>Jul 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WI</b>
<b>Jul 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
Jul 15 <sup>th</sup>	Strawberry Tea
Jul 20 <sup>th</sup>	Laxton Garden Fête
<b>Jul 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>History Group - see the presentation created from the research for our booklets</b>
Jul 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council



## **Forward Planning**

Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	MU Service of Celebration for 120 years
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Southwell Ploughing Match
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Laxton VH Quiz Night @Egmanton VH

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 August: 16th July.**

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Our traditional June activity is a trip somewhere of interest and this year we opted for Echium World at Thoresby. We met beforehand and had a lovely lunch at the cafe in Thoresby Courtyard, where we were later met by the gardeners, Linda and Ray. They took us to the walled garden, which most of us had

never seen on previous visits. It is sited well away from the house - although apparently not far enough according to reports from the time. The sound of workers' early starts were not appreciated at the big house.

The 5½ acre plot is totally overgrown except for the small section leased by 'Echium World' and on which they have worked wonders. We saw photos from 2017, from the end of last year and from this February which left us amazed and admiring that they had achieved so much in such a short time. Most of us would have been thrilled to have such a glorious garden after years of hard work.

There are lovely herbaceous borders, though a mere shadow of their former scale. Linda read from a sheet of facts about the original garden and the beds were around 500ft long by 12ft wide and even the parsley enjoyed a massive 10ft wide bed!

The south facing wall was heated with a peach house fixed to it. The glass houses were 120ft long and possible only due to the recent availability of large panes of float glass. There were 24 of them. The gardeners could provide their employers, the family in Thoresby Hall, with whatever they wanted any day of the year. One winter day they sent back one of four melons which was overripe!

There was even a special arched entrance for the family and their guests, for their inspections of the gardens. In case they did, the staff had to work in suit and tie every day. Smaller doors to the garden were used for ventilation to moderate the temperature, which inside the walls could be several degrees higher than outside. The surrounding woodland also offered both screening and shelter.

The garden also grew flowers and the head gardener was also expected to undertake flower arrangements in the house. They had enormous rose beds. Ray has tracked down some old varieties identified by zinc tags found in the garden. They were only available from France and he sourced one of them from the family which supplied Thoresby in the 1800s.



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The echiums were interesting. Linda and Ray have brought them from obscurity and now house the national collection. Their sixth customer was none other than Alan Titchmarsh. Some of the blooms are huge. One almost reached to the top of the 16ft wall and was expected to grow 4 or 5ft more. They come in a variety of shapes and sizes, including annuals which would fit a small garden. They all have multiple tiny flowers and are great for pollinators. The garden was humming with bees.

An unusual feature, taking pride of place on a sycamore stump in a bed in the lawn, was a bird house made of echium

wood and sent from America. It's other claim to fame is that it has three stained glass windows. The garden is open to the public on specified days and is well worth a visit if only to see how this mammoth undertaking is developing.



The WI National AGM was held in Cardiff in June. This year we were represented by Kate Hall of Kneesall, a newer member of the WI. She enjoyed the experience of almost 6,000 women standing to sing Jerusalem, listening to the business and meeting other WI members. Kate sent a report which will be read at our next meeting in the hall.

The national resolution this year related to removing stigma from mental health issues and making it as easy to talk about as physical health. There was a speaker in favour of the motion who highlighted that one in four people will suffer from mental ill health at sometime in their lives. At least 75% of people either have no access to care or do not know how to access those services. Inevitably more funding is required.

There was no speaker against, but it was pointed out that more funding has been allocated for mental health and the NHS has it on the national agenda. The point was made that this is a specialist area where untrained people could do more harm than good. The Resolution was passed by 98% - 5945 to 103.

The meeting was entertained by Dame Stella Rimmington, former head of MI5, now turned author and by newsreader Huw Edwards.

Our next meeting will be on July 11th at 7.30pm and our speaker will be Sue Floyd, bringing her talk on Royal Brides which she was unable to do earlier in the year. We look forward to hearing her. The competition will be for seasonal flowers.

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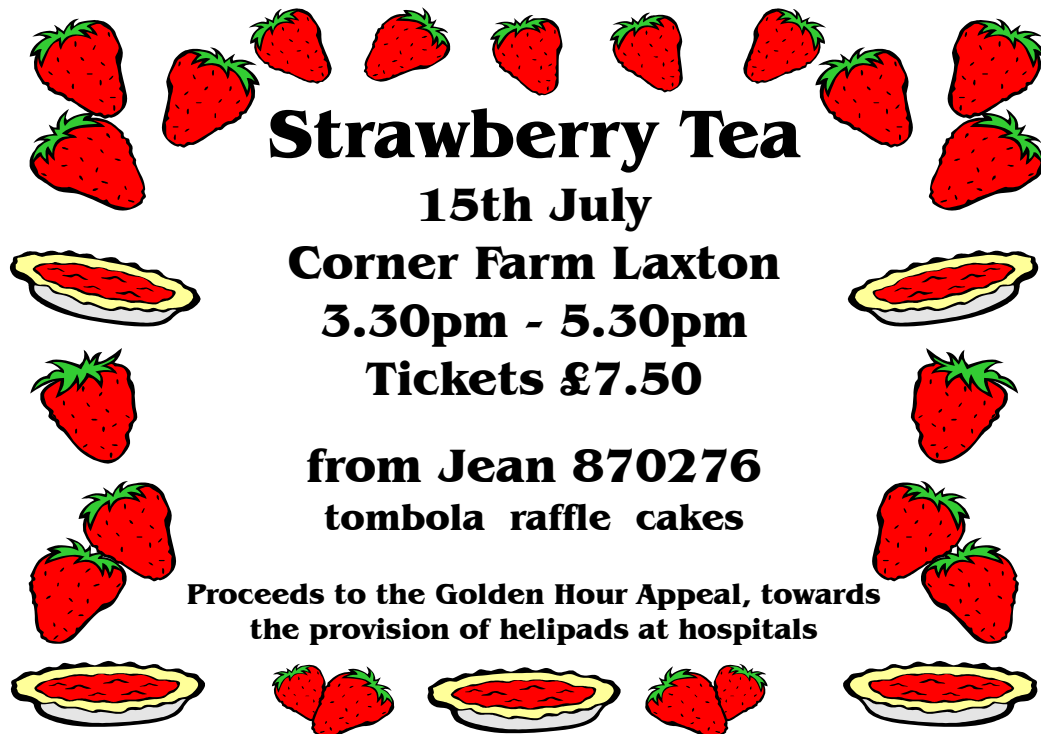
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## Photo Answers



This photo, published last month, was loaned to Roy & Jean Hennell in the hope of identifying the people. Jean is pleased to report that Linda MacNaught called saying it showed the 1925 wedding of Lizzy Moody and Charlie Miller.

The bridesmaid, to the right of the bride as viewed is Dora Moody with Annie Moody beside her. At the front left Muriel Moody is standing beside Frank Moody, Linda's father and Wilf Moody, Frank's brother.

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**We have a request from Angie Bartle of Newark for information about her family.**

Her great grandfather was Jonathan Bartle, and her grandfather was William Bryan Bartle both from Laxton. She asks where they lived, if they are buried in the local area and what made William leave home at 12 first to be a stable hand at a nearby farm and later to work as a miner in Derbyshire. Her great, great, great, grandmother was Eliza Moody. Angie is also interested in her. Please contact Joy if you can help.





Good News. We have positive information that this is Peck's Row from a relative of someone who lived there. The date is still elusive, but we also have names for all those shown:

The woman seated is Mary Bagshaw (nee Allcock 1830-1919) from left to right, Mary's granddaughter, Nina Bartle (nee Bagshaw 1890-1981); her husband Sam Bartle (1875-1962); the girl is Nellie (dates unknown); Mary's daughter, Mary Bagshaw (1873-1956); Mary's son, George Bagshaw (1861-1921) and his wife Eliza Bagshaw (nee Shelton 1860-1943).

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## **Coffee Morning**

**Saturday, July 14th,  
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The Second draw of the 100 club will take place at this event !

# Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting 22/5/2018

**Present:** Councillors:

M. Manning (Chair), M.Hennell, J.Godson, S. Hill, R.Hennell, J.Hill, D. Brown

**In attendance at parish council meeting**

C. Millward (Clerk), S.Michael (District councillor), M.Pringle (County councillor) (from 7.20 pm) Members of the public (x3)

1. **Election of Officers:** The following were elected:
  - a. **Chair** – Mr Manning (5 in favour:1 abstention)
  - b. **Vice-Chair** - Mr Brown (unanimous)
  - c. **Defibrillator inspection councillor** - Mr Brown (unanimous)
  - d. **Accounts scrutineer** – Councillor S Hill (unanimous)
  - e. **Parish Council Representatives on other village organisations:**
    - Safer Neighbourhood Group – Councillor S Hill (unanimous)No other organisations requiring council representation.
2. **Apologies for absence:** There were no absences
3. **Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 12 (Property matters – Sports field) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 15 b (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project). Mr Brown also declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 12 (Property matters – Sports field).

There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
4. **Dispensations:** None required.
5. **10 Minutes public speaking:** Councillors noted that the drains outside Old Bar Farmhouse, the telephone kiosk and Hollybush near the pinfold needed to be cleared. The clerk will report them to NCC.

Councillor Michael will take steps to address the condition of Bar Farmhouse at the rear.

The clerk will contact councillor Pringle with regard to the beginning of the 30 mph speed limits in the village which she had raised after the meeting in January 2018. She will also make enquiries regarding the issues previously reported to NCC in relation to the light cast by the new LED streetlights.
6. **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 27 March 2018:** The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.
7. **Matters arising:** All action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising.
8. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Councillor Michael to give her report at Annual Parish Meeting to follow.

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Following councillor Pringle's arrival at 7.20 pm, councillors agreed to revert to this item after item 9 (Reports from councillors). Councillor Pringle reported on developments at and initiatives by NCC. The light cast by the new streetlights was discussed. Councillor Pringle confirmed that the issue had been actioned by NCC. The clerk will check for an update.

9. **Reports from councillors:** The poor condition of the telephone kiosk was raised. The clerk will contact BT.

Councillors thanked the residents responsible for cutting the open areas of land in the village. Councillors were grateful to them for helping maintain the appearance of the village.

Mr Hill reported on the most recent Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting.

Councillor Pringle arrived at 7.20 pm during this item. The meeting reverted to item 8 on the agenda (Reports from district and county councillors) before moving to item 10 below.

**10. Financial Matters:**

- a. **Financial position as at 30 April 2018:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 April 2018 (incorporating the 2018-19 budget figures).
- b. **Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously **approved** ten payments totalling £886.62.
- c. **Confirm appointment of Mr K Roe internal auditor and note internal audit report and action any recommendations:** Councillors unanimously **confirmed** Mr Roe's appointment as internal auditor. They noted his report in the 2017/18 Annual Return which identified no issues. Councillors thanked Mr Roe for agreeing to undertake the role. The clerk will arrange for a gift.
- a. **To agree the 2017/2018 annual accounts:** Councillors noted the internal auditor's report in the 2017/18 Annual Return. The 2017/18 accounts were **agreed**.
- b. **To certify exemption from limited assurance review under section 9 Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015:** Councillors **certified** that, as:
  - i. Both the council's annual gross income and expenditure for 2017/18 were less than £25000, and
  - ii. The council had been in existence since before 1 April 2014, and
  - iii. The external auditor had taken no step in relation to 2016/17 which precluded exemption and
  - iv. The court had made no declaration under section 28(3) of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014

the council was exempt from a limited assurance review and **authorised** the clerk and chair to sign the certificate of exemption.

- a. **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. Councillors considered the contents. They unanimously **agreed to authorise** the chair and clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual

governance statement) which they then did.

- g. **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 **agreed to authorise** the chair and clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting Statements) which they then did.
- a. **Review system of internal control and internal audit system effectiveness:** Councillors discussed the operation of the system of internal control and **agreed** that it remained adequate and continued to operate effectively. Councillors also reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit system and **agreed** that, taking account of the straightforward nature of the council's transactions this year, it operated effectively on an annual basis.
- b. **Risk assessment 2018-19:** Councillors considered and **approved** the draft revised risk assessment for 2018 -19 circulated by the clerk, noting that it had been extended to include GDPR.

11. **General Data Protection Regulation – Approval Information Management Policy and associated documents:** Councillors **adopted** the Data Protection Policy which had previously been circulated in draft. The clerk will upload the policy together with the privacy notice to the website. She had undertaken an information audit. Councillors completed consents and compliance checklists.

12. **Property matters including sports field:** The clerk confirmed that half the rent due in March had been reimbursed by the committee.

13. **Planning matters:**

a. **Applications: 18/00754/FUL - Householder application for demolition of end wall and construction of extension with new windows - 1 Church Cottages High Street Laxton:** Councillors considered the application and unanimously **decided** to support the proposal.

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

c. **Compliance:** No issues raised.

d. **Midlands Rural Housing – Housing need survey, including affordable housing:** Councillors discussed Midlands Rural Housing's email dated 15 May 2018 seeking the council's view on an affordable housing survey in Laxton. Councillors referred to current level of activity with regard to the village's ownership and future management. They **decided** that, in these circumstances, consideration of an affordable housing scheme would be better deferred at this time. They will review the position in spring 2019. Save as discussed at LMPC/24/18 (10 minutes public speaking), no issues raised.

14. **Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:** Nothing reported

15. **Village environment and appearance, including:**

a. **Location of and access to community resilience container:** No developments.

b. **Village Hall refurbishment project:** The chair reported that the formation of the charitable incorporated organisation is underway. The estimated start date



for the work is 1 September 2018.

- c. **Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application:** Councillors were delighted that the funding application had been successful. Councillor Hill will forward the quote to the clerk. Councillors confirmed that their intention is that the new fingerpost should replace the existing post.
- d. **Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch:** The chair had no update.
- e. **Pinfold refurbishment –** Councillors discussed the condition of the pinfold furniture and mapboard which is need of maintenance and repair. They **authorised** the chair to arrange the necessary repair and to incur costs not exceeding £250 plus VAT.

16. **Service faults:** Nothing raised.

17. **Correspondence:** Item b – NCC – Community events to commemorate WW1 – The chair will provide the History Group's contact details to the clerk who will forward the correspondence to them. All other items of correspondence noted.

18. **10 Minutes public speaking time:** The extension of cycle trails in Newark was noted.

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

20. **Date of next meeting:** 7.30 pm on 24 July 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.



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# Laxton's Historic Farming System

Below is the latest information from The Crown which was provided for the Parish Council AGM. The Visitor Centre AGM was held at the end of June/beginning of July and a report from that meeting will be in next month's magazine.

Dear Catherine

As promised I am providing an update in respect of the proposed sale of the Laxton Estate for your meeting next Tuesday.

As well as keeping DEFRA and Robert Jenrick MP updated I met with Historic England on 20th April to update them and also to consider how they deal with their sales of heritage assets. It was a very helpful discussion and as a result we are currently proposing to include wording along the lines of the below in our marketing material:

*A Parliamentary Undertaking was given that upon purchase of the Laxton, it would be The Crown Estate's "intention to continue as at present organised, the Open Field System and associated customs which are the principal features of this historic Estate, and that reasonable educational facilities will continue to be made available". The purchaser will be required to clearly demonstrate the same intention to perpetually maintain the open field system through a positive relationship with present and future tenants and other local stakeholders. In addition, a capacity in both organisational and financial respects to positively manage the estate in the long term must be shown and ideally a track record of having successfully delivered sensitive management of the historic landscape and farmed environment at a comparable scale and complexity.*

In addition you may have noticed a photographer was on the Estate on Tuesday 16th and a drone deployed to take aerial shots on Friday 16th.

Beyond that there is currently not a great deal to update on. We are still pulling all the necessary financial and legal information together and at the moment I would say that it is now unlikely that we will be marketing the Estate until early July. As we have confirmed to our tenants there is no specific timetable that we need to meet, and clearly there is a lot of historical background and other information we need to collate, and as this exercise is focussed on finding the right purchaser in terms of the long term future for the Estate it is a process we are happy to take our time on.

Regards  
Iain (Mills)

## Group Oil Order

Already we are looking forward to the autumn and the need to ensure we have enough oil to see us through into the colder weather. Unfortunately the price of oil has gone up so we can't expect to achieve the same low prices as we have for the last couple of orders.

We now also have the spectre of the new GDPR requirements striking fear into the heart of anyone daring to keep on a computer even names and addresses of others for anything but personal use, to say nothing of passing them on. As a result the old oil group list will be destroyed after the next round robin mailing in July. A new one will be created containing **only the names and details of the people who respond in July**. You do not need to order, but you do need to reply to the email or get in touch when you read this and give me the necessary details to order for you now or at some future date.

The details I hold are name, address, phone and telephone numbers and any special instructions regarding delivery to your premises such as locks on tanks etc. and particularly if you are the contact for orders for relatives or friends who are unable to do it themselves.

**Please note that in supplying these details in connection with a request to order or to be contacted in future, you are giving permission to pass all of the above to the company chosen for the delivery each time you order with the group.**

I am still happy to coordinate the group order, but obviously do not want to inadvertently do anything contrary to the new regulations. Following advice, it is my understanding that the above satisfies the requirements. In terms of a privacy policy, which organisations are required to produce, this is the only use to which your data is put, it is never sold or otherwise given out and it is held on a spreadsheet on a secure local server. If you have any concerns, please contact me.

Joy

## Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
19/5/18	22	John & Carol
26/5/18	3	Jen Swordy
2/6/18	10	Stuart Rose
9/6/18	57	ROLLOVER
16/6/18	8	Evie (Neil)

If you would like to join, you can choose from the numbers 1, 11, 52, 53, 56, 57 & 59. You may take more than one number.

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Thank you.

*Michael Manning*

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You need to be on your guard against financial and legal scams says Citizens

Advice Sherwood and Newark as it launches Scams Awareness Month.

1200 financial and legal scams were reported in the year to April 2018 - a 6% increase with an average loss of £330. Reported scams included:

**Holiday timeshares** - Scammers promise to buy your membership off you for an advanced fee.

**Bogus solicitors** - A scammer will intercept emails from a legitimate solicitor and pose as them. Scammers often strike when a property is being exchanged on and get the funds diverted to their bank account instead. Check if they are on the Solicitors Regulation Authority to see if they are genuine.

Scammers can seem convincing, especially online, and are skilled at persuading people they are legitimate. The stakes are high with financial and legal scams as you can end up losing your savings or pension fund, which can put your long-term financial stability at risk. When approached about any investment, don't rush into anything without making sure it's legitimate first, particularly when you're contacted out of the blue.

Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark is sharing tips on spotting scams:

- Be suspicious if you're contacted out of the blue, even by a name you recognise
- Don't be rushed – you never need to make a decision straight away
- If it sounds too good to be true it probably is
- Never send money to someone you have never met
- Never give out your bank details unless you are certain you can trust the person contacting you
- Walk away from job ads that ask for money in advance
- Genuine computer firms do not make unsolicited phone calls to help you fix your computer
- Suspect a scam? Hang up, wait five minutes to clear the line or use another phone to call
- Persuasive sales patter? Just say: "No Thank You"
- Don't suffer in silence – speak out about scams

You can find advice online at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) or at Sherwood and Newark Citizens Advice **Telephone Advice Line:**

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# CHinK Latest Visit Report

My recent visit to Kenya to visit CHinK Academy was an eye opener. The first remarkable change, Roy pointed out, was a new highway. Driving on to the flyover, the road jumped over a large part of the city and we arrived directly at one of the last roundabouts that joined the original road through Mombasa.



On arrival at the hotel and after having breakfast we made our way to school. The area surrounding the school had changed such a lot in 4½ years with many more buildings erected but not necessarily finished! The biggest change I saw was to CHinK Academy. The changes to school buildings, kitchen, eating area, playing area, gates and more were beyond belief. As usual it brought tears to my eyes. The endless work input to get the school to the standard it is today is commendable. After returning from previous visits, the trustees always have meetings, where development is reported. Now I have seen the progress for myself it is plausible. The tireless chasing of builders, plumbers, electricians and other trades people must have been a nightmare and stressful at times, but well worth it.

The children were on holiday until Wednesday, and this day couldn't come quick enough. To see the children again, new pupils and old, was heart moving. What amazed me the most was how well behaved they all were. After the initial welcome the teachers sent the children back to their classrooms and off they all ran. They truly respected their teachers. The majority of the children live in one-roomed homes, have to walk miles to school and yet they are all so eager to learn and absorb everything like a sponge.

Unfortunately, but as is usual in Kenya, tasks didn't go according to plan. The time I had planned to spend teaching some sewing to several pupils was not to be, as the treadle machines all needed repairing and maintaining. Eventually the engineer was contacted and managed to get the machines in running order but too late as I was returning to UK. A similar thing happened when computing was planned, there had been a bad thunder storm and there was no electricity.

It was sad when we had to leave the school and most of all say goodbye to the children. I was really delighted I had seen all what had been achieved since my last visit in 2013.

CHinK has 5 trustees who work tirelessly to support the school in Kenya. The charity shop on Newcastle Street, Tuxford, raises money to support the school and its pupils, but without the continued work and involvement received from our volunteers, friends and trustees and of course those who support the shop by donating or buying goods and the sponsors, this wouldn't be possible. No money is taken from the charity for administration, travel etc. and 100% of all money raised goes directly to CHinK Academy. I would personally like to thank Georgina and Roy Frost for their determination and dedication. May it continue.

Children who have been hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, without parents, without education and without hope are now being fed, clothed, sheltered and educated by CHinK.

We are greatly in need of sponsors so if you are interested in sponsoring a child or would like more information, please contact Georgina Frost 01777 871320 or Christine Cook 01777 870583

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Any donation however small, will help. I repeat once more that every penny raised goes to the children; there are no overhead expenses or administration costs.

My first trip to Kenya was something I'll never forget. Meeting the people, witnessing their generosity and doing something, no matter how small, was such an amazing experience. The harsh reality that the people have to face is something that I'd never had to contemplate before. It was a very humbling experience and there have been many more since then which were equally moving.

*Chris Cook*



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# Tour of Britain Coming Our Way

It was announced in early June that the Tour of Britain will be holding Stage 7 on **Saturday 8th September** entirely within Nottinghamshire, finishing at Mansfield. From the website it appears that the course will run through Moorhouse, up through Laxton and on through Egmont. This should make for exciting watching, but also probably road closures. More info as it comes to hand.

## The Dukeries Singers

As summer is in mid stride the Choir is finishing its summer season of singing with its last two concerts. We are looking forward to performing a concert at Weston Church on Saturday, 7th July at 7-30pm. This is a new venue for us and we have a good repertoire of music for the concert with something to please everyone.



Our last concert for this season is a Summer Concert at Milton Mausoleum at 7-00pm on 21st July. Do not be put off by the name of the venue, it is a unique building in a tranquil setting and an atmosphere all of its own.

### Our Diary Dates:

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July** Concert at All Saints Church, Weston, 7.30pm a new venue for us.

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> July** Milton Mausoleum at 7.30pm.  
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The Choir will have a "do" of their own and meet up again on Wednesday 29 August with all our Christmas Music to hand!!!! We practise every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm until 9-15pm in the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy, Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

We already have some Christmas engagements booked. If you wish to use the Choir to help celebrate your fundraising, anniversary or charity event, please contact Phil on **01623 822070**.

Our website address is [www.thedukeriessingers.com](http://www.thedukeriessingers.com)

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*Jan*

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Kurling (without the ice!)	2nd Weds monthly	7.30pm
Book Club	Tues	7.30pm

### Upcoming special events

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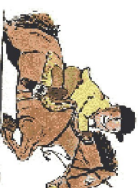
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