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A Message from our Churchwarden, Brenda

It was so nice to see so many people in church for our Songs of Praise on Sunday 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I hope everyone enjoyed it. We really wanted to hold a 'Songs of Praise', and not an ordinary service in thanks for the Queen's 70 years.

I would like to thank everyone for coming and making it such a lovely afternoon. Thanks to Margaret L for playing the organ for us and to Jonathan P for singing. Thanks to the girls, Eva, Eliza, and Ruby, to Stuart R, Graham, Jessica and Stuart C for reading.

The hymns were all good, well known ones so that everyone could have a good sing and all had some Reference to the Queen, her Coronation and her reign.

Thanks also to Dik and Joy for printing the service sheets for us.

I would also like to thank George for mowing the churchyard and Richard Wh for strumming.

Thanks also to Lynn for clearing the path on the churchyard side and to David Sh for clearing the Twitchill path.

Thanks, *Brenda*



Thank You

Following the donation of a suitable piece of wood, Roy Ha has kindly made a new sign for the church to replace the old one which disintegrated long ago.

Many thanks to Roy for doing this and to Eric H who helped put it up. It looks very smart.



From the Registers - Lucy Margaret Rose

We were all sad to learn that Lucy Margaret Rose had died on Friday 22nd April in Retford at the age of 94. She lived in Laxton for over 90 years.

Her funeral service was held on Friday 27th May at St. Michael's Church, Laxton, followed by burial in the churchyard.

The service was taken by Ben Clayton from St Saviour's Church at Retford.

Thank You All

The family of the late Margaret Rose would very much like to thank all those who contributed to the funeral preparation of the Village and Church grounds for Friday 27th May. The mowing, strimming, planting, washing of the church gates and sweeping along the church wall did not go unnoticed and really made a difference for the family. The church looked its best inside thanks to all the preparation and the wonderful flower arrangements. Everywhere looked beautiful.

Thank you also to the WI and helpers for cooking and preparing the wonderful buffet which followed the funeral. Mum attended many of these events in Laxton during her long life and we know she would have approved and been so grateful for everyone's efforts.

We all appreciated everyone attending the funeral to pay their respects, to support us as a family and to share their memories of Mum, making it a special celebration of her life.

Thank you so much from us all.



Get Well Soon

Following an awful road traffic accident at the beginning of June and her stay in Queens Med., Sally Pevler is now recuperating at home. We all wish her a full and speedy recovery and hope to see her out and about before too long.

We are pleased to know that Roy Ha is home from a planned visit to hospital and we also wish him a speedy recovery.

Laxton History Group



Fourteen members are due to be enjoying a trip to the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington on Saturday June 18th as this issue is being printed. More next month.

Next month, on **Wednesday July 20th** we have our long awaited, and much delayed by Covid, visit from Professor Mark Pearce of Nottingham University. His topic is 'Towards an Archaeology of Cheese'. He will be speaking about how early humans began to settle the land, develop early agricultural practices and work out how to preserve surpluses for times of hardship.

It promises to be an interesting evening and is open to everyone.

There is no membership fee for the group; just a £3 fee on the door.

The meeting begins **at 7.30pm in Laxton Village Hall** and ends with refreshments. We would be delighted to see any new villagers, friends and visitors as well as our regular membership. Please speak to any member or just come on the night.

Laxton Castle - or Perhaps Not?

The annual volume of 'Transactions of the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire' was published at the end of April and contained an article likely to enrage Laxtonians far and wide. The author, Paul Everson of Keele University, claims that 'the earthwork complex identified as a medieval castle at Laxton is actually the remains of a post-Medieval house and garden ... Laxton indeed probably never had a castle'. 'Goodness me', I hear you saying, who is this imposter and what are the grounds for making such an assertion?

Everson is a distinguished archaeologist and he has looked carefully at the evidence available to him. From this he concludes that 'there is no whisper of any contemporary medieval documentation of a castle at Laxton.' His discussion takes into account the manor house, the site of the manor, and the role of King John on his regular visits to Laxton. Authors writing for 'Transactions' are allowed to give away 50 copies of their contributions in the form of PDFs.

I will ask Paul Everson if he can spare a few to pass round the village, and I am sure as well that he would be happy to enter the lion's den, i.e. speak at the History Group!

John Beckett

Thank you - For the Jubilee Weekend

What a wonderful time we had!

The aim of the Parish Council and the Jubilee Committee, led by Simon Hill, was to bring the village back together again after the pandemic and lockdown, and they certainly succeeded. There was something for everyone over a very full weekend and it was all paid for from Parish Council funds. Our Parish Councillors rarely get thanked for their service to the community, but on this occasion, they deserve our heartfelt gratitude in appreciation of a wonderful Jubilee celebration.



The weird and wonderful scarecrows which villagers produced and the fabulous house decorations showed how much villagers were prepared to join in the fun. The humour surrounding them demonstrated the cheerful spirit of the weekend. Our village was alive with fun and laughter and we were so amused to watch cars stop to allow folk to take photographs.

On Thursday at the Dovecote it was a delight to see families enjoying themselves together, young and old alike joining in the fun.



The tug of war was a great success, men's, ladies' and children's teams all took part. Well done Laxton ladies!

The hog roast was delicious and our beacon burned so brightly I'm sure it could



be seen all over the village.

The villagers who took part in the picnic on the football pitch on Saturday were sheltered by the hedgerow and by wind breaks. Undeterred by the bitter wind, they ate and drank heartily



as they sang along with the very brave band. We are British after all and we're used to a little cold!



On Sunday whilst our Jubilee tree enjoyed the best possible conditions for planting, it was not so good for the



bystanders. Nevertheless, folk turned out with their umbrellas up to watch Sir John Starkey plant the tree and to give three cheers to Her Majesty. There was an excellent turn out for the Songs of Praise in the church and for tea

in the



village hall afterwards. The WI have to be congratulated once again on an excellent spread.

The best part of the weekend was the feeling of a village united and working together, thank you again Parish Councillors for enabling this to happen.

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The Nottinghamshire leg of this year's race, the fifth and longest, takes place on Thursday 8th September, covering 190km, approximately 118 miles between West Bridgford and Mansfield. The nearest points to Laxton appear to be Retford and Clumber Park.

For details of newly announced competitions for children, please see the County Council's web site. The winning helmet design will be worn during the Nottinghamshire stage.

JULY CONGRATULATIONS

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

The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Stephen N, Margaret N, Poppy N, Doreen H, Amanda H, Jack P, Sarah H, Andrew G, Roy Ha., William G (21)

We wish a happy anniversary to Lee & Paula D, Ian & Rebecca C, Mick & Cath M, Steve & Lynda M and Roy & Ann Ha and anyone else celebrating this month.

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

We would love to give you for your special day, so please let Jean or Brenda have details.





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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Grand Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Thursday 2/6/22-Sunday 5/6/22

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for such a large and enthusiastic turn out for the Jubilee Celebrations. We would also like to thank the working group, chaired by Simon, for all the ideas and for organising 3 days of events.

It was a great opportunity for new members of the village to sample village life and its residents and it seemed to work really well with many attending.

There were many highlights over the long weekend and here are some of them:

Tug 'O' War.



What a brilliant event with about 5 teams eventually battling it out, and how great to see the children putting together a couple of teams and really enjoying themselves

(with a tiny little bit of help!!!)

Eventual winners after an exciting final were **The Jubilee Ladies** and the trophy has been engraved with their team name (see photo). The team members were:

Maxine, Hannah, Charlotte, Linda, Chloe, Kate, Lucy, and Amanda (who collected the Trophy from Sylvia our District Councillor)



We can't wait to see the next competition battle!!

Scarecrows and House Decorating competition.

The scarecrows took a while to appear, but by the judging on the Thursday, it was obvious that they had been sheltering from the inclement weather.

Following the magnificent display in the village for the Young Farmers' event a couple of years ago, Laxton will be becoming known as the scarecrow Village.

The creativity didn't stop in the making of the exhibits. There were some clandestine artistic adjustment to some of them which we can't report in detail,

but if you saw the pair outside the Manning household you will understand. That one was on display longer than it might have been and nobody was home to restore decency!

Sylvia also presented the winners of the Best Village Scarecrow and





House Decorating competitions with hampers suitable for all the family.

The Scarecrow was won by 'The Moorend Neighbours with a brilliant corporate effort (see front cover). Second was Janet Cook and highly commended were Joy and Richard Robinson.

Ivan and Chris Rayner won House decorating (see back page); second place was won by Jo Godson and highly commended were Diane and Richard Wood.

As a thank you to Sylvia, she was presented with a bouquet of flowers by two young ladies from the village

Beacon Lighting

Many thanks go to Stuart Rose for putting together the brilliant beacon. Ours was situated in the field below The Dovecote and it was lit at 9.45pm with all the others throughout the country started by The Queen.



Community Picnic



Saturday saw dry weather for the Community picnic on the Sports Field but there was a cool wind.



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Many braved the temperature with coats and windbreaks. The Dukeries Community Band were excellent giving us a great Royal selection (thanks to Clare Walker for organising the Band).



Tree Planting



Sunday saw a rather wet start for the tree planting but again several villagers came and saw Sir John Starkey a huge and enthusiastic supporter of the Laxton Community kindly plant a 5 feet Chestnut tree in the Glebe Field. Edwin and Jen Swordy who have the field for a paddock kindly agreed to be "Keepers

of the Tree" throughout the summer to ensure it gets a regular watering. Many thanks to Thoresby for donating the tree.

Songs of Praise and Afternoon Tea

The tree planting was followed by a lovely Songs of Praise service in St Michaels Church. Brenda had put a lot of thought into making sure

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that all the hymns included had some particular significance to the Queen and the whole weekend events were nicely finished off with a superb Afternoon Tea provided expertly by Laxton WI.

A vote of thanks was given to the WI and also to all the people of Laxton who came out in their numbers to support the whole event.



Wellow Maypole Celebrations

The first Maypole Celebrations for three years took place on Saturday 4th June. Lucy Hollingsworth, the longest serving May Queen in recent times, was finally able to crown her successor, Evie Wilson who had waited patiently three years for the big day to arrive.

The big surprise arrived at 1pm in the form of a Hurricane being flown over the site by the Commander of RAF Coningsby, Group Captain Matt Peterson. This aircraft had been one of two flown over Buckingham Palace at the start of the Jubilee celebrations.



The dancers did a great job and this year the public had a go, as did an impromptu group of current and former May Queens who were there on the day.

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Ossington Airfield Marker Unveiled

Eighty years after aeroplanes first flew from RAF Ossington, the airfield finally has an official marker of its existence. Following several years of research and planning, which was interrupted by the pandemic, local residents came out in force to witness its official unveiling.

The Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust commissioned and erected the special granite marker stone, inscribed with the dates of the airfield's inception and closure. The stone is placed very close to what was the centre of the airfield, near the intersection of two of the runways – one of which is now the public road connecting Ossington to Kneesall. The road to Kneesall was closed for the duration of the airfield's existence.

During World War 2 thousands of air force personnel, including many Canadians, including the crew who are commemorated facing South Field, Laxton, were based at Ossington whilst in training to fly bomber aircraft. Directly after the war, the airfield was used as a training base for BOAC pilots.

Kenneth Bannerman, the Chief Executive Officer of ABCT, unveiled the memorial with help from locals involved in the project, after an introduction by the land owner, Georgina Denison.



JULY SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

3rd July

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

10th July

10.30am	Kirton	HC.	Rev Alistair
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17th July

9.00am	Walesby	HC	Rev Margaret G
10.30am	Wellow	HC	Rev Margaret G

24th July

9.00am	Egmanton	HC	Rev Vaughn Sweet
10.30am	Kirton	MP	Janice H

31st July

No Services

7th August

10.30am	Laxton	Lammas	tbc
4.00pm	Wellow	EP	Heather B



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022

July

Sun 3rd **Michael Ducksbury Memorial Tractor
Road Run**

Weds 13th **WI**

Weds 20th **History Group**

Tues 26th **Parish Council**

Forward Planning

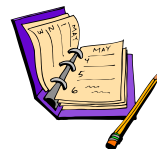
Fri 2nd Sept **WI Bingo Night**

Thurs 8th Sept **Tour of Britain Cycle Race in Notts**

Sat 10th Sept **NHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride**

Sat 24th Sept **Southwell Ploughing Match**

Sun 4th Dec **Christmas Lights Switch On**



Regular Events:

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

**Copy Date for August edition:
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Stuart Rose

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Wednesday 8th June was our WI monthly meeting night. The President welcomed everyone, including two new members who have joined us. They are Andrea and Sue from Kirton and we hope they enjoy their time with us.

On May 24th seven members attended the Annual River Group



Meeting at East Markham. We are also going to play croquet at Southwell, learn how to weave willow, and have a go at clay pigeon shooting, so we are keeping busy in June and July.

Apart from these events, we have also been busy catering in May. We provided buffets for the families of the late Mary Mawer and Margaret Rose after their funerals.

Our speaker for the evening was Jonathan Smith from Nottingham, whose subject was 'A day in the life of a metal detector'. This was something a bit different, but he was a very entertaining speaker. He told us how he had even been on a dig with Tony Robinson on his television series, 'Time Team', which he thoroughly enjoyed.

He brought artefacts that he had found to show us and explained the history of them all, including coins, spear heads and other things.



Jonathan caused some members of the committee considerable amusement when they saw him get out his metal detectors. They had not heard that he was a very welcome last minute replacement for the promised speaker whose topic was 'Body Language'.

Our speaker next month on July 13th will be Sarah Gauntlett, whose subject will be 'Fair Trade', mostly looking at the 'Body Shop'. This is a subject which we haven't heard about before.

Friday September 2nd: We are in the process of organising a Bingo Night in the Village Hall. This will be open to anyone - family and

friends. We are hoping this will be supported by everyone to make it a village event and something a little different. More details next month

Jubilee Afternoon Tea



I hope everyone enjoyed their Afternoon Tea on Sunday 5th June. It was just nice to end the weekend of Jubilee Celebrations with the tea.

I would like to thank all our

WI members who worked so hard to make it such a success, and I think they pulled out all the stops.



I am sure everyone had a really good feed and there was plenty for everyone. The tables looked lovely with the food and the starched white damask table cloths finished off with the balloons and the union Jacks.

Once again, thanks to all our

WI members.
You did us
proud.

Brenda



Photo ID

Back in November 2021 we published this photo of the wedding of Lilly Johnson to Jack Laughton of Holme View Farm on 11th November 1901 and asked if anyone could identify any more of the people in the photo than were named by Janet Cooke's grandmother on the reverse. These were:



L-R across the back row:

?, Mr Butcher, Richard Clark (Janet's great grandfather), Herbert Bartle of Kneesall, Sid Johnson (father of the bride)... the lady to the right of the man behind the seated gentleman is Kate Clark, Janet's great grandmother. The couple at the far right hand side are Mrs Laughton and Mr Laughton, the miller. Janet asked if anyone knew the relationship of this couple to the groom.

Centre front: Jack Laughton (groom), Lilly Johnson (bride)

We recently heard from Mike Hallam. Mike is descended from Laxton stock and follows Open Field via the web site. He has given his best attempt at adding to the names and relationships on the list. See below:

Next to Richard CLARK (3) is Edward Harden BUTCHER (2) with the beard (Sophia's father); Herbert BARTLE (4); Agnes BARTLE neé JOHNSON (5) Herbert's wife; Theophilus Willy LAUGHTON (6) brother of John and was working on Richard CLARK's farm in 1901; Elizabeth Jane BUTCHER neé FRANCIS (7) blurry holding baby, wife of Edward; Sophie Margaret JOHNSON (8) Sophia's baby; John James LAUGHTON (9); possible sister (10) of John; Lily Jane LAUGHTON neé JOHNSON (11); Sydney William JOHNSON (12) brother of Lily; George JOHNSON (13) sitting, father of Lily; possible sister (14) of John; Sophia Margaret JOHNSON neé BUTCHER (15) Edward's daughter; blurred woman (16) unknown; man standing (17) unknown (Mike suggests these may be Eliza Moody and Jonathan Bartle, Herbert Bartle's parents); Mary Ann LAUGHTON nee WARDELL (18) mother of John; James LAUGHTON (19) father of John.

Many thanks to Mike for taking the trouble to record this information for us to see and for those who read the magazine in the archives in the future.

Group Oil Order



The price of oil has been interesting recently, to say the least. Hopes of an early fall seem set to be dashed and at 17th June, the Boilerjuice average 1000 litre price for England was 108.97 / litre.

Group members receive a discount based on the total volume when ordering with others. We will order in July / August if there is sufficient interest. Nobody wants to order with prices so high, but there is no way of knowing if they will continue to go up or come down, and at some point we need to fill up or switch off!

High prices are often accompanied by an increase in oil theft. Please make sure your tank is secure.

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Joy

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Things to Look Forward to ...

Here are just a few local events which you might want to think about.

‘Towards an Archaeology of Cheese’ - 20th July, LVH, 7.30pm Professor Mark Pearce will give Laxton History Group an insight into the early development of human settlement, agriculture and food preservation. Everyone welcome, £3 at the door.

‘Sculpture at Doddington’ Sunday 16th July - Sunday 11th September, at Doddington Hall 10am - 4pm (last entry 3pm). Adults £8.50, Children £4.50, Family £22, Season ticket holders free. See 340 works of art in the summer exhibition. Open daily.

The Tour of Britain in Nottinghamshire, September 8th. Look out for the full route, but riders will be in Retford and Clumber Park.

The 2022 BDWCA Annual Show and Competition, The Festival of Bird Art, will be held on the weekend of 10th and 11th September in Bakewell, Derbyshire. This event showcases the supreme skill of the people who carve wooden birds to a standard which meets the critical judging eye not only of fellow carvers, but also of ornithologists.

Southwell Ploughing Match and Show 24th September This year at Farnsfield. All aspects of agriculture plus horse classes, dog show and the farmers market. The biggest one day show of its kind in Notts.

Laxton History Group Craft Fayre November 19th in the Village Hall. The return of this popular opportunity to get some of your Christmas gifts bought while enjoying a chat with friends and neighbours and some tasty Laxton baking!

Carols by Candlelight at Milton Mausoleum - where they now have heating! - **Saturday 3rd December**, 4pm-5pm

Laxton Christmas Lights Switch, Sunday 4th December. Last year the first Switch On event was held in the Dovecote Car park and was a great success. This year you can not only plan to attend, but also help to plan the event. Volunteers are needed for the organising group. Please contact Michael Manning on 870844.

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
21/5/22	08	Evie
28/5/22	20	ROLLOVER
4/6/22	24	Ian and Rebecca
11/6/22	01	ROLLOVER

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the spare numbers:

1,2,7,13,20,26,29,37,38,40,41,44,51,52,53,57,59. Please contact me on 870844. Thank you.

Michael Manning

Thanks to Steve Digby, Editor of 'Idle Talk' for permission to use this quiz, set by his sister in law.

Straightforward, cryptic, hidden or phonetic: what's the link

Quiz Questions (answers overleaf)

1. What is the capital of New Zealand?
2. Before ascending to the throne, which Dukedom did Richard III have?
3. Which Oscar winning actress of Hollywood's golden age was made a Dame two weeks before her 101st birthday? She died in 2020 aged 104.
4. In which state of America would you find Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills?
5. How is -273 degrees Celsius also known?
6. Which city is located on the River Lune?
7. What name is given to the free roaming horses in USA ?
8. Which insect, Latin name Culicidae, is said to be responsible for millions of deaths every year?
9. Where in Yorkshire would you find the magnificent Piece Hall?
10. The snooker player Alex Higgins was given which nickname?
11. What is the connection between all of the answers to the questions above?

Michael Duxsbury Tractor Road Run

The Michael Duxsbury Memorial Tractor Road Run is organised by Michael's family from Tuxford. Tractors assemble in the farm yard and set off in convoy on an unknown route, which changes every year. There are all sorts of tractors - some decorated and some pulling a variety of trailers with friends and family of the driver.

Each driver pays to enter and is encouraged to seek sponsorship. The last time the event was held, there were also buckets carried by some of the tractors for spectators to toss money into. The funds raised are donated to the cancer ward at Weston Park Hospital, Sheffield where Michael was treated, and over the years the event has raised many thousands of pounds.

Because of the proximity of Laxton to Tuxford, the convoy passes through some part of the village or estate virtually every year, either going out in the morning or returning later on. With an average turn out of over 100 tractors and local people taking part, it is a sight well worth seeing, so make a note to look out for them on **Sunday 3rd July**.

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Quiz Answers:

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| 1 Wellington | 6 Lancaster |
| 2 Duke of Gloucester (Gloster) | 7 Mustang |
| 3 Olivia de Havilland | 8 Mosquito |
| 4 South Dakota | 9 Halifax |
| 5 Absolute Zero | 10 Hurricane |

11 They all are, or contain, the names of manufacturers or models of World War II aircraft

Laxton & Moorhouse parish Council. Draft Minutes of the Meeting 24/5/22

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), Members of the public (7)

1. Councillors noted that this annual item had been omitted from the agenda in error and **agreed** to consider the following as though they had been agenda items.

Election of Officers:

The following were **elected**:

- (a) Chair – Mr Manning (unanimous)
 - (b) Vice-Chair - Mr S Hill (unanimous)
 - (c) Accounts scrutineer –Mr S Hill (unanimous)
 - (d) Defibrillator inspection councillor - Mr J Hill (unanimous)
 - (e) Resilience store keyholder – Mr Roy Hennell and Mr J Hill (unanimous)
 - (f) Flood contact – Mr M Manning (unanimous)
2. **Apologies for absence:** There were no absences. [Declarations of interest:](#) The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 10 (Property matters – including sports field and Glebe Field maintenance and licence completion). 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:** Concerns were raised about the condition of the roads in the village. These included potholes on Toad Lane and flooding on Moorhouse Road. The public will provide the clerk with details and she will follow up with NCC and Mr Pringle.
 5. **Thoresby Estate report (if any):** Councillors welcomed Mr Perry to the meeting. He reported that:
 - a. Work was now underway on the toilets. The team is currently working to address damp issues and had had to wait for the warmer weather if these works were to be effective. The source of the damp had been cured and a new hand drier installed. Redecoration is planned for the end of the week so the toilets should be ready for the jubilee weekend.
 - b. The content for the interpretation boards had now been provided and new wording prepared by a volunteer. The Estate was now looking for a volunteer to redo the photos. Sir John Starkey had offered support with the graphic design. As regards funding, Mr

Perry will provide an application form available to the Lady Rozelle Charitable Fund. It was **agreed** that it would be sensible to mount the boards vertically to prevent water collecting at the bottom.

6. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 March 2022:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 March 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair, subject to the amendment of "Landsyke" to "Langsyke".
7. **Matters arising:** No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.
8. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Mrs Michael referred to her earlier report at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting reported and drew councillors' attention to NSDC's renewed community grant scheme.
9. **Reports from councillors:** Mr S Hill had been unavailable to attend the last SNG meeting. Mrs Michael reported that very little had changed since the last meeting. The main concerns had centred on speeding.
10. **Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field maintenance and licence completion:** Councillors noted that the sports field is being used for the jubilee. Mr Rose will liaise with the Glebe field tenant regarding the jubilee tree to be planted and appropriate protection.
Councillors **confirmed** the chair's **authority** to sign the licence which the chair then did.
There was discussion of the basis on which the cutting of the grass around the telephone kiosk was being undertaken. Councillors were grateful to the resident who was kindly undertaking the work. Mr J Hill will contact the resident to enquire whether the arrangement was suitable for them.
11. **Planning matters:**
 - a. **Applications: 22/00440/FUL- Implementation of Phase One of Landscape Masterplan, plus new Extensions to the Ronson Building and the Cottages with associated alteration and refurbishment works. Alteration and refurbishment works to the Main House. | Beth Shalom:** After extensive discussion, councillors **agreed** that they had no collective comments to make. Individual councillors were free to comment in that capacity should they wish to do so.
 - b. **To note planning decisions by NSDC:** None.
 - c. **Compliance:** No matters raised.
12. **Defibrillator inspection report:** Councillors noted that the clerk had ordered a new one but there were significant supply issues with none available from established sources. She is receiving regular stock updates. The delays appear to be caused by a combination of Brexit, Covid and the war in Ukraine. Councillors were concerned but recognized that their options were limited in the circumstances.
13. **Village environment and appearance, including:**
 - a. **Second defibrillator:** The chair had still not received any suggestions in response to his article in the Open Field seeking

residents' views on a second defibrillator.

- b. **Use of telephone kiosk:** Again, the chair had not received any suggestions in response to his article in the Open Field seeking residents' views apart from the suggestion that a sign referring to the defibrillator location be displayed.
 - c. **Bar Farmhouse:** No developments. The deadline for the owner to undertake repairs had not yet expired.
 - d. **Jubilee event:** Mr S Hill reported that the council had received £150 grant from NSDC and £625 from Lady Rozelle Charitable Fund. Councillors expressed their thanks. Mr Hill went on to report as follows:
 - 1. The events would begin at 9.45 pm on the Thursday night with a beacon being let by the Dovecote.
 - 2. From 3 pm on the Friday there will be an ice cream van at the pub and also a hog roast with accompaniments provided by the Dovecote.
 - 3. There would be a picnic at the sports field from midday on the Saturday and a band from 1 pm.
 - 4. Sunday would see the tree planting by Sir John Starkey followed by a Songs of Praise at the church and a village hall tea provided by the WI. Residents must book if they would like to attend the tea, in the village from 3 pm on the Saturday.
 - 5. Two competitions have been launched in the village: the best buntinged house and the bet royal scarecrow.
 - 6. Commemorative mugs were being given by yeh parish council to all under 16s in the parish. These were being funded by the clothing bank.
 - 7. The event has no more than 500 people attending at any one time.
 - e. **Laxton Conservation Area Character Appraisal – Update:** The extension of the conservation area had been approved by NSDC on 24 March 2022.
- 14.
- a. **a. Financial position as at 30 April 2022:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 April 2022 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.
 - b. **Accounts for payment:** The council discussed the discrepancy between the invoice received in relation to Glebe field and the hedge laying works, £1820, and the quote, £1150. They unanimously **decided** that only the quoted amount should be paid and **approved** fifteen payments totalling £2364.39.
 - c. **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.

- d. Risk assessment 2022 – 23:** Councillors considered and **approved** the draft revised risk assessment for 2022-23 circulated by the clerk.
- 15. Service faults:** See LMPC/41/22 (10 minutes public speaking) above.
- 16. Correspondence:** All items of correspondence noted.
- 17. Agenda items for next meeting:** NSDC Community grant scheme and jubilee feedback.
- 18. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 19 July 2022 at Moorhouse church. Noted that this was one week earlier than usual.
- The meeting closed at 9.30 pm



83% of people in the East Midlands targeted by scammers as the cost-of-living crisis bites

83% of people in the East Midlands have been targeted by a scammer so far this year as the cost-of-living crisis takes hold, new research by Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark has found.

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Other events this year:

Sunday 25th Sept. - Georgiana Memorial Service ,2.30pm plus talk by Dr. Richard Gaunt followed by tea/coffee and cake. Please contact us to reserve your seat.

Sunday 25th Sept. - Sunday openings – season closes

Saturday 12th Nov. Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre 10am – 4pm. Back by popular demand!

Saturday 3rd Dec. Carols by Candlelight at the later time of 4pm-5pm

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Michael Manning

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

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