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Contributions for the next edition to be with the Editor by **NOON ON 16th JULY PLEASE. Earlier preferred.** You can send in your contributions at any time.

A Message from our Churchwarden

We are nearly halfway through the year and things don't seem to be going forward. There was a meeting with the Archdeacon recently, which will be followed up with another in July to discuss the future. It doesn't seem to get us anywhere though. It seems as though there is a shortage of priests coming through, and they all seem to want town places.

While in church on Sunday for the Open Gardens, I was talking to someone from Cauntton, who are in the same situation as us. Someone from Tuxford said they had no vicar and no church wardens so they had to close the doors. How upsetting, as that is where I was baptised and attended church. It is awful to hear how many of our beautiful old churches, which have stood for hundreds of years, are closing every week .



Brenda

Lammas Day Service



On Sunday 4th August at 10:30 am we will hold our annual Lammas Day service.

This is where the first sheaf of corn of the year's harvest is brought into church to be blessed. This year the service will be conducted by Rev. Alistair Littlewood, so we will be able to have Holy Communion during the service, as it should be. It will be taken from the Book of Common Prayer, like it was in past

years when the service would start at 5:30 am, before the farmers went out into the fields to start harvest.

We will be pleased to see any new people from the village at this service, as it is a very old tradition which we are trying to keep going. We don't know how many churches still celebrate this tradition.

If anyone would like to do a reading or prayer, please let me know. They are only small. The service will be followed by bacon cobs and tea and coffee.

Congratulations

90

Wishing you a very happy 90th birthday Margaret.
Enjoy your special day.

We think Margaret is now the village resident who has lived in Laxton the longest.

Love George, Brenda and family.

Congratulations to the Birds Nest Team

Congratulations to Lesley at Hall Farm Granary for getting to the final of the Newark Business Awards. The final took place at the Lady Eastwood Pavilion at Newark Showground on Friday 15th June.

There were 11 categories and Lesley was entered into the 'Team' category for Hall Farm Granaries and the Birds Nest Coffee Lounge.

What a lovely surprise to hear that Lesley had won. We send congratulations to her and her staff from all her friends and customers. It was a great achievement.

Get Well Soon

We were sorry to hear that Georgina, who lets us know about the coffee mornings at Kirton, and should have held hers in June, had had a nasty accident. She is now home and we wish her a speedy recovery and return to working in her beautiful garden.

Church Fête Contributions Needed

The Church Fête is being held once again in the garden at Blacksmith's Farm. Jean and Roy are hosting everyone and in addition to hoping for better weather than last year, they would be very grateful for any of the following:

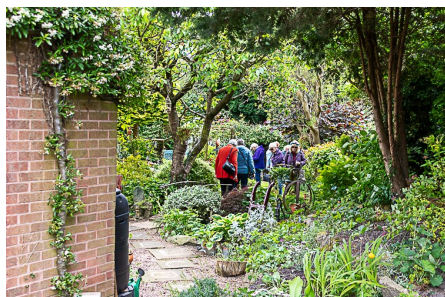
- * Raffle and Tombola Prizes
- * Cakes for the Cake stall
- * Plants, bric a brac etc
- * Offers of help

Thank you

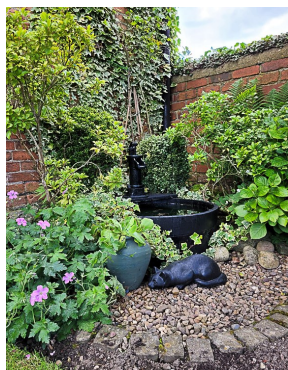
Laxton Open Gardens, June 9th

For the first time in 13 years Laxton held an Open Gardens event . It was a very pleasant and gusty day, perfect for the many people walking up and down the village street. Around 200 people came to see the seven gardens which were open.

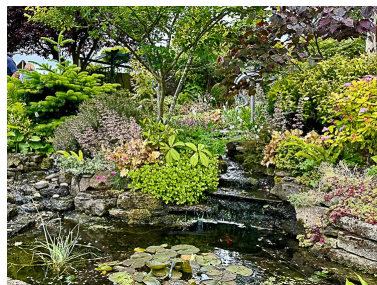
In addition to the gardens, the church opened and two villagers put on displays with vintage tractors. There was a lot for visitors to see.



The start point was optional and each garden had a supply of maps to guide the stream of people working their way around. The gardens were numbered and numerically they started at Mike and Cath's the bottom of the village; a pretty cottage style garden with attractive borders and imaginative planting and containers.



Part way up Main Street was the garden created by Joy and Richard who inherited some mature trees, a lot of lawn and a sloping site moving in 13 years ago.



The result of a terrific imagination and a lot of hard work is the most beautiful garden, which would grace any

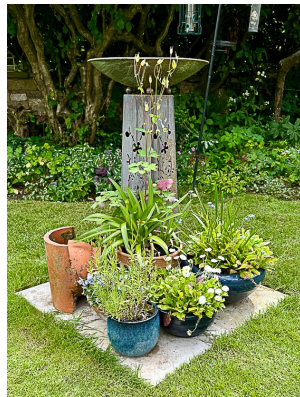
magazine. It draws you in with different little areas, lots of seating and a picturesque stream running down the carefully created and planted contours throughout the main garden.

Across the road is Dan and Sarah's more open garden on a very sloping site. The borders are full of traditional country



flowers, which were at their best on the day. Visitors took their time walking round and examining all the many different plants and admiring the pretty courtyard with its interesting planters.

Dave and Helen, the owners of the fourth garden have only lived here a couple of years and have been busy working on their house as well as the garden. They have created a lovely welcoming and peaceful space with some attractive ornaments and planting. This felt like a garden which will develop over the years.



Mike and Di's 'bonus garden' at the top of the hill was showing a pretty, mature herbaceous border typical of one of the village farm houses. Next door a vintage tractor decorated by Chris Willatt with a display of plants in a variety of containers stood in front of the garden wall. The planted pair of jeans was a triumph. Across the road visitors could look round the church before continuing up Main Street past more tractors and a plant sale courtesy of new villagers, Richard and Helen.



The appeal of the Village Hall offering a sit down with a cuppa and cake proved irresistible. The servers

scarcely had time to draw breath throughout the afternoon as appreciative visitors arrived in



their droves. Without exception they rated the cakes absolutely delicious. The bulging donations box testified to this while the plates at the counter were refilled over and over until there was nothing left to replenish with. The remaining cakes at the end of the afternoon, after the host gardeners got a taste, would have fitted on one plate. The photo above was taken just before the end.



The raffle table groaned with excellent prizes and the helpers were kept so busy selling, marking and tearing tickets all afternoon that the draw was delayed to enable them to finish the task.



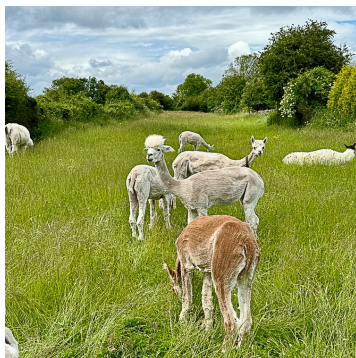
Moving on, Robert's 'bonus garden' featured vegetables. It looked very well-tended and productive and was complemented by an interesting display of old tools.



Finally, at the top of the village was Jean and Roy's garden where new flower beds and a vegetable plot are still being developed and the greenhouse has some very healthy-looking tomato plants. Those who visited at the end of the afternoon were treated to the

alpacos and llamas coming right down to the fence to be admired.

It seemed that the host gardeners who had welcomed all the visitors were the only ones who did not experience the whole event. This had been foreseen and they had a get together in the preceding week when they went round all the gardens together to enjoy each other's' work. They also shared a fish supper in the Village Hall when everyone had gone home.



It was a tremendously successful afternoon which raised about £1700 for the Village Hall. A big thank you to everyone who contributed.

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JULY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to everyone celebrating this month. The birthday roll of honour is: Margaret Noble (90), Stephen Noble, Poppy Noble, Doreen Hayes, Amanda Hennell, Sarah Hill, Andrew Godson, Roy Haynes, Elisa Mills.

Anniversaries this month:

We wish a happy anniversary to Lee & Paula Doyle, Ian & Rebecca Creighton, Mike & Cath Manning, Steve & Lynda Moore and Roy & Ann Haynes

Very best wishes to everyone mentioned. To anyone we may have missed, we wish you all a wonderful day and a happy and healthy year to come.



Village Hall News



At the recent AGM, we said goodbye to three long serving trustees, Keith, Joan and Roger. I'm led to believe, that they have served for so long that they started at the turn of the century, and beyond! Tremendous work! I would like to thank them, on behalf of all hall users, past, present and future for their dedication and hard work and for handing over such a fabulous facility.

Like those before us, we are all just temporary custodians of the building; we are happy to do our bit and want to hand it over in better shape than we received it and have lots of fun on the way.

Your Village Hall team is:- Along with myself, Charlotte G, Karen S, Lesley B, Helen P, Stuart R, Sarah S, Ian R, Linda M & Ian R. We still have a few places left if you want to help out; nothing too onerous. There seems to be a lot of tea and cake, and I've washed a lot of pots!

Stop press

The results of the fundraising by Laxton Open Gardens are in, I won't steal the thunder from the main report, but following an impulse decision in March, and a lot of hard work, what an absolutely fabulous day and a really, really impressive total. Thank you for nominating the Village Hall this year.

Thank you to all those involved, and a special thanks to all those swept along by the event and the sense of village pride it instilled. It was fabulous to see and be part of. I know that I don't want to see another bag of compost for a while, although washing pots really gets your hands clean!

Future Possibilities

I have been thinking about trying to open up new social activities in the village for a while now. I think that the Village Hall is the perfect place to start, and we have come up with a new project, called "Laxton Alive". Our aim is to encourage people to get out and about, socialising in the village. As a start, we have just applied to NSDC for 3 grants from their Community Grant Scheme. They have been very well received by NSDC, and if successful we will be looking at: -

A dance fit class - 1 evening per week for 6 weeks - as a free taster session, with a view to the teacher taking over running it after the 6 weeks. Probably October onwards. Places will be limited, due to the size of the

hall. I have a teacher interested, but she can only do Thursdays at present

Are you interested in taking part?

What start time would be best?

A luncheon club. Another free event. Everyone welcome, particularly those who don't see many people throughout the week. The idea is to book a place, have a chat whilst preparing, cooking and then eating the meal together, although helping isn't compulsory. One lunchtime per month for 6 months, from October to March.

Which day of the week is best?

Special guest each session to offer help,

Is there anyone you would like to talk to?

Please think about any who would really benefit from the club

A Wi-Fi hotspot outside the village hall

This would enable visitors to access information about the village,

- Village Hall,
- History,
- Visitor centre etc.
- Enable health professionals to log on to update medical records, access maps to find houses

Next month we should have an update on our grant application, and I will outline the events we have planned for the rest of this year and next year.

If you have any thoughts or ideas, please let us know.

Please book the hall via the website in the first instance, or alternatively contact me. NB There is a new box at the back of the magazine where the booking link will appear each month to make it easy for you to find.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or queries, if I can't answer them, I'll ask Roger or Joan. Thank you for your continued support, helping us look after this fabulous building which belongs to us all.

Your new Chair of Trustees, Laxton Village Hall

Dave Sheard

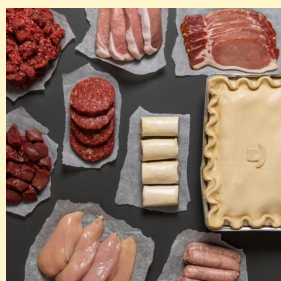
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Laxton Rounders Team's New Kit

DLR Transport are the latest sponsors to come on board to help Laxton Rounders Team.

The members posed proudly in the new sponsored kit, which they love.



Laxton Open Gardens - Thank You

June 9th saw an extremely successful Open Gardens event in our village. A report appears in the magazine but Cath and I would just like to say a big thank you to all who took part or helped to make it such a success.

Particular thanks go to Helen and Dave S and family for all the mountain of organising. Brilliant.

Michael

Coffee Morning Corner

Local coffee mornings in our neighbouring communities have fallen into a pattern, mostly so that they do not clash with each other. They would all welcome your support. Everyone is welcome to go along for coffee, cake, a chat, sometimes with extra items for sale, so take some cash and a bag with you.

2nd Saturdays Egmonton Village Hall 10 - 12 (July 13th)

3rd Saturdays Laxton Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.30 (July 20th)

4th Saturdays Ossington Hut, 11 - 1 (July 27th)

Nature Notes From Moorhouse

Here is the second in the series of nature notes sent in by Paul Longmuir from Moorhouse. Many thanks to Paul for doing this.

April saw the return of the house martins and the swallows, which were a week or two later this year, no doubt due to the cold and wet start to spring. After a slow start, everything is growing at a frantic pace and has virtually caught up, the cow parsley has just burst into flower along with the valuable dandelions, forget-me-nots, foxgloves, apple and cherry blossoms and hawthorn, to name but a few.

I am proud to say we are delighted to share our home, immediate garden and outbuildings this year, like most these days with a pair of nesting swallows, four pairs of house martins along with goldfinch, dunnock, pied wagtail, collared dove, starlings, kestrel, robin, wren, lots of house sparrows (noisy!!) and a barn owl that we have the privilege of watching hunt on most evenings.



On the left is one of a pair of robin chicks we had to rescue from a closed drain.

In our field and wood I have recorded so many beautiful birds so far this year, in particular and notably a black cap, skylark, willow warbler, spotted flycatcher, greater whitethroat, bullfinch, chaffinch, goldcrest, linnet, pheasant, partridge, greenfinch, blue, great and long tailed tit, dunnock, wren, robin, song thrush and blackbirds, that sing an amazing melody most mornings and evenings.

We also have quite a few beautiful vivid greater spotted woodpeckers that squabble around the bird feeders. The magnificent red kite and buzzards often drift over, usually quickly chased away by the carrion crows or jackdaw. Unfortunately, though,

so far this year I have not heard a cuckoo (apart from down by the river Trent at Carlton), or turtle dove, and adding to this list are the willow tit and tree creeper.

The amazing-looking green woodpecker has made a late appearance, digging up the many ants' nests that we have around the garden. I would really be interested to hear from anyone who has seen or heard anything unusual or can remember a day when hearing a cuckoo, swift or a turtle dove was commonplace in Moorhouse or Laxton. (paullongmuir@hotmail.com)

Various butterflies are starting to appear now, with sightings of the orange tip, red admiral, small tortoiseshell, speckled wood, small white, peacock and lots of brimstone!

We had an encounter with a cockchafer beetle, or May bug; quite a big ungainly creature bouncing off the foliage, but magnificent in its own right.

At the time of writing in mid May, the solitary bee (possibly our most important) seems to be in abundance this year, massing around the bee hotel and on the crumbling mortar brick wall. They say that the solitary bee is up to 7 times more productive at pollination than any other bee!



Biodiversity is so important for so many reasons but mainly for the viability of our futures and that of generations to come.

Some of the statistics in terms of loss of insects, decline in many species and loss of habitat can be quite depressing and frightening, however we must not bury our heads in the sand and we can all do our bit, and as I have shown 'a bit' can make a massive difference, whether it's not cutting hedges to within an inch of their lives at the wrong time of year or not cutting the grass or even leaving a little "wild" patch somewhere in your garden, it ALL makes a difference.



Paul Longmuir

Burnmoor Farm Garden Party



The weather was particularly kind for the garden party held in Egmonton to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Relief. Jane and Phil Aldridge had worked hard to make their beautiful

garden look its best and to provide shelter - surprisingly for this summer, only from the sun - and plenty of seating for their guests.



Jane's village helpers had been busy making cakes and scones, which were clearly appreciated by the many visitors. They had to keep the butter in the fridge to stop it overheating. What a nice problem to have. The tea makers, servers and washers up were kept busy all afternoon as people continued to come in from Egmonton, Laxton and further afield.

There was a plant stall selling good and very reasonable flower and vegetable plants and Steff Lowe with a glorious selection of her beautiful cards created using her own photographs.

By the end of the day, and including money contributed via a Just Giving page by those who could not attend, the total was over £800. Many thanks to everyone for their help and support.





Laxton History Group



As this is written, History Group members are looking forward to an evening with their Honorary President. Professor John Beckett, whose talk will take a look back at Laxton through time. John is looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

Unfortunately with the June meeting taking place on 19th, due to the way the 3rd Wednesday falls, we will bring a report next month.

John Beckett was here recently with a group visit and has written the report below.

Thoroton Society Visit

Twenty-five members of the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire, the county's principal historical, antiquarian and archaeological society, visited Laxton on 16th May and, unsurprisingly, it rained! They were shown around the village by Stuart Rose and John Beckett and had a pre-arranged lunch in the Dovecote Inn. John is now President of the Thoroton Society as well as the Laxton History Group!

In view of the weather, the party stopped first at the Visitor Centre and watched the film. They asked questions about the open fields and the village buildings. Next they went to the church, and heard about changes over time. With persistent rain seemingly getting more persistent it was decided not to walk to the castle site, and instead they retired to have lunch in the pub.

After that the party moved on to inspect the Mill Field, but it was too wet to do much more than view from afar (i.e. the road). At 3pm the visit was abandoned and the Thorotonians retreated home.

The Thoroton Society has visited Laxton on a number of occasions and hopefully will come again soon. It was a shame that the weather was so troublesome!

John Beckett

We have got into the habit of not having a formal meeting in July, but rather going out somewhere of historical interest. This year we are straying over the border into Lincolnshire to visit Doddington Hall. Members will enjoy some free time there as well as a guided tour of the house. The date has been put back to 24th July so that we can go while the biennial sculpture exhibition is on. This is always worth a visit, so we are hoping for a dry and possibly even a sunny day to enjoy it at its best.

News from the Museums of Tuxford

The impact of the ordinary man on our history has been highlighted during the D-Day events. Items in museums tell social stories and can connect with a wide variety of interests. We are reminded of the need for team work to produce objects that are both functional and beautiful.

The Museum of the Horse's 10th Anniversary exhibition is on until August. The museum is visited by people from all over the world and is widely regarded as one of the best horse museums in Europe.

In the collection is a buckle made for the Peacock coach used by the Shah of Persia (now Iran) for his coronation. It was given to us by the saddler who made the harness. Formed from peacock blue leather and with gilded fittings, it would have been a spare buckle that wasn't used.



Whilst looking at the trappings of old wealth we have the Royal Coachman's buttons from the house of Hannover, who ruled England before the Windsors.

The Walks of Life Museum has items that are more humble in their origin. Contributions from trades such as the stone



mason have added to rich visual images as well as being functional.



Laxton Garden Fête

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at

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be gratefully received***

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Charles Stone was a master mason and architect to Windsor castle in April 1629. In our collection we have a stone masons cart from D.G. Dryburgh and Son. A visitor to the museum, Barbara Parry, has kindly shared the history and photographs of her ancestor who was knighted by Queen Victoria now displayed alongside the masons cart.

The Museum of the Horse opens:

9.30am to 4 pm Mon to Friday and 10am to 2 pm Saturday

Contact 01777838234

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The Walks of Life Museum opens:

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JULY SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

HC = Holy Communion **EP** = Evening Prayer

MP = Morning Prayer, **Es** = Evensong **WfA** = Worship for All

WS = Word

30th June

10.30am Kneesall Summer Service ?

7th July

10.30am Laxton HC Rev Alistair

4.00pm Wellow EP Heather B

14th July

10.30am Kirton HC Rev Alistair

21st July

10.00am Laxton HC Rev Alistair

10.30am Wellow HC Rev Margaret


28th July

No Services

4th August

10.30am Laxton Lammas / HC Rev Alistair

4.00pm Wellow EP Heather B



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July

Weds 10th

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Fri 12th

Laxton Garden Fête

Sat 20th

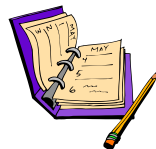
Community Coffee Morning

Tues 23rd

Parish Council

Weds 24th

History Group Outing to Doddington Hall



Forward Planning:

August

Sat 10th

Laxton Social Event at Orchard View

September

13th - 15th

Laxton Harvest Weekend

Sat 28th

Southwell Ploughing Match & Show, Oxtou

Regular Events:

Parish Council

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

Quiz Nights

1st Friday of December & March tbc

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Our last meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th June.

The President welcomed members and it was great to also welcome 4 visitors, who we hope might join us in the future.

There were no members' birthdays in June, only that of our former member, Justine, who has now gone to live in Scotland. It was proposed that we send her a card from us all wishing her well in her new home and a happy birthday.

Members who competed in the County Quiz at Ollerton enjoyed the evening, but decided the questions were a bit hard this year. The winners will be announced in next month's 'Hornblower,' the county newsletter.

Lesley and Joan had been to a painting workshop and brought their finished articles to show us. Five members are booked in to go for a game of croquet at Southwell in July and Anna is booked on a morning felting course, which is also in July. Margaret will be going to a summer lunch at the Hostess Restaurant at Sookholme with a three course meal and entertainment.

We are appealing again for knitted hats and gloves for children in Romania, Belarus, Bosnia, and Ukraine. These will be delivered by lorry in time for the children to receive them for Christmas.

We had some upsetting news this month, when we heard that our County Headquarters at Newark has been put up for sale. This is the grade II listed house which stands at the side of the river in the castle grounds. It is an old building which needs a lot of upkeep.

Since lockdown the county membership has fallen from 5000 to 3000, which means a significant drop in revenue for the county funds and therefore the executive committee have had to make the decision to sell and look for another property.



Our speaker for the evening was Megan Pearce from the Dogs' Trust at Loughborough.

She gave a very informative talk about the work of the Trust. It was founded in 1891 by a lady called Gertrude Stock, under the original name of the Canine Defence League. In 2003 it became the Dogs' Trust.

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dogs, which people cannot afford to keep or from the elderly who cannot manage them. The dogs are kept until they can be adopted or fostered or are well enough to be rehomed.

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The speakers for our meeting on Wednesday 10th July will be Joy and Dik Allison who will give us a presentation and talk about their 'Culinary Tour in Puglia, Italy'. Any visitors will be most welcome.

In August we will be going out.



Group Oil Order

The daily price published by Boilerjuice for the average price of 1000 litres of oil in England has been following the normal summer downward trajectory with the occasional blip. On 15th June it was 61.25p/litre inc. VAT



With summer still having failed to arrive in mid June, some people have resorted to using their heating on occasions, meaning that stocks are probably lower in peoples' tanks than is normal for the time of year. This in turn may mean that we need to order sooner rather than usual. I want to place it as late as possible in the proposed July / August period while the price is lower so that we do not need another order before November.

To help me make a decision about when to order to allow the most people to benefit from it without worrying about running out, I would appreciate people who plan to take advantage of this order to drop me a line now saying how much they will want and an estimate of how long they think their current stock will last.

When it seems right to order I will only allow a short, possibly **very** short, time to respond so that I can act quickly to secure the best price at the time for everyone.

Please use my personal email if you have it. oil@openfield.org.uk is a general address you can use if you don't have mine. New group members always welcome.

Joy

Wellow Maypole Celebrations



Despite the weather predictions, the maypole green at Wellow was bathed in sunshine on the late May Bank Holiday Monday, for the village's annual Maypole Celebrations.

Hearing of traffic slowing due to a torrential storm over the A1 at Bawtry during the event made out good fortune even clearer.

Crowds gathered to see the May Queen crowned and the maypole dancing as well as the many other attractions.

After the children's procession from St Swithin's church, this year's May Queen, Evie Hollingworth, was crowned by retiring May Queen Charlotte Baugh. Evie has danced around the maypole each year from the age of three, following in the footsteps of her sister Lucy, who was May Queen in 2019.



Evie's Maids of Honour were sisters Gaby and Lotte Cooper, also with many years of maypole dancing between them.

The intricate maypole dances were performed by local children as young as three years old, and were followed by children from the audience 'having a go', all under the watchful eye of dancing teacher Sylvia Rose from Laxton, herself May Queen in 1972.

Apart from the traditional highlights, live music was provided by local singer songwriter Ollie Hayes. He performed his own song 'Maypole

Days' written about his family memories of Wellow Maypole Days, having danced around the maypole himself as a boy. Both he and his father were buglers for the procession in their time.

In a first for Wellow Maypole Celebrations, the crowds were treated to a performance by the

Extreme Mountain Biking Show with their stunts and jumps. Other entertainment on the day included Ollerton Town Drum Corps, Rattlejag Morris dancers and traditional Punch and Judy.

The day concluded with the Maypole Raffle draw of prizes – all part of the fundraising effort to hold Wellow Maypole Celebrations each year.

Next year's Maypole Day will be Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May 2025!



Michael Dicksbury Memorial Vintage Tractor Road Run 7th July 2004



This annual event began in 2005 in memory of Michael Dicksbury of Tuxford, who was keen on vintage tractors. Michael sadly died of cancer, but received excellent treatment from Weston Park Hospital's cancer ward at Sheffield. The family decided to use the proceeds of the event to support the facility and as of 2022, had raised a staggering £87,435!

Around 100 vehicles take part every year and, with Laxton being close to Tuxford, the route usually brings them into the village or nearby at some point. The event is well supported by local people and a real spectacle to watch. Just take a donation to hand them as they pass on 7th July. The event sets off at 10am, returning between 3 and 4pm.

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Class 1

- A 3 potatoes
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- C 3 beetroot
- D 3 leeks
- E 3 carrots
- F 1 marrow
- G 1 pumpkin
- H 3 tomatoes
- I 3 runner beans
- J Any other produce

Class 2

- A 3 eating apples
- B 3 cooking apples
- C 3 pears

Class 3

- A Jar of chutney
- E Jar of jam
- F Jar of jelly
- H Jar of lemon curd

Class 4

- A Victoria sandwich cake (no cream)

- B Decorated sandwich cake (any flavour)
- C Fruit cake
- D Plate fruit pie
- E 4 small cakes (buns)
- F 4 small sweet pastries
- G 4 fruit scones
- H 4 cheese scones
- I 4 tray bakes

Class 5 - Photograph

- A A Country Scene
- B It's Spring Time
- C A wild creature
- E Picture suitable for the cover of 'Open Field'

Class 6

Flower Arrangement

- A Hydrangea head in a vase
- B Single stem rose in a vase
- C Bowl of floating flowers
- D One bloom, one veg
- E Autumn Arrangement

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Class 7

Craft item, any medium, made in the last year

CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS:

Class 8 (up to 6 years)

- A A Painted Flower Pot
- B Vegetable or fruit sculpture
- C Harvest Collage
- D A Jar of Flowers

Class 9 (7 to 11 years)

- A A Painting of Harvest
- B Vegetable or fruit sculpture
- C Model from Lego or similar
- D Hand made greetings card

We welcome additional donations of produce, preserves or home baking for auction, which is held in church at 5.00pm after the service. These can be left in church on the **Saturday, or Sunday of Harvest Weekend from 3:30pm** when the winning entries may also be viewed. **We will also be collecting non-perishable gifts for a local Food Bank.**

This event will support general Church funds and a local Food Bank

Milton Mausoleum

NOW! The Mausoleum is open every Sunday from 2-4pm until the end of September. No need to book.

Sat. 9th November **Christmas Fayre at the Mausoleum.**

Our spectacular Fayre returns featuring quality stalls with excellent gift ideas. Hot & cold refreshments available. Free entry. Tours of the monument room. More information to follow.

Sat. 7th December **Winter Music.** Carols at the Mausoleum. Our very popular seasonal event. It is never too early to book your place!

The Milton Mausoleum is cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust
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Wellow Heritage Talks

Denis Hill has sent us the following list of talks and events being given in the Old Schoolroom at Wellow over the coming months.

9th July: Wellow Village Heritage Walk. Meet at the Schoolroom at 2.00pm

11th July: Talk entitled 'Two Shires' by Ted Gray. Schoolroom at 7.30pm

7th September: Talk entitled 'The Dukeries' by Denis Hill. Schoolroom at 12.00 noon

7th September. Wellow Village Heritage Walk. Meet at the Schoolroom at 1.30pm

If you would like to come along to any of these talks or join a walk, please send me an email to denishill1066@gmail.com and I'll reserve a place for you.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Denis Hill

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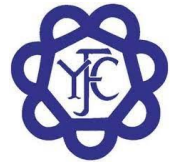
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Tuxford Young Farmers



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The following week we did a farm walk where we all walked around a farm answering questions. After that there was a game of rounders!

On 5th June we all went to see William Seeds where we looked around and got to learn about how the seed was grown and then used.



Last week we had a visit to Leverton windmill where we were shown around the mill and told all about it, learned how it was built and even got to see the sails going around and the cogs working on the inside.

On the 22nd some of our members are competing in various competitions such as putting on 10 t-shirts in the fastest time to making the best cup of tea. Please be sure to come along and see us.

Southwell Ploughing Match

This is a highlight of the year for many people in our community. It will be taking place on September 28th in Oxtou (NG25 0TD) between 8am and 5pm and will be well signposted on the day.

The show represents all the really important aspects of agriculture from preparing the land to cooking and eating locally produced food. Exhibits and competitions include ploughing, using the original horse power as well as vintage and modern tractors, to livestock judging and farm management displays, a dog show, horticultural & home produce competitions and home crafts. It is a full day out for all the family.

Tickets can be purchased from people in the villages, including Paula Doyle c/o Brenda Noble in Laxton, and Jill Hoyland in Egmont or on the show's web site: www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk/tickets Tickets are £15 on the day and £13.50 in advance. Under 14s free. VIP tickets with forward parking cost £80 and admit one vehicle and 4 people.

Sports Field Bonus Ball Weekly Draw

18/5/24	29	ROLLOVER
25/5/24	13	Linda Malloy
1/6/24	9	Roy and Sue S
8/6/24	59	Karen Sanford
15/6/24	22	John/Carol

Since last month, Bonus Ball number 2 has been kindly been taken by Dave and Helen Sheard so we now have 7 of the 59 numbers available for anyone who would like an additional one or who would like to become a new member.

The available numbers are: **29, 34, 37, 44. 51, 52, 53** As a reminder, all proceeds go to supporting the Laxton Sport and Recreation Field facilities.

Laxton Harvest Weekend and Competition

This year's Harvest celebrations are over 13th - 15th September. All classes are open to everyone and we encourage you to have a go. It is a friendly village competition with the emphasis on joining in. There are classes for all ages and it would be particularly good to see some of our new villagers having a go. Please see the schedule elsewhere in this magazine.

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These tips can help put a stop to unexpected issues motorists might face when purchasing a used car.

Check the trader

If you're buying from a trader (a business that sells cars) you should:

- Look for an established firm with a good reputation. Look for a garage that is a member of the Consumer Codes Approval Scheme, this means you can act through the Code Sponsor if something goes wrong

If you're buying from an individual seller:

- You're entitled to expect that the vehicle is roadworthy, unless you and the seller clearly agree it is bought for scrap or for spares and repair

Check the car's history

You'll need the seller's permission to have the vehicle inspected. Make sure to keep a copy of all inspections or checks, either by taking a screenshot or downloading the information.

1. Check the car's details with the DVLA using their free online vehicle checker and check the MOT history on GOV.UK
2. Get a private history check. This might cost up to £20, but will give you valuable information about serious problems the car might have. If you're still not sure - get an independent report. This will give you detailed information about the car's condition and will cost around £120 to £250
3. Inspect the car and take a test drive. You should arrange to view the car in daylight, preferably when it's dry - it's harder to spot damage to the car if it's wet

Paying for a used car

Ask questions if you're unsure about anything in the small print. Remember you can stop the deal if you feel like you're being pressured into paying too much or buying additional features. And make sure you get the original (not a photocopy) of the log book (the V5C registration certificate) and the valid MOT test document. Never buy a car without the log book.

The way you pay will affect what rights you might have if something goes wrong:

- If you pay by cash, there are no extra fees or interest but if something goes wrong with the car you won't have the protection that you have if you buy using a card or on finance.
- If you use a debit card you might have protection from problems from your provider's chargeback scheme. And if you use a credit card, you're protected as long as you paid more than £100 and no more than £30,000, even if you only paid for a small part of the cost on a credit card (this is called 'section 75' protection).
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