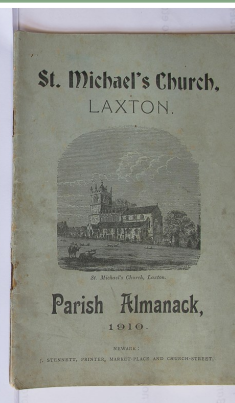
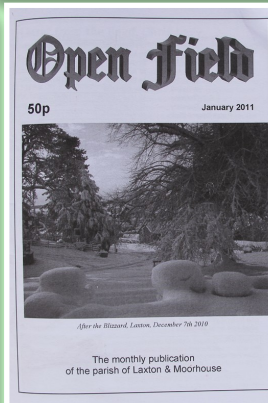
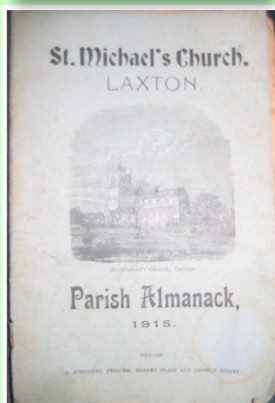
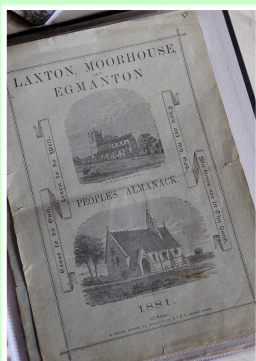


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# A Message from our New Churchwarden

*We welcome our new Churchwarden, Sarah Stringer, who has written her first message below:*

St. Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton has been lovingly looked after by Church Warden, Brenda Noble, for the past two decades. In following her legacy, I seek to continue Brenda's efforts in maintaining our Grade 1 listed church as a focal point for personal worship, family events and historical interest.



Recently, a group of Friends of Laxton Church met with the Archdeacon of Newark, the Venerable Tors Ramsey, to set up a Parochial Church Council for Laxton and Moorhouse. I would like to thank everyone who attended - your support will be invaluable.

Dave Sheard deserves a special thank you for tirelessly putting in many hours of mowing to keep the church yard looking smart for the benefit of us all. Thanks also to Richard and Joy for volunteering to do the strimming. Thank you to Stuart Rose and his team for tidying the roadside and entrance to the church.

Many thanks to Janet, Sandra, Jean, Roy, Sally and our organist Margaret for the time and effort you have given over many years in support of the church. Thanks to Simon, Sarah and Mike for your guidance in setting up the PCC and in addition a big thank you to Di, Helen and Heidi for cleaning the church despite only being given one hour's notice! It is heartening to know that we have so many volunteers all willing to help!

Services are held once a month and always on the first Sunday of the month. Presently, we have no designated vicar but we are hopeful that this may be rectified in the Autumn.

Further details about church events will be communicated through Karen and 'Open Field' as well as by social media. For enquiries about the church or volunteering please contact Sarah Stringer, Hollybush, Main St. Laxton NG22 0NU or 07870394125.

*Sarah*

## From the Registers - Brenda Noble

The funeral of Brenda Noble took place at St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and was followed by burial in the churchyard with her family.

Brenda was born at Darlton Gap and moved to Primrose Farm with her mother and sister after the death of her father when she was young. She later married George and lived all her married life in Laxton - over 60 years, 20 of which she spent as churchwarden.

## From the Registers - Geoffrey Mark Rose

The funeral of Geoffrey Mark Rose took place at St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and was followed by burial in the churchyard alongside his family.

Geoff leaves his wife, Anne-Marie, and daughters Alice and Eve, their husbands and his granddaughters. He was the youngest son of the late Reg and Margaret Rose of Laxton and brother to Stuart and Julie of Laxton and Retford respectively..

## Sympathy - Geoff Rose



We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Geoff, whose childhood home was in the village. After he moved to Newcastle to study, he and Anne-Marie met as students. After their marriage, they came to Laxton to stay with his parents, Reg and Margaret, while they saved for their own house.

This took them to Newark, but after seven years they bought their bungalow in Laxton, where they lived and brought up their family. Geoff was a skilled goldsmith and jeweller and many local people have pieces he made.

Geoff was a creative person and was also a member of the Dukeries Woodturning Society for some years. He was often seen walking the family dogs on the open fields. He will be sadly missed by many.



## Get Well Soon

We were saddened to hear that Anne Dutton, formerly of Laxton, had been taken ill and was in hospital. Very best wishes go to her and her family.

## Garden Fete - Friday 17th July, 6.30pm

This will take place once again at Blacksmith's Cottage, thanks to Roy and Jean Hennell. It is an event for everyone and the proceeds will go to Laxton Church.

Jean would be pleased to receive anything for the Tombola, Raffle and cake stall. She would be grateful for whatever you could offer. Please deliver to Jean at any time or get in touch to arrange when she will be there.

## Summer Magazine Printing

We are back to that time of year when the school which prints our magazine for us is breaking up for summer. They do not return until the first week of September, so we are unable to bring you the September issue until after that.

In order to minimise inconvenience, we have brought forward the August edition copy date to **12th July** to enable everyone who wants to publicise events right into September. That way anything in early September will not miss out on an advert.

By the time the August and September issues are sent to print, Karen will be at the helm, so please bear with her as she negotiates this blip in our regular service. She will decide on the copy date for the September issue, but she will have the flexibility of knowing it could be a little later. Please look out for details next month. Rest assured your items for inclusion will be used as soon as possible, so please keep them coming in.

Things should be back to normal for the October issue, when Karen will need your material no later than mid-day on 16th September.

Thank you

*Joy*

# Thank You - Brenda Noble

George, Paula, Lee and Ruby would like to say a big thank you to all their family and friends for their kind support and time in their loss of Brenda. Thanks for all the cards and wishes and to everyone who visited and came to the funeral.



Thank you to friends for making it a nice service: to Elaine for the eulogy,

Sarah for the poem and Jonathan for his singing.

Thank you to Lesley and staff at Hall Farm for all their hard work providing us with some lovely refreshments

afterwards and to the WI for the drinks and looking after us.

A big thank you to Elaine for the flowers in church with other friends who brought flowers as well. Thank you to Mothers Union, WI, Kneesall PCC, Joanne and Jean, Joy, Di, Sarah, Jill, Pam and



family, Jean and Rachel, Linda and Victoria, and to Margaret, Elaine and family. Thanks also to those who cleaned the church.

A very big thank you to you all,

*George, Paula,  
Lee and Ruby*



## Thank You - Geoff Rose



The family of the late Geoff Rose would like to thank all those who sent cards, donated money (total yet to be confirmed) and/or attended his funeral.

Special thanks go to all those who worked so hard in the village hall and church to help make the event run so smoothly. Nothing was too much trouble and you were all amazing! We will be forever grateful to you for your willingness to help make a very difficult day more bearable.

We felt your love and support surround us all.

## A Reflection on Recent Events

*Open Field* brings news of events to come or which have happened in the community. What is perhaps less obvious is that it is the *only* place where happenings and significant events in this very special and historic community are recorded.

History Group members researching the early 1900s for their booklets soon became aware of the difficulty of finding information about the life of the community. There was little in the Newark Archives or the Nottinghamshire Archives and a huge amount of material from the Thoresby Estate in the University of Nottingham Archives. This is fascinating, but hard to extract information from. Future researchers will value the records we include in the magazine in 100 years or so. All of these official archives now receive *Open Field* monthly.

The events of the second week in June 2026, are still fresh in our minds and deserve to be recorded for their uniqueness. The cars parked both sides the length of the road and in yards up and down the village on successive days bore witness to the attendance in church of so many people wanting to pay their last respects to two

much loved and valued members of this community.

Both days saw the church packed to honour our lost friends, to support the families and to ensure a fitting farewell. Many had to stand when the pews and choir stalls filled to capacity. The celebration of both lives continued in the Village Hall, which can seldom have seen so many people. Indeed these two days were something unlike anything even those who have lived the longest in the village could remember. It was Laxton at its best, honouring its own; united in grief and coming together as a community to share these important moments.

Of course these things do not happen without a great deal of planning and work. Janet and Jean both quietly stepped up and ensured everything ran smoothly. Sandra helped out with the orders of service and Jill and Joanne took names at the door as is traditional here. They all supported Sarah in her first days as Churchwarden - and what days!

The flowers were arranged; the church was cleaned, the bell tolled and the organ was played. In the Village Hall there were countless willing hands from the WI and friends who made the teas, cleared away and washed up so quietly that nobody thought anything of it. It is what Laxton does. Thank you all.

## Tractor Run for Diabetes

*Life goes on and the following Sunday people once more converged on Laxton, but this time in vintage tractors. Ivan and Christine Rayner were hosting a charity run in aid of Diabetes UK. As always they were well supported by Laxton people with their tractors.*



A very big thank you to all who attended and took part in the tractor run. It was a lovely day - just at the right weather for it. The route took us out through Laxton and Mill Field on a route south with plenty of scenery on the way to be enjoyed.

We would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Hinchley at Park Farm, Epperstone for allowing us to





park up for dinner. It was very welcome.

A big thank you to Terry and Nick who provided the pie and peas and drinks for dinner.

Taking these old vehicles out on long runs can be a testing time for them and unfortunately two of the tractors found it too much

for them and had to be rescued.

Thanks to Ivan, Robert and Andrew for planning the route for us.

A total of 67 tractors took part



with their passengers and a grand total of £1699.04p was made for the Diabetes UK fund.

Hoping we have left nobody out.

Thanks very much

*Ivan and Christine.*



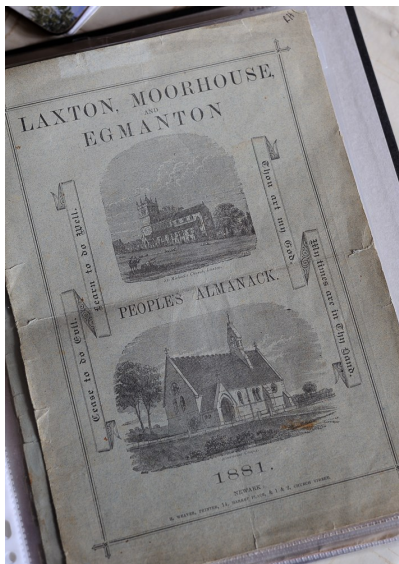
# The Story of Open Field to Date

*As I hand over to Karen, after my longest edition ever it seemed a good time to recall the history of our community magazine. Joy*

Thanks to Mavis Beckett, Roy & Jean Hennell, Roberta Purle and Margaret Rose Laxton History Group has a wide selection of copies of the magazine and its forebears in its collection. In recent years the collection is complete.

Laxton is very fortunate in having several families who kept copies of their parish magazines from an early date. The earliest magazines fortunately cover the period just before and after formal education was made compulsory in England and have proved invaluable for research about the school, which helped Joan Cottee enormously in researching for the booklet she wrote for the Group.

Early magazines were annual publications which used a local cover around a purchased nationally available insert. The covers generally included a letter from the incumbent of the day, extracts from the Parish Registers, service times, a report on the school(s) and various financial accounts. The text items give us an insight into the important issues of the day and, as today, record significant events in the life of the church and village.



The earliest dates we have found are on two sheets which appear to be from inside a magazine. They give parish registers for 1869, so it is likely that the publication is from 1870. If so, the format then resembled that of 1909 onward rather than that of earliest dated copy we have, which is from 1877.

In 1877 and 1878 the cover was illustrated with drawings of St Mary's Church Newark and St Michael's, Laxton. It included the 'People's Almanack' printed by The Religious Tract Society, London. The cover included information such as the

Offertory Accounts and Club Accounts - Clothing, Coal and School contributions as well as £10 from The Countess Manvers.

The "Fairs in Nottinghamshire" included "Ollerton - May 1, last Friday in

September (hops and cattle) and Tuxford - May 12, September 28, (hops)

The covers show that between 1881 and 1895, Egmonton shared the publication and the illustration showed Laxton Church and Moorhouse Chapel. We have no copy for 1896, but by 1897 Egmonton was no longer referred to. Remarkably there is an almost complete series for the final decade of the 1800s.

The first complete copy is from 1882. The 1883 edition of the 'Almanack' contains practical items of information such as hay and straw weight in units no modern youngster would understand - pounds and stones. A dog licence cost 7s 6d (37.5p), and for a gun it was 10s (50p)

Hardly needed in this season, but you could have kept warm by "*Laying a sheet of brown paper, or newspaper, under the bed quilt; which will answer all the purposes of a good blanket without a heavy weight. A sheet of paper wrapped round the body under the jacket or mantle is a great comfort during a cold walk.*"

In 1897 the insert was 'Parish Almanack'. There is no indication why the insert changed, but by 1898, which is again missing its cover, the 'People's Almanack' had returned, reminding boys of :

*"Good Manners - Boys, do not forget to take off your hat when you enter the house. Gentlemen never forget to take off their hats in the presence of ladies, and if you always take yours off when your mother and the girls are by, you will not forget yourself when a stranger happens to be in the parlour"*

There are complete copies for 1901 and 1903, but we learn from the letter written by Christopher B Collinson, the vicar, that there was no edition in 1902, due to his illness. Covers for 1905 – 07 enable us to follow the events in the village and in 1908 the illustrations and format were still the same as in 1897, but the insert was the 'Parish Almanack' published by The Scripture Pocket Book.

This is the first copy we have with a photographic illustration. It shows two draught horses above a heading 'Pulling Together'. All the other illustrations in this edition are drawn.

We have a complete copy of the 1909 publication, which shows considerable changes. The title was now 'St Michael's Church, Laxton although the illustration of the church remained the same as did the title of 'Parish Almanack'.

The biggest change in this year is the size, which reduced from 275mm x 190mm to 212mm x 137mm. In his letter inside the back cover Revd. Collinson refers to the change:



*"We much regret the delay in publishing the Almanack this year, but unfortunately the old 'People's Almanack', which we have had for so many years, is now out of print, and we have had to make use of the only substitute available."*

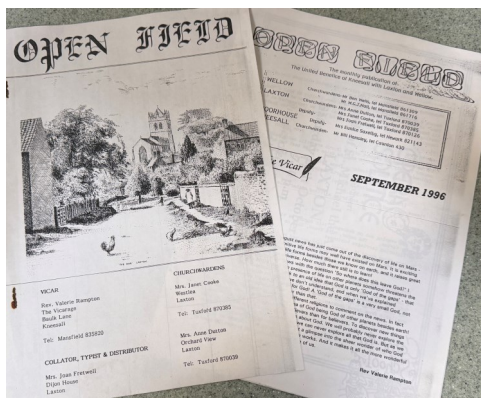
This smaller publication had a page per month and each featured a calendar of notable dates and sun / moon rises. This left little room for

the lighter texts, but one item informed the reader that:

*"Some inventive dentists are using false teeth made of paper instead of porcelain or mineral composition. These paper teeth are said to be very satisfactory, as they do not chip, are not sensitive to heat or cold, or to the action of moisture in the mouth; and they are very cheap."*

In 1910 the size of the publication reduced still further to 180mm x 125mm. The cover follows the familiar format but the insert has an invention theme. The front page shows Thomas Alva Edison and facing each calendar page is an item about an invention. 'Airships and Aeroplanes' face January.

The back pages have information sections listing the Royal family in detail, the Rulers of Europe, Permanent Officials, Eclipses and Postal Regulations, which feature with increasing regularity in later editions.



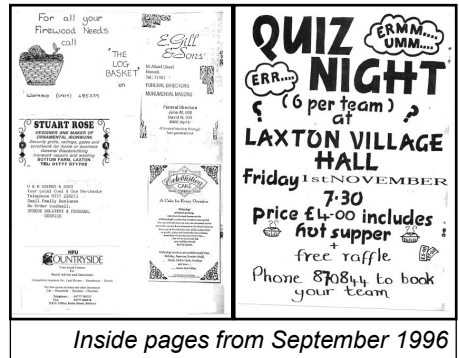
The 1914 copy carries an article entitled 'The Gentle Art of Dog-Stealing' and another reflecting on a century of peace, concluding *"Peace for a hundred years, why not for ever is what people are asking."*

The 1915 edition carries a comparison between 1815 and 1915 in both peace and war.

After an almost complete series between 1901 and 1919, we have no copies of the publication until 1978

by which time a monthly A4, photocopied and stapled magazine was in use. It consisted of local information collated, typed then cut and pasted together. Some business cards were copied on to the pages. Graham Laughton's illustration of 'The Bar' and an estate map were used on the cover.

It was Graham who changed the title to 'Open Field'. Later Roger and Joan Cottee took over producing the magazine from Joan Fretwell and changed to an A5 booklet and the form we are familiar with today began to evolve. It was at this time that advertising increased and Joan set out to interview villagers to write articles reflecting on village history.



*Inside pages from September 1996*



The magazine enjoyed a brief period when it was printed by Beth Shalom, but when their systems changed and this was no longer possible, it was once again photocopied for a short period.

It was at this time that Tessa Rolph and Jean Hennell were gathering material for the publication and, in September 2004 I was asked if I would take it on. We had lived in Egmonton just 3 weeks at the time, but the Rose family knew I could 'use a computer', and Stuart was asked to make the request.

As it happens I had produced a parish magazine in the late 1970s working with a Churchwarden who was a printer and who taught his production

team well. Dik used to take a list of titles to work and bring me back headings in interesting typefaces, which were literally cut out and pasted on to the template. In those days I could only type in Times Roman and print out columns at home. The church bought a monthly set of images, mostly cartoon style, and a selection would be cut out and pasted in place. The result depended on scissors and glue - the original 'cut and paste'.

In the 1980s I produced a magazine for voluntary organisations in my borough in Surrey, so *Open Field* was not such a daunting challenge .

Since May 2008 the magazine has been prepared using Microsoft Publisher, with most of the contributions being sent in by e-mail and more recently WhatsApp. A hard copy was initially used to proof read, but since 2010 the proof copy has been shared by email in .pdf format; corrections



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Our new system makes it easy to produce single colour copies or large print copies on demand.

The month following publication, the magazine is posted on its own web site, **www.openfield.org.uk** where the current year and 12 back copies are available.

We also donate a copy to archives each month for the benefit of future historians. These go to our own History Group collection, and the formal archives for Newark & Sherwood, Nottinghamshire County and the University of Nottingham.

We have very occasionally had a full colour edition before the move to the school for printing, and have also produced special A4 souvenir copies. These were for the Heritage Day in August 2011 and the late Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012. These were presented to parishioners free of charge.

We now all wish Karen luck and can only wonder and look forward to what her tenure will add to the history of this popular and long lived publication.



**Laxton & Moorhouse**  
**Community Coffee Morning**  
**All are welcome for coffee and cakes**  
**Laxton Village Hall 10:30am - 12:30**  
**July 18th**

**September 19th**  
**November 21st**

**October 17th**  
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*Congratulations to everyone celebrating a special event this month. We wish you all a wonderful day and a happy and healthy year to come.*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

*Congratulations to everyone celebrating this month. The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Margaret Noble (92), Stephen Noble, Poppy Noble, Simon Hill, Sarah Hill, Amanda Hennell, Logan Hennell, Karina Antcliffe, Andrew Godson, Roy Haynes, Eliza Mills, Margaret Saxilby (91).*

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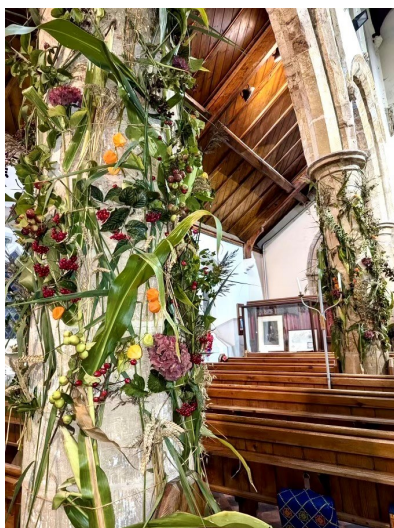


# Laxton Community Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will take place as usual on Saturday 18th July between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Please note that there will be a break in August, so no Coffee Morning after July until September 19th. As always, everyone is welcome, from Laxton and Moorhouse or beyond and no matter if you have been before. We look forward to seeing you.

## Change to Harvest Competition



The classes in the annual competition which takes place as part of the Harvest weekend celebrations have been the same for a number of years. This year a few changes have been made.

There are two additions to Class 1 for home grown produce. Eggs and a cucumber have been added.

The bigger change has been to the children's classes. It seemed unfair that the really young children should be competing against those aged 6, so the children's entries have been split into three classes, with ages up to 5 years (Class 8), 6 - 8 years (Class 9) and 9 -

11 years (Class 10).

The full, revised schedule appears opposite.

Please start planning your entries. There are prize cards and small prizes for the children, but most of all it is a chance for everyone to get involved, have a bit of fun and enjoy coming together to meet friends and neighbours while looking at the colourful display at the front of the church over the weekend.

Everyone is welcome to enter, whether from Laxton or not, and no matter how long you have been here. More entries can always be fitted in and the more the merrier for a lovely display.



**St Michael the Archangel, Laxton**  
**Harvest Produce Show and Competition**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> 2026**



**Classes**

**Class 1**

- A 3 potatoes
- B 3 onions
- C 3 beetroot
- D 3 leeks
- E 3 carrots
- F 1 marrow
- G 1 pumpkin
- H 3 tomatoes
- I 3 runner beans
- J 1 Cucumber
- K 6 Eggs
- 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

**CRAFT**

**Class 7**

- Craft item, any medium, made in the last year

**CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS:**

**Class 8 (up to 5 years)**

- A Painted Flower Pot
- B Vegetable or fruit sculpture
- C Harvest Collage

**Class 9 (6 to 8 years)**

- A Painting of Harvest
- B Vegetable or fruit sculpture
- C Miniature garden

**Class 10 (9-11 years)**

- A A painting of harvest
- B Veg or fruit sculpture
- C Hand made greetings card

**NB**

**No fresh cream or sausage rolls**

**Jams /Preserves to be from the current season**

**\*Lemon curd to be under 1 month old**

**All jars to be labelled with date made**

We welcome additional donations of produce, preserves or home baking for auction, which is held in church 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**

## Village Hall News

“Chop & Chat” will now be going ‘on tour’. Please see the separate article. We anticipate restarting in the Hall in September.

The **Pilates** class takes place in Laxton Village Hall on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. And now incorporates the class formerly held at Egmanton.



The class is organised by Rachel, and it costs £28 for a 4 week block booking or £8.50 per session. It is aimed at all levels and beginners are very welcome. Please contact Helen Sheard if you are interested. Numbers are limited, but a few places remain.

**The Hall is available for private bookings**, which can be for your family parties or events or any business meetings which require private space and facilities. There is a well equipped kitchen and plenty of equipment for all types of event.

Further details can be found on [www.laxtonvh.org.uk](http://www.laxtonvh.org.uk).

There are discounted rates for village residents and you can easily check on the ‘Bookings’ tab to see if the date you have in mind is free. Booking is straightforward using the form on this page.

The Village Hall is run by a committee of local volunteers and depends on a mix of income from events and fundraising to survive. The trustees are: Ian Robinson, Lesley Booth, Stuart Rose, Charlotte Gregory, Margaret Palmer, Sarah Stringer, Helen Pick, Linda Malloy, Karen Singleton and Heidi Keay.

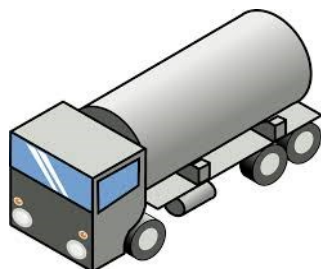
**Our Quiz Nights** are a popular fund raiser for the Village Hall. They are held twice a year in March and November. Teams compete for the honour of saying they came first and everyone enjoys a tasty supper. It is a fun event for all ages. The **‘Christmas’ Quiz** will take place this **year on Friday 27th November**. Booking details will be published nearer the time.

**An easy way to support YOUR Hall** is to sign up to the Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery, starting at £1 per week. For each ticket sold, our Village Hall gets 60p. Check for details using the QR code here.



## Group Oil Order

Our next routine order should be between the end of July to the end of August depending on prices and demand. This year, the price advertised by Boilerjuice for the 1000 litre average in England is currently falling slowly towards 70p/litre! For comparison, last year in mid May it had dropped to 46.96p.



It is still volatile because of the situation in the Strait of Hormuz. The tension in the Middle East adds to insecurities and is adding to the elevated cost. The trend could change at any time. I have been congratulated on the price obtained last time, but it is still down to a combination of timing and luck.

I plan to wait and see what happens politically and with the price. The order will be placed when it becomes apparent that people are concerned that they need to buy, even if they would rather not or everything suddenly resolves itself and prices fall to seasonal average levels.

Please let me know when you feel you will need to order within a month and I will see if there is a general appetite for an order. I **would like to be able to respond quickly to a change in either direction!** Please see the magazine for updates or email me as there will be a bit of a gap between August and September issues arriving.

You can join the ordering group at any time. You just need an email address or a friend / relative who will be your contact with me. The group serves Laxton, Moorhouse and surrounding villages.

Everyone says how much they want if they need oil at the time of an order. You do not have to order each time and you are entirely free to order with any supplier between group orders.

I negotiate for customers to pay after delivery so that they only pay for what actually goes into their tanks and your oil is ordered in your name. It is then up to you to manage all further contact with the chosen supplier for that purchase. Please use my personal email if you have it. [oil@openfield.org.uk](mailto:oil@openfield.org.uk) is a general address you can use if you don't have mine.

*Joy*

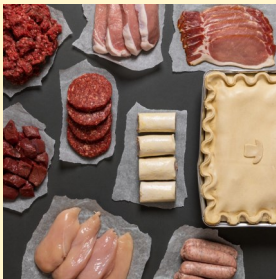


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# Chop & Chat On Tour

The grey skies and rainy weather on Tuesday 2nd



June, did not dampen the enthusiasm of the twenty two members of 'Laxton Chop and Chat' who met for lunch at The Old School Tearooms at Carburton.

We were warmly welcomed by the staff who had ensured we were all sitting together in one half of the old school class room. The chatter

only ceased when our food arrived, piping hot and beautifully presented on the plate.

The sponge cakes, scones and choice of ices were designed to entice the eye and reward the taste buds.



We were thrilled to be joined by three people who had not been to the group before. And of course we missed

those members who were absent on this occasion.

We hope to see you in July. Our next 'on tour' outing is on Wednesday 1st July to the Manor Farm Tea Shop at Bleasby at 12.30pm. Anyone interested in coming along to should contact Helen Sheard.



Egmanton Village Hall

## 26<sup>th</sup> Produce Show



Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Entry open to all

Entry Fee : 50p per exhibit

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## Ossington Garden Party

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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Traditional Lawn Games

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Tea & Cakes

Tombola

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Great Raffle prizes from by local businesses

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# Helios at Southwell Minster

In the past we have reported the installations 'Gaia' (the Earth) and 'Museum of the Moon' both by the artist Luke Jerram and displayed at Southwell Minster. The Minster is soon to host a third of these works. In just over 2 months Helios will arrive. This is his recreation of the Sun.



The installation is a fusion of solar imagery, sunlight and a specially created surround sound composition at an approximate scale of 1:200 million. Each centimetre of the internally lit spherical sculpture represents 2000km of the Sun's surface!

It will be on display between 29th July and 15th August. It measures 7m in diameter, Helios, by acclaimed artist Luke Jerram, and in a similar fashion to his earlier works, it is made using NASA imagery, revealing the sun like never before!

Tickets cost £5/£3 and we hear they are selling fast. You can book through the Minster's web site, so it is recommended to book in advance to avoid disappointment. Under 5s go free.

There is a special preview night and 'Pilates under the sun' sessions also available.

## Coffee Morning Corner

2nd Saturdays Egmonton Village Hall 10 - 12 No July/Aug

3rd Saturdays Laxton Village Hall, 10:00 - 12:00 18th July

4th Saturdays Ossington Hut, 11 - 1 25th July

The annual Ossington Garden Party will be held  
between 3 and 5 pm at Ossington Hall



# Wellow Maypole Celebrations 2026



Among the vagaries of the British weather which challenge Wellow's Maypole Celebrations, 2026 will stand out for the day falling on the hottest May day on record. However, with some tweaks to help keep all involved safe in the soaring temperatures, the celebrations went ahead as planned.

In one of their last outings before disbanding later this year, Ollerton Town Drum Corps started the event by accompanying the retiring May Queen, Gaby Cooper, to the stage.

Laxton's own Jessica Rose, the current Chair of the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, and Wellow May Queen herself in 2008, welcomed everyone to the event.



The highlight of the day is always the children's procession onto the maypole green, followed by the crowning of the May Queen

and the dancing around the 17m tall permanent maypole. This year's May Queen is Rose Baugh, who first took part in 2016 and whose sister was May Queen in 2023. Their whole family have been involved with the Maypole Celebrations for several generations. Rose was sponsored to wear her crocs on her big day in aid of her charity 'Youngminds', which supports the mental health of young people.

Entertainment during the afternoon included local musician and singer/songwriter Ollie Hayes, circus act Storm in a Teacup, Punch and Judy and Rattlejag Morris.

Sylvia Rose, also from Laxton and Jessica's mother, was May Queen in 1972, and she has been







teaching the maypole dancers the traditional routines in her native village for a good number of years.

The maypole dancing this year included the welcome return of 'Spider's Web', a more complex dance last performed in 2019.

This year it was good to

have two more local youngsters dancing. Efen and Albin Outram-Tate are the grandsons of Jeff and Janette Tate and both families live in Egmont. The boys thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Children who do not want to dance can take part in the mischief made by

Wellow Jack and his Bogies. One of Jack's misdemeanours is to steal the new Queen's crown, which always delights the audience. He is persuaded to return it so that she can wear it to the banquet put on for the children in the Memorial Hall.

The extremely hot weather resulted in visitor numbers being down, with a consequent drop in income.

However, Wellow Maypole Celebrations are a good cause in Newark and Sherwood District

Council's online Community Lottery and there are events during the year to help cover the surprisingly high costs of things like the road closure and printing the programmes. They welcome any support people can offer.

Wellow Maypole Celebrations have applied to UNESCO to be listed on the UK Inventory of Living Heritage.

Rest assured, whatever the weather, Wellow Maypole Celebrations will return next year on 31st May 2027!



## THIS MONTH'S SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCH

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

### August

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Lammas H/C Rev Alison Jones**

### September

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Harvest Festival Service**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Family Service**

Details of the Harvest services to follow next month.

## Sports Field Bonus Ball Weekly Draw

| Date     | Bonus Ball No. |
|----------|----------------|
| 16/05/26 | 20             |
| 23/05/26 | 35             |
| 30/05/26 | 33             |
| 06/06/26 | 50             |

There are currently 10 numbers spare. If anyone would like to invest £1 a week to try and win £25 please get in touch. The winning Bonus Ball (BB) is the number which matches the National Lottery Bonus Ball drawn on a Saturday. All money goes towards supporting the Sports and Recreation Field.

The Lottery format changed for the week of 13th June 2026. I will bring an update about how the Bonus Ball will be declared next month.

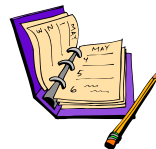
*Helen Pick, High Street Farm*



# ***JULY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

## **JULY**

|                                    |                                                 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b><i>Weds 8<sup>th</sup></i></b>  | <b><i>WI</i></b>                                |
| <b><i>Weds 15<sup>th</sup></i></b> | <b><i>History Group Meeting</i></b>             |
| <b><i>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></i></b>  | <b><i>Garden Fete, Blacksmith's Cottage</i></b> |
| <b><i>Sat 18<sup>th</sup></i></b>  | <b><i>Coffee Morning</i></b>                    |
| <b><i>Tues 28<sup>th</sup></i></b> | <b><i>Parish Council</i></b>                    |



## **Forward Planning:**

## **AUGUST**

***Weds 19th History Group Garden Tea***

## **SEPTEMBER**

***18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Harvest Weekend***

***Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Southwell Ploughing Match, Farnsfield (NG22 8HW)***

## **NOVEMBER**

***Fri 27th Village Hall Christmas Quiz***

## **DECEMBER**

***Sat 5<sup>th</sup> & Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival in church***

***Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Band Concert in church***

**Copy Date for August 2026 edition:  
12 noon, 12th July 2026**

*Please let us have your contributions in good time. We do what we can to include last minute items, but it is not always possible. Late arrivals are unlikely to make it into print.*

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# Laxton WI AGM and Changes



## Dress to Impress

Bridget burst into the Village Hall like some exotic butterfly, wearing a stunning jump suit in vibrant shades of red. She proved to be as warm, lively and friendly as her appearance.

Bridget had been a clothes buyer for the top names in the fashion industry with multi million pound budgets. She discovered after being made redundant that she felt much happier and fulfilled advising and helping women face to face. Now she talks and demonstrates to groups of quite literally all shapes and sizes. There are to be some quite dramatic and exciting happenings in her life very soon and perhaps she will come back and tell us about it.

Dressing to impress in Bridget's terms is not to make a flamboyant impact and dazzle the crowd. The person you are impressing is yourself. The ways of doing this are legion. Altering the outfits by adornment or merely wearing clothing in a different way. The purpose of it is to give you a sense of confidence in yourself and Bridget set out to show us how.

Using the two racks of clothes she had brought and two more than keen volunteers, off we went.

Firstly, know which colours suit you and don't slavishly buy from the same brand. Make the most of your body shape and emphasise the waist even if you don't think you could.

The tips came thick and fast. Raising the waist line will make your legs look longer. Don't be afraid to try new styles – wear a short jacket with wide flared trousers, add a pair of sparkly shoes (but not when you are feeding the chickens). All things to lift you, not just for special occasions.

Bridget sent one of our ladies to change into a brightly coloured sleeveless dress, not her usual style. It looked fabulous. Similarly, wide floral trousers not only flattered but looked spot on for a small petite frame.

She chose colour for the next lady, and a simple, soft knit top in a vibrant blue looked terrific.

There were some items in the wardrobe which deserve the title of 'friends', and others that are 'hero' clothes. That gorgeous belt which

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goes well with everything and makes it look special, that classic skirt that teams with everything.

To check which colours were 'ours', Bridget showed us how to examine the veins in our wrists – were they blue, bluish green, or green? Those shades would suit us. We all eagerly checked our own and the person's next to us. I hasten to suggest that you don't try this in the Co-op; it upsets the other customers apparently.

It was all smashing fun. Bridget is not only knowledgeable about clothes and fabrics, but obviously loves them. Her vivacious enthusiasm carried us all along. So tuck that blouse up above that belt, swap that long cover-up jacket for a short smart one, and watch those colours. Then go out and knock them sideways!

Next month we welcome the Blood Bikers. that fantastic bunch of people who just get on with saving lives. Come along and hear their incredible story. The meeting takes place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday July 8th.

## Laxton Owl Report

This has been an excellent year for Owls in Laxton.

One owl box produced four Tawny Owl chicks, but sadly a second box failed. Dead rats were found in that box, and they may have eaten rat poison.

The barn owl story is a much happier one as they produced 15 healthy young in 4 of my boxes. This is a record for Laxton. Laxton farmers deserve the credit for this as it all depends on the way that the countryside is managed. There is more grassland and fallow land than usual leading to more voles and mice and easier hunting for the owls.

In our area of north Nottinghamshire it has not been good season for owls once again and many boxes have failed owing to a shortage of prey.

*Mike Jackson*



# Laxton History Group



John introduced Roger Blaney, senior steward and guide at Southwell Minster, to speak about the Palace of the Archbishop of York, which stands, largely as a ruin, beside the Minster. He detailed its over 1000 year history, referring to key individuals in this long period of time.

Roger asked whether the Palace or the Minster came first. He began with a Dane, Oskytel, who the then king, Eadred, wanted to become Archbishop of York.

King Eadred's successor Eadwig was 15 and at a time when the age of majority was 14, he held all the power. He granted in excess of 60 charters, one of which was to Oskytel as Archbishop of York. This included Southwell, an area of 15 square miles. This charter was unique in being personal to Oskytel. He could bequeath it to whoever he chose, and had the benefit of 'sake and soke', which entitled him to hold manorial courts and to benefit from the income of his manor. He was the first non-royal granted this right.

With the new responsibilities came the need to travel to check up on things and a need for accommodation further north than his home in Dorchester. In 956 the building of the Palace at Southwell started. Nottinghamshire then moved from the diocese of Canterbury into the diocese of York.

More funds were needed to pay for the palace and a year after being granted the 10,000 acres at Southwell, Oskytel was granted 1646 acres at Scrooby and Sutton. An archbishop would be expected to establish a church, and so this could have been the earliest date of the church which became the Minster.

A death was recorded at the Palace at Southwell in 1051, and Archbishop Gerard died there on 2/05/1108 proving it existed then.

The people of Nottinghamshire had to go to York, a 5 day journey away, to pay their dues. In 1108 they were given the option to pay in Southwell, with the money going to the building of the Palace. Funded this way, the building took 50 years.

The King had to consult the archbishops on matters of state so they also had to be mobile and travelled to London several times a year with a retinue of 60 – 80.

The Palace began to be expanded in the late 1300s, being taken to 2 storeys high and open to the rafters. It expanded from an H shape to a

rectangle with two courtyards and a built row dividing them. Archbishop John Kemp is credited with the completion of the courtyards. This would have had stone outer walls and wooden walls inside. It is part of this building which stands largely derelict today. The corner farthest from the Minster was a 4 seated garderobe.



Charles I spent his last hours of freedom at the Saracen's Head and after his capture Cromwell's men stripped the Palace, assisted by the people of Southwell taking building materials for themselves.

In the 18th century the current buildings were built incorporating part of the Great Hall of the earlier building. At the wish of his wife, the first Archbishop lived in Thurgarton, but the second, Edwin Hoskyns, had a house built within the remains of the medieval manor and the building of the 1900s incorporated them, retaining the remains which still stand.

Roger concluded that we have the Minster today because of the decision to build the Palace at Southwell.

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# News From The Museums of Tuxford



**The Museum of the Horse**, home in the former Newcastle Arms, is one

of Tuxford's significant listed buildings. In May they hosted a heritage skills workshop with presentations from historic building experts together with practical learning opportunities. The Building Preservation Trust and the conservation officer hope to repeat this in the future. Tuxford has such a rich history.

In August we will be launching information on Tuxford Trail blazers about individuals and companies that have made a positive contribution to the community and the world. You will be amazed by people's achievements in building positive connections

and influencing the sense of community.



International Museum Day took the theme 'museums uniting a divided world'.

Everyone has a story no matter how ordinary their life might seem. Connections through work give strength to communities and enhance life. Events such as charity tractor runs and chances to learn about the history of the place are as essential today as in the past. Tuxford's farmers are a notable example of adapting to a changing world and the countryside is as relevant today as in the past.

**EVENT Sunday 19th July Walks of Life Museum Celebration of Country Folk**



**10am to 4 pm** We will be remembering Dave Parker of Egmonton. Willow demonstration and Annette from 'Owling Mad' with her owl; farming memorabilia; bygone tools; refreshments. Free entry.

Skills that were once a necessity can become an enjoyable pastime and help mental wellbeing.

Riding side saddle has experienced a resurgence in recent years and it takes centre stage at the Museum of the Horse this month.

**EVENT** Museum of the Horse Side Saddle exhibition runs until 8th September.

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## Side Saddle Exhibition at

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# Days Out This Summer

A couple of opportunities to plan a day out have come to notice this month. Brief details appear below, but you can find more on the web site of either.

## The Greensleeves Project

This is an exhibition of specially made period costume at Wollaton, Hall, Nottingham, based on the ballad 'Greensleeves'. Her gifts document not only the clothing of the 1580s but also fabrics, embroidery, and many other aspects of material culture. The extraordinary wealth of evidence contained in the song's 18 verses has formed the basis of this ambitious reconstruction of sixteenth century dress.

The exhibition and its textile handling display is included in the normal entry price of the Hall and runs **until Sunday 1st November**. All of the clothes and accessories created for the project can be seen in the new exhibition, and there are a number of associated events over the next year.

## Sculpture at Doddington



This exhibition at Doddington Hall has become a 'must do' event in many diaries. This year it is open **between 25th July and 6th September**.

Admission to the gardens, where the exhibits are displayed and for sale, is £9.50 for adults, £4.50 per child and £22 for a family ticket.

Season holders go free and carers benefit from 2 for 1. There is a 20% discount for Art Fund, CPRE, Historic Houses, and RHS members.

An additional fee is payable if you want to view the house during your visit.

There will be some 325 pieces on display in the beautiful setting of the Hall's gardens and the Stable Yard, aka the Bauble Barn in another season.

All the usual café and retail opportunities will also be open for visitors to enjoy.



# Progress at Newark Castle

Newark Castle is undergoing a dramatic transformation that will bring its 900 year story to life thanks to major investment from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Government's Town Fund and Newark and Sherwood District Council.



Visitors will be able to explore inside rebuilt medieval rooms and galleries, use interactive displays and climb to a top tower viewing platform. A lift will provide access to the first floor. Much thought has been given to making the Castle more accessible engaging, and inclusive for all.

A room with kitchen facilities will enable school visits and activities. Facilities will be created to enable the venue to accommodate small wedding receptions - good news for couples planning a wedding in the Register Office.

The Castle's Victorian Gardens are being restored and enhanced with a new lighting scheme. The special floodlights will illuminate the architecture and low level path lighting will ensure safe evening visits.

Wildlife is being considered with plans to create a place where it can thrive. New wildlife planting will bring colour whilst providing food and wildlife habitats, all encouraging biodiversity.

Renovation works are due to be completed by the end of 2026 and a grand opening is on the plans to take place during February 2027.

The entry fee has been set at £9 for adult visitors. Entry will be free for people ages 25 and under. There is a discount for Newark and Sherwood area residents, who will pay half price. Tickets will be valid for repeat visits within a calendar year.

The Civil War Centre on Appletongate will remain free of charge for Newark and Sherwood residents.

NB to take advantage of this visitors need to take something to prove their residency. Please check which forms of verification are required before going.



# Laxton Nobleman in the Medical Records

*Thank you to Adrian Gray, one of our popular speakers at the History Group and Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Local History Association for shedding light on this unlikely record of one of Laxton's former Lords of the Manor.*

*The piece relates to Adam de Everingham, whose tomb in Laxton church is notable for showing him with both his wives, Clarice the first wife in stone and Margaret, the second wife, more unusually in wood.*



John Aderne, a notable 14th Century surgeon, was born about 1307 and lived in Newark. He wrote a famous work, 'Practica of fistula-in-ano', which in recent times has been called 'lorry drivers' disease', but in the 1300s it would have been a problem for men who spent a long time in the saddle

Sir Adam de Everingham was one of Aderne's most significant patients. He is identified as coming from 'Laxton in the Clay, near Tuxford'. He became the second Lord Everingham and died in 1388. While campaigning in France he had become very uncomfortable, but French surgeons told him there was nothing that could be done.

Back at home he found Aderne willing to give it a try. He operated and the surgery must have been a great success as Everingham lived another thirty years. His expertise meant that he could charge high sums for operations on other poorly knights!

Aderne writing his treatment up into a book was unusual at the time. It was a specialist guide rather than adhering to the medical norm of the day and being a general book covering everything.

The book is a fascinating illustrated manuscript. Aderne also included several detailed pictures of procedures. Although we are inclined to agree with Adrian that they are not quite the thing for a parish magazine!

# Michael Duxsbury Memorial Road Run



A popular local event with both spectators and participants is the Michael Duxsbury Memorial Vintage Tractor Road Run.

This annual event is held in memory of Michael Duxsbury of Tuxford and supports Weston Park Hospital's cancer ward at Sheffield, where Michael was treated. The event is organised by his family who are invariably represented among the drivers. Last year's event was led by his brother Mark Duxsbury (above). Since then the family have suffered another painful loss to cancer, with the death of Mark's other brother, Paul. We send belated condolences.

Despite this, the Road Run will take place again this year in aid of the same cause, on **Sunday 5th July**.

Villagers from Laxton, Egmonton and the surrounding area take part and it is not unknown for there to be over 100 tractors in the convoy. They set off from Tuxford at 10am following a circular route. In recent times they have started to publish the route on their Facebook page in advance so that spectators can come out to watch and donate as they pass.

Because of the proximity of the villages, it is common for the route to run through Laxton and Egmonton in one direction or the other, so there is often an opportunity to watch. There is usually someone on at least one of the vehicles or their passenger trailers who is in phone contact, so it is a good idea to look out for people coming out to stand at the roadside to alert you to their arrival.

# Thank You - Kirton Coffee Morning

In spite of the inclement weather, the Coffee Morning held at 'Hopland Cottage,' Kirton, on Saturday, June 6th, was extremely well attended and proved to be a lovely social occasion.

A massive thank you to those who came and worked hard helping on the day - to those who were unable to attend but who gave donations - to all who supplied Raffle prizes, Bric a Brac or who baked - and to all those who supplied plants for the plant stall.

Lastly, a very big thank you to all who came along and joined us on the day. These events cannot succeed without you all, and we are very lucky here in Kirton to have such generous support, both from the village and surrounding areas.

So far, the amount raised is the very healthy sum of £1,290 - and this will be divided between the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance and Holy Trinity Church, Kirton.



# **Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council.**

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 31/3/26**

1. **Present:** Councillors: , S. Rose, A. Moorhouse, R. Allarton (Meeting chair in Mr S Hill and Mr J Hill's absence), R. Creighton In attendance at parish council meeting  
C. Wilson (Clerk), D. Clark (County councillor)  
Member of the public (x1)
2. **Apologies for absence:** Mr S Hill, Mr J Hill and Mr Hennell's apologies were received and accepted. There were no other parish councillor absences. Mrs Michael's apologies were also noted. In the chair and vice chair's absence, Mr Allarton was unanimously appointed chair of the meeting.
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
4. **Dispensations:** None required.
5. **10 Minutes public speaking:** Nothing raised
6. **Thoresby Estate report (if any):** No report.
7. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27 January 2026:** The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 27 January 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair subject to the amendment of minute LMPC/15/26 f to remove the words, "subject to Mr Goldsborough inspecting the Rufford Lane noticeboard and Mr Pearce the Bilsthorpe noticeboard, with all inspections to be quarterly rather than monthly" which had been included in error.
8. **Matters arising:** LMPC/18/26 – 10 minutes public speaking – It was reported that at least twenty people had attended the recent litter pick on 22 March 2026 and that they had collected around thirty five bags of rubbish. There were no other matters arising.
9. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Mr Clark reported that:
  - a. The potholes between Kirton and Laxton had now been properly patched
  - b. Mr Clark is following up on the other roads in the parish which were in a poor condition

- c. The large pothole on the way to Kneesall where the cattle cross has been patched temporarily and will be more permanently repaired once conditions were drier
- d. Listed all the roads in the wider area being repaired or to be repaired imminently
- e. The length of High Street is in his list of top three priority roads for repair
- f. He urged councillors and the public to self-report all potholes or to email him with details. He also thanked residents for their patience in relation to the Main Street road surface which he assured councillors will be repaired within the next six months. Councillors requested an update in relation to the petition for a 30 mph speed limit through Moorhouse. Councillors noted that:
  - i. The petition had been presented, taken forward and approved
  - ii. Following its referral to officers, Mr Clark had received a list of options with the matter going to consultation
  - iii. Mr Clark was supporting the proposed reduction
  - iv. A speed limit reduction to 40 mph between Kirton and Laxton is ongoing and no petition is required.
  - v. The 30 mph speed limit for Moorhouse was the subject of further comment by Mr Clark later in the meeting (see LMPC/38/26).

9. **Reports from councillors:** There were no reports.

10. **2026 Annual parish meeting** - Arrangements: Councillors decided to hold the:

- a. Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 26 May 2026
- b. Parish Council annual meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 26 May 2026.  
The clerk will invite Mr Pierrepont and a representative from the HS2 East pipeline project.

11. **2025-26 changes to Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) - Update on adoption of generic email account hosted on an authority owned domain and councillor email addresses hosted on an authority owned domain:** The clerk reported that [laxtonmoorhouseparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:laxtonmoorhouseparishcouncil.gov.uk) was the parish council's new domain name with the new parish council email active and in use. She will share the log in details for the new



email addresses for individual councillors separately.

## 12. Property matters

- a. **Sports field, lease, pavilion (including maintenance update) and new litter bin:** The clerk will contact Mr S Hill, the chair, for an update on the discussions were underway with the Sports Field Committee members regarding maintenance of the pavilion. She will also contact Helen Pick, the Committee's treasurer regarding reimbursement of the rent.

Councillors noted that Ringrose Law had advised that registration at HM Land Registry would be necessary and had asked for further information regarding the lease documentation.

The clerk will ask the NSDC officer to telephone Mr Rose regarding the proposed new litter bin.

- b. **Glebe Field:** Councillors will await Mr J Hill's report on his inspection of the tree.

## 13. Planning matters:

- a. Applications: None
- b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None
- c. Great North Road Solar Park – Planning Inspectorate process - Update and any required decisions including JPAG: Mr Allarton updated the meeting as follows:
  - i. The Inspectorate's investigations were continuing with a recent round of questions to which JPAG had submitted a response where appropriate.
  - ii. The consultant's invoice is expected to be less than initially thought. A reimbursement should follow.
  - iii. Following a desktop flood risk modelling assessment, panels at Moorhouse had been moved away from the Beck but residents were concerned that any planting will cause water to back up adding to the risk of flooding in Moorhouse.
  - iv. The Inspectorate will make its recommendation but the final decision rests with the Secretary of State
- d. EN0610001 - H2East Pipeline: Humber to Nottinghamshire - EIA Scoping and Consultation and Regulation 11 Notification:

It was noted that Cadent describes the pipeline course as mainly underground with six or seven above ground runs although these do not affect a large acreage.

Concern was expressed that part of the route appears to run through the open fields which are part of the conservation area. The clerk will contact NSDC conservation team for clarification of the extent of the protection afforded by the conservation designation and any view they may have in the context of the open fields. Cadent representatives will also be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillors also noted the content of Jayne Saunders of JPAG's email dated 26 March 2026 regarding JPAG's stance in relation to the proposal.

- e. Compliance: No issues raised.

#### 14. **Defibrillator:**

- a. **Inspection report:** Awaited from Mr Hennell
- b. **Replacement** – update and any necessary funding approval: Councillors thanked the Thoresby Trust for its grant. The clerk will investigate AEDs and make recommendations before the next meeting. She will double check the status of the Moorhouse telephone box and include a defibrillator at Moorhouse on the agenda for the May 2026 meeting.
- c. **Health emergency planning** – Working group report: To continue to be carried over until the new defibrillator is available.

#### 15. **Parish environment and appearance, including:**

- a. **Parish benches:** The chair's pictures of one of the benches are awaited to enable quotes in addition to Mr Rose's to be obtained.  
Mr Rose reported that the other bench has been removed because it was so unsafe. It was **agreed** that the plaque on the bench would be retained.  
A request from a parishioner to fund a replacement memorial bench was welcomed and discussed. Councillors **agreed** that they were happy to approve in principle. The clerk will share the details of the Moorhouse bench for Mr Rose to pass on to the parishioner with two other suitable alternatives.

- b. **Parish roads and pavements:** Discussed at LMPC/28/26 (Reports from district and county councillors) above. Councillors were also pleased to note that the Twitchell and pavement to Moorhouse had both been cleared.
- c. **Flood resilience – Working party report and associated decisions:** The clerk will make enquiries of Mrs Michael regarding new flood equipment cabinets.
- d. **Litter pick 2026 - Report:** Discussed at LMPC/27/26 (Matters arising)

**16. Financial matters:**

- a. Financial position as at 28 February 2026: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position as at 28 February 2026 (incorporating the 2025-26 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.
- b. Approve 2026-27 dog bin emptying contract: 2026-27 dog bin emptying contract with NSDC was unanimously approved.
- c. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved five payments totalling £668.69. Service faults: None reported.
- d. Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted. As regards the issue of dog fouling during the hunt, councillors agreed that, the concerns now being in the hands of the relevant enforcement authority, NSDC, no further action was appropriate.

17. **5 minutes public speaking time:** Mr Clark updated the meeting regarding the 30 mph speed limit in Moorhouse (see minute LMPC/28/26 above) and corrected himself having located the relevant document. The matter is not going to consultation. NCC is following Department of Transport guidance and is carrying out an assessment to determine whether a new speed limit is required. He will keep councillors updated.

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

19. **Date of next meeting:**

20. **Next regular meeting:** 7.30 pm Tuesday 26 May 2026 at the Village Hall to follow the Annual Parish Meeting

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## **How to Claim Savings Stamps Refunds**

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- **Where to send:** TV Licensing, Darlington, DL98 1TL.
- **Postal Method:** It is recommended to send your stamps via Royal Mail Special Delivery to ensure they are tracked.
- **Processing Time:** Expect to receive your refund cheque in the post within 28 days.
- **Deadline:** You must post your claim before **December 31, 2026**, as refund requests will not be processed after this.

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## **Dukeries Singers**

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Under the direction of Musical Director John Pope, with accompanist Sue Bennett, the choir delivered an uplifting and engaging programme, filled with energy, warmth, and charm. A particularly special moment was a song we'd first sung in April this year at the St George's Day Celebrations, a newly commissioned work, reflecting the choir's ongoing commitment to supporting fresh music and engaging with the local community.

The concert also featured impressive instrumental contributions, with talented guest performers playing flutes and saxophone, adding richness and variety to the afternoon. The audience warmly appreciated their confident and expressive playing.

During the interval, guests and performers enjoyed a relaxed afternoon tea, complete with fresh strawberries and Prosecco in a friendly, sociable atmosphere that enhanced the event's enjoyment.

A highlight of the day was the celebration of June Nunn's 90th birthday. A long-standing and much-loved member, June's dedication and enthusiasm have made her an inspiration to all, and it was a joy to share this special milestone with her.

The concert was met with many complimentary comments from the audience, who praised the choir's musicality, the enjoyable programme, and the welcoming atmosphere that made the afternoon so memorable.

Above all, the event captured everything The Dukeries Singers stands for: a love of music, friendship, and inclusivity. New members can be assured of a warm welcome, encouragement, and the opportunity to make lasting friendships while sharing in the joy of singing together.

For information about joining The Dukeries Singers or attending upcoming concerts, please contact John Banbury on **07759 086132** or email **[john@asherwood.co.uk](mailto:john@asherwood.co.uk)**.

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- ♦ **Egmanton WI** - Third Thursdays in the Hall
- ♦ **Coffee Morning:** The second Saturday of the month from 10 - 12 .  
There are no Coffee Mornings in July and August, but they will resume in September on **September 12th** All welcome.

*All events appear on the web site - see above*

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