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**Contributions for the next edition TO BE WITH THE
EDITOR BY NOON ON 16th MARCH 2022 PLEASE. EARLIER
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A Message from our Churchwarden, Brenda

'Open Field' is the magazine for the Parish of Laxton and Moorhouse, but is very much a magazine for the whole community. The church underwrites the costs. In return, any surplus when publication costs have been met remain in church funds.

This month there is no specific church news, but we have the following message from Brenda.

"When we received our February copies of "Open Field", we started a new year."

"I would like to say thank you to everyone involved in producing the 'Open Field' every month. Special thanks to Joy who, I know, spends a lot of time collating and producing the magazine ready for the printers, and to Jean, our editor. Jean edits the magazine and distributes the printed copies to the people who distribute them as well as sending all the ones which go by post and getting them to the people who take them around the village."

Thank you also to everyone who advertises, which we are most grateful for and especially to the people in the village and surrounding areas who subscribe and receive a copy every month.

I am sure you all agree we have a very interesting magazine thanks to everyone's contributions.

Brenda

Mothers' Day Service

Sunday, 27th March 2022
Saint Bartholomew's Church
Kneesall
10:30 am

The service will be led by
Reverend Canon John Chambers

Everyone welcome

Sympathy - Judith Chase

We were all very sad to hear of the passing of Judith Chase of Ladywood Farm, Weston on Saturday 15th January at the age of 63.

Judith leaves her husband, David, her daughters Katie and Amy, stepchildren James, Sarah and Ellie, her mother Eunice Saxelby, sister Caroline and brother, David.

A service was held for the family on Monday 7th February at Ollerton Crematorium followed by a service of thanksgiving at Sutton-on-Trent Methodist Church for the extended family and many friends.



Judith always supported Moorhouse Church and also always came with David to Laxton Church dances to support us.

Congratulations - 90th Birthday

We send many congratulations to Mary M who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on 14th March.

We join all her large family is hoping she has a memorable and happy day.

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Get Well Soon

We were very sorry to hear that Mavis had been back in hospital, but are glad to hear she is home and feeling better. We wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Thank You - Emily's 16th

Apologies to Emily, Amanda and Mark that this item was omitted last month.

Happy birthday sweet 16 ..what a nightmare!!

- ⇒ The disco that I had booked for 2 months cancelled on me 24 hours before Emily's party due to Covid
- ⇒ After a manic ring around and stress levels hitting the roof as it's the busiest weekend of the year for parties ...
- ☆ Phil from diamond disco saved the day as he had a last minute cancellation.



Thanks to Uncle Neil for sorting that!

⇒ The following morning the cake lady tested positive for Covid - so no cake

☆ Granny and Auntie Rachel saved the day with a home made creation

☆ But all was well in the end as Emily had an amazing night with family and friends dancing the night away under a massive balloon arch from Marti

☆ A big thank you to all involved - for all Emily's birthday wishes and presents

Amanda, Mark and Emily xxx



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Thanks to Laxton's Good Samaritan

The following report was circulated by Nottinghamshire Police following some unpleasant goings on in Laxton last month:

Officers have launched an investigation after a good Samaritan interrupted the theft of plant machinery.

A man had spotted a telehandler being driven off from a property on Town End in Laxton, Nottinghamshire after he was woken by the commotion. (Local sources say he was setting off for work!) Becoming suspicious, (as the driver wasn't the owner) he followed the vehicle through Laxton and Egmonton before the two men inside abandoned the equipment and reportedly fled the scene in a car.

Officers were then called and have since been working hard to conduct enquiries and investigate the incident, which happened just after 5am on Friday (21 January 2022).

Inspector Charlotte Allardice, District Commander for Newark and Sherwood, said: "As a largely rural area with lots of our residents working in agriculture, we understand how deeply they are affected when this all-important equipment is taken from them. Not only does this leave them with a financial loss, but as this type of equipment is essential for their agricultural businesses it has a wider impact on their functions and their livelihoods."

"This is why we are absolutely committed to working with our residents and acting on local information in order to stop these incidents from happening. We would urge anyone with information about machinery theft, or any other crime, to speak to the local neighbourhood policing team. We are there and working proactively to serve the community and listen to concerns."

"Thankfully the equipment has now been returned to its rightful owner and the efforts of the good Samaritan to monitor the vehicle and report this to us are much appreciated."

Anyone who witnessed this incident, or has information or dash-cam footage, is urged to get in touch on 101, quoting incident 77 of 21 January 2022."

The Highway Code Has Been Updated

Changes to the Highway Code came into force on January 29th 2022. It introduces what is described as a 'new hierarchy of road users'. 10 sections have been updated and there are 50 new or updated rules.

The changes follow a public consultation on a review of The Highway Code to improve road safety for people walking, cycling and riding horses. It ran from July to October 2020, and received more than 20,000 responses from the public, businesses and other organisations. Most people who responded were in favour of all the changes.

Rules for all types of road users have been included in this update to improve the safety of people walking, cycling and riding horses.

The changes principally affect:

- introducing the new hierarchy of road users
- crossing the road at junctions
- walking, cycling or riding in shared spaces
- positioning in the road when cycling
- overtaking when driving or cycling
- cycling at junctions
- people cycling, riding horses and driving horse-drawn vehicles on roundabouts
- parking, charging and leaving vehicles



The publicity accompanying the launch of these new rules stresses that it is important that everyone understands their responsibility for the safety of other road users. It adds that many of the rules in the code are legal requirements, and if you disobey these rules you're committing a criminal offence. If you do not follow the other rules in the code, it can be used in evidence in court proceedings to establish liability.

The easiest way to find out what has changed is to use a browser to search for 'Highway Code Updates 2022'. You can read the full revised version free of charge online.

For £3.49 you can buy and download The Highway Code iOS app which will be updated this spring. An Android version is under development.

The updated Highway Code will be in bookshops from April 2022.

Stamps are Changing Too

Following a national trial, which has been declared successful, Royal Mail will now be adding unique barcodes to all their regular 'everyday' Definitive and Christmas stamps. The web site states that:

"Each barcoded stamp will have a digital twin and the two will be connected by the Royal Mail App. The unique barcodes will facilitate operational efficiencies, enable the introduction of added security features and pave the way for innovative services for our customers."

"Definitive stamps are the stamps that will be very familiar to most people. They feature the profile of HM The Queen. The barcodes match the stamp colour and sit alongside the main body of the stamp, separated by a simulated perforation line. The new barcode is an integral part of the stamp and must remain intact for the stamp to be valid."



"Non-barcoded stamps will be phased out but will remain usable until 31 January 2023. Customers are encouraged to use their non-barcoded stamps before this date. Alternatively, non-barcoded stamps can be exchanged for the new barcoded version using the Swap Out' scheme".

Royal Mail's 'Swap Out' scheme will open on 31 March 2022. Forms will be available via a variety of channels, including local Customer Service Points; the Royal Mail website and via their Customer Experience team. Customers will be able to use a Freepost address. Further details will be announced shortly and we will bring them to you via 'Open Field' as we become aware of them.



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Local Limericks

These limericks are taken from a booklet entitled 'Newark Deanery Doodles', which was written by the Rev. William Thackray in 2001. It contains limericks for fifty one churches in the Newark Deanery.



Laxton - St Michael the Archangel

Laxton's proud of its 'Open Fields';
The Court Baron its power firmly wields
At 'The Dovecote' their steward
Keeps them calmly assured,
And the tradition to change never yields.

Moorhouse Chantry Chapel

The cows round the chapel are grazing,
Just chewing and turning and gazing:
Saying, "Welcome to Moorhouse,
But it's our house, not your house,
Come on and join us: we're praying and
praising".



Egmanton, Our Lady of Egmanton

Egmanton's shrine is ablaze
With colour and candle and haze;
Comper's rood-screen and altar
To inspire never falter,
As each pilgrim draws near, kneels
and prays.



Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council - Plans for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Parish Clerk, Catherine, has now invited all the village organisations to nominate a member to join the Working Group for the Celebrations and they will hopefully be having their first meeting soon.

If anyone would like to help who is not a member of any of the organisations we would be very pleased if you joined the group, the more ideas and enthusiasm the better!! If you are a newer villager, these village events are a great way to get to know people.

Please let me or any of the Councillors know ASAP.

Best wishes
Michael **870844**

Telephone Box

The Telephone Box is now owned by the village and we would like some ideas as to what we could use it for.

Again, any ideas please to any Parish Councillor.

Thank you

Michael

Laxton Village Hall

Great news - the March Quiz on FRIDAY 4th will be going ahead as planned albeit with a smaller number of teams and participants.

This will be the first Quiz for 2 years!!! .

Michael Manning



Laxton History Group



Laxton History Group is holding its first meeting since Covid began on Wednesday **16th March 2022 at 7.30pm.**

We will be back in the Village Hall and waiting to welcome everyone. There is a lot to discuss after our long break. We have lost some members who have moved away and we need new volunteers to take over jobs to keep everything running smoothly.

Jean has planned a programme - several times! - and would like members' feedback to help her going forward.

We have no speaker this time, just an opportunity to get together and discuss the future of the Group. We have already been invited to participate in a couple of events this year.

If anyone has any interesting Laxton artefacts, press cuttings, photos etc, please bring them along for others to see. Just to get you in the mood, this month we have featured previous Laxton celebrations in the village on the covers of Open Field.

Please come along and let us know what you would like our future to hold as well as hopefully getting a glimpse into the past.

A Special Invitation

We know that, while we have seen members move away, we have also seen an unusually high number of potential new members move in. We warmly welcome anyone who has not been before to come along on the night.



Hopefully, members will invite new neighbours, but we will also be looking out for new faces to make you welcome. Please come along a few minutes before 7.30.

There is no membership fee, just £3 per person on the door, but this first get together will be free so what do you have to lose?

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

The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Stuart C, Sandra C, George N, Janet G, Annie M, Janette T, Sally B, Geoff R.

We wish a happy anniversary to anyone celebrating this month.

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

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



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Answers from British Quizzes, Part 6

NATIONAL LOTTERY

Dale Winton: Skegness is a seaside resort on the coast of which sea: a) Irish Sea, b) English Channel, c) North Sea?

Contestant: Oh, I know that, you can start writing out the cheque now, Dale. It's on the east coast, so it must be the Irish Sea.

THE VAULT

Melanie Sykes: What is the name given to the condition where the sufferer can fall asleep at any time?

Contestant: Nostalgia.

BREAKFAST SHOW, RADIO 1

Chris Moyles: Which 'S' is a kind of whale that can grow up to 80 tonnes?

Contestant: Ummm . . .

Moyles: It begins with 'S' and rhymes with 'perm'.

Contestant: Shark.



The countdown is well underway for the highly anticipated return of the

Tour of Britain to Nottinghamshire this autumn following a four-year absence. Nottinghamshire will host the showpiece event on **Thursday 8 September 2022** – the fifth stage of this year's race.

It is the third time the sport's leading names will grace the county's roads following the staging of the Tour of Britain in 2017 and 2018. In 2018 the riders came through Laxton and there was a good turnout to watch them and their entourage of support vehicles passing through.

The County Council website will be updated as more details are released. In the meantime you can sign up there to the newsletter to get the latest news direct to your inbox.



MARCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

27th Feb

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

March

2nd Mar Ash Wednesday

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

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

13th Mar

9.30am	Egmanton	HC	Rev Alistair L
10.30am	Kirton	HC	Rev Alistair L

20th Mar

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

27th Mar Mothers' Day

10.30am	Kneesall	HC	Rev John C
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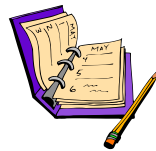
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022

March



Fri 4 th	Village Hall Quiz Night	
Weds 9 th	WI	
Weds 16 th	History Group Social Meeting	VH 7.30pm
Tues 22 nd	Parish Council	
Tues 22 nd	Registration for dancers at Wellow Maypole	

Forward Planning

Sat 24th May	Notts County Show
Sat 4th June	Wellow Maypole Celebrations
Thurs 8th Sept	Tour of Britain Cycle Race in Notts

Regular Events:

<i>Parish Council</i>	<i>4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November</i>
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**Copy Date for April edition:
12 noon, 16th MARCH 2022**

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.

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

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Michael Manning



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Laxton WI



The President, Brenda, welcomed members to the first meeting of the new year which was held on Wednesday 9th February due to the decision to cancel both the Committee meeting and the meeting in January because of the Covid situation.

A lot of invitations had been received to join events in the county. These included workshops in Redwork, which is a form of American embroidery; Crochet for Beginners; a Heritage Walk round Newark and a Treasure Trail, also in Newark and both followed by lunch at County House.

Members were also invited to join our County Chairman for lunch at Farndon Ferry Bistro as she is trying to meet members at different locations around the county.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs Chris Abbott of Ranby, who came to talk to us about her amusing moments when she was a veterinary nurse. We were fortunate that Chris was able to rebook for February as she had been booked originally for January.



She started this work while she was still at school helping out and stayed there for a total of fifteen years as she loved the work so much.

The practice was in Blackpool, so being urban, they only dealt with small animals such as dogs, cats and even snakes.



Our competition was for an animal related item and we had a small, but good entry.

Our next meeting will be on March 9th in the Village Hall, when our speaker will be Wendy

Willan, who will tell us about Team4Us. This is the charity which collects knitted gloves, scarves, hats and mitts for children and sends them abroad. We have been donating to them for a long time, so it will be interesting to find out about their journey to the other countries for the needy children.

Stuart Rose

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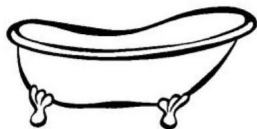


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Wellow Needs Maypole Dancers

Wellow Maypole Celebrations 2022 are to be held on Saturday 4th June. Traditionally the dancers were from the village, but in recent years children from surrounding villages have been invited to join in.



After a gap of two years, brought about by the pandemic, Wellow Maypole Celebrations will return in 2022. With the change in Bank Holiday arrangements to mark Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne, Maypole Day will be celebrated on **Saturday 4th June** as part of the national extended Platinum Jubilee weekend. Our May Queen elect has been patiently waiting to be crowned since being chosen by ballot in 2019, but maypole dancers will of course also be needed for the big day!

Parents of boys and girls aged 3 years and upwards are very welcome to come along to one of our registration sessions to find out what is involved and sign up their children to take part. There are weekly dancing practices for approximately six weeks before the big day with a final rehearsal of the procession and crowning a couple of days before Maypole Day. Separately there is also an opportunity for children who wish to be part of Wellow Jack's troupe of mischief-making 'bogeys' to be signed up at the same time. Children must be aged at least 5 years to take part in this aspect of Maypole Day.

Full details will be given at Registration. **'Registration Day' is on Tuesday 22nd March in Wellow Memorial Hall on the Maypole Green.** There are two sessions: **9am - 10am** and **6pm - 7pm**. Come along to whichever suits best. Members of Wellow Maypole Committee will be present to explain all the details. It is helpful, although not essential, if you can come without children on this occasion.

If you would like any further information beforehand you are welcome to contact Sara Burton, the Maypole Committee member for Parent Liaison, by email at sara.maypole@gmail.com or on **07901 827710**.

Wellow Maypole Committee is looking forward to welcoming local children and their parents to take part in Wellow Maypole Celebrations 2022, and of course to hosting our very special annual village tradition once more!

Save Your Stamps for Charity



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

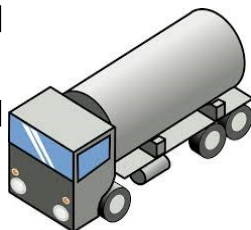
All you need to do is to trim the stamp off the envelope, leaving at least a centimetre all around to

ensure that the stamp is not damaged.

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

Thank you

Group Oil Order



Just prior to the last order the price had plateaued. We secured a price of 58.75p/litre (61.68p inc VAT @5%) on 20th February. That day Boilerjuice quoted an England average 1000 litre price of 62.58p. The last minute addition of two orders following initial discussions with the suppliers resulted in a reduction for everyone of almost 0.5p/litre, which adds up when you are buying in bulk.

Soon afterwards the price went up rapidly, reaching 68.5p on February 8th before falling slightly to 65.72p at the time of writing.

Subject to the weather and the needs of members, there may well be a late March / early April order. Please let me know if you are getting low. If you are, so may others be.

If you don't want to miss the chance to get a discount by ordering with a substantial number of others, please notify your current contact details and delivery instructions such as lock, need advance notice of delivery etc. I pass your land line, mobile(s) and email address to the chosen supplier.

Anyone whose order can be placed by email is very welcome to join. Please contact me on oil@openfield.org.uk The group currently covers an area of roughly 5 miles radius from Laxton

Joy

Chickens at Christmas

The following item was sent in for the Christmas edition, but unfortunately there was no room then. It is of historical interest as well, so we are publishing it now for interest.

The Newark Herald carried a weekly column in 1936 entitled 'Our Village Week by Week'. Billy Pike of the Old England Hotel at Sutton on Trent was the author. The December item in 1936 included:

From Buying the Christmas Poultry

Although you may be unaware of the fact, a considerable amount of time and travelling is involved, before the poultry dealers deliver your Christmas dinner to the door.

The weeks prior to Christmas are anxious and worrying times for the farmer and poultryman alike. Last week I motorcycled round suppliers to check the quantity and quality of their stock. Laxton has always been prolific poultry country and it was there that I decided to venture. After buying a goodly quantity of chickens and geese, I suddenly realised it was getting dark and that my visitations among farmer friends must come to an end. Putting on my light switch, I realised to my dismay that it was Thursday, the day I was to have my accumulator charged, and that I was without lights on my machine. It was an hour after lighting-up time and there were several miles between myself and home. There were two alternatives - one to push the machine home, the other to ride and risk the consequences. Which do you think I chose? ...

Vaccination Update

Children aged 5 -11 who are in a clinical risk group, or who live with someone who is in immunosuppressed, are being offered a Covid-19 vaccination.



Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other specified conditions. They will be offered 1/3 of the dose of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine given to older children and adults. The vaccine has been tested to make sure it is safe and each child needs 2 injections, usually 8 weeks apart. The local NHS is contacting parents and guardians by letter which will describe how to book an appointment. News at the time of writing suggests all 5 - 11s will be offered non urgent vaccinations from April.

Nottinghamshire County Show



Newark and Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society (NNAS) dates back to 1799. It is a registered charity dedicated to promote, celebrate and champion agriculture across the Midlands region.

It has recently announced that its 2022 County Show will be staged as a one day event this year. It will take place on Saturday May 14th at the Showground.

The plan is to hold all the popular regular events, including the Young Farmers' activities, the livestock and equine classes and fun for all the family. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations are also advertised. No doubt there will also be a selection of trade stands.

We will watch with interest what highlights are promised as the date draws nearer.

The Village Idiot Comes into the Area

Andy, AKA 'The Village Idiot' has an ambition to visit every civil parish in England. There are about 11,000 of them - a number which changes as parishes are created or abolished.

He travels by car with his GoPro camera, filming and adding his own commentary as he goes.

He lives in Rotherham, so many of his early videos were local, but he is aiming high and plans that eventually he will travel much, much further afield.

He has recently completed his coverage of all the parishes in Bassetlaw and is now embarking on Newark & Sherwood. He was recently in Egmont, although by his own admission, this is not one of his finest efforts. It was getting dark and his battery ran out! The Wellow film is much better.

You can see the results of his efforts on YouTube - just search for 'The Village Idiot'. The videos are listed in date order, most recent first. He has also visited Ompton, Wellow, Clumber & Hardwick, and Kirton. He has yet to visit Laxton, but you might like to find the web site and have a look at places you are familiar with.

It is free to view, but he does ask you to 'buy him a coffee', i.e. make a small donation. That, of course, is entirely up to you.

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Things to Look Forward to ...

More things are starting to happen and people are daring to plan ahead. Finally we can begin to put some dates in our diaries. Here are just a few things which you might want to think about.

HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

The major Platinum Jubilee celebrations will begin on Thursday, June 2nd 2022, and will continue over the weekend until June 5th. To create the four day weekend, the late May Bank Holiday has moved to June 2nd and an additional one-off bank holiday has been announced for June 3rd. Look out for details of local events including:

Wellow Maypole Celebrations

Saturday 4th June, from 12 noon round the maypole at Wellow. Procession, crowning of the new May Queen, dancing, refreshments, attractions. Lots and do and free admission.

The Nottinghamshire County Show.

The event will take place at the Showground in Newark. It will be a one day event on **Saturday 14th May**. See the web site for details of tickets, attractions etc.

The Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair.

Last year this event went on-line, but plans are in hand to hold the 2022 version in Mansfield Library on **Sunday 15th May**. They expect to have a programme of speakers as well as displays from the usual wide selection of historical groups from around the county. Admission free.

2022 at Doddington Hall

Now until **27th March** the spring bulbs in the gardens .

7th & 8th June Shakespeare's Globe Theatre will be giving three outdoor performances of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

Sunday 16th July - Sunday 11th September the Estate will host over 400 works of art at the popular '**Sculpture at Doddington**' summer exhibition. This event is open daily.

Snowdrop Walks at Belvoir Castle until 31 March

Grounds only opening dates - **Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th March, Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th March**
Castle & Grounds open from **Saturday 19th March**

The Dukeries Woodturning Society

The Society has resumed its monthly meetings in the Jubilee Hall in Ollerton on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Demonstrators are booked to show their skills and a video system ensures everyone can see. No practical on the night for members, but supplies stands at meetings. Everyone is very welcome.

The following speakers are booked for the first half of the year:

MARCH 23rd	Ray Jones
APRIL 27th	Peter Hallam
MAY 25th	Mick Dews (tbc)
JUNE 22rd	Joey Richardson

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

Quiz Questions (answers overleaf)

1. Which ex-footballer is now co-presenter on BBC's Homes Under the Hammer?
2. Now a successful crime novelist, who was the first female captain in the Whitbread Around the World Yacht Race, finishing fifth?
3. Which hugely successful song was written to win a five shilling bet in Stalybridge in 1912?
4. Which member of Atomic Kitten won "I'm a Celebrity" in 2004?
5. Which 1960s medical TV drama launched the career of Richard Chamberlain?
6. *Quercus suber*, grown mainly in Spain and Portugal, provides which natural product much used in the wine industry?
7. Which World War II warship is moored in the Thames and is part of The Imperial War Museum?
8. Which verse form, usually nonsense, has five lines and was devised by Edward Lear?
9. What was the name of the policeman in The Ruth Rendell mysteries, played by George Baker in the TV adaptation?
10. Which peer, who died in 2001, was a leading social reformer and led a campaign for the parole of Myra Hindley?
11. What is the link between all of the answers?

East Markham Players 2022 Pantomime

'Puss in Boots' by Sarah Daly:

Unfortunately the very sad news that the pantomime had been cancelled arrived too late to be included in the February issue. The group had been hit by a wave of Covid infections and felt they simply could not proceed to present their performance this year. The panto is postponed until next year.

The Players are hoping they may be able to stage some alternative evenings during the coming year and we will bring news of these as they are made known.

The Players continue to welcome new members from our local communities. At present there is a shortage of ladies who feel able to tackle larger roles. If you have some experience or simply the confidence to have a go, please speak to John Mitchell at the Sally Mitchell Gallery, Tuxford, for further information.

Kneesall Knightingales

The Kneesall Knightingales are an ALL AGE, ALL ABILITY community choir. We meet in the Bill Hemsley Community Centre (St Bartholomew's church) in Kneesall at 7pm on Thursday evenings during term time.

We're a friendly bunch and music is learnt step-by-step with plenty of help and support. If you feel like having a go at choral singing (even if you think you can't sing!) then this is the place to be.

On March 24th we have our free "Come and Sing" evening for anyone who's interested in what we do. No obligation to join, just come and meet us for a sing and some refreshments at half time.

Contact Sue - 07899 670766 or learnpiano@btinternet.com for more information.

We look forward to meeting you soon.



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Quiz Answers:

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| 1 Dion Dublin | 2 Clare Francis |
| 3 "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" | 4 Kerry Katona (then McFadden) |
| 5 Dr Kildare | 6 Cork |
| 7 HMS Belfast | 9 Inspector Wexford |
| 8 Limerick | 10 Lord Longford |

11 All the answers contain the names of places in Ireland.










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

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
22/1/22	28	Lesley and Steve
29/1/22	46	Lesley and Steve
5/2/22	48	Sam and Sophie
12/2/22	49	Joan and Roger

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

An Evening of Music at Egmonton VH

On 20th May 2022, please join us for an evening with singer songwriter Blair Dunlop at our Village Hall in Egmonton.

There will be a bar and snacks available and of course a raffle to help raise funds for the hall!

We will be following all Government guidelines regarding COVID and in the event of us having to cancel we will refund tickets. More information on Blair Dunlop and how to purchase tickets is available from our web site:

www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk

Amusing Parish and Church Notices, 3

- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
- The school drama group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church hall on Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Egmanton Village Hall

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Please check the EVH web site or call for latest details.

- ♦ **Yoga with Gregg** – Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Pay Gregg - £36 block of 6 sessions, £7 drop in. Info from Gregg: **07761 344250**.
- ♦ **Egmanton WI** - Thursday 17th Mar in the Hall

Village Notices

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

If you are not already on the list and would like to be kept informed, please contact Mike at kneecott@googlemail.com

Laxton Defibrillator

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

Please do remember that the defibrillator must only be used once authorised by a call to 999.

Michael Manning



Sandra Clarke is still collecting stamps for Bransby Horses throughout the year.

If you receive any during the year, please collect them trimming the stamp off the envelope, leaving at least a centimetre all around to ensure that the stamp is not damaged.

You can leave yours with Jean Hennell in Laxton or with Joy Allison in Egmanton and they will be passed to Sandra.

Thank you.

Useful Contact Details

Defibrillator Contacts:

Neil Randall 01777 871229 & 07710 398745, evenings and weekends
Mark Hennell 07812 908316, evenings
Stuart Rose 07939 228353, as required
Jeanette Geldard 07956 959135, daytime in Kneesall,
evenings / weekends
Anne-Marie & Geoff Rose 07961 933290 / 07957 991002, as required

Police

Sgt 2949 Christial Hurley, Sherwood Neighbourhood Policing Team,
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PC Gary Sipson 07525 226575 or 101 x 800 7673
Email : gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

PC2548 Deborah Bakin supported by
PCSO 8524 Richard Dunn at Southwell 07595 074292

Web, showing other contacts: www.nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

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Newark Hospital	01636 681681
Bassetlaw Hospital	01909 500990
King's Mill Hospital	01623 622515

Fire Safety Advice (Tuxford Fire Station)	01777 870381
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MP Mr Robert Jenrick: robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk	01636 612 837
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County Councillor: cllr.mike.pringle@nottsc.gov.uk	0115 977 5661
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Russell Critchley undertaking the hedge laying work referred to in the minutes of the Parish Council last month

