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Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

Writing this letter as the clocks go forward and the daylight hours change and time seems different. Yet despite the lengthening day, do you find that there still doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day? Are you a person who is constantly 'clock watching' - checking the time so that you are not late for the next event in your diary? Do you find when you are doing something that you really enjoy, time ticks away really fast – 'time flies when you are having fun' as the saying goes! Of course there is the opposite of this; time seems to drag when you are not enjoying yourself! What a strange concept time seems to be. I suppose it depends how we understand time and the nature of time itself.



Unlike us, the Ancient Greeks had 2 words for the word time: *Chronos* and *Kairos*. In the Western world we are predominately the inheritors of chronos time which is understood as 'sequential time': seconds, minutes, hours, days, months, years, for instance, a '9-5' job or the 'school day'. Chronos time speaks about the ordering of the world, we might say - the sun rises and then it sets. Chronos time is time passing from the present to the future and so becoming the past. It can be measured and defined by quantity.

Kairos time is understood more as 'the moment' and often defines a significant moment when time appears to stand still (suspended time) and you find yourself totally immersed or deeply engrossed in whatever it is you are doing. This understanding of time is immeasurable, can only be experienced. In this sense it is described as quality time. What would you call 'Kairos moments' in your life?

The Bible says in the book of Ecclesiastes that there is a 'time for everything under heaven'. God is beyond time yet experienced within it. In Kairos, we are invited to become what we are called to be as human beings, co-creators with God, experiencing the wonder of creation. The reality is that we live in both time frames – Kairos leaves us refreshed and renewed, perhaps for many it would be fair to say that Chronos leaves us stressed! I wonder how we might take more kairos moments in our days over this coming month?

Blessings

Rev Zoe

From the Registers - Sympathy

The ashes of Doreen Mary Dolby of Hasland, Chesterfield, were interred in the Garden of Remembrance in the churchyard on Friday 12th April 2019. Doreen, the wife of the late Edwin Dolby, died on 7th August 2018 at the age of 92. Our sympathy goes to her daughter Janice, son Stephen, grandchildren Richard and Ruth and the rest of the family.

Mothers' Union

Everyone is welcome at Janet Cooke's house on April 29th for this meeting, which starts at 7.30pm. Contact Janet for May details .

PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Please see the Declaration of Uncontested Election result for our Parish.

THIS WILL MEAN THAT THERE WILL BE NO ELECTIONS ON 2ND MAY 2019 AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION WAS ALSO UNCONTESTED.

Rogation Service

Sunday 26th May, 10.30am

**The service will be held on
Laxton Common**

This is our traditional rural service when the crops are blessed. This year it will be taken by the Rev. Zoe Burton and the Rev. Anna Alls

Do come and join us

Everyone welcome, *in church if wet*

Laxton's Historic Open Field Farming System and Sale of the Laxton Estate

Unfortunately, the only update we have as the magazine goes to press is that the two short listed candidates have been interviewed and we all await the result.

LAXTON & MOORHOUSE Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting
at

the Visitor Centre on Tuesday
7th May 2019 at 7.00 pm

Please come along to discuss any
matters concerning our Parish

Pat's Plant Stall

I am hopeful that the stall will be out for business by the end of April with a few herbaceous plants. The more tender items will make an appearance once the weather is more settled. Tomatoes,

courgette, beans, cucumber and bedding to begin with.



Medical Detection Dogs will be the charity to benefit.

Pat Naylor

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Tuxford Young Farmers



March ended with a visit to Brackenhurst College for an evening of lambing live.

This gave us an insight into the hectic time farmers face at this time of year. The following week we took a trip to Grantham to Sharman's, the John Deere Machinery dealers and saw the new tractors for sale. We spent the evening of March 27th at Hall Farm making rag wreaths for Mothers Day. Lesley gave help and advice as we tied strips of material around a pre-formed straw ring. April started with a member of Hope UK giving a talk on drugs and their effects on people.

The following week found us on a tour of Arlington's Farm near Newark. Members were given a tour of the milking parlour and around the fields with information on how they rotate the cows' grazing to keep the supply of grass constant. We visited the anaerobic digester where manure from the cattle is put and turned into a gas to power the parlour.

Finally a big call to all you tractor owners. We have a tractor run organised for **23rd June from Hall Farm Weston** with a 9am meeting time.

**For more information please call;
Harvey 07956098611 or
Daisy 07961097275.**

Please come along and help support our charity Forget-Me-Nots Tuxford.

Emily

Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest

As President this year I have invited a speaker from Medical Detection Dogs to come along and give a presentation about the charity and its work. It will be on **Wednesday 1st May, 1.45 for 2.00 in the Wellow Memorial Hall.**

This will be followed by a light afternoon tea of sandwiches and cake.

Tickets are £6.00 and can be obtained from me by calling in at School House or phone on 01777 870601. If you have the time please come along and support us and bring a friend, husband or partner. Help to spread the word about this less well known charity.

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Pat Naylor



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Things to Do this Month

Remember to donate undies for Africa & plants for Pat's stall

- May 1st** 5.20am See in the May, join the walk **Laxton Castle**
- May 1st** Medical Detection Dogs Talk and tea 1.45 for 2.00 pm, **Wellow Memorial Hall**. [Book places](#)
- May 7th** **Annual Parish Meeting** - Have Your Say. 7pm. **VC**
- May 14th** Watch the NottsTV broadcast on Laxton Castle, Freeview Channel 7, **8pm**
- May 25th** Kirton Coffee Morning, 10.30am, Hoplands Cottage
- May 27th** Wellow Maypole Celebrations, from 12 noon
- May 29th** **Rotary 'last Wednesday' Speaker** - about Autism
- June 23rd** Put TYFC Tractor rally in your diary

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Coffee Morning

9th May 10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 9th May at Diane Wood's house opposite the church.



Why not come and join us?

Everyone is welcome to this informal group. You don't have to come every month and are welcome to pop in to enjoy some friendly, cheerful company.

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High Drama Comes to 'Laxton'

A Report from our Theatre Critic



Laxton temporarily relocated to Egmonton, where Laxton History Group engaged the services of a top class band of thespians to enhance their AGM and supper on 12th April 2019. Clearly on a provincial tour before the West End opening of this dynamic piece - they stunned the audience.

Beelzebub horrifyingly swept amongst us hungry for souls - the prompt notes glued to the bottom of his frying pan was a master stroke. Who did not immediately identify with the lissom, lovelorn blonde haired maiden (with a beard), humiliated by her lusty and unfaithful ploughboy swain? Happiness came to her eventually, to our relief, in the form of a man wearing a peculiar hat sporting many feathers and offering a proposal of marriage.

Action heaped upon action; King George flashing fire from his eyes struck down the newly enlisted ploughboy. Only the prompt action of the doctor, who diagnosed the swallowing of a cart as the problem, saved the day; but could not save his own moustache and beard which kept falling off.

Finally the pedlar, the oddly named Sankey & Benny, closed the proceedings (after he remembered to put on his bowler hat) by accepting money and mince pies from the audience.

Musical accompaniment was provided by a gentleman wearing a large white Panama hat - and who looked very like George Melly.

An evening to remember from a multi-talented cast. *Milton Freewheel*

Moorhouse Garden Fete

Friday June 7th tbc

Wilmington Farm, Moorhouse

Cake stall * Teas * Raffle

Games * Tombola

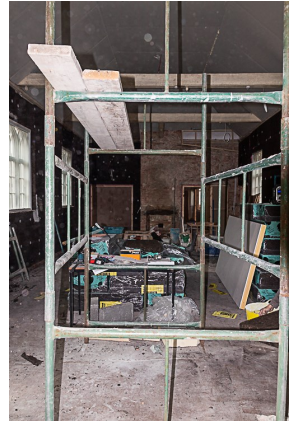
Everyone welcome

All proceeds to Moorhouse church

Village Hall Update

The builders, Trio are still cracking on at a pace and making a great job of it, the bay at the front of the hall facing the road is looking really good now with new pointing and roof! Their expectation to finish is still by the end of July and we can't wait to see it.

As mentioned last month, we will be having some form of "official opening", if you have any ideas please let us know. See progress photos here.



Dog Fouling

The Parish Council has now purchased the additional dog bin and it will be sited at the bottom of the Church Yard near the Twitchill footpath.

Please, if you see anyone allowing their dog to foul, report it to either any of the Parish Councillors or direct to Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Dawn Chorus Walk

Once again we look forward to welcoming Rattlejag Morris Dancers to Laxton Castle on the morning of May 1st. They dance as the sun rises - around 5.25am - and serve bacon cobs, beer and hot drinks to those who come to watch. Everyone is welcome to this traditional event.

Following the final dance, when the public are invited to join in, Stuart Rose leads a walk through the open fields to listen to the dawn chorus. In the past the walkers have identified over 30 species of birds by their song if not by sight.

May 1st is mid week so some may need to leave the walk before the end. There are a number of points where you can get back into the village quite easily so everyone can do some, if not all, of the walk. On a lovely morning there is nothing better.

Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest: Final Wednesday Speaker



Our final Wednesday speaker for this Rotary Year is a specialist in Autism from Autism East Midlands. Our meetings are held at South Forest Leisure in Edwinstowe. The final Wednesday falls on May 29th.

Everyone is invited to join us for these meetings, for which we gather at 7pm for a 7.15 start. As usual, transport is available from Laxton for anyone wishing to avail themselves.

The two course meal costs £10 and we are usually back in the village by 9.15pm.

Book your meal on **07711 802683**.

Jeff Naylor

Annual Parish Meeting - Rural Policing

As previously mentioned last month, we had invited Inspector Heather Sutton, the Newark Town Police Inspector to attend our Annual Parish Meeting on **TUESDAY 7/5/19** to give a talk.

Unfortunately she is unable to attend and we will be asking her to attend a meeting later in the year.

Please come along to the meeting anyway. (see poster)

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**ELECTION OF PARISH/TOWN COUNCILLOR(S)
THURSDAY 2 MAY 2019**

DECLARATION OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION RESULT

I, JOHN ROBINSON being the RETURNING OFFICER at the election of PARISH/TOWN COUNCILLOR(S) for the **PARISH OF LAXTON & MOORHOUSE** do hereby give notice that the candidate(s) listed below are elected without a contest: -

Name of person(s) elected	Home address in full or District
GODSON John Vaughan (Description (if any):)	New House Farm Main St Laxton Newark Notts NG22 0NU
HENNELL Mark (Description (if any):)	Blacksmiths Cottage High Street Laxton Newark Notts NG22 0NX
HENNELL Roy (Description (if any):)	Corner Farm Main Street Laxton Newark Notts NG22 0NU
HILL Jem (Description (if any):)	Holme View Farm High Street Laxton Newark Notts NG22 0NX
HILL Simon John (Description (if any):)	Thack Holme Green Lane Moorhouse Newark Notts NG23 6LZ
MANNING Mike (Description (if any):)	Kneesall Cottage Kneesall Road Laxton NG22 0TR
ROSE Reginald Stuart (Description (if any):)	Bottom Farm Main Street Laxton Newark Notts NG22 0NU

The candidate(s) above are duly elected for the PARISH OF LAXTON & MOORHOUSE.

DATED: 9 APRIL 2019

JOHN ROBINSON
RETURNING OFFICER

Laxton History Group



March Meeting

Our speaker, David Mooney, busked outside for the early arrivals to introduce his talk on the history of busking. He also described how his own interest in busking from casual fun to his sole occupation. He likes to busk with a jiggling doll which he made himself and which he demonstrated for us.

He drew attention to the way cute animal characters are portrayed as humans in a fairly consistent way by society. Hedgehogs are cute and kind, weasels are sneaky and generally not nice. He used an example of a weasel busker seen as disreputable and associated with gypsies.

Little of the history is written as buskers were looked down upon by the educated folk who might have written it.

A busker performs or offers a 'service' for money and so is distinguished from a beggar who simply solicits money. The 'B' word is offensive to genuine buskers.

David concluded with an amusing tale of a gentleman who had watched him busk then followed him to a record store where he asked the staff to play a particular track. To his amazement David discovered that he had been included in a hit recording as 'Unknown Street Musician'.

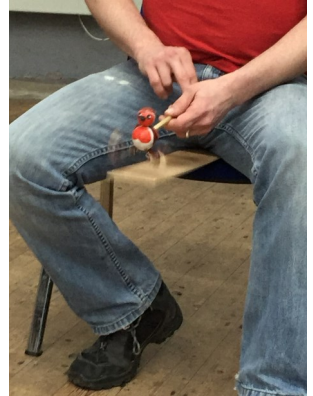
In recent times attitudes to busking have mellowed. There are incidents of, mostly foreign, buskers using menacing behaviour towards the public and fellow performers.

Michael Wood Award

The display of work produced by the children at Kneesall School was truly impressive when members went along to have a look at their display and talk to the young researchers about their projects. There is no doubt that they take it seriously and put in tremendous effort. We now have the headache of working out which items we will be able to display at Mansfield, despite begging an additional display area from the organisers.

5th June, 9 and 10am is scheduled for the presentation of gifts and certificates.

We received a call out of the blue from Tuxford Primary School in early April asking if we 'do anything with schools'. This was doubly unexpected as we had not been in touch with them since they declined an invitation to take part when we first started the project.



Roger and Joan went to see the teacher who enquired and the result is a mini project with them as a pilot, which could be expanded in future. They plan to do this over three weeks and they will present their work on the same date as Kneesall. Members are invited to attend Tuxford Primary School to see what they have produced. The time will be announced in due course.

It is encouraging to think that another local school is showing an interest in their local history. Members are encouraged to attend both events.

We will be taking examples of the work the children produce to display at the Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair in Mansfield on Sunday 12th May. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event which includes talks and entertainment as well as a large number of stalls from groups across the county. It is open 11am - 3pm.

AGM and Mummers' Play

The AGM was held at Egmonton, but we were still able to entertain a full hall with a tasty supper to sustain them through the business. We are blessed with a willing selection of cooks who prepared cottage / fish pie for everyone followed by fruit pie or crumble.

The business did not detain us long. John Chambers gave his review of the year and thanked everyone for their efforts and support over the year. We were particularly pleased to be joined by Hugh Matheson from the Thoresby Estate and our Hon. President Prof. John Beckett, both with their wives. We appreciated them all giving up their time to join us, and their good humour during the entertainment.

Our meeting was rather different this year with the usual historical supper replaced with historical entertainment, thanks to Joan's efforts 'enlisting' a cast of 'volunteer' actors to perform the script of the Laxton Mummers play in the Archives in Nottingham.

Historically it was played by men, who would have been farm hands, and in the style of a pantomime. The initially reluctant cast threw themselves into rehearsals with gusto and took Joan at her word that

they would get laughs regardless, so they might as well play for them. Some costume purchases completed the preparations, though Joan was still learning her lines on the night after her players, who had been told they could read, all decided to learn theirs.

It is fair to say that the play is unlike anything we have had to entertain



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us before. It really had to be seen to be appreciated. The characters included Beelzebub, King George, and a 'pretty young maiden' as well as a farm hand who rose from the presumed dead. Many thanks to Graham Laughton for providing musical



accompaniment and particular thanks to an initially reluctant Roy Hennell who was persuaded not only to perform, but to do so on his birthday. He received a chorus of 'Happy Birthday' to mark the day.

Our planned visit to Leicester has been cancelled as it clashed with holidays and other commitments for too many members. As a consequence, we have decided to hold a film night with some of the historic films of Laxton from our archive. This will take place on our usual meeting date of 15th May at 7.30pm in

Egmanton Village Hall. As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

On Tuesday October 15th, wrongly given as 12th last month, we will be going to Oxford for the day. The Mark Pierce 1635 map of Laxton will be featured in an exhibition of historical maps.



This is a rare opportunity to see this wonderful document on public display and it will be alongside amazing survivals of very early maps.

We are currently deciding if we should go by minibus or hire a coach. At present we have enough to fill a minibus and will only hire a larger vehicle if we get a significant number of additional names.

Please will anyone, members or non members, who would like to see the exhibition, or simply take advantage of a bus trip to this lovely city let Jean know of their interest so we can choose our transport wisely.

Our May meeting will be a chance to see a selection of films, so do join us in Egmanton Village Hall on 15th May at 7.30pm.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

5th May Easter 2
9am Kirton **HC**
4pm Wellow **Es**

12th May Easter 3
10.30am Laxton HC
4pm Egmanton **Es**

19th May Easter 4
9am Egmanton **HC**
10.30am Wellow **HC**

26th May Easter 5 / Rogation Sunday
10.30am Laxton Common – Rogation Sunday Service
6pm Wellow Maypole Service

Tuesday 14th May – ‘Open Vestry Hour’ for Christening and wedding enquiries: 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Paulinus Church Office, Church Circle, New Ollerton.

Midweek Holy Communion Services resume at St Giles, Ollerton Village - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 10am service on Wed 8th and Wed 22nd May.

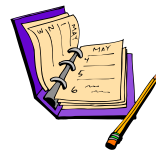
The church will remain open after the service until 1pm to receive visitors or for prayer & quiet reflection or candle lighting

Thursday 30th May – Ascension Day
7pm Family of Churches Service, Bilsthorpe HC

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2019

Apr 29th	MU	
May 1st	May Day Sunrise	Laxton Castle followed by Dawn Chorus Walk
May 7th	Annual Parish Meeting	Visitor Centre
Sat / Sun May 11 th & 12 th	Newark Show	Newark Showground
May 8th	WI - Resolutions	@ Egmanton VH
May 9th	Coffee Morning	
May 14th	NottsTV feature Laxton	8pm, Freeview Ch. 7
May 15th	History Group Film Night - NB change of plan EVH	
May 12th	Great Notts History Fair	Mansfield Library
May 26th	Rogation Sunday	
May 27th	Maypole celebrations	Wellow Green
May 29th	Rotary Last Weds Speaker	South Forest

Forward Planning

Alternate months, 4th Tuesday *Parish Council*

June 7th	Moorhouse Garden Fete. Date tbc	
June 23rd	Tuxford Young Farmers' Tractor Rally	
Sept 28 th	Southwell Ploughing Match	Thoresby Estate
Dec. 6th	Quiz Night	

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its humble beginnings. Michael Marks who came here from Russia in 1863 aged 19 fleeing persecution of the Jewish people. Speaking very little English, he joined the large Jewish community in Leeds. When he arrived, the brother he had planned to join had joined the Gold Rush. He sought the advice of a prominent businessman who also gave him a loan, which he used to buy goods to sell. To cope with his limited English he displayed a sign saying 'Don't ask the price - it's a penny.'

He thrived and business expanded to market stalls in five towns. After one of his staff died of pneumonia he abandoned outdoor markets in favour of indoor penny arcades affording better protection to workers. He soon developed a reputation as a caring employer.

Married with five children he moved to Manchester. His original backer declined to back further expansion, but introduced him to Tom Spencer who quickly became an enthusiastic partner. Marks & Spencer was born. They moved into 'Penny Bazaars' where produce was on view and could be handled. Weekend entertainment encouraged families to go along to enjoy the shopping experience. Business flourished and spread.

Tom Spencer died aged 53 followed by Marks 2 years later, neither leaving a son old enough to take over. Trustees managed the business until Simon Marks reached his majority. He had inherited his father's business skills and returned from checking out Woolworth's in America to change the M&S motto to '5/- nothing more.'

The company became a major innovator, developing new fabrics and designs and expanding the range of their merchandise. The Headquarters moved to London in 1926.

In the 1930s, notably pre NHS, Flora Solomon was made head of M&S' revolutionary welfare scheme, providing health schemes, dentistry, holidays, cosmetic help, and social support for all staff. It became THE place to work. Efforts to develop and source new materials lead to the St Michael brand in honour of Simon's father.

The decline of the High Street is the firm's latest challenge. They are changing their focus with food stores are a dominant feature.

Brenda thanked Sue for a fascinating talk. General conversation continued for some time. It seems Marks & Spencer's has been ingrained in us all.

Sue judged our competition, for 'A Recollection of M&S. Lesley won Lesley with Joyce second and Sandra third.

May sees our annual discussion of the Resolutions to be taken to the National Federation AGM in Bournemouth, where Sally will represent us. This will be followed by a light supper. Everyone is welcome. Please note that we will still be meeting in Egmonton.

Laxton & Norwell: An Open and Closed Case

This was the title given to the May meeting at Norwell hosted by their Parish Heritage Group. They had been kind enough to invite Laxton History Group members to join them for an interesting discussion between their own chairman, Prof. Michael Jones, and Laxton's Hon. President Prof John Beckett.

The two villages are only a handful of miles apart, but have had a very different history over the last 300 years or so. Most people know that Laxton is famed for its open field strip farming system with the only example of a working Court Leet. The estate was under the ownership of a diverse group of people for a long time and the inability of the major landowners to acquire sufficient land to press forward with enclosure was a major factor in it not happening.

From the 1800s, which is regarded as late enclosure, the majority of enclosure happened by Act of Parliament. When, eventually, sufficient land had been exchanged and acquired by the Earls Manvers to consider implementing enclosure, they were heavily committed in the building of Thoresby Hall and the cost was prohibitive. As a result Laxton adapted through the agricultural depression which followed in the mid 1800s, when smaller farming units became popular again. There was substantial rebuilding in brick in the village to provide decent housing for tenants to encourage them to want to work Thoresby land. In the early 1900s the open fields were substantially reorganised with the acreage in strips and the size of those strips being changed to suit the times. Some enclosure had happened by 1635 as seen on the familiar map, and now more land was fenced into fields. The Court Leet continued to manage the open fields, leading to the adapted version of the medieval system we have today.

Norwell was owned by the church for some 800 years until 1952. This might seem to make for a simpler system, but in fact the estate, which is of similar size to Laxton, was divided into three prebendaries. This meant that there were three courts leet and three sets of officers to manage the system and community. Being at some distance from their ecclesiastical owners, they were largely left to manage themselves and they worked a very similar system of strips to Laxton until the 1800s.

There were no gentry living in Norwell. Two families tried to claim nobility, but when this was tested, both were found wanting. Notably they undertook none of the roles normally occupied by gentry. The housing stock was generally poorer than in Laxton and as a result examples of timber framed houses survive. Latterly they have been

clad in brick, but the original timbers still exist within. There are no similar examples in Laxton.

The enclosure Act for Norwell was passed in 1826. Enclosure was also happening locally at this time (Egmanton's Act was passed in 1821). Although lands were exchanged after this, the three part system continued. By the end of WWII there were more small farms in Norwell than in Laxton at a similar time.

The meeting concluded with a discussion with the audience. It was an interesting opportunity to learn more about our neighbours and it was generally agreed that it would be good to do more together. We have booked James Wright, the county expert on castles, to speak to us about medieval castles in March 2010 and Norwell will be joining us in Laxton for this event.

Laxton on Notts TV

We reported last month that the students from Brackenhurst had visited with Notts TV to film in Laxton. We have now received the following information by email from Chris Breese, the producer of the film.

'Firstly to say the new series starts this coming Tuesday (9th April) at 8pm. We kick off with a fascinating look inside a cave system called Rouse's Sandmine, hidden below Nottingham city centre.

The show you contributed to has been titled 'Hidden Castles of Nottinghamshire'. We are at the stage where a 'rough cut' is close to being finalised, laying down the time line and narrative. The visual effects are also progressing well and will be added to this over the next few weeks.

The episode now has a firm air date/time of Tuesday, May 14 at 8pm.'

The broadcast occurs on Freeview Channel 7. Unfortunately some local transmitters received in Laxton seem to receive different broadcasts on the channel. You can, however, find the programmes on the NottsTV web site after the original broadcast. We understand that, with input from James Wright, mentioned above, they hope to include a digital recreation of what the castle may have looked like.

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Rotary 'Bras for Africa' Collection

The Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest's collection of lightly used bras and new pants for Africa continues to go well.

We recently opened the door to a lady who had come from Farnsfield and was laden with bags of bras which were donated through a charity shop there.

These seem such an everyday items to us that it is hard to understand the huge difference they can make to women in countries where simply having underwear can protect you from unpleasant incidents and unwanted attention.

If you are able to donate anything, please drop off at School House, Laxton, next door to the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.



LAXTON HISTORY GROUP FILM NIGHT, 15th May, 7.30pm

We holding a film night in Egmonton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 15th May instead of the planned outing. We always welcome visitors and this is a rare chance for new villagers to get a first sight of some of the heritage films of the village. We hope to see you. £2 admission includes refreshments - with excellent biscuits!



Sandra Clarke collects stamps for Bransby Horses throughout the year. You can leave yours with Jean Hennell in Laxton or with Joy Allison in Egmonton and they will be passed to Sandra.
Thank you.

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The Dukeries Singers

We've had a super Spring so far with very pleasant weather and swathes of glorious colour in gardens everywhere. Let's hope that May will be as kind weather-wise and as delightfully floriferous.



We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm. until 9-00pm. upstairs in the Theatre Refreshment area at the Dukeries Academy, Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

We have two upcoming events;

Sun 28 April We have once again been asked to sing at the Ollerton St George's Day Festival. This is usually a fun family day. All we need is favourable weather to accompany our rousing songs.

Sat 18 May A Concert at Farndon Church, at 7-0pm. This is always a favourite venue for us to sing. We have many friends there (and the refreshments are wonderful.)

Our Secretary Pauline on 07951609217 would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to book us for your "bit of a do," be it Fund Raising, a Celebration, an Anniversary or a Charity Event.

We can be found on Facebook, Twitter and You

Jan

Kirton Coffee Morning

Saturday, May 25th, 10.30am

'Hopland Cottage', KIRTON, (Georgina's, top of Church Hill)

Entry £2 - includes Coffee, Tea, Cake etc.

Raffle - Cakes - Bring and Buy - White-Elephant - Plants.

Raffle for Kirton Church Funds - all other proceeds for Salvation Army work with the Homeless.

Dukeries Woodturning Society

We are delighted to report that we have spent a good sum from the £1300 Special Project Grant awarded by Newark & Sherwood District Council on a new lathe for the Society. This has replaced our old one which is well over 15 years old. The old one was auctioned among members and the money received has gone into our funds. It is great to have



this wonderful new piece of essential equipment when the club is experiencing a rise in popularity and numbers. Our new venue certainly has been a boon to the club in many ways. We thank the Jubilee Hall for welcoming us and providing us with such ideal facilities.

We were delighted that several new members joined on such a good night. We always welcome guests and new members with a free first visit, meaning you don't need to commit to the annual membership until you have given us a try. The annual fee of £15 reduces monthly during the year to reflect the months you have missed, so it is no problem joining for a part year. The nightly fee is £5 when you come.

Membership entitles you to enjoy :

- the excellent professional demonstrators, many of whom travel a long way. We are the only club in this region which some of them visit;
- Having a go on our lathe at our quarterly 'hands on' nights - the next one is 19th June;
- Refreshments in the interval

We welcome all ages and levels of experience and hope to see you at the **Jubilee Hall, Ollerton on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm**. On May 22nd we welcome Richard Findley to demonstrate to us.

For more information please visit www.dukerieswoodturning.org.uk or call Gordon Fisher on **01623 464986** / Michael Manning on **01777 870844**

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We have sadly had a raft of numbers become available due partly to the sad passing of some long term supporters of the draw. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: 1, 2, 11, 24, 26, 28, 42, 46, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 59.

Please contact Ken Shep on 870605 / Mike Manning 870844.

Events at Maplebeck Village Hall

www.maplebeckvillagehall.org

Tuesday 21st May

Film, 7.30pm, A United Kingdom (12A)

This fascinating biopic follows the real story of Seretse Khama, the former African royal, who controversially married an Englishwoman, Ruth Williams. He later led his nation to independence in 1966 as the first president of Botswana, despite the deliberate obstacles created by the Foreign Office.

No need to book: £5 on the door

Contact:

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Scrapping section 21 “no-fault” evictions in the private rented sector.

Citizens Advice has responded to the government’s announcement that it will consult on scrapping section 21 “no-fault” evictions in the private rented sector.

Gillian Guy, Chief Executive of Citizens Advice, said:

“Scrapping no-fault evictions is a groundbreaking shake-up of the private rented sector and will better protect the almost 5 million households who live in it.

“It means renters - including families - will be able to put down stable roots where they live and prevent landlords from evicting tenants for simply complaining.”

Background

Citizens Advice helped nearly 200,000 people with housing problems last year - almost 60,000 of those in the private-rented sector.

Our research found more than 2 in 5 tenants say fear of eviction prevents them talking to their landlord about disrepair.

Tenants who made a formal complaint to either their local authority or to a redress scheme had a 46% chance of being issued with a section 21 eviction notice in the following 6 months, our research from March 2018 found.

We found revenge evictions have affected 141,000 tenants since laws attempting to ban revenge evictions were introduced in 2015.

Nearly half of tenants (44%) who experienced delays in getting repairs done by their landlord said fear of eviction would stop them from continuing to negotiate about the disrepair.

There are 1.7 million families with dependent children renting privately, according to the English Housing Survey.

The CAB can be contacted by any of the means below:

New Ollerton: 5 Forest Court, New Ollerton, NG22 9PL
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Or Call **Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline** on: **03454 04 05 06**

Or see us at Twitter: **@ShwdNwkCAB**

Milton Mausoleum

We are looking forward to opening our iconic building this season from May – Sept. every Sunday from 2pm – 4pm. We can also provide guided tours for groups on other dates by prior arrangement. We enjoy telling the story of the building and the people involved. Our committee is continually researching new information about this building which has a place in our local history. Further planned events are as follows:

Sunday 2nd June at 2pm AGM – all are welcome

Saturday 22nd June Summer Concert (celebrates 50 years of CCT)

Saturday 14th Sept. Entertainment by “Limited Ability Band”

More details in due course.

We look forward to meeting with you and we thank you for your continued support.



Homeless card!

School House, Laxton has a birthday card, or similar, for Mrs N Martin. Other than the name the address is perfect. If the card is yours, or you know Mrs Martin, please get in touch.

Egmanton Village Hall

www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk / 01777 871171

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

- ◆ **Yoga with Greg** – Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- ◆ **Laxton History Group** - Weds 15th May, 7.30pm Film night
- ◆ **Egmanton WI** - Thurs 16th May - Resolutions
- ◆ **Children's Dance Classes** - Sat mornings (Jill, 07790 601877)
- ◆ **Computer Problems?** - Call **01777 871171**.
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LAXTON VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

The next Quiz Night will be on **FRIDAY 6/12/19** in our new Hall, we can't wait!!

We hope you are all available again, please let me know if you want a team. Michael Manning (**870844**)

Maplebeck Village Hall Events

www.maplebeck.org.uk / 01636 636421

Regular Activities

Yoga	Tues 9.45am and Fri 9.30am
Clubbercise	Thurs, 8.30pm
Walkers	Weds, from approx.10.00am
Kurling (without the ice!)	2nd Weds monthly 7.30pm
Book Club	(4 th Jun, 9 th Jul. 3 rd . Sep.) 7.30pm

Upcoming events and Films (all 7.30pm)

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Parish Council website: www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk

Wellow Maypole Celebrations

The annual Wellow Maypole Celebrations will take place on the green this year on Monday May 27th. The event is free to enter with parking a short walk from the centre of the village where everything happens.



The stalls open at midday and entertainment starting with Ollerton Town Drum Corps marching. Later the steel band 'Steel Gen' from East Markham will play two sets. Falconry Experience will be displaying their birds in flight and static and more is being planned as we write.



The central feature of the day is the crowning of the new May Queen, Lucy Hollingworth. Retiring Queen, Isabel Leatt and her retinue will gather with Lucy and her retinue at the church then process down beside the Red

Lion into the arena. They will be accompanied by the maypole dancers and Wellow Jack, there to ensure mischief ensues later on.

Following the traditional format of the ceremony, Isabel will place the crown and train on Lucy. Then Lucy will present Isabel with a locket to remind her of her year in office. The dancing begins when Lucy requests and a collection will be taken during the afternoon for a charity of her choosing.

Seating is provided around the arena, but it is always very popular so if you feel you need to take the weight off your feet to watch, make sure to be there early. Bring a brolly if it looks inclement - rain doesn't stop play.

Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon in the Memorial Hall and include hot drinks, sandwiches and home made



cake. At the end of the ceremony the retinues and dancers retire to the Hall for their banquet while entertainment continues outside and Isabel will perform her final duty by drawing the raffle.