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Letter From Rev Zoe

Dear Friends

November is the month for REMEMBERING. Remembrance Sunday falls on Sunday 13th November when, in the memorial gardens and the cemetery, we will remember the names of the Fallen. We also remember through the ritual and symbol: for instances, laying wreaths and poppy crosses, bowing before the cenotaph, the lowering of standards, the Last Post and observing silence together. Funerals are also particular times when we remember and at St Paulinus we recently hosted a memorial service when we lit candles and remembered the names of those we love but no longer see. Why is remembering so important?

In last month's letter my colleague Revd Philip spoke about memory and history. In the ancient world, memory was highly valued. Memory was not separated from learning. Remembering is about literally partaking in an act of 're-remembering' - that is bringing together a storehouse of images (and their associated emotions) of events and experiences in life to form a collective story (e.g.. our own personal story, the story of a family, a community.....). It is like bringing together again the jigsaw of life which is still unfolding. These shared memories of the past are brought into the present and made present again. It is in this process, we rekindle in a powerful way, how these memories have shaped and will continue to shape how we see the world and ourselves as we all journey into the future. I wonder, when we remember our loved ones whom we no longer see and we remember the Fallen, what lessons have we learnt and continue to learn which shape our outlook on life?

In the Bible we meet with a God of Remembrance: a God who remembers people and nations and a God who remembers God's own words of promise. We discover that the stories of God's people were understood within the over-arching story of God (who God is and what God has done). This was crucial for God's people because this gave them a corporate sense of identity - the collective memory of who they were in relation to God and consequently each other, their neighbouring communities and how this identity shaped life. As Christians we believe that God's story continues to have huge significance for the world and in our lives. It is as our story is weaved into God's story we discover answers to big questions of life which gives us meaning and purpose in life and offers hope for the future. Each Sunday in Church, we re-member God's story and re-member our story - this is done, for instance, through collectively singing hymns and worship songs, hearing God's Word in the Bible, sharing

together in prayer and partaking in a special meal of bread and wine which Jesus said we should do 'in remembrance of him' until he comes again.

As we move through this month marked by remembrance, what rituals, symbols or words help you to remember? Take some time to reflect and rekindle some precious memories of your own. When you are having a hard or difficult day, rekindle a memory of somewhere you have visited that gives you life and renews you. Which memories give you hope? It might be worth considering the fact that the God who remembers us is utterly trustworthy and remembers his promises forever – it is good to remember that with Jesus, our past, present and our future are held in the safe hands. Jesus gives hope in a life beyond this existence, he gives peace in our deepest and darkest times of need and he gives strength and courage to face whatever life throws at us and what our futures may hold. Remember that it is never too late if you choose to know Jesus as your friend and Saviour!

blessings
 Rev Zoe

From the Registers - Sympathy

The funeral of Phoebe Stacey nee Paulson took place at Laxton church on Thursday 29th September 2016. Phoebe was born at East Park Cottage, which stood between Laxton and Moorhouse, in 1920. More recently she had lived in Edwinstowe, She was brought back to Laxton to be buried with her parents and brother.

Our sympathies go to her friends and family, some of whom still live in the village and nearby.

Laxton History Group Trip to Newstead Abbey's Christmas Decorations Saturday December 3rd

The Group are planning a visit to see the beautiful decorations in Newstead Abbey this Christmas. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us.

Will members and others wishing to go please contact Jean on **870276** for details and to book their place

Thank You from the PCC

On Wednesday 7th December Laxton Church will hold the service to license the new priest who will work in our Group with Rev. Zoe and Rev. Philip. Her name is Rev. Ann Alls and she will be licensed by the Rt. Rev. Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham. We will be joined by clergy from other parts of the diocese and members of the other eleven churches in our Group to welcome Ann to our Group.

Rev. Ann is presently a priest at Brinsley Underwood and Eastwood. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Egmanton Works

Many people who drove through Egmanton during October were mystified by the works being carried out. These were 'Phase I' of the flood alleviation scheme designed to keep the village safe from any repetition of 2007 when a week of torrential rainfall had the roads running like rivers while water found its way into homes.

A small group of villagers have worked tirelessly to get something done, despite suddenly dropping well down the local agenda when floods hit Southwell several years later.

The present work should let the water on the roads get into the dykes which run through the village and out towards the A1. The problem of torrential rain and saturated land was compounded in 2007 by the fact that the village lies in a bowl. Water pours in from all sides. On rare occasions the inflow is greater than the outflow and the lower lying properties find themselves awash.

The clinching factor in persuading the powers that be of the remedies needed was winning the argument that the Tuxford Road should to be seen as a 'dry river bed'. They don't have a category for 'a road which directs water from surrounding fields into homes', but they can calculate the effects of a dry river bed starting to flow as a river. That 'dry river' certainly flows at times!

The recent works have lowered the kerb opposite the church and allowed water to flow through a new shallow channel into the dyke beyond the bridge. Of course the bridge used to have a post and rail fence which allowed water through it, but the replacement brick wall added to the problems. High kerbs have also been part of the problem as water which could have run away through the dyke could not get into it. Extra lowered kerbs will hopefully help matters in future.

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**Remembrance
Group Service
Laxton Church
Sunday November 13th
10.30am**

Everyone Welcome



Group Advent Service

Worship for All

Laxton Church

**Sunday November 27th
10.30am**

**Blessing and lighting of the advent
wreaths**

Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

Everyone Welcome



Firework Time Again Please Think of the Animals

With bonfire night just around the corner, it seems a good time to remind people to take care when having firework events. They can be terrifying for animals and some people as well. At this time of year everyone with animals tends to be on alert for a week or so before to a week or so after 5th November.

If you are planning to let off fireworks at any other time during the year, please let your neighbours with animals know so that they can take precautions.

Animal owners, and horse owners in particular, will quickly spread the word amongst each other so everyone will be safe and happy and your tip off will also let people who would like to watch and enjoy the spectacle know when to be at their windows.

Thank you on behalf of the animals and owners.

Coffee Morning

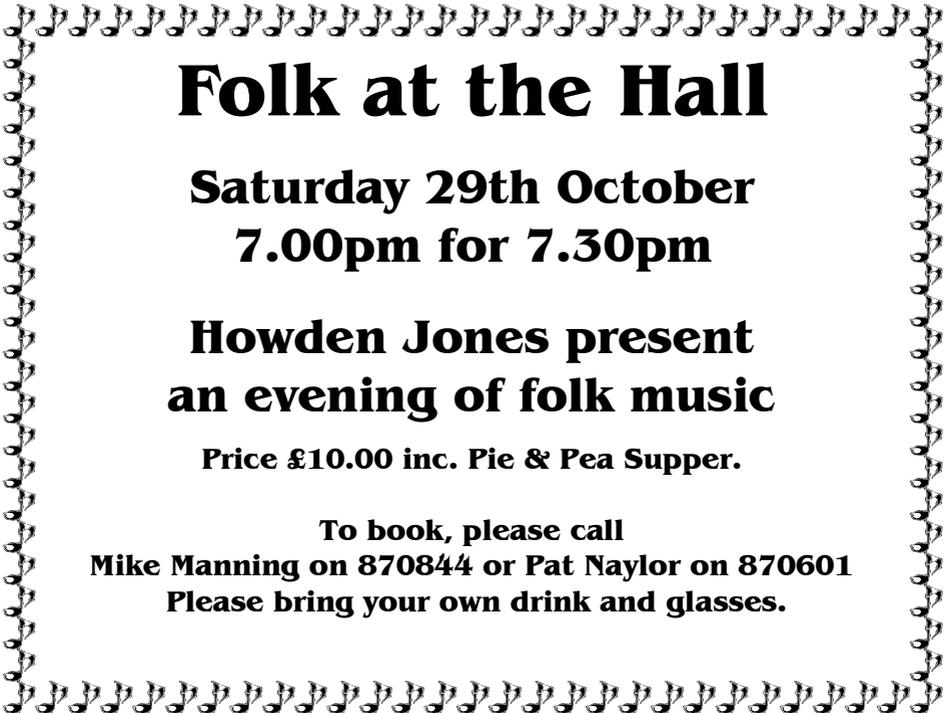
This month will be on **10th November** at Crosshill House, opposite the Green by the Dovecote, from 10.30am - 11.30am.

Everyone is welcome to this informal group.

You don't have to commit to monthly attendance and are welcome to pop in to enjoy some friendly, cheerful company.

Plenty of tea, cakes, chatter and warm welcomes for newcomers.





Folk at the Hall

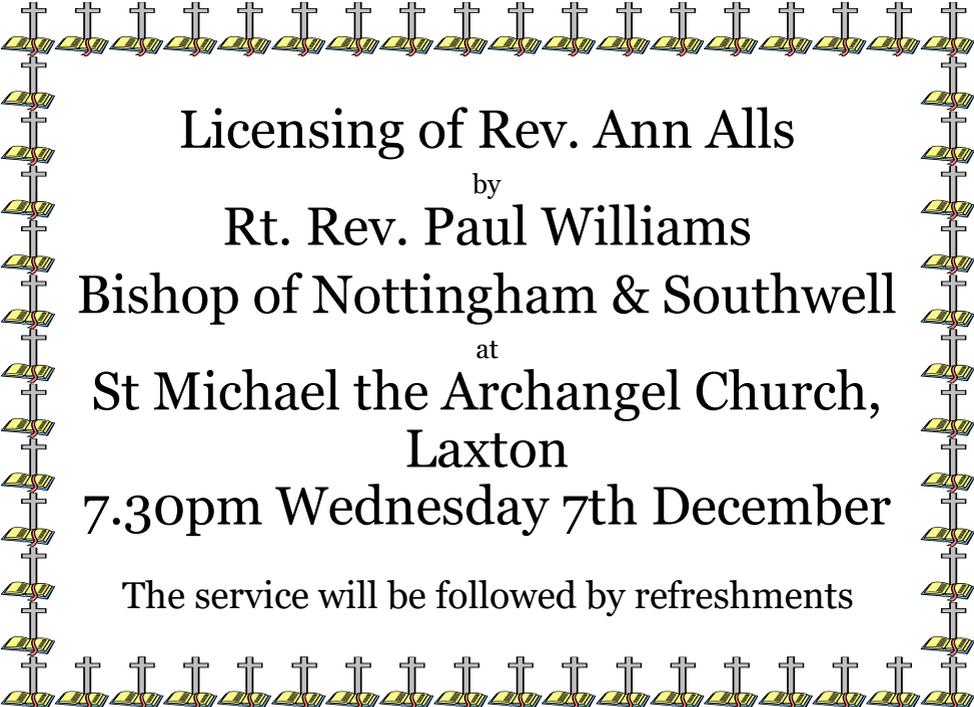
Saturday 29th October

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Licensing of Rev. Ann Alls

by

Rt. Rev. Paul Williams

Bishop of Nottingham & Southwell

at

St Michael the Archangel Church,
Laxton

7.30pm Wednesday 7th December

The service will be followed by refreshments

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Monday 31st October

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Friday 11th November

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Tuesday 22nd November

Pie Tuesday - 5.30pm to 9.00pm

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Bookings now being taken on all these events. For further information of our events or to book a table, please call us on 01777 871586, visit the Website www.dovecoteinn.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

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**We look forward to seeing you all soon at your local pub,
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Supper Dance

Friday 18th November

7.30 pm

Laxton Village Hall

Tickets **£7** from Jean, Brenda or Margaret

Supper included

Please bring your own drink and glasses

All proceeds to Laxton Church



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FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

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Parish Council News

Parish Clerk Retirement

As mentioned in the last Parish Council minutes, the Councillors again expressed their thanks to Ken Shepherd for his many years of dedicated service as our Clerk and our gratitude for his longstanding commitment to Laxton and the Parish of Laxton and Moorhouse. They agreed that his huge contribution over so many years should be formally recognised at an appropriate time in conjunction with Ken's wishes. Both Newark and Sherwood District Council and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) have been contacted about a long service award.

This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 10/11/16 (Visitor Centre 7:30)

Village Signs and interpretation Boards

Following the announcement in October's 'Open Field' regarding funding for these items, we had an open meeting in the Village Hall. We now have a design for the new signs which is shown on this months cover. We have placed an order and expect the signs to be completed within a 10 week period. Thanks go to many people for getting this project off the ground, particularly Jean Hennell, who, with Roy, visited the manufacturers a number of times and got the ball rolling! The biggest thanks really should go to The Crown Estate for their funding, as without this we would not have been able start the project.





The Interpretation Boards have now been refurbished and I have to say they look as if they are new! Many thanks to our “odd job man” Tony Cuddy who has made a really brilliant job of them. I have taken photos

“before and after” which are in this issue but you would be much better seeing them ‘in situ’ to get the best appreciation of them. Thanks again to The Crown Estate for their funding.



A quick reminder that the December quiz will be on Friday 2nd December 2016. Please ring me for your teams 01777 870844

Michael Manning



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Laxton History Group

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Laxton Village Hall
Saturday 19th November
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- ☆ Start your Christmas shopping at the stalls
- ☆ Home made soup & cobs
- ☆ Traditional cakes with your tea
- ☆ Cake stall for cakes of all sorts to take home

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Laxton History Group



Our trip on the Trent, or 'cruise' as Jean Hennell liked to call it, was a great success. Everything seemed to be in our favour, apart perhaps from one or two sat navs and the traffic in Nottingham at that time of night. Forest were playing at home as we later discovered. Maybe we should have checked that first.

We all boarded and found our reserved tables. As we started to move off the most stunning sunset developed. We couldn't help just gazing at it and trying to get some photos, which was not that easy given the limited viewing through

an open door below deck height. It was worth it.

The last rays of the sun still lit the sky and the red colours were reflected off the water as we collected for our dinner. Everyone enjoyed a delicious roast followed by tasty apple pie. It was generally agreed that a very good time had been had by all. Our Chairman, John Chambers thanked Jean for organising the evening; the crew for the smooth and effortless trip along the river and the few other passengers who found themselves having to share the space with us. Hopefully we didn't spoil their evening - and we did get appreciative smiles for John's words.



We are now looking forward to our October meeting when we will be hearing from Nick Brown, Manager of Thoresby Estate, who will speak about Thoresby now and then and its involvement with Laxton. It will be interesting to hear about the relationship from the other side, especially as we have been so involved in the workings of the Estate during the early years of the last century through our HLF project.

Extra Booklets

As we said last month, we decided to try to produce another volume about Laxton during 1900 - 1920. The majority of what we are writing is stories we have discovered in letters in the archives, parish magazines and newspaper cuttings of the day. To our astonishment people who have seen the first four booklets have told us a lot of previously unknown stories. We are really grateful to everyone for their help and have enjoyed hearing from them.

As a result, the 'extra volume' will be THREE extra volumes! This has been a huge amount of work for the team during September and October, but it is rewarding to get our findings out there for everyone to enjoy. We will let you know when these booklets will be available. The plan is to let everyone who had Vols. 1 - 4 have the new ones to complete their sets.

If you know people who did not get the first set but who would like to read them, please direct them to www.laxtonhistorygroup.org.uk where they can now be downloaded free of charge.

Meanwhile, if you now realise you have a tale to tell or photo which has not been used in the booklets, we hope you will get in touch with us. Just because we have completed the booklets does not mean we have lost interest. We will continue to collect information and stories which can be used here in the magazine or kept for a future project.

Things to Do this Month

Sign up to learn to make glass Christmas decorations

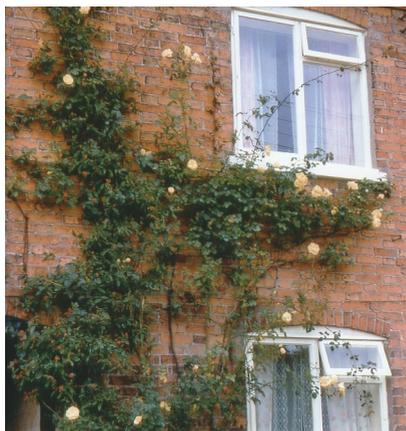
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| Oct 29th | Folk Evening, 7.30pm, VH |
| Nov 9th | WI Christmas Crafts, 7.30pm, VH |
| Nov 10th | Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, VC |
| Nov 16th | History Group Stained Glass RAF Memorials, 7.30pm, VH |
| Nov 18th | Church Dance - book I advance for catering 7.30pm, VH |
| Nov 19th | Christmas Fayre, 11.30am - 3.30pm, VH |
| Nov 27th | Film for children 'Spirited Away', 3.00pm, Maplebeck VH |

VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Vernon and Jean's Story

Many thanks to Vernon and Jean Bartle of Egmonton who took us at our word and sent the History Group their story. Some of what they sent has been kept to use in the latest booklets. This is what they have written:

John Glazebrook Bartle, married to Eliza Wilkinson, lived at the Old Vicarage Farm on Chapel Lane. He was a farmer and also had a pony and trap. He had two children, Sam and Mary. She married Richard Beckitt and lived at Ivy House farm.



The rose in 1969 on Dijon House, then 73 years old

William Bagshaw married Mary Harris from Ross-on-Wye. He was a grocer and carrier and also had a pony and trap. He lived in the cottage known as Dijon House today. The rose 'Gloire de Dijon' was given to William Bagshaw by the Rev S R Hole of Cauntton manor, who later became the dean of Rochester.

It was growing on the cottage front wall for over 84 years until just after my mother, Nina Bartle went to live at Weston. Details of the rose's background were left on the mantelpiece for the new owners, the Fretwells, who decided to give the

cottage the name Dijon. The rose is described as 'a large flowering climber, tea quartered buff pink bred in 1853 by Jacotot.

William Bagshaw had three children, Alice, Nina and Edgar who died aged 11 months. Nina married Sam, who became my parents. They also had a pony and trap. My father Sam fetched the pine trees that grow down the Vicarage drive from Boughton Station for the Rev. Martin. They were from Scotland.

My father was the first person in the village to own a penny farthing bike. It was the first of all cycles in the village.

After many years living at the farm my parents came to live at the cottage. I was born there. The cottage contained the following outside buildings: open shed with bracken roof, stable, fodder room, outside toilet,. There were three cows and some hens. Later on, during the war years, one pig a year was kept.

We went to Retford, Newark and Tuxford markets. Tradesmen also

came into the village. My father Sam was in the church choir, rang hand bells and was Chairman of the Parish Council.

My mother Nina, who was in the Mothers' Union, went to first aid classes at Southwell by ambulance. On the way back after she was dropped off at the Vicarage five bombs were dropped injuring some people and killing Miss Willis (the former school teacher).

My mother also cleaned the church on a Saturday, taking me and my two sisters with her. She washed, starched and ironed all the surplices for the church choir. I joined the church choir at the age of nine.

In my teens and twenties I had four allotments, but not all at the same time. One was at the top of Little Field Hill, One on Kneesall Road, one at Moorhouse on the corner of Egmonton Road opposite Saxelby's and one at the top of Wood Lane down on the area of the football field.

Jean's Grandad and Grandma Paulson came to live at East Park Cottage in 1925. The hill at the bottom of the field was known as Cobbs Hill, named because of the Cobb Dolbys who used to live in the cottage. They had the property as a smallholding and it continued to be known as Cobbs Hill years later.



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Charity Barn Dance - Well Done



To start can I say a **big** thank you to everyone involved in the charity barn dance and a big thank you to Christine and Ivan Rayner for holding the event in their barn. Without this it wouldn't have been possible. We have had a final total given to us now from the Air

Ambulance (see below) and altogether we raised an amazing **£1100.78**, which is the best so far!

We have also decided to do it all again next year, so keep your eyes open for upcoming details and we hope that everyone will be joining us in raising even more money for this wonderful cause!

Again thank you to everyone who came and to everyone who supported us!



Sarah

"On behalf of the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, I am delighted to announce that August's Laxton Barn Dance raised an impressive total of £1100.78 for our life-saving service. This is a significant amount to have been raised for our cause, and we thank each and every person involved for organising such a brilliant fundraising event.

As a charity, we only exist due to the generosity of the community that we serve. Your support for this event ensures that we can continue to save lives."

Group Oil Order



The next group order will be placed towards the end of November / early December depending on the weather and prices.

It is nice to welcome new members of the Group at any time and you order only if you want to when your stocks are getting low. The Group also has members in Egmonton, Kneesall, Tuxford and Carlton-on-Trent.

Thanks to those who have already said they want to order next time. Having an idea of what you will need helps get the order in quickly when prices are moving. They are moving as this is written - and in the wrong direction. The price recently rose by 4p/litre in a week and currently stands at 41p/litre. We had better start saving for a somewhat larger bill than in recent times.

If you need oil from the next order please remember to send any new email addresses or contact numbers as otherwise you will not be contacted. You are welcome to send updated information at any time.

New members of the group in Please email oil@openfield.org.uk or call 871506.



Advent Group Service

Laxton Church

Sunday November 29th

10.30am

Followed by refreshments

Everyone Welcome



**CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR GROUP
NOVEMBER 2016**

30th OCTOBER

Egmanton	8.00am	Holy Communion B.C.P
Walesby	9.00am	Holy Communion
New Ollerton	10.30am	Holy Communion
Kirton	10.30am	Memorial

6th NOVEMBER

9am	Kirton Holy Communion
9am	Moorhouse Holy Communion
10.30am	Kneesall Holy Communion
10.30am	Ollerton Holy Communion (St Giles)
4pm	Messy Church (New Ollerton)

13th NOVEMBER - Remembrance Sunday

9am	Walesby Holy Communion
9am	Ollerton Village traditional BCP HC (St Giles)
10.30am	Laxton Remembrance Sunday Service
10.30am	Ollerton Village Memorial Gardens followed by a service in St Giles
4pm	Wellow EP for Remembrance
6pm	Egmanton Evensong for Remembrance

20th NOVEMBER - 'Christ the King'

8am	Walesby Holy Communion
9am	Egmanton Holy Communion
10.30am	Boughton Holy Communion (St Matthews)

27th NOVEMBER - Advent Sunday

9am	Wellow Holy Communion
10.30am	New Ollerton Holy Communion
10.30am	'Worship for all' for Advent wreaths - Laxton
12 noon	baptisms at New Ollerton
4pm	'Taize' service - Kirton



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2016

- Oct 29th Folk at the Hall
- Nov 9th WI**
- Nov 10th Coffee Morning**
- Nov 10th Parish Council**
- Nov 16th History Group**
- Nov 18th Church Dance
- Nov 19th History Group Christmas Fayre

Forward Planning

- Dec 2nd Quiz Night
- Dec 3rd History Group Newstead Abbey Trip
- Dec 6th WI River Group Carol Concert
- Dec 7th Licensing of Rev Ann Alls**

NB New entries appear in ***bold italics*** for the first month.

If you know the date of a meeting or an event, please pass it on so that others can take it into account when planning.

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Laxton WI



Weston were convenors and we were responsible for the catering at the 'River Group' autumn joint meeting at East Markham in October. The catering was tasty and plentiful, even leaving enough for doggie bags and packed lunches the next day, so nobody went home hungry.



The speakers were 'Ladies in Pigs'. They demonstrated three dishes made from pork and gave out tasters. They were all associated with the pig industry and told us of the decline in the industry over the last five years.

The truth about the papier maché pig mentioned last month has now been revealed - in the form of Gloria, the Gloucester Old Spot. She was our entry in the friendly

inter-WI competition for a model pig made from recycled materials. made by the wonderfully talented Lesley Booth who was presented with the Rose Bowl when Gloria triumphed, trotting off with first prize. Very well done Lesley. We don't seem to have won a Group competition for ages, so she may now have a job for some time to come.

On September 29th our Annual Autumn Council Meeting was held in Newark. Our County Chairman welcomed everyone. Our Treasurer was delighted with the total amount of money raised by the 'Sow and Grow' fund raiser. This stood at £7,500 with not all the money in. We now have 118 WI's in the County. The newest, Lapwings, near Papplewick, has now got 100 members. Our A.C.W.W rep gave a report on the work in Malawi. This year our project is supporting 20 women with growing maize and vegetables to support themselves with food and income and to breed pigs. There was also a report on Denman College and the Notts weekend in July 2017, to celebrate our Centenary.

Our speaker this month was from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and his talk was so informative that we are printing a longer than usual report to share his story with all our readers. Dr. Geoff Cutts is a Volunteer Education Presenter for the RNLI, He spoke about all aspects of their work. Their vision is to "end preventable loss of life at sea" and he gave us some amazing

statistics. The RNLI rescue about 8000 people a year (i.e. 21 a day), of these about 350 are “saved” lives – i.e. they would not be alive today without the intervention of the RNLI. 10,000 people are also rescued in summer by RNLI Lifeguards. The only income received apart from donations is 1% by the Government and the cost of training lifeguards, which is paid for by local authorities. These lifeguards currently number 1000 on 200+ beaches and they attended 15,714 incidents last year. 94 lives were saved. He explained that although local authorities funded “Beach Rangers” they don’t actually go into the sea.



Geoff told us of some very sad stories of rescues at sea, off the coast and inland. He explained that the main age group they were targeting with talks etc. was 16-24 year olds, predominantly males, who make up a large proportion of their rescues. He and his wife had spent all

week at a local comprehensive school emphasising to pupils to “Respect the Water” and “not everybody can be saved”. He told us of problems involved with closures of Coastguard Stations - the loss of local knowledge and so the need for the RNLI to remain independent of government. By 2024 their aim is to half the number of deaths around our coast.

Geoff told us some of the RNLI history including that the age of lifeboat men had gone up considerably during the war years due to the young men being called into war service and that 27 lifeboats were used in the Dunkirk rescue. He also showed us a photo taken in 1953 of a lifeboat literally being hauled into the water by a team of women. Today 25% of the volunteers in the RNLI are women.

Geoff’s statistics kept flowing and were really astonishing. There were 8,228 launches of lifeboats last year (i.e. 23 a day). You can actually download the RNLI app and be informed of each launch and make a donation if you wish.

We were shown some amazing videos of rescues. Geoff told us that all lifeboats were fitted with cameras and that this meant his supply of “material” for his talks was almost overwhelming. He also told us that many lives are, of course, lost inland (200 in 2015). There are 4 inland Stations – 3 being on the River Thames, two of which are the 1st and 2nd

busiest in the country. They include the biggest user of body bags in the country - the main causes being alcohol and drugs. Sadly the next biggest user of body bags was the Station at Eastbourne, as they are near to Beachy Head.

In total there are, at present, 258 Lifeboat Stations, 346 Operational Boats and 40,000 volunteers. Only the coxswain and mechanic on each boat are full time paid staff and the Humber station has the only full time salaried crew.

The running cost of an Inland Station is about £100,000, a Coastal Station – £200,000 – £500,000. Boats cost from £12,000 – £2 million a year to run. Probably the most amazing fact of all is that the RNLI have to raise £460K a DAY to keep running, 65% of which comes from legacies.

The RNLI's HQ is in Poole where they also have their own factory building lifeboats. They had found increasingly that firms they were using were closing now and so were forced into funding a factory themselves.

Geoff showed us photos of the boats currently in the fleet, which are named after rivers. They do 17-25 knots. In about 8 to 9 years time they will all be replaced by "Shannons", a new state of the art boat. £2.2 million will be needed to rebuild lifeboat sheds to house them and £1.5 million for the specialised tractors and trailers to pull them into the water. Some stations, he explained, need hovercrafts as they have to deal with mud.

Geoff told us that you can go and stay in the RNLI hotel in Poole and that the pool built for training exercises with a lifeboat in all sorts of weather and which has a viewing platform, is well worth a visit.

Geoff explained that you only need a small amount of water to drown in – giving a sad example of a man who fell and drowned in a dog water bowl. The numbers to phone if they are needed are either 999 or 112 for here and Europe 112 also gives them your location.

The Safe Code is:

- * spot dangers
- * take advice,
- * go with a friend
- * learn what to do in an emergency.

Another tip of Geoff's was that if you buy from Amazon and link it to the RNLI they get 5% of your spend back.

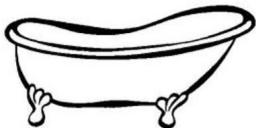
Brenda thanked Geoff for a really informative talk and afterwards Geoff judged the Sea Shell competition which was won by Cynthia Beale.

Next month we will be hearing about and hopefully making some Christmas decorations guided by Lesley Brensley. The competition will be for the best decoration. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 9th November.

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Dukeries Singers

Here we are in lovely Autumn sunshine and firmly into rehearsals for our Christmas Concerts. I love all the Christmas Music. We sing it for such a short period of time and I feel we must treasure every moment of its performance.



Our engagements up until Christmas are;

- Fri 28th Oct A joint Concert with "Les Baladins des Bords de L'Indre" from Tours, France, East Drayton church.
- Thurs 24th Nov Carol singing at the turning on of the Edwinstowe Christmas Lights. Time to be confirmed.
- Sat 17th Dec The Annual Edwinstowe Christmas Concert in Edwinstowe Village Hall at 7-00pm.
- Sun 18th Dec A Capella Carol Singing in the afternoon at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre from 2-30pm to 3.30pm.

I just love this old fashioned unaccompanied style of carolling. If you would like us to sing for your celebrations or charity events or "a bit of a do," our Concert Secretary, Phil on **01623 822070**, would be delighted to hear from you.

We enjoy welcoming new members to the Choir and particularly would like to recruit more men to sing with us. Just bring yourself along to any rehearsal and see if you it. Bring yourself, bring a friend, bring TWO friends, bring a GROUP!!!

There are no auditions and no need to be able to read music. Our Musical Director, Ashley Williams, who was a Band Master with the Royal Marines, is a very musically knowledgeable young man and gets the best from the Choir both in rehearsal and performance. Our Choir men are an essential section of the Choir, providing wonderful harmonies and a solid lower voice on which the other voices sit. Our men are well appreciated but would welcome some more pals to swell their numbers.

Have a lovely seasonal Autumn; crisp and dry hopefully.

Jan

We also have a website with lots of details regarding the Choir.

thedukeriessingers.com

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

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17/9/16	37	Par Freer
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1/10/16	55	Angela Jackson
8/10/16	27	Brian C
15/10/16	53	ROLLOVER

Thank you all for your continuing support for our Sports Field. Since the National Lottery increased the number of balls to 59 several of the new numbers have been allocated, but there are still some available. **If you would like to join, you can choose from the numbers 52, 53, 56, 57, 58 and 59. Anyone with a current ball is also invited to take another.**

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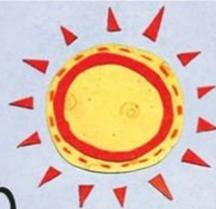
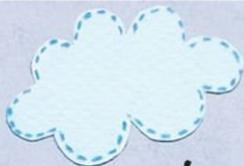
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Along with a new coffee area, in the entrance hall, new front and interior doors, and new decoration, the Dovecote Inn has had a bit of a make over.

Anyway folks don't take our word for it, come and see for yourselves. Try out the new lounge, a lovely relaxing area to meet up with friends or sit and read the paper with a pint of fine cask ale.

It's your local folks - pity not to use it.

Hope to see you all soon,

Regards



Linda and David

- ☼ How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- ☼ Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- ☼ I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- ☼ Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- ☼ Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes

Milton Mausoleum



The stewards at Milton Mausoleum would like to thank you for your support this year at our Sunday afternoon openings and events. For some ten years the Mausoleum has opened, with a volunteer steward present, twice a month during the summer months.

This year having decided to open every Sunday, May to September, the number of stewards was been doubled. All but one of us either lives in the parish or have family connections to Milton village. Who's the odd one out? Me – I have only lived in the area for twenty years!

The Friends of the Mausoleum committee have worked hard at organising the events funded by our Heritage Lottery Fund project. There was concert in June with the Dukeries Singers, Nic Parke with his mediaeval musical instruments and other soloists. The next day we supported the Churches Conservation Trust national fundraising event, a Midsummer Tea Party. Prior to our tea and cakes there was a guitar recital.

The end of September means Heritage Open Days on Sundays when we would be open anyway, so we added a talk by local historian and writer, Janet Roberts who had written our guidebook. She spoke about her research into her book, "The Clumber Love Story".

There are now preparations for our Winter Music concert/audience participation on Saturday December 3rd at 2 pm. Last year was very enjoyable, so we are hoping for a mild afternoon in our unheated church. Do feel free to bring a blanket if you need too.

For more information or to enquire about a group visit at other than our usual opening times please contact mausoleum1833@gmail.com.

Beryl Venables

Animal Arrivals

You may have seen, or possibly heard, that the donkeys are back. New villagers may not be acquainted with their annual arrival for their winter holidays. They spend their summers giving children beach rides then each winter the same donkey returns to their friends in Laxton to enjoy a rest, some fresh country air and the grass in their paddocks. Unless there is a need to change, the same donkey returns to the same foster families each winter and rapidly get down to settling in with any other farm animals they may share with. They will be here until Easter, so look out for them around the village.

We also have some alpacas and llamas in the village now. Maybe we will get to know more about them as time goes on. All news welcome.

Health Matters - Childhood Vaccinations

With the arrival of little ones to two of the doctors at Tuxford Medical Centre we thought it was a good time to take an up-to-date look at the UK childhood vaccination programme. This was updated in Summer 2006. Both Meningitis B and Rotavirus are relatively new to the current schedule, and Meningitis C has been moved to the one year slot from the 2, 3 and 4 month injections. This month we concentrate on the initial series of vaccinations which are given at 8, 12 and 16 weeks.



Eight Week Injections

There are three injections at this visit and one oral vaccine. The first injection is a combination vaccine which gives protection against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio and Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib). The second injection covers against Pneumococcus. The third injection covers Meningitis B. The oral vaccine protects against Rotavirus.

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Sixteen Week Injections

There are three injections again. These are the same as the ones at 8 weeks. This will be the third and final dose of the combination vaccine and the second doses of the Pneumococcal vaccine and the Meningitis B vaccine.

What are the conditions that these vaccines confer protection against?

Diphtheria is a serious condition caused by a bacterium which affects the throat and lungs, and can cause production of a toxin (poison) that can affect the heart and nervous tissue. This vaccination was introduced in 1940 and has made this condition rare in the UK.

Tetanus is a serious illness caused by a bacterium which can attack the muscles and nervous tissue. The germ lives in the soil and can be introduced into the body by minor cuts or scratches. The vaccination was introduced in the 1950s and has made Tetanus rare in anyone under 65 due to the vaccination programme.

Pertussis / Whooping Cough is a highly infectious disease caused by a bacterium that is passed on from person to person by coughing. It is called the cough of a hundred days as it causes a distressing and prolonged coughing illness that can lead to pneumonia. It rarely causes death in adults but can do so in infants, particularly under 1 year. The vaccine was introduced in the 1950s and has decreased the incidence of the condition dramatically. It is given to mothers at 28 weeks of pregnancy to confer some early protection for the newborn.

Polio (poliomyelitis) is a serious disease caused by a virus which enters via the gut and travels to the nervous system and can cause a meningitis-like illness. It can lead to permanent nerve damage which can lead to muscle wasting or even paralysis of the arms or legs. It can paralyse the breathing muscles and lead to death. Since the introduction of the vaccine in 1955 polio is very rare in the UK.

Haemophilus influenzae type b is a particularly virulent bacterium that can cause meningitis and epiglottitis (life threatening swelling in the throat), and affects children from 3 months up to the age of four – by immunising infants early they are given protection against this nasty organism.



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Streptococcus pneumonia is a bacterium that causes a host of severe infections from pneumonia, septicaemia (blood poisoning), meningitis and peritonitis (inflammation of the abdomen), and is becoming increasingly resistant to antibiotics, making it harder to treat. Prevention by immunisation is therefore becoming more important.

Meningitis B is the most common cause of bacterial meningitis in the UK, a serious condition that can be fatal if not treated quickly. In addition it can cause septicaemia, pneumonia, conjunctivitis (eye infections), septic arthritis (joint infections) and myocarditis (inflammation of the heart). It is thought to be the most important meningitis bacterium to give protection against and is given early to provide this for infants who are the highest risk.

The vaccine can cause high temperatures for a short time after injection, and paracetamol is recommended to be given after the vaccine to keep this down.

Rotavirus is a virus that can cause quite debilitating diarrhoea and vomiting that last for over a week. Because infants are vulnerable to dehydration and becoming poorly quite quickly due to these symptoms, the vaccine was developed to help prevent this from happening.

The vaccine can cause diarrhoea and will be present in the diarrhoea so strict hand washing and careful disposal of nappies is essential to prevent previously unexposed adults from developing the illness.

Next month we will look at the vaccines offered at a year and preschool.

Flu Clinics

The last of the clinics for this year are:

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People have been left in a better financial position after the charity helped them deal with spiralling debts, claim support such as tax credits, and resolve costly problems with their energy bills and other consumer issues.

Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark is run by 10 staff and 50 volunteers & Trustees, who provide free, confidential and independent advice to help people overcome their problems. In the last year the charity helped 4,982 people with 15,220 problems, including 7,063 debt, 4,040 benefits, 570 housing and 598 employment issues.

Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark has also estimated that in 2015/16 for every £1 invested in us we have generated at least £2 in savings to the government, £12 in public value of the wider economic and social benefits and £18 in benefits to our individual clients.

The charity regularly helps people who are at risk of being made homeless, who are being treated unfairly by their employer, or are struggling with debt. In some cases people who have received Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark's help have challenged unfair treatment by their employer so they could stay in work, avoided being made homeless when their landlord evicted them illegally, or tackled debts that were making them feel stressed and anxious.

Using a financial tool approved by HM Treasury, Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark has calculated the savings they have made possible for local and national government, through reduced pressure on out of work benefits, homelessness services, and mental health and GP services.

Jackie Insley, Chief Executive of Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark said: "Our staff and volunteers help thousands of people in Newark and Sherwood every year. People often find that they are better off when they get help early. People don't have to suffer in silence - anyone who is grappling with a problem in their day to day lives should get in touch with us."

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Events specifically for children in bold.

Sat 29th Oct.	5.00pm	Children's Disco	Halloween Party
Tues 1 st Nov	7.30pm	Film	The Lives of Others
Thurs 10 th Nov	7.30pm	Talk ++	Maplebeck Rural Reminiscences
Thurs 24 th Nov	7.30pm	Play (village venture)	Swan Canaries
Sun 27th Nov	3.00pm	Film – children	Spirited Away
Thurs 1 st Dec	7.30pm	Film	The Spirit of 45
Sat 3rd Dec	TBA	Children	Decorating the Xmas Tree
Tues 6 th Dec	7.30pm	Talk	The Yemen
Sat 31 st Dec	7.30pm	Village Party	Supper / Dance

Regular Activities

Yoga	Fridays	9.30am
Light Aerobics & Pilates	Mondays	1.00pm
Walkers	Wednesdays	10.00am
Ladies Running	Wednesdays	7.00pm
Kurling (without the ice!)	TBA	Early 2017
Book Club	Tuesdays	7.30pm
	15 th Nov, 13 th Dec	
	10 th Jan., 21 st Feb., 28 th Mar, 2 nd May,	
	6 th June, 11 th July, 5 th Sept.	

Upcoming special events 2017

Tues 17 th Jan.	7.30pm	Film	Amour
Thurs 9 th Feb	7.30pm	Talk & Demo	Silversmithing & Jewellery
Tues 14 th Feb	7.30pm	Film	Moonrise Kingdom
Sat 18th Feb	6.00pm	Children's Show	Old Mother Hubbard

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