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Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

Another November has come around again and we are reminded that we are in the month that has a particular focus upon remembering. How good are you at remembering? I don't know about you but increasingly as I have got older and especially when I am very busy, I find that I have to make 'to do' lists and cross things off as I do them to make sure that I remember to do everything! Remembering is important. But why is remembering important?

When we remember, our shared stories become living history: we remember who we are in relation to others and this can be on an individual, communal or national basis. Remembering offers wisdom from the past which informs and shapes our present and future. Remembering anchors us in stories which speak about our roots, our belonging... there is lots of interest in family ancestry. Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate, claimed 'without memory, there is no culture, without memory there would be no civilization, no society, no future..'

On Remembrance Sunday we will remember the fallen – their cost and their sacrifices made for our freedom, when we forget all the sacrifices made, we start taking our freedom for granted. The names of the fallen are often engraved on a cenotaph – a cross-shaped memorial reminding us of the cost and sacrifice that Christ gave, once for all, upon the cross to reconcile us back to God, each other and the whole of creation; a sacrifice which opened up the gateway of heaven with the offering of forgiveness and everlasting life – all benefits and blessings Christ secured for us which can be received by those who chose God's way of life for themselves.

In our churches we host services and events when we particularly remember the importance of remembering: special memorial or 'Hope & Remembrance' services help us to remember those we love but no longer see and in the Summer this year, we hosted a special wedding weekend, when we remembered from the marriage service that 'marriage enriches society and strengthens community' and we remembered our wedding vows, this helped to focus again upon our commitment to our marriages.

I wonder in this month of remembering, what the shared stories of our communities that we remember and continue to shape and informs our lives today and as we look ahead to the future?

Blessings Rev Zoe

Laxton Sale Date Announced

After much speculation, concern and discussion, the Laxton Estate formally goes up for sale on

Friday 19th October 2018

Sale brochures have begun to arrive accompanied by a letter saying that the asking price is a mere £7million.

Agents for interested parties are being shown around on October 18th so now everyone waits to see what happens.

A copy of the announcement sent locally by Carter Jonas appears later in the magazine. By the time you read this, it will all be happening.

Congratulations - Baptism

Congratulations to Lewis Charles who was baptised in St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton on Sunday 7th October by the Rev Anna Alls. Lewis is the son of Andrew Robertson and Charlotte Gregory of Church Farm, Laxton; brother of Finley; grandson of Christie Rayner and great grandson of Pat Haigh.



St Michael's Church Patronal Festival

This year we celebrated our Patronal Festival on 30th September with a Group of Churches service at Laxton.

September 29th is Michaelmas Day, which is the feast of St Michael. As our church is dedicated to St Michael the Archangel and All Angels, it just felt right for us to mark the occasion with a service at our own church.

The service was take by the Rev. Zoe Burton and the Rev. Margaret Groves and took the theme of Angels. The service, which included Holy Communion, was attended by 60 members from all the 12 churches in our group.

Thank you to Janet for providing refreshments after the service.

Laxton Mother's Union 120 Years

Over 80 members from across the Deanery came to join us in our celebrations of 120 years of Mother's Union in Laxton on 24th September. There was a joyous feeling in church, which was added to by Brenda's beautiful flower displays, the choir and the MU banners of both the Newark Deanery and Laxton. Anna proudly carried the Laxton banner for us. The Rev Zoe Burton welcomed everyone and introduced our guest speaker, the Very Rev Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell Minster and our other guests: Rt Rev Bishop Clive Handford, and Jane, Rev canon Valerie Rampton and Vic, Rev Muriel Keene

and Canon David Keene and the Rev david Moore and Corrine, all past vicars of Laxton Apologies were received from Rev Chris Levy and Denise.

The service looked at Past, Present and Future with 3 candles being lit and the 3 MU prayers from 1876, 1974 and the present being said. Ann Dutton and Dorothy Masterman received their 50 year long service certificates from MU President, Pat Brewin.

A wonderful buffet was served by the ever faithful Laxton catering team, who had made the entire spread themselves. Many people were heard to remark that the ten years since the last celebration seemed no time at all. Finally Janet's beautiful celebratory cake was cut by the MU President and MU Chaplain, Pat Chapman. Everyone was offered a slice of to take home.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this celebration so special.









Thank You 1

A huge thank you to Ann Haynes and Julie Randall for repairing some broken panes of glass in church. I am sure it will stop some draughts this winter.

Thanks, *Brenda*

Thank You 2

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Thank you to all the people who saved their postage stamps and gave them to me to forward to "Bransby Horses" I have just sent



off a collection to them. A worthwhile charity and well worth a visit to see the work that they do .

Please keep saving! You can give them to me or to Joy if you see her.

Sandra

Thank You 3

Many thanks to Brenda for copying out a comprehensive list of Woolfitt marriages at Laxton from the records in response to the enquiry from last month. These cover the period from June 1648 to October 1775. The records continue until 1837 so it seems likely there were no others in the later period. She was also able to pass on details of three Woolfitt graves in the churchyard. Thank you Brenda

Tribute to Ken Saxelby

We were sad to hear of the death of Ken Saxelby of Church Farm, Moorhouse on 14th October at the age of 92. Ken was born at Church Farm, and lived there all his life. Ken and Margaret celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April this year. Our sympathy goes to Margaret and her family, Kevin, Karen, Gillian and all the rest of the family. We have been sent the following tribute to him:

Kenneth Saxelby.

No greater tribute can be made to a farmer than that Ken, alongside his father before him and his brother, Noel, between them left Church Farm, its lands, its animals, in far, far better fettle than it was when the family moved there, nearly 100 years ago in 1921.



Telephone Problems

BT have been in touch with Catherine our Clerk asking for 5-6 addresses and telephone numbers of people having problems. These have been forwarded and

permission to use the personnel details has been obtained for GDPR.

The issues with unreliable Broadband have also been taken up with Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire who sent the following information back to us.

We have reviewed the information against the current roll-out plans for Laxton and Moorhouse, I can confirm that it is partially covered within our Programme. The good news is we are remodelling the programme to reinvest in-life efficiency savings and take-up gainshare monies to extend fibre broadband coverage further. And this extra funding will be reinvested for Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood Districts. So some of the remaining properties will benefit from this remodelling and I should be able to give you further details around December once the modelling is finalised.

We queried this further and they have clarified that currently 93 out of 121 premises in Laxton and Moorhouse Parish are already being served by a fibre enabled solution according to the latest OMR (Open Market Review) and should be able to receive superfast broadband speeds. Additionally, with the further modelling, they are hoping to include as many remaining premises as possible. Laxton is one of the priority areas in Nottinghamshire and they will do all they can to extend the coverage in the area.

If anyone has a problem and has not reported it yet, please give me a ring **01777 870844**, the more the merrier.

Remembrance Poppies



Many thanks to
David from The
Dovey for
putting up the
large Poppies
obtained by the
Parish Council

Michael Manning



earlier in the year around the Parish. (See photos)

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

Santa's helpers will again sort and deliver your Christmas cards around Laxton.

Please leave cards, with full name and address please, in the box at the back of the church on the book shelves. The metal money box on the wall behind the door is for your donations to the church.

Please note both boxes will be emptied daily. The church is open during daylight hours daily.

Starts Saturday 1st December, Closing date:

5.00pm Monday, 17th December

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Rotary Proms Concert



The Annual Proms Concert event, run by your local Rotary, is now in its 38th year.

On Saturday 17th November local musicians and choirs will perform from 7pm onwards in the concert hall at the Dukeries Academy. There will be flag waving and rousing voices from the audience after the refreshment break during which time the raffle will be drawn.

This event continues to attract a great audience and costs just £6 a ticket. If you have never been, or are a regular, we would love to see you this year.

Tickets from Jeff at School House, from Tony's Barbers close to Ollerton Library or on the door.

History Enquiries

This month we have had two more enquiries. One has resulted in a connection with a distant relative. David James, known to many as a former Laxton resident and now in the USA, asked to be put in touch with the person who had allowed a photo to be passed to him some years ago. Following up on this the original contributor, who is currently relocating from Bristol to Surrey, replied and it turns out they share a common great grandfather. It will be interesting to see if any more family links are discovered as a result

The second enquiry has not produced an immediate result, but it is published here in case someone has any information which might help.

'I live in Canberra, Australia and recently discovered my 3 x great grandfather was, according to his passenger record to Australia, a native of Laxton, I was given the link to your website.

I am wondering if anyone recognises anyone having researched Samuel Holmes. He was born in 1811 and married a Sarah Lamming in Gainsborough in 1831. Their second son William Holmes was christened in Laxton in 1834, some other surnames in the family from that part of England are Lamming and maybe Humstone.

Deb Kampowski'

If anyone can add anything to this we would be pleased to hear via any of the contact methods for Open Field.



Stir-Up Sunday

Preparing the November magazine in early October, it hardly seems possible that we are already looking forward to the annual Christmas events. One which is probably better known in a rural area such as Laxton, but not to everyone, is 'Stir-Up Sunday' – the name given to the last Sunday before Advent. This year it falls on 25th November.

The name derives from the old custom of the family gathering around the mixing bowl in the kitchen after returning from church to take turns stirring the Christmas pudding. This was a particularly popular activity for the children, who were encouraged to make a wish as they did so. You have to wonder if they did this silently or if there might have been the odd hint for Santa. Possibly not as this custom comes from times when today's wonderful array of gifts under the tree would have been way beyond the dreams of even the most optimistic.

The pudding would have been set aside overnight to allow the alcohol to seep right through the mix before cooking. The pud was then put away to mature for a full month before being reheated on Christmas Day. How many of us still think of it as a 'plum pudding' despite the total absence of plums from the recipe? In the 17th



century 'plum' described a sun dried grape, more familiar now as a raisin.

It is believed that the name 'Stir-Up Sunday comes from the opening words of the prayer used at mass that day in the Book of Common Prayer of 1549 'Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord the wills of thy faithful people ...' Heralding Christmas and the stirring of celebratory emotions has become linked with the physical act of stirring the pudding. A children's rhyme with the same origin sums it up nicely 'Stir up, we beseech thee, the pudding in the pot; and when we get home, we'll eat the lot.'

Traditionally the pudding contained 13 ingredients to represent Christ and his disciples, and was always stirred from east to west to reflect the journey made by the wise men. Tokens or coins would be thrown into the mix to be found when enjoying it at the table. The old sixpence or 'thrupenny bit' were favourites along with a horseshoe for luck.



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Things to Do this Month

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Oct 31st Join the Rotary Club for a meal and a talk by Hugh Matheson on his new book on Jürgen Gröbler, South Forest, £11, 7 for

7.15pm

Nov 3rd Visit the History Group Craft Fayre, 2 - 4.30, EVH

Nov 10th Inner Wheel Coffee Morning, Ollerton Town Hall, 10 - 11.30

Nov 14th WI, 7.30pm, **EVH**

Nov 17th Wellow Winter Fair, Memorial Hall, 11am - 3pm

Nov 21st LHG 10th Anniversary meeting, 7.30pm, John Whitfield, 'The

1960s Good Times' EVH

Dec 1st Carol Concert at **Milton Mausoleum**, advance tickets needed

EVH = Egmanton Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

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Coffee Morning

8th November 10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 8th November at Corner Farm, the last property on the right at the bottom of the village.

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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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Final Wednesday Speaker Evenings with Meal

The Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest, which meets in Edwinstowe, has an interesting and diverse selection of speakers in the next few weeks and anyone interested in attending is invited to go along to any meeting which interests them.

For those who receive their magazines early, there is a meeting on 31st October with Hugh Matheson of Thoresby Estate, himself an Olympic oarsman, giving a talk about his most recent book about an amazing Olympian who most people will not have heard of - Jürgen Gröbler. If you have heard of him, you may know of his coaching success with the British rowing team.

In November the following events are taking place:

November 7th: Horses of the First World War.

November 14th: Bras for Africa and the amazing effect this has on women's safety. We will be taking donations of your unwanted unmentionables between now and January at School House.

November 28th: The History of Resuscitation.

All meetings are 7 for 7.15pm and there is no commitment to come to more meetings than you wish. If the subject is of interest, then come along. Transport from Laxton is available for up to 6 people.

Advance notice for December. We hold our Christmas Message on December 19th. Rev Anna is our message bringer and there will be turkey and festive singing to complete the evening.

Please phone South Forest or **07711 802683** to book your meal at any of the above.

We hope to see you at South Forest Leisure Centre, Robin Hood Crossroads, Edwinstowe, NG21 9JF. Jeff Naylor

Inner Wheel Coffee Morning

The Inner Wheel Club will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 10th **November** at the Town Hall in Ollerton, 10.00 to 11.30 am.

Call in and enjoy coffee and a slice of home made cake for £1.00 with an

opportunity to win a food hamper or participate in a raffle as well as browse the seasonal stalls.

All funds raised go to my chosen charity of Medical Detection **Dogs** and other local charities supported by the Club. *Pat Naylor*



Laxton History Group



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In September we were pleased to welcome Beryl
Venables to speak about Milton Mausoleum. Beryl is a
volunteer for the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT)
and gives tours of the building. This was her first talk to a group and
we appreciated the effort she put into preparing it for us.

A 1707 royal warrant from Queen Anne enabled the 2nd Duke of Newcastle under Lyne to build Clumber House (1760 – 1794). The Pelham Clinton family retained the estate and Henry, the 4th Duke inherited the title while still a student at Eton. His mother remarried and bought Ranby Hall. The family were major landowners in the area.

Henry met Georgiana, daughter of a wealthy MP who was living at Kirklington. She was 18 when they were married at Lambeth Palace by the Archbishop of Canterbury and came with a large dowry.

Their first child of 14 was born in 1808. Henry was grief stricken when their daughter Anna-Maria died, aged 14. He began a daily diary from which told how Georgiana died 2 days after giving birth to twins – a still born girl and a boy who only survived 2 weeks.

The family vault was at Bothamsall and Georgiana, the twins and Anna-Maria were all interred there. Henry kept his surviving children together with him, undertaking some of their tuition himself. He engaged Robert Smirke, England's premier architect, to design a new mausoleum for his late wife and children. Options to rebuild Haughton Chapel and to extend the vault at Bothamsall were rejected in favour of the site at what was then known as 'Milnton' at West Markham.

Smirke had done the Grand Tour and was inspired by continental designs. His portfolio includes the British Museum. He is said to have invented the profession of quantity surveying. The building of the Mausoleum was begun in 1824 and was almost complete by 1825. Despite appearing substantial, much of the stone used is thin and this is now causing problems.

Richard Westmacott RA, a leading sculptor, was commissioned to create the memorial to Georgiana and the twins. His work includes the figures on the pediment of the British Museum.

Westmacott realised in 1826, after 2 years of work, that the weight of the memorial standing over the ceiling of the vault rather than solid ground might cause problems. The vault had been dug and the building was virtually complete. He suggested it would be safer to fill in the hole and re-dig the vault under the nave. This was achieved by



1832 and it is almost the size of the nave. The building was consecrated in 1833. At this service the Duke named the area Markham Clinton.

In March 1836 Georgiana, the twins, Anna-Maria and a son, George, as well as the Duke's sister Charlotte, were

moved from Bothamsall into the Mausoleum. It was recorded that the Duke did not attend. The memorial was installed in 1839 and the family attended regularly for services. The Duke's diaries ended in 1850 and he died in 1851. The last burial at the Mausoleum is of a single daughter in 1886.

The family supported the Mausoleum financially until they left Clumber in 1930. Parishioners pressed for West Markham to be the parish church again and were successful in 1949. The Friends of the Mausoleum have a photograph from the 1960s showing some of the interior fittings in the Mausoleum which have since disappeared. The building has been seriously vandalised, including the coffins being opened and in 1972 was transferred into the ownership of the Redundant Churches Trust, now the CCT.

In recent years the Friends have raised money for restoration, but have been unable to access HLF funding because the building is not open to the public. Fund raising events continue, but there is no sign of any work beginning.

We are planning our **Craft Fayre for November 3rd at Egmanton**. This year it will run from **2-4.30** as the hall is in use in the morning. There will be the usual mix of crafts, games, raffle, tombola, cake stall etc. Our popular soup lunch has been set aside this year and we will be serving tea and cakes for our visitors. We hope to see all our regulars and some new faces as well.

Our next meeting, the last of 2018, will be on November 21st when John Whitfield will speak about the Rufford Poachers. Everyone is welcome. We don't meet in December, but Jean is planning a trip by coach to Waddesdon Manor on December 8th. This beautiful National Trust property will be decorated for Christmas. Anyone who would like to join the group should contact Jean on **870276** for details.

Laxton Sale Announcement

The following e-mail was received on 10th October 2018 by the Trustees of the Visitor Centre

Dear All,

I just wanted to drop you a line by way of an update, I can now confirm that The Crown Estate are in a position to proceed with formally offering the Estate for sale.

As previously explained The Crown Estate have been working with Defra and other stakeholders to finalise the sales strategy which is focused on finding a more appropriate owner, who is able to invest in the asset and maintain the open field farming system.

To ensure the right owner is found, The Crown Estate have adopted wording, in that it will require the successful purchaser to clearly demonstrate the same intention, to perpetually maintain the open field system through a positive relationship with present and future tenants and other local stakeholders. In addition, a capacity in both organisational and financial respects to positively manage the estate in the long term must be shown and the purchaser should ideally demonstrate a track record of having successfully delivered sensitive management of the historic landscape and farmed environment at a comparable scale and complexity.

The Estate is being launched to the market next Friday 19th October, we shall be sending you a brochure at the end of this week. We shall be in a position to grant access to the dataroom thereafter.

Should you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact myself, Andrew Fallows or Ben Ainscough (01604 608224).

Kind regards Kylie Roberts Associate Carter Jonas

Threads Through Revelation' by Jacqui Parkinson Southwell Minster Quire Aisles, 16th Oct - 30th Nov

Exploring the Book of revelation in textiles. Thought to be the largest single-artist textile exhibition in the world. Vivid silks and millions of stitches - go and see for yourself.



Congratulations Lilly



I'm so proud of my granddaughter, Lilly, and her young horse Jessica. The mare was bought from a field and was quite wild as not a lot had been done with her.

Lilly loved her as soon as she saw her. She brought her home on 6th October last year and that's when the work began. Lilly spent a year breaking her in and getting her used to everything and everyone. Her first show was at Southwell Ploughing Match this year, where they competed in the 85cm and 95cm show jumping. She didn't go clear, but she went amazingly well having just a pole down in each class! We couldn't have asked for more seeing the way she went.

The show was so well organised

and the atmosphere was amazing too. Congratulations to everyone concerned for a great event after the disappointment last year. Here's to next year.

Sally Pevler

Laxton Harvest



Harvest celebrations made for a bus weekend for Brenda, Jean, Janet and all the others who always help make this a special weekend in the church year.

The church pillars were decorated in the traditional style once again. Ian Creighton is settling well into village life and it was he who arrived to start on binding the pillars with twine before they could be decorated. He also went collecting suitable harvest fruits and grasses to thread them with. The result looked lovely by daylight but particularly beautiful as dusk fell during the harvest auction.



Brenda, Jean and Rachel had all been busy with flower arrangements and had been busy, even before the weekend began, producing more beautiful floral decorations.

On Friday evening the harvest service was

taken by Reader Joan Wood from Farnsfield.

Thanks to Mike and Stuart for reading the lessons and to Graham for playing the organ.

With the village Hall unavailable we decided to hold a buffet supper at the back of the church, which was well received. Thanks to all who



gave and prepared the food and to all helpers.

On Saturday everyone came in with their competition entries - just over 100 in all. There was an increased entry in the craft classes this year. Thank you to Jean for her help with booking





in and to everyone who entered. There were some new competitors this year, although younger members of the parish are growing up, so at the moment the junior entries were fewer. They had been busy creating their faces on plates, animal figures and miniature gardens. Well done to them

all.

Many thanks to our judges, Doreen Hayes and her friend Ann from Ollerton.

Joan returned on Sunday for the Family Service, where Mike Jackson read the lesson and Jessica Rose, Jean Hennell and Rebecca Creighton read poems.

The harvest theme was depicted in the story of the seed which travelled then began to grow into a huge flower. Joan brought a huge card painted with branches and invited the congregation to come forward and place a leaf with their name on the branches.





Thank you to Margaret Lindley for playing the organ and to Janet and Mavis for making cakes and serving teas afterwards. Joan then



presented prize cards to the children and adults who had entered the competition.

Then followed the traditional auction of competition entries and donated buns and cakes. Mike Jackson was coaxed out of retirement to act as auctioneer and proved he had not lost his touch. Very appropriately his gavel was a pastry brush and he wielded it with enthusiasm.

Young Finley

helped the bidding along by learning how to do it at a very young age and bidding happily on a variety of lots. 'Ask the bill payer's permission' did not seem to apply! He was delighted with his purchases, but never more so than with the two bags of tomatoes. He went very quiet when he set





to work demolishing them, especially as he got some of the yellow ones which so intrigued him.

Mike was grateful to his young helpers, Madeline, Bailey and Ella who kept a steady stream of lots coming. Unusually Mike had only one pumpkin to auction this year, but it was a good one.

He almost admitted defeat when presented with three rather limp runner beans, but adding them to a lovely bunch of grapes resulted in a

good price for the mixed lot.

Many thanks to all the generous bidders and to everyone who worked so hard to make the weekend a success.

Our Harvest Tradition carries on and is always enjoyed, although it is always hard work throughout the weekend.

Many thanks to Janet Cooke for her help over the weekend and also to everyone else for their help and support. A lot goes on which is not immediately obvious and any offers of help are always appreciated.



Village Hall Update



The Village Hall Committee are hopefully meeting on 6/11/18 to discuss where we are, when the work is to start and who the chosen contractor will be.

We will let you know when we know,. You will probably know exactly when it has started as soon as a couple of skips appear parked outside!!!!

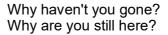
The Quiz is well organised ready for Egmanton Village Hall on 7/12/18. Please ring if you want a team.

Michael Manning

Memories of Wars

From the 1930s. The Great War not yet 20 years passed.
A poem for remembrance

I wanted to go.
We wanted to go.
Henry and Bert,
And Ted and Joe.
A new life. Away from here.
A change from cows,
And horses and ploughs.



And then the tears, the raw emotions.

'Why my son??'
'Why not you?'



And some few years later, Dad, what did you do in the war? We ploughed, we hoed, we sowed.

We reaped, we mowed.
We carted, we carried, we threshed.

What an adventure..
To be a soldier.
To cross the sea.
To go abroad, to go to France,
To see the world from another
stance.

Came the word. More needed back home.

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Our thoughts not on past wars,
But on the war to come.
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Henry and Bert,
And Ted and Joe.
They'll want to go. They will all
want to go.

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

28th October Trinity 22

9am Moorhouse HC

10.30am Kirton **HC**

4th November All Saints

10.30am Kirton Memorial service

4pm Wellow **E**s

11th November Remembrance Sunday

9am Laxton Remembrance Said HC

10.30am Walesby Group Remembrance Service

4pm Egmanton Remembr**a**nce **Es**

18th November 2nd before Advent

9am Egmanton **HC** 10.30am Wellow **HC**

25th November Christ the King 9am Moorhouse HC

10.30am Kirton HC

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2018

Nov 3rd History Group Craft Fayre @ Egmanton VH

Nov 8th Coffee Morning

Nov 14th WI @ Egmanton VH

Nov 21st History Group @ Egmanton VH

Nov 26th MU

Nov 27th Parish Council

Forward Planning

Dec 2nd Lights Switch on, Tuxford

Dec 7th Laxton VH Quiz Night @ Egmanton VH

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



On Thursday 27th September it was our County Autumn Council meeting at the Palace Theatre, Newark. Jackie and Jennie attended as our representatives. After the business, members were entertained for the second half of the night by 'Always 4', a Take That tribute band.

At the beginning of October the River Group of WIs met at Dunham on Trent for the Annual Group meeting to enjoy an evening together. 16 of our members went along. This year it was our turn to decorate the tables with flowers. Thank you for organising this Pat.

We were also in charge of staging the competition, which was 'A funny animal photo in a home made frame'. Thanks to Lesley for producing one. Unfortunately we didn't win - that accolade went to Weston - but everyone admired it.

Our speaker for the evening was Jim Wight, son of Alf Wight, the vet and writer of the James Herriot books which were adapted for the TV series 'All Creatures Great and Small' and then the film.

Jim trained as a vet, following in his father's footsteps. After his retirement he also wrote a book about his father's life. He told us how he used to go round the farms on visits with his father from being a small boy. He remarked on how things had changed during his years as a vet - notably the decrease of dairy herds around Thirsk from 80 to 2.

Jim proved to be very entertaining. Everyone agreed it was a good meeting and a very enjoyable evening. His talk had a good balance based on recollections, anecdotes and humour. He even managed a few jokes. The catering for this meeting was provided by Weston and it was excellent. Everyone agreed they lived up to their reputation.

The Group caused further discussion when Brenda updated members on a plan to reorganise the structure of the Groups. The proposal would merge the River Group with three further institutes with whom we have nothing in common. More importantly the merger would mean that we were ~ 250 in number and there is no community hall with catering facilities big enough for such a meeting. Our present 140 members is a good number and the larger halls such as East Markham are fine, affordable and enable us to cater for ourselves.

A letter to this effect has been sent to the Chair of the committee proposing the changes which was signed by the Presidents of all our Group members. We await a reply.

Every year we are invited to knit hats and gloves which are sent abroad

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to people in need. We had a display of the garments brought this evening by our knitters. Well done to them.

Our October speaker was Gaynor Fairweather, who came to show us how to make fascinators. She arrived with a big bag of embellishments and began to set up in a cloud of feathers. She clearly likes feathers! She wanted a volunteer to join her to make one, and after everyone sat on their hands, Jennie bravely agreed to do so.

Gaynor set about creating one based on an Alice band. Jennie was given a comb and the unenviable task of winding ribbon around the solid top, passing it through the teeth to cover the whole length. This looked tricky and could pop the teeth off if you were less dextrous than Jennie.

Gaynor produced some green feathers which she attached to a piece of felt then wired it to the Alice band. For extra flounce she scrunched up a length of feather boa and secured at the base. The finishing touch was a ribbon flower and some sparkles on the Alice

band to complete the effect.

Meanwhile Jennie was trying to follow the process with some purple feathers. While we were watching Gaynor showing her finished creation, Jennie found a silver feather and a butterfly which she used to embellish hers. It was very pretty and looked most effective against her dark hair.

Gaynor then made a second demo piece using a small tear drop shaped fabric base.

She covered it with some pretty material then made a favour of feathers, ribbon, a firm textured ribbon called 'horse hair' and a posy of tiny roses. This needed stitching and there was time only to glue it, but clearly this type of design had potential for the artistically inclined.



Margaret thanked Gaynor for her 'fascinating' demonstration. Appropriately she judged our competition winner to be Jennie, followed by Sandra and Lesley.

We welcome visitors and friends to Egmanton Village Hall on November 14th at 7.30pm when Elizabeth Banks will demonstrate some Christmas crafts for us and will judge the winning creation.

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	6/10/18	5	lan & Jackie	
	13/1018	38	Dorothy Cree	

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Please contact Ken Shep on 870605 / Mike Manning 870844.
Thank you.

Michael Manning



Kirton Church 'All Souls Service'

There will be an 'All Souls' service at Holy Trinity Church, Kirton, on Sunday, November 4th, at 10.30am.

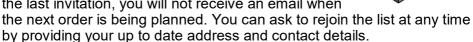
This is a lovely service, where people can light a candle for any loved ones they have lost.

Refreshments and time to chat after the service is over.

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Tuxford Young Farmers

Young Farmers are now back to meeting weekly after their summer break and have appointed new officers. We are pleased to welcome Emily Hennell as the new correspondent and look forward to reading their news.

Tuxford Young Farmers have re-located to Hall Farm Weston for their weekly meetings.

We had a busy September starting with a New Members night on the 5th and a fun Car Rally on the 12th. The rally started at the Dovecote Inn Laxton and we toured round the local area.

Our AGM was on the 19th and new roles for members were decided on for the new year. The meeting on the 26th of September was used to brain-storm the members for their ideas for the coming year's program.

The 3rd of October found us on the Driving Range at Rufford Park Golf Course.

Everyone had a go at hitting shots and we had a good time, but the Ryder Cup team have nothing to worry about.

We welcome new members at any time, so if you are aged 10 to 30 and would like to see what is involved please come and see us at Weston any Wednesday night at 7-30. We look forward to seeing you.



Wellow's annual Winter Fair returns this year on Saturday 17th November, and will be a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping!

The Fair is run by Wellow Maypole Committee. There will be lots of stalls to tempt you, plus delicious home made light lunches and cake.

Bring your friends and family and come and support local craftspeople and the community at Wellow Memorial Hall from 11am – 3pm. Admission is free!

The Dukeries Singers

Here we are in the definitive 'Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness'. 'Yes it is the time to lift your spuds, clear out the greenhouse, empty your summer pots and baskets, buy winter pansies and bulbs and unearth all your Christmas CDs, Christmas songs and carols, ready for the



Festive Season! We have been rehearsing for this since the end of August and are now note and word perfect.

We practise every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm. until 9-00pm. in the Concert Hall at The Dukeries Academy, Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre Entrance and Car Park.

We have lots of Christmas engagements already confirmed; some of them are long standing annual events to and some of them are new ventures. We are looking forward to them all.

November

Thurs 29th Edwinstowe High Street

turning on the Christmas Lights

December

Sun 2nd Singing at Tuxford Christmas Lights.

Sat 8th The Dukeries Singers Annual Christmas Concert

Ollerton Jubilee Hall, 7-00pm.

Weds 12th Carol Singing at Boughton Crematorium, 6-7pm.

Fri 21st Concert, The Mansfield Masonic Hall at 6.15pm.

Sat 22nd Carol Singing, The Alders Restaurant, Ollerton.

I love the 'Musical' lead up to Christmas. We only have that music out for a short time but it is so joyful and optimistic it has the capacity to lift everyone's spirits. We are all so busy, busy, busy at this time of year but I hope that you all have the opportunity to join in with one of these occasions and have a therapeutic sing.

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Laxton

Christingle Service Sunday 16th December

4.00pm

The service will be taken by the Rev Philip Howson

All the children will receive a Christingle Please come and join this family service and then stay for refreshments.

Everyone Welcome

Parish Council of Laxton & Moorhouse. Minutes from 25th September 2018

These minutes are in draft, as yet unseen by Councillors.

Present: Councillors: M. Manning (Chair), M.Hennell, S. Hill,

R.Hennell, D. Brown, J.Hill (from 7.35 pm)

In attendance at parish council meeting

- C. Millward (Clerk), M. Pringle (County councillor) (for part of the meeting
- S. Michael (District councillor)
- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence with reasons were received and accepted from Mr Brown. Mr J Hill had been delayed.
- 2. **Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters Sports field) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 14 a (Village environment Village hall refurbishment project). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
- 3. **Dispensations:** None required.
- **4. 10 Minutes public speaking:** No public present. A resident's concern that the agenda was not displayed in the noticeboard. The chair confirmed that he had displayed the agenda on the noticeboards at Laxton and at Moorhouse.
- 5. **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 24 July 2018:** The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.
- 6. **Matters arising:** LMPC/73/18 Village environment Mr S Hill had inspected the contents of the community resilience container. He confirmed that everything was in good condition and reported on the stock.
 - LMPC/75/18 Correspondence Tour of Britain Councillors praised the appearance of the village and community effort and spirit. There had been a large crowd in spite of the weather.
 - All other action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising. Mr J Hill arrived at 7.35 pm during this item.
- 7. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Mr Pringle reported on developments in relation to a unitary authority. He will investigate why no timetables for the 334 bus service had been issued to the clerk although new time tables for 332, 333 and 335 had been provided. Mr



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Pringle gave his apologies and left the meeting for another council commitment.

Mrs Michael reported on various developments and projects in the wider district. She confirmed that she had spoken with the NSDC officer regarding Old Bar Farmhouse but the officer with the property. However, she noted that the rear of the property is in a very poor and deteriorating condition. She will contact Mr Batty at NSDC.

The clerk will check whether a planning application has been submitted for the Old School House, High Street.

- 8. Reports from councillors: Nothing reported.
- 9. Financial Matters:
 - a. Financial position as at 31 August 2018: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 August 2018 (incorporating the 2018-19 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against the reserve bank statement.
 - b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved eight payments totalling £750.08 which included a contribution to the costs of the various refurbishments kindly undertaken by a volunteer. Councillors formally expressed their thanks to the individual concerned.
- 10. General Data Protection Regulation Approval Information Management Policy and associated documents: The clerk reported that NALC had confirmed that the existing gmail service used by the council met GDPR requirements.
- 11. **Property matters including sports field:** The clerk had invoiced the sports field committee for 50% of the field rent payable to the Crown Estate. Nothing to discuss
- 12. Planning matters:
 - a. Applications: 18/01292/FUL/18/01293/LBC| Erection of a plastic bunded heating oil tank for domestic purposes only 1.6m high x 2.0m in length x 0.8m in width | Brockilow Farm Laxton Road Kneesall: Councillors considered the application and unanimously decided that they had no objection
 - b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None.
 - C. Compliance: No issues raised.

- **13. Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:** Mr Robert Jenrick MP's letter of support had been circulated. The chair reported on the outcome of a meeting between the NSDC tourism officer, Thoresby estate representative, Sir John Starkey, Mr Candler of Sherwood Forest Trust, NSDC planning officer, Nottingham Trent University representative, Councillor Laughton, the chair and the clerk to the gaits and common. Various options had been discussed.
- 14. Village environment and appearance, including:
 - **a. Village Hall refurbishment project:** The chair reported that the village hall has been cleared ready for work to start in October 2018 and finish in March 2019.
 - b. **Moorhouse –** Village fingerpost including LIS funding application: The fingerpost design was approved. Mr S Hill will meet Mr Keeling of Highways to approve the location. The clerk was **authorised** to signs all LIS relevant documents.
 - c. **Permissive access Land surrounding cricket pitch**: No developments.
 - **d. Pinfold refurbishment** Discussed at LMPC/88/18 above (Financial matters).

More generally, the clerk will report:

- i. Hedge overgrowing pavement in front of Smithy Farm , High Street
- ii.Pavement surface in poor and deteriorating condition outside Step Farm Main Street.
- iii. Water on Green Lane
- 15. Service faults including landline telephone service and issues: The clerk reported that Mr Jenrick had taken the matter up with BT and Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire. The clerk will ask Mr Pringle when fibre is likely to reach Moorhouse.
- 16. Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted.
- 17. 10 Minutes public speaking time: No public present
- 18. Agenda items for next meeting: As above.
- 19. Date of next meeting: 7.30 pm on 27 November 2018

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£18 secures your place. NT members will pay only £5. The house will have selected rooms decorated for Christmas.

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The Dukeries Woodturning Society

The Society is coming towards the end of this membership year. The November meeting will be the last for 2018 as in December we feel that people will have other social events around 26th! Our November demonstrator is Gerry Marlow.

If you have not been before it is a great opportunity to use your first time free attendance to come along and meet us then make a New Year Resolution to come and join in January 2019.

We meet at the Jubilee Hall, Ollerton on the 4th Wednesday of the month between 7.00pm and 10.00pm. Membership costs £15 a year with a £5 a time attendance fee to cover the cost of refreshments, rent, demonstrator fee and mileage. We attract demonstrators from a wide area, with many of them travelling over an hour to reach us, so you have a local opportunity to see the best professionals at work.

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We look forward to seeing members old and new on 28th November.

You are welcome to join us any month at The Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm. We look forward to meeting you soon.



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The district's towns, villages and communities once again embraced the event and raised the bar in respect of community buy-in. In doing so you ensured that the district was seen in the best possible light, where communities came together to demonstrate an amazing sense of community spirit and pride.

Despite the weather spectator numbers were good and the stage was heralded a huge success thanks to all who made a positive contribution to making the event a day to remember.

Could I also take this opportunity to make a polite request, in the interest of community safety, to remove all the amazing artwork that was created and erected for the event on the highway and footpaths as soon as possible.

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Maplebeck Village Hall Events

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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 (13th Nov, 22nd Jan, 26th Feb, 26th Mar, 30th Apr, 4th Jun, 9th Jul. 3rd. Sep.) 7.30pm

Upcoming events and Films (all 7.30pm)

Thurs 15th Nov Drama I Ain't Afraid of No Ghost
Tues 27th Nov Film Far from the Madding Crowd

Useful Contact Details

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Neil Randall 01777 871229 & 07710 398745, evenings and weekends

Pat Naylor 01777 870601, evenings
Jeff Naylor 01777 870601, as required

Mark Hennell 07812 908316, evenings

Stuart Rose 07939 228353, as required

Linda & Max McNaught 01777 870127, as required

David & Linda, Dovecote Inn 01777 871586, as required

Jeanette Geldard 07956 959135, daytime in Kneesall,

evenings / weekends

Anne-Marie & Geoff Rose 07961 933290 / 07957 991002, as required

Police

PC Gary Sipson 07525 226575 or 101 x 800 7673

Email: gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 4741 Keith Crowhurst 07889 702823 or 101 x 8007671

Email: keith.crowhurst4741@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

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

Danger to life or crime in progress 999
Otherwise police switchboard 101

Crimestoppers (anonymous crime reports) 0800 555111

Medical

Tuxford Medical Centre01777 870203Sutton-on-Trent Surgery01636 821023Ollerton Surgery - Middleton Lodge Practice01623 703266Newark Hospital01636 681681

Bassetlaw Hospital 01636 68 168 1 King's Mill Hospital 01623 622515

Fire Safety Advice (Tuxford Fire Station) 01777 870381 MP Mr Robert Jenrick: robert.ienrick.mp@parliament.uk 01636 612 837

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Parish Council website: www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk



Group Remembrance Service St Edmund's Church Walesby **11th November, 10.30am**

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 had be terrifying for animals and some nts. They can

If you are planning to let off ireworks at any other time during the year, please let your neighbours with animals know so that Animal owners, and so

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

on behalf of the animals and owners Thank v