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We always welcome contributions and can help if you are not sure how to write what you want to say.

Contributions for the next edition TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY NOON ON 25th NOVEMBER PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED. You can send at any time.

Message from Brenda, our Churchwarden

We held our Harvest Festival service on Sunday 11th October. It was a nice service, but didn't seem the same without our usual Friday evening service followed by pie and peas and puds afterwards.

It is a pity we had no competition either as it was a good season for apples. That also meant no auction on the Sunday, which is usually good fun.

We have been told by the Diocese that we have to hold an AGM before 31st October, so we have arranged it for Wednesday 28th at 2.00pm in the church. This is being done because a lot of churches did not get their AGMs held before lockdown.

Unfortunately the instruction did not come in time to announce it in last month's magazine.

Decisions were to be made about Remembrance services and Christmas services on 19th October, so the decision was taken to delay finalising 'Open Field' to enable us to bring you the results. Please read on for further information.

Brenda

Your Next Open Field

For many years we have been getting the January edition printed before Christmas so that the whole team can have a break. That has meant that January's edition carried little new information and mostly repeated what was in December's.

This year, when it has been harder than ever to find material to interest everyone, and the magazine has only been possible because of the efforts of those people who have kindly dug deep and contributed articles, the team needing a rest is larger than ever. At the same time the pool of material to print has shrunk because all our normal, familiar events and activities have been cancelled.

We are moving to a new system of having a combined December / January edition which should be with you early in December 2020, although not guaranteed to arrive by 1st. The closing date for contributions has been extended by 9 days to allow for as much detail of anything happening in January as possible to be included.

If you have anything you would like to contribute, please make sure it is with Joy or Jean by **mid day on 25th November** at the latest.

Get Well Wishes

We have been sorry to hear that four readers have been in hospital this month. June, Stephen, Sally and Heather have all been less than tip top in the past month. All are now recovering and we wish them a full and speedy recovery.

Sympathy

We were saddened to hear that one of our lay readers, Janice Hannington of Boughton, suddenly lost her husband, Bob. Bob was a great support to Janice in her work with our churches. He will be sadly missed. Our prayers are with her and her family at this sad time.

Thank You

Sally and Kevin would like to thank everyone for the good wishes and concerned telephone calls following their nasty accident at the beginning of October. Everyone's care and concern is much appreciated.

Village Hall

Just a quick update about the Village Hall; it remains closed and with the current heightened restrictions, is likely to remain so for the foreseeable future.

Unfortunately the Quiz Night which was planned for Friday 4th December is yet another casualty of the virus in this year's social calendar. It is debatable whether things will be back to normal enough for us to think of holding the usual sprint Quiz either.

Weekly checks are being made to ensure all is well and to comply with the Hall insurers.

Please keep safe and well.

Best wishes
Laxton Village Hall Committee

Open Field Subscriptions



Despite increased printing costs, we have maintained the price of the magazine over the last seven years or so. The change to an 11 edition year will mean a saving in printing costs and so once again it has been decided that the price of the annual subscription will be £4.

This is heavily subsidised by our advertisers, to whom, we say a big 'Thank You'. A more realistic price per edition is the £1 shown on the cover for copies sold individually.

All subscriptions are due on or before 1st January. This year we ask you to put your £4 in an envelope on which you have written your name and address. Please have it ready for your distributor when they call.

Distributors will be advised to carry a bag and ask you to drop your envelope in so that they don't have to handle them at every house. We ask that you make a particular effort to find the right money and have it ready to help with keeping everyone safe.

If you miss your distributor you can always drop your envelope through their door or Jean's at Corner Farm at the bottom of the village on the right.

Please do remember to put your name and address on your envelope to ensure you get credited with the payment.

Thank you

Parish Council

The Parish Council is continuing to meet every other month on the 4th Tuesday but virtually using Zoom to comply with current Government and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) advice.

The draft minutes from the August meeting appear later in the magazine.

If anyone would like to join the meeting please let either a member of the Council or the Clerk know and this can be arranged.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30.

Michael Manning

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Local Sayings of Yesteryear Part 2

Continuing the list begun last month. Can you add your own favourites?

On marriage.

- ☆ Change the name and not the letter; change for worse and not for better.
- ☆ Marry in haste; repent at leisure.
- ☆ Married in green; not fit to be seen
- ☆ Married in May; rue the day.

LAXTON & MOORHOUSE CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERIES, 2020

With the church mostly out of commission it is not practical to have the Christmas Card Post Box in church this year but the income for the church is very valuable, especially in a year when we haven't been able to have the Dances, Church *Fête* or the Harvest Festival.



This year we ask that cards be posted through Jeff and Pat's letter box (**School House, next door to the Village Hall**) between the **1st and 14th December, for delivery on the 15th and 16th.**

1. Deliveries are made in Laxton and Moorhouse only.
2. Please make sure each envelope has a **clear name and FULL address on the envelope.**
2. Please place your cards in a plastic bag along with your donation and **leave at School House.**
4. Please support the church this Christmas.
5. Remember, "To Sue" is unlikely to get to Sue. "Sue, Timothy Road," will not fare much better.

Thanks, *Jeff*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

We would love to give a mention to anyone who is celebrating, so please send in details for any month. If we have missed anyone, we apologise.

The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Janet, Jean, Margaret R, Jackie, Heather and Dik.

We have not heard of any anniversaries in November, so if you are celebrating please accept best wishes and let us know so that we can congratulate you next month.

If you know someone we have missed, please tell us.



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Classes now held at Laxton Village Hall Mon 18.30 & Thu 09.15 and at Hall Farm, Weston, NG23 6SY. Please call if you are interested.




Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings remain suspended for the time being. We will let you know when we can start again. The rota on the inside cover will remind hostesses so that we can start as soon it is right to do so.





Consultation

Earlier in the year, the History Group Steering Committee decided to suspend meetings until the end of the year, and to keep the situation under review.

In the light of the latest government recommendations and restrictions we cannot meet at present and it seems that we are unlikely to be able to do so until some time in 2021.

Obviously we cannot meet before the hall is open, but the fact that we might meet in theory does not mean people will feel comfortable attending meetings. We want to restart when the majority of members feel they would like to attend.

In order to be fair to the speakers Jean has booked, we feel we should decide on the earliest date we might want to meet, bearing in mind that there is still no realistic sign of anyone getting a vaccination any time soon.

We have time to consult the whole membership by email for those who use it and through the magazine for those who do not and this is the purpose of this article.

Please let us know, if you can, the earliest month you feel you might feel inclined to meet in 2021 as things stand. We will hope that your replies suggest a date most people will be happy to accept and we will cancel and rebook speakers up to then.

Clearly none of us is able to predict the future. John and the Steering Committee will keep things under review and revise the potential restart date if necessary after contacting everyone again in the early months of 2021. We will need to do so in the light of government directions and we hope that with the prospect of lighter evenings to come, we can gauge the appetite of members to meet again.

If you have any comments to make, please do so by contacting John, Joy or Jean on the usual email addresses or by telephone.

Somewhat prematurely, we would like to wish all members a happy Christmas and we all look forward to a much brighter and more sociable New Year.

Clare Hartwell, Nikolaus Pevsner & Elizabeth Williamson, The Buildings of England: Nottinghamshire (3rd edition, 2020)

Many thanks to Professor John Beckett, Hon. President of Laxton History Group, who has kindly sent us this item.

Many parish magazine readers will be aware of Pevsner's Buildings of England series, which began in 1947 and is still going strong. Sir Nikolaus Pevsner set out to produce a place by place account on a parish and county basis, primarily of the main buildings in each settlement. Nottinghamshire was one of the first to be completed, in 1951. A second edition on the county was published in 1979, and now, in the midst of Lockdown, a 3rd edition in 2020. The first edition, written by Pevsner with a little help from experts across the county, was just 248 pages long, whereas the third edition, by architectural historian Clare Hartwell, is 812 pages!

Since the book is written on a parish basis, Ms Hartwell has of course provided brief accounts of Laxton and its surrounding parishes. In doing so she has built on the existing text from 1951, supplemented only minimally in the second edition published in 1979. Laxton, as we might expect, gets a reasonable entry. Initially there is a brief history of the open fields, and the farmhouses and buildings along the main road, but Ms Hartwell is constrained by her brief. She writes that she should not really be discussing the fields because they are not of an architectural nature ... and should not therefore, strictly speaking, have a place in this book'. (Elizabeth Williamson in 1979 and even Pevsner in 1951 said much the same.)

By contrast, and very much in keeping with the Pevsner tradition, Ms Hartwell has a great deal to say about the church, and then adds snippets relating to the war memorial, the former vicarage, the old school, the National Holocaust Centre, and the motte-and-bailey castle. The entry ends with a brief mention of the fishponds to the south-west of the church. I will not mention the surrounding villages just in case any of you are thinking of this as a potential Christmas present for your nearest and dearest. At £45 is it worth the outlay?

Perhaps unsurprisingly in a village like Laxton, not that much has changed since 1951. The motte-and-bailey castle featured in the first edition as, inevitably, did the church, but that is it: no mention of the war memorial, the Holocaust Centre (which in 1951 was Westwood Farm), or other buildings. My own sense is that the Pevsner emphasis

on the church continues to dominate the parish entries, and that other buildings, notably farm buildings in Laxton, are all-too-easily overlooked. The series is called 'Buildings of England', but Pevsner and those who have followed him tend to be stronger on church and other elite buildings in country parishes, reserving space for a greater range of 'buildings' in the towns - Nottingham gets 141 pages and Newark 36 pages. Southwell Minster has a 28-page entry and adorns the front cover.

So, if the person you have in mind for a copy of this book for Christmas is interested in buildings, and particularly churches, especially in Nottinghamshire, this is much more than a stocking filler. It does not stray far beyond the parameters established in 1951 but it does provide the reader with a wealth of information about the county, much of it new. My slight reservation is because I think the building history of Laxton has been underplayed in the book. The village has dated farmhouses and farm buildings which give us a stronger sense of a working farming community than is the case across much of Nottinghamshire.

It used to be said of the early Pevsners that you could keep them in the glove compartment of your car. This volume is too large for any glove compartment in cars I may have owned, but to carry with you the latest knowledge about the buildings of Nottinghamshire, you will need to find a space in the car boot! It will be well worth it.

Laxton Jury and Court



The Jury is due to inspect the wheat field in Laxton on the last Thursday of November. It has been decided that, under the government rules at the time

of writing, the walk round inspection in West Field will be possible. It is not yet clear where or how the Jurors will be able to conduct their business discussion afterwards. This normally follows the walk around and a lunch at The Dovecote.

The Court is due to take place the week after, and again usually occurs in The Dovecote. Advice is being sought on where the proceedings could take place under the present rules and with the thought that these may change before the due date.



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- Certain businesses which sell food and drink on the premises will still be required to close at 10pm. Businesses and venues which sell food for consumption off the premises can still continue to serve people after 10pm as long as it's via delivery, click and collect, or drive-thru.
- Schools, universities and places of worship remain open.
- [Weddings and funerals](#) can go ahead with restrictions on numbers
- Organised sports and exercise classes which take place indoors can still continue but they must adhere to the '[rule of 6](#)'.

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL HIGH

This level applies to Nottinghamshire at the time of writing

- People must not meet with anybody outside their household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place.
- Single adults living alone or single parents whose children are under 18 can form a support bubble with one other household.
- People must not meet in a group of more than 6 outside, including in a garden or other space.
- People should aim to reduce the number of journeys they make where possible. If they need to travel, they should walk or cycle where possible, or to plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport.

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL VERY HIGH

Areas with the highest infection rates may be moved into tier 3.

- Pubs and bars can only remain open where they operate as if they were a restaurant – which means serving substantial meals, like a main lunchtime or evening meal. They may only serve alcohol as part of such a 'substantive meal'.
- Wedding receptions are not allowed.
- People must not meet with anybody outside their household or

- support bubble in any indoor or outdoor setting, whether at home or in a public space. The rule of six applies in open public spaces like parks and beaches.
- People should try to avoid travelling outside the ‘very high’ area they are in, or entering a ‘very high’ area, other than for things like work, education, accessing youth services, to meet caring responsibilities, or if they are in transit.

People should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK if they are resident in a ‘very high’ area, or avoid staying overnight in a ‘very high’ area if they are resident elsewhere.

What does this mean for my area?

The three tier alert system went live on 14th October. You can find out which tier your area is in by Googling the Government’s postcode tracker. As these decisions are being taken centrally, this is the best place for any update.

Pond-ering on Life by Lesley Booth

As the world grew smaller with the Coronavirus effects, the smaller parts grew more important and the wildlife which gathered and lived in the garden came more into focus.

We’d got a pond, and began to notice the dramas and excitements that were the daily lives of its inhabitants. No fish were planned, so the frog spawn donated by some kindly friends was released among the few plants and would hopefully thrive and become the local population. Our very own Frog Chorus.

Then the pond began to populate itself. We’d bought a few ramshorn snails, but where did the large Pond Snails come from? Must be magic! Percy, as he was christened, soon became quite a feature, scooting round the pond sides (and boy can he scoot!), gyrating around on the surface, hanging out of his shell and munching on the algae which began to grow.

Waterboatmen skipped and hopped across the water, dimpling the surface as they went. A particularly frenzied whirligig beetle called Zippy frolicked and danced, and peculiar back swimmers sculled just under the surface upside down. Pond life was getting busy.

Then the villain of the piece arrived – a large female Great Diving Beetle, suitably clad in black. She reproduced, and soon her larvae were patrolling the pond. They were evil-looking, with outsized pincers and predatory ways. The emerging tadpoles were in mortal danger. War was declared!

Our hero leaped into action, armed with a fishing net and a large left foot. He became an impressive hunter, catching over 200 of the horrible things over many weeks.

The tadpoles had released our inner eight-year-old selves, and we watched with fascination as they developed and grew. There were about 400 of them – we counted. Special food was obtained, carefully chosen for when they converted from vegetarian to carnivore.



By now Percy had recruited three companions. Where from, goodness only knows! Steve thought they were planning to form a punk rock group – Percy and the Pond Snails has a ring to it. They continued to gyrate and scoot, to everyone's satisfaction.

It was all going on - insects and bugs of all types were breeding, some of them endearing, some just

downright ugly (the rat-tailed maggots come to mind).

Damselflies - tiny darts of neon colours. Dragonflies, almost cartoonlike in their complexity. Swallows and house martins (though reduced in numbers) swooped and feasted on the hovering insects. Both pond and tadpole snails were hatching. The pond was teeming with life.

Then seemingly over a few days legs sprouted, tails disappeared and there were the tiniest perfect little frogs. Only the size of a thumbnail, they scaled the specially designed steps and hopped resolutely towards the long grass left for them. They looked far too small to be going anywhere. Was this empty pond syndrome we were feeling?

Now things are coming full circle. Word has obviously got out (snail mail perhaps?). Damp evenings see amphibians of all sizes lurking in the garden. There have even been toads and frogs trying the pond for size. There are numerous small Percys scooting round the sides and many backswimmers and pond skaters doing their own thing.

We've even had a beautifully marked frog living under the pond steps during the day. On one glorious occasion he joined in a conversation with us and a friend, reducing us all to laughter as a deep and surprisingly loud croak punctuated each pause in general talk. We've called him Alvin.

Lesley Booth

Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark - 7 things to check if you're at risk of redundancy

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Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark has helped 150 people with employment issues since lockdown. Entitlement to the furlough scheme, pay and entitlements, dismissal and redundancy are the top issues it has dealt with during the pandemic.

They have helped people with a huge range of issues since lockdown, but as the furlough scheme draws to an end, lots of people may be feeling worried and need advice. If you're at risk of redundancy, it's important to know you do have rights to help protect you from unfair dismissal and to ensure you're paid what you're owed.

It's completely understandable that you may find the rules and procedures overwhelming, but you don't have to face redundancy alone. Citizens Advice are there to help.

7 things to check if you're at risk of redundancy

- 1. Check if your redundancy is fair.** There are rules to protect you from being discriminated against, and for being picked for redundancy due to an unfair reason. For example: being picked because you work part-time or you made a complaint about health & safety.
- 2. Check how much redundancy pay you get.** You're entitled to statutory redundancy pay once you've been an employee for two years. The amount will depend on your age and how long you have worked for the company. You won't get statutory redundancy pay if you are self-employed or in certain professions e.g. the armed forces. You may lose out on statutory redundancy pay if you turn down a suitable alternative job from your employer without a good reason. Check if you're entitled to contractual redundancy pay.
- 3. Furloughed?** Make sure you get 100% redundancy pay. If you were furloughed and then made redundant, your redundancy pay should be based on your normal wage. If you were paid 80% of your wages while on furlough, your redundancy pay should be based on your full wage.
- 4. Check your notice period.** If you've worked there for more than a month but less than two years, you have to be given a week's notice. For two years or more, it's a week for each full year you have worked, up to a maximum of 12 weeks. You may be entitled to a longer notice period as part of your employment contract. Your notice period starts when your employer says

you'll be made redundant and gives you a finishing date - not when you're told you're at risk of redundancy.

5. Check your holiday pay. You'll be paid for any holiday you have left over when you leave, at your normal rate, even if you're currently furloughed on 80% of your pay. Your employer can tell you to use up any holiday you have left over, but they must give you notice. The notice must be at least twice as long as the holiday they want you to take.

6. You might be entitled to paid time off to look for work. If you've worked for your employer for two years at the end of your notice period, you're likely to be entitled to 'reasonable' time off to apply for jobs or go on training. Your employer can't ask you to rearrange your work hours to make up the time off. When taking time off to look for work, you'll be paid at your normal hourly rate, but only for up to 40% of a week's work - e.g. for up to 2 days if you work a 5 day week.

Check if you've got legal help via your home insurance. Often people get 'legal expenses cover' as part of their home insurance package and can use it to challenge their redundancy if they think it's discriminatory or unfair.

If you have a trade union at work, you could also contact them.

Your union can help you work out if you've got a claim, and support you through the process, for example by going to meetings with you or negotiating on your behalf.

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Rota of Services for October

We have delayed 'Open Field' to enable us to bring you the dates of local Remembrance Services.

November

Sunday 1st

9.00 am	Kirton HC
4.00 pm	Wellow EP

Sunday 8th

10.45am	Laxton Remembrance
4.00 pm	Egmanton Remembrance EP

Sunday 15th

9.00 am	Egmanton HC
10.30am	Wellow HC

Sunday 22nd

10.30am	Kirton Word Service
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Sunday 29th

10.30am	Laxton Advent	Family / MP
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MP Morning Prayer **HC** Holy Communion **EP** Evening Prayer

Poppy Collection

Unfortunately it has not been possible to run a collection for the British Legion in Laxton this year.

The British Legion recognises that many people who stand collecting for them are in the older, 'at higher risk' age group and that they should not be asked to risk doing so.

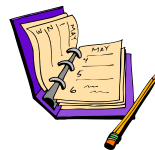
Doorstep collections carry similar risks and so there will not be one here this year. We hope you will feel able to support this great cause by buying your poppy if you see one on a counter somewhere and hopefully we will be able to run a village collection again next year.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020



Forward Planning

Dec 4th

Quiz Night - Cancelled

Dec 1st - 14th

**Christmas Cards collected at School House
for delivery in Laxton & Moorhouse**

Regular Events:

Parish Council 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July,
September and November

Quiz Nights 1st Friday of December & March

Copy Date for Dec / Jan: 12 noon, 25th November

Please let us have your contributions in good time. We do what we can to include last minute items, but it is not always possible. We are unlikely to be able to publish anything received late.

Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to send in contributions this month. We have been very grateful to people for coming up with ideas to make something for everyone to read at a time when all our usual events have not been happening.

We hope readers have enjoyed the variety and maybe even been inspired to contribute something of their own. If you are not sure how to write it, we are happy to help out.

Thank you all.

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Another month has gone by and things are still the same. There is not much news to report, only that things seem to be happening by Zoom. The Annual Autumn Council meeting took place this way on 23rd September, which I imagine would be a first, with one rep from each institute having the chance to take part. At the moment this amounts to about 160+ in the county. The speaker was Alex Connell who spoke about and demonstrated Vegetarian Cookery.

In November we have Virtual Bingo organised by the County Committee, but sadly without the ever popular fish and chips. There is a talk on Women in Art and a Virtual Christmas Wreath workshop. Don't forget the Compass Walks and the plants for the Notts Show in May, fingers crossed.

We have received permission to move the end of our financial year from September 30th to December 31st and to have our AGM in April 2021, when hopefully we will be able to meet and to pay our subs for the year to come.



Denman College in Oxfordshire, the WI's own college used for educational courses etc., is definitely going to be sold by the Trustees. The proceeds will still be used to educate WI members in crafts, cookery, literature and drama etc., but mostly in more local areas.

Denman is set up as a charitable trust, so the Charity Commission has to be involved in the sale and what the money raised is to be used for.

Brenda

Flu Vaccinations

All the surgeries have now begun their vaccination clinics and we hear they are being well supported. This is the quickest and easiest way to get your vaccination if you are able to get there. At least one surgery has arranged vaccinations in a car when it was not easy for the patient to get into the surgery building, so please do phone your surgery and find out when they can book you in.



With everything we have all gone through and the increased risk from Covid-19 in these colder months it is more important than ever to make sure that you are protected from the seasonal flu.

As we were powerfully reminded several years ago, you may feel 25 but your immune system is still 65, 75 or whatever age your birth certificate tells you that you really are.

There are several types of flu vaccine.

If you're eligible for the flu vaccine on the NHS, you'll be offered one that's most effective for you, depending on your age:

- children aged 2 to 17 ((offered as a nasal spray) ;
- adults aged 18 to 64
- adults aged 65 and over

As we prepare this edition we are told that the over 65 vaccine is available in all surgeries but those for the younger age groups are still to be delivered. Please check with your surgery when they can provide the right vaccine for you.

All surgeries are taking extra precautions this year, which they will explain to you. They are asking that you book to enable them to see you safely and ensure social distancing.

Please wear suitable clothing to allow easy access to your upper arm.

Tuxford Surgery

Every eligible registered patient will be telephoned individually and booked for a five minute appointment. You do not need to contact the surgery.

The Dukeries Singers

One of my favourite
(although a bit
despondent)
quotations by
Thomas Hood for
November is;



*"No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees no fruits, no flowers,
no leaves, no birds ... NOVEMBER"*

and I am convinced that a (very) late Indian summer is out of the question. However, the sun is shining as I write and the pots of winter pansies are so astonishingly cheerful that you have to smile back at them!

I hope you have managed to get your autumn / winter garden tidying complete. My good intentions are always impeccable, but I'm afraid Spring will find me still topping up the compost bins with debris.

The Choir Zoom Beetle Drives on Wednesdays are continuing, but no virtual or actual Choir rehearsals as yet. I have overheard a few solo voices locally during some lovely autumn days and I would encourage everyone to sing, hum or warble to raise the spirits in these continuing uncertain times.

The Choir is so missing the fun and friendship we always find when meeting up together. However, we can be seen on You Tube, Twitter, Facebook and on our Website at

www.thedukeriessingers.com

We also have an email address **thedukeriessingers@gmail.com**

Optimistically and looking forward to a brighter future, our Concert Secretary, Margaret may be contacted on **01623 642464** or **07896 491314**

A peaceful and not too noisy November to you all

Jan

Memories From Leaphia

I loved reading about the '40s school memories. It is nice to be remembered. I also remember the Hoggards. Valerie (Rose) and I visited them to see baby Philip.

Remembrance Day is coming up soon. Fortunately, though we had many relatives serving in WWII, they all came home.

Mam and Dad never discusses the war in our presence. Being far from the action my memories of the war are of kindnesses. Dad brought an old Polish refugee to eat at our table..

When Mam sent us to Mrs Noble's to exchange sugar and flour, we picked daffodils on her path. She came out and picked a big bunch for us.

Margaret nurtured my love of books by supplying me with books from her house and teaching me.

Sylvia had a Jamaican airman friend. He billeted in Newark. After the war, he invited the young son of the family he had billeted with in Newark to spend a holiday in Jamaica. It was recorded in the Newark Advertiser.

Mrs Saxelby saved tinned peaches and other goodies for the Sunday School Christmas party. You could see the joy on her face as we tucked in. Noel loved the flan and flapjack.

Last but not least I remember the Italian POW workers who came to work on Mr Saxelby's farm. Ossington School having closed, we had to gather at Moorhouse bridge for the school bus to Norwell. The POWs threw out all their sweet rations for us children. One of them threw a little ring and indicated it was for me. Sylvia and I called him 'Silver teeth' from his smile.

Leaphia



This is a picture of my daughter Janet's sugar craft hobby - Christmas choristers.

An early Happy Christmas to All

Leaphia

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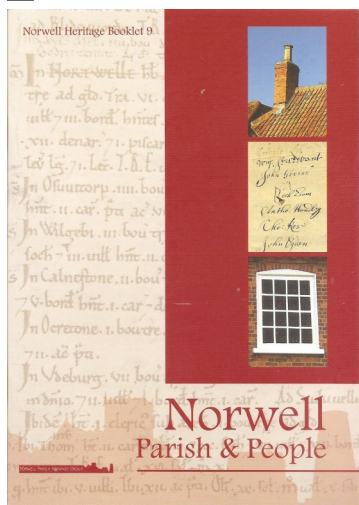


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A New Heritage Booklet from Norwell



Norwell Parish Heritage Group has just published its ninth Heritage Booklet, *Norwell Parish and People*. This booklet looks at the organisation of the parish in the past, most particularly in the 17th and 18th centuries.. Using information from Norwell Town Book, the accounts of the Churchwardens, Constables, Overseers of the Poor and the Surveyors of the Highways it is a lively description of how the parish maintained law and order, looked after the poor and needy,

repaired the highways, byways and waterways – and even how they dealt with strays and vermin.

Launching the booklet was a challenge in this time of Covid. The problem was solved by launching it literally. A model boat was constructed by a member of NPHG, a booklet was placed in it and it was duly launched in the Beck by the co-authors Michael and Elizabeth Jones. The chief spectators were a group of young cows who were fascinated by the whole proceedings – socially distanced, of course.



Booklets are available, price £4.00, from Brenda's, Norwell Village Stores, or from Elizabeth Jones **01636 636 365** or emjones.norwell@btinternet.com.

Many thanks to regular reader, Brenda Wilson for sending in her poem (opposite) reflecting on the current situation.

We thought it was all over (well nearly)

*We thought Covid was receding and we had it on the run,
Now it's coming back again, curtailing all our fun.
The country's going down a hole, in fact we're in a fix,
Notwithstanding lockdowns and the newest rule of six.*

*Despite our wearing masks each day and standing yards apart,
We just don't seem to crack this thing or get a healthy start
To banish all the failing firms, and children out of school
With testing so chaotic, our Government looks a fool.*

*As darker nights come nearer and our lights go on at tea,
It's hard for some all on their own to summon up much glee.
Emotionally, it's wearing with nowhere much to go,
Venues shut, the theatre closed, it fills you full of woe.*

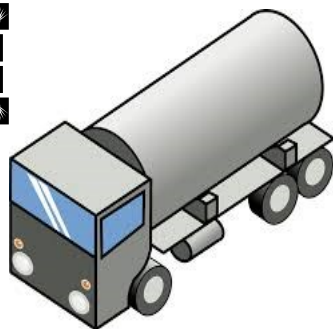
*And as for booking Christmas, well, just leave that clear for now,
Extravagance & great expense may have to take a bow,
Instead we might do simple things and cook a homely dinner,
Enjoy a glass of something fine, declare ourselves a winner.*

*Because, really when you sit & think as humans we exceed
Mostly what we ever want or certainly we need.
The age that most of us enjoy started years ago
We made our fun, our food and gifts and hoped that it would
snow.*

*So don't be too downhearted, it isn't all that bad,
As long as we have health and strength we really should be glad
That we exist in peacetime, with food upon our table,
With people that we love and see and hug when we are able.*

Group Oil Order

This month the weather makes it seem much more pertinent to be writing about the winter oil order. The price has remained fairly steady through the summer and into autumn, but is liable to rise as the nights get colder and people start to use more oil.



We order in mid - late November to beat the inevitable Christmas price rises, so please have a look at your tank and get your order in asap. If it seems prices are starting to go up we may order early and not have time to wait for last minute requests.

Please will everyone make sure they have supplied their up to date contact details. If you are not sure, send them again. Without an current email you will not get the reminder and the supplier will not be able to contact you.

If you would like to join in this order please email me if you have my personal email or use the general address of [**oil@openfield.org.uk**](mailto:oil@openfield.org.uk)

New members are welcome to the group at any time. You need to supply an email address, or that of someone willing to act for you, full name, address, land mobile phone numbers and any special access instructions for your delivery e.g. locks to be removed, dogs... Our group extends from Tuxford to Carlton on Trent and Kneesall.

Please note that the group order extends only to selecting a supplier and arranging the best price with a volume discount. Everyone pays the same price within the group ordering on any occasion and every household is responsible for providing payment details direct to the supplier selected and making their own payment.

We work with a small number of households where the family make the arrangements on behalf of an older person. If you are in this situation, please make it known that the supplier should deal with you and with not the person at the address for the delivery.

November's will be the last order before Christmas. Normally the following one will be in February. Please note that your order will need to be in around late January. In the absence of a January 2021 edition of the magazine, your only reminder will be the email sent out to those currently in the group.

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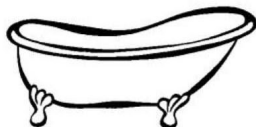


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10/10/20	02	ROLLOVER
17/10/20	46	Lesley Booth

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: **1,2,7,11,20,23,26,28,34,51,52,56,57,59 (14)?**

Please contact Mike Manning 870844. Thank you.

Michael Manning

Festival of Bird Art

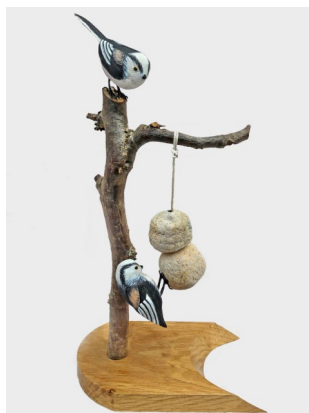
This month we have an inside view from one of the organising Committee.

The cancellation of this year's Show and Competition in Bakewell meant that we lost the pivotal part of the Association's year. From a more practical point of view, we also wouldn't have any current photographs of carvings to use in our magazine, on our website and for publicity purposes.

We decided to have a virtual competition, which would offer a unique chance for any member to enter, wherever they might live. This was a fun competition where the winners just received a 'virtual rosette' certificate. The championship awards and open categories are being carried forward to the next 'live' show which we sincerely hope will be in September 2021.

Each entry was supplied as four photographs – left side, right side, front and top – which were pulled into a PowerPoint slide and was then judged on a numerical scale on its own merit by the judging criteria of Craftsmanship, Accuracy, Essence of the Species, and Artistry and Originality.

This was a new challenge for us but we feel that it was definitely worth doing!



Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council - Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th August 2020

Present: Councillors:

M. Manning (Chair), S. Hill (Vice chair), J.Hill, J.Godson (by phone)

In attendance:

C. Millward (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr M Hennell, Mr R Hennell and Mr S Rose were absent. Councillors consented to the absences.
2. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any item of business on the agenda.
3. **Dispensations:** No dispensations required.

4. Financial Matters:

- a. **Confirmation of internal auditor:** Councillors **confirmed** the appointment of Ms Ricketts, Halam parish clerk, as internal auditor.
- b. **To agree the 2019/20 annual accounts:** Councillors considered and **agreed** the annual accounts 2019/20.
- c. **To certify exemption from limited assurance review under section 9 Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015:** Councillors **certified** that, as:
 1. Both the council's annual gross income and expenditure for 2019/20 were less than £25000, and
 2. The council had been in existence since before 1 April 2014, and
 3. The external auditor had taken no step in relation to 2018/19 which precluded exemption and
 4. The court had made no declaration under section 28 (3) of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014

the council was exempt from a limited assurance review and **authorised** the clerk and chair to sign the certificate of exemption.

- d. **To authorise the chair and the clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return:** The Annual Return was presented incorporating the completed internal auditor's report. Councillors considered the contents together with the internal auditor's comments. They

unanimously **authorised** the chair and clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual governance statement) which they will arrange, socially distantly, councillors' approval having been obtained.

- e. **To authorise the chair and the clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting Statements) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return** Having considered the contents, schedule of fixed assets and variances, councillors unanimously **authorised** the chair and clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting Statements)) which they will arrange, socially distantly, councillors' approval having been obtained.

5. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 7.30 pm by Zoom



Rotary Reverse Advent Calendar, Food Bank November.

During the month of November, members of Sherwood Forest Rotary Club are each putting together boxes of food to donate to the Trussell Foodbank. Last year we organised a collection at South Forest Leisure Centre and passed on the food in time for Christmas, but circumstances do not allow us to do this in 2020.

Our early Advent calendar during November allows the Foodbank to prepare in time for Christmas, so donations such as Christmas puddings and children's favourites would be available for the Christmas period.

We would like to invite members of the community to join us in this venture by creating a box into which they place one item each day (or as often as circumstances allow) throughout the month of November and either deliver it to the Foodbank on November 30th (or the beginning of December, Monday 7th) or drop off at School House and I will deliver it for you on November 30th.

Either way the Food Bank will be very grateful for your support at this very difficult time and they will be very pleased to see you!

If you are able to take part please write Rotary Food-Bank November on your box. It would be good to know how many families have taken part.

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Autumn Update

It's been a very quiet year for the volunteers of Milton Mausoleum due to the Covid 19 restrictions, however the building has been open for the month of September, the last month of our season. We were pleased to meet visitors on each Sunday in September and have made some good contacts.



However, we are not able to hold our final event of this year, our popular Annual Christmas concert. This is so disappointing for our volunteers and supporters alike as we see it as our introduction to the Christmas season and it is always a joyous occasion.

We are looking forward to 2021 as we have lots of plans for our new season. Here are some of them, Covid situation permitting us to go ahead.

- ♦ **Sunday 25th April 2021** – Sunday Lunch at the West Retford Hotel
- ♦ **Saturday 26th June 2021** – Summer Concert
- ♦ **From May to September**, first Sunday in the month, light refreshments for sale
- ♦ **From May to September** we will have new facilities available – watch this space!

We are always very interested to hear from you on any subject and if you would like more details of our plans please contact us via the details below.

Please look out for our regular updates in local press and media. Thank you.

Facebook: The Friends of Milton Mausoleum

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Web page: Friendsofmiltonmausoleum.org.uk

Phone: Jenny Foulds 01777 871706

(Photo: Mark Emmett)

Egmanton Village Hall

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

- ◆ **Yoga with Greg** – Suspended. Watch for details of restart.
- ◆ **Egmanton WI - Suspended at present**
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Laxton Defibrillator

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

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

Michael Manning

Maplebeck Village Hall

The Hall and its activities are not operating at the present time.

Farewell

We would like to express thanks to Tracy Wint, who has been a regular advertiser for some years. We wish her and Nigel well in their forthcoming move to the West country.

Useful Contact Details

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PC2548 Deborah Bakin supported by
PCSO 8524 Richard Dunn at Southwell

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

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Fire Safety Advice (Tuxford Fire Station)	01777 870381
MP Mr Robert Jenrick: robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk	01636 612 837
County Councillor: cllr.mike.pringle@nottsc.gov.uk	0115 977 5661

Parish Council website: www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk

Remembrance Service

Laxton Church, 10.45am

Sunday 8th November

Social distancing will apply. Please remember to bring your face covering and wear it if we go inside.
Hand sanitiser will be available.

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

Advent Service, 10.30am

Laxton Church, Sunday 29th November



Blessing and lighting of the first candle on the advent wreaths. Everyone Welcome