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

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Contributions for the next edition to be with the Editor by **NOON ON 20th NOVEMBER PLEASE. Earlier preferred.** You can send in your contributions at any time.

II Church News

Our church and our Group is to begin another change in the near future as we move into what is to be called "Cluster 2".

Our church Group at the moment includes Laxton, Moorhouse, Wellow, Walesby, Kirton and Egmanton. We will be joining "The Tuxford Cluster", when we will come under the vicar, Allison Jones, who runs the open "Potting Shed".

We will be joining Tuxford, Weston, West Markham, Normanton, and Marnham churches.

This is the plan at the moment. We will have to wait and see what happens. We have made a lot of friends during the years, so we don't want to be split up from our Group.

We also have been very grateful to the Rev. Margaret from Billsthorpe and Heather, our Lay Reader from Eakring, for taking our services for us. We think we will be saying goodbye to them too as they move also.

We have also said goodbye to the Reverend Vaughan Sweet, who regularly took services at Walesby. He is retiring and moving to Yorkshire.

Brenda

Group Remembrance Service

Saint Michael's Church, Laxton
Sunday, November 9th, 2025
10:30 am
Wreaths will be laid
Everyone welcome

Sympathy

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Barry Warriner of Timothy Road 4th October. Barry leaves his son Wayne and daughter Tracey and their families. We send our deepest sympathy to them and all other family and friends



Congratulations

Congratulations to Ian and Rebecca Creighton on the birth of Edward Lee Thomas on 30th August.

He is a brother for Ralph, another grandson for Stuart and Sylvia Rose and nephew for Jessica Rose of Laxton.

Get Well Soon

We were very sorry to hear that Janet Cooke had been taken into hospital in early October.

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They set her on the road to recovery and at the time of writing, she was recovering at her daughter's home nearby. We send very best wishes to Janet for a full and speedy recovery. We all miss her.

We also send very best wishes to Jacqueline Smith for a successful recovery from her recent surgery. We hope to see her about again very soon.

December / January Magazine

Please will anyone planning to send in a contribution note that there will be the usual combined December / January edition, so please have a think about what you plan to be doing before the end of January and into early February so that you can publicise it in good time.

There is a little extra time to get your material in as the closing date will be mid-day on November 20th.

Special Coffee Morning Planned

The December coffee morning will be on Saturday 13th December. It will be in memory of coffee morning member Karen Sandford, who sadly passed away in July and whose 60th birthday would have fallen that month. We will be donating the proceeds to charities that Karen supported.



The November coffee morning makes way for the History Group Craft Fayre and of course everyone is welcome at that and we hope to see you all there.

Happy Birthday Charlie

Congratulations to Charlie Pick for his 9th birthday on 16th November. Charlie must be our youngest regular reader and he loves to look and see who will be having birthdays. This month it is him and we all wish him a great day.

Thanks too, Charlie, for the help you have so willingly offered at various village events. You must also be our youngest volunteer.

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🖁 Christmas Festival 🛭

As you are already aware, a major fundraising effort on behalf of Laxton Parish Church is in the process of being organised.

We are still looking for individuals, families, organisations or local businesses, to commit to

providing a decorated tree, a festive window display or a donation towards a tree..

Our coordinator, Margaret Palmer, would be most appreciative if you could contact her before the end of October/early November to let her know what you would like to do. She can then plan where everything will go.

Thank you to those individuals who have already been in touch.

Please contact Margaret Palmer via Facebook or 07826 429987 or Helen 07905161392

A Long Weekend of Events

This year, we plan to get the festive season off in style, with a great example of the community coming together to organise events which will create a festive atmosphere and provide something for everyone at different times of day.

The celebrations begin with the **Parish Council's Christmas Lights Switch on,** which will take place at the Village Hall on **Thursday 4th December.** This has been moved from the Sunday in order not to clash with the activities at the church. There will be complimentary mince pies and a hot drink. The Dukeries Band will be playing, and no doubt will have dusted off their festive repertoire!

The weekend of December 5th through to the 7th will see the Christmas festival and the church decorated with everyone's trees and window decorations. If past events are anything to go by, it should be wonderful. We have some very talented flower arrangers and who can resist a beautiful Christmas tree?

We hope to print the final programme next month, but the outline is:

EVENING of **Friday 5th December**:

Carols for Everyone concert in Laxton Church with accompanying band.

DAY TIME of Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th Dec

A Christmas Tree Festival in the church, with refreshments in the Village Hall on both days between 10 and 4pm

These events will raise much needed funds for the continued preservation and upkeep of Laxton church.

The trees and arrangements will be displayed in church from the Friday to the Sunday, or longer if those who provide them are willing. It would be helpful if you let Margaret know when you call how for long your tree can be in the church.

If you are creative, but shy about doing a whole tree on your own, we could buddy you up with others to help each other. You can work on something together and maybe get to know someone new.

Help Needed

We are planning to advertise the event to local villages as well as Laxton, Moorhouse and Egmanton. If we are fortunate enough to get a good turnout of visitors, we will need lots of cake to offer them in the Village Hall over the two days. Could you help? We would really appreciate offers of cakes, tray bakes, buns etc.

Obviously we would like baked goods from bakers who have experience, but we will need a rota of volunteers please to work in the kitchen. You need no training or prior experience to help serve, clear dirty pots and wash up and chat to our visitors. Many hands make light work and you are assured of a very warm welcome into the kitchen. There will always be a seasoned volunteer to show you the ropes and there is nothing like working in a team to get to know people.

In church, we will also need ushers throughout the two days, to welcome our visitors, direct them to someone who can answer any questions they may have and to ensure no mishaps. We will set up a rota of people to help with this. Again, new volunteers would be more than welcome. Would you be able to spare some time on either or both days to greet visitors. We hope to publicise the event in the local area, so we are hoping a lot of people will come, and that not all will be from our parish or be familiar with our beautiful old church. We want them to feel a warm welcome.

To volunteer yourself, your baked goods or for any questions, please contact Margaret Palmer via Facebook or 07826 429987 or Helen 07905161392.

Many thanks,

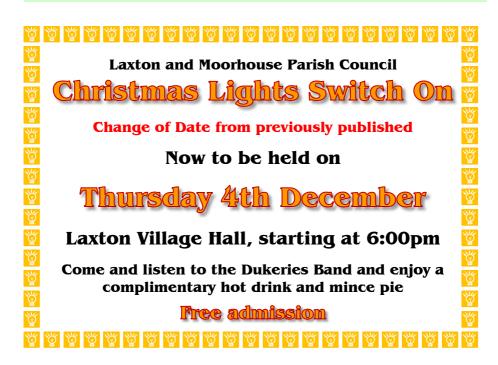
A Polite Request

Please remember that Laxton is an active farming village. Tractors towing drills and other big vehicles need to move up and down the village streets at all times, including outside what elsewhere are considered 'normal working hours'.

Recently these vehicles have had trouble getting through when people have parked on both sides of the road near the Village Hall and the church.

Please think about where you are leaving your vehicle when you park for its safety as well as the convenience of the farmers. The road is considerably wider on the church side of the Village Hall than further up the road, so using space available there would help keep everyone and their vehicles safer.

Thank you for your help.



Christmas Festival

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Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December

Continuing our Festival celebrations, come and look around our lovely old church, which will be open from 10 am to 4 pm each day. It will be decked with Christmas trees and Christmas arrangements.

If any person, business, family or community group would like to have a tree or arrangement in church then please let us know as soon as possible so that we can plan where to place them.

(Brenda 870541 or Margaret 07826 429987)

Any donations would be gratefully received to sponsor a tree or decoration if you prefer.

All the money raised over the weekend will go towards the upkeep of our lovely old church. There is always a job to do!

Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall on both Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. We will be most grateful for any donations of cakes or pastries and also help in the kitchen on a rota basis.

If you can help, please contact Helen Sheard on **07905 161392**. Thank you,

Brenda.

Christmas Festival

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5th, 6th, 7th December 2025

Friday 5th December

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Village Hall News

"Chop & Chat" On Monday 3rd November our monthly luncheon club will again be taking place in Laxton Village Hall. In future there will be a contribution of £5 per person for this. See separate item about October's.

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The Village Hall Quiz is being held on Friday 28th November (the last Friday in November) in the Village Hall.

Start time is **7 for 7.30pm** and cost is **£10 per person**, covering the normal pie, potato and peas supper plus dessert. It is BYO (bring your own) in terms of drink and glasses.

Please advise Ian Robinson (07771 696248) of your teams, ideally 8 per team, but including numbers in the team when you call to reserve your table. Numbers are limited so please don't delay in contacting Ian.

There will be a raffle, for which donations of prizes are welcome & requested, along the broad themes of Christmas, Goodies and Gardens. As at previous events, we will look to bundle up prizes so as to minimise time spent on drawing the raffle.

We look forward to hearing from you as you register your interest and team.

All proceeds from the running of the quiz go towards the running costs of the Village Hall.

The "Pilates" class continues to be run by our experienced fitness teacher, Rachel. 4-week block bookings up front cost £24 for the block. Please contact Helen Sheard if you are interested. It is held at the Laxton Village Hall on Thursday evenings running from 18:30 to 19:30. It is aimed at all levels, so beginners are very welcome. Get in touch to see if there will be space for you.

Laxton Village Hall is now a good cause in the **Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery.** You can all sign up for a chance to win and to support the Village Hall starting at £1 per week. For each ticket sold, our good cause gets 60p.



Winter Vaccinations

Vaccines are still available from GP surgeries and some pharmacies.

Flu vaccinations will run until the end of March 2026. You are eligible for a free vaccination if you:

- are aged 65 or over (inc. those who will be 65 by 31 March 2026)
- have certain long-term health conditions
- are pregnant
- live in a care home
- are the main carer for an older or disabled person, or receive a carer's allowance
- live with someone who has a weakened immune system
- Frontline health and social care workers can also get a flu vaccine through their employer.

You can book online now

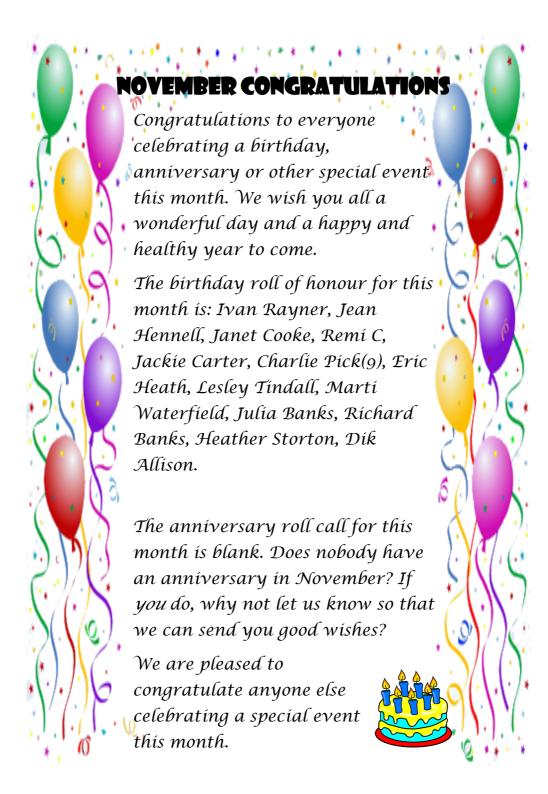
If you're aged 18 or over, you can book a flu vaccination appointment at a pharmacy online or in the NHS App now.

The COVID-19 vaccination is available if you:



- are aged 75 or over (including those who will be 75 by 31 January 2026)
- are aged 6 months to 74 years and have a weakened immune system because of a health condition or treatment
- live in a care home for older adults
- Have health conditions and treatments that mean you're eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

You can book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment online or in the NHS App now.



Wellow Maypole Committee invite you to a **Christmas Crafts and Social Event**

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for Bransby. You can also pass to Jean in Laxton or Joy in Egmanton.

Laxton History Group



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The meeting of the Group takes place just after the earlier copy date for this edition, so we will report the news next month.

We hope you will all join us for our annual Craft Fayre to get you all thinking about Christmas. This takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday November 15th between 11.00am and 2.00pm.

There will be the usual admission charge of £1 on the door, which includes your first cup of tea or coffee. While you browse the colourful stalls and make your purchases, you will have the opportunity to sit down and enjoy some home made soup and a roll for lunch or maybe one of the tempting selection of home made cakes which always appear.

We will have some games to amuse the young and young at heart as well as a raffle and tombola.

We look forward to seeing you all there. If you have not been in the village long, it is a wonderful opportunity to come along and meet some of your fellow villagers and start getting to know people better.

The next regular meeting will continue the build up to the festive season with a talk from **Dr Ann Featherstone on Wednesday 19th November entitled 'A Brief History of Pantomime'**.

Everyone is very welcome. The cost is £3 on the door, which includes your refreshments - and we pride ourselves on having nice biscuits. There is no charge for becoming a member, coming along automatically makes you one.

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November (LHG Craft Fayre)
13th December

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If you wish to serve the community as a councillor, please contact the clerk, Catherine Wilson at laxtonparishclerk@gmail.com, before 10 November 2025 stating:

1 Your full name and address

- 2 A summary of the skills and experience you have which would be of value to the council and community
- 3 The reasons why you would like to become a Laxton & Moorhouse parish councillor
- 4. What you are able to contribute and confirming that you meet the eligibility criteria set out below

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*must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

Laxton WI Invite you to join them on Wednesday, 12 November 2025 for a demonstration of

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Laxton Village Hall's Autumn Quiz Night

Date: Friday 28th November 2025

Time: **7** pm for **7:30 start**

Cost: <u>£10</u> per head, including a Hot Supper. Bring <u>your own</u>

drinks and glasses.

Questions: Back by popular demand "The Cottee Quizmasters"

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THIS MONTH'S SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

2nd November

10:30 am Laxton HC Rev Margaret

10.30am Kirton **HC** Rev Alistair

All Souls. Light a candle in memory of

a loved one

4:00 pm Wellow **EP** Heather B

9th November

10:30 Laxton Group Remembrance Service Rev Alistair

16th November

10:30 am Wellow **HC** Rev Margaret

23rd November

10:30am Walesby **HC** Rev Alistair

30th November Advent

5th, 6th, 7th December

Laxton Christmas Festival



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER



Mon 3rd Chop & Chat

Weds 12th WI

Sat 15th LHG Craft Fayre combined with Morning Coffee

Weds 19th History Group Nov 25th Parish Council

Nov: 28th Village Hall Quiz

Forward Planning:

DECEMBER

5th, 6th, 7th Christmas Festival

Regular Events:

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

Copy Date for Dec 2025 / Jan 2026 edition: 12 noon, 20th November 2025

Please let us have your contributions in good time. This time we can to make it a later date because the next edition will cover 2 months. We do what we can to include last minute items, but it is not always possible. Late arrivals are unlikely to make it into print.



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Laxton WI



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The WI's annual party was efficiently organised by our events expert Sandra, who did her usual excellent job.

We assembled at the Fox Inn at Kirton, where we were made most welcome. Everyone felt immediately comfortable and goodness me, we did look posh! Pretty tops and smart outfits were evident, and it was definitely party time.

Seated at the tables, the talk flowed easily. Laughter and happy faces told the story. Sadly, two of our number were unable to be there due to illness and we all mentally sent our best wishes to them.

It wasn't long before our pre-ordered meals began to arrive and again it was noticeable how caring and pleasant the staff were. Nothing was too much trouble and the service was speedy and smooth. The menu was varied and the food well cooked and presented. We were a happy bunch. Perhaps a good measure of how good a meal we had was that it was quiet. The only time we were quiet that evening was when we were eating.

After eating we relaxed and chatted until the vibrant voice of Maxine Gardner began to get feet tapping and the urge to dance came over some of the company.

Maxine has the terrific ability to liven, energise and really boost the party spirit. She did us proud. Without naming names, it can be revealed that we have some fairly nifty movers in the WI. Styles were decidedly individual but very impressive and most people 'strutted their stuff' during the evening.

People who didn't dance sat in comfort and enjoyed laughing and chattering. It was grand.

As always, our thinks must go to Sandra who works so hard to provide and plan these occasions. To Maxine a special thanks, to coin a phrase "Ye gods, she's good."

Next month sees the Christmas wreath demonstration with cheese and wine to enhance the proceedings. There is also the suggestion the demonstrated wreath may be raffled, so come along feeling lucky.

Prior to that is the Bingo Night on the 24th October. This is always a popular night and at £8.00 for the evening quite a bargain, especially as refreshments are provided and a good raffle.

In December we have another treat in store with a chocolatier showing their special skills. Mulled wine will be served, and it sounds a very selfindulgent evening. Hopefully, we will see you there.

News from the Museums of Tuxford

Walks of Life Museum

The Dosco story at the Walks of Life Museum links to mining. It made us think of the role of women through the years. From the book on "Pit Lasses c 1800-1941", Agnes Keer, 15, coal bearer, is reported as saying "I canna say I like the work well for I am obliged to do it: it is horse work".

A woman's task was twofold to move the rocks that her man had loosened and to ensure that everything she carried to the surface was credited to his account.



In pits that were narrow and difficult to work the bearers who brought up the coal on their backs were virtually all female. In June 1820 Elizabeth Pendry, aged 6 years, died in an explosion.

Think back to women who

did jobs you wouldn't expect, older residents of Tuxford will recall June Bown who ran carrying the sack of coal on her back, supporting her husband's business. If anyone has a photo their daughter Sonya would love to see it.



Another character was Mary

Parks the window cleaner. She was a hard working woman who pushed her cart around Tuxford niftily running up the ladder.

Museum of the Horse

Before WWI most society ladies rode side saddle. When war broke out, the need for horses was immense resulting in horses being requisitioned from all over the U.K. The government could see that war was a strong possibility. Privately owned horses were compulsorily purchased. There was little you could do to prevent



your much-loved horse going to war. They were taken to remote depots with land, where large barns became stables run by competent older horse men, Cecil Aldin the artist being one of them.

There were no men so ladies stepped in. They became used to the hard dirty work. Horses needed to be fit for war, so much riding was needed. This often involved riding one horse and leading two more, one each side. This was not

practical if you were riding side saddle so ladies began to ride astride. It was much frowned on as many thought it was indecent! The eventual effect was that women in general changed to riding astride whilst a few elderly ladies continued to ride side saddle. Today it has become fashionable again for some ladies to ride side saddle when hunting



and competing, and they do look very elegant.

curator@museumofthehorse.co.uk

Ossington Quiz Night Friday 7th November in the Hut Cheese and wine Details of tables, tickets etc. from Peter Geldart 01636 823832

🖁 Southwell Ploughing Match

If the vast numbers of cars in the fields set aside for them are any guide, the event was a huge success this year. The layout was quite simple to navigate with the maps given to visitors at the gate. The main entrance into the trade stand area and it was but a short walk to the right to find the tractor and trailer rides to see the further flung ploughing events.



An innovation this year was a display by the National Hedge Laying Society. Their stand had some tiny living hedges, which had been nurtured for months .Each side of the display demonstrated two different regional styles of hedge laying technique and an explanation of the reasons for them. These were separated by examples of

the many different types of crossing point in hedges from kissing gates to stone steps in a dry stone wall - a technique being demonstrated nearby. It was fascinating, as was the accompanying information.

Happily the popular show feature competitions such as the hedge laying, horse ploughing, steam threshing





and steam ploughing were all among the first things to be seen after crossing from into the agricultural events area.

The main ring was centrally situated and proving popular with all the usual displays and competitions. This year there was a surprising addition to the animals on view. Many people thought their eyes deceived them when they



saw camels. In fact that is exactly what they saw - three fine beasts which later came into the ring with riders in middle eastern dress to demonstrate camel racing!

The Young Farmers once again showed their competitive spirit with the lawn mower racing, generating enthusiasm and support in equal measure

from the large crowd. The hunt and hounds pleased as ever, including the inevitable hound which escaped from the ring. The heavy horses looked glorious in the sunshine and the grand parade was as

impressive as ever.

The craft and produce tents were busy, as had been the judges with the large entry in all classes. Some of the biggest pumpkins fell foul of the size restriction, and there were some jumbo specimens on display.

The cookery classes were popular and men clearly get into the kitchen in this area as their class was as full as any.





The crafts ranged from the immaculate floral arrangements to the children's crafts. Ralph Creighton is to be congratulated on his first place with a 'Happy Face from dried food stuck to a paper plate'. It stood out in a large class. His third placed butterfly also looked good in an equally large class.

Well done to all concerned with the staging of this popular annual event. It is a huge amount of work for the one day, but clearly a great pleasure to very many people.



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Chop & Chat

Chop & Chat returned to the village hall on Monday 6th of October. This luncheon club continues to be very popular. 21 roast pork



dinners were served that day. NSDC, who have helped fund these events have suggested that we make a small charge to make the events sustainable. Members willingly agreed to a payment of £5 each starting in November.

NSDC also asked us for feedback. Here are some of the comments received:

- "There hasn't been a luncheon club in the area for many, many years.
- We love coming and seeing all the folks...... "
- Having been married to a farmer, **** jokingly said ".... and seeing the men folk learning new peeling skills....... we even enjoy preparing the veg. It's great fun."
- ◆ The food is great. Good wholesome nourishing food. There are always generous portions.
- Another who regularly helps in the kitchen added "We also take meals to the housebound!! The group is excellent company.
- When you live on your own, it is sometimes too much trouble to cook a full dinner. I eat mostly ready meals. So having a roast dinner with friends and neighbours each month is a real treat.
- C&C Brings the village together. We have a good chat with people we wouldn't see very often. It's a social event that helps us to keep in touch with people. It's a real team effort. You feel useful and it gets the men involved!"
- There has been a need for a luncheon club for a long time. A number of us knew this but also knew we needed younger help to make it possible because a good few of us are 80+. Also for many years the village hall was simply not a welcoming venue. Thanks to a Lottery grant, Laxton Village Hall was completely refurbished in recent years and is now a lovely place to meet"

Others again reiterated how lovely it was to be together socially, "Particularly as in the winter months with the grey days. It's nice to get out."

At present our group comprises mostly Laxton villagers. We do however have members from Egmanton, Kneesall, Walesby, Weston, Newark, Southwell and Lambley. The latter three are connected to Laxton by birth or are related to villagers. If you would like to join in too, please contact Helen on **07905 161392**.

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A weekly prize of £25 is up for grabs. The winning number is the bonus ball number drawn in the Saturday Lotto draw. If a free number is drawn, the prize rolls over to the following week.

All proceeds help support the Sports Field and facilities.

Please note that Helen Pick at High Street Farm is now managing the Bonus Ball.

Thank you for your support,

Helen Pick

Group Oil Order

I am keeping my fingers crossed that by the time of our November order the price will continue to go down. Overall the price remains around 57p inc VAT. To put

this in context, it is about 2p per litre less than at the corresponding time last year, so maybe we should be thankful for that.

The next order will try to catch a good price and to see everyone stocked up before the worst of the cold weather and the inevitable Christmas rise. It would be helpful to have indicative orders by the end of October, as the later we can leave it, the longer that stock will last. The following order will be Jan / Feb depending on weather and need.

If you want to be part of the November pre-Christmas order, please ensure you are on the list and send in an idea of your order by the end of October to give me an idea of how pressing it is. You can contact me on my personal email if you have it or on

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You can make a real difference in your community by volunteering with Citizens Advice.

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- raising funds
- researching and campaigning for policy change
- helping witnesses in court in our Witness Service
- helping the service to run smoothly in our admin and customer service roles
- as a trustee

Last year the value of volunteering within our organisation was over a million pounds. We currently have over 70 volunteers

with various roles from managing reception to sitting on our trustee board.

Here is what some of our volunteers had to say about volunteering with us:

- ⇒ "I was worried that I didn't have any experience to become an adviser but I got all the training and support I needed to fulfil my role."
- ⇒ You gain skills and experience that stay with you for life. There is a great support system in place…it makes you feel like you are part of something great."
- ⇒ "The most enjoyable part of volunteering is seeing the difference we make. You meet a person who might be nervous and not know what will happen to them - in some cases they will be quite distressed. At the end of the day they leave smiling and thanking you for all that you have done for them."
- ⇒ "Before volunteering I struggled with public speaking, interpersonal communication and anxiety about talking to people that I don't know. Two years later, I have found the voice that was always there, but hidden due to a lack of confidence."

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Please contact us if you are interested in joining us as a volunteer and we will be pleased to discuss this with you.

SUNDAY OPENINGS from 2pm – 4pm

Our Sunday openings at the Mausoleum will be re-starting at the beginning of May 2026. Group visits can be arranged for any day by prior arrangement. For all enquiries: please contact Gill 01777 811358 or Jenny 01777 811219, 07791527569 or email milton.mausoleum@outlook.com

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 Contact 07415436001 Email holly-rye@hotmail.co.uk
- ◆ Egmanton WI Third Thursdays in the Hall
- ◆ Coffee Morning: The second Saturday of the month from 10 12.
 Next will be on October 11th. All welcome.

All events appear on the web site - see above

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A reminder about the pothole reporting contact details are:

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Booking Laxton Village Hall

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Useful Contact Details

Defibrillator Contacts:

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Parish Council website: www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk

Laxton History Group

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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 Novemb

If you are planning to let off fireworks at any other time during the 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.

hank you on behalf of the animals and owners