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*The Red Ensign over The Dovecote on Merchant Navy Day  
3rd September Laxton 2017*

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## Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August at Haughton Hall Farm, near the ruins of the Chapel of St James the Great, I had the privilege of leading my first Vintage Tractor and



Countryside Sunday Service! What a glorious day it was. This was our version of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount! Cresswell colliery band joined us for the morning, having only been recruited a couple of days beforehand due to another band having to pull out!

As part of the service, I blessed the plough, garden tools (which included the 2 water containers with flamingo heads!) and the dogs who kept a comfortable distance between themselves! Angela Morfett-Jones the Minister of the Elkesley Group of Parishes was the preacher for the day and her thought provoking sermon reflected upon the 1<sup>st</sup> creation story in the book of Genesis. Her key points were given as 3R's: (no, not reading, writing and arithmetic!) but *Remember, Refreshment and Responsibility*. We were invited to *remember* that the earth is millions of years old; we marvelled in the fruits of the earth which had been recently harvested and later used for our *refreshment* and finally we were reminded of our call to be *responsible* stewards of the earth: caring for the earth and its gifts and using them wisely.

Very fitting themes as we celebrate our harvest festivals – may we *remember* God and give thanks for his goodness and may we recommit ourselves to sharing and being *responsible* with the earth's resources that they might bring *refreshment* for the benefit of all.



Many blessings  
Zoe

## **Sympathy: Margaret Noble, formerly of Moorhouse**

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Margaret Rose Noble on 7th August at the age of 83.

Margaret and her family lived for many years at Aggie House on Green lane at Moorhouse before moving to Sutton-cum-Lound to a bungalow so they could be nearer their family.

Her funeral was held at Sutton-cum-Lound Church on 24th August. Our sympathy goes to her husband, Maurice, and her children Julie, John and Jane and their families.



## **From the Registers: Zala Miller, formerly of Moorhouse**

Another of Moorhouse's former residents has also recently passed away. We learned of the death of Zala Miller who recently moved from Sunnyside Cottage, Egmonton Road to a nursing home at Worksop to be nearer to her sister.

Zala died in August at the age of 86. Her funeral service was held on Wednesday 6th September in Moorhouse Church. The service was conducted by the Rev. Philip Howson.

This was the first funeral service to be held in Moorhouse Church for 25 years.

## Mothers Union

We enjoyed our evening out for a meal in August and took part in the church in the MU Wave of Prayer on 19th September. We were allocated an early evening slot to play our part.

In October we will be meeting at 7.30pm in Janet Cooke's house at the top of Timothy Road. Everyone is very welcome.

*Janet*

## Harvest Competition

Laxton always has a weekend of events for Harvest. One of the highlights is the competition in Church when everyone is invited to enter their produce, cookery and crafts. The schedule includes classes for children aged up to 6 and 7 - 11.

The classes are open to everyone, so if you fancy bringing along your best apples, pears, potatoes etc. or having a go at the cookery or floral classes, why not have a look at the schedule near the centre of this edition and see which classes are for you.

There are four classes for photographs too, so why not get out and see what you can do or have a look through your collection and see which you could enter. With a camera on virtually every phone this is something everyone can do and we would be pleased to see you bring your entries on Saturday 14th October between 2pm and 4pm.

If you are not sure quite what to do or how to display your entry, have a word with Brenda on **870541** or Jean on **870276**.



## Get Well Soon

Elizabeth Banks of Egmanton, a stalwart of Laxton WI's cookery and craft entries for competitions, has unfortunately broken her wrist. We all wish her a speedy recovery and return to the craft room and kitchen.

# Village Hall Lottery Project News



You will see on the facing page a copy of the first page of the Big Lottery award showing what they are actually going to fund. Big job but we will have a superb Hall that we can be really proud of after it is all finished.

We are having to open a new bank account to enable the funding to be paid over separately to our existing account, employ the services of a solicitor and an accountant to audit

the accounts. We are pleased to say that Ian Robinson from The Reading Room who is a qualified auditor, has kindly agreed to help in what ever capacity is required by The Lottery. Many thanks to him for that.

Just before 'Open Field' went press we had a series of Sub Group Meetings to divide the various aspects of what we need to do. The Sub Groups are as follows with the various Committee Members who are sitting on them.

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As we progress we will keep all parishioners informed by regular bulletins in the magazine. The outcomes from the above sub groups will be published in the next issue of 'Open Field' plus anything else that has happened!! As soon as we know when we can start and how long it will take we will let you know.

**We are getting a fabulous new Hall, watch this space!!!**

*Michael Manning*



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Dear Mrs. Geldard

**Reaching Communities Buildings  
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# Stuart Shepherd Charity Football Match

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In this 3rd year of football matches between teams captained by Stuart's sons we helped raise £391.50 for the Brain Tumour Charity.

Andrew Shepherd won the game comfortably beating his younger brother Matthew Shepherd 6-3. There were lots of goals to see



between the two teams with numerous scorers. The game started with very end to end action until the second half when some 'old' legs got tired. This saw Andrew's team dominate the



second half scoring the goals to win the game.

Lots of old and new faces turned out for the match from the age of 6 to around 66! It was a great day with lots of activities which involved the whole family including a Bouncy Castle from 'Air we Go', a bar from the Dovecote Inn, marquee donated by Sherwood Marquees and lots of Tombola and Raffle prizes. Thank you to everyone who donated towards the event or helped and took part in



the day in any way. It was another successful year and we plan to have many more in the years to come in memory of Stuart Shepherd.

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**Look forward to seeing you all soon at your local pub,  
The Dovecote Inn at Laxton**

# Merchant Navy Day



3rd September was Merchant Navy Day and Parish Councils were invited to mark it in some way. Laxton Parish Council took up the offer and enlisted John Smith, formerly of Crosshill House and a former Merchant Navy officer, to hoist the Red Ensign on the Dovecote Inn flag pole.



The Parish Council was represented by Mike Manning, Roy Hennell and David Brown. They were joined by John with Roberta and a number of other villagers and friends.

John then read out a message for the day written by HRH Prince Edward, honouring the men and the service of the Merchant Navy after which he hoisted



*John during his Merchant Navy Service in 1952*

the ensign to the applause of the watching party. Everyone then moved into the Dovey to enjoy a very pleasant and sociable Sunday lunch together. So pleasant was it that it was decided to repeat the gathering in November.



It was good to see the red ensign fluttering from Max McNaught's flag pole as well

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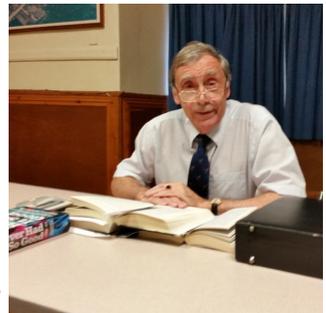
# Laxton History Group



August is the month of holidays and harvest and it meant one of our lowest attendances. Members were reminded to let John, Jo or Joy know what they think we should do with the £3,000 we need to decide about.

In September we have a guided tour from members of Retford Historical Society and Jean shared the arrangements. She noted that the Craft Fayre will now be on **4th November**. Jean is working on our programme for 2018 which will have to allow for the hall being closed for several months for the exciting refurbishment.

John Whitfield, our speaker in August, was one of the best we have had. He gave us a great insight into life in the 50s - dimly remembered by some and 'history' for others - without reference to notes and told in a lively and entertaining way. Even the most tired managed not to nod off. He has been booked again.



John outlined the political situation from the end of the war in '45 then moved on to the '50s. Rationing did not finish until 1954. In 1950

there were queues and nothing much in the shops. In 1951 The Festival of Britain showcased all things British and boosted morale. At the election in October 1951 the Conservatives won by 20 seats and Churchill returned as Prime Minister. He was 76 years old and had been very ill though recovered quickly. He is not considered to have been a good peacetime PM and was not really interested in the minutiae of Parliament. He was often elsewhere painting, drinking brandy or champagne and smoking .

People wanted material goods, houses etc. Independent Tribunals generally gave Unions most, if not more, than they thought they would receive. By '54 the economy was improving. At this time housing was a major priority with 1 in 3 having suffered bomb damage, the majority being in Greater London and the big cities. 300,000 houses a year were built for 5 consecutive years, 65% of which were Council houses compared to 110,000 a year today.

In 1953 the Coronation was shown on television. TV sales went up by a third along with other appliances. Churchill had a very bad stroke after the Coronation but nobody knew outside a small circle of people including newspaper editors who kept silent. Churchill retired in 1955 and was succeeded by Anthony Eden. Eden, who knew very little about

# Things to Do this Month

⇒ Book your 'flu vaccination

⇒ Check details of road closures

- Sept 29<sup>th</sup>** Moorhouse Harvest Festival 7.00pm
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup>** Southwell Ploughing Match, Kirklington
- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> (Sun)** Children's film @ Maplebeck **VH**
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup>** WI - The Work of the British Legion, 7.30 **VH**
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** Coffee Morning
- Oct 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>** Laxton Harvest events
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** Kirton Coffee Morning, 10.30, Kirton - see advert
- Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** History Group, 7.30pm, 'Bess of Hardwick', **VH**
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup>** Meal and Speaker, Brian Howes, 'Sweets', South Forest Leisure Centre 7 for 7.15pm.

**VH = Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre**

## Coffee Morning

12th October

10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 12th October at Corner Farm, the last house on the right at the bottom of the village.

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.

Plenty of tea, cakes, and chatter.



the domestic scene, lacked good political instinct and the ability to “read the country” and was a very ill man. His mixture of medicines equated to “uppers and downers”. That coupled with his naturally bad temper hindered his judgment which came to a head with the Suez Crisis. This brought him down and led to his resignation in '57.

Harold McMillan succeeded him. Although from the aristocracy he understood the people. It was in his speech in July '57 at a football stadium in Bedford that he told the nation that they had ‘never had it so good’. This was true especially for the working classes. People had money in their pocket, their standard of living had improved, and the post war boom had taken effect. Bomb damage had been repaired and new technologies from the war had arrived. Wages were rising which stimulated the economy and other allied trades.

Toward the end of the '50s 80% of people lived in towns, many still with parents. They wanted to live in council houses with facilities they had never had. Appliances like washing machines, vacuum cleaners etc. were being bought. There was a boom, not just in wages, but full order books, overtime, bonuses and perks. Big companies in the Nottingham area such as Players had 12,000 employees in the 50s and there were also Boots and Raleigh, the mines, engineering companies and women working.

We still traded with our remaining Empire and had the largest merchant fleet in the world and a large navy. At the time of Suez we had 5 aircraft carriers and all our own aircraft. We were No 2 in the world behind the USA in aircraft and motorcars and were the No 1 shipbuilding nation, though declining even then. We were the “Workshop of the World.”

In the late '50s young people were emerging as a major force. Teenagers had money and wanted entertainment, culture, clothes, record players, rock and roll etc. They were challenging older people's views, clothes etc. and were somewhat rebellious. It was not a great decade for women who were generally still expected to give up work once they were married.

Cracks were appearing in the economy. Competitors were catching us up and management was too complacent. Steam trains were kept going longer than in the rest of the world just to keep the mines going as the Unions were getting more powerful.

There were cracks in the “stiff upper lip” and society in general towards the end of the 50s. However, it was still said that the fifties “started in black and white and finished in colour.”

On **18th October** we shall hear from Rosemary Gibson about ‘Bess of Hardwick’.

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## Laxton Open Field Farming

Following the update in the August magazine, and copy of the letter from Mr Ian Mills to the Parish Council, the Chairman of the Visitor Centre Trust, Sir John Starkey wrote to The Crown Estate.

Sir John decided he should write direct to Allison Nimmo the Chief Executive of The Crown Estate as he felt the issue of preserving the Open Field System is so important nationally and internationally, and he has received what can be best described as a very positive and encouraging reply to his excellent letter.

Amongst other things, Ms Nimmo suggested he might like to meet with the Rural Director of The Crown Estate and Sir John has accepted this offer when he will be accompanied by a couple of the Trustees.

The full transcript of Sir John's letter, Ms Nimmo's reply and Sir John's subsequent reply will be published in the November magazine

Additionally David Brown and myself met with Robert Jenrick, our MP, to make him aware of the issue and seek some support. He was rather busy at his surgery in the Dovecote but we were able to give him an idea of what it is we are trying to preserve and gave him copies of the letters so far.

*Michael Manning*

## Dovecote Dart Team

The village has had a dart team competing in the Tuxford and District league for over 40 years but we are at a point where we might have to fold up.

We lost 3 regular players to other teams at the start of the new season last week so we need some more players. You don't have to be good, just have a slight idea what darts is!!!

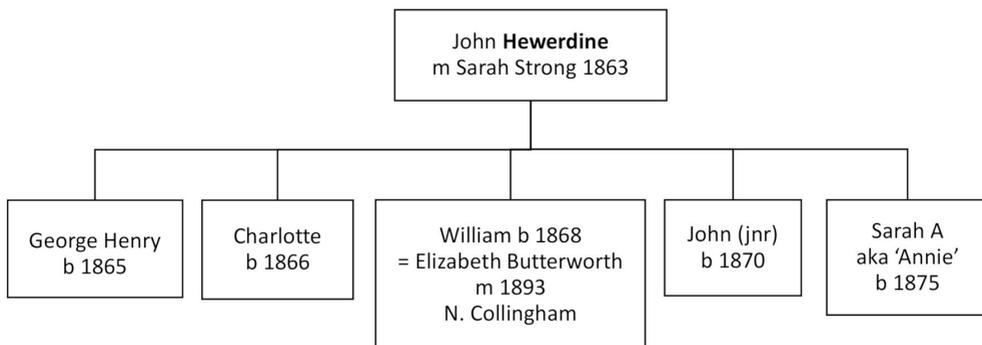
We play on Tuesday evenings 8.30pm to 10.30pm home and away through to about April/May and transport is available.

It's nothing too serious; a bit of a social evening out. Please contact the Dovecote or let me know if you are interested.

*Michael Manning*



# The Hewerdines of Laxton: Younger Children of John Hewerdine



*In this episode Jenni Dobson tells what she has discovered about Charlotte, William and John (jnr).*

**Charlotte** was born in 1866 at Balderton and recorded as the elder daughter John and Sarah Hewerdine. She died in the March Quarter of 1958 at Newark.

Charlotte was probably named for her father's younger sister. She's with her parents in 1881, aged 15, but not with them in 1891, nor has she been traced elsewhere.

In 1901, she worked as housekeeper for Frank W Harris, a farmer at Tinwell, Rutland. By 1911 she lived at 24 Sussex Rd, Southport, with a 19 year old live-in female general servant and declaring herself of 'Private means'. How did she evolve from housekeeper to independence?

A possible explanation is that in 1910 her father died and maybe John left his unmarried daughter an annuity. Alternatively, she could have married and been left a widow with income but have reverted to her maiden name. In favour of the former interpretation is a death registered at Newark for Charlotte Hewerdine aged 92.

**William** was born in 1868 at Doddington, Lincs, a son of John and Sarah Hewerdine. He married Elizabeth Butterworth on 27th April 1893 in North Collingham, Notts. He is assumed to have died in Canada.

Elizabeth Butterworth was born in 1863, the daughter of George and Susan and is also assumed to have died in Canada.

William was boarding in the household of George Butterworth at North Collingham in 1891. George was a threshing machine owner and William, a 23 year old joiner. Two years later William married George's daughter, Elizabeth. His elder sister Charlotte signed as a witness. By 1901 the couple lived at 24 Bobbers Mill Rd, Nottingham, seemingly without any children.

Having failed to find them in 1911, I searched emigration records and found a possible record for a W Hewerdine, aged 37 (not far out!) departing Liverpool for Montreal on 19th May 1907, with the trade of 'mechanic'. It seemed possible that William was starting a new life if his wife had died, but no plausible death records could be found. Instead there was a Mrs E Hewerdine travelling to Montreal on 11th May 1913, aged 50.

Whilst frequently a man emigrated first, to find work and a place to live, this seems an unusually long gap. Maybe Elizabeth had been to Canada earlier and was just not picked up in the online records. Given that her father had died in the June Quarter of 1911, perhaps she had been in England to tidy up affairs following his death.

**John (jnr)** was born in 1870 at Doddington, Lincs also a son of John and Sarah Hewerdine. He is assumed to have died in Australia

John (jnr) was even more elusive – there was no promising match for him in 1891. In 1901, he maybe lived at Keighley, Yorks, a 30 year old railway worker, boarding with engine driver, Fred White. I failed to find John in 1911 but this may be because on 17th Feb 1911 a John Hewerdine, 'farmer' emigrated from London to Freemantle, Australia, with his wife (no initial). This could be the same John who in the September Quarter of 1905 had married in Dewsbury, Yorks to either Elizabeth Butcher or Eugenie Marriott. There is no way to be sure without several record purchases.

Given the family's existing and extensive network of apparently literate emigrants, it is plausible that these are the 'right' matches.

I should emphasise that these apparent 'dead ends' in the above researches don't mean that there is no more information out there. It is simply that with the level of subscription that I have on my chosen genealogy website, I cannot access world wide record sets. If these individuals were more closely related to me personally, then it would be worth paying for wider access or obtaining the relevant certificates, such as for Charlotte's death at Newark noted above.

I would urge any reader considering embarking on their own research not to be deterred by realising that sometimes 'brick walls' are reached! More and more records are being digitised and made available online - meaning that those brick walls can come crashing down at some future date.

Next time: Sarah Annie, their 'baby' sister .....



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# Laxton Cricket Club

*This month we have a further extract from Jo Godson's research in the Retford, Gainsborough and Worksop Times' reports on club meetings.*

## **10/3/1905**

The annual meeting was held in the Vicarage Room on Saturday evening. Officers were re-elected and matches arranged with several clubs. It was decided to get a quantity of new materials. The finances are in a fairly flourishing condition owing to the help received from the proceeds of a dance.

## **20/2/1914**

The annual meeting was held on Friday when there was a moderate attendance. The Vicar presided and the secretary presented the accounts for the past year, which showed an income of £4 11s and an expenditure of £4 0s 6d., leaving a balance in hand of 10s 6d. The following officers were appointed:- President, The Rev C. B. Collinson; captain Mr S. G. Bartle; Vice Captain MR W. G. Quible (Quibell); secretary Mr F Willis; committee; Messrs Clarke, W Sampson, Price and Grundy. Members subscriptions were fixed at 2s 6d., and the secretary has requested to try and arrange matches with village teams in the neighbourhood. It was also agreed that the balance in hand should be spent on repairs to the roller and that application should be made for the schoolroom during Easter week for a whist Drive and Dance.

## **13/1/1922**

The annual supper took place on Saturday in the Parish Room. The members sat down to an excellent meal, which consisted of roast beef, leg of mutton, plum pudding, etc. The Vicar (the Rev S B Bleau) said he was pleased to meet the members and also expressed his good wishes for the New Year and for the success of the club. The chairman of the committee (Mr Willis) congratulated the members on their success during the past season. Eighteen matches were played of which twelve were won, five lost and one drawn. The committee take this opportunity of thanking all who helped so willingly in arranging for the whist drive and dance and the supper and also those who gave so liberally to the refreshment stall and the supper.

## **10/2/1922**

CRICKET CLUB – The following officers have been appointed for the year:-President, Rev S B Bleau; chairman, Mr Willis; captain, Mr A Grundy; vice-captain, Mr Wm Beckett; secretary, Mr J Cook



# St Michael the Archangel, Laxton

## Harvest Produce Show and Competition, 2017

### Only Home Produce to be entered



#### Rules

1. Entries to be in Church **between 2 pm and 4 pm** on **Saturday 14th October**  
**NB PLEASE NOTE TIME FOR ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED**
1. Each competitor will be given a number in each class entered.
2. Each entry must be the competitor's own work.
3. Entries in Class 3 must have twist top, or wax disc and cellophane cover.
4. **Please note, no meat or fresh cream can be accepted in any class**
5. Prizes will be presented in each section - First 30p, Second 20p, Third 15p

**We welcome additional donations of produce, preserves or home baking for auction. These can be left in church on Saturday, or Sunday from 3:30pm when the winning entries may also be viewed.**

#### **Class 1**

- A 3 potatoes
- B 3 onions
- C 3 beetroot
- D 3 leeks
- E 3 carrots
- F 1 marrow
- G 1 pumpkin
- H 3 tomatoes
- I 3 runner beans
- J Any other produce

#### **Class 2**

- A 3 eating apples
- B 3 cooking apples
- C 3 pears

#### **Class 3**

- A Jar of chutney
- E Jar of jam
- F Jar of jelly
- H Jar of lemon curd

#### **Class 4**

- A Victoria sandwich cake (no cream)
- B Decorated sandwich cake (any flavour)
- C Fruit cake
- D Plate fruit pie
- E 4 small cakes (buns)
- F 4 small sweet pastries
- G 4 fruit scones
- H 4 cheese scones
- I 4 tray bakes

#### **Class 5 - Photograph**

- A A Country Scene
- B It's Spring Time
- C A wild creature
- E Picture suitable for the cover of 'Open Field'

#### **Class 6**

##### **Flower Arrangement**

- A Hydrangea head in a vase
- B Single stem rose in a vase
- C Bowl of floating flowers
- D One bloom, one veg
- E Autumn Arrangement

#### **CRAFT**

##### **Class 7**

Craft item, any medium, made in the last year

#### **CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS:**

##### **Class 8 (up to 6 years)**

- A A Face on a Plate
- B Vegetable and/or fruit sculpture
- C An Edible Necklace
- D A Sunflower Picture using dried materials e.g. leaves, pasta, buttons, seeds.

##### **Class 9 (7 to 11 years)**

- A A Painting depicting Autumn
- B Vegetable and/or fruit sculpture
- C Decorated buns
- D Hand made craft item
- E A Country Garden (12" x 8")

**Auction** - all entries will be auctioned in Church on **Sunday 15th October at 5.00pm**  
 Proceeds of the auction towards general Church funds and to charity

# Road Closure Planned for Moorhouse

We have been asked to bring the following notice to the attention of anyone who will be affected, especially farmers in the area.

Via East Midlands, on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council is planning to re-surface the carriageways above the culverts in the locations shown on the attached map.

You may be already aware that on either side of the each culvert the surface has settled resulting in a humped backed profile which is quite severe and therefore dangerous to road users and also

resulting in increasing the impact forces on the culverts themselves, (all three are brick arches).

It is therefore proposed to close the road over each structure for one week, with closures/works running consecutively (therefore three week total duration). The works will involve removal of the surfacing over the brick arch culvert, constructing a concrete slab over the settled areas in order to prevent future settlement (and protecting the arch) and resurfacing. We will also look to repair any areas of poor surfacing in the vicinity of the culverts within the road closure.

The first closure (3535C) is initially planned to commence in mid-October. Please contact me with any concerns you have.



	<b>Re-surfacing Over Culverts Newark Area</b>
	3435C - Culvert West of level Crossing, Cromwell/Norwell 3438C - Culvert in Norwell Woodhouse Village 3521C - Culvert near Brookdale Farm, Moorhouse
Scale:	1:50000



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**CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES  
OCTOBER 2017**

HC = Holy Communion EP = Evening Prayer MP = Morning Prayer

Es = Evensong WfA = Worship for All

**Fri 29th September** Moorhouse Harvest 7pm

***Sun 1st Oct - 16th Sunday after Trinity***

9am Kirton HC  
10.30am Kneesall Harvest  
4pm Wellow Es

***Fri 6th Oct*** 7pm Wellow Harvest

***Sun 8th Oct - 17th Sunday after Trinity***

10.30am Laxton HC  
4pm Egmanton Harvest

***Fri 13th Oct - 7pm Laxton Harvest with supper***

***Sun 15th Oct - 18th Sunday after Trinity***

9am Egmanton HC  
10.30am Wellow HC  
4pm Laxton Harvest Family Service

***Sun 22nd Oct - 19th Sunday after Trinity***

9am Moorhouse HC  
10.30am Kirton HC  
4pm Deanery Confirmation Service at New Ollerton

***Sun 29th Oct - 20th Sunday after Trinity***

No services in our villages

***Tuesday 10th October*** – ‘Open Vestry Hour’ for baptism and wedding enquiries 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Paulinus Church Office, Church Circle, New Ollerton.

Alternatively contact the Church Administrator, Eileen, Fridays 10am – 2pm **07983 946930** or email: **churchadmin1931@gmail.com**

**Revd Zoe’s number** at the Vicarage: (01623) 862818.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2017

Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Moorhouse Harvest
Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	Southwell Ploughing Match
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	WI Group Meeting
<b>Oct 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WI</b>
<b>Oct 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Weekend Events
<b>Oct 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>History Group</b>
<b>Oct 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MU</b>

## Forward Planning

<b>Nov 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>History Group Craft Fayre <u>NB New date</u></b>
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Church Dance
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Quiz Night
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carols at The Dovecote

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.

**Copy Date for November: 16th October.**

Please ensure we receive your contributions for the magazine by this date. We cannot guarantee to publish anything received later. It is always helpful to receive items as soon as they are to hand. Thank you.

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# Laxton WI



Our speaker at our meeting on Wednesday September 13th will be Sue Burton whose subject is 'Colour Analysis'. She will demonstrate colour analysis, showing us which make-up and clothing suite everyone's different skin tones and hair colour. The competition is for the most pretty scarf. Unfortunately we are not able to report on it this month due to the early copy date but there will be a bumper report next month.

Members have plenty to look forward to in September and October. There is the Autumn Council Meeting of the Notts. Federation in Newark on 28th September at Newark Palace Theatre. As the Federation is celebrating its centenary this year they have pushed the boat out and booked 'Chiquittita' an ABBA tribute band, to entertain at the meeting. Elizabeth banks will be presented with the trophies she won at the Notts. Show back in May during this meeting.

There is a new sport called 'Walking Netball' and the WI are holding two taster sessions at Retford Academy. Six of our members are hoping to go. This sport was demonstrated at the Fun Day held at North Muskham in July and Joyce and Elizabeth had a go. They tell us it is very difficult not to want to run when you have the ball.

October is the month when our Group of WIs in this area get together for a joint meeting at East Markham. This year it takes place on 3rd October and it is our turn to do the raffle this year. The entertainment will be the Newark Ukulele Happy Band, who were also at the Fun Day in July. We are working on our competition entry for a display depicting the Calendar Girls.

Later in the month, on Saturday 21st October the Notts Federation hold their annual Apple Day in Southwell. There are various classes which members can enter and Laxton hopes to be represented in some of them. The institute competition is for a celebration tea tray. It is a lovely day and well worth a visit if you have time. If you are not interested in the competitions, why not go along and enjoy seeing some of the demonstrations and admiring the work of others.



Some members have applied for tickets for a night of Bingo followed by a fish & chip supper and Two members have been invited to Egmonton WI's 50th birthday party in October.

Congratulations to two members on their success in the Egmonton Craft & Produce Show in September. Mavis Beckitt won the cup for



cookery and Joy Allison was awarded the cup for the most outstanding photograph. Both were presented with their trophies by the Revd. Philip Howson. The event was organised by another of our members, Elizabeth banks and was very well supported. The flower judge commented that the display of flowers was exceptional.

In October at our meeting we will be hearing from Ann Hickman about the work of the British Legion and the **competition will be for 'A Piece**

**of War Memorabilia'.**

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## Guide Dogs

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Several villagers recently enjoyed a very interesting day at the Guide Dog Breeding Centre at Leamington Spa. We learned that it is the largest such centre in the world and works closely with equivalent centres overseas. They loan some stud dogs and borrow others to keep their blood lines healthy.

We were delighted to see some puppies and to hear how the breeding programme is run. We also got some insight into how they work with the people who will have the dogs as their help and companion.

We were told of the importance of bequests to continue the work of the Association. We were staggered to learn that a Guide Dog costs a total of £55,000 from breeding to death as the Association covers all the costs of keeping it and giving the necessary veterinary care. We also learned that a successful campaign means that in the near future all electric vehicles will be required to make a noise and not be silent.

We were invited to spread awareness of some of the things which make the life of a Guide Dog and its handler easier:

- ★ Park your car on the street, not on the pavement
- ★ Cut back overhanging branches from your garden
- ★ Ensure wheelie bins and refuse containers are not left on the pavement. Where bin collectors do not replace bins properly please report this to the council
- ★ Report broken street lights, badly cracked paving slabs, potholes, damaged drain covers or anything else which is a hazard to a blind or partially sighted person
- ★ Clean up litter, especially broken glass which can injure Guide Dogs and bulky items which can cause a trip hazard.

# Southwell Ploughing Match & Show



**Saturday 30th September 2017**  
**Kirklington, Nottinghamshire, NG22 8NX**  
**From 8.30am to 6.00pm**

Southwell Ploughing Match is the largest agricultural one day show in Nottinghamshire. There's something for everyone: with classes for a wide variety of animals, produce and crafts – and displays in the main ring. And of course, you'll see every conceivable type of ploughing alongside displays of agricultural equipment.

Held on the last Saturday in September, at a different venue each year, this traditional country event is a celebration of agriculture and farming skills. It is a highlight of the year for many people.

This year's show is being held at Kirklington. The Main Ring attraction will be the Rockwood Dog Display team – who will entertain the crowds with a display performed to music and including an informative and amusing commentary. Many aspects of dog training - from obedience performed to music to dogs jumping through 10 inch hoops, agility, fly ball and active Man Work – will be exhibited. The display is sure to delight with comedy routines and tricks.



Also for this year, The Famous Sheep Show will be on site - a humorous educational live stage show about sheep and wool. It's edu-tainment at its best! Nine breeds will be introduced onto their own stage...and there'll be Dancing Sheep too!

Admission is £10 per adult with under14s free of charge...and there's no charge for parking!

Advance tickets (£8) and VIP parking can be purchased locally from Ploughing Match Committee Members - Jill Hoyland in Egmonton (or via Paula Doyle, Laxton) or Tom Seal and John Michael in Caunton ...you can book them on-line too. VIP tickets - to include Forward Parking and 4 tickets - are available at £50 although they will be limited in number.

For further information visit -  
**[www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk](http://www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk)** -  
where schedules and entry forms can also be viewed and downloaded.

We look forward to seeing you at this family day out to enjoy a rural tradition!



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## **Kirton Coffee Morning**

There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday, October 14th at 3, Rectory Gardens, Kirton. This will start at 10.30am. Raffle, Stalls etc. Entry £2 - includes coffee and cake. The 2nd draw of the 100 Club will take place at this event. All welcome. Proceeds to Kirton Church

## **A617 Closure through Kelham**

The A617 will be closed between 8pm and 6am on Tuesday 3rd October to Sunday 8th October inclusive for resurfacing work. This will begin at the junction with Home Farm Close and continue along the A617 to the junction with the A46 (Cattle Market Island).

The recommended alternative route is A46 – A6097 – A614 – A617 and Vice Versa.

All enquiries should be sent to Adam Lakin, Via EM Ltd; Tel 0115 804 2234. Emergency contact is Nottinghamshire County Council: 0300 5008080

## **Events at Maplebeck Village Hall**

**Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm      Gardeners' Question Time**

Martin Fish, BBC Nottingham's Gardening Expert, will give an informative demonstration of containers for all seasons, followed by a Gardeners' Question Time. Tickets £5 including light refreshments.

Contact 07974 734499 / 01636 636421

**Saturday 28th October at 7.30pm Village Ventures - "Team Viking"**

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Age 14+      All tickets £10;      Contact      01636 636421 / 636185

**[www.maplebeck.org.uk](http://www.maplebeck.org.uk)**      Facebook: the village hall in maplebeck

## Final Wednesday Speaker Evenings with Meal

Our August meeting attracted 27 guests and we learnt how Laxton History Group had investigated the history of the village for the period 1900 to 1920. The 27th September monthly meeting was presented by the now retired Head of Music at the Dukeries Academy, Mr Malcolm Bevan.

Each month we have an open meeting for any visitors who might be interested in an entertaining and/or informative talk, always on the last Wednesday. We begin with a sociable two course carvery meal followed by coffee or tea, prior to the presentation of about 45 minutes. Evenings usually conclude with a few questions for the speaker and the whole event is over in about two hours.

The October presentation concerns a subject close to many a child's heart, be they young or not so young. Mr Brian Howes will be talking about 'Sweets' and refreshing our memories of delights from our early years. To book a place for the October talk (for number of meals) please phone South Forest (**01623 823866**) saying you wish to book into the Rotary meal on October 25th.

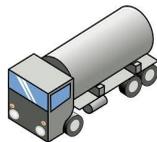
Book now.

If you would prefer to attend just for the talk then there is no need to book and the charge will be £3 on the door at 8pm.

**Wednesday 25th October, South Forest Leisure Centre, Edwinstowe, 7pm for 7.15pm start. £11 including meal and speaker.**

Organised by the Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest who meet at South Forest most Wednesdays. Visitors are always welcome, see our advertisement in 'Open Field'.

## Group Oil Order



The next order will be towards the end of November. If you would like to be part of this order, please send a note of the volume you need to [oil@openfield.org.uk](mailto:oil@openfield.org.uk) any time from early November. If you have ordered before please ensure you have notified any changes to your contact details e.g. phone or email.

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**Thu 05/10/2017**

**Tue 10/10/2017**

**Wed 18/10/2017**

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Appointments are available:

**Monday 9th - Friday 13th October 2017.** Please contact reception on **01623 703266** to book your appointment.

If you can't make either of those weeks they will be running clinics on other days. If you are seeing a doctor or nurse at Middleton Lodge Practice from late September 2017 please ask them for your vaccination.

### The Sutton on Trent Practice

There are two dates, one of which may have passed by the time you read this. They are:

Saturday 23rd September from 9am and throughout the morning and

Saturday 7th October also all morning from 9am.

New dates at other times are likely to be added, so if you can't make these, please contact the surgery or speak to the nurse if you are going for any other reason.

You should make an appointment for your preferred date. If you cannot make these dates, please contact the surgery.

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## The Dukeries Singers

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October is here and it is Christmas all the way from now on. It does seem early I know but there is such a vast amount of Christmas music we want to sing, New to learn and Old to refresh that we have to start early.

We have one non-Christmas Concert to enjoy doing. This is a rescheduled and hopefully yet to be confirmed Concert now on;

Saturday 7 October 2017 at the RAF Association Club, Newark. The time also to be confirmed.

### **Our Christmas engagements are;**

Thurs	23rd Nov	Carols at Christmas Lights, Edwinstowe High St. Time tbc.
Sat	25th Nov	Carols at Winterfest, Thoresby Courtyard, 1-30pm
Sun	3rd	December Christmas singing at Norwood Park Christmas Experience, early afternoon. TBC
Sat	9th Dec	Singing at 'The Alders', Ollerton, 6 - 8pm
Sat	16th Dec	Edwinstowe Christmas Concert, Edwinstowe Village Hall, 7-00pm
Sun	17th Dec	Carols at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, Edwinstowe, 2-30pm tbc.

If you think you would like to sing with us, now would be an excellent time to give us a try. You can come for a couple of weeks to see if it is for you. There are no auditions and there is no necessity to be able to read music.

We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm until 9-15pm in the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy in Ollerton. The venue is best accessed via The Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

You can find out more about us on [www.thedukeriessingers.com](http://www.thedukeriessingers.com) We are also on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

We hope you have a lovely bountiful Autumn with a bit of leftover Summer sunshine as a bonus.

## **Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark is moving**

its service to Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY  
**from 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017**, continuing to be available Tuesday  
and Thursday 9.30am – 2.30pm.

This new setting will provide the Citizens Advice Service with more office space, in an attractive new environment, with better facilities including parking for clients. The new office will also be all on the ground floor for all clients so it is more accessible, as well as there being disabled access and toilet facilities. All this will make the Citizen Advice services more accessible to more residents.

Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark will share the new offices with Newark & Sherwood District Council; the Department for Work and Pensions and Newark and Sherwood Homes, along with other voluntary sector organisations.

This will be a real partnership opportunity to enhance our clients' experience. The Citizens Advice service will maintain its independence and continue to offer free, confidential, and impartial advice.

The Chief Officer, Jackie Insley said "Many Citizens Advice services across the country have co located with their local authorities, which has proved a huge success. The staff and volunteers are looking forward to the move and continuing to offer quality assured advice"

The service, which is a registered charity, will still operate the same opening hours it currently does and will continue with the same helpline telephone numbers.

**Leading up to the move the Citizens Advice will operate as normal from its existing premises at Keepers Cottage until Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm.**

**Please note we will be closed to the public on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September in Newark and reopen in Castle House on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am – 2.30pm.**

Our Ollerton office will remain open the usual opening hours during the move.

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## Festival of Bird Art

This annual event took place in Bakewell recently and was attended by some local people competing, displaying and visiting. The weather was not kind, but it made little difference to the many visitors who came over two days to see beautiful examples of the skills of the bird carvers and a display of photographs by Retford & District Photographic Society with Gainsborough Snappers.

On show was an image of a seal which reached the final of the Countryfile 2018 Calendar competition, but which narrowly lost out on being published when one of the three judges voted against it.

The bird carvers of the British Decoy and Wood Carvers Association (BDWCA) had once again excelled themselves with their beautiful work. There was the usual large entry in the song bird category and also some extraordinarily lifelike ducks and sparrow hawks. In the advanced class the competitors have to make their staging as well as the bird. This enabled some to show great skill in a different area.

There were some new ideas on show this year with several relief carvings and a novice entry which showed birds carved on the pages of a book.

Some classes are for naturalistic birds where the entries have to be good enough to fool a live bird, while others ask the carver for an interpretive view. For the first time it was an interpretive work - an owl decorated with other natural subjects - which won the Best in Show and British Championship for the carver, Claire Williams from Wales.



## Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
19/8/17	03	Jen Swordy
26/8/17	58	Rounders
2/9/17	8	Evie
9/9/17	6	Janet Cooke

Thank you all for your continuing support for our Sports Field. The total number of balls is 59, the same as the National Lottery. There are numbers available. **If you would like to join, you can choose from the numbers 1, 34, 52, 53, 56, 57 and 59. Anyone with a current ball is also invited to take another.**

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*Michael Manning*



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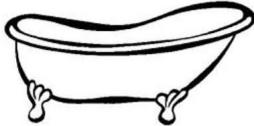
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**<http://mercian-as.co.uk/publications.html>** You can also download the report directly at **[http://www.mercian-as.co.uk/reports/dkjp\\_report\\_2017.pdf](http://www.mercian-as.co.uk/reports/dkjp_report_2017.pdf)**, but at 449 pages it may take some time to download)

The Project was the archaeological component of the ITV Peoples Millions, Big Lottery Funded 'Discover King John's Palace' project run by the Sherwood Forest Trust in conjunction with Mercian.

Laxton History Group

# Craft Fayre

**Laxton Village Hall**

**Saturday 4th November, 11.00 - 2.30**

**£1 admission inc. cup of tea**

- ☆ Lots of crafts for those tricky Christmas presents
- ☆ Start your Christmas shopping at the stalls
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*Everyone very welcome*

## Minster Music in December

Southwell Minster will be hosting two public musical events in December, both booking now.

### **The Messiah**

**Thursday 14th December, 7.30pm**

Tickets from the Cathedral Shop, £8 - £15, u18 free but need a ticket.

### **A Christmas Celebration**

In seasonal words and music

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# Minutes of Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council 25th July 2017

**Present:** Councillors: M. Manning (Chair), D.Brown, M.Hennell, J.Godson, S. Hill

**In attendance:** C. Millward (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence with reasons were received and accepted from Mr J Hill and Mr R Hennell. Councillors Michael and Pringle were also unable to attend.
2. **Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in items 10 a (Property matters – Sports field and water supply), an interest as a member of the visitor centre committee in item 13 (Village development) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 14 a (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project). Mr Brown also declared an interest as a member of the visitor centre committee in item 13 (Village development). 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.
5. **Minutes of the parish council meetings held on 23 May and 20 June 2017:** The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May and 20 June 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.
6. **Matters arising:** *LMPC/55/17 – Financial matters* – The valuation of the fixed assets was discussed. The clerk will forward a copy of the approved schedule of fixed assets to Mr Godson. Schedule of fixed assets to be reviewed in November 2017. There were no other matters arising.
7. **Reports from district and county councillors:** None present.
8. **Reports from councillors:** Concerns were reported regarding:
  - a. Heavy thistle growth in a field at Moorhouse. Mr Brown will seek more information regarding the concern.
  - b. Drives are being used as passing places along Green Lane in the Moorhouse vicinity resulting in damage to the road and drives. The clerk will raise the matter with NCC Highways and councillor Pringle.
  - c. The condition of the cow sign on Ossington Road. The clerk

will inspect.

## 9. Financial Matters:

- a **Financial position as at 30 June 2017:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 June 2017 (incorporating the 2017-18 budget figures).
- b **Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously approved ten payments totalling £1514.63. Having declared an interest, the chair did not participate in the approval of payments in respect of the sports field water supply or visitor centre. Councillors (excluding the chair) confirmed that the council should pay the water supply charges for the sports field as the tenant of the field.
- c **Appointment of internal auditor:** Mr S Hill will make enquiries regarding a potential candidate.
- d **Pension obligations and scheme:** As this item related to staffing, councillors confirmed that it was confidential and the relevant minutes should not be made public.

## 10. Property matters including:

- a Sports field and water supply: Water supply obligations discussed at LMPC/75/17 b above (Financial matters – Accounts for payment).
- b Cricket pitch: The use of the field once the fencing and pavilion had been removed was discussed. The chair will approach the landowner to discuss the possibility of the land remaining designated as a cricket pitch. The potential for the funds held by the cricket team be transferred to the sports field committee was raised. Councillors took the view that the ultimate recipient of the funds was a matter for the cricket team rather than the recipient. They confirmed that, were the funds held by the cricket team to be transferred to the parish council to be applied for the benefit of a future team should there be the interest, those funds would be held in a specific reserve for that purpose.

11. **Parish council website** – Transition arrangements and update: The clerk and Mr Brown will liaise jointly with the website designer to make progress, given the expiry of the existing domain in August 2017

## 12. Planning matters:

- a **Applications:** None

b **To note planning decisions by NSDC:** None

c **Compliance:** No issues raised

**13. Village development including The Crown's long term strategy and letter dated 9 June 2017:** By agreement deferred to the end of the meeting.

Councillors discussed the Crown's response dated 9 June 2017 focussing on the following in particular:

- a. The absence of a copy of Mr Coward's report, the Parliamentary Undertaking and details of the current review even though they were referred to in the letter.
- b. Their gratitude to The Crown for the new village signs but their concern at the absence of substantive, concrete, practical support
- c. The Crown's stated commitment to stewardship
- d. The desirability of a greater level of active engagement by the Crown, including regular visits and practical support for the Leet and engagement with it
- e. Other sources of support for and publicity of the open field system
- f. Potential links with Sherwood Forest Trust

The clerk will prepare a response.

**14. Village environment and appearance, including:**

- a. **Village Hall refurbishment project and grant:** Lottery decision expected 31 July 2017. Noted that new members have joined the village hall committee.
- b. **Footpaths including Twitchill footpath:** The clerk will report overgrown vegetation along the footpath from Chapel Lane to churchyard. Written complaints from visitors to the village regarding the condition of the footpaths generally were noted, including a complaint from Collingham Ramblers regarding the footpath from the Holocaust Centre running parallel to the road. The councillors emphasised their commitment to supporting and encouraging visitors to the village to walk the village. The clerk will ask that an NCC officer visit to inspect the footpaths generally and identify where work is required and arrange for it to be undertaken.

- c. **Key holder – Castle Mound:** Councillors noted that, because it is working agricultural land, access to the Mound is restricted annually during the period 1 April to 1 November although access may be afforded in that time by prior arrangement (except dogs). The village information booklet will be revised to advise visitors to contact The Dovecote if they would like to arrange access. Mr Brown will then liaise with the landowner
15. **Service faults:** None.
16. **Correspondence:** All items of correspondence noted.
17. **10 Minutes public speaking time:** The condition of two derelict sites in the village was raised. The clerk will contact councillor Michael for advice.
18. **Agenda items for next meeting:**  
As above.
19. **Date of next meeting:** 26 September 2017 at Laxton Visitor Centre
20. The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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- ◆ Yoga with Greg – Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- ◆ WI - Thurs 19th September
- ◆ Children's Dance Classes - Saturday mornings (Jill, 07790 601877)
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Walkers	Weds 10.00am
Ladies Running	Weds 7.00pm
Book Club	Tues 7.30pm <i>5<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10th Oct., 14th Nov.</i>
Kurling (without the ice!)	2nd Weds monthly 7.30pm

## Upcoming special events

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	3.00pm	Children's Film	T.B.A
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30pm	Kurling	
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30pm	Gardeners' Question Time	
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30pm	Village Venture Theatre	Team Viking
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	7.30pm	Film	T.B.A.
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.30pm	Kurling	
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**Laxton Harvest Festival**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
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