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Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

I write this letter as we say good bye to the blazing summer heat and the school holidays. This week the schools have returned to begin a new school year - the Autumn Term. Autumn bring its opportunity for a fresh start. I wonder: are there any aspects of your life that you need to begin afresh?

Autumn is a season marked by a myriad of beautiful coloured leaves and we are beginning to witness the leaves on the trees changing colour and I have heard the rustle of fallen leaves blown along school paths by the wind. As the season progresses the leaves fall in abundance to the delight of children who love to pile them up and throw them in the air! As I drive or walk through forestry land and the countryside, I stare in awe and wonder at the colours of the leaves - lots of different shades of yellow, orange, bronze and red. Autumn speaks about beauty and of things that are here for a season and then are gone - this reminds us of the impermanence of things in this earthly life. I invite you to take a moment to stand and enjoy the seasonal delights when they happen and to remain in the moment as you savour a conversation you are having with someone.

Autumn is also the season when the daylight hours are shortening: night arrives noticeably earlier and the air temperature cools and the clocks go back (advance notice: this is Sunday 28th October - don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!) Autumn could be viewed as a transition season between summer and winter and on one school of thought begins on the autumnal equinox when the night and day are roughly equal in length (around the 23rd September). Autumn reminds us that our lives are constantly in flux and the need for balance in our lives. What is your work/life balance like? What might you need to let go of?

Harvest in often associated with Autumn with the ripening of autumn fruits. It is the season for reaping the fruits of our labour and of the earth - to gather in the Harvest. Look out in the diary dates for our Harvest Festivals when we will give thanks for those who work the land and our call to be wise stewards of God's beautiful creation; we will give thanks for the fruits of the earth and God's gracious provision and abundance we will also be mindful of those who go hungry each day and those who visit the local foodbank. I wonder, what seeds of dreams and hopes did you plant months ago? Is now the time to harvest them?

blessings

Rev Zoe

Thank You Pat

Thank You Janet

On behalf of the PCC, I would like to thank Pat Naylor for her most generous donation of £410 to church funds, which was given from the proceeds of the sale of her yearly plant stall. Pat puts a lot of hard work into this every year and over the years has raised a lot of money for charity.

Thanks to everyone who supports her by growing, passing on or buying plants. Brenda

Thanks also to Janet Cooke for the lovely plants she has put in the church troughs.

They have looked lovely throughout the summer, which is thanks to her continually watering them throughout the hot weather. Brenda

Magazine Enclosure - Thank You All

We have been asked by the Vicar to circulate the enclosure you received with this edition. Recognising that expenses have to be paid, we would like to reassure readers that 'Durn field' has to cover its costs via subscriptions, donations and adverts. We publish the sums raised by church fund raising activities, which are great for a small community and much appreciated by Brenda, the PCC and all associated with the church. Thank all for supporting these activities.

Education Sunday

What a lovely service we had on 9th September to celebrate Education Sunday. The service was taken by the Rev. Philip Howson and we were joined by Mrs Sue Coupe, head of Kneesall C of E School. The Bible readings were read by Mrs Coupe and Emily Hennell with Jack and Ella Hoyland and Madeleine Wortley also reading prayers.

The service took the form of a Holy Communion with the other children taking part in presenting gifts. Thanks to Bailey, Josh, Harry, Eva, Eliza, Ruby and Georgina. Thanks also to Janet and Sandra for the refreshments. See photo opposite, also thanks to Janet.









Merchant Navy Day

3rd September is Merchant Navy Day and recently it has been marked in Laxton. John Smith, formerly of Crosshill, is a direct connection with the service. He was invited to raise the ensign again this year on the Dovecote Inn flag pole. Before the raising he read out a message from HRH The Earl of Wessex:

'On this Merchant Navy Day, I very much hope you will support this campaign by seafarers to remember the sacrifices, salute the courage and support the

families of the often unsung heroes of our Merchant Navy. Too often they are the forgotten or invisible service, by raising the Red Ensign you will ensure that at least on this day they are remembered. Your act will mean so much to their families and to the retired, but most especially to those at sea.'

The small group met last year to witness the raising of the Red Ensign have kept the service in mind, meeting for lunch several times since. They moved inside with the ensign safely flying above the Dovey and enjoyed another friendly lunch.



Harvest Competition

Laxton always celebrates Harvest with a weekend of events. 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, and of course if they want a go at the adult classes they are welcome to do so.

The classes are open to everyone, villagers, friends, and people from other communities 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. Anyone who took a shot of the Tour of Britain will have something which might be considered for the front cover of Open Field, for instance. 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 13th 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**.



Michael Manning

Telephone Problems

Thank you to all the people who have contacted me about the crackling on the line making conversations virtually impossible. It appears we are all having the same problem in various degrees and judging by the number of people who have rung, it's quite a widespread problem and not limited to certain parts of the village.

We have given all the names to Catherine, our Parish Clerk, so hopefully at the meeting on 25/9/18 she will have something to report.



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

Lost Cat - Moorhouse Area



Can anyone help?

Mary Mawer has lost a long haired ginger cat from Copthorne. If anyone finds one, please can they contact her on **01636 821320**.

Thank you

Inner Wheel Coffee Morning

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

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

Medical Detection Dogs

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

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







Medical Detection Dogs trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease. It is at the forefront of the research into the fight against cancer and helping people with life-threatening diseases.

Bio-Detection Dogs are trained to find the odour of diseases, such as cancer, in samples such as urine, breath and swabs.

Medical Alert Assistance Dogs are trained to detect minute changes in an individual's personal odour triggered by their disease* and alert them to an impending medical event.

*They do not train dogs to alert to epileptic seizures. These are known as seizure alert dogs. Information about them can be found at <u>www.support-dogs.org.uk</u>

Dogs can be donated by members of the public, breeders, other assistance dog charities and rescue centres. The temperament of the dog is very important as is a good sense of smell. Medical Alert Assistance Dogs should be very "people orientated".

There are many ways to help, but raising funds is vital, and this year as President of the Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest, Pat Naylor has nominated them as her charity. The total cost of training and placing a Medical Alert Assistance Dog is £29,000. The total cost of training a Bio Detection Dog is £11,500 plus £600 ongoing monthly.

MDD take the welfare of their dogs extremely seriously. They aim to ensure the highest standards of care for the dogs. Most dogs will sleep 12 - 18 hours a day. Dogs have a much easier time scheduling their sleep as they are able to shift their sleeping time to whatever time is available. Dogs have sleep cycles in which they experience periods of quiet, restful sleep, interspaced with periods of REM (rapid eye movement) sleep. Dogs cycle through the stages very quickly (15 mins) compared to humans (90 mins). This means that they are well suited to interrupted sleep patterns. The smell of food will quickly wake a dog during any sleep cycles. MDD's dogs are also woken by the particular odour they have been trained to link to a food reward so they can carry out their detection work even while asleep.

Medical detection Dogs receive no government funding for their work and rely entirely on the generosity of donations from trusts and the public.

www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk



Family History Enquiries

August was a busy month for people visiting to look for their ancestors. Two of them made contact asking for information and offering to share what they know. 0

Linda Whitmore from the USA is looking for information about her Whitmore ancestors who were in Laxton in the 1500s. She has a Will relating to 'Ffrancis Whitmore' which shows him in Laxton. She says: 'You certainly may post about my search for Whitmores. I'd be delighted to share what I have about the Whitmores in America. Perhaps someone is seeking a relative who seems to have disappeared during the Great Migration? I have 383 years of history of Whitmores and those who married into the family here.'

Judy Woolfitt is trying to trace her Woolfitt ancestors, but she possibly has an easier task. The family are recorded as farmers here in 1635 and they are also related to the renowned Shakespearean actor, Sir Donald Wolfit. There are multiple spellings of this name. Local connections still exist and there are gravestones in Laxton church yard. Judy lives in the UK and has been put in touch with a local family known to be related. She is looking at relatives from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who can add to what she knows.

Jenni Dobson is working on the Bennett family history for more articles in the early part of next year. Anyone with information or photos is invited to contact her to ensure that the accounts we publish are as well informed as possible. We know there are a lot of descendants of the Bennetts who read Open Field or know those who do, so any information will be gratefully received.

Please contact Joy on 871506 for details of any of the ladies mentioned above.

We have had two further contacts - one from someone we have helped in the past who has provided information for a lady who was enquiring about Jonathan Bartle some time ago. This has been passed on to her.

The second came via the Visitor Centre web site and asked about the water supply from the 1900s. In particular this person was interested in the location of the spring known as the 'Duck's Mouth' (at the bottom of the hill between Brockilow Farm and Mill Field) and the pump used to deliver the supply to Laxton. Basic information has been provided but if you know more, please tell us.



Things to Do this Month

ightarrow Check the schedule and enter the Harvest Competition

- Sept 29th Attend Southwell Ploughing Match, Little Carlton
- Oct 10th Learn to make a Fascinator with the WI, 7.30pm, EVH
- Oct 11th Come for coffee and a chat
- Oct 13th -15th Take part in the Harvest events in Church
- Oct 17th Hear about Milton Mausoleum with the History Group 7.30pm, **EVH**
- **Oct 24th** Join the Rotary Club for a meal and a talk by Tracey Robin from 'Outside the Cave', South Forest, £11, 7 for 7.15pm

EVH = Egmanton Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 11th October at Ivy Cottage opposite The Dovecote Inn.



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.

Laxton History Group

Craft Fayre

Egmanton Village Hall, Saturday, 4th Nov, 2pm - 4.30pm. El admission inc. cup of tea & Lots of crafts for those tricky Christmas gifts & Tea and home made cakes & Tombola, raffle, fun games, cake stall

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Egmanton Craft & Produce Show

Thanks to all the Laxton people who supported the 20th running of the Egmanton Craft & Produce Show. There were some excellent entries in the fruit, flower and vegetable classes despite difficult growing conditions through the very hot, dry summer.

Congratulations to Ruby on winning the cup for the Under 5s and to Mavis Beckitt for deservedly winning the cup for the outstanding craft item.



Wood Carving Course

By popular demand, the Dukeries Community Workshop is running another wood carving course, which is suitable for beginners, in the workshop.

This is a creative and relaxing craft and you will be amazed by what you will achieve without the need for machines. Laxton resident, Roy Haynes, will

guide you through the techniques you will need. The workshop is part of the Dukeries Complex off Whinney Lane, New Ollerton, NG22 9TD.

You can speak to Roy, Alan or Tina at the Workshop for more information or you can call **01623 860545 ext. 152**

You can reserve your place on this number as well as by email to: **communityworkshop@dukeries.org.uk.**

There is a website at: thedukeriescommunityworkshop.weebly.com



Laxton History Group



After several years of unsuccessful attempts to book a summer tour of Welbeck Abbey we finally achieved it this year, with twelve of us joining two other ladies for a tour in August.



Unfortunately cameras aren't permitted inside the Abbey, which remains a private home, so we have to settle for this group shot. Our guide was excellent and our companions on the tour were interesting. They were sisters from Creswell, one of whom had worked at the Abbey during the time the Ministry of Defence occupied it as an army

training college. They shared some interesting memories.

A minibus which met us at the Portland Collection building (pictured above) beside the Harley Gallery drove us through the grounds to the entrance. We saw the outlines of the former stable roofs on the long wall beside the gallops, which gave an idea of the extent of the estate.

We were introduced to each room in turn then given a short time to browse round the furnishings, decorative items and paintings. A guide to the family tree helped us follow which member of the family was responsible for which items.

Among many special items a huge cupboard made from the wood cut from the Greenwood Oak was a particular feature. The Duke of Portland won a bet that he could not drive in a coach through a hole in the huge tree. He created a space large enough for a pony carriage to pass through without felling or killing the tree, which has since died. The cupboard is unique in being carved all over with images of the Duke carrying out his successful passage through the tree.

In another room we saw tapestries which had been discovered rolled up in trunks filled with peppercorns. They fitted exactly into plaster frames on the wall of this room, giving an effect similar to vast pictures on the walls. Because they have not been exposed to the light over many years, these tapestries looked bright and fresh as they might have done when they were completed. We are so familiar with faded, threadbare tapestries that these were a wonderful surprise and gave a great impression of how beautiful rooms would have looked when they were first adorned with their wall coverings.

Moving through the building we saw areas built in different styles from ornate gothic to elegant art deco. Some of the changes reflected the tastes and times but some also resulted from repairs undertaken after damage caused by the army. One particularly bad example was a flood caused by the plumbing to a number of bathrooms which had been installed contrary to the permissions in the tenancy. We were left thinking that the insurance bill must have been quite something.

We heard how one Duke's obsession with collecting left the woman he married who came into the marriage with a £500,000 fortune, (worth maybe £100 million today) having to sell off London property to settle the debts his spending left her with on his death .

The tour ended with a walk through a long, relatively new, corridor lined on both sides with portraits of people and the Dukes' successful race horses. This now links the house with the large private chapel.

Inevitably when we were returned to the Harley Gallery we headed for the café. We sat around one table in the courtyard and enjoyed a sociable half hour reflecting on an enjoyable visit and a tasty snack. Bridget made us all jealous with her blueberry pancake, which turned up as a strawberry one, but looked delicious.

Many thanks to Jean for yet another excellent outing and we look forward to whatever she thinks of next.

August Meeting

We were in the Village Hall in Egmanton from this meeting in anticipation of the long awaited refurbishments at Laxton. David Mooney proved to be one of our best speakers yet and his performance was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. So much so that Jean was asked requests to rebook him before the meeting finished.

John introduced David and his talk on 'Folklore and Customs in the East Midlands'. Some of the customs of old are still practiced and David explained that they have been passed down by word of mouth. They are usually generated by "the folk" and not attributable to specific individuals i.e. "Anon". These customs occur annually and he worked through the calendar of events he described.

The Haxey Hood is one of the oldest traditions still alive in the UK. Essentially a mob of hundreds play a football game based on the story of a scramble for the lost hood of Lady de Mowbray. The game takes place between Haxey and Westwoodside on January 6th. The teams try to get the "hood", a long cylinder of leather, to their

respective pubs where the landlord must touch it to score. The hood for the men turns into a scrum which sways through the town knocking walls. There are usually injuries including leg fractures and even crushed chests.

Plough Monday. We are familiar with Plough Sunday as we hold our regular Laxton service every year as near as possible to Plough Monday - the Monday after Epiphany. David described a folk play which goes from pub to pub or farmhouse. Originally characters die including St. George, King George, Turkish knight, and a doctor who cures them and brings them back to life. Over the years the event has got odder and odder.

Blidworth Cradle Rocking Society hold their annual event on the first Sunday after Candlemas at the church of St. Mary of the Purification. The 400 year old has twice lapsed and been revived. The male child from a Christian Anglican family born closest to Christmas is rocked in a flower filled, decorated cradle. Blidworth born Sue Thomas from Moorhouse, tells how, had she been a little boy, she would have been the 'rockings baby'. Geoffery Crowder, the little boy who was rocked, was born the day after her. Sue says the story went that her mother never forgave her as she was a big church goer and was very much looking forward to being the mother of the rockings baby.

The tradition is under threat from the bureaucracy of Data Protection and also because parents must be the "right kind" of Christians.

Royal Shrovetide Football is another mob football game and played on Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday between Up'Ards and Down'Ards in Ashbourne. It has turned very rowdy with players arriving in coaches. The goals are 3 miles apart. Buildings on the route through the town are boarded up against the damage, which they collect all year to pay for. There are injuries and once a death. In the past Royals - Prince of Wales (Edward VIII), Prince Charles, Brian Clough have "turned up" the ball.

Hallaton Bottle Kicking takes place on Easter Monday in Hallaton, Leicestershire against neighbouring Medbourne. This is preceded by a 'Hare-Pie Scramble' when hands are plunged into a pie and pieces thrown out to be caught. It is played with wooden barrels that are run down a hill very fast. David was in quite a nasty incident at this event when he was crushed under a lot of men. He thinks he only survived as his friend managed to pull him out

Wellow Maypole Day is very familiar - an event held every late May Day Bank Holiday. David was surprised to hear it was one of our really local customs and that people present probably knew more about it than him. Stuart told us all that his wife, a former May Queen herself, had once been knocked out by the practice Maypole! **Castleton Garland Celebration** takes place on May 29th, Oak Apple Day, Charles II's birthday and the day he returned to England. A garland is placed over the king's head and is paraded through the town on a pub tour with brass band, girl dancers, and maypole dance. It is an early celebration of the beginning of Summer incorporating English history, old Mayday customs, the Restoration, Industrialisation, the First World War and the emancipation of women all in one event. It ends at the war memorial where the Last Post is played.

Well Dressing is seen more in Derbyshire villages where wells are dressed in summer. It probably arose because water was vital to the community rather than having Pagan origins. It has special significance in Derbyshire as praise for avoiding the plague that affected Eyam.

The Poor Owd Oss occurs between Christmas and Plough Monday. A play about a dying horse is performed in villages along Nottinghamshire / Derbyshire border in pubs farmhouses. David and some friends had revived it and now raise a lot of money for charity. David did a very entertaining rendition of the blacksmith's (who owns the horse) song. Records for it go back to 1700s.

Owd Tup is a semi-dramatised song about a dying ram, possibly with pagan animal worship as its root. David again dramatised this excellently with two puppets and got resounding applause from the audience.

Village Carols are particular to individual villages in the Derbyshire Peaks and S. Yorkshire. Their own carols are mixed with some traditional carols we would all know and they encourage traditional community singing in pubs, churches etc. Unfortunately a lot were lost from Nottinghamshire as they were not written down.

The Mummers Play. The highest concentrations of records of these plays is in the East Midlands. Local people who have lived here all their lives remember the Laxton versions. They are performed between Christmas and Plough Monday with death and rebirth themes of nature, though in a style more like pantos today. The performers did it for food and money. David showed a well known old photo - the Winster Hall photo - showing various actors posing in costume. Some he said were more serious than others and were rewarded according to effort. David talked about the Selston Play performed in Kimberley in 1907. DH Lawrence has written about the Mummers Play performed in Eastwood. He gave another excellent performance, this time with finger puppets - 3 villains on one hand and 3 heroes on the other which earned him another round of applause from us all.

We shall certainly look forward to seeing David when we can get him here again.

St Michael the Archangel, Laxton



Harvest Produce Show and Competition, 2018 Only Home Produce and work to be entered



Rules

- 1. Entries to be in Church between 2 pm and 4 pm on Saturday 13th 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 to11 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 <u>Sunday 14th October</u> at 5.00pm Proceeds of the auction towards general Church funds and to charity Village Hall Update



The Hall has now been cleared out ready for the work to start shortly. Jeanette is liaising with the Lottery/contractors so when we know how and when we will let you know!

You will probably know exactly when it has started as soon as a couple of skips appear parked outside!!!!!

The Quiz is still going ahead as normal but will be at Egmanton Village Hall. Please ring if you want a team.

Michael M

A Traditional Harvest Supper



Joyce Stone sent in this picture of a real Harvest Supper, modern style.

The family are sharing a picnic beside the 'flat 8' bale grabber. The modern element is the car just out of shot. No doubt in the past the farmer would either have taken his picnic with him or someone would have walked with it to the field.

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

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



wedding enquiries 6.30 – 7.30pm, St Paulinus Church Office, Church Circle. You can reach Revd Zoe Burton at the Vicarage on (01623 862818) or <u>revzoe65@gmail.com</u>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2018

Sept 29 th	Southwell Ploughing Match	
Oct 10 th	WI	@ Egmanton VH
Oct 11 th	Coffee Morning	
Oct 13 th	Harvest Competitie	on
Oct 14 th	Harvest Auction	
Oct 17 th	History Group	@ Egmanton VH

Forward Planning

Nov 3 rd	History Group Craft Fayre @ Egmanton VH
Nov 27 th	Parish Council
Dec 7 th	Laxton VH Quiz Night @ Egmanton VH

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

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

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. We appreciate receiving items as early as possible.







Laxton WI



The WI always has something going on. Unfortunately on September 8th there was rather too much else beyond our control going on when several members set off for Retford for 'Walking Netball'. They had to plan their trip around when they could escape the road closures for the Tour of Britain in both Laxton and Retford to get to the venue.



Fortunately it was worth the effort as they had a very good time. This new activity has really taken off. It is not supposed to be a contact sport, but the referee was called upon to stop play and tell the players to slow down at one stage. Two of our members came away with minor injuries - one self inflicted, but we

are assured that the victim's fall was very elegant. Those who went are keen to take part again next year.

Lesley has written our entry for the 'Sheila Norris Rose Bowl 'on the subject 'Our Most Successful Event'. She recounted our celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday and members enjoyed Brenda reading it out.

Janet's pair of knitted gloves from one of the new patterns produced for our Christmas knitting project were in a puppet style so that they would be fun as well as warm. Brenda invited others to knit some.

We were amazed to hear that once again we have been chosen to represent four local groups at the National AGM in Bournemouth. Our Treasurer Sally volunteered to attend in 2019.

Last month we heard that the Group memberships are to be reallocated. Our River Group Presidents have been consulting and a letter of objection has been drafted to be signed from them all. It appears the idea has been generally badly received.



Our speaker, Mo Cooper, came to tell us about the 'Suffrage Movement in Nottinghamshire'. She and colleagues have been researching the local movement, which was widely believed to be almost non-existent. There are no minutes of meetings so it is fortunate that the Evening Post reported the events and provided valuable material. Initially The Post was sympathetic to the cause although it

changed its stance following the militant activities which occurred later. Votes for women finally came about in 1918 when the Representation of

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the People Act, gave votes to some women of property or education aged over 30. The Act gave votes to all men aged 21. The real reason for the partial success after so long campaigning is not known. There were a number of relevant issues including a fear that there would be more deaths if the campaign escalated; a fear of newly voting working class men changing the balance of voters which wealthy and educated women might counterbalance and changed views and affecting social barriers following the events of WWI. We learned that this is now on school syllabuses and that students are writing essays discussing the reasons which brought the change about.

We heard how the Women's Social and Political Union adopted the slogan 'Deeds not Words' after peaceful means failed for so long. The first recorded call for votes for women dates from 1792. The WSPU adopted the name `Suffragette`, coined by the Daily Mail, for its magazine and the name became attached to them. Hunger strikes led to force feeding in prison and, fearing deaths, the so called 'Cat and Mouse Act', released very poorly hunger strikers. They regained their health, then were imprisoned once they returned to being active.

The 1911Census enabled women who could afford a fine to protest either by spending the census night away from home or refusing to provide all the information required from them. Six of these 'Census Evaders' from Notts have been identified.

The campaign was set aside during WWI, and many activists joined the Peace Movement. The legislation introducing votes for women was passed in February 1918 and Nancy Astor, the first female MP to take her seat in Parliament after being elected, did so in December 1919.



We had a beautiful display of items in green, white and violet for our competition, won by Jenny with a boxed flower arrangement with Sally second with a buttonhole.





Our October speaker will be telling us about how to make fascinators and, hopefully, giving us a chance to make one. **The competition is for a fascinator**, so members will have to try out their skills before learning how it should be done. They may be designed for a special occasion or amusing as you like. We welcome visitors and friends to Egmanton Village Hall for the meeting at 7.30pm.

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The Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest, in Edwinstowe, has an open meeting on the final Wednesday of each month with a speaker. and everyone is welcome. Evenings usually conclude with a few questions for the speaker and the whole event lasts about two hours. Our next Open Meeting is on October 24th.

The speaker is Tracey Robin from 'Outside the Cave'.

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To book places for the Rotary meal on October 24th please phone South Forest (**01623 823866**) requesting the number of meals you need and mentioning Rotary. Come along to Edwinstowe at 7pm for 7.15.

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

We hope to see you at South Forest Leisure Centre, Robin Hood Crossroads, Edwinstowe, NG21 9JF. Transport can be provided from Laxton if needed.

Save the Date!

The Rotary Club of Sherwood Forest, will again present their very popular 'Brass Plays the Proms' at the Dukeries Centre on 17th November 2018. Details next month.

Group Oil Order

The next order will be towards the end of November. If you would like to be part of this order, and did not reply to the last invitation, you will not receive an email when



the next order is being planned. You can ask to rejoin the list at any time by providing your up to date address and contact details.

If you want to order oil, please send a note of the volume you need to **<u>oil@openfield.org.uk</u>** any time from early November. If you ordered last time please ensure you have notified any changes to your contact details e.g. phone or email.

If you would like to join the group for the first time, please provide mobile and land line numbers, email and full postal address plus any special instructions e.g. guard dogs, gates with locks, difficult access etc. NB Once the order is placed no new names can be added. At the present time, as seen at fuel pumps, the price is going up, so expect to pay more this winter, however you order.

Jo's Historic Reports - Crop Prospects

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18th July 1902 (from the Retford, Gainsborough & Worksop Times) The weather has been what we may term rather unseasonable during the early part of spring, but nevertheless the hay crops are abundant in this district and some large stacks have been erected. The high land crops are undoubtedly better than the low lands, the growth of the former being somewhat thicker. The prospect of harvest in this vicinity is, on the whole a good one. The wheat crops look excellent, and the spring corn is most satisfactory. Oats and barley are in some parts a slight failure, but peas, beans and lints, if the smit keeps off, look in a promising condition. Turnips and mangolds also look exceedingly well. We must say this year that a good farmer will reap good crops, but where the land is not well cultivated the desirable crops cannot be found. The fruit crops are, however, a complete failure in most parts of this district, the late frosts and keen winds playing havoc with the bloom.



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Saturday 29th September Little Carlton, Newark. NG23 6BX

From 8.30am to 6.00pm For those who are going:

Admission £10 per adult, including seniors, Under 14s free of charge no charge for parking!

For those who are not going, please note that there will be heavy

traffic in the region of Little Carlton on the A616 and surrounding roads and plan your trips with this in mind.

For further information visit -<u>www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk</u> - where schedules and entry forms can also be viewed and downloaded.



Recent Bonus Ball Winners						
Date	No	Name	If you would like to join, you can choose			
11/8/18	57	ROLLOVER	from the numbers 1, 11, 52, 53, 56, 57 &			
18/8/18	11	ROLLOVER	59. You may take more than one			
25/8/18	48	David (Dovey)	number. Please contact Ken			
1/9/18	50	lan & Jackie	Shep on 870605 / Mike Manning			
8/9/18	48	David (Dovey)	870844. Thank you.			
15/9/18	44	G Harwood	Michael Manning			

Tuxford Medical Centre Alterations

Tuxford Medical Centre are delighted to announce that building work has now started to extend and renovate the surgery premises. The works will include 2 new nurse treatment rooms, along with sluice room and clean utility for nursing supplies & equipment. After the new extension has been completed work will then start on renovating the existing interior.

The most noticeable change for patients will be to the reception area and patient toilet facilities – both of which will improve access for disabled patients. The completion date for all the work is scheduled to be March 2019, with the new extension finished by Christmas.

Film at Maplebeck Village Hall

Film: Suffragette 12

Tues 23rd October, 7.30pm, £5: on the door.

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Live Event: HOME AND AWAY REMEMBRANCE OF WORLD WAR 1 Commemorating the WWI in Music and Images with

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Contact 01636 636421 derek@sayer.f9.co.uk

Milton Mausoleum

The annual Carol Concert will take place at the Mausoleum on 1st December between 2 and 3pm

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https://www.gov.uk/guidance/council-tax-and-business-ratesscams

Another known scam relating to Council Tax involves the caller suggesting you may be entitled to a rebate. If you believe you may be due a Council Tax rebate, please contact your district council in the first instance.

Trading Standards would always suggest hanging up on any unexpected telephone calls. If the call is genuine, the organisation will have another way of contacting you.

If you are receiving unwanted telephone calls, Trading Standards would suggest that you speak with your landline provider as some providers have free services that you can register for. There are also a number of phones with inbuilt call blocking services that are available to purchase from retailers. These will require you to have Caller Display / Caller ID activated on your line and although some providers offer this service free of charge, other providers do make a charge.

Trading Standards would advise against engaging with any caller who offers you a call blocking service via an unsolicited telephone call. To obtain further advice about scams or to bring a matter to the attention of Trading Standards, please call

the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06

There has been an increase in reports about fake British Gas emails claiming to offer refunds. The links provided in the emails lead to genuine-looking British Gas phishing websites that are designed to steal the usernames and passwords for British Gas accounts.

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text. For more information on how to stay secure online, visit

www.cyberaware.gov.uk

Kirton - Best Kept Village Competition

The results are out! Kirton were runners-up in the new entry 'Best Kept Village' in Notts competition! This was a really good result for our first attempt.

KIRTON Parish Council would like to thank all those who helped the village achieve this excellent result. It just goes to show what can happen when the community pulls together.



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The prize money of £50 will be spent on daffodil bulbs to be planted all over the village !Congratulations KIRTON and here's to next year !!!

The Dukeries Woodturning Society

The Society's move to the Jubilee Hall, Ollerton has proven to be a huge success. New members have joined and despite an excellent attendance of 38 in August, we all had room to sit comfortably, an unobstructed view of the lathe and a great view. Our two camera video system lets us show close ups of the work in progress on a screen so everyone has a view as good as, or better than, the turner's. Refreshments are served in the break and give us an opportunity to get to know one another.

There are stalls selling most things a turner might need from wood to tools and products for finishing your work. We still have plenty of room for more members and welcome people of all ages and levels of experience. Your first visit is free and after joining it costs just £5 a time and includes the practical demonstration by a professional turner.

We have two more meetings in 2018. In October Richard Findley will be demonstrating for us and Steve Wright, our well-respected local wood supplier, will be on hand with wood for sale. The final meeting of the year takes place in November when Gerry Marlow will be demonstrating. Due to our move to the fourth Wednesday of the month, there will be no December social as this would be on Boxing Day, and we think members will have social events of their own!

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

Parish Council of Laxton & Moorhouse. Minutes from 24th July 2018

NB This record is presented as a draft, unseen or approved by Councillors.

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

- C. Millward (Clerk)
- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence with reasons were received and accepted from Mr J Hill and Mr Godson. It was noted that the agenda misstated the time and venue for the meeting and that this would explain councillor Michael and councillor Pringle's absences.
- Declarations of interest: The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – Sports field) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 14 b (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project). Mr Brown also declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 12 (Property matters – Sports field). 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 meeting held on 22 May 2018:** The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.
- Matters arising: LMPC/44/18 10 minutes public speaking Councillors noted councillor Pringle's reply with regard to the beginning of the 30 mph speed limits in the village. They agreed that the clerk should clarify why the funding of signs would be a parish council responsibility. Noted that the drains had been cleared out. All other action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising.
- 7. Reports from district and county councillors: None present.
- 8. **Reports from councillors:** Mr S Hill reported on the most recent Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting in relation to issues in the district relating to the use of drones and other issues which had arisen in the surrounding villages. Councillors thanked PCSO Crowhurst for attending the Annual Parish Meeting on 22 May 2018.

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Tracy Wint Soft Furnishings Egmanton 01777 870235 tracywint@btinternet.com Mr S Hill also reported on the proposed reduction in the A616 speed limit to 50 mph which councillors discussed. Councillors supported a 40 mph speed limit at the Caunton junctions on A616 but otherwise believe that a 50mph speed limit for the open stretch of A616 between Caunton and Kneesall is inappropriate and unnecessary. The clerk will pass these views on to NCC and copy in councillor Pringle.

9. Financial Matters:

- a.**Financial position as at 30 June 2018:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 June 2018 (incorporating the 2018-19 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against the reserve bank statement.
- b.**Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously approved seven payments totalling £536.26.
- 10. General Data Protection Regulation Approval Information Management Policy and associated documents: The clerk had uploaded Data Protection Policy and privacy notice to the website. She had also completed the information audit. Councillors noted NALC's advice that the Google subscription email service should be regarded as GDPR compliant but that the clerk had encountered technical difficulties subscribing the council to the GSuite service and is seeking advice.

The clerk reminded all councillors of the importance of not sharing personal information any more widely than necessary for the purpose for which it is held and of their wider confidentiality obligations.

- 11. Property matters including sports field: Noting to discuss
- 12. Planning matters:
- a. Applications: 18/00754/FUL Householder application for demolition of end wall and construction of extension with new windows - 1 Church Cottages High Street Laxton: Councillors considered the revisions to the application which they unanimously decided to support on the basis of the conservation officer's comments. Councillors noted that application 18/01359/FUL - Remove and Replace existing double glazed timber windows with "Residence 9" timber effect UPVc double glazed casement windows. Repair or replace existing doors - 1-5 Lexington Court, Laxton had been notified. Councillors had no comments.
- b.**To note planning decisions by NSDC:** 18/00680/TWCA Various tree works The Dovecote Inn, Corner Farm and footpath boundary to monument Approval noted.
- c. Compliance: No issues raised.

13. Village development including The Crown's long term strategy: No progress expected over the summer holidays. The chair reported his understanding that NSDC had been supportive and a meeting is to take place between their tourist manager, Sir John Starkey and the NTU vice chancellor in late August or early September 2018.

14. Village environment and appearance, including:

- a.**Location of and access to community resilience container:** Mr S Hill will inspect the contents and let the clerk know the outcome. Councillors agreed that the container should remain at its current location. Mr Hennell confirmed that the container on his premises is not locked. To be removed from future agenda.
- b.**Village Hall refurbishment project:** The chair reported that the formation of the charitable incorporated organisation continues. The clerk will check the present position regarding payments to the village hall in respect of the parish council's use of its facilities.
- c. **Moorhouse Village fingerpost including LIS funding application:** The clerk will circulate the images of the fingerpost to all councillors. She will provide NCC with Mr S Hill's contact details in connection with the sign and its location.
- d. Permissive access Land surrounding cricket pitch: No developments.
- e.**Pinfold refurbishment** The chair reported that the contractor usually used within the village had not been available. He had, therefore, contacted and alternative contractor who was jet spraying the slab and tiles, recoating the furniture, making a new frame for the sign and restoring the seat beside the phone box. Councillors noted that the contractor had asked only for reimbursement of the materials costs but agreed that he should be paid an additional sum for his time.

15. Service faults including:

- a.Landline telephone service and issues: The chair will invite villagers to report issues in The Open Field and pass them on to the clerk who will contact Mr Jenrick MP once the reports have been received and collated.
- b. **High Street road surface:** Councillors discussed Mr Keeling of NCC's email dated 20 July 2018. Councillors agreed that "It's 30 for a reason" signs would clutter the appearance of the village but would not necessarily have any impact on the offending drivers' behaviour. Councillors decided not to pursue the display of these signs further at this time. They would review the position as necessary. As regards service faults generally, the clerk will ask Mr Keeling to

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include in his wet weather inspection the two areas of standing water on Moorhouse Road and Kneesall Road respectively.

- 16. Correspondence: Item a NSDC Sky lanterns and helium balloons policy – Councillors supported NSDC's policy. Item b – Tour of Britain – The chair will include an article in the magazine encouraging residents to participate. Item c – NSDC – Evening and weekend doctors' appointments – Initiative welcomed
- 17. 10 Minutes public speaking time: No public present
- 18. Agenda items for next meeting: As above
- 19. Date of next meeting: 7.30 pm on 25 September 2018



Following on from the item which appeared last month, the surgeries locally have provided the information below about flu vaccinations this winter.

Tuxford: Thurs 11th, Wed 17th and Tue 30th October between 1 and 6 pm. No need to book.

Sutton on Trent: 10th October, appointments needed. More dates to be announced or ask when contacting the surgery

Ollerton: No clinic dates available at present. Please contact the surgery for an appointment

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The Dukeries Singers

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To paraphrase quite an old popular song. "What a difference a month makes." From struggling to keep the essentials watered, we are now firmly fixed in the season of "mists and mellow fruitfulness", clearing out the greenhouse, lifting taters, chucking out or cutting back the old plants and filling pots and borders with winter pansies and bulbs.



The Choir is also in mellow mode with preparations for Christmas well under way. We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm until 9-00pm in the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy, Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

Our Concert bookings so far are;

☆ Thurs 29 th Nov	Singing in Edwinstowe High Street at the turning on of the Christmas Lights, 5.00pm
☆ Sat8 th Dec	Annual Christmas Concert, Jubilee Hall, Ollerton, 7.00pm
☆ Fri 21 st Dec	Singing at the Masonic Hall, Mansfield 6.15pm

We also have as yet, unconfirmed engagements on the gallop up to Christmas. So, If you would like the Choir to help you celebrate your own Christmas, Charity, Fund raising event or just "a bit of a do," our Concert Secretary Phil. on 01623 822070 would be delighted to hear from you.

Our website address is thedukeriessingers.com

A bounteous and colourful Autumn to you all.

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Extended Post Office Hours

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- Tuxford Young Farmers no bookings as we go to print
- Yoga with Greg Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- Laxton WI Weds 10th, 7.30pm,

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- Laxton History Group Weds 17th, 'Rufford Poachers' with Sam Millard
- Egmanton WI Thurs 18th October
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Sat 20th Oct Live Music Event Tues 23rd Oct. Film

Home and Away Suffragette

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Laxton Harvest Festival Friday 12th October 7.00pm, St Michael's Church, Laxton

The service will be conducted by Reader Joan Wood Supper will be served in church after the service

Laxton Harvest Competition Saturday 13th October Laxton Church

Entries to church between 2pm and 4pm please. Please see schedule inside

Sunday 14th October Harvest Family Service 4.00pm with Joan Wood Readings, Poems and Songs with the children taking part

This will be followed by refreshments, prize giving and auction