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*Roy & Jean Hennell's Granddaughter Marti Waterfield
and her new husband Martin, Laxton 21st August 2021*

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A Message from our Churchwarden, Brenda



As was reported in last month's 'Open Field', our Group of Churches has now been split into three. The Rev. Richard Handford is now Priest-in-Charge of Old Ollerton, New Ollerton and Boughton.

Bilsthorpe and Eakring are now being looked after by retired priest Margaret Groves of Bilsthorpe and Lay reader Heather Brown of Eakring.

Our new Area Dean, the Rev Canon John Chambers, is now taking a lot of

our services over the next few months, which we are very grateful for. Father David James, the Rev. Canon John Smith and the Rev. John Ford are also helping. All are retired clergy and we do appreciate their help.

Please check the service details in 'Open Field' or ask a churchwarden as things change regularly. All our services are now being arranged by the Deanery Office at Southwell, along with those for all the other churches in the Deanery which are without a vicar.

I hope everyone has noticed that the church clock is now working again, thanks to Smiths of Derby. Those who have lived in Laxton a couple of years will remember it was damaged when the church was struck by lightning in July 2019. The tremendous crash of thunder which came with the strike was certainly memorable!

This month we have to have our 'Quinquennial Inspection' of the church building, roof, contents, walls and churchyard. We hope everything is alright, but I am sure the report will come back with a long list of repairs to do - but what can you expect from such a lovely old building?

Brenda



Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Sophie and Sam at the pub on the safe arrival of their daughter Beatrice Winnie on 7th September 2021, weighing 7lb 9oz.

Registers - Marriage



Congratulations to Marti Isabel Voce and Martin Paul Waterfield of Ollerton who were married at St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton on Saturday 21st August 2021.

The couple were married by the Rev Canon Tony Tucker of Claypole who was a past vicar of Norwell and Area Dean.

Marti is the daughter of Wayne and Melanie Voce of Norwell Woodhouse and granddaughter of Roy and Jean Hennell of Laxton.

Martin is the son of Paul and Helen Waterfield.

We wish them every happiness for their future life together.

Moorhouse Harvest

Moorhouse Chantry Chapel opened its doors on Friday 10th September for its Harvest Festival Service. This was the first time a service had been held there since the Christmas Eve service in 2019. The Chapel closed then, as usual, intending to reopen for Easter Sunday 2020.

As the pandemic hit this did not happen, so it was extra special to be able to celebrate the Harvest after all this time. As we walked to the church door, the tractors and trailers were in the field and the bales of straw were stacked. It really felt like Harvest.

The service was led by lay reader Heather Brown, who welcomed everyone back to the church and said 'Let's have a good sing to celebrate!'

Catherine played the organ and the lessons were read by Stuart and Lizzie. Thanks to everyone who provided the lovely refreshments afterwards.

Group Remembrance Service



For the first time in five years, Laxton will be hosting a Group Remembrance Service. This will be held on Sunday 14th November and will be taken by our new Area Dean, Rev. Canon John Chambers.

The new Group now consists of 7 churches and they will all be invited to join us for this important service.

We would like to invite other groups to join us, especially children as we don't want them to forget this special day.

The service will include the traditional laying of wreaths and it will be followed by refreshments.

Everyone is welcome. We will be very pleased to see you.

The Great Field at Braunton, Devon

Have you been on holiday this year? We went to North Devon - don't ask about traffic on the M5! Naturally I went off in search of the Great Field in Braunton, which is the equivalent of Laxton in the south-west!

The great local historian W.G. Hoskins linked Braunton Great Field and Laxton together in his writings on the English landscape, complete with strips and appropriate farmsteads. It was clear from his work that as at Laxton, the number of strips had long been in decline: from 500 strips in 1820 to 172 in 1950 and 140 in 1975.

Going prepared was a good idea, because where was Braunton Great Field? Here I ran into difficulties. I went to the Tourist Information Office to seek help. A very pleasant lady showed me on a map where it was - roughly speaking. We drove to the edge of the field, only to discover that it is in corn (on the cob) and so the vegetation was well above my head!

Then we went off in search of the viewing point, named as such on OS map, and we could not find it. Not a sign in sight.

So that was it! By contrast, of course, Laxton is excellently presented to the wider world via its Visitors' Centre, walking routes around the fields, guidebook and excellent pub.

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OCTOBER CONGRATULATIONS

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

The birthday roll of honour for this month is a long one: Anne D, Sophie, Sylvia, Mark & Neil, Jem, Anna, William, Ruby, Lee, Joy, Bridget,

We wish happy anniversary to Tim and Heidi Keay as well as anyone else celebrating this month.

If you are celebrating a special date, we send best wishes.

We would love to give a mention to everyone for their special day, so please let Jean or Brenda have details with dates in good time.



Laxton Village Hall



As you all will know, Pat and Jeff moved out of Laxton at the end of July and consequently Pat resigned as Hall Secretary, a position she had held for over 40 years. It will be a sad loss and a difficult job finding a replacement with the drive and enthusiasm Pat had.

At the AGM all agreed we should show our appreciation by giving her a garden gift voucher to use when they move into their new house.

We wish Pat and Jeff all good wishes for the future.

Also at the AGM last month we were sorry to hear that both **Janet Cooke** and **Helen Whitney** were unable to continue as Trustee members.

Janet, particularly, has been a Committee Member/Trustee for almost 20 years and has been a very valuable contributor in helping to manage the Hall during this time especially when we needed to provide the Lottery and the builders with details of the kitchen layout. Janet has been a great supporter of the twice-yearly Quizzes and very well known for her fab puddings. (Which we hope Janet will continue with)

Helen joined the Trustees not quite so long ago and again was a great help in the planning of the refurbishment and with her knowledge of the Community funding sector.

We have two new members who have joined us, Stuart Rose and Ruth White and we hope they enjoy the roles.

Village Hall Web Site

We now have a Laxton Village Hall web site www.laxtonvh.org.uk and many thanks go to Roger for organising this. It is full of useful information/photos and the history of the Hall and refurbishment.

Booking can now be made through the website and is easy to use. However if anyone wishing to make a booking would prefer to telephone then please ring me on **870844** until we have found a willing volunteer to take on the Secretary's job.

Please see hire rates opposite.

Michael Manning

Laxton Village Hall Hire Rates

Regular Annual / Monthly / Weekly Bookings

Village Resident	Half Day / Evening	£15.00
Village Resident	Whole Day	£30.00
Non Village Resident	Half Day / Evening	£30.00
Non Village Resident	Whole Day	£60.00

Single One Off Booking

Village Resident	Half Day / Evening	£30.00
Village Resident	Whole Day	£60.00
Non Village Resident	Half Day / Evening	£45.00
Non Village Resident	Whole Day	£120.00

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HGV Driver Shortages Take Effect



Much is being made of the shortage of HGV lorry drivers at present and it is being felt close to home.

We are used to seeing the farmers carting their newly harvested trailers full of grain to the grain merchants in Weston. On average this is a one hour round trip, which over a good harvest

such as this could add up to 35 or 40 hours of driving back and forth.

To reduce the time this wastes, some people sell to other merchants who come to the farm to collect. The farmer simply has to load his grain onto their lorry. This year the routine phone call doesn't result in a lorry arriving next day, but more likely in several weeks' time and the grain has to be stored safely in the meantime! Another unforeseen impact of Covid and Brexit.

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Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings remain
suspended for the time being.

We will let you know when we
plan to start again. The rota on
the
inside
cover
will



restart to remind hostesses of when
their turn is coming round.

Laxton Harvest Festival

Friday 8th October 7 pm

Preacher: Heather Brown

**Everyone is welcome at service, which will be
followed by refreshments**

**If you would like to join us,
please contact Brenda on
01777 870541 so we have
an idea for catering.**

Thank you



The 'Flu Jab Campaign



The 'flu jab has been another casualty of the transport difficulties caused by what one supplier has been quoted called "unforeseen challenges linked with road freight delays". The supplies of vaccines intended for GPs have been held up, appointments have had to be cancelled and new dates can't be offered.

With the nation getting closer to normal life, we are having to learn to live with Covid-19 alongside other viruses. It is widely believed that our immunity to other illnesses such as 'flu will have diminished while we were all wearing masks and socially distancing. A big campaign is being mounted to ensure many more people are vaccinated and so protected from another nasty, potentially dangerous, illness.

It was also announced in September that all over 50s would be offered a third Covid jab not less than 6 months after their second one. A spokesman said the government hoped this would help 'move Covid from pandemic to endemic' - something we must live with.

Key to children in the Methodist Chapel 'Ladder of Life' photo overleaf

Left Side,

Back Row: Margaret Smith, Jacqueline Walker, Janet Sayer, Mrs Saxilby

Mary Wright, Joyce Hennell, Janet Hennell, Monica Godson, Cynthia Bartle

Mary Hennell, Betty Rawlings, Barbara Rawlings, Rosemary Smith, Valerie Chapman

Right Side:

Back Row: Eunice Saxilby, ?Olive / Hilda Noble, Audrey Dodd, Ann Mears, Pauling Hopkinson,

? David Bartle, Neville Sayer, ?

Derek Laughton, Michael Smith, Brian Pashley, Roy Hennell, David Sayer

Albert Hennell, Mick Hennell

The Religious Census, 1851, Part 2



Last month MWS told us about how her mother supported the local chapels, and we reported the census figures for Moorhouse.

This month MWS gives the census figures for Laxton Chapel:



Laxton Chapel 1966

LAXTON PARISH, including the hamlet of Moorhouse
Area: 3,610 acres, Population: 333 males, 288 females, total 621

(34) INDEPENDENT OR CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Erected: 1802, separate building
Laxton Space: free 30, other 75

Present:	Morn	Aft	Eve
General Congregation	-	30	70
Average:			
General Congregation	-	40	85

Remarks: A thunderstorm occurring at the time of assembling - lessened the number of attendants and left it below the average.
Benjamin Ash Minister

The plaque on the wall said that the chapel was erected by Thomas Hazard in 1802. He died in 1805.

(35) WESLEYAN METHODIST

Dwelling house

Average:	Morn	Aft	Eve
General Congregation	25	-	-

Remarks: This Dwelling house is only supplied with preaching once a month on Tuesday Evening by Ministers from Retford.
Samuel Tesh

36 PRIMITIVE METHODIST

Erected about the year 1820, domestic chapel not used exclusively as a place of worship.

Space: free 16, other 15.

Present:

Morn

Aft

Eve

General Congregation

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-

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Wm. Bartram, Class Leader

The Methodists united in 1932. In 1935, when Mrs Taylor, who lived in the house became too infirm to look after the chapel, my mother, Mrs Violet Saxelby, became the Steward and Sunday School teacher for 45 years. The Chapel then remained open for about 2 more years, after which it was sold and became part of the house.



*Key to children
on previous page*

Thanks to Janet Cooke for the following: This picture was taken in the Chapel at Laxton approx. late 1950s at a celebration of the chapel's anniversary, usually in May. It shows the 'Ladder of Life'. This was built rung by rung by the children, who had pieces to say and to place on the ladder. Mrs Saxelby had a different model built each year by Heathcote of Moorhouse. There were services on the Sunday afternoon and evening and again on the Monday evening. The chapel was always packed, with some people having to sit outside. Most of the congregation were entertained for tea at the Saxelby's at Moorhouse. Janet's family always had a house full as well. This was a **big** event in the life of the Methodist chapel in each village and was supported by neighbouring villages.



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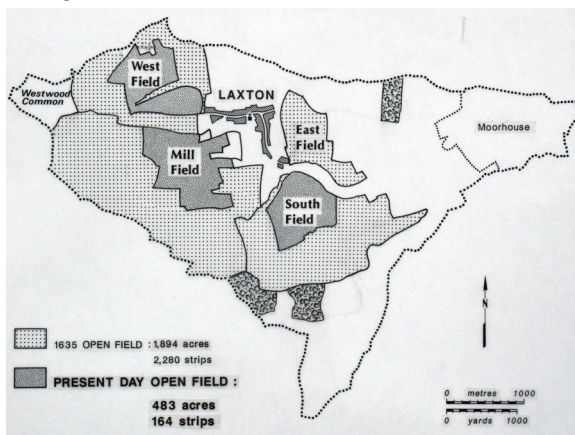


Periodically when there have been a number of new arrivals in the village and new subscribers to 'Open Field', we describe the unique farming system in operation here. In the last 12 -18 months there have been many changes, so it seems like a good time to describe the system again.

Everyone will see the text on the village signs saying 'England's last open field village'. Laxton is world famous for the system which sees farmers working individual strips in the three open fields. Historically there were originally West, East, Mill and South fields, with West and East Field being worked together so that here there was a three field rotation system, just as it is now.

Commonly held misconceptions are that the strips are allocated by either the Court or the Jury and / or that each farm has 10 strips. Neither are true. The strips are owned by the Lord of the Manor and are worked by the tenant of each farm. The strips in their holding are set out in the tenancy agreement along with their enclosed fields and pass from tenant to tenant when the farm changes hands.

It is true that the number of strips has reduced from 2,280 in 1635 to the 164 we see today. In the mid to late 1800s six farms with their fields in a ring fence around them, including Brockilow, Copthorne, Knapeney and Westwood, were created from the furthest flung parts of the estate. The early years of the last century saw a major reorganisation of the fields and strips. East Field was enclosed, strips



were increased in size and areas of land close to the village were also enclosed at that time. This resulted in farmers being allocated an equivalent area of land. by the Lord of the Manor's Estate Agent, Mr Wordsworth. Their strips remain much the same now with only minor further changes having taken place.

The three field crop rotation system calls for one field to lie in fallow for one year. This means no crops are grown on it, and in recent times this

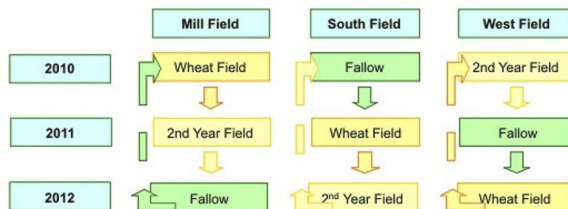
has been managed with helping overwintering birds in mind. Now that chemical weed killers are used, the fallow field is not worked. Historically each strip might have been ploughed as much as six times to break up and kill the weeds.

After the season in fallow this field is prepared for a new crop of wheat, and will be referred to as 'the wheat field'. These days preparing the seed bed may involve ploughing or turning with discs (discing).

The new seed is then sown with a seed drill (drilling) and harrowed over to begin the new growing cycle. By the time you read this, Mill Field will be well on the way towards being drilled for the 2022 crop. The working and preparation of the previous wheat field, in 2021 West Field, will largely be later. It will grow the second year crop of wheat, barley, etc. as permitted under the Rules of the Open Fields.

What sets Laxton apart from all other areas where remnants of the great open field farming systems may remain is the management system comprising the Court Leet and the Jury or Homage. The permanent positions are the Bailiff (Robert Haigh), the Clerk to the Gaits & Commons (Stuart Rose) and the three field Foremen: Roy

Laxton's Field Rotation



Hennell (Mill Field), Johnny Godson (West Field) and Ivan Rayner (South Field). The remaining members of the Jury may change and are sworn in annually on Court Day.

On the last Thursday of November the Jury sets out from The Dovecote, currently in a tractor drawn trailer, to inspect the Wheat Field. They split into groups to look at

different areas and their duties include noting if farmers have ploughed too far or not far enough, whether rubbish has been left on the areas between the strips and the state of the watercourses.

They knock in stakes where the strip boundaries meet the sykes (pronounced 'six'). These areas are too steep or too wet to plough and provide turning space for those working the fields. They have never been sprayed or cultivated and many are Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). Farmers bid annually for the right to take one cut of hay from the grass which grows on the sykes at the 'Grass sales'.

The Foreman is informed of their findings by the inspection groups and compiles a list of transgressions on a 'Presentment Paper'. The Jury returns to The Dovecote for a traditional roast beef lunch, after which all the transgressions are discussed and fines are recommended for each. The Foreman notes the outcome on the Presentment Paper to be read out at Court the following week.

On the first Thursday in December the Court Leet meets. Since 1977 this is the last legally constituted manorial court in the country to retain its powers to determine legal proceedings and levy fines.

The Court business is managed by a steward appointed to the role. Currently this is Alistair Millar of Tallents Solicitors in Southwell. Anyone who is on the Manor Suit Roll, which for practical purposes means the Estate tenants, is required to attend and answer to their name. They are officially summoned by the Bailiff and if they do not attend, an essoign (similar to a fine) of 2p is charged against them. Once the Bailiff would go around and collect these payments, but nowadays Robert simply brings a bag of 2p coins and pays the 10p - 14p average total himself!

The Bailiff has the job of finding the members of the Jury from those eligible for the coming year. Each Juror must swear a legally binding oath and kiss a bible as they are sworn in. The Foreman of the Wheat Field swears an individual oath on behalf of his fellows.

Health and Safety has had an impact and the old bible is freshly covered in brown paper each year. We shall have to see what Covid safe practice looks like ... Any Juror who is unable to attend on the day must visit Alistair at his office to be sworn in later.

The Presentment Paper is discussed and those subject to fines have the chance to appeal, or others may even do so on their behalf. On the conclusion of the official business there is a chance for discussion of any other business of mutual concern.

The Court is open to the public, but this has been difficult in past years because of space constraints in the Dovecote. This year it has been decided to move to the Village Hall. **If you would like to attend on Thursday 2nd December, please call Robert Haigh on 07968 215777**

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

3rd Oct

10:30 am	Laxton	HC	Rev Canon John Smith
4 pm	Wellow	EP	Janice H

10th Oct

9 am	Egmanton Harvest		Father James
11 am	Kirton	HC Mass	Father James

17th Oct

9 am	Walesby	HC	Rev Margaret G
10.30am	Wellow	HC	Rev Margaret G

24th Oct

10 am	Walesby Harvest		Rev Canon John Chambers
10.30 am	Kirton	MP	Janice H
4 pm	Egmanton	HC Mass	Father James

31st Oct

10:30 am	Kirton	MP	Rev Canon John Chambers
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All Souls - Come along and light a candle and remember a loved one

7th Nov

9am	Kirton	HC	Rev Margaret G
10:30 am	Laxton	HC	Rev Margaret G
4 pm	Wellow	EP	Janice H

Please note Laxton HC services are on the first Sunday of October and November. There are some changes in the rota from the usual format due to the availability of priests.

For enquiries, please contact churchwarden, Brenda, on **870541**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2021



October

Weds 13th **WI**

Forward Planning

Nov 13th Rotary 'Brass Plays the Proms', Ollerton

Nov 25th Jury Day

Dec 2nd Court Day

Regular Events:

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

Quiz Nights *1st Friday of December & March tbc*

Copy Date for November: 12 noon, 16th October

Please let us have your contributions in good time. We do what we can to include last minute items, but it is not always possible. Late arrivals are unlikely to make it into print.

Stuart Rose

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Laxton WI



We had our first Committee meeting at the end of August and then our first full meeting on Wednesday 8th September. This was our first meeting since March 2020.

It was good to all get together again and have a good old natter and catch up on everything.

After discussing things, a decision was made by members to restart our monthly meetings officially on Wednesday 13th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The next thing on the agenda was getting ideas for speakers for our meetings. Members were asked what they would like and a list was made of different subjects so enquiries could be made and a programme planned.

Members felt we had a lot of new people who had come to live in the village recently and it would be nice if we could invite some of them to join us. It was suggested that members try to make contact with any new people and bring them along.

After the short meeting we rounded off the evening with a supper. Thank you to everyone for the delicious food brought along.

The next Committee meeting will be in Wednesday 6th October followed a week later by the full meeting on 13th October. Both are at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The topic / speaker / activity for the meeting will be a surprise as it is still being planned as 'Open Field' goes to print.



Harvest Festival Services

Laxton Friday 8th October 7 pm

Preacher: Heather Brown

Egmanton Sunday 10th October 4 pm

Preacher: Heather Brown

Walesby Sunday 24th October 10 am

Preacher: Rural Dean Rev John Chambers

Bell Ringing in Laxton

Following on from last month's mention of the current bell ringers, Janet Cook has been looking through her photo album and come upon some pictures of past Laxton bell ringers.

This first photo shows the ringers from approximately the 1950s. They are from left to right:

Oliver Laughton, Joe Moody, Sam Moody, George Dolby, Ron Cree and Jack Bartle.



These are all well known farming names in Laxton over a long period.

The bell ringers would always ring for Sunday services and at other times as well if required.

John and David have not totally lost touch as when, a few years ago, they attended a family baptism in Cornwall west the church was

desperate for ringers for the service and both stepped up to help out!

On the left is a more modern photo of a team from the 1970s. Pictured here L-R are John Chambers, Thelma Staples, David Chambers, Joe Chambers who coached them, Bryan Burkitt and Janet Sayer (now Cooke).

There were formal competitions for experienced and skilled teams of bell ringers to enter, but a group of ladies who made tea for the North Notts bell ringing meetings felt there needed to be a competition for those who had yet to acquire the greater skills. They bought a silver tea pot and the 'Teapot Competition' was born. The photo above shows the Laxton team which won the very first competition. The vicar making the presentation was the vicar at Ordsall church where the competition took place.

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Laxton History Group



We finally held our first gathering since February 2020 on Tuesday 14th September at Hall Farm Granary's Bird's Nest Coffee Lounge. It was purely an opportunity to get together for a chat in a situation with plenty of ventilation and the opportunity to socially distance as much as everyone was

comfortable with.

There was a very good turnout, with 18 people attending, one feeling under the weather on the day and another who appears to have forgotten. That was understandable after so long.

We ordered scones with jam and cream and a slice of cake each, with visions of enjoying it in the warmth of the marquee, looking out at the field beyond and enjoying the warmth of the end of summer.

Oh no! Nothing of the kind! We somehow managed to pick the only wet day for weeks and the temperature was not exactly balmy either. Luckily it was getting better



rather than worse as there was evidence that water had been pouring into the marquee from the car park.

We would like to send a big 'Thank You' to Lesley at Hall Farm for working so hard to ensure we had such a delicious spread and wide choice of cakes and to Paula and her colleagues who looked after us so well on the day. It was much appreciated, even if the generous portions did mean quite a few doggy bags heading home.

Luckily everyone had come dressed for the weather and looking forward to enjoying a chance to chat informally and when Chairman John Chambers asked at the end if members would like to repeat the event before Christmas there was a chorus of approval.

There was only one other couple in the marquee when we arrived so it seemed polite to go and have a few words with them to explain what was going on. It turned out they were interested in the activities of the Group and have a relative whose family lived in Laxton. Who knows, we may even have acquired a new member.

Another fortunate coincidence was the arrival on the day of a package from Peter Lane, the professional photographer who took and subsequently exhibited photos from the Young farmers' Scarecrow Challenge last year. He had donated to us some photocopies of maps of Laxton dating from 1884 which he had purchased when following up on his interest in the Village. Inexplicably, he had tracked them down to the Museum of Scotland! We send him our thanks for the donation.

Vaccine Passport Scams

Action Fraud has received over 700 reports about fake emails allegedly from the NHS. They claim to be able to provide people with a "digital passport" that "proves you have been vaccinated against COVID-19". These emails are fake, and the links within them lead to genuine-looking websites that steal your personal and financial information.

To protect yourself, remember, **the vaccine is free of charge.** The NHS will never ask you for your bank account, card details, PIN or banking passwords.

- The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.
- The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.
- Your vaccination status can be obtained for free through the official NHS app, NHS website, or by calling the NHS on 119.

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
21/8/21	51	ROLLOVER
28/8/21	41	Richard and Diane
4/9/21	34	ROLLOVER
11/9/21	39	Alan and Anna

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: **1, 2, 7, 11, 20, 23, 26, 27, 34, 51, 52, 56, 57, 59**. Please contact me on 870844. Thank you. *Michael Manning*

Vaccination Centre Closure

After delivering over 100,000 vaccine doses since opening its doors, the Vaccination Centre at Newark Showground closed on Friday 10th September.

As over 80% of all adults across the district have now had both doses of vaccine, the vaccination programme will be moving into a new phase which will see local pharmacies and GP surgeries taking more of a role.

The site at Newark Showground has been central to the vaccination programme in Newark and Sherwood. The Showground offered a way to help residents get their jabs without having to travel to Nottingham or Mansfield.

Recently there have been pop up clinics and the vaccination bus working alongside the Showground to achieve good rates of take up.

Anyone who has not had their first dose or is waiting for their second one can still 'Grab a Jab' at the other sites around the district. The vaccination bus will be visiting sites in Newark with no appointments needed. Boots in Newark, the Life Centre in Ollerton and the Riverside Church in Southwell will also be offering walk-in appointments for COVID-19 vaccines. Residents can find a site near them by visiting the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/>

Latest information and links to the vaccination sites can also be found on the Newark and Sherwood District Council website and their Facebook pages.

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Please include with your request your latest contact details and delivery instruction such as lock, need advance notice of delivery etc. I pass your land line, mobile(s) and email address to the chosen supplier. If you haven't ordered for a while you may have overlooked passing changes on.

Anyone whose order can be placed by email is very welcome to join. Please contact me on oil@openfield.org.uk

The group currently covers an area of roughly 5 miles radius from Laxton.

Joy

Changes to the Highway Code

If you're learning to drive or ride, you'll no doubt be studying the Highway Code to learn the rules of the road. From mid September there are changes to the rules on using motorways, so it's as important as ever that you continue to regularly "check the Code".

The rules in the Highway Code are updated when there are changes in the law. New rules may be added while you are preparing for your practical test, or after you have passed.

There have been 15 changes since 2015 alone. That means it's really important to stay up to date, whether you've only had one lesson or held a licence for years.

Most recent changes

The changes made as of today refer to guidance on smart motorways. A total of 33 existing rules will be amended and two new rules introduced, with a number of amendments made to the additional information annexes.

Milton Mausoleum

On September 4th a brilliant sell-out concert was enjoyed by all our friends and supporters. The performers were excellent and the refreshments at the interval were well received. Thank you to our audience for the many complimentary comments and thank you for your ongoing support.



We are pleased to announce further events for 2021.

MILTON CHRISTMAS GIFT & CRAFT FAYRE Sat. 13th November
from 10am – 4pm

To be held in our historic Milton Mausoleum. Free Entry. Many stalls with a great variety of Christmas ideas, together with amazing cakes and superb craft items. Come along and sort out your Christmas gift list and treats for the weekend! Hot & Cold food and drink on sale.

WINTER MUSIC Saturday 4th December 2pm – 3pm (Doors open 1.30pm)

Kickstart Christmas with our popular concert of music and song. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, raffle and the final draw of the year of our 100 Club.

This event is free and seats are already booking fast for this event, please book yours now to avoid disappointment!

For bookings and enquiries about any of the above events please contact Bobby (07708 042065), Jenny (07791 527569) and Gillian (01777 248310) or by email at milton.mausoleum@outlook.com

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Hand Bell Ringing in Laxton

In addition to the bell ringers who rang the bells in Laxton church tower, there was, for a period in the mid 1980s a very successful team of hand bell ringers.

At this time Frank Cooke, Janet's late husband, was the leader of the tower bell ringers and in the tower there was a box containing 12 hand bells. He and Janet discussed if they could be used, and so the hand bell ringers were formed.

They recruited girls from the village and taught them to ring. Mostly they each had two bells, but both Janet and Frank could manage two bells in each hand if necessary, striking each in a different direction to ring them singly.



Bishop of Sherwood Alison Morton
Paula Noble, Hayley Pashley, Clive
Handford (vicar), Tara Saddington, Lynn
Bradley, Janet Cooke, Front- Ruth Cooke
Clare Cooke, Penny Walster



The team travelled round and gave concerts. In that way they had great fun and made enough money to build up the collection of bells to an impressive 28. They are still in the village today. They developed a uniform and looked very smart when they went out to perform.

Rebecca and Claire Morton were small at the time of

these performances. The performance would end with a rousing rendition of 'Land of Hope and Glory'. The two little girls hid behind the bigger ones during the playing then burst out waving the Union Jack when it came to the end.

Many thanks to Janet for her stories and the photos to illustrate them.





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Answers from British Quizzes, Part 2

GWR FM (Bristol)

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Contestant: I don't know, I wasn't watching it then.

RTE RADIO 2FM (IRELAND)

Presenter: What is the name of the long- running TV comedy show about pensioners: Last Of The ...?

Caller: Mohicans.

QUIZMANIA

Greg Scott: We're looking for a word that goes in front of 'clock'.

Contestant: Grandfather.

Scott: Grandfather clock is already up there, say something else.

Contestant: Panda.

PHIL WOOD SHOW (BBC RADIO MANCHESTER)

Phil: What's 11 squared?

Contestant: I don't know.

Phil: I'll give you a clue. It's two ones with a two in the middle.

Contestant: Is it five?

RICHARD AND JUDY

Q: Which American actor is married to Nicole Kidman?

A: Forrest Gump.

RICHARD AND JUDY

Leslie: On which street did Sherlock Holmes live?

Contestant: Er . . .

Leslie: He makes bread . . .

Contestant: Er . . .

Leslie: He makes cakes . . .

Contestant: Kipling Street?

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Village Notices

Mike Manning maintains a list of email addresses for villagers and other local people who want to receive up to date information.

If you are not already on the list and would like to be kept informed, please contact Mike at kneecott@googlemail.com

Laxton Defibrillator

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

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

Michael Manning

Court Leet

Just a “heads up” for later in the year, the annual Court Leet is held at the end of November and is open for all to attend. It will move to the Village Hall this year to provide more room for everybody.

If you would like to attend on Thursday 2nd December, please call Robert Haigh on 07968 215777 to ensure there is adequate seating.

Further information will be published in next month's 'Open Field'.

Best wishes

Michael Manning

Useful Contact Details

Defibrillator Contacts:

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MP Mr Robert Jenrick: robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk	01636 612 837
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