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Contributions for the next edition TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY NOON ON 16th OCTOBER 2022 PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED. You can send at any time.



A Message from Our Churchwarden, Brenda

Her Late Majesty, The Queen

We were so sorry to hear that on 8th September 2022 our beloved Queen Elizabeth II had passed away.

It doesn't seem possible that only three months ago we were planning for her Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Now we are making plans for her funeral and to celebrate her long life and all the service she gave to others.

She worked until the end, as she said she would at her Coronation. She vowed that she would dedicate her life to the service of others. That reminds me of one of the hymns we chose for our Jubilee Songs of Praise, which was "I Vow To Thee My Country" which, in the first verse, says that 'love asks no questions love stands the test'. She gave her life to the love of others. This is now being repaid by the number of people who have made long journeys and queued for a very long time to pay their respects to her.

Another hymn which we sang at church on Sunday, and which was sung in other churches during the week, is "All People That On Earth Do Dwell". We think of all the people she has met, the countries she has visited and how everyone held her in high esteem all over the world.

We now think of Charles and the rest of the family as we move forward into another era.

Ringling the Bells

Thank you to Janet from Laxton for ringing the church bell on Friday 9th September at 12 o'clock in memory of our beloved Queen Elizabeth.

Many thanks also to Janet C from Ossington and our usual team for ringing on Sunday 11th afternoon as a tribute to our Queen.

House Swap Congratulations

After several years in the planning, the Hennell family finally completed their traditional house swap at the end of August. Mark, Amanda and Emily are now to be found at Corner Farm, where he grew up, while Roy and Jean have taken over Blacksmith's Cottage, where they were living. We wish all of them good luck in getting settled into their new ways of life and every happiness in their very familiar new homes.

Baby Name Congratulations

This month we have a name for one of our August babies. The son of Sarah Hill and Euen Buckle will be James William and he will be known as Billy. Once again congratulations to you both.



Harvest Festival Changes

Egmanton, 9th October 4 pm

**This service will now be taken by the Area Dean,
Rev Canon John Chambers**

Wellow, 16th October 10:30 am

**The service has been moved to 16th October from
Friday 30th September and the service will be
taken by the Rev Margaret Groves.**

**We are a group of churches trying to work together
and support each other by attending services in
different churches. Please come along to any of our
churches where you will be made very welcome.**

Laxton Harvest Festival

Friday 14th October 7 pm

in Laxton Church

Preacher: Alistair Littlewood

Please come and join us

Everyone welcome

The service will be followed by a buffet harvest supper in church

The cost will be £5 If you would like to join us please contact
Brenda (**01777 870541**) so we have an idea for catering.

Laxton Churchyard

Would anyone be willing to offer to take over mowing the churchyard for us in the future?

Unfortunately George is now finding it too difficult to keep doing it as his health is not as it was. He has now decided he cannot carry on. He has been doing it for eight years or more and has taken great pride in keeping the churchyard neat and tidy.

If there is anyone interested please get in touch with me or George on 01777 870541. Thank you



Brenda & George



Group Remembrance Service

Sunday 13th November, 10:30 am

St. Edmund's Church

Walesby

The service will be led by
The Area Dean
Rev Canon John Chambers

Wreaths will be laid
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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: Anne D, Sophie, Sylvia, Mark & Neil, Jem, Anna, William, Ruby, Lee, Joy, Bridget,

We wish a happy anniversary to Tim & Heidi Keay and to Jem and Frankie Hill who celebrate their 1st anniversary on 2nd October. Congratulations to anyone else celebrating this month.

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

We would love to give you a mention for your special day, so please let Jean or Brenda have details.



The Proclamation of the Accession

Following the Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III on Saturday 10th September at Westminster Hall in London, the news was cascaded down throughout the country. On Sunday 11th September, it was the turn of towns and other settlements to announce the news. Locally this took place at 3pm outside Castle House, the headquarters of Newark and Sherwood District Council.

The ceremony was actually quite short in length. First of all, David Lloyd, Leader of the District Council, welcomed those present. He then handed over to Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford GCB CBE, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, who briefly reviewed the contribution Queen Elizabeth II had made over the record breaking 70 years of her reign through her dedication, service and duty. He then encouraged us all to look forward to the new age before us with King Charles 'at the helm'.

Following this short address, the Chairman of Newark and Sherwood District Council, Councillor Sue Saddington, read the official proclamation to those assembled, ending with the declaration 'God Save the King!' All present then sang the first verse of the National Anthem for the King, the first time that most present will have sung this version. The event ended with the Chairman calling for three cheers for His Majesty the King. The Union Jack outside Castle House, which had been raised for the Proclamation, was then lowered again to half-mast for the remainder of the national mourning period.

Bells Ring for Proclamation

Throughout the land, church bells have rung out at the news of the Proclamation of the Accession. In the villages, the instruction via the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was that bells should be rung 'open' i.e. un-muffled in celebration of the Accession in as many towers as possible after the Proclamation had been given locally. This presented a challenge as these days locally there are less bell ringers than there are church towers with bells!

Laxton does not have a resident 'band' of ringers. Instead bell ringers from other towers come together to form a band to ring when needed. So it was that the bells of St Michael's rang out at about 4.45pm on Sunday 11th September to celebrate King Charles' accession to the throne. The band consisted of six ringers from Mansfield, Retford, Ossington, Egmanton and Weston.

If the contribution that church bells have made nationally and locally to the mourning period, accession and state funeral has inspired you, bell

The Proclamation

"Whereas it has pleased almighty God to call to his mercy our late Sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth II, of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to the Prince Charles Philip Arthur George.

"We, therefore, the lords spiritual and temporal of this realm, and members of the House of Commons, together with other members of Her Late Majesty's Privy Council, and representatives of the realms and territories, aldermen, and citizens of London and others, do now hereby, with one voice and consent of tongue and heart, publish and proclaim that the Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, is now, by the death of our late Sovereign of happy memory, become our only lawful and rightful liege lord, Charles III, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of his other realms and territories, King, head of the Commonwealth, defender of the faith, to whom we do acknowledge all faith and obedience with humble affection, beseeching God, by whom kings and queens do reign, to bless His Majesty with long and happy years to reign over us.

"Given at St. James' Palace this tenth day of September in the year of Our Lord twenty thousand and twenty-two.

"God Save The King."

Response from all attendees: "God Save The King"

Band will play one verse of The British National Anthem. All present are requested to sing.

The Chairman will call for three cheers for His Majesty The King.

These items were kindly supplied by Janet Carr, who attended the local Proclamation

ringers locally always welcome new recruits. Contrary to what you might think, you do not need to be particularly strong, musical, or a church goer. People from 9 years to ninety can ring with suitable guidance and training. If you think you would like to try this worthwhile activity, you are welcome to **contact Janet Carr (01636 821265 / jecarr@live.co.uk)** for a chat and further information.

Nottinghamshire welcomes the Tour of Britain



Thursday 8th September

Nottinghamshire was excited to welcome back the top level professional cyclists riding in the 2022 Tour of Britain. They came into our community, riding through Moorhouse, which they approached from Ossington.

The first sign of something happening was the arrival of a car covered in advertising logos with a bicycle on top. Several minutes later a police motorcycle came through followed a little later by another and another and another! Were there any anywhere else in the whole county?

Finally the four lead riders arrived and whizzed round the corner past an impressive crowd of well-wishers for this tiny community. The rest of the peloton were all together at this stage and seeing them stretched back along the road was an impressive sight. It was short-lived as in a whoosh of tyres they swept past the spectators and well-wishers on their round about way to Mansfield

Little was anyone to know at this point that our stage would see the premature end of this year's event when the shocking news of Her Majesty the Queen's death was announced that afternoon. The race results were taken as the standings at the end of today's race, Stage 5.



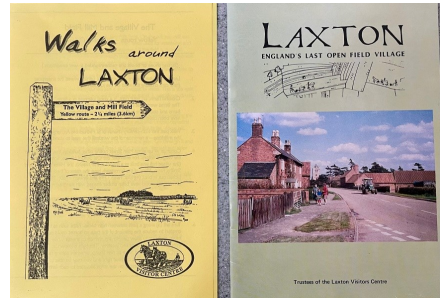
The Tour of Britain passing through Moorhouse

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Laxton Interpretation Boards

Laxton Visitor Centre Trust is pleased to say that the updating of the Information/Interpretation Boards is at the final proof stage and once the Trustees and Thoresby are happy with them, Thoresby will arrange to have them produced and fitted either in the original locations or a more appropriate position.

Regarding the renewing of the village booklet and other Visitor Centre info this can now go ahead as a separate project and it is intended that all the information will be consistent across the board.



Visitor Centre Toilets Reopened



We are pleased to say the toilets have been upgraded and are now finished following a further coat of paints. They look very smart.

Many thanks to The Trustees of Thoresby Settlement for having this work done and covering all of the costs.

*Laxton Visitor
Centre Trust*



Christmas Tree Lights Switch On

We are pleased to confirm a repeat of the "Christmas Light Switch On" this year on **SUNDAY 4th December** and as mentioned last month, we would be very pleased to have help organising the event. We will set up a working group again using WhatsApp, so please let us know if you would like to help and your contact details.

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rota on the inside cover will
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of when their turn is
coming round.



Our local bus timetables have been scrapped!

The leaflet shown here has been distributed, and the text is reproduced at the end of this article for ease of reading.

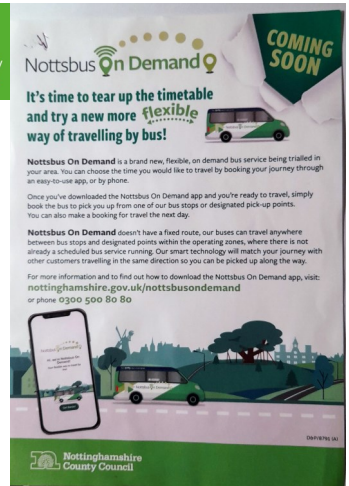
Please note that although it says “coming soon”, the new scheme started on 31/8/22. Unfortunately this was done with little time for consultation and discussion about it.

It is a pilot scheme so we will have to see how it works – essentially **there are no time-tables any more, all bus journeys are “on demand” via an app or a Nottingham number.**

At the moment the number is frequently busy and very few elderly people will be happy with or have access to the app.

If you do use, or try to use, the service please let us know about your experiences of it.

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A Personal Account of Attending HM The Queen's Lying in State

Jill and Ella Hoyland from Egmonton felt they just had to go down to London to pay their personal tributes to Her late Majesty. They were joined by two friends, travelling by train to Kings Cross and arriving around 8am. They took a taxi to and found their way to join the queue at 9.20am at Southwark Park. They heard there that



they would face a

14 hour period before they reached the royal coffin.

We have all seen the TV images of the queue snaking back and forth across the park



before setting off into the back streets of London. It took Jill and Ella over 3 hours to leave the 'snake' in the park. Jill was struck by the number of very elderly people who were in the queue, and was upset to see one collapse when the ordeal became too much for them. Two people near her were 86!

Naturally the older generations wanted to pay their tributes to the Queen they had loved for a life time, and it was a pity they could not have been eased through the throng to make it more bearable for them.

Jill and Ella got to know those around them in the queue and said that, as they progressed, staying with these people who had shared their experience became more important. One was an elderly gentleman and another a tall, military gentleman wearing medals who was easy to spot when they had to make a quick dash out of the queue. He had been on a Thames river trip just four weeks previously and was able to recount details of the many sights which were new to them as they passed through the area near the river.

Food and toilets were something to be taken advantage of whenever possible. Jill spotted a Pizza Express which was able to provide her with a



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massive pizza and a comfort break in the space of a few minutes. The pizza was shared with the friends, and with the old gentleman, who by then had finished all he had brought with him. He had never had pizza in his life so he would never forget his first taste.

Jill's group were fortunate to be passing the sights along the Embankment during daylight. They had excellent views of the redevelopment of the Canary Wharf area, and were struck by the architecture of the Butler's Wharf conversion.

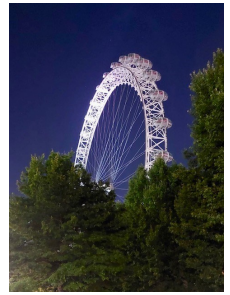
They passed 'The Clink', a notorious medieval prison with a rather gruesome metal skeleton on the side of the current museum building.

HMS Belfast, The Tower of London, Tower Bridge, the Golden Hind, the Covid Memorial Wall, St Thomas' Hospital and some of the iconic modern buildings of the capital could be glimpsed or were passed close by.

The party were struck by the atmosphere of kindness not only in the queue itself, but from the people in the places they passed. An office offering toilets for £1 got no takers, but The Globe Theatre welcomed people free of charge. It was a wonderful opportunity to see inside this landmark. Grateful users happily put money into their regular donation box and some, getting cold by now, bought their sweatshirts. A baker emerged with a big tray of doughnuts he hadn't sold before closing and shared them with the grateful queue.

A friend who had been the previous day had told them that the wait would be around 4 hours from Westminster Bridge. They had their wrist bands by then and scouts were giving out water, sweets, sandwiches and even silver foil blankets to those who needed them. Darkness was falling and the street scene changed.

Jill noticed that the policemen who were evident everywhere were from forces all over the country. No doubt all leave had been cancelled to staff this massive security effort.





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The strict security continued as they reached the head of the queue, with all food, water and flammable items such as hand sanitisers, perfume etc.



taken away. Phones, watches, bags and anything else which might have been used to conceal anything dangerous were put through one of around a dozen airport style scanners before they were ushered towards Westminster Hall.



They regrouped with their friends at the top of the steps and were fortunate that the change of vigil, which occurred every 20 minutes, was sounded as they were there. They had to stand and wait while the change was completed, which Jill and Ella appreciated as it gave them time to really take in what they were doing.

They filed respectfully past the coffin, feeling how close they were and what a personal moment it was. They left the Hall and set off

back to Kings Cross for food and a seat, having missed the last train home. They were amazed and so grateful to the people there, who had set up a long, warm train, where they could get food and drink and rest before their 5.55am train back to Newark. In Jill's words, it was a magnificent and memorable experience.

Swimming for MacMillan

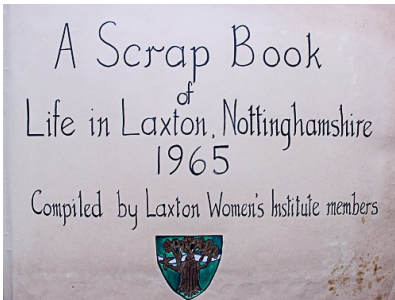


Big congratulations to Ruby, who completed her 7 mile swim total, clapped on by other swimmers on Tuesday 13th September.

It is still not too late to support Ruby and friends and this great cause. You can do so either via their Just Giving Page <https://swimit.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/swim-it-with-emily> or Ruby's sponsor form Paula or Brenda.

The Just Giving page stood at just over £2,500 at the time of writing. Well done to them all.

Laxton WI 60th Anniversary



Our scrap book was chosen to be exhibited in London and Iris Bex attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party



This group of WI members was waiting for a Trent River trip, which was followed by afternoon tea at The Red House in Kelham.

Memorably the torrential rain which caused the 2007 floods began while we were there and we had to wade out to get to our cars!

The second Wednesday of October will be the 60th anniversary of the formation of our WI. It brings back a lot of memories for all our past members and friends of the things we have done over the years.

At the start we had up to 80 members from Laxton and the surrounding villages. As time went on some of the villages formed their own WIs, so our numbers decreased but we are still here 60 years on.

We remember all the pantomimes we had each year after our parties when the Village Hall was full and we had to hold another show the night after .

The rounders team started and we won the County Competition trophy for five years on the trot, and then they decided to stop having county competitions. I wonder why?!

We even represented Notts and hired a coach and went to York to for a National Rounders Championship. Guess who won that too!





We remember all the competition entries we did for Newark Show and the outings we went on and the county holidays abroad which members went on.



We took part in the NFWI 100 years celebrations. Joyce carried the baton on horseback to Egmonton after we received it from Kneesall.

Pat, helped by Jeff, Keith and Jean, planted our bulbs around the village.



And we have catered for so many events in the village and for local families.



Over the last 60 years we've had some good times and fun and made some very good friends through the WI. That's what it's all about:

friendship and taking part.

Brenda

OCTOBER SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

Es = Evensong **WfA** = Worship for All **WS** = Word Service

2nd October

10:30am Laxton HC Rev Margaret

4.00pm Wellow EP Heather B

9th October

10:30am Kirton H/C Father James

4.00pm Egmonton Harvest Rev John Chambers

14th October (Friday)

7.00pm Laxton Harvest Rev Alistair

16th October

10.00am Walesby H/C Rev Vaughn Sweet

10:30am Wellow Harvest Rev Margaret

23rd October

9.00am Egmonton H/C Father James

10:30am Kirton H/C Father James

30th October

2nd November (Wednesday)

7.00pm Kirton All Souls Service Father James

Please note change of date for Wellow Harvest to 16th October



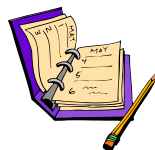
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022

October 12th **WI 60th birthday celebration**

Fri 14th Oct Harvest Supper

October 19th **History Group (at Norwell VH)**



Forward Planning

Sat 19th Nov **History Group Craft Fayre**

Tues 22nd Nov Parish Council

Fri 2nd Dec Village Hall Quiz Night

Sun 4th Dec Christmas Lights Switch On

Regular Events:

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

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

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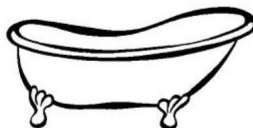
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At our monthly meeting in September we had Suzanne Plamping come to demonstrate to us.

Suzanne is a member of our County Board of Trustees and she chairs the Communications Team.



Suzanne is a very good craft demonstrator and came to show us how to do Indian block printing, which was very interesting.

She told us how she had combined a holiday in India with taking a course in printing, learning from people in their homes and factories. She learned about the different blocks and inks they used.



We were then shown a selection of her work on different cloths including linen and silk. She spoke about the blocks that she used which were all different patterns. Susan told us that the Indian printers like straight lines in their patterns and part of the skill was lining up the printing

blocks. Even trickier was the task of overlaying two or more further blocks of different colours to create complex patterns. The blocks the workers used were about 9 inches square.

And then it was our turn to have a go. We were all given a linen zipped pouch which we were asked to decorate. Suzanne is keen on





recycling and gave us a piece of paper torn from a waste book to practice on. Then we all picked some patterned blocks and inks. Luckily for us the blocks each had an individual design or picture and they were small enough to fit easily into the hand.



We had plastic lids from various household products to use as palettes for our ink. There were stiff sponges which had to be dabbed into the ink to distribute it evenly before tapping it lightly onto the block and applying to the surface to be printed. That was the tricky bit!

We then tried to do it. To our surprise, once we had worked out what



the blocks would print and thought about how to place them, it wasn't as difficult as it seemed to create a simple print.

We really had some lovely patterns on our finished

articles, to say it was our first attempt. It looked as if it was a children's classroom at one time with all the paints and things all over, and everyone enjoyed it.

Our next meeting, on October 12, will be our 60th anniversary. We have decided to go out for an evening meal and arranged some entertainment so that we can sit back and enjoy and being waited on.

WI Bingo Night

What a good evening we had on Friday 2nd September at our bingo night.

We started off having to get more tables out, which was a good sign.

We played six games with each game having six cards on it so you had six chances of winning. Apart from that we played Irish bingo, Corner bingo, all of which caused a laugh as nobody knew what



they were doing.

It was a good job we had Wendy with us. She was our caller and is the chairman of our WI County sports and leisure committee, so she kept us all in order.



Thanks to Jackie for organising it and to everyone who gave raffle prizes and refreshments. Also a big thank you to

Derek and the menfolk for clearing all the tables and chairs away. It was a big help

Thanks again

Brenda

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Group Oil Order



The next order will go in at our usual time of mid - late November depending on demand and prices.

The price of heating oil has fallen slowly but steadily over the last few weeks, which is in part due to the global situation and in part due to lower demand. On 4th August the England average was 86.54p/litre. On 18th September it had gone up then down to 91.85p/litre (Boilerjuice).

With all the news attention on the high costs predicted for energy bills this coming winter, little or nothing has been said about the higher cost of oil, which we are already paying. Just before Open Field was finalised for September, Boilerjuice sent out a message to customers saying that the Prime Minister had said that people using oil to heat their homes would also receive help, but that no details were yet available.

Mike Manning circulated a message to this effect quoting Boilerjuice and this month's Citizen's Advice article makes reference to it. We have asked them to inform us as soon as they have any information and will ask Mike to circulate it or get the word spread however we can.

People will need to buy oil when their tanks are running low and the group will continue to operate as long as people feel we can achieve better prices for them than they can achieve themselves. Anyone wanting to set up a monthly payment plan will need to deal direct with their choice of supplier and it is unlikely that this will be compatible with ordering with the Group. We are all going to have to play it by ear and do what seems best for us individually.

Group members receive a discount based on the total volume when ordering together. The price is negotiated based on our total, and so those wanting to benefit need to specify their requirement before the quotes are requested, the best supplier is chosen and the order is placed. Late orders are not accepted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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, plus one former villager who uses oil in his new home about 20 miles away.

Joy

Autumn Vaccinations



The best way to help protect yourself and others from flu is to have a yearly flu jab. Protection from the flu jab gradually decreases and flu strains can change, which means a previous flu jab may not protect you from this year's strains.

At the time of writing anyone aged over 65 who did not come into any of the other priority groups was eligible to book their Covid booster jab. The age able to book is coming down, so check to see if you qualify. Vaccination centres had been set up in East Markham Village Hall and Ollerton.

This year there is a vaccination against Covid which incorporates the original vaccine and a new addition against the Omicron variant. *NB some people may hear this called a 'combined vaccine' and wrongly assume it incorporates the 'flu vaccine'.* It doesn't and unless you receive both separately at the same time, you will still need to go and get a 'flu jab to maximise your protection for the winter.

After your jab, it usually takes around two weeks to be protected.

More people are likely to get flu this winter as fewer people will have built up natural immunity to it during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ⇒ if you get flu and COVID-19 at the same time, research shows you're more likely to be seriously ill.
- ⇒ getting vaccinated against flu and COVID-19 will provide protection for you and those around you for both these serious illnesses.
- ⇒ If you've had COVID-19, it's safe to have the flu vaccine. It will still be effective at helping to prevent flu.

Some people may be eligible for both the flu and the COVID-19 booster vaccines. If you are offered both vaccines, it's safe to have them at the same time.

Check to see if you are eligible for a free 'flu jab.

Where to get the flu vaccine

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Laxton Christmas Lights Switch On, Sunday 4th December. Last year the first Switch On event was held in the Dovecote Car park and was a great success. This year you can not only plan to attend, but also help to plan the event. Volunteers are needed for the organising group. Please contact Michael Manning on **870844**.





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Please contact me on 870844. Thank you.

Michael Manning

Thanks to Steve Digby, Editor of 'Idle Talk' for permission to use this quiz, set by his sister in law.

Straightforward, cryptic, hidden or phonetic: what's the link

Quiz Questions (answers overleaf)

1. According to *The Beatles*, where would you find a barber showing photographs of every head he's had the pleasure to know?
2. What element in the periodic table has the symbol Ni?
3. Which 1970s/80s pop duo consisted of David van Day and Thereza Bazar?
4. Which city on the River Forth is known as *The Gateway to the Highlands* and was once the capital of Scotland?
5. What is the surname of Ezra, the controversial American poet?
6. What fraction is 25%?
7. Who married Princess Anne in 1973?
8. Played by Michael Crawford, what was the name of the main character in "Some Mothers Do Have 'Em"?
9. What is the name of the huge theme park complex which opened in Paris in 1992?
10. a *The Raj Quartet* by Paul Scott was serialised on TV under what title?
b ... and if you read just the first two books?
11. What is the common link between the answers?

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Quiz Answers:

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| 1 Penny Lane | 6 A quarter |
| 2 Nickel | 7 Captain Mark Phillips |
| 3 Dollar | 8 Frank Spencer (franc) |
| 4 Stirling - Sterling | 9 Euro Disney |
| 5 Pound | 10 a Jewel in the Crown |
| | b Jewel in Half a Crown –
sorry, I couldn't resist it |

11 Link – they all include a unit of currency



Sherwood
& Newark

Don't struggle with your energy bills alone

On Thursday 8 September, Prime Minister Liz Truss announced that the average household's gas and electricity bills would be frozen at £2,500 for the next two years, from the 1st of October.

Earlier in the year the government announced additional support for people to cope with increased living costs, including scrapping the £200 energy rebate and replacing it with a non-repayable grant of £400 for all households. To get the £400 grant:

- Most people won't need to do anything to get the money
- You won't have to pay it back
- If you pay via direct debit, the £400 will be automatically added to your energy account paid to you over 6 months starting from October 2022 That should equate to about £67-a-month:
 - People who pay via direct debit will automatically see it as a reduction or a refund to their bank account
- Standard credit/payment card customers will see it added to their credit
- Smart meter customers will see it added to their smart meters
 - If you have a prepayment meter, you'll be issued with vouchers in the first week of each month, via SMS text, email or post. Make sure your energy company has your up-to-date details
 - You'll need to redeem these at a top-up point e.g. PayPoint or Post Office

To receive any of the above support you won't be asked for your bank details, so watch out for scam emails or texts asking for this information.

However, households using oil will not benefit from the £2,500 energy price guarantee. The Prime Minister announced that there would be a discretionary fund providing equivalent financial support for heating oil homes this winter. The details of this support have yet to be confirmed.

Even with the support from the government we know that for many energy bills are still much higher than they have been and they simply don't have extra cash to spare to pay for the increasing cost of energy. The scale of this crisis is unlike anything we've seen even in the pandemic. We're helping more people with crisis support like food bank referrals and access to grants because they simply can't pay the bills or put food on the table.

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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council at Moorhouse Church on 19/7/22 (Draft)

Present: Councillors: J. Hill, S. Rose, S. Hill (chair)

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)

Members of the public (x2)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Manning, Mr M Hennell, Mr R Hennell and Mr Godson. Mr S Hill took the chair in Mr Manning's absence. Apologies were also accepted from Mr Pringle and Mrs Michael.
2. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
3. **Dispensations:** None required.
4. **10 Minutes public speaking:** Concern was expressed that there was a lack of attention and focus on Moorhouse by the parish council. The example of the village signs for Laxton was given. The clerk explained that these had been funded largely by the Crown Estate. Mr S Hill drew attention to the new fingerpost for Moorhouse which the parish council had secured.
The condition of the bench in Moorhouse was also raised. Mr S Hill had been going to raise this under councillors' reports at item 9 on the agenda.
Concern was also expressed at the condition of roads in Moorhouse. Mr S Hill confirmed that, as a Moorhouse resident, he raised these. The clerk offered to ask councillor Pringle to include Moorhouse in his walk round to take place over the summer. Mr S Hill invited any Moorhouse resident with any concern to contact a parish councillor or the clerk via the website and these concerns would receive attention.
5. **Thoresby Estate report (if any):** No Thoresby Estate representative present. Councillors noted that Mr Perry had let the Estate and that Mr S James had taken the role. The clerk will invite Mr James to the next meeting. to the meeting.
6. **Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 24 May and 21 June 2022:** The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 24 May and 21 June 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mr S Hill as chair.

7. **Matters arising:** The clerk confirmed the amount paid for the hedge laying. No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.
8. **Reports from district and county councillors:** No district or county councillor present.
9. **Reports from councillors:** It was reported that there were to be ten new interpretation boards and that work was underway on their construction.
10. **Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field maintenance and licence completion:** Councillors noted that the Glebe Field rent has been paid. They also noted that the jubilee tree is being watered.

Reports of empty plastic bottles being left at the sports field Pavilion were noted. The clerk will inform the Committee chair. There was a report that oil had been fly tipped in Moorhouse. There was also discussion of fly tipping of trees, builders' sand and grass and the extent of NSDC's responsibility for removal of such items. The clerk will contact NSDC to enquire whether it is responsible for removing material fly tipped on common land and public footpaths. She asked that residents email photographs of any fly tipping as evidence. Fly tipping to be an agenda item for September 2022 meeting. Mr S Hill will also raise the problem at the next SNG meeting.

Planning matters:
11. **Planning matters:**
 - a. **Applications:** An application had been received after circulation of the agenda. Councillors considered application 22/01308/HOUSE - Demolition of existing Conservatory. Installation of external door and window - School House High Street Laxton and **agreed** that they had no objections.
 - b. **To note planning decisions by NSDC: 22/01005/HOUSE – Garage and car port - School House, High Street, Laxton, NG22 0NX – Refusal noted.**
 - c. **Compliance:** No matters raised.
12. **Defibrillator inspection report:** Councillors noted that the new battery had finally arrived and been installed. Mr J Hill reported that the pads would expire in March 2023. Early ordering of replacements to be considered at the September 2022 meeting. The clerk will enquire of Mr Manning regarding the signs which had been ordered at the same time as the battery.
13. **Village environment and appearance, including Bar Farmhouse:** Work is being undertaken at Bar Farmhouse. No other matter raised. The clerk will title this item as "Parish environment..." going forward to ensure that Moorhouse is specifically included.

14. **Financial matters:**
- a. **Financial position as at 30 June 2022:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 June 2022 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.
 - b. **Accounts for payment:** Councillors unanimously **approved** six payments totalling £703.01 and formally noted their approval of seven cheques for jubilee event expenses totalling £1,579.32 without a specific agenda item given at the meeting on 21 June 2022.
 - c. **Change of banking provider:** Councillors **agreed** that the newly introduced bank charges were disappointing and that the clerk should look for an alternative provider. Previous difficulties in setting up signatories were discussed and frustration expressed.
15. **Service faults:** To be raised with Mr Pringle as part of the parish walk. The clerk will enquire whether he would be able to attend in the evening to enable more councillors to attend.
16. **Correspondence:** Councillors noted that Mr Manning had expressed an interest in the NALC on line event on giving local councils more of a say on housing to take place on 27 July 2022.
17. **Agenda items for next meeting:** See above and Christmas event planning. The clerk will ask Mr Manning to seek residents' ideas in the Open Field.
18. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 27 September 2022 in the Visitor Centre.



Newark's 'Proclamation Stool', photographed during a WI guided tour of the Town Hall.

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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

Recently a vigilant neighbour, new to Laxton, became aware of something going on opposite his house in the wee small hours. He was able to shout at the three men involved and frighten them off before they completed their attempt to cut a catalytic converter off a parked car. The circulation group was used to alert locals to be wary for their own vehicles.

Laxton Defibrillator

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Michael Manning

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

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Laxton Looking Like the Ukrainian Flag, by Tim Keay, August 2022



Lynda Moore
captured this lovely
shot of a bee on
lavender.