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*Mike Jackson and Revd. Zoe Burton with the sheaf
to be blessed at the Lammis Service, Laxton 1st August 2018*

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Letter From Revd. Zoe

Dear friends

During the month of September we will be focusing upon 'Stewardship and Giftings' in our family of 12 churches when we are reminded of our responsibility and wise use of all the resources God has gifted and blessed us with. We will be affirming and giving thanks for all our gifts. Many of us will wake up each day and give thanks to God for the gift of a new day, for life, our health, for Creation, our families, friends, homes etc....

The first Sunday of the month we begin by giving thanks for the gift of humanity: what it means to be a child of God and see ourselves as gifts to each other; the second Sunday of the month we give thanks for the gift of the various roles we have and as this Sunday marks Education Sunday we have invited Heads / teachers from our 9 schools to join us so we can give thanks for them personally.

On the 3rd Sunday we will be giving thanks for the gift of money – this is often the gift which we shy away from talking about, we avoid it and consider it a taboo subject yet it is an important gift for resourcing life in our homes, our churches, our schools etc.... Without money we cannot keep a roof over our heads and organisations cease to exist. With your magazine, you will have received a leaflet to raise your awareness of costings at your local church (figures relate to 2017). We'd like to dispel some commonly held myths we often hear. Your local church does not receive money from elsewhere: the parish council, Newark Council, the Government or Church of England. The local church is a charitable organisation that raises funds through donations, fund-raising, fees from weddings and funerals but relies mainly on regular giving from local parishioners. In response to this, I want to say a massive thank you to you all for the different ways you have supported and continue to support your local church financially but we ask you to read the leaflet please and reflect upon the content. Please get in touch if you wish to respond to what you have read.

As we move into the 4th Sunday of the month we will be moving into Harvest Festivals over the following few weeks when we give thanks for the harvest; for those who work the land, for the beauty of creation and a sharing of resources in a world where there is enough so nobody need go hungry. Our harvest dates here in Laxton are Friday 12th October at 7pm for Evening Prayer with Harvest supper and on Sunday 14th October we will be having our Family Harvest at 4pm. We'd love it if you can come and join us!

September a month of Thanksgiving, what else are you thankful for?

Many blessings *Revd Zoe*

From the Registers

Congratulations to Janette Pimberton and Robert Juska on their marriage on Saturday 4th August at St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton.

Jan and Robert live at Crosshill House, Laxton. We wish them both every happiness in their future life together.



Sympathy: Thelma Cheetham

Our sympathy goes to the family of Thelma Cheetham (nee Hoyland) of Haughton Park Farm, nr Bothamsall, who died on Saturday 7th July at the age of 59.

Her funeral service was held on Wednesday 25th July at St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton and was conducted by the Rev. Clive Andrews of Edwinstowe.

Our thoughts are with Thelma's children Christopher, Emily and Thomas and their families and her brothers, James and Paul Hoyland, and their families.

Mothers' Union

In August we had planned to go out for a meal but when we started to plan it we realised many people would be away and decided to have a rest for the month. So, with no August meeting we have had plenty of time to look forward eagerly to our special service to celebrate the 120th anniversary of Laxton Mothers' Union. We have special guests taking part in the service as well as the choir singing. It should be a lovely occasion and we warmly invite anyone who would like to come along and help us mark this milestone. We just ask that you let Janet or Brenda know if you hope to be there so we can make sure enough cakes are baked and cups of tea provided.

Laxton Mothers' Union

1898 - 2018

120th Anniversary

A Service of Celebration

**St Michael the Archangel Church,
Laxton**

Monday 24th September, 2.30pm

**The service will be followed by refreshments. If you
would like to join us please contact Janet on
870385 or Brenda on 870541**

Sunday 9th September

10.30am

There will be a special service to celebrate

Education Sunday

at St Michael's Church, Laxton

Special guest: Mrs Sue Coupe

Head of Kneesall C of E Primary School

The service will be taken by the Rev Philip Howson

Please join us and bring the children

The service will be followed by refreshments.

Garden Fete



Our Garden Fete this year was held again at the Old Vicarage by kind permission of Nic Alexander and Ali Raynor. It was nice to see so many people there.

Stuart and Sandra had a good selection of books on offer while Lesley and Margaret were kept busy with the raffle. The refreshments

were also doing good trade. Nic and Ali helped by heating some items in their lovely new kitchen which was much admired by the visitors, as was the garden. Pat sold cheese scones as well as her plants and Brenda seemed to be everywhere selling hot dogs, scones etc. Jean and Rachel had a huge tombola where it seemed you couldn't fail to win something. The games seemed very



popular this year and certainly ensured Joyce and Jeff had plenty to do. The play went right to the end and the stalls seemed to sell out well.

Congratulations to the children for entering the fancy dress,

which was judged by the Rev Philip Howson - with a bit of persuasion.

Thank you to everyone who gave items for the stalls etc. and to all those who staffed the stalls and games. Everyone seemed to work



so hard to make the evening such a success. Thanks also to our friends from neighbouring communities who came to support us as they so often do. We really appreciate it.

The rain seemed to come down just at the end when the raffle was being drawn, so we had a few soggy raffle tickets to draw, but it didn't dampen spirits or stop it being a successful night with £634 being raised for church funds.

Thanks again to everyone who helped and those who came and took part. Your support is much appreciated.

Lammas

Our traditional Lammas Day Service was held in church on Wednesday 1st August at 8.00am. The service was conducted by the Rev Zoe Burton who blessed the sheaf, the bread and the wine.



Thanks to everyone who took part in the service. Special thanks to Anna Hill who provided bacon and mushrooms which

were cooked after the service on the barbecue outside the church so we could have bacon butties.

Janet Cooke kindly provided cereals, tea and coffee so that just rounded off the morning nicely.

Brenda



Things to Do this Month

☆ Look at the schedule and plan your Harvest Competition entries

Sept 1st Visit Egmonton Craft & Produce Show, 2.30pm, **EVH**

Sept 3rd Join in the hoisting of the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day, 12 noon, The Dovecote

Sept 9th Go to the concert at Milton Mausoleum, 7pm, £8

Sept 12th 100 Years of Suffragettes, 7.30pm at WI, **EVH**

Sept 19th History Group, Beryl Venables will speak about Milton Mausoleum. 7.30pm **EVH**

Sept 24th Come to the special Service celebrating 120 years of Laxton MU

Sept 26th Enjoy a meal with the Rotary Club and hear a talk on David Amos, South Forest, £11, 7 for 7.15pm

Sept 29th Attend Southwell Ploughing Match, Little Carlton

EVH = Egmonton Village Hall VC = Visitor Centre

Merchant Navy Day

3rd September is Merchant Navy Day and our Ensign will be hoisted at 12 noon at the Dovecote Flag Pole by a former member of the Merchant Navy John Smith (Roberta and John) Photos will be taken and forwarded to Seafarers UK the organisers of the event.

The group who attended the first event last year have continued to have an occasional lunch. If you would like to come and can stop a little longer to enjoy lunch at the Dovey please contact Mike Manning (870844) so he can reserve you a seat at the table. Everyone welcome.

Michael Manning

Telephone Problems

The Parish Council is taking up the issue of the poor sound and crackling on calls made in the village. To add weight to our arguments about the problem could any one who has had or is still having a problem please let me know on **01777 870844**.

I know you may have reported this before, but we need to have an up to date list of subscriber problems. Please include your telephone number and brief details.

The Egmonton group working to resolve the problems notified BT about the Laxton numbers they had been given, but when it was revealed that the line to Laxton passes through Egmonton but is separate from their line, the issue was passed back to us as the causes of the problems are not necessarily the same.

Corrections

A couple of errors were spotted once last month's edition had been circulated.

Firstly apologies to Eric, whose surname was given as Wright. He is, of course Heath. Very sorry Eric and thanks once again for all you do to make the village a nicer place to live in.



Secondly Sandra and Dorothy found themselves in the stocks on the History Group trip to the Ryedale Folk Museum at Hutton le Hole. Apologies to anyone who has been looking for the stocks at Winkburn.

Inner Wheel Coffee Morning

The I W Club will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 10 November at the Town Hall in Ollerton, 10.00 to 11.30. Call in and enjoy coffee and a slice of home made cake for £1.00 with an 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.

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Thank You Brenda and George

A big thank you to Brenda for all she does. Brenda writes every month thanking those who support church and other events. Now it is her turn.

Brenda has excelled herself again recently making special days in church even more special with her glorious floral arrangements.

We are very fortunate to have someone who is able and willing to give so much to the community in so many ways.

George does a great job keeping the church yard looking tidy. He clearly makes a special effort when there is an event coming up and makes it look its best. George is always there helping Brenda transport all her kit and produce for the many and various events they support and without him she would never manage it all.

Brenda and George, this is to say how much you are appreciated for all you do. You really make a difference and help make Laxton that bit more special.



The Church of St Michael the Archangel

Laxton

10.30am

Sunday 30th September

Patronal Festival

St Michael's Day is 29th September. This Family of Churches service at Laxton will celebrate our Patron Saint.

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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

**Moorhouse
Harvest Festival
Friday 28th September
7.00pm**

**The service will be followed by refreshments.
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Pat's Charity Plant Stall

The plant stall ceased trading towards the end of July with very little stock remaining. Always a good sign.

I would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to anyone who purchased plants from the stall. Every sale counts. Also thank you to the friends who donated 'spare plants' either from their own propagation or simply surplus in their own garden.

Finally, a large number of bedding and tomato plants were raised by Lesley, and for that, significant recognition of time and generosity is important.

As a result £981 went through the Inner Wheel Club of Sherwood Forest to the Pituitary Foundation followed by £410 to Laxton Church.



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





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Parish Council

The Pinfold refurbishment is complete as is the refurbishment of the Bob and Sybil bench next to the telephone box. Many thanks again to Roy and Eric .

Michael Manning



Unfortunately due to holidays it has not been possible to include the minutes from the last Parish Council meeting this month. They will appear next month. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Joy



Coffee Morning

13th September, 10.30am - 11.30am

The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 13th September 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.



St Michael the Archangel, Laxton

Harvest Produce Show and Competition, 2018

Only Home Produce and work to be entered



Rules

- Entries to be in Church **between 2 pm and 4 pm** on **Saturday 13th October**
NB PLEASE NOTE TIME FOR ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED
- Each competitor will be given a number in each class entered.
- Each entry must be the competitor's own work.
- Entries in Class 3 must have twist top, or wax disc and cellophane cover.
- Please note, no meat or fresh cream can be accepted in any class**
- Prizes will be presented in each section - First 30p, Second 20p, Third 15p

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

Class 1

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

Class 2

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

Class 3

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

Class 4

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

Class 5 - Photograph

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

Class 6

Flower Arrangement

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

CRAFT

Class 7

Craft item, any medium, made in the last year

CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS:

Class 8 (up to 6 years)

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

Class 9 (7 to 11 years)

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

Auction - all entries will be auctioned in Church on **Sunday 14th October at 5.00pm**
Proceeds of the auction towards general Church funds and to charity

Village Hall Update



We have no update on progress this month.

The WI and History Group have moved their meetings to Egmonton in preparation for the works.

We look forward to bringing news of the anticipated start date next month.

Village Weddings of Yesteryear

Here are 2 more of Jo Godson's historic village wedding reports:

8th April 1921

BAILEY-CLARK – at St. Michaels Church, Laxton on March 29th by the Rev S. B. Bleau (vicar). Mark, only son of Mrs Bailey, Laxton and the late Mr J Bailey, Weston to Alice M Clark, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R Clark, Laxton.

26th August 1921

A wedding took place at St Michaels Church Laxton, between Miss Mary Preston, youngest daughter of Mr G Preston of Kneesall and Mr Chas Hanson of Firbeck. Mr Preston, the bride's father has been in the employment of Earl Manvers over 30 years. The bride looked pretty with blue coloured crepe-de-chine, embroidered in silver with hat to match. She carried a shower bouquet of carnations. Miss Cuckson of Firbeck and Miss Mary Johnson of Kneesall the two chief bridesmaids were fully attired in pale blue crepe-de-chine frocks with which they wore biscuit coloured hats. They were followed by the bride's small nieces, Miss Rose Preston and Miss Scholfield, in cream silk dresses. Each carried a basket of flowers whilst the elder ones carried bouquets of sweet peas, the gifts of the bridegroom. The Rev S. B. Bleau, the vicar of Laxton officiated. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr S Preston and the bridegroom was supported by Mr Hopskin of Sandbeck, as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's house. Later in the day the happy pair left for London and Faversham (Kent). Mr and Mrs Chas Hanson were also recipients of many presents.

Laxton History Group



July 18th must rank as one of the busiest days for the Group. A good showing of members joined students, staff and parents at Norwell School for an 8.30am start to their 'History Café'. We were pleased to be joined by Michael and Elizabeth Jones of Norwell Parochial History Society.

Michael Wood Award

School was never like this in 'our' day! After signing in on an iPad we were warmly welcomed by staff and by students who served us with our choice of beverage and cake.

The reason for our visit was to see the work the children had done for the first round of the Michael Wood Award with their school. If we needed convincing that the concept works, this confirmed it. The children and their families had clearly thrown themselves wholeheartedly into the research and presentation of their projects.

Each student had selected a topic of local or family interest and presented it in the way they wished. Apart from the history they had clearly learned about presentation skills and graphics.

The work was wonderful to see. Quite apart from that, it was educational and informative. Topics included Norwell Village, Norwell Schools, a house and St Lawrence Church in Norwell, Ossington Hall, the Ossington Estate, Ossington Airfield, Caunton and the Readyfield Bloodhounds. Each gave an insight into different aspects of the area's history. It was good to know that a number of the children had taken the trouble to visit people who could help them with first hand information about their topics.

We all came away knowing something new and we look forward to receiving copies of the projects so that we can study them at our leisure.

Head Teacher Kathryn King welcomed us and thanked her students and their families for their efforts and enthusiasm. She told us how she had learned a lot herself and had recently been in The Dovecote telling her companions about the history of Laxton, learned when she came with the students on their visit. Kathryn handed over to John Chambers to make

the presentations supported by Roger and Joan Cottee. John expressed our appreciation of the work, the way it had been presented and the enthusiasm everyone had shown for our initiative.





Certificates and small gifts were given to each student who took part and special awards made to Lottie and Tallulah for outstanding effort.

That afternoon we all met again, this time at Normanton School, which comes under the same Head teacher.

We were greeted by a teacher who is a

local resident and once again enjoyed the café's hospitality. When they had finished their break the children who had been involved joined us and stood with their projects to tell us all about them. There was another amazing diversity of topics looking at such things as Dinnington Pit, Retford, Normanton, Conisbrough Castle, Sutton on Trent and Horses.



The horse project included a quiz on the parts of the saddle and the bridle and we were lucky to have Janet with us to answer those questions.

The children all spoke knowledgeably about their work and it was great to also speak to some parents who had helped them and clearly engaged with the project themselves. Some had

been out to talk to local people who had willingly shared their local knowledge with them and it was rewarding for us to hear how much this had meant to the young researchers.

Once again our team presented the certificates and gifts, with the two special awards going to Harry and Abigail to their very obvious delight.

We are so proud of this project, which seems to have really touched a chord with the students, the schools and their communities. We are grateful to Roger and Joan whose professional expertise, commitment and enthusiasm have been key to engaging first the schools and then the students and most of all we are very grateful to Michael Wood without whose initial donation and encouragement we would not have embarked on it.



Laxton History Group



At our July meeting, the third event for some of us on 'hectic Wednesday', we had decided to entertain ourselves by giving the presentation we do for other groups. As it turned out this may have been the ideal night to do it as the A1 was at a total standstill most of the day due to a serious accident and the chances are that any speaker trying to get to us would have struggled to do so.

The presentation is based on bringing to life some snippets of the research we did for our HLF project. Some may remember Joan Cottee's Murder Mystery evenings and she has brought her talents to bear on this, producing a script for a 'dramatised reading'. The content has evolved as we have gone along and we tailor it to the group we are talking to, but it gives an insight into what life was really like here and elsewhere by giving a voice to the words of the people whose lives we researched.

We were pleased to welcome Rebecca Creighton to the Group and on any other night she would have been our youngest member by some margin. On this occasion though we also had with us Thomas, Joan and Roger's grandson who was visiting and who fortunately loves history as he had also been to the two earlier events. It was the perfect night for him to attend as he was able to try on Elmer John Rose's Army uniform which Stuart had loaned for the evening. Thomas is taller at the age of 12 than the minimum requirement for the British Army of WWI. The uniform was a very good fit on him, yet it was made for a man of fighting age. Food for thought indeed.

Stuart has been going through some family papers which have recently come to light and these include Elmer John's discharge papers, a photograph of him in uniform on a horse and some military race cards where he is shown as a rider. These have the makings of a talk of their own when we have had a chance to study them in detail.

Thanks to all who attended and those who read. Our next meeting sees us move to Egmonton Village Hall for the duration of the works at Laxton. Our September meeting is an opportunity to learn more about Milton Mausoleum, the landmark to the left of the main road from Tuxford just before you reach the A1 junction at Markham Moor when we welcome Beryl Venables to speak to us. Everyone is welcome to join us at Egmonton for a 7.30pm start.



Local Dance Team Could Be Record Breakers

A recent Guinness World Record attempt for as many dancers dancing the same dance at the same time took place in July – for morris dancing, our wonderful English tradition. Our region’s own team, Rattlejag Morris, put forward 15 of their dancers, along with 369 dancers altogether from around 40 morris dance sides during a rather hot but enjoyable festival weekend at Sheringham, Norfolk. The previous attempt raised 114 dancers, so it looks likely they have achieved the record.

This all seems proof of what science now tells us: that dance is an excellent and healthy activity – it exercises the body and keeps the brain cells keen. And in the form of morris dancing it also offers a friendly social life and plenty of travel too. North Nottinghamshire has its own unique and lively brand in Retford-based Rattlejag Morris and they return for their winter practices on the 3rd September if you feel like giving it a go – an interesting experience for dancers or musicians: no charge, no obligation, no special skill required.

While the term “morris dancing’ incorporates many styles, Rattlejag’s is particular to the area of Lincolnshire, East Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire, developed out of its own research into older rural traditions. If you wish to know what it is all about, they will next be seen out and about at Sherwood Forest Robin Hood Festival on Monday 27th August, Lincoln BIG Morris Festival with many other teams on Saturday 1st September, and East Markham Apple Day on 7th October.

Rattlejag will be holding their practices from September to April at Grove Street Methodist Hall, Retford DN22 6LA, on Mondays from 8.30 pm. For further details check out their websites www.rattlejagmorris.org.uk and www.facebook.com/rattlejagmorris or contact Jayne on enquiries@rattlejagmorris.org.



CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

September 2018

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

Es = Evensong WfA = Worship for All

2nd September Trinity 14

9am Kirton **HC**
4pm Wellow **EP**

9th September Trinity 15 – Education Sunday

10.30am Laxton HC
4pm Egmonton **Es**

16th September Trinity 16

9am Egmonton **HC**
10.30am Wellow **HC**
4pm Family of Churches with Archdeacon David
St Paulinus, New Ollerton

Friday 21st September 7pm Moorhouse Harvest

23rd September Trinity 17

9am Moorhouse HC
10.30am Kirton Harvest

30th September Trinity 18

10.30am Laxton, Patronal Festival - Family of churches service
4pm Kneesall, Harvest Supper with informal service followed by consultation,

Midweek Holy Communion Service at St Giles, Ollerton Village
10am on Wed 12th & Wed 26th September. The church will remain open after the service until 4pm.

Tuesday 11th September – ‘Open Vestry Hour’ for baptism and 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 revzoe@live.co.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2018

Sept 12th **WI** **@ Egmonton**

Sept 13th **Coffee Morning**

Sept 19th **History Group** **@ Egmonton**

Sept 24th MU Service of Celebration for 120 years

Sep 25th Parish Council

Sept 29th Southwell Ploughing Match



Forward Planning

Nov 3rd History Group Craft Fayre

Nov 27th Parish Council

Dec 7th Laxton VH Quiz Night @ Egmonton 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 October: 16th September.

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.

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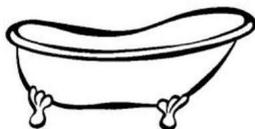
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Laxton WI



Our August meeting is optional, being an historical recognition of the fact that everyone was busy with harvest in this month and the women would not have had time to attend their monthly meeting. As a result we traditionally enjoy a social supper together and this year was no exception.

This meeting was notable for the excellent turn out of 24 members with several unavoidably absent. We are certainly looking much healthier than a few years ago when numbers had dropped to under 20. The second notable event was that this was our first meeting in Egmaton where we will be based until the work at Laxton Village Hall is complete.

There is no summer break from the business and the Autumn opportunities read out by Brenda were many and various. Members were enthusiastic to attend walking netball again and also to try for tickets in the ballot for a bingo session followed by fish and chips. We have the Notts Federation's Autumn Council Meeting in Newark when entertainment will be provided by a Take That tribute band.

The Committee had considered putting on a refreshment stall for the Tour of Britain spectators. This was discussed and Brenda said that there is a way to notify such opportunities to people intending to come and watch which should direct spectators to Laxton. She also urged people to decorate in the traditional yellow of the event and asked for unwanted bicycles to paint and display. Unfortunately the day is the same day as the walking netball and the Festival of Bird Art at Bakewell which members are involved in, but those who will be at home offered help. The stall, selling tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes will be in front of Margaret Noble's house on The Bar.

WIs are organised into Groups and at present we belong to the River Group, which meets twice a year. Our next meeting will take place at East Markham on 2nd October at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Jimmy White, son of the real James Herriot. The tasks associated with the evening are shared between the six WIs in the Group and this time it is our job to stage the competition and to provide flowers for the tables. Pat has volunteered for the latter.

Group events are planned well in advance and next October (2019) Laxton is due to convene the meeting, for which the entertainer is already booked. Having spoken about this, Brenda then revealed a big change being brought about by the Notts Federation. They are restructuring the Groups to take account of some closures and some new WIs being formed and at present without a Group to belong to.

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The proposal is that ours will be expanded to include Kneesall and Eakring, both of roughly similar size to us, and Ollerton, which has almost 70 members. There was much discussion about this. Members felt strongly that everyone who wanted to go to a Group meeting should be able to do so, but this expansion would raise numbers to over 150. Members foresaw this creating difficulties and possible expense in finding suitable venues for meetings of such a potentially large group. The suggestion from the Federation is that we try the new arrangements for 2 years and then send in feedback. Brenda suggested that the Group reps would discuss the plans and see what could be done.

We started to turn our thoughts to the Apple Day in Southwell on 20th October. The competition is for a 'Tea in 1918'. This needs more thought next month as there are various cookery and craft items required and the whole exhibit has to be on an 'Apple' theme.

With the business over we all had a go at a quiz brought by Brenda and Lesley, which consisted of the two rounds which our team had found easiest at the County Quiz. Surprisingly the Gardening questions seemed easier than the cookery trivia. The winners were jointly Bridget and Chris who each scored 16 / 20 in total.

Next month the topic will be '100 Years of Suffragettes' and the **competition will be for a home made object in the colour of the suffragette movement green, white and violet** representing Give Women Votes.

Following the business we all enjoyed a supper of quiche salad followed by a selection of delicious puddings. This had been prepared by members of the Committee. Thank you to everyone who helped with the evening in any way.

Everyone is welcome at Egmonton for 7.30pm on September 19th.

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
21/7/18	52	ROLLOVER
28/7/18	10	Stuart Rose
4/8/18	52	ROLLOVER

If you would like to join, you can choose from the numbers 1, 11, 52, 53, 56, 57 & 59. You may take more than one number.

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Final Wednesday Speaker Evenings with Meal

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 September 26th.

September's talk will be by Dr. David Amos from Nottingham Trent University. His subject will be 'Mining and Dialect'. David is an interesting person and a good speaker having worked in the mines himself and studied for his qualifications later in life.

There will be a donation to Notts Leukaemia Appeal. Come along to South Forest Leisure Centre, Edwinstowe, 7pm for 7.15.

To book places for the Rotary meal on September 27th please phone South Forest (**01623 823866**) requesting the number of meals you need and mentioning Rotary.

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

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

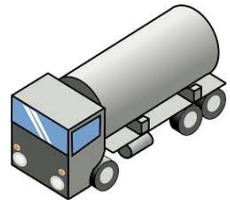
Group Oil Order

23 families joined in the July group order, with Watsons at a price of 45.36plitre. While just under 3p more than last time, it was still cheaper than half of the quotes received last time and almost 9p less than the top quote!

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 oil@openfield.org.uk 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.



Adventurers 6 and 7

The good folk of Laxton from many years ago certainly were not afraid to set off in search of adventures. Here our correspondent tells us of two more examples of these brave people.

George Sampson & Harriett Kipling

Harriett, born in 1857, was my grandmother's aunt. In 1878 she married George Sampson and they had two children born in Laxton. Being unable as yet, to find their passenger records I don't know whether John Rose had written home about his success in America or whether they talked after John's return to Laxton, but in about 1884 the Sampsons too decided to emigrate, to the same area in Illinois, not far from Chicago.

In 1881 George and family were in Sheffield where he was a railway plate layer. The rail companies in Illinois were advertising for workers at this time, so they sailed away to their new life in America. There they registered their third child, Fanny and went on to have six more children, the last being John, born in 1900.

John had five children, one of whom is Judy, who is still living in Chicago. Judy is still in contact with her Sampson relations.

MWS.

Historic Churches Ride & Stride



Ride and Stride has been organised for 30 years and more, in almost all English counties each year on the second Saturday of September, so it is unfortunate that the Tour of Britain have elected to be in our area on the same day this year - Saturday 8th September.

There will be unavoidable delays to anyone wanting to travel over the same roads or to cross those being used by the Tour riders. There are likely to be road blocks of about an hour to allow the riders to pass safely.

The bonus is that preparations for the Tour will no doubt include fixing potholes which present a danger to cyclists, so Ride and Striders should find their route easier to travel as a result. Please see the separate article on the Tour of Britain for estimated timings.

Southwell Ploughing Match & Show

Saturday 29th September 2018
Little Carlton, Newark. NG23 6BX
From 8.30am to 6.00pm



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

Held on the last Saturday in September, at a different venue each year, this traditional country event is a celebration of agriculture and farming skills. It is a highlight of the year for many people. This year it will be close to home, at Little Carlton.

Following the disappointment of the event being totally washed out last year, everyone is keen to make a really great day of it this year.

There is a wide variety of events to interest and entertain, including, of course, ploughing (both mechanical and with heavy horses), classes for hedging, cattle, sheep, horses, driving and show jumping.



The event incorporates a Dog Show and classes for horticulture and domestic produce. In addition to all this there is a vast selection of trade and craft stands and stalls serving food, drink and ice cream.

Admission is £10 per adult, including seniors, with under 14s free of charge...and there's no charge for parking! Advance tickets (£8) and VIP can be purchased on line and locally from

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

For further information visit -

www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk - where schedules and entry forms can also be viewed and downloaded.

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



Bakewell Festival of Bird Art

This annual event in the Agricultural Business Centre at Bakewell incorporates the National Bird Carving Championships. Local people take part including entering their carved birds and showing their bird and nature photographs in a display by members of Retford & District Photographic Society.

This year's event will be on September 8th & 9th, opening 11- 5 on Saturday and 10 - 4 on Sunday. It is open to everyone. Admission is £2.50, Seniors £1.50 and under 16s free. Well behaved dogs on a lead are admitted.

See www.bdwca.org.uk

Film at Maplebeck Village Hall

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Milton Mausoleum



Friends of Milton Mausoleum conclude their summer programme with their event for Heritage Open Day on **Sun. 9th Sept** with a **Vintage Tea Party**.

2 - 4pm, £5 per ticket, ticket only.

We have early notification of the Carol Concert which will take place at the Mausoleum on 1st December between 2 and 3pm

For more details of both events and tickets, please contact:

Jenny on 07791 527569 or

Bobby on 07708 042065 / milton.mausoleum@outlook.com

OVO Tour of Britain



As reported last month, the Tour of Britain will be holding Stage 7 on **Saturday 8th September** entirely within Nottinghamshire. This is the penultimate stage of this year's event.

The route has been published and shows riders travelling from Caunton to Norwell and via Ossington through Moorhouse and up through Laxton from the junction at the bottom, turning right at The Bar at the top of the hill towards Egmanon. They will then pass through Tuxford, East Markham and Askham on their way towards the finish in Mansfield.

This is the longest stage of this year's race, which begins in West Bridgford, just a short distance away from the Trent Bridge Cricket Ground. The scheduled start time is 10.30 / 10.45am. Riders will cover a total of 134 miles / 215.6 kilometres on this stage. They will pass through the finish before making a short circuit around Mansfield, ending in the sprint for the line which is estimated to be around 15.23 with slower riders continuing to arrive for an hour after that.

This is the second time Mansfield has hosted a stage, having hosted a stage start in 2017. This is also the sixth longest leg of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain since its return 14 years ago.

Following the media attention given to the decorations people arranged for the event last year, and particularly the Notts farmer who drew out a bicycle in sheep feed so that the sheep lined up to give a great shot from the air, there is a national competition for what is being termed 'Land Art' this year.

There is also a Notts competition for the best dressed village or town in each district.

The Parish Council has received the following email about the event:

"As you may be aware the OVO Tour of Britain will be coming to Nottinghamshire again this year on Saturday 8th September. Whilst we are excited that the Tour has decided to come through our district again we appreciate that it can cause some logistical issues, therefore we are trying to get information to you well in advance so you can plan your day ahead of time.

The following link will take you to the official Tour of Britain website for

Stage Seven (West Bridgeford to Mansfield) where you will see an interactive map and downloadable links to timetables, spectators guides and posters. This is the official route and will not change from this point forward.

<http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-seven/>

You can also type 'Tour of Britain Stage 7' into any browser.

There will be rolling road closures throughout the day which are expected to come into force around 15-20 minutes before the riders are due to come through an area. The closure will then be removed when the police deem it safe, this is usually 20-30 minutes after the riders have been through. There is a proposed road closure of the top of Kings Street in Southwell – this is not confirmed but we shall update you hopefully soon with details.

The Tour will not be coming through Newark this year but it will be going through other towns in the district, the ETA of arrival in these towns are as follows:

Lowdham – 11.55

Calverton – 12:12

Oxton – 12:19

Southwell – 12:31

Hockerton – 12:38

Caunton – 12:46

Norwell – 12:51

Ossington – 12:58

Laxton – 13:05

Egmanton – 13:09

Budby – 14:07

Edwinstowe – 14:13

Bilsthorpe – 14.23

Kirklington – 14:31

Edingley – 14:34

Farnsfield – 14:37”



Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre

A consortium of partners, led by the RSPB, will soon take over guardianship of Sherwood Forest, collectively dedicated to protecting and enhancing the forest, its legends, and the experience of visitors, for now and for generations to come. The new facility is due to open in late August, so should be up and running by the time you read this. It stands beside the building where the Art & Craft Centre is housed.

Bygone Laxton Players

The first tem below is the final instalment of the stories about the Drama Group discovered by Jo Godson in her researches in the Retford, Gainsborough and Worksop Times.

17th March 1933

CUCKNEY PLAYERS SUCCESS

WINNERS OF NOTTS DRAMA LEAGUE SHIELD

For their fine performance of "Thread of Scarlet", a mystery thriller, the Cuckney Players carried off the "Newark Advertiser" shield for the champion village company in Nottinghamshire in the final of the Notts Drama League at the Empire on Saturday. They also won the warm praise of the judge, Mr Rupert Harvey, who described theirs as a "most excellent performance",

The runners-up for the trophy were the Laxton players who presented "Neighbourly Love", a comedy on Yorkshire dialect. This was quite the most popular play of the afternoon and in the word of the adjudicator, the dialect was exceedingly well handled. He singled out the work of Miss Edith Cocking as Sarah Jane Dyson and remarked that Mr J Cook, as the Rev. Henry Phillips, did not fall into the "abominable habit of making his character a stage person". The others in the cast were Miss Doris Laughton (Nellie Dyson), Mr O Laughton (Joe Dyson) and Mr G Hennell (Arthur Binns)

Continuing the Weddings theme:

16th April 1915

A pretty wedding was solemnised on Monday afternoon at St. Michael's Church, the contracting parties being Miss Fannie Bennett, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Bennett and Mr Arthur Newbold, son of Mr and Mrs Newbold Newark. The ceremony was performed by the vicar, the Rev. C. B. Collinson. The bride who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dress of cream brochuer mohair, with a tunic ninon prettily trimmed with lace. She also wore a cream hat with ostrich feather and gold bangle, the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Florrie Bennett (sister) and Miss Mabel Watson, niece of the bride, acted as bridesmaids. They were attired in blue eolfine with hats to match, trimmed with white lancer plumes. The bridesmaids wore gold bangles, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr Walter Newbold, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. Afterwards a reception was held at the brides parents' home. The bell ringers gave merry peals afternoon and evening. The bride's present to bridegroom was a gold and diamond pin. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous costly and useful presents.



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Flu vaccination is available every year on the NHS to help protect adults and children at risk of flu and its complications. Flu can be unpleasant, but if you are otherwise healthy it will usually clear up on its own within a week.

However, flu can be more severe in certain people, such as:

- ⇒ anyone aged 65 and over. ***Even if you feel 25 inside, your immune system is still over 65!***
- ⇒ pregnant women
- ⇒ children and adults with an underlying health condition (such as long-term heart or respiratory disease)
- ⇒ children and adults with weakened immune systems

Anyone in these risk groups is more likely to develop potentially serious complications of flu, such as pneumonia (a lung infection), so it's recommended that they have a flu vaccine every year to help protect them.

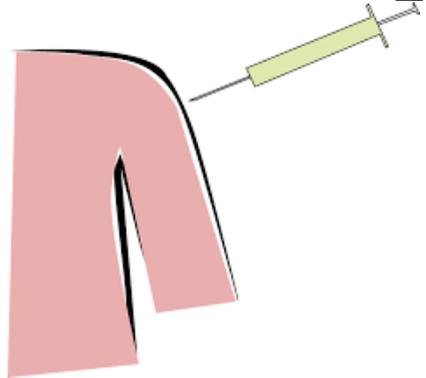
The flu vaccine is routinely given on the NHS to:

- ⇒ children aged 2 and 3
- ⇒ children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- ⇒ children aged 2 to 17 years at risk of flu

For 2018, there has been a change in the precise vaccines recommended for different people and there are 3 types of flu vaccine:

- a live vaccine which protects against 4 strains of flu, given as a nasal spray for children and young people aged 2 to 17 years eligible for the flu vaccine.

NB If your child is aged between 6 months and 2 years old and is in a high-risk group for flu, they will be offered an injected flu vaccine as the nasal spray is not licensed for children under 2.



- An injected vaccine which protects against 4 strains of flu, for adults aged 18 and over but below the age of 65 who are at increased risk from flu because of a long-term health condition and for children 6 months and above in an eligible group who cannot receive the live vaccine
- an injected vaccine supplemented with a substance that strengthens the body's immune response for people aged 65 and over.

NB to be eligible for the flu vaccine this year (2018/19) if you must be aged 65 and over on March 31 2019 – i.e. you were born on or before March 31 1954. So, if you are currently 64 but will be 65 on March 31 2019, you do qualify.

You can have your NHS flu vaccine at:

- your GP surgery
- a local pharmacy offering the service
- your midwifery service if they offer it for pregnant women

Some community pharmacies offer flu vaccination to adults (but not children) at risk of flu including pregnant women, people aged 65 and over, people with long-term health conditions and carers.

When to have your vaccination

The best time to have a flu vaccine is in the autumn, from the beginning of October to end of November, but don't worry if you miss it then, you can have the vaccine later in winter. Ask your GP or pharmacist.

Local GP surgeries and medical centres will be running their popular 'flu clinics' again this year, but dates are not yet available. We hope to publish these in the October edition.

If you wish to get yours done earlier, please contact the surgery or pharmacy for details.

You can find out more about the vaccine and the vaccination programme through the link below:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/#65-and-overs-and-the-flu-vaccine

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Applying for Universal Credit

Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark is sharing tips on how people can best prepare for making a Universal Credit application so they can be paid on time.

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This follows the release of a new report from national Citizens Advice which finds a third of people the charity helped struggle to provide the evidence needed to finish off their Universal Credit application. This is a new benefit which combines 6 benefits into 1, including Jobseeker's Allowance and Working Tax Credits, that is currently being rolled out across the UK. For many, the benefit is working well but a significant number are having difficulties with it. We advise anyone making a claim for Universal Credit to:

- Provide evidence as soon as possible to make sure you're paid in full and on time. If you need to apply for extra costs, like housing, you will need to show additional paperwork.
- Check you have completed all stages of the claim. After making an initial online claim, you need to book a Jobcentre appointment. 10 stages need to be completed, some of which are time sensitive. If you miss a deadline, you might have to start the process again.
- If you're struggling to fill in the online application form or have problems providing the right paperwork, ask for help as soon as possible so your payment isn't delayed.

National Citizens Advice asked people helped by them with Universal Credit how hard they found it to provide proof for extra costs. Of those surveyed:

- 48% found it difficult to provide evidence for health conditions
- 40% found it difficult to provide evidence for housing
- 35% found it difficult to provide evidence for childcare

The research also shows that people receiving their first full payment late stood a higher chance of getting into greater debt, or falling into it.

The report recommends that the government simplifies the claims process, makes it easier to provide evidence for extras costs, and ensure adequate support is on offer to people making claims.

Applying for Universal Credit can be complex and there are many different stages to get through. This new research shows that providing the right paperwork for extra costs is one of the stages which cause the most headaches for people. The government should look at making it easier to provide evidence online and people should also be aware of what's required of them so they receive their payment on time.

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The Dukeries Singers

Sitting in sweltering temperatures, (mercifully indoors) I can scarcely believe that Christmas is to be the main subject of my update!! After our last two super concerts, one to celebrate our 40th anniversary and the second one at Milton Mausoleum, (there is a blog about these concerts you are able to access on our website) thedukeressingers.com our next focus will be preparations for our Christmas events.



We have had a break from our exertions and return to rehearsal full of vim and vigour on 29th August, complete with all our Christmas books, folders and music. We meet in the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm. until 9-15pm. The venue is best accessed via the Leisure Centre and car park.

We have a number of Christmas engagements already planned, some of which simply need to be confirmed. From September 1st time hurtles at an alarming rate towards the festive season so if you wish to book the Choir for your celebration, fundraising, or charity do, please contact our concert secretary Phil on **01623 822070**. He would be delighted to hear from you.

As well as our website we are also on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

A happy and harmonious Autumn to you all,

Jan

The Dukeries Woodturning Society

The Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7pm - 10pm in the Jubilee Hall, Ollerton. We now have much more room and a more comfortable environment for members.

We arrange a monthly professional demonstrator and own our own lathe. We use a video system to project the demonstration in close up so that everyone can see in detail what is happening.

We charge £15 per year plus, £5 a month which includes tea/coffee and a biscuit. Guests are welcome to come and try the club before joining. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Egmanton Village Hall

www.egmantonvillagehall.org.uk / 01777 871171

Please check the EVH web site or call for latest details.

- ◆ Tuxford Young Farmers - Summer break, no bookings
- ◆ Yoga with Greg – Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- ◆ Laxton WI - Weds 12th, 7.30pm, '100 Years of Suffragettes'
- ◆ Laxton History Group - Weds 19th, 'Milton Mausoleum'
- ◆ Egmanton WI - Thurs 20th September
- ◆ Children's Dance Classes - Saturday mornings (Jill, 07790 601877)
- ◆ **Computer Problems?** - Call 01777 871171.

If your computer is misbehaving or you need help setting up a new one, please call. Donations to Egmanton Village Hall in lieu of fee.

Egmanton Craft & Produce Show

For the 20th year, the Egmanton Craft & Produce Show will take place in the Village Hall. This year it falls on 1st September.

Everyone is welcome to come in the afternoon to admire the entries and the wide range of gardening, flower arranging, cookery and craft skills on display. Refreshments are available and the afternoon ends with the prize presentations at approx. 4pm.

Maplebeck Village Hall Events

www.maplebeck.org.uk / 01636 636692 / 636185

Regular Activities

Yoga	Tues 9.45am and Fri 9.30am
Fitness	To be announced shortly
Walkers	Weds 10.00am
Kurling (without the ice!)	2nd Weds monthly 7.30pm
Book Club	Tues 7.30pm

Upcoming special events

Tues 25th Sept 'Tell No One' 7.30pm, Film

Useful Contact Details

Defibrillator Contacts:

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Pat Naylor 01777 870601, evenings
Jeff Naylor 01777 870601, as required
Mark Hennell 07812 908316, evenings
Stuart Rose 07939 228353, as required
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David & Linda, Dovecote Inn 01777 871586, as required
Jeanette Geldard 07956 959135, daytime in Kneesall,
evenings / weekends
Anne-Marie & Geoff Rose 07961 933290 / 07957 991002, as required

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Fire Safety Advice (Tuxford Fire Station)	01777 870381
MP Mr Robert Jenrick: robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk	01636 612 837
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Parish Council website: www.laxtonandmoorhouseparishcouncil.co.uk



Laxton History Group Chairman, John Chambers, with the special award winners in the 2018 Michael Wood Award from Norwell School (above) and Normanton School (below)

