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I hope you have all had a good summer break and enjoyed some of the events that have been happening in the village, such as the Church's Jazz Concert, the Bell Ringers fabled Strawberry Teas and the Goxhill Show. Plus all those family BBQ's and Garden Parties, the delicious smells of which and the sounds of laughter and music drift around the village, especially on a warm Saturday night.

I am pleased to see more articles in this issue, by young people from Goxhill, doing some exciting things. Plus I am amazed that our 'new' school has actually been open 40 years this year and there are events organised to celebrate the move from the old school on Thorn Lane, see page 19 for more details. They should be fantastic opportunities for reunions of old school friends and reminiscing with old teachers, and to see the dramatic changes in education and facilities over those 40 years.

This issue of the Gander is the first in the cycle of four, for our advertisers. And I am delighted to say that, although we always lose a few customers at this stage, it gives us the opportunity to fill the spaces from those on our waiting list. So we have again virtually filled all the advertising space for the next year, which guarantees we can cover the costs of production and keep the amount of colour pages. I have to express my thanks to all our loyal advertisers and our new ones for their fantastic support. I do get regular feedback to say how well their advertising in the Gander works for them, so I hope it is mutually beneficial for all.

So we continue with another bumper 48 pages, which is an onerous amount of space to fill with editorial. But I have to thank all our contributors for continuing to supply such a fascinating variety of articles and vital news and events information, that make the Gander such a 'good read' and such a popular newsletter. Long may our regulars continue to supply their articles. But I welcome any one else who has an interesting story to tell, or has had success in some event, or has done something special for others, or visited some unusual places... the possible subject matters are endless. If you are not good at writing an article, don't worry, that is not a problem - please get in touch. Tell me your story or invite me to your event for me to write a report.

I am hoping that the new technology Newton Printers have installed, will improve the printing of the inner black and white pages and photographs will add even more to the impact of stories. So please include these with any articles if possible, or even just a photograph and a brief caption of a notable event. NB photographs are best supplied as a separate file, usually a jpg or pdf, not inserted into a Word document. Or you can supply an original print and I will scan it in.

I must also thank the rest of the Gander Team for all their hard work and of course all our deliverers who do such a fantastic job getting each issue out to all the houses in the parish, as soon as it is published.

The Humber Pipeline Project is reaching the approval stages, but consultation is still going on between North Lincolnshire Council and National Grid, to get the least disruptive transport route to the site around Goxhill. There is a little more information on page 33. But whatever happens there is going to be an increase in traffic particularly at South End, on Thornton Road, Ferry Road and on the marsh.

Travelling south along Thornton Road to the junction with the Barrow Road, there is already congestion at times, with it becoming almost a one lane road because of parking. And there have been problems caused by vehicles turning onto Thornton Road, not looking left and coming face to face with vehicles overtaking parked cars just before the junction. You may have the right of way here, but a bit of patience to allow an oncoming vehicle through, instead of forcing them to dive between parked cars, would be more considerate. Especially as potentially it will get a lot worse and there will be heavy lorries, not just cars. Considerate driving should apply to all road users, not just cars but also horses and pedestrians and should make our village roads safer for all.

Jeff Teasdale - Editor of the Goxhill Gander

NB The aerial photograph in the last issue was taken by Jill Fisher's father probably in 1967.

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

A man was walking along a beach following a storm during which many small starfish had been washed ashore. In the distance he could see a young boy throwing something into the sea. As he got closer, he saw that he was bending over, picking something up and throwing it into the water. The closer he got he noticed that what he was throwing were starfish on the beach which had been left after the storm.

The boy was throwing them out, one at a time, where they could swim away. The man asked the boy what he thought he was doing, to which the boy replied, "I am throwing the starfish back out to sea. If they don't get back into the deeper water, they will die." The man replied, "I understand that part, but look at this beach. It is covered with starfish. There must be thousands stranded out here. Do you really think that what you are doing will make a difference?"

The boy bent over, picked up another starfish, hurled it out to sea, and with a smile on his face said, "It made a difference to that one!"

Each of us can "make a difference" to someone. Autumn is, in the church calendar, a time when we focus upon the differences that people have made. At the festivals of All Saints and All Souls we remember those who have influenced us on our journeys of faith. Some of these will be famous figures who we have heard of or read about, heroes of the Christian faith. Others will be known to only a few, but the difference they made to us as individuals can be immense.

At this time we also remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country – in the cause of values we hold so dear. This has been of special significance for many this year, seventy years after World War Two ended. I'm sure that many of those caught up in that conflict must have thought, "What difference can I make?" But the cumulative effect of countless little 'differences' did indeed contribute to a greater whole. Every year it is our duty and privilege to recall and give thanks for the difference made by the sacrifice of so many, especially those from our own communities.

And what of ourselves? Perhaps the epitaph we would all like to have is that we, in our own way, made a positive, loving difference to someone's life. With God's help, we can.

Reverend John Girtchen

Services at All Saints Church (unless otherwise stated)

Friday	9th October	7.30pm	Harvest Festival Evensong followed by buffet supper: all welcome
Sunday	1st November	11.00am	Holy Communion for All Saints Day followed by buffet lunch: all welcome
Monday	2nd November	7.30pm	Annual Bereavement Memorial Service at Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Sunday	8th November	10.45am	Annual Service of Remembrance at the Memorial Hall, Chapel Street
"	"	2.00pm	Airfield Remembrance Service at the Airfield Memorial
Sunday	6th December	6.00pm	Christingle Service All Saints Church

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends. You may recall that the last time I wrote in the Gander, we were wondering what to do about our holiday, as my father-in-law was in hospital. Well, on the day of the flight, we cancelled. We had been told that what Dad had was either life-threatening or nothing to worry about, and although they had the information, they could tell us on the morning of the flight, yet also they could not because the consultant had not been round. We decided to cancel. As it happened it was something we needn't worry about. Dad decided while he was in hospital that he would not go back home, but come to live with us! We had already planned for this to happen later in the year, but we still had plenty to do before he arrived earlier than expected! Instead of a week in Italy, we spent three nights in a Premier Inn in Bradford – though we did have an Italian meal on my birthday!

Also, since my last letter to you, we have had to have our 16 year old cat Chewey put to sleep. He really was quite ill, not eating anything, and hobbling as he followed me everywhere. Chewey went from being a cat who was always described as big (one vet said that it's cats like Chewey that make people think there's a puma on the loose!), to being very bony.

Also, since my last time of writing we've all been on holiday to Sewerby – me, my husband, our Aunt who lives with us (on the way to being 92), and Dad (who celebrated his 90th birthday while we were away) – and the sun shone brightly on us all.

Also, (last 'Also', I promise!) I've grown my first ever blackcurrants, rhubarb, strawberries, peas, beans and mange-tout, and Dorothy has kept her tomato plant well-watered ("I'm sure we can grow tomatoes in this conservatory", she said one morning at breakfast, so while she was in the mood we trotted off to the garden centre – neither of us ever having grown tomatoes before!).

Why am I telling you all this personal stuff? Well, sometimes I think folk believe that clergy are exempt from the joys and sorrows of life, with all its twists and turns, and that we go sailing through life untouched by the circumstances we experience.

Not so! We have family, we have pets, we have joys and sorrows, hellos and goodbyes. The changing scenes of life are experienced by all in different ways. Jack and Dorothy have had huge changes to make in coming to live with us, and you too will have experienced many changes to do with health, work, home, and family.

Sincerely Yours

Rev'd Enid Knowles

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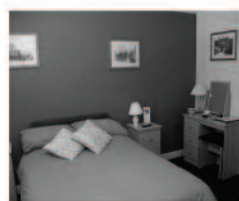
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Retirement Revolution

This year's Budget provided the freedom for many retirees to make their own decisions about how and when they access their pension savings.

Low interest rates over recent times have meant low returns for savers, many of those savers have also been retirees who have purchased lifetime incomes from a Pension Fund during a period of historically low interest rates. A very frustrating situation for many individuals. There have been well intended initiatives to provide more information to the general public about choice and access to the most suitable Annuity rates on the open market. Unfortunately, for many, saving for retirement and pension policies have been seen as poor value and unnecessarily complex.

From April 2015, many of the existing retirement planning restrictions were removed, this flexibility (complexity) is happening at the same time as other major plans to restructure both the State Pension and enforcement of work place pensions on all employers (Yes all employers).

Individuals are offered free guidance from Citizens Advice Bureau on the options available at retirement, but not advice or recommendation. With flexibility and choice comes complexity and potentially risk at a significant time for individuals with no room for errors. Pension policies look much more like a general savings plan, offering currently up to 40% tax relief on new contributions and allow unlimited access from age 55. The first 25% will be tax free and the balance will be taxed at the individuals marginal rate. Funds on death can be passed from generation to generation.

Individuals and Companies will require specialist regulated advice to ensure they make the right choices to meet their long term needs.

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Friday 16th October - 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom, Chapel Street Goxhill
Admission £5 which includes supper.
If you enjoy quizzes come along and join us.
To book a team ring Jane 530962 or Sandra 530065

All Saints Autumn Bazaar

Saturday 14th November, Memorial Hall - 2pm

Wine Tasting

Friday 20th November, Goxhill Memorial Hall
Tickets from Margaret Goodhand 530951

Saturday POP IN

19th September
17th October
21st November
10.30am – 12.30pm. Come and make new friends over a cup of coffee. Various other refreshments, often Bacon Butties.

For any further information, contact
Sandra Smith on 530065

Goxhill Memorial Hall 200 Club

I wish to express my thanks to those people who have contributed to the above club for many years, your loyalty is appreciated and many thanks to those who have just joined us. This club has nothing to do with the Parish Council or the Management Committee of the Hall, it is independently run by three volunteers and a few collectors.

Half the proceeds are donated to the Memorial Hall and the other half is divided into prize money over the next forthcoming year. The more that join the more money raised and more cash prizes.

If you still wish to join this year, please ring 01469 532223 promptly where you might just be in time for the first draw.

New participants should have received their lucky number by now.

GOOD LUCK Penny Nadin (Promoter)

200 club winners for the last three months -

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"	173	Mrs A. Newsome	£29.50
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"	31	Ken Cox	£29.50
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Goxhill Art Circle

We meet on Wednesday afternoon in the room at the rear of the Methodist Church Goxhill from 2 - 4pm. The door is always open from 1.45pm.

We paint whatever is our interest. However if you are a beginner we would help you with every aspect of this hobby. Just come along and relax with us over a cup of tea & biscuits or call **Peter Hornby on 01469 208625.**

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Our future programme includes:
Monday, 14th September - we will be celebrating '100' years since the very first W.I. was formed. Any past members will be most welcome. 'Joyce Grenfell' will be in attendance to entertain us.
Monday, 12th October - will be our Harvest Supper and Sale.
Monday, 9th November - we will be having a talk on the Humber Nature Reserves.

Goxhill WI Invite you to our Big Coffee Morning
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Bee Keeping

Our next three months meetings are:
Sept 28th Open Forum - Including suggestions from new members.
Oct 26th District Honey Show & Photography Competition (Judge Alan Woodward)
Nov 30th District Cake Competition (judged by members)

Our District Plant sale was opened up to the public for the first time this year and made nearly £400 for the District.

Unless stated otherwise our meetings commence at 7.30pm on the last Monday of the month at Broughton Village Hall, 59, High Street, Broughton DN20 0JX
 £1 Members - £2 Non members, which includes refreshments.

Remember beekeepers can only move honey bees that have swarmed in a safe position in your garden, we do not collect or remove any other type of insects.

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The Luncheon Club

Meets at the Chapel at 12 noon on the second Wednesday of every month. If you would like to come along and share an excellent two-course meal and conversation, phone **Jane Arnott** on **530962** to book your place.

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MADGE AUSTIN

 As most of you will know by now, a very dear lady and Goxhill's oldest resident, Madge Austin, died peacefully on 29th July 2015. We send our sincere condolences to her son Les, grandchildren, Richard and Becky and Family. She would have been 102 had she lived until her birthday on 2nd September. Many of our older residents will remember her, with Jim, serving in Austins Hardware and cycle Shop (now Penny Lane hairdressers)
 Madge was the longest serving member of Goxhill Women's Institute and was its President for many years, she attended All Saints Church faithfully and was a much loved member of our congregation but she also felt equally at home in the Chapel and right up-to July, was still attending the Luncheon Club there, where she loved to catch up with old friends. She was a very independent lady whom I will always admire. We had some giggles!
 Madge I will miss all the tales you told me about old Goxhill and times gone by and just time spent with you, but I know Les has it all written down so who knows, one day we may see your memoirs in print!!
 Madge, may you rest in Peace sweet Lady, and Rise in Glory xx
Janet Shephardson (on behalf of all who knew and loved you).

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The original AUNTIE WAINWRIGHT is making a comeback.
 A big thank you to the twin "Aunties" who kept the Bric a` Brac stall running until recently.
 The new stall will be known as **Finishing Touches.**
 I am sure we all have some costume jewellery tucked away and scarves we no longer use. Please could you donate any such items so I can sell them at the **Christmas Fayre** with any proceeds going to All Saints Church.
 I will be pleased to receive any such items (in good order) from the beginning **October 2015**
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Auntie Wainwright aka Iris MacLeod
Tel: 01469 530772

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The "Easy Riders" Jazz Group
 raised the roof at All Saints Church with their afternoon session on the 18th July.
 A brilliant foot tapping concert was enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience who also appreciated an abundance of sandwiches, trifle and cakes for after-noon tea.
 This raised a respectable sum of money towards the Church Roof repair which now stands a little over half of the £100.000 required
The "Easy Riders" have indicated they would like to return to raise more monies for the church. Keep an eye open for further events.

The Methodist School Room
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The Ropewalk

Theatre features prominently in the autumn programme of Ropery Hall as the Malkin Road venue welcomes return visits of North Country Theatre and actor James Hyland as well as children's theatre and literature events courtesy of the Small Venues Network's Northern Accent.

October is a treat for theatre lovers when journalist, agony aunt and author Virginia Ironside will be revealing how to grow old disgracefully when she appears on October in her one-woman show that reveals how the sixties can be the best (and funniest) time of your life.

Also in October Northern Country Theatre performs its latest play, *The Gift of Stones*, in its own breath-taking style telling of a village of flint knappers that is safe, self-satisfied, and inward looking, but a stray arrow, an amputation, and a wild woman from the salt sea marshes bring murder, mystery and cataclysmic change.

Northern Accent, now into the second year of a three year programme of literature events brings to Ropery Hall story-telling for adults with *Devil's Violin: The Forbidden Door*, a series of passionate, funny and hauntingly interwoven stories as well as award-winning crime-writer Mark Billingham and leading country duo My Darling Clementine who come together to present a dark and glorious mix of song and story that is set in a rundown Memphis bar with lust, murder and domestic horror and that long and difficult search for ...The Other Half.

In **November** Northern Accent's *A Firm of Poets* sees four poets face the audience in a fun night out that will both move and entertain while James Hyland reprises one of the greatest one-man shows of all time in his award-winning production of *A Christmas Carol* – As told by Jacob Marley (deceased). This critically acclaimed adaptation has been hailed as the definitive telling of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and rated as one of the top Christmas shows.

Children's theatre also has a prominent place in the autumn programme. Garlic Theatre return during the half-term holiday with its production of *Shoe Kangaroo and the Big Bad Boot* – a strapping tale that promises to be a delightful load of old cobbles in the company of clowning, miming and beautifully crafted puppets and, after two sell-out performances of *Hugless Douglas*, Blunderbus Theatre return with *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* – the perfect treat for Christmas. Charlie Bucket is a little boy with a very big dream who wants to be a world-class magician. So, for Christmas, he wishes for the Big Book of Spells for Trainee Magicians.

Full details of these and all other Ropery Hall events can be found on www.roperyhall.co.uk

POTTY PANTO PLAYERS

This years pantomime, to be held once again in the Goxhill Memorial Hall, is a swashbuckling tale simply called "**PIRATES**" by Sharon Hulm. Bluebeard the Pirate interrupts Prince Charming and Cinderella on their honeymoon cruise and decides the newly wed Cinderella is to become his next wife! After disposing of Prince Charming overboard and taking over the cruise ship, Bluebeard is determined the marriage will take place the next day. Will he succeed or will his plans be thwarted by a succession of fairytale characters like Red Riding Hood, the big bad wolf, Goldilocks, Widow Twankey, and the wicked Queen, to name but a few. To find out if this tale ends "happily ever after" look out for our advertising boards and posters around the village for further details on how to buy your tickets. Performance dates are **Friday 4th December 7.15pm** and **Saturday 5th December 2.15pm matinee and 7.15pm**.

See you there??

Lynne Brocklesby



The South Bank Players have now settled into their new venue at the Assembly Rooms in Barton, and we performed our first show there at the beginning of July. This was our Awards Evening where we celebrated the hard work and achievements of our youth group. They performed the one act play, 'Pipkin and the Angel' by Geoff Bamber, which they had previously performed at the All England Theatre Festival in Bridlington, giving family and friends a chance to see it. This was followed by a mini musical, 'When Annie met Ollie,' by member Jeanine Guy – a short story combining some of the best songs from 'Oliver' and 'Annie'. Finally the adult group performed a one act play, 'One Across', an hilarious comedy by Ian Hornby involving Christmas tree lights and a plate of beans on toast.....

The advantage of the Assembly Rooms is it has a kitchen, which means we are now able to serve food if we wish, and we combined the Awards Evening with a very well received pie & peas supper.

Our next event at the Assembly Rooms will be a **Murder Mystery evening on 2nd October**. This may also be performed at the Wheatsheaf pub in Barton on **Wed 9th Sept**. Look out for posters or contact **Alun Friend on 07500 474446** for more details.

It's also never too early to book tickets for the Halloween Ghost Walk – it's always a busy one! Contact **Alun Friend** on the above number to reserve your place.

If you would like to join us, we always welcome new members – not just actors, as we always need people to help backstage and front of house too. We meet on Sunday evenings at the Assembly Rooms. The youth group are taking a break for the summer and will start again in September, but if you'd like to put your child's name down then let us know.



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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

Goxhill Memorial Hall's Re-launch Event

Following the very successful performance last March by The Big Smoke Band, the next *LiveLincs Rural Touring* event at Goxhill Memorial Hall will be on

Sunday 29 November at 7.30pm

to re-launch the hall after the major renovation work to the front of the building.

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If you enjoyed The Big Smoke Band then you will be back for this. If you missed out last time then for goodness sake, do not miss this performance. **Put it in your diary now!**

As before please buy your tickets in advance and bring along your own refreshments on the night. When you see posters on display the tickets will be available from **Goxhill General Store, Westfield Road, Goxhill** or **Field Farm Feeds, Thornton Road, Goxhill** or contact the promoter, **John Guggiari, on 01469 530363**.



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As advertised in the previous Goxhill Gander (page 17) it is proposed to hold an

AUCTION

in the Hall in the next couple of months.

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It will be held on a Saturday with viewing on a Friday evening and before the Auction starts on the Saturday morning.

Please remember to donate any goods working or not working to this cause.

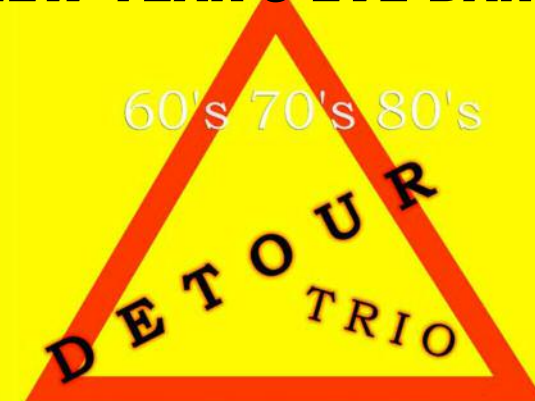
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So please give **Roy** a call on **07512 855985** or **Charlie** on **07811 651831** or contact any member of the Memorial Hall sub-committee with your contact details.

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Reflections of a retiring teacher

When Miss Breslin asked if I would write a few words about my memories of Goxhill School I thought where do I start. I have taught at Goxhill School for 16 years and two terms and have seen many changes over this period. Originally I worked with John Bailey and Andrew Jackson for 11 years. In 2006 I left Goxhill School to allow me to work more flexibly. At that time I mainly taught in two schools in Scunthorpe and worked as a Partnership teacher for the authority. I found the experience as a Partnership teacher very stimulating. It enthused my passion for teaching children in their early years and laying those very important foundations for learning. I was then delighted to have the opportunity to apply for the Foundation Stage Co-ordinator post at Goxhill and returned to Goxhill School in January 2010.

When I returned it was heart warming to be welcomed back by staff members, governors and pupils. The school has always had a very friendly and warm atmosphere, and that was immediately apparent when I returned.

I feel very lucky to work with such a wonderful team in the Foundation unit. We all share the same passion for wanting the best for our pupils and getting excited when we see a child achieve the next step in their learning. I would like to send my sincere thanks to all the team for the hard work and commitment that they put into developing the children and helping them achieve their full potential.

I have so many happy memories. One of the main annual events that I will always treasure are the Nursery and, in recent years, Foundation Christmas plays. As most people will realise, an enormous amount of work goes into producing these plays but the rewards make it so worthwhile. I know that most of the children really enjoy taking part and that many really shine when they perform. It is always a joy to see the parents and grandparents faces beaming away; but sometimes there have to be tissues at the ready to dab away the tears of joy and laughter. I recall one year when one of the children had a toilet accident near the end of the play and we simply put a chair over the puddle and sang our final song.



Nursery Christmas Play 1995

Another enjoyable event that has taken place regularly over the years is the visit to Pear Tree Farm on Ferry Road. Mr and Mrs Hankinson have always been very welcoming and obliging. The children are given the opportunity to groom the goats and feed them with bottles of milk. On one occasion they brought a hen and her two chicks to the Nursery and the children named them Henny Penny and Fluffy. I will always recall one particular visit to Pear Tree Farm when one of the turkeys suddenly jumped on the back of Elspeth Fallen. Luckily Elspeth was not particularly perturbed and her mum who was with us at the time found it really funny.

A big event that I recall was the addition of the new Nursery to the school in the year 2000. All the Nursery pupils were mesmerized by the building work and consequently our topic work was very much centred around building. All the Nursery pupils laid a brick with their name on it. For the grand opening Shona Mc Isaac MP and our local Mayor were invited to the official opening. On this occasion the children performed to their families and our special guests, demonstrating some of the many activities which they enjoyed at school. All round it was a very memorable event.



Official Opening Of New Nursery Building 2000

I have many fond memories of past staff and would just like to mention two in particular. The first is Felicity Dixon. I worked closely with Felicity for 11 years and she shared my commitment to the children and parents. I have happy recollections of the numerous activities that we did with the children and the laughs that we had along the way. The second is John Bailey, who gave me my first job at Goxhill and was a real people's person. John has a sweet tooth and I recall that he would very conveniently end up in the Nursery when we had done some baking. I also remember that John loved to wear a variety of ties. At his school leaving do I have a clear image of ten nursery boys, each dressed up as a mini Mr Bailey all wearing a snazzy tie.

Our current Head, Miss Breslin, has led the school to achieving great things. She has a way of motivating and inspiring her staff to achieve more for their pupils, themselves and the school as a whole.

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The love of teaching is evident throughout the school and it is amazing what you can achieve when everyone shares the same goal. I am personally very grateful to Miss Breslin for giving me the opportunity to return to Goxhill. She has always backed my ideas and encouraged me to push things forward and make further improvements for the children in the Foundation unit.

I have always enjoyed the fact that Goxhill School is at the heart of the village community, holding a number of events to raise money for school and other very worthy causes. We always seem to have a way of making these events fun, such as the wearing of silly wigs on our sponsored walk to raise money for Sheffield Children's Hospital which treated the courageous young Hollie Goodwin. What lovely memories we are giving our children at Goxhill School.

A big thank you to everyone at the school. This includes Miss Breslin, all the teachers, early years practitioners, teaching assistants, volunteers, governors, Mr Wood our caretaker, Mrs Coulam and all the kitchen and dinner staff (My husband will miss the delicious cakes that I sometimes take home from the kitchen). Collectively you all contribute to making Goxhill School such a happy place to work. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the children, both past and present. I have so many happy memories of the different characters that have passed through the Nursery doors and it has been a privilege to have played a small part in your education. I often see past pupils and I am always very keen to hear what you are doing and achieving in your lives. So if you do bump into me please say hello and let me know what you are doing. I would

also like to thank all parents and grandparents, both past and present. I have always felt the importance of the bond between school and parents and have welcomed all of your support.



Nursery Photograph 2001

I feel very fortunate to have had such a rewarding career. I have always loved teaching and still get a buzz when a child has learnt something new or when an activity has gone particularly well. That said, I am now looking forward to retirement, particularly as I am going to be a grandparent for the first time in October. I have watched the very important role that many grandparents play at school and hope that I can do the same as an active grandparent. I am very pleased that I will continue to do a small amount of teaching at Goxhill School and hope that when I finally stop teaching altogether that I can still keep in contact with the school and give support or help in some small way. We are so lucky to have such a happy, thriving school at the centre of our village.

Janie Smith, Nursery teacher and Foundation Stage Co-ordinator

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Cemetery Field

The work on the field at the rear of the cemetery has started; it will be slow but hopefully like all good things worth it in the end. Fields seem to be quite a theme in my life, my first recollection was when, tired of waiting for the rest of my family to get ready I wondered off to sit in the corner of a field not far from home, it was the day of the yearly Sunday school outing, I remember Mum calling me and that I was blamed for making every one late for the bus, I was only eight at the time and I preferred my field, and weaving things from the long grasses around me, to the noise of all those people and the long journey. That field came in handy on many occasions, if ever I needed a quiet time for homework, and there was none at home with two elder sisters who never did any, and didn't see the point, to later, whenever I needed a moment to myself. Through teenage years, a walk through fields was always a place I found very calming, I could get things back into perspective. Looking back now over many many years as the goons would say, a field has always provided the environment where I have been able to find peace, and the ability to clear my mind wherever and whenever I have needed, just to sit and be alone, and I'm sure there are many others, in this now frenetic world that we live in, who feel exactly the same. At present there are two heaps of brush in the field which need to be removed, and the grass to be levelled, two new entrances will be made one to either side and a new circular shrub bed and surrounding footpath to construct. The main field will be left natural with wild flowers, hopefully the ones we all remember, cowslips, bluebells under and around the trees, etc., poppies, for memories, but a wide mown grass path will be maintained, to allow for easy walking. All the trees, ably planted by volunteers, have taken, and are in full leaf, not large, but doing their best to head for the sky. I would sincerely hope that if we can create the right natural conditions, it will develop and become a peaceful place, for those times when somewhere is needed just to sit and remember, or an area for families to go, when a visit is made to lost loved ones.

Cemetery

The new gateposts have been treated and protected, and the notice just inside the entrance is to be renewed.

Allotments

The plot holders are now reaping the benefits of all their hard work, collecting good home produce. One of the holders can now report that they are now totally self-sufficient! No air miles! Good wholesome food from Goxhill, brilliant.

Library

A new parking notice has been erected at the car park, to the rear of the building.

The volunteer staff continue their valiant service, and I know that they are very much appreciated by everyone. During the long school break perhaps now

is the time to take the children along to see what is available, don't forget there's still time to finish the reading challenge.

Millennium Green

Sadly the mound had to be removed, it had become very dangerous, deep holes had appeared near to the top and these could have been a trip hazard. During the clearance a large amount of rubble was found underneath which had to be moved from site, this had obviously settled and was the cause of the problems.

Memorial Hall

The extension is under way after a long delay, and the much needed facelift to the front of the building, the first major change for over ninety years. It should cure one of the issues identified by the architects over the rising damp. An issue of the rebuild has been the memorial stones, however after painstaking work by Caroline Atkin on recording the archaeological record, hopefully the stones will be refurbished giving them another ninety years before their next refurbishment.

On completion of the work it is hoped to have a dedication opening ceremony.

Don't forget the New Year's Eve dance, tickets are on sale at £12.50 with a hog roast. Please support this function as proceeds will go some way towards paying the £82000 cost of the refurbishment.

Playing Field

Play was held up recently when a large group of unauthorised visitors arrived. A swarm of wasps took residence and were promptly and efficiently removed. Normal play was resumed as soon as possible.

Freda Dunkley

As the demolition of the entrance to the Memorial Hall progressed, evidence of the original building was revealed.

Who remembers seeing films shown in the hall and can they pin-point when the first film was shown there?

The most likely change from magic lantern to cine film would be during the second world war.



Who remembers the stair which used to lead up from the 'gents lav' (more recently the storeroom), onto the flat roof above it and thence into the projection room?

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KNIT & NATTER HELPING SAMARITAN'S PURSE

I was invited to Knit & Natter in July, for a presentation of items they had created specially for the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal.

Ellie Davis, representing the biggest children's charity in the world, was completely overwhelmed by the amount and variety of knitted and sewn items that this group of Goxhill ladies had made.

Ellie said she could not believe how much they had produced in the 10 weeks since Knit & Natter ladies, Delie Simons and Margaret Goodhand, had visited their local centre in Grimsby, to see how they could help.

Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' filled 21,500 shoeboxes last year, with a host of treats and vital things for deprived children, but always including the most important element of all, a cuddly toy. They are targeting a record 23,000 this year. All are shipped out of Immingham Docks, to destinations all over the world.

Ellie described the almost endless list of items they desperately need to fill the boxes, or things they can easily be turned into simple presents. Such as old CDs to convert into decorations, selotape reels into bracelets, cushion covers to be made into bags, any cotton bobbins, cotton material, curtains, wool that can be used for a host of items, and any toys, dolls, cuddly toys. Boys love baseball caps, but knitted and handmade items are just as important – such as gloves, mittens, headbands, hats and scarves. Some are fun such as knitted glove puppets and teddies, sewn bags, pencil cases, bracelets, etc.

The Goxhill Knit & Natter ladies, young and not so young, produce many of these items during their once a week get together, at 2pm on Thursday afternoons in the Church Rooms. It is fantastic to see how much good can come from such a social gathering and I am sure they would welcome new members to get involved.

I don't think it is restricted to only the ladies of the village, for I am sure men can also turn their hand to producing many items that children, who have nothing, would really appreciate in a Christmas Box.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Samaritan's Purse Charity, please contact them at the Ice House, Victor Street, Grimsby. They meet every Wednesday 10am – 3pm. **Editor**



'BEST ECO GARDEN' AWARD 2015

Spurred on by last year's success at winning the 'Best Eco Garden' in North Lincolnshire Council's Garden Competition I thought I would try my luck again. I duly completed the on line form and waited to hear further. In due course two gentlemen from the Council came to inspect our garden and, as previously, were very non-committal in their demeanour (they would do very well as poker players)! As it turns out they were very impressed with our garden and all its 'eco' features. We have the capacity to collect 8,000 litres of rainwater, 3,000 of which is stored underground (those of you who have visited our garden as part of the village Open Gardens scheme will know how it works). I don't use chemicals of any sort - with several bee hives and free-range chickens in the garden, I feel it would be wrong to do so. We have bird boxes and bug hotels dotted around the garden and we usually find some discerning tenants have taken up residence in autumn/spring! I use enviromesh as a barrier to combat problems with cabbage white butterflies and pigeons and various homemade non-chemical sprays for pests and diseases. Almost all of our plants are bee friendly and at this time of year the flower borders are 'buzzing'. Having been shortlisted Kevin and I attended Normanby Hall in July to discover I had won for a second consecutive year and was presented by the Mayor, Cllr Helen Rowson, with a silver cup and a shield (the latter of which I get to keep) plus £100 in gift vouchers kindly donated by Brigg Garden Centre. I didn't win this award because of the size of our garden; I won because of the way in which I garden. If your gardening methods mirror mine why not try your luck next year? In the meantime I'm drawing up a list of how I'll be spending my vouchers!



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BY JOSH CARN

Dear Diary,

8/6/15

We all fumbled around the classroom, waiting. It was 11.45am and we were setting off in half an hour. We queued for dinner. I couldn't eat though; our adventure had nearly started.

After lunch, a quick toilet break, and we were on the coach. A wave from parents and we set off. (We set off early at 12.15 because an accident had closed the M62). We'd been on the back roads to Manchester for ages, but after a 5 hour journey, we finally arrived at the airport and ran to Security, only 10 minutes before the Gate closed. We were split into groups; Josh Shep and I were with Mr Parr. The other staff were Mr Teasdale, Miss Atkinson, Mrs Kell and Mr Byrne, who each looked after a few of the group. There was another group, Mrs Spencer's (her group was still in Security with only 5 minutes left!) But we all made it, just!

The flight flew by so quickly and, before we knew it, we had flown over Lake Geneva and we landed on the runway. Mr Byrne gave us all free travel tickets and we boarded a train into the centre of Geneva, then rushed to get a tram and then walked for ten minutes to the Youth Hostel. We were all shattered. But we still had to make our own beds first!

9/6/15

We woke up at 6.00 (5.00 in England) and began getting ready for breakfast at 7.00. I wasn't hungry as we were so excited, but I ate what I could and it was very nice.

Afterwards, we boarded a tram to the centre of Geneva, then took another to CERN.

Eagerly, we rushed into the reception room. To the left was a souvenir shop, to the right was a door to the offices of CERN. Two men called Mick and Angelos, led us to a large lecture room with an image of Geneva and its surroundings on a large screen.

Mick took us through the geography of where the LHC (Large Hadron Collider) is and what CERN is all about. We then boarded a bus to the CERN Space Control Centre of AMS-02, an experiment in space that is searching for Dark Matter. When we arrived, we saw scientists who were talking to NASA and monitoring the work of the astronauts on the International Space Station. We even met a Nobel Prize winner, Professor Ting, which was ace!!

We got back on the bus, raring to go to our next stop where we would travel 100 metres underground. When we got there, there was no disappointment. We entered a large warehouse and saw a lifesize image of CMS, part of the LHC. IT WAS HUGE!! We learned that they had split it up to lower it the 100 metres down. We took the lift down and saw images of the workers building the LHC and took a tour round the amazing underground facility containing huge banks of computers. We then went back



In a water taxi on Lake Geneva



Meeting Professor Ting at the Space Control Centre



100 metres down to the 27k tunnel housing the Large Hadron Collider to CERN to have an amazing lunch with everyone else in the class and all the workers at CERN. I had pizza and it was delicious. Mr Parr bought us an ice cream. We were asked to give Mick and Angelos feed back on our visit and they seemed very pleased by what we said. We were all astonished by CERN. It was amazing!

We then went back to the reception and bought souvenirs with our spending money. Because Josh Shephardson and I were so polite, we were given 37 special CERN bookmarks for those who didn't come on the trip.

10/6/15

Once again we woke up at 6.00am and had breakfast at 7.00am. After packing we caught a tram to the United Nations for our tour.

We learned about what they did there, what countries were involved and we even sat in on a private meeting!

Then it was back to Geneva and we were able to walk around the city and climbed up to a play park. We then took a boat trip across Lake Geneva and saw one of the largest water fountains in the world.

After collecting our luggage we took a train back to the airport and had tea there. Then we were off again, back to England.

I really miss CERN and wish I could relive such an inspirational trip.



In the Court of Human Rights at the UN

FRONT PAGE Photograph - In front of a full size image of CMS which is in effect a camera, 100m below ground, capturing images of every particle collision, which occur 40 million times a second!!!! Incredible!

EDITOR'S NOTE

The scientists who were the guides for the tour around the world's most advanced scientific project, were so impressed by how much the children, all from Year 6, were taking in and were enjoying this unique experience, that they asked them to provide detailed feedback on the visit. They were equally impressed by the responses and asked the school to work with them to investigate how to make CERN science as appealing and interesting to Primary School pupils as it is to Science students from Secondary Schools and Universities. This is a huge honour for Goxhill's village school to be asked to work with CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, the world's largest centre for particle physics.

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Who do you “Follow”

One of the greatest sources of information at the present time is the internet. No matter what the subject someone has placed information about it on “the web”. What is not often apparent is the source or the identity of the writer and that can be important. It is quite reasonable to assume that a clearly labelled piece by a commercial company or a politician will reflect the views of the writer but what is not so obvious is the extent to which the opinions prejudices or ignorance of an individual can affect the information that is presented. Look up the Horse Chestnut on the internet and you will find a wealth

of information and pictures of the white flowers but the fact that there are red flowered forms of the tree which are very popular in large gardens and parks (as at Elsham) is hardly mentioned.

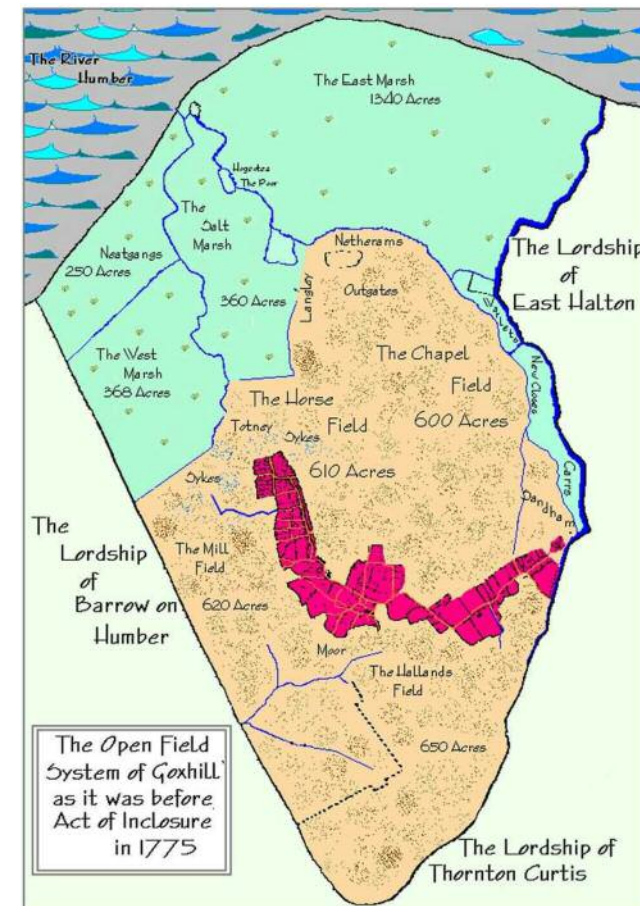
When I was a small boy I had an uncle who was renowned within the family for his unfailing questioning of anything that was said. His nickname amongst his nephews and nieces was “Ah, but is it,” because any piece of misinformation superstition or common saying would be received with the question Ah, but is it. I believe that I may have inherited the same family trait.

I have just read a downloaded piece about enclosure. The information that it gave was factual and for some places it reflected the cruelty that was involved there. It told of building fences and planting hedges around the common land, of the destruction of houses and of the destitution of the landless poor. This was true for some places but not everywhere. It confused the clearances of those parts of the country which were forcibly turned over to sheep farming by land owners with enclosure and gave no account of the different ways in which enclosure occurred. It also misunderstood what was often a benign decision to rebuild the houses of a village with better materials in a different location. This happened when a land owner who had tenants who worked for him and lived in the houses in a village found that those houses had reached the end of their lives and built new ones of brick or stone on a different site before clearing the old buildings. (This happened on the Brocklesby Estate.) In some villages these new houses, which were often tucked away out of the view from the big house, line the street and are now much admired.

Although there were different systems of land ownership throughout the country most can be fitted into one of two

categories, they were either “open” or “closed”. All of the land in a closed village belonged to one estate or person and that owner let out houses and land to tenants and he or she was in sole control.

In the “open” villages there were several land owners or manors and Goxhill was one of these. In an “open” village, all of the people who owned or rented land were involved in deciding how the land should be worked. Goxhill was very fortunate in that it had large areas of grassland as well as four arable fields, which enabled a four year rotation of crops, three years production and one year fallow, to be used. When the question of enclosure was considered in 1774, after discussion, the method of parliamentary enclosure was chosen.



Parliamentary Enclosure involved an Act of Parliament and laid down strict legal requirements that ensured that all people who had a legal right of ownership or tenancy were treated fairly and equitably. There were no evictions and no sensational occurrences. After the main work of awarding the various areas of land to their new occupants there was a second small award to people who had only a small house or piece of land. Many of these were people living in houses with a garden for which they had no legal claim other than longterm occupancy and they were awarded the ownership of their homes.

Now all of this rightful allocation, although of interest to the recipients such as Thomas Stothard, Widow Wills or Widow Raby and their successors, does not make exciting reading for a piece on the web about enclosure.

From the middle of the 18th century and into the 19th many

parts of the country were enclosed in this way. Whilst France was having a revolution and the USA was suffering the trauma of birth, the countryside of Goxhill and much of England, as it is today, was being established.

Of course all was not sweetness and light. There were many poor people as there are today. Women had not achieved equality and life was hard. Although women did not have a Heyday some did have a Hay Day and at hay time they were very busy in the meadow turning the mown grass and loading the wagon helping their husbands. From the Hardy records their pay at hay time was about the same as that of the men. Parliamentary enclosure did little to alleviate the suffering of the poor but the treatment of women with regard to ownership of land and houses was completely equitable.

The internet, Television Newspapers and Books, and the Gander, all supply us with information but it is wise to check the authenticity of what they offer and to always ask the question, Ah, but is it? **Maurice Brawn.**



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CHEF & FOOD FEATURES EDITOR

Autumnal Delights

Well, here we are, turning the corner into the autumn season again! Where did that summer season go!

The summer for me this year has been a particularly busy one as I've been writing my first cookery book.

Now, if you never written a book let alone a cookbook then I can tell you all that's it's a rather steep learning curve! That said, after forty days and forty nights, literally! I can finally say that all but for holding a copy, it's done and being printed right now!

I'll be arranging a book signing and **cookery demonstration event** here in **Goxhill in October**, at my cookery school at **The Ropewalk in Barton during November** and in **Brigg in December** so make sure that you keep an eye out for when they are on!

So for now, and to get you in the autumnal spirit of the season here's a recipe that should do the trick! Tomato Chutney.



Happy Cooking!

For book signing event details just like my page
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Nigel Brown

Tomato Chutney

Ingredients

1kg ripe tomatoes, peeled and chopped
750g cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped
375g light muscovado sugar
250g onions, chopped
250g raisins
1 green pepper, deseeded and chopped
2 tsp salt ½ tsp ground ginger
350ml cider vinegar



Method

Put all the ingredients into a large pan and bring to the boil over a medium heat. Stir occasionally until the sugar has dissolved. Boil the mixture, uncovered, for about 45-50 mins until the fruit is tender and thickened. Cool, then transfer the mixture to a sterilised jar and seal.

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BADAOS has enjoyed a very successful year for 2015.

Our main production of Oliver attracted large audience numbers and was positively received with great feed back. Our summer concert, which we just performed in July, was also a success. Queen is the Word boasted some great song numbers with some brilliant and imaginative dance pieces, set to the songs brought to us by the immortalised rock band Queen. The much loved youth group also rocked the boat by entertaining us with select songs from the show 'Grease'. Once again, the audience loved it. The group itself has also grown in terms of members this past year. With very talented people both young and adult, coming from areas as far as Grimsby. These fresh recruits have breathed new life into an already excellent, efficient and joyful amateur operatics society.

For our next main production, in February 2016, we set our sights on the Andrew Lloyd Webber show, Whistle Down the Wind. It is a fantastic musical, with some great songs for both our adult and youth groups. The show features some very memorable and brilliant characters also. As this may be our last show at Baysgarth School, for the time being at least, we are certainly going to give it our all and give the old school hall a great and musically uplifting send off.

But as always, we are looking for more members to join this family like society. Whether you want to perform on the stage or help out with the equally as crucial backstage crew. We will welcome one and all with open arms.

So keep checking our website, www.badaos@webden.co.uk and find our Facebook page, Barton Operatics, for more info. When we come back at start of September we will be holding auditions for Whistle Down the Wind. So once more, if you want to be a part of a fab group, put on a fantastic show and above all have a heck of a lot of fun. Get in touch and sign up, because as they say, "the emptiest words there could ever be, it could've been me, it could've been me." So don't miss out on a great opportunity to have a fab time and make some new friends!

Although this may be BADAOS' final performance at the current, Baysgarth School hall, with the success of each show we do, we are going to be around much longer, bringing you entertaining shows. See you in September!



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Time To Fly??

Well here we are again, the summer holidays are over. At last a request to ask the grandchildren to visit no longer meets with the announcement "Can we come at a later date; we have to buy our new clothes to take on holiday? We fly on the first week of the holidays and have so much to buy and foreign cash to arrange, visas to arrange; so much to do!" Or something along those lines.

Indeed I am so pleased that these days such things are possible, at least, for many of the families. Of course in my experience not all are so lucky; some of my family have to make do with much less exotic holidays. Or are these less lucky ones really losing out? Or are they having the sort of 'Great times' we had so long ago.

When we had our first son in 1950, Dennis was a farm worker, money was in short supply and we had no means of transport except bicycles. However Dennis constructed a 'side car' from aluminium to fit on his cycle to carry the baby Kevin. This meant that in the holiday season, which was for us after the harvest was finished, and extra money had been earned from long hours in the harvest fields, we could make trips out to visit relatives for a day.

That year 1950, in late September, we were able to afford to travel further afield; The coachwork pram was packed in the 'well' of the pram with baby essentials; that is terry nappies (no disposables then), feeding bottles etc. A suitcase held all our clothes needed for a week spent with relatives in Leeds; most of Dennis' relatives were there; and really were eager to have us stay there.

We set off from Abbeygarth Villas Goxhill I pushed the

pram; Dennis carried the carefully packed case; we knew we could have washdays at Aunt May's. We walked from Abbeygarth Villas to the station. Travelling in the Guards' Van, as was possible in those days, we went to New-Holland; thence by Ferry to Hull. We then walked across Hull to Paragon Station where we boarded the Leeds Train; travelling again with the Guard in his van. Arriving in Leeds, we had to find the Tram to take us to Kirkstall; the pram was placed on the tram; no difficulty about that at all. We were taken to the bottom of Kirkstall



At New Holland Pier in the 1950s.
Picture ©Tony Harden Collection



The bike could have been like this one. Can you imagine taking children on days out like that now?

Hill; getting off the tram we now had to go to the top of the Hill, with our case and pram.

What a lovely time we had with our relatives; we were taken out and about to theatres, shops and to visit other relatives; we had 'baby sitters' so willing to mind the baby. This was a real holiday for us. These relatives often came to Goxhill to stay with us

or with Mother in Law who lived at Field Farm Cottage. Of course as time went on, Dennis changed employment to British Rail, which gave us Free and cheap travel, so we widened our horizons. Now many years later when we've travelled further and abroad I still remember the times when we were poor but so HAPPY!

Ramona Percy (nee Parkin)

Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service

Our local branch of LIVES - covering Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland - has become busier than ever. It is also caretaking the Barton branch area owing to their loss of experienced volunteers. As a result this is a call for more volunteers in both areas - so please pass the message out to your friends and relatives in Barton too.

LIVES volunteers are simply people who want to help others, have use of a car and are able to spare a few hours a week to be on call. The aim is for 24 hour cover so whatever times suit you are likely to suit LIVES. All training and equipment is paid for by the LIVES branch so there is absolutely no cost to the volunteer trainee. Once initially trained, you are supported by working alongside experienced responders until you feel ready to go solo. There are currently 6 qualified responders for our local branch with 3 of them holding the advanced level 3 qualification enabling them to deal with paediatric and more complex emergencies. Some are training still further to attend road traffic incidents and the branch is also considering an event first aid course so that they may assist at local events.

Damian Connolly, the branch co-ordinator, has asked for a massive 'thank you' to be passed on to the residents of Goxhill for their ongoing support. All the expressions of gratitude when LIVES attended the Goxhill School fair were much appreciated. If you would like to support your local branch of LIVES, either by training as a first responder or helping with fundraising, **please contact Damian by emailing connolly.dam@gmail.com or telephone 530656 or 07747499331**. If you wish to see what goes on and have an opportunity to talk to existing volunteers then you are very welcome to attend one of the group's monthly evening training sessions - without any commitment whatsoever.

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YOUNG GOXHILL SQUASH PLAYERS CHOSEN AS MASCOTS AT THE BRITISH OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HULL

I have been playing squash for approximately 2½ years as a member of the Barrow Squash Club.

My Coach, Ian, entered me into competitions such that last year, I was ranked No 1 in under 11 Boys for the Humber area.

I was also invited to join the East Midlands group for specialist coaching and training, at venues in Grantham, Leicester, Horncastle and Nottingham. I am entering in an invitation event in Grantham in August this year.

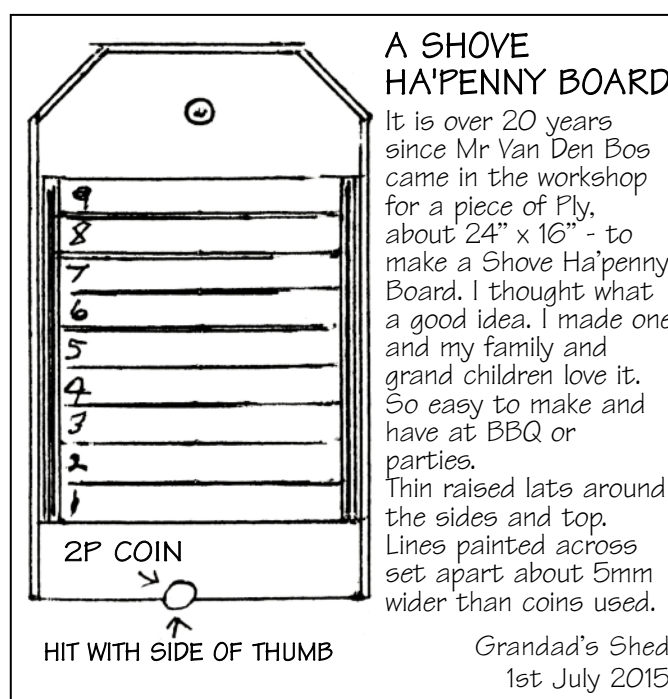
As a result of this, I was invited to act as a "Mascot" at the recent British Open Squash Championships in Hull. I was allocated to Greg Gaultier from France, who is the World No 2 ranked player and sadly lost in the final to Mohamed Elshorbagy (No 1) from Egypt. I am presently in an elite squad of under 13 boys being coached on an individual and group basis by a senior England Squash Association Coach.

Josh Milnes Year 6 (aged 10)

Katie Allcock, who also plays squash at Barrow, was chosen to be a mascot to World No 15 player, Delia Arnold (on the right with Katie next to her), from Malaysia, who lost in the semi final to the eventual winner Camille Serme (No 3) of France on the left..



Josh with Greg Gaultier on the left.



A SHOVE HA'PENNY BOARD

It is over 20 years since Mr Van Den Bos came in the workshop for a piece of Ply, about 24" x 16" - to make a Shove Ha'penny Board. I thought what a good idea. I made one and my family and grand children love it. So easy to make and have at BBQ or parties.

Thin raised lats around the sides and top. Lines painted across set apart about 5mm wider than coins used.

Grandad's Shed
1st July 2015

UPDATE ON HUMBER PIPELINE

A spokesperson from NLC said that "The council is continuing to discuss the road issues in and around Goxhill with the National Grid".

Plans and timetable for the formal hearing by the Planning Inspectorate can be found on <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/document/3231126>

Preliminary Meeting (to decide on procedure only)
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OFF THE HOOF

"Where there's muck there's money" Anonymous

Once again I am late in submitting "OFF THE HOOF". I cannot believe another three months have passed. At the time of writing it is brilliant sunshine but I am still waiting for the hay to be taken off the field. I seem to remember I was one of the last to have it made last year. This is the trouble with small areas. Contractors like big fields and have the equipment to make it, usually in big bales.

In some ways I am pleased it is still standing as the weather has been so erratic - one cannot predict a three day window and then it's the availability of the people making it. Another drawback is small bales are easier to handle but farmers prefer big bales. I'm sure it will get done soon and everything will be as it should be.

I have only found three bits of ragwort in my fields but it is a real problem in some areas. I have seen single plants around the village and hope they will be recognised and dealt with.

I have not seen many foals this year and hope horse owners are thinking long and hard before breeding.

Owing to a freezer breakdown at the National Foaling Bank, all their stocks of colostrum have gone. Their work has saved many lives and they are appealing to anyone who has access to some to put some aside for them. If you can help, contact them on 01952 811234 or www.nationalfoalingbank.com.

I wrote some time ago about riding on the wrong side of the road and it being illegal. One of the readers wrote in to say she and her horse had a very near miss in Manor Lane. I know exactly the spot where it is and there is nowhere to escape. I hope this was put on the BHS website as a matter of course and wonder if convex mirrors would work for both riders and motorists. In the meantime I would avoid going down there.

Speeding and the increase in traffic, particularly down Ferry Road is a big issue and we know it is set to get worse.

A 30 mile speed limit is in place but by the time traffic goes over the bridge it seems it does not apply. Sometimes it is horrendous and I think a few more signs are needed and possible try traffic lights from Nan Brigan bridleway to Springfield Farm would be an idea to stop lorries from mounting the kerb or going over other peoples front apron which they maintain.

My house is over a hundred years old and set back off the road. Just lately I have noticed hairline cracks appearing in the plaster. It cannot be settlement as it was new 27 years ago. I am in the process of getting a surveyor, through my house insurance, to make a report and if more appear I will hopefully claim off someone but as yet am not sure who. I do attribute them to the traffic as my house actually shakes if something big and fast passes. We know this is going to increase next year. Some of the houses on Ferry Road are closer to the road than I am so maybe it would be worth getting a report for future use.

Goxhill Show has been and gone. Numbers were down

which could be attributed to many reasons. It was cancelled last year so some may have thought it had folded. The weather was unsettled and on the day, dead on 9 o'clock when it started, it began to rain. It did not last long but I imagine those who were going for later classes may have changed their minds. There were strong rumours of a "strangles" outbreak across the river and a lack of advertising. Usually schedules can be picked up from feed merchants, saddlers and local shops. This year they decided to go "online" with schedules. I was not informed so was unable to include in the previous article.

It was quite successful and all proceeds will go to the Air Ambulance and Lives.

We must remember the organisers who work all through the year to make it happen and the people who help on the day, so they all deserve thanks. It was good to see younger volunteers in the shape of Sam Burton and his friends who helped on the day although they have no interest in horses. I hope they can make it again next year.

It was noted that the field was kept free of rubbish and the waste bins were used. Horses are normally grazed there so it was important.

Once again thanks are extended to Len Johnson for the use of his field.

My horses are due the dentist in September with Sharon Cooper so if yours are due, give her a call and they can all be done together to save her more travelling.

This one I really like. Finland are looking into using horse poo as a source of renewable energy for heating homes. They have calculated the muck from 3 horses would be enough to heat a family house for a year. They estimate that there are around 77,000 horses in Finland so potentially 20,000 homes could be heated. That would be wonderful as I have to pay to have it removed and no-one seems to want it for their garden, but guess in Goxhill it's like taking coals to Newcastle.

This is not a new concept though. I believe in the large houses in Victorian times they had walled gardens surrounded by a double wall. On top, there were urns into which the gardener used to tip stable manure. This heated up and helped to produce fruit growing up the walls much the same as a greenhouse today.

On a personal level I would like to thank all those people who helped and supported me during my time in Scunthorpe Hospital having the first hip replaced. Especially Carol Sanderson, who did my horses whilst I was in hospital and is still helping me two months on. The visits at the hospital and at home were much appreciated as were the plants, flowers and other gifts. I did get told off for doing too much but I am happy to say I am hobbling about quite nicely now.

Vicki Burton has had a knee replacement and hopes to be riding again in the future. That's about it for this issue.

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This season it has been good to welcome to the Club several new bowlers and a couple who are returning to the sport after quite a few years' absence. Frustratingly we seem to be losing experienced bowlers at a similar rate in recent years - some leaving the area and others beset by health issues - so real growth in our membership remains elusive. Hopefully some of the new recruits will be joining in our league matches for 2016 and maybe it will be the year you will join us?

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John Guggiari

The identity of the Mystery picture from the last Gander.

1946?

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1970-71

Barnetby & District League Champions

* The 2015 photo contains just over a third of the female membership and just under half of the male membership.

* For contrast the previous 'mystery photo' was probably the 1946 team. The 1971 team (above) also had no ladies present.

* It is not clear about Goxhill, but a lot of clubs and leagues were men only in the distant past.

* As a registered Community Amateur Sports Club we undertake to be non-discriminatory.

* Club Chairman Maurice Broughton is the only person in both the 1971 and 2015 photographs.



2015 Some of the current members of the Goxhill Bowling Club. Back row L to R: Roger Thomas, Peter Cox, Bernard Wilson, Les Adlard, Trevor Cooper, John Rawlings, Harold Dixon, Robert Hebblewhite, John Whitwell, John Moore. Front row L to R: Shirley Booth, Evelyn Wilson, Tony Hebblewhite, Maurice Broughton, Christine Ellis, Dorothy Jerrison, Rosemarie Guggiari, Ted Ashworth, John Guggiari, Graham Lewis.

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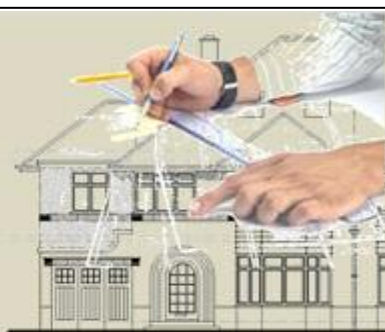
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The Brock - when no news may not be good news

Earlier this year very many of you voiced and showed your commitment to retaining a public house in the village. Opposition to development of the Brocklesby Hunt site for housing was on a scale that I have not previously seen during the 25 years that I have lived in the village. Both before and after the rejection of Keigar Homes' planning application a number of villagers were considering the "what next" options.

A viable model?

In the absence of a private buyer wishing to resurrect the pub, some form of community ownership would become necessary. Whilst not wishing to rule anything else out, the most viable model would seem to be for the land/buildings to be community-owned with a lease provided to a suitable licensee for them to run it as a commercial enterprise. Assuming that the ultimate objective would be a family pub offering meals, for example, any contract with a Licensee could reflect that without restricting their ability to run their business.

Community ownership

Possible models for ownership of the land/buildings could be: (i) by Goxhill Parish Council or (ii) by a new co-operative company or (iii) by a registered charity like Goxhill Memorial Hall (GMH). Whilst all could potentially obtain grant support for the project, the core funding methods would be different:

- A parish council may apply for a Public Works Loan to fund such a purchase. This requires community consultation through public meetings because, like any loan, it would carry an interest charge to be covered by the parish precept we all pay.
- Some public houses around the country are now

owned by co-operatives. These are private limited companies funded through shares but operating as a co-operative to restrict ownership to, say, residents of the local village. Returns to shareholders are in the nature of 'interest' on the investment rather than dividends with surpluses retained for maintaining the property. Mechanisms are required for cashing-in or transferring shares.

• The GMH charity, funded by public subscription and donations during the last century, already owns land and property in the village. Grants available for projects to invest in community facilities usually expect a degree of part-funding or 'matching' through other fund-raising or donations.

Next steps

So what are the next steps to be taken? Acquisition of the Brocklesby Hunt site certainly but, before that, an application for a grant to fund professional support putting together a development plan for the purchase and development of the site as a pub/restaurant or similar. But before even that, the land/building needs to be available to purchase since nobody is going to fund an entirely hypothetical exercise.

Garry Whall, the Managing Director of Keigar Homes, confirmed in June that: *"The Brocklesby Hunt building at this moment in time is not for sale, we have no intentions (sic) of selling it before we go to an appeal."* At the time of writing that state of limbo prevails. Assuming that planning permission remains denied and the site comes up for sale, those community ownership options could come into play. That will be the point at which open consultation meetings would need to be held to gauge your feelings about restoring a family public house to Goxhill and determine your preferences amongst the options for achieving that.

John Guggiari

GNeWs from Goxhill Neighbourhood Watch

Motorists are being sold bogus insurance by illegal insurance advisers, commonly known as 'ghost brokers'. This article is prompted by news that it is being investigated for victims in Hull, though it undoubtedly happens everywhere.

Ghost brokers target those paying the highest insurance premiums – often new young drivers – with 'too good to be true' deals that are just that. They may use phony, but professional-looking, websites, classified adverts or social media sites. They also operate in person selling policies to drivers via contacts in pubs, clubs, restaurants, internet cafes, shops, car parks and college campuses. To make their victim think they are insured, ghost brokers can provide convincing policy documentation. Those insured by Admiral, Swift or other legitimate online insurers will be aware that insurance certificates can be printed off multiple times. So it is relatively easy for genuine logos to be used or the entire thing doctored. Any driver falling victim will inevitably be driving without valid motor insurance. If liable in an accident then they will likely have to pick up any bill for damage or injury compensation. But even short of that scenario, driving without valid insurance is a criminal

offence so they could end up with a criminal record. Potential penalties include: vehicle seized by police; paying at least £150 and paying again for valid motor insurance to obtain their car from the pound; a fixed penalty notice of £300.

We all want a good deal on our insurance but protect yourself from rogues. Use a price comparison website to compare premiums from genuine insurers; find an insurance broker via the British Insurance Brokers' Association; check your insurer is a Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) member and contact them directly. Visit www.getarealdeal.co.uk for hints and tips from the Association of British Insurers and the Insurance Fraud Bureau (IFB). If you suspect someone of being a ghost broker you can report confidentially by ringing IFB's Cheatline 0800 422 0421.

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Our article in the previous issue of The Gander hopefully encouraged some of our younger readers and their families to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. **It would be great if some of those readers could write a short item for the next Gander about how they did, what they enjoyed and perhaps some of their favourite books.** We will happily give up half of our library article page to ensure that there is space for them to be published.

Perhaps it's about time that we had a **Reading Challenge** for adults too, so here's a question for you.

? Which author's career as a professional footballer was cut short by injury then, after a stint in the armed services and whilst working in finance, his band had a chart-topping album?

All that happened before he became an internationally best-selling author - so it's quite a modern take on the classical polymath! To discover the answer (no not via Google) borrow a selection of the books available for you at Goxhill's community library, take them home and, after reading each book, take a quick glance at the flyleaf biography of the author. If you are unsuccessful first time then come back and borrow another batch of books - it's a good habit to acquire.

Goxhill's community library is situated in the Parish Rooms on Howe Lane, run by volunteers and free for you to use. We do not just have books; there are computers available, or use your own devices via our wi-fi broadband connection. We are not open every day so please make a note of our opening times so that you do not have a wasted visit:

• Mondays	from	3.30pm	until	7pm
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If you are not yet a library member then join online via the North Lincolnshire Council website in about 5 to 10 minutes. If you are unsure about using the internet or would like any help with joining then simply call in and the volunteer on duty will take you through the process.

We are also happy to hear from anyone wishing to join our team of volunteers running the library. To contact the library volunteer team about this or anything else to do with Goxhill community library please either email goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk or drop in and ask us. If we do not know the answer immediately then we will do our best to get back to you with an answer before long. **John Guggiari**

Your chance to get involved with local health services!

Local people are being urged to make sure they play an active part in the way their healthcare services are planned and delivered.

North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is run by local GPs who are responsible for planning and paying for most of the health services that you, your family, friends and neighbours use in our area

The CCG launched its new membership network, Embrace, in August last year. There are currently around 130 members and this number is growing all the time as more people join us. Members can choose to be involved as much or as little as they wish, in areas of health that are of interest or relevance to them and in a way to suit their lifestyle. This can be simply receiving the CCG's quarterly newsletter up to taking part in surveys, focus groups and events.

Linda Shaw lives in Scunthorpe and has been an Embrace member since the network launched. She explains why she joined and how it has enabled her to have a real involvement with the work of local healthcare services and spread the word to others.

"As a patient with multiple long term medical conditions, I have a personal interest in the quality of local healthcare. I became a member of Embrace so that I could be involved with, and hopefully in some way influence, the organisations I receive care from.

"I receive a quarterly copy of the CCG's newsletter and also emails informing of events and meetings. Should I not be able to attend any of these, I receive a full report of the discussions and decisions that took place. Most recently I received a comprehensive report and action plan from the CCG's business planning meeting, where members of the public gave their feedback about the CCG's commissioning plans for 2015-16.

"Initially I joined Embrace for my own benefit but I now also pass on the information I receive to others in the hope that it will be useful to them. I like to think I am helping my fellow man and that's nice feeling."

You can find out more about how to become a member of Embrace by visiting <http://www.northlincolnshireccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/embrace-patient-network/> or you can ring us on **0300 3000 567** or email **NYHCSU.Talk2US@nhs.net**

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ROTARY CLUB OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



The new President of Barton Rotary Club is David Blakey of Barrow. He took over from John Green at the end of June.

Calculating

All of the pupils who left the eleven junior schools in Barton and the surrounding villages, including Goxhill, were presented with a Scientific Calculator by Barton Rotary Club, to help them when they move up to secondary education. A total of 225 calculators were given to the children.

The Gift of Vision

Barton Rotary Club has provided money to pay for forty Eye Operations to cure blindness by removing Cataracts of poor people living in Africa. The operations are carried out by the charity, Global Sight Solutions.

Life Saving

40 specially treated Mosquito Nets have been donated by Barton Rotary to help the fight Malaria in Tanzania.

Disability Games

Seventeen Barton Rotarians and partners helped some of the large number of competitors from Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, in the Rotary Disability Games held at The Pods in Scunthorpe.

Barton's help for Nepal

Barton Rotary Club has donated another £600 to ShelterBox, a Rotary partner charity, to help the people of Nepal, following the terrible earthquake. St Mary's Church Ladies Group donated £150, St Mary's Church congregation raised £361 to the appeal and Bowmandale school raised £385 with a "Uniforms Back to Front" day. ShelterBoxes, which contain a family size tent, cooking equipment, sleeping bags, etc., are stored in Nepal, ready for emergencies and have already been distributed by the ShelterBox volunteer teams. They have also provided tents to four hospitals in Kathmandu to be used



to provide extra accommodation and have also supplied 500 UN specification tents to villages and towns.

500 ShelterKits, arrived in Nepal within three days, via RAF transport. These contain tools, tarpaulins, rope and fixings to make roofs watertight and provide simple temporary shelters. Other items include Solar Lanterns. The ShelterBox teams are working with local

Rotarians in Kathmandu to take responsibility for the equipment as it goes thro' customs on arrival and help with the distribution.

By the last week in June, over 15,000 people had been provided with shelter, with 2,600 ShelterKits and a large number of ShelterBoxes distributed, in addition to 14,500 tarpaulins.

ShelterKits costs about £35 each and a complete ShelterBox £590. So far, people in Barton and the villages have paid for over 20 ShelterBoxes since the Haiti earthquake in 2010.

Donations

During the past Rotary year, ending in June, £5,534 has been donated to local organisations and good causes with International Projects receiving £2,740. Thank you to the people of Barton and the villages for giving us their very generous support over the year.

Membership

Rotarians are ordinary men and women from all walks of life who have a desire to give something back to their community, whether it is locally or at an international level. If you would like to help us please make contact through our web site or any of our Barton members - we will be pleased to hear from you.

Barton Rotary Club - doing great things in Barton and the surrounding villages since 1977



ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN

We have had a busy few months over the summer. Following our changeover dinner in the Haven Inn in July, President Cheryl is now in the chair and looking forward to the next 12 months with an enthusiastic team, and our thanks again go to Simon and his team for all their hard work and endeavours during the last 12 months.

Fund-raising plays a major part of our activity, and without your generosity we could not carry out many of the tasks and donations in our community. Our main sources of income are the car boot sales at the Barrow Playing Fields, and Santa's sleigh run in December. We have had two car boots this summer - in July and on Monday 31st August. If you missed these look out for the dates of next years sales.

Recent Activities

On June 14th two of our stalwarts - Simon Weightman and Peter Towle - took part in the Hull 10K run and successfully completed the course and between them raised over £500 for Lindsey Lodge Hospice - watch out Eliud Kipchoge (won this year's London Marathon), you may have competition!!



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At the beginning of July we were pleased to be able to help out the residents of Crosshill View in Barrow with a donation of £100 towards a new garden bench, and decorating materials for a wonderful communal garden space to enjoy.

We were able to donate £200 to Goxhill PS to help with their 40th Anniversary celebrations.

We have also donated £100 towards our local Probus group, who put together a charity concert in Barrow Village Hall in August, which is raising money for Myeloma UK and OPSA.

A young 17 year old student, seriously injured in a traffic accident, won a competition organised by Smart Start work experience; the prize is a one week placement with a law firm in London which could lead to her obtaining a bursary to study law at university. Due to her age, and her injuries, her mum also needs to go with her. They approached us to see if we could help with some of the costs and after discussion we donated £250 towards her travel and accommodation. Seven members of our club volunteered as Stewards at Barton Bike Night – a great event which attracts bikers from all over the country

We took part in The Great British Fish & Chips Supper

national fund-raising event and raised £100 for the Spinal Injuries Association.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

We will shortly start our search for two young people from our area of Barrow, New Holland, Goxhill, Thornton Curtis and Wootton, to go on the RYLA camp over the February half-term holiday next year. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) offer a week long residential course for 14 – 18 year olds to help them develop and encourage strong leadership skills. Do you have a son or daughter who might be interested? Or do you know someone who has? Tell them to get in touch with us for more details.

Dates for your diary

Sunday October 4th Wobbly Wheelers bicycle ride from Barrow Playing Field

Saturday December 12th

Christmas Fayre in Barrow Market Place

We meet weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in Barrow Squash Club – if you are interested in joining us, or you just want to find out a bit more on what we do, why not pop along, you will be made welcome.

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There's a Lesson for every Business - in a Tree!

There is a Birch tree in our garden, well in fact there are several Birch trees. This one tree though is not like the others. Most of the Birch trees are around the border, up against fences, tall, leggy and collected together but this one, is out on its own, is away from any support and boy is it a magnificent tree.

It stands proud, full in leaf, not quite as tall as the others but boarder in the trunk and branch reach - a real beauty.

So why is this one tree so different from the rest?

For me, reason is underlined the quote by the American author Napoleon Hill (1883-1970) "The strongest oak tree of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It's the one that stands in the open where it is compelled to struggle for its existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun."

Many people who start in business follow a model, set themselves up like other businesses instead of taking the risk and breaking the mould. The result is that they either find they compete with too many others and have to trim their margins in the process to survive or they simply get squashed.

It's one thing taking what you can learn from others' businesses, their successes and weaknesses and applying that in developing your own model; and then it's another to simply copy others' ways, means and ideas and follow the industry norm.

In 1992, my wife Gill started her own business and I

joined her in it and few years later. Throughout our business life we have not followed the industry norm. We work in the field of learning and development; the performance management of people and many

businesses in this field look to do Government Funded work only - they think it is more secure.

We however, have a policy of avoiding funded work. Our clients have to be able to 'pay their bill' and if they can get funding, then that's up to them. Our business has been built around this simple model.

As a result we have seen many companies come and go over the years as the whims of successive Governments has altered funding regimes, yet we have built a business that has survived a number of recessions and is sought out by companies across the world

for our expertise. Sure we had made decisions along the way which we would not like to repeat but we have learnt from them, adapted and moved forward.

I am not trying to advertise our business here but get a message to all those budding entrepreneurs in and around Goxhill to have faith, plan and give it a go, and to remember that 'Failure is not the Falling Down, it is the Staying Down'.

Learn from others; listen to their experience; review their methods and adapt them to suit your plan but make your plan your own, different and unique. Build something that will stand out from the crowd, on its own - strong, well rooted, broad and tall like our beautiful tree.

Gary Payne

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