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*Autumn 2017*



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**How THE GANDER was born.**

In the Spring of 1987, Goxhill was abuzz with speculation. All through the village and the parish, residents were looking forward to being able to vote for the first time in 12 years at their Goxhill Parish Council Election. Normally a local village election would not cause such a stir, but on this occasion there were no less than 18 candidates to choose from, and many of them would become new Councillors if elected.

Interest in the 1987 election had also been heightened by the distribution to every household of a joint manifesto for all candidates. This publication was promoted by the Community Council of Humberside, and arranged by Pip Teasdale of Willow Farm.

That now historic sheet, on just two sides of A4 paper, carried a short statement by each candidate. It also carried an invitation to anyone interested in forming a regular village newsletter to attend a meeting in the Parish Rooms. The issuing of that election statement was a huge success. It had the dual effect of attracting a record number of votes for the new Parish Council, and just as importantly it resulted in the formation of a committee called Goxhill Community Newsletter Group whose responsibility it would be to produce Goxhill's own newspaper.

The new Group's first task was to find a name for the publication. Numerous ideas were suggested, but eventually 'THE GANDER' was chosen at Alan Gould's suggestion, based on his entirely erroneous belief that the word 'Goxhill' had evolved from an earlier name of 'Goose Hill'. Only later was it pointed out that one early Saxon name for this village had been 'Gouzele', but by then the paper had been named 'THE GANDER'.

The Gander Group spent the summer of 1987 sorting out all the details necessary for producing a publication of sufficiently high standard to grace our village. They were conscious of the excellent quarterly paper produced in Barrow called 'The Missing Link', and they felt that anything Barrow could do, Goxhill could do better.

A number of cardinal principles were laid down at that time for THE GANDER. It was to be a quarterly newsletter; it would be delivered free to every dwelling in the parish; it would be financed by the advertisements it carried; it would be open for any resident or voluntary group to participate in; it would be owned by the village's residents; it would be free and independent of any financial, political or statutory bodies and it would hold Annual General Meetings; these principles have held to this day and they have served THE GANDER well.



By September of 1987, the Gander Group were ready to issue the first edition of Goxhill's own newspaper. [See left] At that time the Editor was Laurence Boxer, Carol Thornton was advertising manager and Alan Gould was Group Secretary, Michael O'Leary followed shortly to begin his long and reliable contribution as Treasurer to the Group. Ten A4 pages were typed onto duplicator wax skins and 600 copies were rolled off on Alan's ancient Roneo duplicator\*.

A squawking chick had been hatched, to grow and to thrive and to serve us all.

Thirty years later, with the issue of the 121st edition, Goxhill can rightly be proud of its journalistic achievement. The advertisers, the authors of articles, the deliverers, and the various selfless group workers have all made their individual and collective contributions.

This village is a better place for that, and may it long continue.

*This article is adapted from that originally written by the late Alan Gould to celebrate the 20th anniversary.*

The current Gander Team would like to thank all who have helped in any way with the Gander over the last 30 years.

**\*NB** The Gander currently has 48 pages and 1150 are printed by Newtons in Barton, partially in full colour. It is distributed throughout the village by our wonderful team of volunteer deliverers. It is also available worldwide via the web.

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If you wish to advertise contact Jeff on the number above or use the same email address.

**Comments or opinions expressed in articles printed are not necessarily those of the team.**

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends. This amazingly hot summer weather with showers and sunshine, time to potter in the garden or go on holiday for a few days, has made me reflect on how great holidays are! 'And on the seventh day God rested' - says the first chapter of the Bible. Wow! After all that creativity, sun and stars, animals, light from darkness, trees and mountains, man and woman etc etc, after all that fun, God 'rests ....'

So the seventh day becomes a special one which the bible calls 'sabbath' and every living being is meant to stop, relax, refresh and be renewed. Today we are more aware than ever that healthy lives have balance of work and play, rest and hard slog, six days for earning and the seventh to rejoice and do something different! There is a deep need in us humans to play, enjoy hobbies, meditate, be creative in all kinds of different ways to rediscover ourselves, our purpose, our fresh vision.

That being said, there are some folk who rarely get 'holy days' or 'holidays' - domestic servants work ceaselessly and there are still too many of them today who lead lives of quiet desperation and servitude. Or farmers with cows have to work round caring for the herd. Or nurses and doctors in shift work, same as firemen and women or police officers or factories that run three shifts day and night - that's a hard cycle of working hours.

Modern industry and commerce likes to work round the clock and workers find it hard to switch off - even literally to switch off their mobiles when they are on holiday!!!! So modern illnesses like 'stress' are widespread - maybe the equivalent of the ancient plagues? What do we do as loving, caring creatures made, so religious people believe, by a good Creator for rest and play as well as work and striving?

We try to honour that principle of 'one in seven' as well as the idea of 'holidays'. In ancient times, everyone took time off on the 'holy days' and there was feasting, village fairs, dancing and celebrating and generally having a good old time of whoopee!

And Christians? What do we do? As well as the other things, we try to honour the 'sabbath' for that most marvellous thing only humans can do - putting our powers to the best possible use - to worship, adore, thank and praise God. That is Life at its very best - and to the One who made us, fashioned us out of the earth's clay and breathed into us, giving us life in all its fullness, we shout 'Alleluia!'

**Revd Nichola Jones**

## LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

A couple of years ago I quoted the following story. Perhaps you remember it? It seemed to me especially relevant in the light of recent events, so.....

A man was walking along a beach. He could see someone in the distance throwing something into the sea. As he got closer, he saw that it was a young boy bending over, picking something up and throwing it into the water. The closer he got he noticed that there were seemingly thousands of starfish washed up on the beach and stranded there by the outgoing tide. The boy was throwing them out, one at a time, where they could swim away. The man watched him a while and then asked, rather ironically, "What do you think you are you doing?" 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 absolutely 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 certainly made a difference to that one!"

Looking back over the summer, the memory of the atrocities committed in London and Manchester speak volumes about the difference some people have made to the lives of others. Innocent people out for an evening stroll, teenagers attending a pop concert had their lives, and the lives of their families irrevocably changed by certain individuals who chose to 'make a difference' Whatever 'cause' the perpetrators of these wicked acts of terrorism espoused the difference they made to so many innocent lives is indisputable.

Each of us can use our God given freedom of action to "make a difference" to someone or to the lives of the communities of which we are part. Autumn is, in the church calendar, a time when we focus upon the differences that people have made down through the generations. At the festivals of All Saints and All Souls we remember those who have influenced us on our journey through life and faith. Some of these will be the famous saints and heroes who we have heard of or read about and whose lives have given us inspiration or examples to follow. Others we remember will be known to only a few, perhaps to us alone but the difference they made to us as individuals can be immense.

We will also remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country - in the cause of values we hold so dear, and which would still be wrested from us if certain individuals had their way. I'm sure that many of those in whose memory we will proudly wear our poppies must have thought, as they were caught up in global conflicts often involving millions "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, and to the lives of the communities we live in and, indeed, to the world. There's a hymn which includes the line "let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me"

With God's help we can. The alternative surely doesn't bear thinking about.

**Rev. John Girtchen**

### Forthcoming services (at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

Friday	6th	October,	7.30pm	Harvest Festival Evensong followed by buffet supper: all welcome
Sunday	8th	October,	9.30am	Harvest Holy Communion
Thursday	2nd	November	7.30pm	Bereavement Service at the Chapel.
Sunday	5th	November	11.00am	Holy Communion for All Saints Sunday (United Service with Goxhill Methodist Chapel) followed by buffet lunch: all welcome
Sunday	12th	November	10.45am	United Service of Remembrance at the Memorial Hall
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Judging of photographs for the community  
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Also, second hand books and bric a brac.  
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#### Pop In Dates

Saturdays 16th September, 21st October, 18th  
November 10am – 12noon in the Chapel  
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#### Quiz Night

Friday 22nd September Churches Together Quiz  
Night 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.

Get together a team of four then give yourself a  
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Admission £5 which includes supper.

#### Autumn Bazaar

Saturday 11th November All Saints Autumn Bazaar  
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For any further information on any of these events,  
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## NOTICE BOARD Part 3

### SINGING GROUP

Goxhill Singing Group has been going since March and we have enjoyed singing an eclectic mix of songs!

We meet every Wednesday evening 7pm at the Chapel School Rooms. It's only £1 a time. We all sit in a circle keeping things fun and informal, although we mostly stand up to sing and end up having a little dance too. We only sing for fun so it is important we are all relaxed and enjoying ourselves whilst trying all-sorts of songs; old and new. It really doesn't matter if we get it wrong - it's fun trying them all out.

I often have to kick everyone out as nobody wants to stop singing!

We had fun singing in the Payne's garden at the Open Gardens in June (see photo on p 25) and prior to a village movie night at The Memorial Hall.

We welcome singers of all ages and ability; it really only matters that you enjoy singing, not if you can sing in tune!

Some of the songs we have been singing recently are:

- I Can See Clearly Now The Rain Has Gone • The • Rose
- Blame It On The Boogie • Don't Look Back In Anger
- You've Got A Friend In Me • Don't Stop Believin' • Stars
- Do You Hear The People Sing • Close To You.

We look forward to seeing you at our next sing-song.

Best wishes, **Jodi Shanahan 07731361339**

### DIARY OF EVENTS

2 Sept	10-2	Craft De-Stash	- Chapel S/R
9 Sept	10-2	Calendar Judging	- Church
11 Sept	7.00pm	WI - Harvest Supper	- Mem/Hall
16 Sept	10-12	Pop In	- Chapel S/R
22 Sept	7.30pm	Quiz Night	- Chapel S/R
29 Sept	10-1	Big Coffee Morning	- Mem/Hall
29 Sept	8pm	Martin Kemp	- Ropewalk
1 Oct	3pm	Mayor's Civic Service-Barrow Ch	
5&6 Oct		Ted Lewis Group	- Wilderspin
7 Oct	10-1	Grand Opening -Baysgarth Sch	
9 Oct	7.00pm	WI-Tour of Universe	- Mem/Hall
13/14 Oct	7.30pm	South Bank Players	-Jos/Wright
14 Oct	7.30pm	Live Lincs-Comedy	- Mem/Hall
21 Oct	10-12	Pop In	- Chapel S/R
22 Oct	7.30pm	Toyah	- Ropewalk
26 Oct	8pm	Hazel O'Conner	- Ropewalk
1 Nov		Deadline for Winter Gander	
11 Nov	2pm	Autumn Bazaar	- Church
12 Nov	2pm	Airfield Remembrance	- Tribute
13 Nov	7.00pm	WI-Clinical Aromatherapy	- M/H
18 Nov	10-12	Pop In	- Chapel S/R
24 Nov	7pm	Elvis Xmas Show	- Barrow Ch
25 Nov	7.30pm	Live Lincs-Harp/Guitar	- M/H
1 Dec	7pm	Christmas Bingo	- Chapel S/R
1 Dec		Santa's Sleigh	- Barrow Rotary
10 Dec	9.00am	Coach to Beverley Xmas Market	

For Church Services see page 5

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Chapel School Room

Art Circle	2-4pm	Wednesdays
Luncheon Club	12 noon	2nd Wed of the month
Knit & Natter	2-4pm	Thursdays
Singing Group	7pm	Wednesdays

#### Memorial Hall

Parent & Toddlers	9.15-11.45am	Mondays
T'ai Chi	2-3pm	Mondays
Pilates	10-11am	Tuesday & Thursday
Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm	Monday
	7-9pm	Wednesday
	10-12pm	Friday
Tennis	10-12pm	Saturday
	Sunday	by arrangement

WI	7pm	2nd Mon of the month
Library	3.30-7pm	Monday
	2-5pm	Wednesday
	3-6pm	Friday

#### Bowling Club

Broughton Village Hall	2pm	Tuesday
Beekeepers	7.30pm	Last Monday of the month

#### Baysgarth Museum

Carers Group	1-3pm	Tuesdays
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# NOTICE BOARD - Memorial Hall

## MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

The last three months have flown by. The May Plant and Furniture Auction was enjoyed by all, there were some excellent bargains. Thanks go to all our generous helpers, contributors and buyers. You raised a marvellous £520. Unfortunately the money had hardly hit the account when it was called back again. The side door was broken, probably from swinging wide in high winds. The hinge was ripped off and the frame damaged. A replacement starts at £1000. Fund raising has never been more necessary. Val Gorbett is hoping to hold a scarecrow trail during the school holidays. Children are also encouraged to use the tennis court free during that time. Have fun.

I was thinking about holding a two day art exhibition in February 2018. I was considering a £5 entrance fee for 3 pictures, and £5 fee for each picture sold. There would be a best in show prize (voted by attendees) and a couple of freedemonstrations/lessons. I would be grateful if anyone interested in this could contact me on 530635.

After 11 years, our caretaker Mr Whitmore has resigned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him, on behalf of the committee, for his many years of loyal service. We have appointed a new caretaker and wish her all the best in her new position.

We have created a new website for the hall, showcasing hire facilities and upcoming events.  
<https://ann24239.wixsite.com/goxhillmemorialhall>  
There is a link on the Gander website, with regular postings on the Goxhill Grapevine.

**Ann Carter – Secretary**

## JOIN THE GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL '200 CLUB'

This is the time of year that you can join the '200 Club', To join the many villagers who have already asked to participate, contact either Iris Thompson or myself on 01652 327151 or 01469 530442

The '200 club' has run for many years selling 'LUCKY NUMBERS' at a one off payment of £10.00

When all the money is collected 50% goes to the upkeep of the Memorial Hall and the remaining 50% is divided by 12 monthly draws.

This year we managed to pay out 4 payments of £100.00 drawn quarterly together with a £30.00, £20.00, £15.00 and £10.00 each month.

If you wish to become a member please contact the above promptly as the next draw is at the end of September. You can of course join after that but you will miss out on this draw.

**GOOD LUCK**  
**Penny Nadin (Promoter)**

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Due to popular demand another quiz is available Look out for them at Colin Creasey's store and other locations around the village, at a cost of £1.00

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Please give your entry in a sealed envelope to Colin Creasey by Sat 21st October, 2017

The answers will be in the next Gander - Good luck

**Penny, Treasurer to the Goxhill Memorial Hall**

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact -

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**SHORT MAT BOWLING**- Irene, Club Secretary, email irene@ballam.eu

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## NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment 1

### The Ropewalk

You might be forgiven for thinking that Barton's Ropery Hall has taken a step back in time when you take a look at its autumn programme which reveals a distinctive '80s influence.

Actor, musician and occasional TV presenter Martin Kemp sets the bar high when he appears at the venue on Friday, September 29, in "An Audience With" where, in what promises to be an up close and personal night hosted by Ruth Dixon, he will discuss his life in the public eye and answer audience questions.

Martin has been in the spotlight since the days of Spandau Ballet and appeared with his brother Gary in the 1990s film The Krays and in EastEnders as the villainous Steve Owen.

The following month pop icon, TV presenter, and stage and screen actress Toyah comes to Barton on October 22 with her Acoustic, Up Close & Personal show where music and stories take centre stage as Toyah performs an unplugged set of her well-loved hits and classic songs, alongside recalling stories from her colourful, 35 year career. From filming pop videos at 5am in the morning to acting alongside Katharine Hepburn and Laurence Olivier, Toyah lifts the lid on working in the entertainment business.

Four days later, on October 26, Hazel O'Conner returns, this time in the company of harpist Cormac de Barra as part of her See You Again tour in a show that combines Hazel's unforgettable voice with the musicianship of Cormac in a stirring musical marriage.

The autumn programme also includes the monthly Sax on Sunday evenings in the company of Snake Davis and invited guests, theatre (for both adults and children), film and comedy.

Full details of the programme, including how to buy tickets, can be found on [www.roperyhall.co.uk](http://www.roperyhall.co.uk).



The SB Players have a new home! We will now be rehearsing and performing at the Joseph Wright Hall on Queen Street in Barton (the former Salvation Army Citadel). Rehearsals will

continue to be on Sunday nights and until September will be 7-9pm, in the community room.

In September we will re-launch our Junior Group. They will also meet Sunday evenings - probably 6.30 - 7.30pm, but this time is to be confirmed. Anyone interested in joining the **Junior Group** should contact Jeanine Guy on **07879 777267**

Our first production at the Joseph Wright Hall will be two one act plays on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th October, 7.30pm:

'Arnold Parsons is Missing' (by SBP member Kate Wilcox).

When Arnold Parsons mysteriously disappears following a row over holidays with his wife Loveday, the Police are stumped as to where he can have got to. There's no doubt in Loveday's mind that he has left her in the lurch and gone off with his strumpet of a secretary, even though she knows deep down that he would never have done such a thing. But what other explanation could there be? Will Arnold ever return?

'In the Bag' (by Frances Bertram). Maureen and Mary are volunteers in a charity shop and every day is much like the one before. But today, when they're going through new donations, they find some money. A lot of money. Just as they're deciding what to do with it, two new volunteers arrive. What to do?

Tickets £5 available from the Wilderspin School Museum.

Anyone interested in joining us in any capacity is encouraged to get in touch, either by ringing **Dennis** on **01469 531003**, emailing Liz on [liz@drury.org.uk](mailto:liz@drury.org.uk) or by visiting the SBPlayers Facebook page or our website [www.sbplayers.co.uk](http://www.sbplayers.co.uk)

Finally, the Ghost Walk season will soon be upon us again. In total around 300 people came to our walks during 2016-17.

This is the best season we have had for a few years so thanks to everyone who came. If you've never experienced the Barton Ghost Walk, the next one will be on Halloween at 7.30pm from Baysgarth Museum. Tickets cost £5 adults and £3 concessions and can be booked in advance on **01469 531003**. Booking is highly recommended for Halloween as it gets very busy!

Very shortly we have a couple more shows in the village courtesy of LiveLincs Rural Touring Scheme. Please come along and support these shows: they are local, inexpensive and a great night out.

## LiVeLincs and FilmLincs

- 7.30pm Saturday 14th October - Agent of Influence: The Secret Life of Pamela More by Fluff Productions at Goxhill Memorial Hall. Set in the 1930s this sees Lady Pamela, fashion columnist and socialite, is recruited by MI5: 'Mid-calf, navy blue day dress with pearl buttons by Victor Stiebel, dove-grey tweed jacket and fox stole by House of Hartnell, hat by Elsa Schiaparelli. Perfect for luncheons, jaunts around town and spying on fascists.' Comedy with panache - suitable for all ages.
- 7.30pm Saturday 25th November - Irish Harp and Guitar concert by Máire Ní Chathasaigh and Chris Newman at Goxhill Memorial Hall. This will be an eclectic, emotional, adventurous and breathtaking blend of traditional Irish music, hot jazz, bluegrass and baroque, coupled with striking new compositions - linked by "Chris' delightfully subversive wit"! Abandon any pre-conceptions and enjoy - suitable for all ages.

Advance tickets are £7 adults (£9 on the door) and £4 children (ages under 14). As always, all profits go towards running the Memorial Hall.

After a bit of a break during the summer - mostly because of clashes with other events - FilmLincs screenings should return to Goxhill from September. Films are usually shown on a Friday at 7pm in the Memorial Hall but the Methodist Chapel schoolroom if the former is unavailable. The cost is £3 adults or £2 children, payable on the door, with doors open 30 minutes beforehand. Watch out for posters online and on posts around the village advertising the next film title. As with LiveLincs any profits go to the venue hosting the screening.

For updates, web-links and more details about films and live acts please check out the **Goxhill Events** page on Facebook or follow **@Goxhill\_Events** on Twitter. Book and buy your tickets about a month in advance by emailing [Goxhill-events@mybtinternet.com](mailto:Goxhill-events@mybtinternet.com) or telephoning **530363**.

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## NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment 2

### Ted (Get Carter) Lewis recognition

Following the success of its Hull City of Culture three-week exhibition at Broderick Gallery, Ted Lewis Group have launched the Hull Ted Lewis Trail available in City of Culture and Tourist Information outlets in Hull. The Barton Trail is available locally at Wilderspin National School in Barton and other Tourist outlets.

Now the Group has been commissioned by Hull City Council to present 4 events for the Humber Mouth Literature Festival on 5th and 6th October. The first one is at Wilderspin School (book there or online at Humber Mouth) where you can learn of the young life of this author of 9 ground breaking novels as well as participating in the trail. An alternative is to view Yellow Submarine on which Ted was animation clean-up supervisor.

After the Humber Mouth events, Ted Lewis Exhibition will be at The Treasure House in Beverley. The biography Ted Lewis. Novelist, Artist, Musician. Hard of Soft Boiled is now for sale at all Lincolnshire and Hull Libraries as well as at Wilderspin School, The Ropewalk, Waters' Edge Visitor Centre or Amazon.



Photograph by David Lee

## Trip to the Proms

Every other Saturday I play in a band called the First Concert Band at Frederick Gough School. Because I was part of this I was sent an email asking whether I would like to go to the Royal Albert Hall to play in the BBC Proms. I obviously said yes, so I was fortunate enough to be one of the thirty people that played with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. We practised over two weekends from 10am until 5pm each day.



At rehearsals. Benjamin is on the right at the front

On Friday the 21st July, we set off for London at ten to six in the morning. When we reached London at eleven o'clock we immediately went backstage of the Royal Albert Hall into a dressing room where we deposited our bags. About ten minutes after we arrived there, we were told to get out our instruments out and go onto the stage for a rehearsal. Strings and woodwind came onto the stage one way and brass and percussion on the other side of the stage. The first thing that struck me was how grand the Hall was and also how high it was. The Hall reached up about 40 metres into the air. After we had played through the piece once we went back into our dressing room and took our suitcase and instruments to our new lodgings in the Imperial College. After leaving our bags in our rooms we then went to Hyde Park, where we went to the shops and bought ice creams. About an hour later we left the park to go to dinner. For dinner we had breaded chicken with some vegetables. After dinner we went back to our rooms where we stayed for the rest of the day.

On Saturday we had a full English breakfast at the Imperial College followed by a walk down to the Royal Albert Hall where we had another rehearsal and were introduced to our new dressing room which was very nice and comfy. We had lunch at The Royal Albert Hall after which I went to a private studio to have an interview for the BBC about music. All I had to do when I was there was listen to a piece of music and talk about how it made

me feel and what it made me think of. At the end of the day we went to our common room which was a large room with two televisions and comfortable chairs. At about 10 we went back to bed.

On Sunday, after breakfast we put all our suitcases in a safe area at reception. After doing that we went to the Royal Albert Hall where we would spend the rest of the day performing in the actual concert itself, after a few run-throughs with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. When the time came for the actual concert I was at first quite nervous and then very excited as I walked on. The performance went better than any of the rehearsals and, as I walked off, I felt very proud of myself. After our two performances we went back to get our luggage which we loaded onto the coach. We arrived back at Frederick Gough School at half past midnight.

I enjoyed the trip immensely and I believe it was a once in a life time opportunity and I was very lucky to go.

By Benjamin Scott







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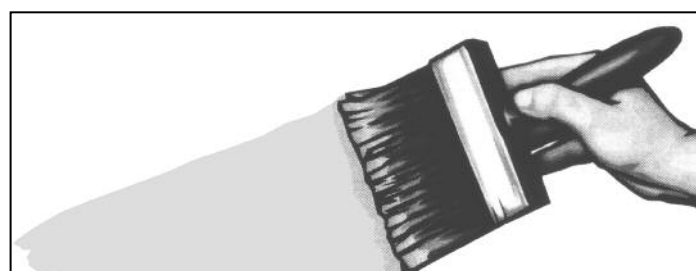


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## GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Goodness me! Who would have ever thought that Goxhill Primary School was going to go through so much over the past year? We were anticipating an Ofsted inspection and then we were hit with the news that 6 of our staff would be welcoming new babies!!!!!! All in the same year!

We survived, in fact we did a lot more than that. In the statutory Assessment outcomes, apart from KS1 writing, we are above Local Authority and national averages in every area:

	<b>Goxhill School</b>	Local Average	National Average
<b>Reception</b>			
Good level of development	<b>94%</b>	72%	71%
Phonics screening	<b>83%</b>	81%	
<b>KS1</b>			
Reading	<b>84%</b>	77%	
Writing/SPaG	63%	71%	
Maths	<b>81%</b>	78%	
Combined	63%		
<b>KS2</b>			
Reading	<b>80%</b>	66%	71%
Writing	<b>83%</b>	79%	76%
Maths	<b>80%</b>	75%	75%
Combined	<b>71%</b>	59%	61%
SPag	<b>83%</b>	76%	77%

Thankfully Ofsted didn't happen and I hope that should it occur in the new academic year, it is when all of our staff have returned from maternity leave.

In this article for the Gander, it may seem that I'm selfishly indulging in my past, but I hope you as readers don't see it like that but rather I hope this article gives you a little bit more information into where I have come from and where I am going as Head teacher of a very special school.

When I graduated in 1990, I was fortunate to be offered a job at the first school I applied for and that was in a school in East Hull which had many challenges. Despite the child who repeatedly sought refuge under a table or up a tree, and the lovely little girl whose glass eye would repeatedly 'pop' out (whilst her mum would promise to show me how to 'pop' it back in); I loved that school and learned so much from a fantastic group of colleagues. I worked with an amazing group of people who loved teaching and wanted the very best for the children they encountered. A group of people who understood and supported the less experienced and younger staff who needed a lot of guidance, direction and example. My first Ofsted inspection was in this school and I must have done 'OK' as my head teacher fed back to me quite positively after a PE lesson (which I admit was

### SCRAP FOR SCHOOL

Mark Ogilvie's brilliantly simple idea of putting a skip from Stokesleys on his drive for residents to put their scrap metal in, has so far raised a **fantastic £1,214.95**. The school are so grateful for such an amazing contribution towards enrichment activities for the children. The skip is on the long drive at 'The Old Hatchery' on Westfield Road (corner of Stothards Lane).

nothing like Miss Atkinson's lessons), I was so relieved that we had all done so well and our school was judged as 'Good'. I was mentored by an amazing teacher who I wanted to be like and to whom I aspired. She always gave me opportunities to try things out and although I made many mistakes she was always encouraging and shared her view that we all learn from mistakes – how true that really was.

I left this school after five very happy years and sought to do something different. Botswana – teaching art to secondary aged students; back to Ireland for some supply work and then finishing off again in England. I got my first 'management' post at Kinloss Primary School in Bransholme and after 2 very happy but even more challenging years, I became deputy at Neasden and then took over as Head teacher in 2002. When Goxhill was advertised in 2008 I was ready for a change and the opportunity to work in North Lincolnshire really excited me. Since then I have never looked back. I have had the opportunity to work with many talented and committed staff and as a team we've grown stronger over the years. I am very proud to be associated with the many people who make our school – our staff, governors, parents and children. Goxhill Primary School embodies a strong commitment to the community and such a great village deserves to have a great school at its centre.

It saddens me though that we are in a day and age where premier league footballers' transfer fees are valued more highly than our children's education. I find myself at this stage in my career disillusioned and disappointed that we are entering probably the most difficult year yet. Sadly because of our budget situation, we are having to lose 3 staff at the end of October from across the Federation. It is the last thing we want to have to do, but we find ourselves in this impossible situation despite promised 'Fairer Funding', as are most schools across the country.

It mystifies me that even though our pupil numbers are increasing, the funding we receive for the school has been decreasing year on year. Fund raising, through all of the events over the calendar year and the greatly appreciated contributions from individuals and village groups, has never been more of a necessity – this shouldn't be the case. As a school we will always want to provide the best opportunities for our children and although we are reducing our staff we are more than ever determined to ensure the education of our children will not be compromised.

I shall sign off by saying again how much we value our parents and community's support. Thank you for everything you all do to ensure that the children continue to experience a happy and resourceful education at our school. I wish our children who have left in July lots of success in their futures and look forward to welcoming them back one day. To Mrs Cain and Mrs Scowen, who have retired at the end of the summer term, I wish them a happy and healthy retirement, and to Mrs Briggs I wish her all the best in her new job.


All of our staff are enjoying the summer rest but will be back with recharged batteries in September for what will be another challenging year – but hey, who doesn't like a challenge???? **Caroline Breslin, Head Teacher**

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Goxhill School article continued from p19

### Year 6 residential.

Well another fantastic residential took place in July with our lovely year 6 children. The week was filled with lots of planned activities including: swimming, beach strolling, a day trip to York, light water valley (where Mr Stott experienced too many rides and felt sick for two days) and plenty more.

Our main base was at the old school house in Robin Hoods bay. Such a pretty scenic town with so much history, the children really enjoyed going on spur of the moment walks to explore.

The bus had to collect and drop us off at the top of a very steep hill every morning, so our day always started and finished with a rigorous walk which did become ever so slightly easier by the end of the week (we think).

The owners of the old school house, Tim and Kate, did a brilliant job of ensuring we were all fed and watered and they were incredibly impressed with our children's attitudes and behaviours. The best part of being part of the residential is having the opportunity to see the children in a different context. Their characters and confidence shine and always do the school and their



families proud. This year in particular, we saw how they respected one another and have developed into well rounded individuals who are more than ready to step into their next adventure at secondary school. (I think the



children also see the staff in a different light during the residential trips.)

Thank you to all the staff and governors

who contributed to making the week a positive fun filled week with lots of laughs: Mr Stott, Mr Byrne, Mrs Travis and Mr Coffey and a massive thank you needs to be made to Janet Cain. She works tirelessly hard to ensure that the trip is planned to the finest detail and ensures that it all runs smoothly. It was technically her last residential trip (one to remember - all though you never say never again). I know she will miss these residential trips but not as much as we will all miss her.

*Good luck to all the year 6 children, take all of your school memories and enjoy your summer and keep in touch.*  
**Laurie Teasdale, Deputy Head**

A date for your diary...



## 'OUR GRAND OPENING'

**Saturday 7th October 2017**

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As you may be aware, after years of planning and much hard work, we moved into our brand new school building in November 2016. Over the next few weeks, the final phase will see finishing touches made to the state of the art facilities in our Sports Village to fulfil the project. To celebrate the completion of all work and to commemorate moving into the next exciting chapter for Baysgarth, we are happy to announce 'Our Grand Opening'.

We are delighted to invite you to our special event, where there will be a veritable array of activities, including sporting tournaments, performance showcases, a bouncy castle and some delicious food will be on offer; there may even be a couple of special guests!

Keep checking our school Facebook page and mobile app for updates over the coming weeks!

Please contact the school if you have any queries or if you would like to support the event in any way (01652 632576 or [admin.baysgarth@baysgarthschool.co.uk](mailto:admin.baysgarth@baysgarthschool.co.uk))

**We hope to see you all in October!**



*John and Doreen Morrison, residents of Goxhill for the last 10 years recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 8th June 2017. Family and friends gathered from all over the country to come and help celebrate a very special evening at the Elsham Golf Club. The Queen was also in attendance as she sends a card to every couple celebrating such an occasion.*  
**Donna Lewis**



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## A sentimental journey to 'Goxhill' in USA

Mick Parker from Goxhill has made an emotional visit to the Military Aviation Museum at Virginia Beach in America. This is home to the Goxhill Airfield Control Tower that had been dismantled and shipped out to America and rebuilt at the end of the runway, taking pride of place as a major piece of the history of the USAAF involvement in Europe in WW2. Mick's father, the late Ron Parker, was a local historian who had gathered to gether a huge amount of information about the airfield during the war and had written a number of books (available in Goxhill Library) and made DVD's of archived film and photographs. He was instrumental in maintaining strong links with American Servicemen who had served at Goxhill, and was actively involved in the complex process of shipping the control tower to America in 2002. Sadly Ron was not around to see its grand reopening in America last year. So it was very emotional for Mick to represent his father on a visit to see the completed tower. The Americans just call it 'Goxhill' because to them it represents more than just the control tower, it represents all about their time in the village of Goxhill and their time in England. And there is a very close bond to this day.



Mick Parker with Museum Director Mike Potter on the roof of Goxhill Control Tower.

So it was particularly appropriate that Mick, with a friend Pete Lammiman (who used to live in Goxhill), were the first visitors from Goxhill to see their tower. It is the only original wartime tower rebuilt in America and the Americans are very proud of this unique piece of history. The exterior is pretty well completed but the next stage is to fully kit out the interior with authentic equipment and furnishings. One item found on ebay, is a record player from Goxhill airfield which was played at the show for the first time.

Mick took with him an authentic theodolite that had been bought by the museum in England, plus gas masks and a few other items, as presents from himself and his mother. Mick & Pete were given VIP treatment by Mike Potter, Director of the Military Aviation Museum. They had gone to see the biggest show weekend of the year at the museum, 'Warbirds over the Beach' where the largest private collection of military planes from 1910-50's from around the world, are on display, many of them flying. They had the day there on the Thursday before the show and had a personal VIP tour, by Mike Potter, of every part of the museum even areas not open to the public.



A re-enactment on the balcony.



They received the same VIP treatment over the weekend of the show, with an orange armband that got them special access to the museum. They were introduced to "Jerry" Yagen who founded the museum in 2005, and has visited Goxhill (see below).



The late Ron Parker with the owner of the Military Aviation Museum, Jerry Yagen & his wife, at the Goxhill Airfield Tribute.

Mick Parker said that, "So many knew of my father's involvement with the airfield and getting the control tower rebuilt in America and they really made us welcome. The Americans were amazed that we came from Goxhill and had played in the control tower when we were children. We were introduced to one guy who had been based at Goxhill during the war. It was a brilliant, but emotional experience for me."

Unfortunately the Saturday was too windy for the planes to actually fly (it is not just in England that the weather can spoil plans), but the full aerial display took place on the Sunday. As well as all the museum's collection of war planes, there were some which fly in specially for the show, including some of the earliest biplanes right up to more modern Naval planes with folding wings.

All the museum staff and volunteers dress up in clothing of the era and their are special displays and entertainments all round, including a large German contingent who had anti aircraft guns on display. It was a wonderful spectacle, with huge crowds sitting on the grass alongside the grass runway with brilliant views of the planes taking off and landing and aerial bomb runs. They also visited Virginia Beach, Nauticus Navy Museum and had a cruise around the harbour at Norfolk, where the American Fleet are based including 3 huge aircraft carriers, and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower was just coming in to dock. It was an incredible sight.

Mick said, 'It really was the most amazing experience and I will certainly be going again'.



Mike Potter on his favourite mode of transport.

**Article based on information from Mick Parker - Editor**

See page 37 for an article on the Airfield Tribute.



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## GOXHILL OPEN GARDENS 2017

A combination of glorious weather, fourteen diverse gardens and some national advertising helped to make this year's Goxhill Open Gardens a great success.

Our visitor numbers increased threefold on 2016 numbers and it appeared that most of them managed to visit all or a majority of the gardens. This year as well as getting a mention on the local radio we registered Goxhill in the Open Gardens National Directory. I was pleased to welcome visitors from Doncaster, Louth, N Ferriby, Hull and Beverley, as well as Barton, Immingham, Grimsby and Barrow; and of course local visitors from Goxhill who seemed to take great pleasure in meeting friends and family as they wandered from garden to garden.

Due to the hot weather some of the gardens offered a variety of refreshments to their visitors, the donations for which help to swell the collection for the day to over £1,200.00. A big thank you to the gardeners that did this; your hospitality was well received by all.

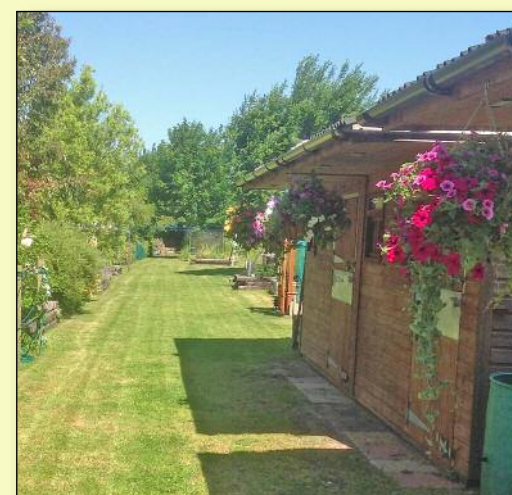
In the Chapel another stunning flower display was provided by the ladies to illustrate Hymn 377 - "It is well with my soul". The opportunity to take a moment of quiet reflection in the cool interior of our beautiful Chapel was welcomed by a lot of the visitors either before or after partaking of the excellent tea available in the chapel room. The hard work and dedication of the ladies in first making and then serving the delicious sandwiches, cakes and scones is to be commended.

In a change to previous years, some visitors to Rochester House were treated to a concert by the



*Mr & Mrs Martyn Taylor collecting their hanging basket*

Goxhill singers. This group of enthusiastic vocalists are a good example of how the money that we raise helps local groups within the community as they gather weekly in the chapel room to enjoy making music. Many thanks to Gill and Gary for making space in their garden and to Jodi for organising the singers. We hope that this may become a regular feature each year. At Station Cottage there was a display of magnificent hanging baskets donated by local garden centres and growers. Thank you to Deepdale Garden Centre, Goosemans Growers and Tuplins Nurseries for the baskets and also to Shawbriggs for a wonderful box of fruit, vegetables and local produce. All of these were available for visitors to win for an investment of £1.00 per ticket, congratulations Mr G Bradnam; Mr M Taylor; Mrs B Lawtey and Ms C Bradley who were the lucky winners.



*Donated hanging baskets on display at Station Cottage*

So 350 words and I haven't really mentioned the gardens yet which goes to show how many additional activities were available to the visitors. Fourteen gardens were on display of which four were new additions, three were old favourites opening again after a break and seven were regulars. We had big gardens; little gardens; ponds; planters; hidden ones; organic ones and everything in between, there

really was something for everyone to enjoy. I cannot thank the gardeners enough for the hard work they put in to open their gardens to the public. For 2018 I have an additional ten people interested in displaying their unique garden experience as part of the Open Gardens day, which may just allow one or two of the regulars to take a well earned break.

We will be holding a meeting of all the gardens involved in 2017, the gardeners who have expressed an interest for 2018 and members of the chapel to see how we can lift the bar yet again and make 2018 a great Open Gardens experience.

**Jack Lawtey**

*Goxhill Singers performing at the Open Gardens.*

*Photo courtesy of Gary Payne*



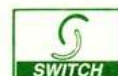
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## THE BROCK IS SNATCHED AWAY FROM THE JAWS OF VICTORY!

Friends of the Brock have been trying to save the pub from the property developer for over 2 years.

But they have received the devastating news from Keigar Homes that The Brocklesby Hunt is 'no longer for sale'! It is to become 2 more houses to add to the other 10 crammed into the former car park & grounds of the pub. Despite the 'Brock' being registered with the Council as an Asset of Community Value and subject to a section 106 agreement made between the Planning Department of North Lincolnshire Council and Keigar Homes to allow the village to buy their pub back, and with all the support of their ward councilors, North Lincolnshire Council have not been able to support the fully justified needs of Goxhill residents and fulfill the intentions of their own Planning decision.

Friends of the Brock, have worked tirelessly for over 2 years of intensive campaigns with huge support from the village, eventually leading to setting up Goxhill Community Pub Ltd with 136 shareholders, to buy the Brock back and run it as a community owned pub.

### A not very special S106 agreement

Keigar Homes only got the planning permission to build on the land around the pub because of the S106 agreement. But this was so poorly worded and unenforceable, that it provided a very weak negotiating position for the community despite the ACV status. Keigar Homes initially set an unrealistically high price, which did not match the valuation and could not be justified given the condition of the property.

### Contract negotiations at last

Finally, after pressure from information put out in the local newspapers, Radio Humberside and the intervention of Councillor Richard Hannigan, Keigar indicated they were prepared to discuss the sale again and instructed their solicitors to negotiate with the solicitors representing GCPL, to set up an agreed contract. But KHL sought to impose conditions into the contract that would make it impossible for the pub to be run as a successful business. However the deposit was lodged with the solicitors ready for the agreement to be signed. But after more weeks of detailed negotiations to agree clauses acceptable to the shareholders, the final contract was never received. There was no further response from Keigar's solicitors.

It seemed to be an impasse!

### A Compulsory Purchase Order

To try to resurrect the situation, GCPL took a petition, signed by 785 supporters, to North Lincolnshire Council demanding they use their powers to make a Compulsory Purchase Order on the Brock and then sell it back to the village.

Members of GCPL, supported by their 3 Ward Councillors, Richard Hannigan (Deputy Leader of North Lincolnshire Council), Peter Clark (Mayor of North Lincolnshire) and David Wells, were invited to present their case with all supporting evidence to an independent panel of Councillors. The hearing was very supportive of the village's case and said that GCPL had supplied all the evidence needed to support a CPO if it was subjected to an appeal by the property developer. But the formal response from NLC was the opposite. Stating that there was insufficient evidence from the



*What a sorry state! Not helped by North Lincolnshire Council's ineffective support of the village's battle to save the Brock.*

Community that 'there was a compelling case in the public interest' and that the property developer 'was not an unwilling seller'. Both these points had been clearly demonstrated in the evidence presented by GCPL.

**The village community had been badly let down yet again!**

*Was it ever a genuine offer to sell the pub back to the village? Or just a devious plan to get planning permission to build on its land outside the building development line? I leave you to answer that for yourselves.*

So what can Goxhill do now? Well we are not just going to roll over and give in!

### GCPL to take it to the Ombudsman

A special meeting of the shareholders was held on 18th July and it was agreed unanimously to keep GCPL going to be ready for any new opportunity to bring a pub back to the village.

With the support of the shareholders, GCPL Management Committee is pursuing formal complaints about the role of North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) throughout the village's attempts to save The Brock. GCPL are fully prepared to take it all the way to the Local Government Ombudsman, which will put NLC under real scrutiny and could result in significant compensation for the loss of a registered Community Asset.

### Looking after our village's needs is the priority

New developments by Keigar, or any other property developer, that are not in the interests of Goxhill should be opposed with all the vigour seen in the campaign to save the pub. The village demands that North Lincolnshire Council put their full support behind their electorate from now on, rather than letting a property developer walk all over them.

The new North Lincolnshire Council Local Plan being developed at the moment needs to provide enforceable support and protection to Goxhill and other village communities, from expansion and developments that would ruin their character, especially where infrastructure and services cannot cope.

Once all the work involving the appeal process is completed and the Committee has recharged its batteries after a very time consuming and demanding 2 year battle, we will start to look at what other viable options might be available. But this is a whole new ball game. It is one thing to save an existing pub, but a different matter altogether to create one from scratch or convert an existing building.

**We are not finished yet! So watch this space.**





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## OFF THE HOOOF

*"Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up."* Reverend Jesse James

Let's start with a date for your diary. 9th September 2017. The hay should be off the field and the Poacher Harness Club is hoping to give a lecture and demonstration on carriage driving at Shambles, Ferry Road, Goxhill. The event is hoped to promote driving and show what can be done other than road work. To this end they will also hold a short competition. The lecture will cover type of pony or horse, what harness they need and much, much more. So watch out for posters or go to their web site [www.poacherhc.org](http://www.poacherhc.org) for further information. It will hopefully be an opportunity for everyone to learn something new about an equestrian sport and I'm really looking forward to it.

On the subject of competition it is with regret I inform you that Goxhill Show is cancelled this year owing to a lack of venue. If anyone has any suggestions for a venue next year please let a committee member know or contact me and I'll pass it on.

Safety should always be at the forefront of our minds. Since the last edition of The Gander was published Humberside Fire Brigade was called out to a horse which had become trapped in a ditch. No rider was involved. They managed to release the horse but, unfortunately, it had to be euthanized as it had broken a shoulder. Whilst the fire brigade have equipment for these situations and specially trained fire officers they used local equipment to aid the release to save precious time. This serves to remind us that there are ditches everywhere in Goxhill and certainly down the marsh. Wherever there is a grass verge there is also a ditch. I have heard of a couple of people ending up in one recently but luckily they managed to get out without harm.

Yet again I have received a complaint of riders riding three abreast. Two abreast is acceptable with a clear understanding of who is going to either drop back or ride on to single file in the event of a vehicle trying to pass or on a bend. Please ride safely.

There is still a problem with speeding in the village, which is more worrying as the children have broken up for the holidays. By the time the Gander goes to press and is delivered they will probably be back at school so I hope in the meantime nothing terrible happens.

Where are the flashing 30MPH lights we were promised months ago? No sign of them yet and I think we were told there would be two of them.

Traffic from the Skanska site, seems at the time of writing, to have slowed down but it is the lull before the storm. At least 50 lorries will be travelling down Thornton Road and Ferry Road and out the one way system on a daily basis. This is only site traffic and does not include the normal traffic to the tile yard and farm traffic.

In a previous edition I mentioned the need for first aid knowledge and how important it is, particularly if you are responsible for children. This need for knowledge was highlighted to me again. Recently I was at a social venue when right at the end of the evening the person running it collapsed. Two ladies sprang into action with CPR whilst I rang for an ambulance. I finished the call when a first responder was there with a defibrillator (Do you know where there is one in the village?). A friend went to the main road to guide the ambulance in whilst I hovered to see if I assistance was required with the CPR, which can be physically exhausting. But it's all changed since I did my

first aid training and I have never used a defibrillator. Sadly the gentleman passed away, but everything that could be done was. It highlighted to me that I needed to go on another course and update my knowledge so I made an enquiry to St. Johns and the nearest venue is Lincoln. However if I can get 8 people they would come to us. Are there 7 other people who would be interested? Please contact me and I will get a list compiled and sort something out. I know in the event of horse riders and motorcyclists under no circumstances should a helmet be removed. Leave it to the professionals. By the way, there is a defibrillator at the Library. As a reminder instead of 999 call 112 as they can pin point exactly where you are which can save precious time.

I would like to thank all those taking part in the BHS National Campaign to pass horses at 15MPH. Everyone displaying the notices outside their property was asked and did so willingly and I have even been asked for more from others so a good result although three people took them, but as yet, have not displayed them. I feel I should point out that this is a national campaign and has received much media attention. If anyone is thinking of displaying any boards on the roadside please be aware that before displaying any advertising or boards it has to fulfil certain criteria. Permission has to be obtained from Highways. They must not impede visibility of the road. They must be where a resident up keeps or tends the ground. They must not be attached to poles that belong to someone else (i.e. the council). Following the end of the event/campaign they should be removed to keep the village tidy.

On the note of keeping the village tidy, don't you think the edition of more planters do much to enhance our village? I think it's a great improvement.

In the last edition there was a chance to win some fly spray courtesy of Wild Bird Direct. It transpired that Wild Bird had gone into liquidation before I could collect. Personally I was sorry to hear things had gone so badly wrong for them. They were a family run business and nothing was too much trouble. Whilst I was recovering from time in hospital they always asked if I need bread, milk or anything that they could bring at the same time as the horse feed. That was much appreciated. However, Thomas Bell in Brigg has been so kind and helpful and they offered to donate a replacement bottle of fly spray which Jo Burns-Firth won and has now received. So grateful thanks to them.

Looking around the Thomas Bell shop they stock a lot of diverse products which you don't have to be horsey to appreciate. Quirky china objects and mugs, cook books and a fabulous range of greeting cards not to mention their country ware section and gift vouchers which are an ideal Christmas present.

I know I mentioned Christmas! Scary to think the next Gander will be the Christmas edition so start early!!

People sometimes amaze me with their generosity both in the giving of objects and time. Jo had an open day at her yard with a competition and things on sale. It was a great success and she raised £217 for the Air Ambulance, so well done to all involved.

Don't forget Julie Donald is cycling 700 miles in September from Paris to Geneva and on to Nice. She is paying for all her expenses so that all monies raised go to her chosen charity which is the Alzheimer's society. Julie is hoping to raise £1500. Scissorbox are taking donations,

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otherwise go to [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search Julie Donald for full details. She has previously raised £4000 for breast cancer research.

I am hoping to do a charity tombola stall at the Barrow Car Boot on August Bank Holiday Monday, so will let you know how it went in the next edition.

How do you remove the stalk from strawberries? I have heard several methods but the one I like is to get drinking straw and push it up the pointed bottom of the strawberry. The whole core will come out clean. Try it the hole in the middle is lovely.

"Does my bum look big in this?" used to be a question that most men dread from their partner. A heads up to our male readers - the correct answer to this question is now "YES"! If your partner doesn't appreciate this response point out to them that Beyonce is paying to have her bum made bigger with implants so big bottoms are the in thing and your partner is now leading the fashion trend and it didn't cost her a penny. Please don't complain to me if your partner doesn't appreciate being a trend setter without having the additional cost! I'm going to eat some biscuits and hope it goes to my bum!

Don't forget to sort out your rugs and get them washed and repaired in readiness for winter. At the time of writing the weather forecasters are saying that August is going to be a wash out, so who knows how soon we might need them!

Until the next time keep your news, tips and views coming in. **Take care - Ride safely Aileen 01469 530643**



## STRAWBERRY TEAS

Once again the annual Strawberry Tea at Mill Vale in aid of "Lives" was a tremendous success, we seem to get busier every year! A very big thank you to everyone who came along to support us and donate prizes etc, and to all the helpers who kept everyone in good supply of lots of tea and strawberry delights.

Special thanks must also go to the representatives of the LIVES organisation who attended and who washed up all afternoon. Such a worthy cause to support, as who knows which one of us may need them in the future.

What a lovely surprise it was for Radio Humberside to use our event as part of their "Clueless" Saturday morning programme. The excitement of Lucy running round the garden looking for the clue, with us knowing where it was and not being able to tell her it was under the big strawberry bell! **Stuart and Diana Cooke and Friends**

## GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

It is always a bit difficult deciding what to write about lawn bowling for the out-of-season issues of The Gander. Whilst writing this, the current season is not yet over but neither league glory (nor major failure) beckons. We are also rather too far away from the next season to get very excited about it. Suffice to say that at Goxhill Bowling Club we are always keen to talk to anyone interested in taking up bowling. It is only by bringing on new bowlers that the club and the sport will thrive locally. Like many

sports it is easy to pick up the basics and enjoy a fun game but there is also plenty of scope for taking it more seriously too. Contrary to the popular image, lawn bowling is not only for the retired but is suitable for all ages, abilities and fitness levels. At national and international level there are well-established under-25s competitions and children of all ages can start bowling. As someone once said, it's not that lawn bowlers are all in later life so much as bowling helps them stay active later in life. To find out more, go to <http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com> or call me on **530363**. **John Guggiari**

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## A Collective Collection

Do you remember sitting in the classroom and the teacher introduced collective nouns – those words which were used to represent a number of similar items, or animals, or occupations?

I don't know whether they are still taught nowadays, but they frequently crop up in pub quizzes and the like. Some of them are quite fitting, aren't they, and some are just plain unusual; let me refresh your memory; how many of these more unusual ones do you remember? **Kevin Guy**

actors -	company, troupe	chicks -	clutch
airplanes -	fleet	cats -	clowder, cluster, ponce
ants -	colony, swarm	crows -	murder
antelopes -	herd	eggs -	clutch
apes -	troop, shrewdness	fish -	school
arrows -	quiver	foxes -	leash, troop.
asteroids -	belt	giraffes -	corps
bacteria -	culture	goats -	trip
bats -	colony	hedgehogs -	array, prickly
bears -	sloth	hens -	brood
beauties -	bevy	hyenas -	clan
beavers -	colony, lodge	islands -	chain
bees -	hive, swarm	kangaroos -	mob, troop
bills -	wad	lawyers -	murder
birds -	flock, volery	leopards -	leap
boars -	sounder	monkeys -	tribe, troop
books -	library	owls -	parliament
camels -	caravan	oxen -	team, yoke
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## A word from the Chapel for the Gander

In glorious June weather, we had one of our best Open Gardens in years. I sat in the chapel with my new-born daughter introducing her to the place where I've spent so much time over my 35 years and showing her off to the many visitors who came in. Surrounded by flower displays with the sounds of people enjoying refreshment and Selina in my arms, I revelled in the glory of Creation.

Having our first child and attending an annual event that has been such an important part of the Goxhill calendar for over 25 years reminded me too of how time moves on. All the people who have been through the building in its history: family, friends, inspirational people who have come to worship in good times and bad, or made use of that important village resource for parties, meetings and groups. The laughter and the tears.

Time passes. Nothing stays the same. That's the case for Open Gardens, which has grown beyond the capabilities of chapel folk to manage. It is important to the whole village, not just the chapel as our single biggest source of income for the year.

Already this year we have shared some of the responsibility for organisation with a community group led by Jack Lawtey and they have big ideas to develop the event. We will be a major part of that because it is the community that drives our purpose and, let's be honest, we do not want to lose the money so important to our coffers over the past quarter of a century. Expect to hear more about Goxhill's Open Gardens WEEKEND in 2018.

The revenue from Open Gardens is going to be more important than ever as we respond to the other effect of time's passage, the ravages of the seasons on the windows in the main chapel. All need replacing as a matter of some urgency as they are rotten and so a major fundraising effort is underway.

We will be having a gift day between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 23rd September for people to come and learn more about our plans while enjoying bacon butties and cups of tea, and be reminded – if reminder were needed – of the importance of the chapel to the community. The fight to retain the village pub has been lost; the Memorial Hall is too large and expensive for small gatherings, but the chapel schoolroom is a hive of activity at the heart of the community, in use by one group or another most days and relies on having a thriving worship space the other side of the wall. Please look at

Rev Nichola's plea below and consider whether you would be interested.

**Adam Ellis**

### **COULD YOU SPONSOR A NEW CHAPEL WINDOW IN THANKSGIVING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL?**

Goxhill Methodist Church has served the village since 1891! But now its main windows need repair and replacement.

And we need **YOUR HELP PLEASE.**

The Chapel Schoolroom is used for worship to glorify God and for serving the community in all sorts of fun events: pop-in breakfasts each month where a guaranteed delicious bacon butty is on offer as well as homemade scones, toasted tea cakes and a warm welcome; Wednesday monthly lunches see a good crowd of folk enjoying a tasty two-course lunch, ably supplied by ladies from Church and chapel - in fact - lots of our work is shared mightily between the Church and Chapel.

We hold quizzes, art classes, knit and natter, whist drives, and much more.

But now the windows have to be done before they drop out, and there are 26 of them costing £1,000 each.

They will be replaced as they are now - with 4 parts to each long window and we are inviting people to sponsor the whole window for £1,000 OR part of it for £250 and have the name of a loved one engraved upon it.

So - 'In loving memory of...' or 'In thanksgiving for...' or 'Given by...'

Would you like to sponsor a window and inscribe a loved one's name - either someone dear who is in glory or someone who is rejoicing beside you?

We hope the chapel will stand for at least another 127 years so this will be a lasting symbol and sign of grace.

**More information from Betty Plumtree, Jane Arnott or Rev Nichola Jones.**



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### Keeping up Appearances

I would prefer, always, to write an encouraging, positive article but I find that in this instance it cannot be completely so, in fact in some areas, just the opposite is brought to mind. Our village is kept beautiful by the efforts of many of its' residents, and as I ride my bike, (I try to use it more than my car), I see more and have time to say hello, rather than confined to a metal box, secure and private, and it's mostly a pleasure. Tidied grass verges, colourful, well planted and tended front gardens and more and more box planters placed around at strategic points, and kindly sponsored, and also the care of people who take the time to go out and water these, all this is very positive.

Then I go to the playing field, every week I carry out an inspection, every time I find litter, plastic bottles, cans, crisp packets and all manner of wrapping paper, sometimes ripped up, I begin to think that some people don't know what a litter bin looks like. I must correct myself there as there is at least one person, the vandal who instead of using it destroyed it, obviously misunderstood the practicalities. Sorry I'm being sarcastic! While I'm on a rant the picnic table tops are being used as a barbecue why burn holes in a perfectly good table, I wish I knew. I do realise that this is the minority but it does spoil it for everyone else. On the positive side, just for a moment, if I may, on several occasions my visit has coincided with the children from the schools' visit, they have made it an absolute delight. They test the Zip wire for me and make sure that they get a good ride, the climbing frame is put through its paces, and they ensure that the swings don't squeak, even at their fastest, they make a good team and certainly brighten my day.

Then I usually go to the Millennium Green, it is well used by walkers and is not intended as a show ground, just a relaxing area, but seats have had to be removed because of vandalism and destruction, this deprives others of their use, so selfish. While we have to repair any of these things, or replace them, it reduces our ability to add anything fresh, or make improvements.

As we all know every area, sadly has, to some degree, the same problems, but if anyone sees or knows of the perpetrators of this damage may be we can do something about it. I'm sure that we will continue to put things right and I know that most people in Goxhill will continue to care, and we will stay positive and try hard to keep up our appearances.

### Playing Field

Engineers have looked at the MUGA and hopefully solved the noisy rattle problem. Also, may be, a solution to the non turning witches hat in the play area has been found, we hope, when mended it should 'wiz' round again.

### Allotments

It looks very well at present, a full harvest is being gathered by hard working plot holders, and they deserve every bunch of fresh juicy veg they gather.

It was pleasing to hear that Sophie and Spencer Leaning entered the Barton and District Allotment Show. They entered into 2 sections and came Third and Second for their mini corn on the cobs. Its really good to see both down on the allotment and I am assured they intend to enter next year's show.  
**Well done to them both.**

Plots are available, so go down and take a look, see what can be done in your spare time.

### Library

The attendance figures are holding well, and more young people are using the books, ideal for school research when a particular subject is needed, it saves money and another book lounging on the shelf at home in years to come. Also don't forget the reading challenge, it is fun with games and competitions, go along soon as this finishes early in September.

Volunteers are always welcome, you don't have to commit to every week, but to be available if there is a need for someone to cover.

Information is also available for all public transport just inside the entrance.

### Cemetery

All looking neat and tidy, awaiting repairs to the footpaths which are scheduled. Sadly one of the beautiful Lime trees was felled from the entrance, without notice by workers on the orders of North Lincs Council; we are told that it was in a dangerous condition. Maybe cutting the top out would have been kinder, giving it a chance to regrow from a healthy trunk. One of the gate post tops was smashed as the tree was felled, but a very kind, caring resident repaired it very quickly and neatly.

### Memorial Hall

Continues to be used regularly by many local organisations, as a sports hall, exercise facility, playrooms, all manner of activities, or just good entertainment. The schedule can be checked on line.

### Town Twinning

A proposal for town twinning with Virginia Beach, USA has been noted and therefore, a need for a committee to be set up as soon as possible. This is a separate committee with a Chairman, Treasurer and members of the public. Funding is available through NL Council for Twinning associations. Anyone wishing to be involved can contact a member of the Parish Council.

### Special note!

The villager 260 will be replaced with Call Connect. Users will have to register on line to use the service. Please note as mentioned above if you need help the volunteers at the Library will be pleased to help. Let your Local councillor know if there is a problem with this change.

**Freda Dunkley**

## Short Award 2017 Presentation

Jeff Teasdale, editor of the Gander, was delighted to present Jane Arnott with her cheque and certificate for being chosen as the winner of this year's Goxhill community award, now sponsored by the Gander. The presentation was made at a special awards assembly at Goxhill School, where pupils received their awards for doing some special things at school. It was particularly appropriate, therefore, to show that appreciation of those doing good things for others, continues on into adult life too. Congratulations to Jane. She has, and continues to do, so much for the benefit of our village. **Thank you.**





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### How it all started -

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Ron would contact John Faulding about the land. I would do all the necessary drawings for the planning application. Retired Earnest Lamming would take the propeller, that was covered in mud, to his garage at North End, to clean and polish up. They decided not to straighten the bent end but to keep it as it had been rescued.

The land was donated by the Faulding family. Planning permission was granted. An 8 foot RSJ was cut and painted and the propeller base bolted on top by W H Dale at Thornton. Farmer Norman Finch drove it through the tarmac and limestone with a farm tractor attachment. Some headstones without inscriptions on them were brought from a churchyard clearance in Lincs, and bricklayer, Sepp Neave cut and chopped all to useable sizes. Thanks to Ron Parker, the idea in his head, became a

lovely memorial no one could have dreamed of. **Charlie Guilliat**



*The memorial under construction with John Van Den Bos, Earnest Lamming, Charlie Guilliat and Ron Parker. Photo by Norman Finch*



One of the Allison 1710 v-12 engines from the P38 Lockheed Lightning that crashed into the Goxhill Marsh on 26th May 1944, with a number of other items recovered from the crash site, are on display at Doncaster Aeroventure, the home of the South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum. The pilot, 2nd LT. L.A. Ferrara was sadly killed in the crash. One of the propellers from his plane was used for the Airfield Tribute shown above. Mick Parker, who was with his father Ron, at the excavation of the plane, remembers that he dug up what turned out to be one of the plane's guns and caused a panic as it could have contained live ammunition.

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### Update from National Grid River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project By Steve Ellison, project manager

#### Project update

Summer has so far been a very exciting time on our project and we are starting to see cutting edge engineering take place right here in Goxhill. The construction of the launch shaft for the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) is currently underway and is a hugely significant stage for the project. It involves creating a reinforced ramp leading to a 12 metre deep pit from which our TBM will begin its 12 month tunnelling trek under the River Humber.

The project team have also moved into new offices which will be home to approximately 200 project staff and is equipped with changing rooms, meeting rooms and heating. The new office also has a unique feature – it is raised on stilts to protect it from flooding.

#### Environmental update - Protecting Voles

We are doing everything we can to protect local wildlife whilst we're here at

Goxhill. That's included looking after the water voles that live in the water courses and ditches that need to be crossed to allow the project to progress.

As water voles and their burrows are protected by law we have been granted a special licence from Natural England to ensure that the voles and their burrows remain safe in their natural environment.

We make sure ecologists keep a close eye on them, checking the ditches and ditch banks to make sure no water voles have moved too close to the works. This also gives ecologists the chance to record numbers so that valuable data on the species can be gathered which will help preserve them for future generations.

#### Keeping in touch

Keep a look out for the pipeline project Community Update newsletter for more information about the work progressing on site, traffic management and the community initiatives National Grid is supporting.

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# Global Warming in Goxhill

We hear a great deal about Global Warming and of the dire effects that it will have if, as seems inevitable, the temperature of the earth increases more than 2 degrees centigrade. We are told that many places will become deserts that food will not be able to be grown in some places and that "millions will die of starvation". The media report in terms of probability and generalisation but what will be the effect of Global Warming in Goxhill? Well of course the true answer is that we do not know but it may be interesting to look at a few facts because in the short term a lot of them are in our favour. One thing we can be absolutely certain about is that the temperature will not increase equally all over the earth, the temperature will increase less in some places than in others.

We need to consider the global changes and then to look at the effect that they may have here. So where will these global changes occur? In the Caribbean area, the heat of the sun sets up weather systems which travel up the east coast of North America and then cross the Atlantic to bring the weather to the British Isles. In a similar way, the water of the oceans is heated and it too travels northwards to meet the cold water flowing from the Baffin straight and becomes the warm Atlantic current which warms our shores. If the winds and the ocean currents were weakened as the earth warms our village could become colder and drier. The habitat of the species of fish in the sea would remain as it is and this would halt their present migration northwards. This could have a similar effect upon the plants and animals that we see around us. It is however more likely that the weather systems coming to us will be warmer and will contain more energy which will mean that they will carry more rain and strong winds.

We can, I believe, expect more extreme weather, hot days longer dry spells and torrential downpours, of this there is already some evidence this year. Our village is however fortunate it is situated on the eastern side of England and on the eastern side of the Wolds. We shall still receive much of our weather from the west and thankfully the high ground across the width of England will absorb some of the extreme wind and rain. The soil in many parts of Goxhill is fairly light and well drained, rain sinks into the ground. There are some places particularly in the low-lying fields where drainage will need to be improved. Dry spells early in the year, as this year, can cause problems with the early development of plants and irrigation may have to be considered.

We are again fortunate in the matter of irrigation. Rain falling on the Wolds sinks down through the chalk and flows out to form an underground aquifer about six metres below the surface. Throughout the history of the village, before water was delivered from underground pipes this reservoir of water was the source of supply for everyone. If climate change causes long periods of dry weather this will be a useful source of water for our fields and gardens, providing that the water company does not take all of it to supply the rest of East Anglia. There is also an added bonus. From the time of the invention of

artificial fertilisers in the nineteenth century, farmers up on the Wolds have been putting large quantities of it on their crops. As the rain falls on the chalky soil it quickly washes the fertiliser down into the chalk. Over the years this has built up in the underground aquifer so that when water is used to water the garden it also supplies fertiliser to the plants.

Many of the older houses in the village still have wells some of which were fitted with hand pumps. Although most are no longer visible they are simply covered and concreted over to make them safe. I have such a well and by using an electrical pump I can use the water for the garden. Tomato plants growing in good compost in pots which rest in plant saucers in which well water is always

available produce good crops of tomatoes without the use of "Tomato Plant Food"

If you have a well the water is probably not fit for consumption and it should be tested regularly if it is to be used for drinking.

During the many years that I have lived here I travelled to many parts of the country as part of my work and often took the opportunity to bring back plants for the garden.

On one or two occasions, I received dire warning from people in southern parts of the country that

the plant I had bought probably would not survive "so far north" Given a little shelter from the hedges and trees they are thriving. During the time that I have lived here the growing season has become longer It starts earlier plants opening their leaves and flowers about a month earlier and continuing to grow later into the autumn.

There is one other problem that we may have to watch for and that is the arrival of invasive species. Some plants such as Japanese Knot Weed and Himalayan Balsam are not as big a problem here as in the west country because they need wetter conditions but if our climate becomes wetter this could change. Local plants may begin to grow out of control. Warmer and wetter conditions favour the production of seed by our local ash trees. During the last two years I seem to have spent much of my time removing ash seedlings from all parts of the garden. Ivy is another plant that enjoys the changed conditions and is becoming a problem. Insect pests are reported to be increasing but there is good news, the Tree Bumble Bee, *Bombus hypnorum*, has arrived from southern Europe and has come to Goxhill. This bee is a marvellous pollinator of soft fruit, apples, pears and plums. It nests at high level in holes in trees under the eaves of houses and in bird boxes so is not inconvenienced by heavy rain. It is not dangerous, if you do not disturb it the bee will not sting you.

Predicting long term climate change is probably more accurate and easier than forecasting the weather because it is done by examining Annual Temperature, Rainfall and Astronomical records and comparing them with current variation trends from year to year. Our activities in the past 200 years have created this problem. Let us hope that our efforts will limit its future effect so that life in our village can remain pleasant and comfortable.

Now, where shall I plant the Coconut Palms?

**Maurice Brawn**



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## SHOPS IN GOXHILL - part 2

*This research, into the history of London House, was forwarded by Elizabeth Fincham nee Giles in response to the article on 'Shops in Goxhill' in the Spring 2017 issue of the Gander.*

John Davey, previously of Althorpe is listed in the 1841 census as a Grocer and Draper. His wife Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas Raby, previously of Saxby and a butcher and farmer. The two families are listed almost adjacent on the census record. John and Elizabeth are listed with his sister Jane, daughter Azubah and an apprentice. I have presumed that John is living at London House and Thomas at the house now known as King's Well which was a butcher's shop. By the next census in 1851 John is employing three apprentice grocer and drapers as well as a house servant. The 1861 census names London House as the Davey residence and lists three daughters, two sons, a draper, draper's assistant and general servant. In the Davey photograph it may well be Elizabeth his wife standing at the front door of the house; his two sons standing proudly near him and his three employees standing by the side of the shop. By 1871 John was recorded primarily as a Farmer and Corn Merchant employing six men and one boy. It isn't recorded where he is living but has an adult daughter, young son, draper's apprentice and general servant are recorded living with him so I am presuming he continues to be based at London House. By this time he had expanded into the Corn Merchants on Howe Lane, the building that sits between Holtby's car repair shop and the Spar shop. In the yard of London House, which was sold and developed as a private dwelling, were stables and corn storage for the Howe Lane business.

Ultimately John and Elizabeth moved from London House to Mayfield (opposite the old school). The 1881 census states that he continues to farm 150 acres of land and employs five labourers. Their middle son, also called John, is running the Corn Merchant business in Howe Lane and their youngest son Joseph is a Grocer and Draper at London House.



*Davey's Corn Merchants on Howe Lane.*

Elizabeth died in 1887 and John Senior remarried. His second wife was called Jane. By 1891 John Senior's employment is listed as Corn Cakes and Seed Merchant with John Junior moved out of the village to Lincoln in 1891 and later Barton in 1901. Joseph remained at London House though by 1901 he is recorded living in Hull. John Senior died in 1893 and the Davey family headstone is on the left hand side as you walk through the church gates. The shop at London House had, by 1901, been taken over by John Robinson of Hogsthorpe and in later years the Corn Merchants was owned by Harry Farrow (father of Pat Finch) and later his son in law Norman Finch. Harry's granddaughter Jill Fisher lives, with her husband Ian, in what was her grandparent's house at the bottom of Greengate Lane.

John Davey's brothers in law, Thomas and William, took over the family butcher business from their father Thomas.

The third generation, William's son, also Tom, ran it too. Tom's son, Thomas Francis (known as Francis) was the father of Pete Raby who was the father of John who still lives in the village. Florence Mary (known as Mary), daughter of Tom, married a Van Der Slooten. It was the Van Der Slooten home, Spring Garth, opposite the Memorial Hall, that hosted the Chapel garden fete each year. This was of course before much of the garden was sold off for housing.

Mary's son, Michael, lived in the village with his mother but farmed the Old Hall in South End. Some people may remember another sister, Annie, a teacher at Barton Grammar School and very involved in the Wesleyan Chapel. The Raby's lived, finally at Hope House on Howe Lane. In later years Miss Raby lived in the bungalow which sits on the opposite side of the road to Hope House called Meadowcroft. Francis, Mary and Annie's mother was Ann Hardy. Her youngest brother, John married Alice Robinson, the only daughter of John Robinson.

I believe that all these families were linked by their Methodist beliefs and that is why my great grandfather, Charles Giles brought his family to the village sometime after the First World War, to work for John Robinson. Photographs recorded John Robinson at the shop at 1920 however by 1922 photographs show Charles Giles as the owner. I know that they lived initially in North Street, now called Chapel Street. From a photograph I have of my dad's aunt, Hilda, who older residents may remember working in the shop, I think they could have lived in the house now called Chapelside before moving up to London House. When Charles died his son Percy took over the business, followed at his death by my Dad Bryan Giles.' To be continued! **Elizabeth Fincham**

**Jill Fisher** added 'My Great Grandfather was Tom Farrow who started a shoe business in Church Street making and designing boots, shoes and slippers. Gladys Farrow (my great aunt) was Tom Farrow's daughter. Percy Farrow was Gladys's brother not her father as stated in the Spring Gander. Percy was the village postman and he helped his father and Gladys in the shoe shop. The information came from my mum Patricia Finch ne Farrow.'



*Above, London House, Howe Lane, under various owners. Top c1860, with the owner Mr Davey. c1920 owned by John Robinson. c1922 Charles Giles was the new owner, followed by his son Percy and finally by Bryan Giles.*

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Soo Rogerson from Goxhill has been filling shoeboxes for us. Teddy dressed with her own knitting



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President [Bumbly Bee] Jayne handing over the trophy to Mel, at Barrow Meridian Wobbly Wheelers

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Looking forward to the next year already.

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This new fixed route service that offers return journeys, replaces the Stagecoach 260 Villager service that is no longer running on Saturdays. The CallConnect service has been running since 3 July 2017.

Residents in Goxhill, Barton, Barrow and New Holland can use the CallConnect Saturday Service that runs from Goxhill at 9am and returns to Goxhill at 12.05pm.

### The CallConnect bus stops at the following places:

	pick up	returns
• Goxhill Crossroads	9.00am	
• Goxhill Railway Station	9.08am	12.05pm
• New Holland Magna Charta	9.15am	11.53am
• Barrow St Chad	9.22am	11.47am
• Barrow Market Place	9.25am	11.45am
• Barton Market Place	9.34am	11.37am
• Barton Railway Station	9.37am	11.33am
• Barton Tesco	9.40am	11.30am

CallConnect is a unique bus service that responds to passenger requests, however to meet the needs of residents in Goxhill a fixed timetable was created for Saturdays.

### To use the CallConnect service it costs:

- £2 return from Barton to Barrow
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- £2.50 return from Barton to New Holland

Concessionary bus passes can be used on the CallConnect service.



North Lincolnshire Council works in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council to provide the CallConnect service.

If any residents would like to use the CallConnect service on other days, you can find out more details at [www.northlincs.gov.uk/callconnect](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/callconnect) or by calling 0345 2638139.

Cllr David Wells, ward member for Ferry, said:

"Following the changes to the Stagecoach 260 Villager bus service, the council decided to introduce a fixed CallConnect service on Saturdays. This new service covers the same areas previously provided by the Stagecoach service but has been tailored to meet the needs of passengers. The times of the fixed route was based on information from passenger surveys.

"The council worked closely with regular bus passengers to make them aware of the new CallConnect service and explain the changes.

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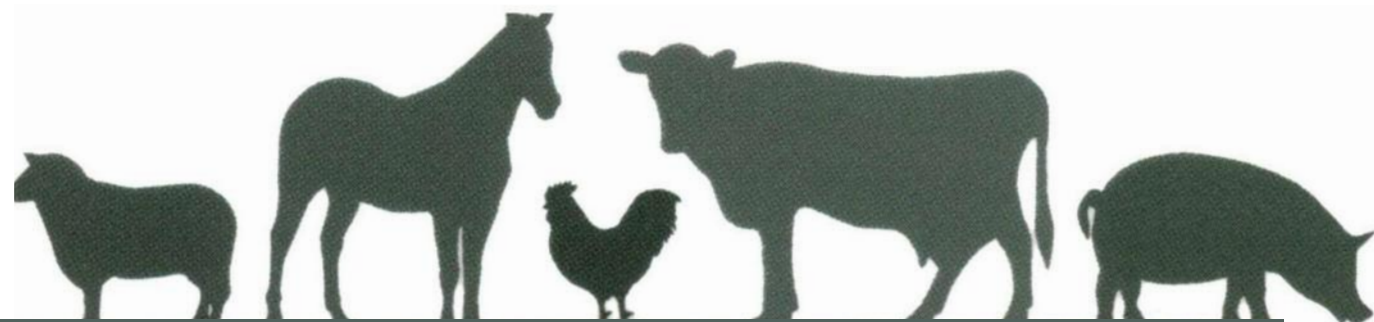
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