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Who would have thought that two issues ago the Gander was full of plans for exciting events in the village, VE Day, Open Gardens, a Village Show etc. Then Covid-19 hit the world and suddenly everything normal stopped. Lockdown, a totally unprecedented state of affairs, to try to overcome the threat of such a contagious and deadly virus.

In the summer issue of the Gander, still in lockdown, I tried to raise people's spirits by showing how wonderful Goxhill was, still celebrating VE Day and having a Virtual Open Gardens. Our school was still open throughout, for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. In the village, the Co-op, the Chippie, Pharmacy, Shawbriggs and Field Farm Feeds kept us supplied and amazing voluntary work helped out those most at risk. But businesses in Goxhill and throughout the country were shut down and suffering huge financial losses. Even when lockdown eased, some were still not able to operate as normal. It is brilliant to see most of our local businesses now back up and running after such a long time. But even though the restrictions are easing further, the fear of allowing Coronavirus to creep back in, means that the new normal still demands social distancing and strict protective practices that inevitably restrict being able to return to previous levels of business. This issue of the Gander, is dedicated to all our loyal advertisers. They need your custom even more now, so please use local companies whenever possible (see the advertisers index on page 46).

Despite us still living under Covid-19 regulations, Goxhill has had some brilliant developments recently. The Skate Park, which was battled for, over so many years, finally got permission and was built in record time, to get it open for the summer. A neighbour, whose son was desperate for a skate park in the village, is now taking his children to enjoy it. That's how long it has taken. So well done to the PC, especially Freda Dunkley for her amazing dogged determination. It is brilliant to see it being used so much.

The skate park's addition to our wonderfully equipped Playing Field, was an important part in the brilliant result in this year's Best Kept Village competition, which was able to go ahead despite Coronavirus. This was a whole village effort, from the quality of village facilities, best ever maintenance of grass verges, parks and cemetery, to community planting, particularly from a number of volunteers, and individual floral displays that all contributed to winning the award that we should all be proud of. Lets keep up the pride in our village, all year round and do even better next year (see article on page 23).

One of the key members of the team that organised and maintained so many of the beautiful planters around the village, is Aileen Hanlon Bennett. She does so much behind the scenes for the village, from fighting to maintain and add to the bridleways in and around Goxhill, to writing articles for the Gander (her article is on page 31). In fact Aileen has written more articles for the Gander than anyone else, even more than Maurice Brawn, who contributed more than 80 articles.

Very sadly Maurice has died recently and I have written a tribute to him on page 15.

Last year's winner of the Short Award, Mark Ogilvie, has kept up his amazing scheme to raise funds for the school and other local charities, with a scrap metal skip on his drive. He has just hit the £10,000 mark in only 31½ years. Thank you Mark, that is a brilliant achievement.

Finally, I must say, I was very touched by the School article by Caroline Breslin on page 17. It is so nice to be appreciated for helping our village school, over 30 years or more, as a school governor. It has been enormously rewarding and very enjoyable, most of the time, to be involved with such a brilliant school. But it was time to retire, at my ripe old age, and try to have a more peaceful life.

No chance, I still have the Gander to do!!!! Any one want to take over?

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Something old, something new – and something old again.

For the churches as for everywhere else, lockdown was a very strange time, which is rather stating the obvious. No doubt every occupation found itself having to deal with contradictions as the new rules unfolded and for the church this was certainly true. At the very beginning clergy, “religious staff” and so on were defined as key workers – but then the churches were closed and much of our usual work stopped. There have been several funerals, though mercifully very few connected with the virus, but it was particularly hard to be told we had to close our churches just when people might have needed to turn to them the most. Now that we're allowed to meet for worship again, albeit with certain restrictions, we face a new and rather surprising development. There has been a very peculiar blending of past present and future, which is only just working itself out.

One of the most hard fought battles of the Reformation in Europe was over the right of the congregation to receive the wine at Holy Communion. Until then the priest was the only person to do that and everybody else could only receive the wafer. The insistence on a common cup was to drive home the message that we are all one body and all equal before God; it's not about the individual. But now, after 800 years, the coronavirus has turned the clock back and once again only the priest receives the chalice.

Similarly, even when I was a child, during the Eucharist the priest sat in solitary splendour on a rather posh chair behind the altar, merely rising majestically (he hoped) to his feet when required to perform his priestly function. Now we tend to sit more informally just to the side so that we have better and more equal contact with the congregation – or at least we did. That was until we realised on the first week back that if I sat in my usual place, the person reading the lesson or leading the intercessions would practically be in my lap and nothing like two metres away. The solution was to put the priest's chair back behind the altar!

So we're blending the old and the new in strange ways and learning once more as we do it that what matters isn't really what we do but why we're doing it. In pre-Reformation days a hierarchy was created which basically stuck clergy at the top of the heap and lay people at the bottom, with monks and nuns somewhere in the middle. It was a system which deserved to be challenged and it was. Today the very gestures once designed to exclude are used to protect the vulnerable and make worship as accessible and safe as possible for everybody. A time-traveller from pre-Reformation days might think nothing much had changed but they'd be wrong. Getting behind what's done to why it's done puts a whole new slant on things and perhaps that's one “Why?” question we ought to ask more often before we jump to conclusions about motives and then fall out over slights that were never intended. We're delighted to welcome everybody to All Saints' and we hope you'll find it a safe environment devoid of discrimination on grounds of race, political beliefs, sexuality, gender or ability. We can promise you won't encounter prejudice and since we have industrial quantities of hand sanitiser, gloves, wipes etc. as well as our new/old measures in place, we promise to do all we can to make sure you don't encounter Covid 19 either. If you've braved Tesco, why not try us next? It's a much nicer building and you won't (usually) have to queue to get in.

Revd. Liz Brown

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends

I am about to pack up my manse and move to Nottingham to be nearer my parents who need me closer. I shall look after three churches rather than eleven! Thank you Goxhill for the good times we have shared over the last four years, especially the marvellous way you all bought Windows with your loved ones names which helped us transform the chapel and secure its future which had been uncertain to say the least.

What times we have shared together : not just the fun of harvest suppers or quiz nights , concerts and fundraisers, but special worship times too with carol services and the chapel filled to bursting, and great Easter and Christmas services, with busy and fun baptisms and, sadly, far too many funerals.

Now to confess, I have never really thought of heaven as sitting on a fluffy white cloud playing a harp, with a kindly old man in a long white beard being God. That's too small an image and hardly vigorous! Surely heaven will be magnificent, joy unbounded, the best music possible, the greatest fun, laughter, delight : like the best party ever with all our loved ones gathered there to celebrate.

May your heart beat fast with anticipation of heaven and until you are called, may you make a difference to your family and friends, to your chapel and community, and most of all to God who delights in you. God bless you and thank you for all you have shared of your own life and faith journey as we have travelled together.

With my love, prayers and thanks.

Revd Nichola Jones

I personally would like to thank Revd Nichola for all she has done in Goxhill. I was very sad when I heard she was leaving. She has been a breath of fresh air to the village, maybe more of a very strong wind, and has achieved so much for our village and especially the chapel. She has always done everything with energy, enthusiasm and joy, and she was a special part of my daughter's wedding day.

Thank you, Editor.



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CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

It would be lovely to think that as we get towards the end of the year, we would be seeing some sort of normality. However, we know from what we are seeing around the country and world that, we continue to have flare ups of Covid 19.

As the Lockdown has eased, we have continued to review the activities we normally hold.

All Saints Church has re-opened, for our usual Sunday services and during the week for private prayer. You will see that in the church the pews have been marked off in order to observe 2 metre distancing (currently the Chapel is not open).

Unfortunately, we are not able to restart our social events yet. Many people keep asking about the Pop In and Luncheon Club. With Social distancing this is not possible at the moment.

Prayer Walk

One thing we are still able to do is our prayer walk. Our next walk will take place on Monday 7th September between 2-4pm. We will be starting near 'Penny Lane' covering Howe Lane to the Co-op, then St. Michaels Court including St. John's Close. As usual, how far we get depends on how many people we meet, speak to and pray with. If you would like us to call and pray with you, (social distancing of course) please call **Sandra on 530065, or Janet 530896.**

Remembrance Day Services

Looking ahead to Remembrance Sunday, we will review the situation with regards to the Memorial Hall Service nearer the time. If social distancing remains the same, we will have to limit the seats, but we are looking at the possibility of using outside too.

The service at the propeller will take place as it is outside, with Social Distancing taking place. Please look out for notices.

Christmas Tree Festival

Subject to the situation at the time, we are hoping that we will be able to hold the Christmas Tree Festival on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of December** so, this is just a advanced reminder if you would like to put a tree in the church.

Tree's may be from a business or individuals who wish to put in a tree in memory of a loved one.

You may be as creative as you like with your tree it doesn't have to be a typical Christmas tree.

If you wish to put a Christmas Tree in church, or want any further information ring **Sandra on 530065.**

Needless to say any Covid 19 flare ups, could change everything.

GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Goxhill WI are saddened to learn of the death of one of our founder members, Joyce Shearwood, who was a faithful and active member for many years. She will be sorely missed.

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Future Events – If possible, we intend to hold our

Harvest Auction Meeting, by invitation only, on **Monday 14th September.**

To raise funds for **MacMillan Cancer Support** on **September 25th**

An open meeting with a speaker from Andrew's Hedgehog Hospital on **October 12th.**

A collection of clothes for Womens Aid will go ahead as circumstances permit.

Look out for online notifications and posters.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT THE PROPELLER TRIBUTE

Sunday November 8th, 2.00pm

Outdoor service at the airfield tribute.

Subject to the latest Covid-19 regulations.

GOXHILL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Our library is closed at the moment.

For information on future plans and how to use Barton Library, please see article on Page 33.

Congratulations SCRAP FOR SCHOOL SKIP has raised £10,000

It is 3.5 years since the scrap skip started and the total raised by the skip has reached an amazing £10,002.20 including the total of £1,882.50 raised for Team Verrico. Thank you to everyone that donated to the skip so far. I'm over the moon that we could raise so much money for good causes thank you everyone for your continued support.

Mark Ogilvie

So please continue to put any scrap metal in the skip on Mark's long drive at **'The Old Hatchery' on Westfield Road** (corner of Stothards Lane). Open all year round 7 days a week, just open the gates (you can't miss the big sign) and drive up to the skip.

An enormous thank you to **Mark Ogilvie!** **Editor**

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Some time ago the Committee made the sad decision to wind-up and distribute the show funds. The following charities have benefited:

Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance	Goxhill Methodist Chapel
LIVES - Lincolnshire	Goxhill WI
First Responders	Goxhill Playgroup
Goxhill All Saints Church	Goxhill Scout Group
	Goxhill Brownies

The Committee wish to thank all past sponsors and supporters of Goxhill Show. Please try to support East Halton Show, (although they have had to cancel this year due to Covid 19).

Regards. Goxhill Show Committee

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Meetings are currently suspended and we are not meeting in any capacity. The brownies have been busy at home working on their interest badges.
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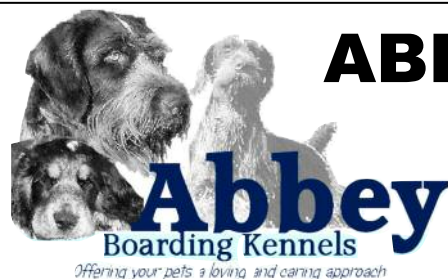
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As for March & April, the last three monthly draws were made by John and I with our own numbers excluded. The quarterly jackpot draws have been postponed until they can take place at a public event.

Our latest lucky winners were:

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Rosemarie Guggiari

New. The Ted Lewis Centre®

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been endowed for a minimum of seven years to develop and open a standing exhibition and archive to celebrate and store records relating to the local author, Ted Lewis (1940 – 1982). Lew or Ed as he as then known, came to Barton when he was six and, lived at the end of his life with his mother in a terraced house on Ferriby Road opposite where the Centre stands. The well-known property was formerly the old stonemason showroom of sculptor and singer, Philip Pape and later traded as Norman Cox Garage, The Denim Centre and C Day Kitchens and Bathrooms.



Ted Lewis is most famous for the film, Get Carter starring Michael Caine based on one of Lewis's eight novels, Jack's Return Home. Ted Lewis was also a talented graphic artist, managed animation on The Beatles' Yellow Submarine and played jazz piano.

In consultation with National Archives, the Centre hopes to open in early September 2020 in time for Heritage Open Days. The premises are undergoing a complete makeover, and will be open 10.00 to 16.00 each Sunday and by appointment.

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To keep yourself and your devices secure please consider our top 10 tips:

1. Verify any unexpected contact is genuine by using a known number or email address to contact organisations directly – is this caller who they say they are? After hanging up, wait five minutes and make sure you can hear a dial tone before making any other calls, or use your mobile. NEVER allow an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer or devices.
2. Don't be pressurised into sending money – stop and think and check with a trusted source or person. It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you. Have confidence in yourself, if it feels wrong to you – it probably is.
3. Use someone you know and trust for shopping & other essentials. Don't hand money over to someone on the doorstep.
4. Authorities like the DWP and HMRC will never ask for banking details like your password or PIN on the phone or in person. You will NEVER be asked to move money to a 'safe account'. Police or banking representatives will NEVER ask you to help in an

investigation by moving money or withdrawing funds.

5. Check for ID's and get them verified – genuine officials will be more than happy to wait while you verify their ID.
6. Pick strong passwords – choose Three Random Words with a mixture of upper/lower case, numbers and special characters. Do not use the same password across sites. Enable Two Factor Authentication (2FA) on your accounts and devices that offer it, this provides a second layer of security.
7. Be wary of phishing scams - Don't click on any links or attachments in unexpected emails.
8. Social Media – For those of you who use social media, make sure that it is set up correctly, review your privacy settings to ensure your profile is appropriately locked down.
9. Use antivirus and ensure you are using the latest versions of software, apps and operating systems on your phones, tablets, desktops and laptops. Update these regularly or set your devices to automatically update so you don't have to worry.
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Goxhill Community Calendar 2021

Help us to make the 2021 Goxhill Calendar as beautiful as previous years.

We are fortunate to see so many stunning photographs posted on Facebook recently and hope we find some entering the calendar project. Perhaps our talented local artists might like to enter their paintings of village scenes too?

CLOSING DATE for entries -

Saturday 19th September 2020

Although we have all encountered an unsettling four months, we trust we can produce another community calendar to celebrate Goxhill and show it off at its best.

ENTRIES Anyone is welcome to make an entry as long as its subject is located within Goxhill. Please email up to four photographs to goxhill.calendar@gmail.com with details of location, subject etc. and your name.

For Junior entries, under 14 years, please include your age as well.

PRIZES as usual, will be given for the front cover entry and an under 14 years entry.

VIEWING & VOTING Unfortunately arrangements for the viewing and voting have had to be changed due to social distancing rules.

There will be a **visual display of photos** in a window at the **Goxhill Memorial Hall** from **28th September for one week**. Voting slips will be available as here, in the Church Magazine, from Penny Carnell, Sandra Smith or in Church. **Boxes for voting slips** will be available at the Goxhill Co-op, Scissor Box and the Memorial Hall Post Box. **Viewing and voting on-line** will be available from 21st September with a Facebook Album, details to follow, and voting at goxhill.calendarvoting@gmail.com.

CLOSING DATE for voting is 5th October

All funds raised are for the upkeep of All Saints Church and Goxhill Chapel.



Goxhill Calendar Competition 2021

Please enter the number of your favourite picture for the front cover

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NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment

The Ropewalk

Barton's centre for the arts

The Ropewalk, re-opened its doors at the beginning of August following its Covid-19 lockdown with temporary reduced opening hours.

While the **Coffee Shop** has reduced seating inside outdoor seating has been increased and a one-way system introduced with visitors entering through the Coffee Shop and exiting through the Craft Gallery entrance.

In the **Craft Gallery** itself there are new displays with plenty of ceramics, prints, textiles and jewellery that would make unusual presents.

Both exhibitions that open in September draw on the riverbank for inspiration.

In **Gallery One** new textile artwork by **Mary Sleight and Jan Miller** resonate with the local area, landscape, history and industry. The exhibition, **Echoes in the Water: Traces in the Land**, uncovers past activity, the unknown and unexpected, gathered and man-made materials as well as responding to the elements.

In the **Artspace** photographer **Verity Adriana's** exhibition **Lumen**, made along the Humber, investigates how light and photography have the power to transform ordinary and familiar subject matter and materials into moments of sublime experience by challenging perceptions.

Both exhibitions open on September 12 and close on November 29.

Full details of everything happening at Ropery Hall can be found at www.roperyhall.co.uk



The South Bank Players have continued to meet online for weekly play and pantomime readings throughout the lockdown. Unfortunately it looks as if virtual

meetings are going to have to continue for some time yet. We have taken the difficult decision to cancel this year's pantomime as we don't believe we will be in a situation by Christmas where putting on a show would be financially viable due to social distancing. It is also difficult to know at present whether there will be a second Winter wave that would make performances unsafe. There are just too many unknowns at the moment...

We do have some other exciting projects to work on however, including a radio version of our award-winning play 'Shelter From the Bombs', written by Martin James of Goxhill, which we hope will be broadcast on Barton FM. There are other potential radio plays in the pipeline too.

We very much hope that the Barton Ghost Walk will be able to run as usual, as this is an outdoor event. We will of course have to limit numbers, and encourage mask wearing if we are able to go ahead. Look out for further information nearer the time on our website and our Facebook page. The first walk of the season will be on Halloween at 7.30pm, starting from Baysgarth House Museum. All tickets cost £5 and it is likely that we will ask for booking and payment in advance to make sure we restrict numbers, and to eliminate the need to handle cash. You will be able to book on www.sbplayers.co.uk.

Although we are not physically meeting at the moment, any budding actors who would like to get involved in radio plays are welcome to get in touch.

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NOTICE BOARD - Memorial Hall

Although it seems like a long four months since the COVID lockdown started, we have been busy. Our most obvious achievement has been the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall floor. The lovely maple dance floor now looks an absolute treat.

More recently we've been sorting out what we need to do to re-open the hall to the public. Fortunately, HWRA, the Humber and Wolds Rural Action group have been providing us with guidance on government legislation about Village Halls. Like shops, we had to carry out risk assessments and design the layout and cleaning to ensure local groups had a safe space to operate from.

At the moment we have bookings for -

Children's Dance from Sept, Wed and Thurs (Roberts Theatre School, Gemma Roberts - 07488 310354),

Pilates (Sue Hughes - 01652 408577)

Martial Arts for All Ages (Hannah - 01652 653560).

Each organiser is responsible for ensuring their group complies with the COVID requirements for that activity.

The snooker room is still closed. If and when we can open it, we will post a notice on The Grapevine. Until then, please be patient.

After a hands-free **Scarecrow Trail (Aug 30/31st)** we will once more be peering into the crystal ball that is the future.

Another hands-free event will be a **Photo Competition (October Fotofrolics - pets and the more humorous side of life)** to be judged **Oct 31st**, details to follow. While current conditions don't allow us to hold an AGM, put on a Pop Up Pub or a Film Show, we have a **Christmas Fair booked for Nov 29th**.

After a lot of planning and watching out for that dreaded second wave, we hope everyone will enjoy themselves safely.

The bus to **Beverley Christmas Market** (Sun Dec 13th) looks to be an early COVID casualty. Penny and Iris have given up organising it this year and I don't blame them. Last year it was shoulder-to-shoulder shoppers with musicians playing in every street. We had a great time. This year will be very different however. I don't think social distancing works well under those conditions.

Until next time, stay safe out there. **Ann Carter - Secretary**

For further information Phone **530635** or email **goxhillmemorialhall@gmail.com**

To Hire the Hall All enquiries and bookings should be made to

Sam England tel: 01469 531097 email: goxhillmemorialhall@gmail.com

October Fotofrolic

**Goxhill Memorial Hall
Fund-raising photo competition**



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MAURICE BRAWN

It is with enormous sadness that I write about Maurice Brawn, who has passed away at the age of 88. He was not a local but born in Northamptonshire and moved to Goxhill with his wife Pauline in 1969, and adopted it as their family's home. They had three children Chris, Ruth and Jon, all raised in Goxhill and attended the village school.

Maurice retired as an insulation consultant, particularly involved in insulating cold stores in Grimsby and Hull's expanding food industries and regularly used the Humber Ferry when it was still operating, as an everyday commute to the factory that he managed in Hull. He would collect various other commuters on his way to New Holland and they would all sit in his car on the way across.

Pauline was a much-loved teacher at Goxhill School for many years, who too sadly died a few years ago.

After that Maurice was determined to stay in their home in Goxhill and kept himself busy tending his huge garden and researching many aspects of our area's life, past and present.

Amongst the 5 sacks of all his old files and reference material his son brought to me after his death, was a folder containing every article Maurice had written for the Gander, since the first one in the Summer 1993 issue. The folder contained more than 80 articles on a huge range of issues and subjects.

Maurice was a lovely man, a mine of useful information and it was a sad day when he retired from writing his articles for the Gander, in the spring of 2019. But he still helped me out researching information on past families etc. He had so much useful documentation about Goxhill and its people and old maps, he could always find answers for me.

He researched information about the Inclosure Act of 1775 and wrote a guide with detailed maps of all the various parcels of land in the 'Lordship of Goxhill' and which families and organisations they were allocated to. A fascinating document charting this dramatic change in the fortunes of many local families.

Maurice was also heavily involved in the team, lead by the late Alan Gould, which produced 'The Footpaths of Goxhill' booklet, in 1996, doing research, preparation of data and drawing the maps of all the walks. This book was only recently reprinted by the Parish Council and is highly recommended and can be obtained from the Parish Council Clerk.

Sadly we no longer have Maurice's vast wisdom and knowledge to call on anymore. But he has left behind his vast collection of reference information and research material, which I will try to go through and put to good use in the future. **Jeff Teasdale**



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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Where do I start?

I've been at home now two weeks following our break up for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July and having closed my door completely to the experience we have had over the last four months, I'm trying hard to recollect on the things we have all endured during that time. It will be safe to say that I have tried to block it out but then on a daily basis being reminded again of a probable upsurge in the virus my thoughts are turning to the practicalities of welcoming all the children back in September if the autumn term starts as we would hope it will.

Being in this strange environment where everyone has been told to 'stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives', and then being asked as a profession to provide childcare for the children of keyworkers and vulnerable groups – we have had to try and make sense of lots of very confusing and contradictory messages. This at a time when everyone is scared and unsure of what we can and shouldn't do on a daily basis; at a time when we didn't know the certainty of the risk against this big scary invisible threat to ourselves and our community's lives and safety. But we did it! We did it in a way that perhaps didn't suit all our parents as the messages started to change but we tried, and we worked really hard as a staff to respond to the many requests which were presented to us.

One of the most worrying times for us was at the beginning of the lockdown when our long serving cook, Jeannette (East Halton) and her husband, were both diagnosed with the virus and admitted to hospital. Both had to endure the most frightening and extremely poorly experience they have ever had to go through – one of isolation, uncertainty, extremely poor health and one where they had no contact with their family apart from the use of their phone. Fortunately, both have come through it but after many weeks of trying to recover it has left many deep scares and a fear of catching the virus again.

I am glad to say that when I visited Jeannette and her husband in July, they were looking well but they both acknowledge that their recovery will take some time still.

I have to say on behalf of our staff, who made themselves available during the lock down, our experiences with the children who benefitted from our hub, were really enjoyable. It was so lovely to get to know the children really well during that time. Opening up to the children on a daily basis, over weekends and holiday times gave us an opportunity to gain strength and confidence from the resilience of these little people who just took everything in their stride. We have fond memories of the Webster children, the Becketts, the Haywood children, Phoenix and Lizzie and the many others who accessed our hub, which will be lasting. Dare I mention my daily song 'What have we got for lunch today, lunch today, lunch today, what have we got for lunch today to feed our hungry bellies?' (this was sung to the tune of 'Here we go round the mulberry bush') which Lucy grew to hate but it would make us all laugh as the children gradually would block

their ears and roll their eyes once they saw me coming. The children had lovely experiences of scavenger hunts, daily workouts with Joe Wick, Den Building, Hide and Seek as well as other creative and physical activities. And whilst all of this was happening in school, work was continuously provided for those who had to stay at home and keep safe. I am forever grateful to all of our staff, who worked extremely hard during this difficult time both in school and from home. The detail and time and the commitment to all of the children, which the staff gave, was amazing. Weekly contact and phone calls home to ensure that the children knew we were still there for them, emphasised the commitment, care and love our school has for these children who too will remember this for a very long time. To say that we were /are all part of something our whole world hasn't seen for a lifetime and have become part of a significant time in our history, can be quite mind boggling.

So, what next?

We will all be excited to get back in September to welcome all of our children. We can't wait to have a 'buzz' in our school again. Our priority will be to make sure our children feel safe and confident as they return - we'll want to establish routines, structure, friendship and an opportunity for them to enjoy school again (whilst of course following social distancing guidelines – in so far as we possibly can). We will develop our curriculum alongside the needs of the children in the shadow of this experience and we try to ensure we work through it together.

Goxhill Primary School is going to be stronger after this episode and we look forward to a new 'normal' where we can all be together with the children, doing the job we love to do!

This term we say 'Goodbye' to a number of staff:

Linly Litta Clayton worked in our Reception class for only a year however her impact was immense, she quickly built professional relationships and friendships with both staff and parents. If finances allowed, we would certainly be keeping her as she brought charisma and diversity to our school and it was great to learn from her. We wish her much love and best wishes for her future.

Mr Fox leaves us to take up a post nearer to his home in Scunthorpe. Covering everything from PE to Assessment across the Federation and then securing our school's Platinum award in OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), we will miss him a lot, but he will always remain a friend to our school. Good Luck Steve Fox!

Also we sadly say 'Goodbye' to **Mr Byrne**:

"I have had the pleasure to be part of the Federation for six years, teaching mainly Science to children who were eager to learn and understand the world around them. Children want the answer, but that is not important, asking the question is and that is what I have always sought to do. To open their minds to what's around them – tasks which I think I have achieved: arranging trips to CERN, running the F1

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challenge and most recently, taking Y6 from all three schools to the Humber Tunnel for a Royal Visit.

Being part of a community, both at school and within the village has been amazing. More often than not, the children were greeted with "Evening" as they walked through the door at the start of the day. What can I say I have a very strange sense of humour! I'm staying within the village, so watch out, you may yet experience my sense of humour when you least expect it!"

Colin Byrne

Again, we wish Mr Byrne much love and success in the next stage of his teaching career.

Finally, it is with the saddest heart I write to inform you that **Mr Jeff Teasdale**, who has been part of our Governing body for many, many, many years, decided during this Covid 19 crisis, that the time had come for him to hang up his badge as one of our chiefs on the governing board. He retires to enjoy his family and living a life without the stresses and strains, which comes with the responsibility of being a governor. When Mr Teasdale visited me at my previous school as part of the interviewing process I was quite confused

about his role. I actually believed he was a member of the local authority education team – and I remember trying to name drop to impress him thinking that he might think I had done a lot of homework around the make up of the education team within North Lincolnshire. His response was always 'No, No I don't know that person – No, no I haven't come across him' – he did enjoy some lemon cake and tea as part of the hospitality so I think I may have won him over that way!

Jeff has given his life and soul to Goxhill Primary School and the support he has given me personally will never be forgotten. He will remain a great friend and associate to our school and will continue to be a fixture and fitting at many school events.... Certainly, an honorary Fellow!

On behalf of all our children, our staff and me, 'We love you Jeff and wish you a long and happy, healthy retirement from the governing board, but just remember..... we will still be pestering you from behind the scenes!' x

I hope you all have had a lovely, peaceful summer!

Caroline Breslin

Goxhill School is officially recognised by OPAL for having some of the best playtimes in the country

Goxhill School had a final assessment by **OPAL** (outdoorplayandlearning.co.uk) for our break time improvements which have taken place over the last 2-3 years.

We achieved 94% on the audit which resulted in the top '**Platinum Award**'. This means we have some of the best playtime provision in the country!

We will not be resting on our laurels though and will keep striving to make it even better! We are well on with rolling out similar provision at East Halton and New Holland Schools, so that children there also have just as good play times.

'Playtimes are great because we can build things with our friends.'
Year 4 Pupil



'We have a lot of space for dens, obstacle courses and shelters.'
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'You can go on the field in any weather.' - Year 6 Pupil



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What an absolute time for our Lockdown Ninjas to shine!



Over at KRMA HQ, never did we ever think we would see the day we were forced to shut our doors! We weren't going to let anything, no not even a pandemic, take away everything our ninjas have worked so hard for away.

These past few months have been challenging to say the least, but it simply wouldn't have been our style to throw in the towel and give in at the first hurdle....

... We are Martial Artists both in motion AND mind.

This was the perfect time to put our lifelong skills to the test to ADAPT and OVERCOME. To teach our students and their parents how to use these skills in their time of need, how to remain calm, stay focussed, be kind and courteous. Martial Arts is so much more than kicking and punching.

In a time where so much uncertainty exists, we made it our mission to give our students a little ray of sunshine and a glimmer of hope.

Enough about us though ... we are here to celebrate all the wonderful things our ninjas have been achieving over lockdown. They have been up to so much it's hard to know where to start.

Keeping a routine going for many of our students has been key. Our Dragon Tots, Junior Dragons, Senior & Elite Dragons, Traditional Karate and Kickboxing students have continued to train via pre recorded online classes and zoom live sessions, weekly. We gave each family full access to our online portal containing all our curriculums so that the

whole family could become involved. Many have sent us in home training videos and some have even managed to grade and receive their next colour T-Shirts or belts. Covid 19 was not going to stop these students from achieving great things! As soon as we were able, we then ran private online sessions outdoors, whereby many of our students attended and benefitted immensely from not only being able to see actual real life people for the first time in a long time, but also interacting with instructors and other peers (at a safe distance of course).

Lets hear what our young ninja Paige (8) and her mum had to say:

"Paige loves training with KRMA at Goxhill. It has helped her self-confidence, determination, and fitness. The classes always have elements of fun whilst also learning the key skills of freestyle karate."



KRMA have just recently hosted their inter-club competition online, which is great as it gives the students an insight as to what other competitions worldwide have to offer.

KRMA has done some great things during lockdown 2020 including games nights to keep everyone together online, we've also raised money for NHS charities with Lockdown Ninja T-Shirts and also Bingo nights which have raised a fantastic £150. Paige's aim is to be a 5th Dan Black Belt one day and with KRMA's help I'm sure she can achieve this!"

In the background we have also been working hard on plans going forward. KRMA Goxhill has been such a great success since we opened the doors, that many of those who first started are certainly well underway to working towards being magnificent black belts. As we look to grow and expand our KRMA family, we are putting plans in place to ensure we can be the best we can be. We are excited to bring about some positive changes, such as more classes to ensure each age group and ability level continue to develop their lifelong skills in Martial Arts.

On a personal note, I would just like to say the hugest thank you to each and every member of our KRMA family who have stayed patient, loyal and hopeful through this time. Without you all believing in us and supporting us... we wouldn't still be here to tell the tale. From the bottom of my heart I thank you all!

Let's finish off with a message from Elite Dragon, Dan (10):

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also won the Best Community Planting in the group and the Best Kept Playground."*

Jenny, Best Kept Village Organiser, CPRE Northern Lincolnshire

Those words in the letter to the Parish Council, was greeted with delight and real sense of satisfaction for a
brilliant job done by the PC and a band of volunteers lead by Aileen Hanlon Bennett, plus villagers really
making their properties show off our village at its best.

Well done and congratulations to all involved.

**Goxhill were awarded 194 out of 200 marks. So there is a
tiny bit of room for improvement.**

General comments on the Judging sheet -

*"Community planting is a strength and together with a
lovely cemetery, a splendid playground and playing field
and other good facilities, it was a real pleasure to visit
this most attractive village."*

*Residents have clearly made a real effort to provide
attractive floral displays and effective planting in various
locations around the village and not least in their own gardens.
There were particularly good examples of colourful planting to be
found at Bradwall Lodge and Rochester House on Ferry Road
and Middle Cottage on King Street. Special mention must also
be made of the excellent planting displays outside houses on
Howe Lane and St Michael's Court.*

*There was good community planting at various locations around
the village with good examples to be found by the village signs,
outside Field Farm Feeds, Providence Cottage and Daffodil Farm
on Thornton Road and outside K and G Lowery on Ferry Road.
There was further planting on Manor Lane, Willow Lane, Mill
Lane, Thorn Lane and Farrows Pond.*

*The grass verges and hedges around the village were well-
maintained. The village signs are attractive and noticeboards are
very good quality containing up to date information.*

*The grass was also well-cut on the large
playing field, which includes the excellent
playground and skate park as well as two
MUGAs.*

*The cemetery on Horsegatefield Road is
very impressive with very well-cut grass
across the whole site."*



Sam van den Bos, Chair of the PC
at the time, being presented with the
plaque for winning in 1963. The last time Goxhill won
was back in 1966.

"Most innovative planting display"

*"The white bath on decorative legs is a lovely feature
at the entrance to the village on Thornton Road. Very
colourful and effective planting. The blue bug on the
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very clever planting in the two side troughs"*



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Bird And Wildlife Sightings by Steve Routledge

Goxhill / East Halton Summary June/July 2020

Due to the Corona virus lockdown this summary is only covering a small portion of time since my last write up and only covers June and July.

June 21st Today I only covered the areas around East Halton, walking from Winter's Pond around to East Halton Skitter and back. Highlights included an adult Green Sandpiper at Winter's Pond, a regular autumn passage migrant to the local patch from its breeding areas in the boreal forests of Scandinavia and on its way to winter in tropical Africa. Because this bird was an adult and a relatively early returning bird, I thought it was most probably a failed breeding bird.

Two Peregrine flying over fields towards Red House Wood, were the next nicety to enter the notebook and were the first to be seen on the local patch this year. This species breeds as close as Hull Docks and the Oil Refinery at Salt End, so the birds may have originated from there.

The final goodie was also a south bound wading bird on it's long journey to Africa, a Whimbrel. This bird was watched feeding on the Estuary mud at East Halton Skitter and is a regular migrant along the Humber, mainly in the spring, with birds on route to Iceland, but we also get smaller numbers in the autumn, of which most are young birds heading south and stopping here to refuel.

29th The visit began in usual fashion from Winter's Pond at East Halton, with the Green Sandpiper being still present from the 21st and also here this morning, another south bound migrant wader species a Common Sandpiper. These lovely little waders, breed in our upland areas, on rivers and streams, visiting our area in both spring and autumn, mostly occurring at the latter.

Another feature of this morning's visit, was a decent movement of south bound Swifts, with me seeing at least 204 birds, this species also being a long range migrant heading for Africa after breeding in northern Europe.

A few other notables included 2 female Cuckoo, one of which was seen at Winter's Pond and one at the Skitter. These sightings are most welcome of this sadly declining visitor to our shores and these two birds will also be heading south towards Africa for the winter, before long, as most adults have left by August.



Peacock Butterfly, Winter's Pond, East Halton Skitter

July 4th Best sighting on today's showery visit were 3 Crossbill watched and heard flying west at Chapel Field Farm, Goxhill and constituted a new species for my local patch, with this being the 203rd species I have observed. This species is a nomadic one, wandering throughout the country after the very (Some breeding as early as January) in search of their favourite food source Spruce cones. Wader highlights continued today, with Green and Common Sandpipers being seen again at Winter's Pond, 2 Little-ringed Plover flew west at East Halton Skitter (another summer visitor to our shores, wintering in Africa).

An interesting non bird sighting today, saw a single Essex Skipper being seen along the Humber flood bank near to Dawson City nature reserve, a scarce, but increasing breeding species along the Estuary.

19th Numbers of passage waders were certainly picking up on today's visit, with 12 Common Sandpiper being noted, 5 along the Humber shoreline between Winter's Pond and Killingholme and a further 7 at East Halton Skitter. Other species involved included 30 Avocet and 52

Black-tailed Godwit At East Halton Skitter and a juvenile Peregrine was causing havoc amongst the Waders and Gulls here, chasing and mobbing them, all good practice for catching its own food after fledging.

A nice surprise on the walk back to the car at Winter's were 2 juvenile Wheatear feeding along the sea wall, quite an early record for birds passing through the local patch, as most birds are noted in August and September from their upland breeding areas.

25th Highlight of the month was seen today at Winter's Pond, as 2 immature Spoonbill flew south over towards Killingholme. This increasingly commoner species to the UK in the spring/summer months, is now an established breeding bird in this country, with several pairs breeding in Norfolk and a smaller population breeding at Fairburn Ings RSPB reserve near Leeds.



Juvenile Wheatear, East Halton Skitter

Other goodies on today's visit consisted mainly of southern bound migrant birds on their journeys to Africa and included 10 Whimbrel (7 south over Winter's Pond and 3 at East Halton Skitter), 93 Sand Martin, 22 Yellow Wagtail, 3 Common Sandpiper (all between Winter's Pond and East Halton Skitter) and a sub-adult Yellow-legged Gull flew north along the Estuary off here. This latter species is a scarce late

summer passage bird, as birds visit the UK after breeding on the near continent and southern Europe.

Steve Routledge <https://brachytron.blogspot.com>



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Bloomin' Yanks and Darn' Limeys

Americans came to Goxhill in 1942 and took over the R.A.F. Airfield as a base for American pilot training. Initially, still dazed from a sea journey on ships such as the Queen Elizabeth which, due to constant 3 minute course changes to avoid U boats, had caused wide spread sea sickness, to add to homesickness, Goxhill came as a bit of a shock. Nor was the shock confined to the 'Yanks'. The sudden influx of Americans and their machinery of war, marching and trundling down the road, more than bemused the residents of Goxhill. Goxhill was not alone as the same story was taking place in many villages around Britain. The Americans expressed the opinion that they had been transported to a place 100 years in the past, to a period closer to medieval times than the world from which they came. They tended to disregard the fact that Britain had been at war for more than three years and austerity measures and shortages meant the average family struggled to survive on meagre rations. There was little the Americans could relate to, plus they felt 'dumped' into cold/damp huts with only a small, pot bellied, coal starved stove to bring any semblance of warmth. Forays into Goxhill and the surrounding country did little to dispel the sense of 'another world'. The pubs they stumbled on served warm beer, with landlords suspicious of proffered dollars and instantly silent locals, when they walked in. The new c/o immediately abandoned afternoon tea, much to the chagrin of the RAF liaison officers, who considered it a 'jolly bad show'. The c/o relented and put aside a room where 4 o'clock tea could be brewed for the RAF and was not above popping in for a cuppa' himself.

Goxhill was taken-a-back by the brash Yanks with their 'over the top' behaviour and failed to warm to them initially. As pilot training started and fatal accidents happened with young 'boys' thrust into aircraft that could 'bite' them, local people began to relate to their American guests and understand that they too were making sacrifices in their defence. The Americans likewise had lessons in the reality of war when visiting Grimsby and Hull and being witness to bomb damage. It didn't take long for Goxhill folk to invite the Yanks into their homes for meals with their families. The men would always reciprocate the kindness shown by returning with candy and other items not available in England at the time. My father was 'adopted' by a family in East Halton called Brown, who ran the local grocery shop. I believe that many daughters of the families were swept off their feet by the smartly uniformed, gum chewing airmen and the young sons quickly learnt that 'Got any gum chum' would bring satisfactory results. The base held Christmas parties for the local children who were encouraged to bring their big sisters along. My father told me that the children were fascinated to find a halve peach on top of their mashed potato. Not only had they never seen a canned peach before, but on mashed potato? Gosh,

Yanks really know how to live!

The train from Goxhill to Grimsby was always full of Americans heading for the bright lights. A popular destination was the Gaiety Ballroom on Wintringham Road. The Yanks introduced the Jitter-bug to the gals of Grimsby, who rapidly took to the dance and became as good as their American counterparts. Many of the men were given free lessons in more sophisticated dancing by local dance instructors and they came to realise that a slow 'smooch' at the end of the evening would bring it's own rewards. The ice-rink and Cleethorpes pier were also popular venues. The Americans were apt to show off their speed skating skills and at times dominated the rink.



Sgt. Warren Baxter Ballard, my father, entered into this mix of cultures. He was part of the permanent personnel on the base as a radio inspector, which meant he served in Goxhill for almost 3 years. His preferred off duty playground was Grimsby but according to him, was never part of the 'wilder' side of entertainment. He was more inclined to explore the Grimsby environs. He was once given some corn on the cob by a local grocer, then returning to base, he and his chums boiled and laced it with a week's ration of butter. It turned out to be 'Indian corn' meant for cattle feed and despite reboiling was as hard as nails. Many times my Dad and some of his friends would visit the Brighowgate

orphanage in Grimsby and take an arm full of candy for the children. I can only imagine the delight on the young ones faces. It was on a Grimsby visit that he met his future wife, Marjorie.

Marjorie was a war widow having lost her tank crew husband in a battle early on in the war. Mother was a telephonist in the upper floor of the old post office in Victoria Street, Grimsby, where she lived. She had a brief claim to fame when a merchant ship was torpedoed one night and the crew sustained multiple losses.



Many telegram requests came to her to inform families of the loss of a family member. Unfortunately a request came in to my tired and distressed mother to inform a family that an aunt had suffered a stroke. Mother in a befuddled state informed the family that 'Annie had a stoker' she was not to live this down for some time. One of her exploits involves

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being dangled over Cleethorpes pier by her ankles by very boisterous Canadian sailors. Later, after the war she told me never to tuck my vest into my underpants, as this is what all the American forces did. I often wondered how she knew that they ALL did it. I asked her about this when I got older and the only reply I got was RODNEY, THAT'S ENOUGH!!!!

It almost became an overriding ambition for some of the local girls in Grimsby and large towns around England (more than a few turned out to be under age) to bag themselves a Yank. Being escorted by an American in dress uniform had many advantages, not the least of which was their ready access to silk stockings and chocolate. The Americans were also paid 3 to 4 times more than their British counterparts and were more than lavish with their spending. It was inevitable that certain 'medical' problems resulted from multiple liaisons plus many girls falling pregnant with, at times, the father being 'unknown'. Post war, abandoned girls were often ostracised by their communities and left to bring up their children in poor circumstances.

Of course not all relationships were transient. Marriages between airmen and local girls were not uncommon. After the conflict hundreds of 'war brides' and their children were given passage to America to join their American husbands. My mother and I were shipped off to the States on the Queen Elizabeth. As we cast off, the band played 'Gonna'

take a sentimental journey'. Years later, my first wife and I, on our way to Chicago for a reunion with my Dad, the band on the quay side played the same tune as we set sail on the same journey on the same boat. On the first voyage I apparently cried and screamed the whole time and as a result when my father heard about it named me H.M.S. Rodney (His Majesty's Screamer).

Many of the brides settled to life in the States but more than a few returned after being less than welcomed by their husband's families. My mother was one of them. A bit of a case of English rose meets big city Italian Chicago. My Mother kept in touch with my Italian Grandmother for some years, but to the rest of the family it was as if we never existed.

My wife and I visited my dad and his wife, Lavern, in Albuquerque a few months before he died and he loved to regale us with stories of Goxhill and the people he came in contact with. Unfortunately in quoting English people, he would lapse into the most excruciating accent, which sounded much like Dick Van Dyke in Mary Poppins.

Some months ago I discovered that I have a niece, Cindy, living in Alaska and a native Indian nephew, Ezra. The virus is putting on hold their plans to visit Goxhill but hopefully come next year we will see our Alaska family exploring where their grandfather spent the war.

Rodney Ballard

2 GOLDEN WEDDINGS IN ELM LANE

30th May 2020 despite lockdown, was extra special in Elm Lane. Steve and Eileen Mosey shared their 50th Wedding Anniversary with next door neighbours, Richard and Sue Sharpe, who were celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary too. Golden Balloons decorated the Lane for a Special Day for both couples.



The weather was great and whilst both couples were 'social distancing' visited by their children, grandchildren and for Steve and Eileen a new great grand daughter, Bonnie.

Cards in abundance for both couples, but a special visitor for Richard



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and Sue was one of their bridesmaids, Janet Shephardson. Janet being the lovely lady she is, also brought a card for Steve and Eileen as they have been friends since their children were at school together, many years ago.

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'Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success' Henry Ford

It does not seem 3 months has passed since the last edition of The Gander which nearly did not happen owing to the pandemic but what a bumper packed edition it turned out to be, which shows Goxhill is alive and kicking despite lock down and everything that goes with it. Many events have had to be cancelled and although Open Gardens did not take place there were some lovely photos of some of the gardens, which would have been opened.

'Best Kept Village' ranked high on the village calendar. The village looks a lot tidier with a brilliant job being done on the grass verges, which goes a long way to make the place looked loved. Perhaps a "thank you" is in order and certainly overdue to those who mow the grass in front of their property particularly the areas that are outside the 30 MPH limit which, I believe, is the criteria for the mowing team to do. The wide verges from J.S. Tyres onwards always look tidy and maintained although officially verges are part of highways so "Thank you!" It does not go unnoticed.

Last year many thought the bath I had positioned near the entrance to the village on Thornton Road and planted up looked stunning and I was as pleased as punch when it appeared on the front of the village calendar. This year I have tried even harder to help put our village in bloom and I hope you have noticed the planted tyres outside J.S. which, I believe, look better than last year, the additional small trough on the opposite side of the road and the larger one outside Daffodil Farm, at North End, outside the farm, two large round containers are also new additions. Last year I set up ten planters altogether and this year I have added another nine. The lovely Shelia Seddon has taken on responsibility for the trough outside her house as well as the two wooden ones at the junction of Thornton Road and Barrow Road. While some of the others have been kindly maintained by people living closer to them, I really do struggle to get round them all for watering and dead heading. If there is a planter near you and you would like to volunteer to take care of it, I would be more than pleased. I know the 'Best Kept Village' competition encouraged me to spend my pennies creating and installing them, but I would like for them to last as long as possible and



provide as much joy as possible to all in the village. This year both the bath and the Pig (another new addition, on North End corner) have been entered for the section 'Initiative Planting' and I couldn't be happier at the recently announced result and the recognition in the award! (See page 23 for more details of the Award). Others have also made an effort and there are definitely more individual planters to be seen around the village. Howe Lane looks absolutely stunning, as it always does! All in all, a fantastic improvement on last year resulting in the brilliant achievement of Best Kept Large Village!!!! Let's aim to achieve an even better result next year and keep up the good work all year round, not just in time for the judging. However, we must also take on board that the competition is not just

about planters and colour but tidiness too. As mentioned in previous editions, Shelia Robinson does a great job at litter picking although people could help by using the bins more. There are areas that do not get maintained for one reason or another. Shelia and I took our brooms, shovels and other equipment and cleared the area outside the old Spar shop while Jack Lawtey cleared the area in front of the old chapel. Later I cleared the car park and entrance to the Parish Rooms/Library, and we disposed of the rubbish to the tip. Perhaps near you there is an area that should be cleared, or you use an area that is not yours, for parking safely, that you may like to tidy up occasionally. Remember 'Best Kept Village' is a community event and I, personally, would love to see more people, more involved in maintaining the areas that are not an individual person's responsibility.

There will be mention in this edition of Speedwatch, which is about to take place in the village. For many years there have been hot spots of speeding and it rated high on the survey of how you would like the village, your village, to improve. This is an exercise to slow speeding vehicles down for safety reasons and as a reminder to watch their speed. No-one gets shot at dawn. If caught you get a letter and that is it. Volunteers do not have any policing powers so I hope you will take the reasons on board and appreciate it is one way we can improve living in the village bearing mind it is growing all the time and has had a dramatic increase in vehicles.

Since the pandemic hit there has been a noticeable increase in the use of footpaths as more are taking to running and walking and I have never seen so many dogs and a definite increase in puppies. I know there is to be a photographic competition organised by the village hall committee as a fundraiser. There will be a category for all different animals so while the weather is good and you are snapping away taking photos of your horse, dog, cat, tarantula, snake, cow, pig or whatever, just keep in mind so you don't miss out. See further details under the Village Hall article.


Do you ever look at the inside back page of The Gander? There you will find nearly everything you need to know from advertisers to useful numbers. I have cut out the latter and stuck it in the front of my telephone address book and it is surprising how many times I use it.

As I write, the pandemic has hit Australia hard again and they are taking drastic action with lockdown and one can only hope we do not have to do the same. We must not be complacent and think that we are safe. We are not. At the moment things are starting to relax in an effort to get the economy going which we all understand, but hindsight is a wonderful thing and I am sure in the months/years ahead there will be much debate on what should have happened, but it will be too late then. No-one can know how things will pan out although in the horse world competitions are starting to be organised and take place with social distancing but, in that situation, heaven knows what they will look like next week or next year.

After being asked not to ride out or take unnecessary risks to avoid accidents and hospitalisation horses and riders are being seen out once again. Goxhill is quite famous for being a very horsey village and we have in excess of 500 equines. It is important we stick together and ensure our bridledways are fit for purpose and hope we get more. DEFRA are still in negotiations with farmers for access rights, but things move so slow at the best of times and in the meantime, we must protect what we have. Footpaths are also important to maintain and should

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not be obstructed. Please remember the countryside code.

Now is the time of year when horses and ponies are prone to such ailments as sweet itch and laminitis. Those with white or pink muzzles, white socks or greys are also more susceptible to the effects of the sun some of which could be life threatening. We are now seeing more horses in fields wearing fly masks to protect their eyes and the longer ones that includes protection for the muzzle, flysheets (rugs) and in some cases fly socks which I must confess I did use on one of my horses as she used to be constantly stamping to rid herself of flies which seemed to be attracted to her no matter what fly repellent I used. To be stamping all day must have been exhausting not to mention the concussion on her joints, but each animal is different and must be treated accordingly. You know what even one midge bite is to us. Full fly sheets could also help in the prevention of sweet itch. Shelter from the sun is best if possible.

It is also time for Ragwort to be dug out and burnt. There are many to be seen in or quite near horse paddocks, which will spread if not dealt with. Please remember it is poisonous and must be removed with its roots.

One of the casualties of the pandemic is the well renowned Animal Welfare Trust and they are to close their referral practices, which comes as a great blow. It is hoped they may continue with their scientific research into equine diseases if they can procure funding. The horse rescue charities are finding it very difficult now and for the foreseeable future. Income largely depends on donations and the visitor centres. Some have opened with restrictions, World Horse Welfare, The Horse Trust, The Donkey Sanctuary and Redwings are all closed at the moment. Bransby near Lincoln is our nearest one so if you intended to visit during the school holidays check first. Yorkshire Wildlife Park is open, but tickets must be pre-booked on-line, well worth a visit.

As mentioned in 'Off the Hoof' last edition my chosen charity this year is LIVES, who are first responders before an ambulance arrives, in cases of emergency. Living out here they are so needed so a good one to support. Unfortunately, owing to the pandemic, I have not been able to organise my normal fundraising activities and I mentioned an auction of furniture and other paraphernalia. An auction would mean that social distancing would be difficult to adhere to so I have

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decided a yard sale would be more manageable with all proceeds going to LIVES. The date will be Saturday 12th September at Shambles, Ferry Road from 10:00 till 14:00. At the moment there is quite an eclectic mix with Stag, Ercol, G-Plan and a few other well-known furniture names. If you are into up-cycling, it's an up-cyclers paradise! Mark it in your diary. It will take place rain or shine.

There was a good response to my appeal for bedding and towels for the hostel Pathways in Lincoln. I haven't had time to organise delivery so still collecting if you have anything to contribute. You can either drop off or I can collect. A big "thank you" to those who have already donated.

On 14th May a father and daughter found a foal, which was only a few days old. The foal had been literally thrown away and left to die in blackthorn and bramble bushes. It transpired to be a coloured colt (male foal). They did not know what to do with him and took him to Val And Martin Gorbett at Field Farm Foods. He was very weak and obviously in need of milk, particularly essential to survival was milk with colostrum (found in the first milk taken from the mother) in which antibodies, to fight infection, are provided. Luckily, John and Marlene Hankinson were able to provide some from their goats. I am happy to report this foal is now strong and thriving and been named Jo Jo after the two people that found him.

Incidentally, Field Farm Foods have a selection of large wooden carved statues which are fun and beautifully done. Just the right gift for someone that has everything.

On a lighter note: while at her favourite residence, Windsor Castle, The Queen recently rode out on one of her favourite horses, Balmoral Fern, which I believe may be a native fell. Our Queen is now 94 years of age and an inspiration to us all.

That's all for this edition.

Take care and ride safely. **Aileen. 01469 530643**

GOXHILL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARY

• **Goxhill Library is still closed at the moment.** At the time of going to press, there are no plans to reopen our Library, as this cannot be done safely under current Covid-19 regulations. (The same applies to all other small libraries in the county). Goxhill is in a second phase and it is hoped it may be able to open in some form in the Autumn.

• **Feel free to use Barton Library** at Baysgarth Leisure Centre. However they are currently only operating the new "Ready Reads - We Select, You Collect" system. The "Ready Reads" service is designed to keep customers stocked with reading material in a safe and COVID-secure environment. You need to register and let them know what type of material you would like to read or they can supply a 'lucky dip' selection. They will contact you to arrange a collection time. Do not visit the library without first making an appointment. The form to pre-order reading material, as well as up-to-date information on which sites are open and when, is at: <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/libraries-in-north-lincolnshire/>

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GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Such Strange Times

There are some moments in life when we have a different "normality", a contradiction in terms but nevertheless so. The Parish Council still cannot meet in person around a table to discuss matters arising or to make any decisions, this, however is being done via the marvellous Zoom, very efficient but it lacks the human feel, the physical response, the expressions and the exchange of opinions cannot be experienced, or felt. There is no emotion shown over what matters more to some than others, the time is limited and the agenda has to be made to fit. Our Clerk has done a tremendous job and has worked extremely hard, ensuring that at all times we have been aware of any important matters needing joint decisions, this will of course continue until some semblance of normality returns. During the last few weeks we have at last completed the long awaited and promised Skatepark, which was used the day after the contractors completed and cleared the site, it was an immediate invasion, and so great to see the response. I don't know whether the landscaping and the new grass seed will survive in it's intended position but I'm sure nature, with a little help will cover the area in time.



It is good to see the MUGA and the Playing field open and used, with care and of course following the guidelines it's good to see fun again.

The village has been judged again, the Best Kept Village clipboards were seen in several locations, so fingers crossed we have kept up the standards. Many residents together with the Parish Council, have put so much effort into planting boxes alongside the roads and outside frontages, also more and more hanging baskets have been planted and hung, it all looks so lovely. It would be nice to win but it's so nice to be part of it and enjoy the effect. I know I thoroughly enjoy being part of it. Thanks again to all who helped, in spite of such changeable weather in June and July.

STOP PRESS NEWS – Goxhill has won the Best Kept Large Village Award!!! See page 23 for full details.

Allotments

These are the only village asset to be allowed to stay open throughout this pandemic. Although the weather

has been extremely haphazard the gardens are doing well and production is in full swing. There are no vacancies at present but it is always wise for the future, just in case the garden bug bites, to put your name on the waiting list.

Playing field

Now that the temporary "roadway to nowhere" has been removed the field is returning to green again, and it is good to see everyone making good use of it again. I was a little disappointed to see the amount of litter around the new Skatepark. When I spoke to the young ones using it at the time, someone no older than 10 or 11 years old, said, "You clean it out of the ditch don't you". I think perhaps a few lessons on personal responsibility are needed with some. Most were enjoying themselves and I am sure behaving, it only takes a few to spoil things. A litter bin has been provided so no excuse.

Cemetery

It has been difficult, maintenance wise, because of the strange weather pattern, some areas have been very wet, however, all is neat and tidy and the rear field is more usable for visitors as a quiet peaceful retreat. The surrounding trees are maturing and now giving more privacy.

Millennium Green

This has, noticeably, been, used by many more people during the past months, and I hope that this will continue to be so. The new woodland is maturing well, and now that the footpath has been cleared it is a pleasure to walk through it. Hopefully more trees can be planted on the Green itself in the future. Because of the tidying, carried out during the last 18 months, the wild Roses have been able to show at their best, 8ft tall bushes of bright red and white, they have been a fantastic sight this year.

The Library

Currently not open, after the enforced Covid-19 closure. The loyal volunteers need more help when it does reopen. So, if you have the time, just a few hours a week, new help is always welcome. (See page 33 for latest news on library services that are available).

Community Speedwatch

Volunteers are still needed for this, just a couple of hours a month. If you think you can spare the time and want to be involved, please contact the Parish Clerk. (See page 25 for more information).

Freda Dunkley

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A case of irritable bowl syndrome

Whilst our club members have eventually been able to bowl for a bit of fun, that's all that has been possible to date. With all league matches cancelled months ago, the lack of that competitive element makes it all feel more like a training session than a match. It's particularly frustrating to see professional football and cricket taking place when arguably competitive bowls could more effectively take place in a socially distanced manner. Mind you, if we had to 'take the knee' before each match then we might struggle to get all of our players back on their feet to begin the game (only joking, we are a fit bunch at our club, as bowling helps keep you flexible).

To discover more about starting bowling in 2021, you can ring me on **530363** or email via our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com> or by Facebook Messenger.

Apparently, William Tell and his family were avid lawn bowlers although it was so long ago that all league records are unfortunately lost to antiquity. It's a shame really as it means we will never know for whom the Tells bowled. **John Guggiari**

Faster than a speeding ... ambulance

The benefits of volunteers providing support to our NHS services have been very apparent over the past few months.

But even in 'normal times' it can take a long time for ambulances to reach rural areas like Goxhill. That was one of the reasons for the setting up of LIVES - Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service (registered charity no.1098364).

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With responders regularly moving out of the area, new volunteers are always in demand. If you think this might be for you, please contact **Damian Connolly** by telephoning **07747499331** or **530656** or emailing connolly.dam@gmail.com to learn more without any further obligation. **John Guggiari**



Stephen Gorwood, the landlord of the Black Bull, invited me to visit the other day to see how they are coping under the pandemic restrictions.

They have obviously used total lockdown time very well, with the help of Stephen's mother and sister, to fully redecorate and refurbish all of the bar areas and restaurant. Though the inside bars are not currently open.

They have added many traditional touches from their old family farm, created a cosy walled area with fireplace and are building a custom made outside bar for future use.

They have created a complete 'outside pub' by adding a large marquee to cover the beer garden and used their mobile bar to serve this area.

Tables and seating are laid out with social distancing. Floral decorations and cosy lighting make this a very pleasant area. NB the children's play area is not open at the moment.

The restaurant areas have also been laid out to keep to regulations. The conservatory can have all the doors slid back to make it an inside out area or enclosed as required. Food can be served in the beer garden too.

The evening menu has been simplified a little, but has all the usual pub favourites including steak, burgers, fish and chips etc, plus the new addition of pizzas. Sunday lunches are the usual roasts.

Stephen said, "We are very pleased with all the changes we have made to keep our pub a welcoming place to visit despite the current restrictions. Goxhill people have been really supportive, singing their praises of the meals and outside bar. We invite you to give us a try and to book a table."



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Two people on the Goxhill Memorial WW1 plaque, who may never have been to the village

Similarly to the Brewer brothers in my previous article, it is probable that George Frost, named on the World War 1 Memorial, never set foot in the village. The research into his family is complex and is ongoing. However someone in the village may be able to help me to get a step closer towards reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

I looked at Frost families linked to Goxhill and to surrounding villages which led to me to Hull looking for George, but with little success. A project available online through the 'Lincs to the past' website listed a George Frost of Grimsby who had died on 5 August 1916 and a search through each of the thirty five casualties with this name on the CWGC website revealed a George Stephenson Riggall Frost, son of George William and Annie Frost of Grimsby. A long trawl of options ended with a record, on the 1901 census, in Islington, London. George William's brother Albert was with the family which now included a daughter, Dorothy Selina, who had been born in Folkstone, Kent in 1898, eighteen months after George junior's birth which had been registered in Grimsby. A third sibling, brother Reginald D'Aubrey Frost was born in Holloway later that year and by 1911 the family were living in Hornsey, Middlesex. I didn't feel optimistic but followed the parent's family lines to see what else I could discover.

George's paternal line showed an established Grimsby family. His father George William, his grandfather, also named George and his grandmother Harriett feature in local records. Harriett's maiden name was Stephenson, which did explain the choice of Stephenson in George's given names. For his maternal line my starting point was simply Annie Frost and an approximate date of birth, calculated from the 1901 and 1911 census records. These records also showed that she had been born in Conisholme. I needed her maiden name. After 1911 birth registrations provide a mother's maiden name, which is really helpful in finding marriage records, but because these births were earlier this wasn't available. After exploring many options, a marriage in 1895 in Hull between a George William Frost and Annie Drewery, led me eventually to discover Annie, whose full name was Betsey Annie, listed living in Cleethorpes, with an aunt named Alice Riggall, a widow who had also been born in Conisholme. I was able to work back further in Annie's tree, discovering that Alice Riggall was actually her great aunt and that Annie's mother had died when she was just one year old. On Alice Riggall's death in 1895, Annie Drewery, spinster, is named in Alice's probate. I felt that I was on the right path and had an additional clue with the choice of Riggall in George's given names...but still no link to Goxhill.

The trail seemed to go cold. Online marriage and death records for a Reginald Aubrey Frost (too similar to be a coincidence to George's brother?) place him in Nottingham in 1966 and 1971 respectively. A death record for a Dorothy Selina Frost (the same name as George's sister and of a similar age) in Gainsborough in 1928. Probate records for Annie's father Willows, listed in 1930, name Betsey Annie Frost (wife of William George Frost, the names

reversed), as his beneficiary and I found a probate record for George William Frost 'known as George' for 1947 in Grimsby but there were no familial clues in the named administrators. None of this can be clarified without sighting actual records, an option not currently available due to the Covid restrictions.

What I did discover was that George had enlisted in Southall, London, as Private E/839 in the 17th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). The battalion landed in France on 17 November 1915 and immediately underwent a number of organisational changes. During 1916 they were involved in the Battle of Delville Wood which took place from 15 July until 3rd September 1916. George received wounds, possibly during this conflict, which led to his death on 5 August 1916. He was subsequently buried there. The 'Register of Effects' record for George showed that his father, George William received a service gratuity on 30 November 1916 and then a war gratuity on 1 October 1919. There were no addresses associated with this information. I understand that they were often paid through the Post Office. I let the research sit for quite a while then, out of frustration, I went back in my Ancestry family tree and put 'Frost' and 'Goxhill' into the search engine and clicked onto the Military area. A pension ledger card popped up for George Frost; mother Annie Frost; date of death 5 August ...our George. In order to access further details contained in this newly available information an additional subscription was required, I subscribed and there he was.



George Stephenson Riggall Frost's dependant's pension showing his mother's address in Goxhill

A dependant's pension ledger card had been completed on or around 4 January 1918 for George, almost exactly seventeen months after his death, when relevant documents had been received from the Paymaster. His beneficiary was named as his mother, Mrs Annie Frost of 'Highfield', Thornton Road, Goxhill, Lincs. It will be perhaps impossible to establish when and why Annie

Frost moved to Goxhill, to know if her husband came with her and to know whether George Stephenson Riggall Frost had the opportunity, before embarkation, to visit the village.

However, it may be possible to work out which house on Thornton Road was named Highfield in 1918? I know of two houses named Highfield in the village. Mr Brawn wrote, (in Spring 2008) that his house in Willow Lane had been owned once by Mr William Hewitt. William Hewitt, a joiner was 'involved in the building of many of the larger new houses that were being built in Goxhill at that time (around 1908), many of which had the word 'field' as part of their name'. Highfield on Thornton Road may or may not be one of the houses Mr Hewitt built. The map of that area for 1908 shows how few houses were there at the time.

Can you help with one of the final pieces of this jigsaw?



Section of 1908 map of Goxhill showing Thornton Road, including Howe Lane junction and Barrow Road and Gatehouse Road crossroads

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George Stephenson Riggall Frost, Private E/839, 17th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Died of Wounds 5 August 1916. Aged 19 years (CWGC records state 20 but he was born in the second quarter of 1897). Born 1897 Grimsby, enlisted and resident of Southall, London. Son of George William and Annie Frost of Grimsby. Buried Abbeville Communal Cemetery. Commemorated on Roll of Honour in St James' Memorial Chapel, Grimsby.

John William Foulston, like George Frost, perhaps didn't step foot in the village but, unlike George, there remains a strong village family connection to him. John had been born in Grimsby in the first quarter of 1890, the oldest of what would be five surviving children to John Askey and Selina Foulston. At the 1911 census father and son are both recorded as 'Dairymen' and living at 453 Weelsby Street in Grimsby. John junior enlisted in Grimsby into the 363rd Forestry Company of the Army Service Corps as a Driver. His service number started with 'T' which indicates that he worked in the Horse Transport Section, so a horse driver rather than mechanical transport. I can find no information online about the 363rd Forestry Company but we do know that John married Alice Tatham, in Grimsby, in 1915. Alice was originally from Halifax but later records show that two of her brothers went on to move to and live in Grimsby. John's younger brother, George Henry, known as Harry,



Believe this is George Stephenson Riggall Frost's headstone in Abbeville Communal Cemetery. Credit photos to Werner Van Caneghem.

John and Harry's three younger siblings have a close association with Goxhill through generations of family members. Florrie-Jane married George Henry Jones and their son Ronald and his wife

Doris will be remembered by residents. Fred farmed in Thornton Curtis then South End. He married Maud Lewis of Goxhill; her paternal grandfather came to the village to be the School Headteacher. I think I remember her as 'Granny Foulston' living at Haynton on Westfield Road? Fred and Maud's three children were Les who farmed on Horsegate Field Road next to Glebe Farm at Horsegate Farm; Mary married Ron Lamming and lived at Hallandsfield on Gatehouse Road, a farm he took over from his father, and Don who farmed at Spring Farm on Chapel Field Road. John and

Selina Foulston moved up into the village, living at Highthorn which is near the Old Vicarage, after John retired. The youngest sibling, Frank, took over Glebe Farm, living there with his wife Nellie, whose uncle Harold Fidell farmed at Shawbriggs Farm on Barrow Road.

John William Foulston's widow, Alice, is recorded on his

death living in Grimsby at 94 Roberts Street. Her brother Willie is listed there too, having been discharged on 23 January 1918 from the 3rd Battalion, Yorkshire

Regiment after receiving a gunshot wound to his left thigh. He is later recorded as a 'Milk Merchant' when named on John's probate after his death. John died in France on 26 October 1918 of 'Broncho Pneumonia' contracted whilst on active service and is buried there. Alice went on to remarry, in 1919, living on Oundle Road, Woodston, near Peterborough.

John William Foulston, Private T/324930 Army Service Corps. Died 26 October 1918. Aged 28 years. Born 1890 Grimsby, enlisted and resident Grimsby. Son of John Askey and Selina Foulston of Grimsby and later Glebe Farm, Goxhill. Buried Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension. Commemorated on Roll of Honour in St James' Memorial Chapel, Grimsby.

Their names sit adjacent to each other on the Goxhill Memorial Hall plaque and incredibly these two men lie in adjacent rows in the CWGC Abbeville Communal Cemetery and Extension. George Frost lies in Plot VI, Row K, number 6 and John Foulston in Plot IV, Row J, number 18, their graves separated by thirty one fellow casualties.

Elizabeth Fincham



Frank Foulston, youngest brother of John, with his wife Nellie. They farmed at Glebe Farm, Goxhill, taking over from Frank's father John Foulston. Photo scanned from article in Scunthorpe Telegraph dated 6 October 2003.



Foulston family circa 1910 (Courtesy of Adam Ellis)
Back Row left to right: George Henry (Harry), Florrie-Jane, John William
Front Row left to right: John Askey, Fred Horace, Frank, Selina
Named by Elizabeth Fincham

enlisted and served as a Private in the Machine Gun Corps and he had married too, in Grimsby, in 1915, to Kathleen Blanche Griffin. Blanche's brother, Stan, later moved to Goxhill, living on Thornton Road. He was in the photograph of 'Miss Brewer's retirement' in my article of Summer 2020. Harry's disability record after the war states that he had problems with his vision but that this wasn't attributable to his war service. The investigative actions in making this decision appear to have been taken throughout 1920 and Harry's address is given as Glebe Farm on Horsegate Field Road in Goxhill providing a clearer idea of when his parents moved to the village. Harry went on to farm, between Market Rasen and Horncastle.



Headstones of John William Foulston and George Stephenson Riggall Frost, in adjacent rows of the Abbeville Communal Cemetery extension. Credit to British War Graves website.

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Update from National Grid River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project

By Steve Ellison, Lead Project Manager

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Working closely with our project partners Skanska, A.Hak and Porr, we have 'pushed' eight 620m long gas pipeline sections, each weighing an impressive 850 tonnes, through our tunnel – from Goxhill, North Lincolnshire to Paull, East Yorkshire.

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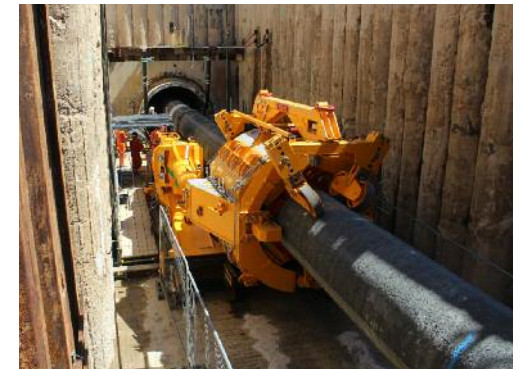
Extremely powerful hydraulic thrusters positioned in the launch shaft of the tunnel, then began the mammoth task of pushing each of the pipeline sections through the tunnel at a speed of one metre per minute. One-by-one, each of the eight pipe strings were welded together to form a single continuous pipeline.

The next and final stage of the project will be the commissioning and connection of the pipeline to the UK's gas network. We're on track with the time frame set out for the project, with commissioning expected to be complete at the end of 2020.

Demobilising our Goxhill site With the pipe push complete, we are now gradually demobilising our Goxhill site. Over the autumn and winter, we will remove the stone foundations, buildings and equipment from our Goxhill site. When that is complete, the land will be returned to exactly how it was before we arrived.

Keeping in touch. If you need to get in touch please contact a member of our community relations team, by email at nationalgrid@riverhumberpipeline.com or by telephone on 0800 988 9144

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A pipe thruster in action

News from Goxhill Methodist Chapel

At the start of lockdown, while waiting to begin a new job, I got back into researching my family tree. It's something I've dipped in and out of for years as it gives me something to occupy my mind and is building a record for future generations. We have another baby due in November and I get a thrill from knowing a little about those people who came before us and contributed to the hotchpotch of DNA. I find delight in expanding our family in both directions.

Elsewhere in this edition you will see another of Elizabeth Fincham's articles on Goxhill history inspired by the village war memorial. She was kind enough to share her findings with me because they relate to some of my ancestors. By the sounds of it, Elizabeth has made researching the village's history a fulltime preoccupation, which we Gander readers are only seeing a small part of. Elizabeth is confident of being able to connect all the families that have lived in Goxhill for decades to one another by marriage and I for one would be delighted to discover an even deeper connection to this place that I still call home even though it's been years since I lived in the village.

Reading Elizabeth's words gave me the same feelings I had when editing the chapel's book of memories tied to the inscribed windows that we published last September. Even where there is no blood connection, we are united by shared bonds and experiences, shared faith – which I imagine you have experienced in the pandemic in a way unknown in most of our lifetimes.

If you did not get a copy of the book, we still have some

left – and after a year at £7, I'm happy to sell at £5 a copy.

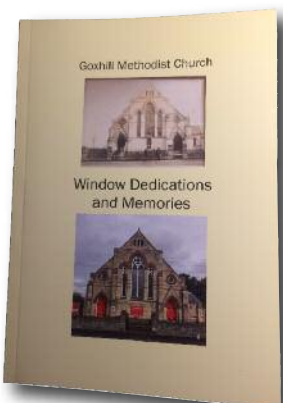
The great sadness of pandemic for many of us is that the churches and chapels have been closed throughout. I know All Saints resumed worship over the summer, but Methodist rules demand a two-thirds majority of members vote to reopen under very strict conditions around social distancing and ventilation.

With a largely elderly and shielding congregation we did not get the required numbers, so the chapel will remain closed. We will have a new vote every time the government guidance changes and intend to reopen as soon as it feels safe to do so. Anyone who has attended the chapel in the last four years will have met our minister Revd Nichola Jones. Once seen never forgotten – and she probably still remembers you too. We are all sad that she has moved on from her position as superintendent to be nearer her elderly parents but thank her for all she did with us.

For the next 12 months **Revd Enid Knowles** is stepping up to take pastoral care of Goxhill. To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals and hospital visits, Enid can be contacted on **01652 680683** or by email to eknowles@farnworth.plus.com

Finally, if anyone would like to receive a copy of the circuit newsletter, please let me know.

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A couple of interesting facts about speed:

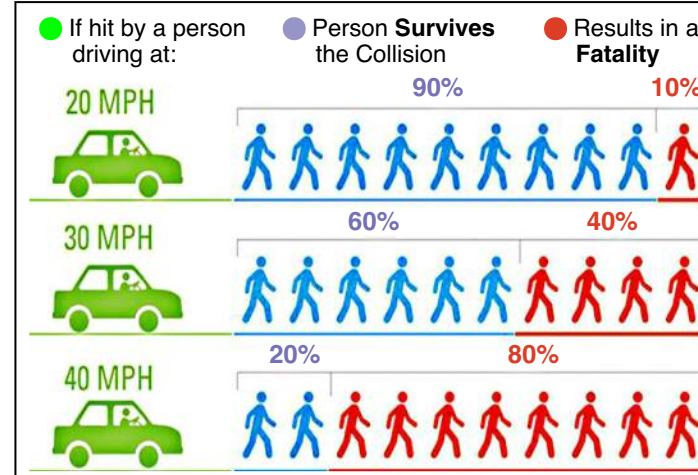
At 30mph in good, clear dry conditions your vehicle is travelling at 44 feet a second. Add in wet conditions and you can double that.

Two thirds of all accidents where someone is injured occur in 30mph, not open country lanes as people believe.

If a vehicle is reported by the team, the details are sent to Humberside Police for further checks to be made on the vehicle. Once the information supplied is checked and confirmed, only then is a warning letter issued.

The CSW letter process consists of an initial warning letter asking the driver to slow down in our communities, at this point no further action is taken against the vehicle keeper. Should the vehicle be seen again exceeding the speed limit by a CSW team, either in Goxhill or any other part of the Humberside Policing area, a second letter is issued. The second letter gives a stern warning that the vehicle is a repeat offender and that a marker may be placed against it for targeted Police action. Letter three.... Well, let's just say, if you are seen for a third time by a team, a large BMW Police car from the Roads Policing Unit will be visiting you at home. That is your chance to explain your actions before action is taken against you.

**Information supplied by Wayne Goodwin 8303
Community Speed Watch Coordinator**



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH



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If this is something you may be interested in please contact **Parish Clerk - 07834 418338**

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The popular on-demand bus service, Call Connect, is being enhanced with a revolutionary new service.

The new JustGo on-demand ride sharing service will launch in September with a new state-of-the-art app. Thousands of people who use on-demand transport in the area, including those that can travel for free, will benefit from this service.

JustGo North Lincs will be able to be downloaded as an app from Google Play and the App Store onto tablets and smartphones and on-demand users can then choose from where they get picked up using local meeting points.

The intelligent software then works out the best way to collect other passengers nearby and take them to their chosen destinations - the more the app is used the better the responsive transport becomes.

Many people are comfortable using apps for a variety of services. For those that aren't, help and support to get them started with JustGo will be available over the phone or face to face.

Users can pay digitally via debit or credit cards and the service can be booked up to 30 days in advance up until the day of departure. This easy-to-use system will provide a better service to the people who need transport and will provide an efficient use of taxpayers' money.



North Lincolnshire Council, East Yorkshire Buses, part of the Go-Ahead Group, and tech firm Liftango have developed the new service.

The new on-demand bus service aims to keep communities connected and

enable them to flourish while also supporting other priorities to keep people safe and well and grow the economy.

Cllr Rob Waltham, Leader of North Lincs Council, said:

"We are continuing to invest in connecting our communities here in North Lincolnshire. The new on-demand bus service will provide a vital lifeline to our towns and villages across North Lincolnshire, especially for older residents and those that receive concessions."

"People will still be able to access the service over the phone to book, but they will also be able to use the new technology. When they call to book they will be given advice on how to download and use the new app. Staff from East Yorkshire Buses will also be visiting sites around the area, including local markets, to answer questions and help people with the app."

"The new service will make getting the bus when and where you need it much easier."

To sign up for email updates visit the JustGo North Lincs website or follow @justgobus on Twitter and Facebook.

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