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GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2021


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& Much More

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entertainments and social
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Is there a future for the Gander?

As a result of me asking, in the last issue, if the Gander is still of value to the village, whether it has a future in this modern digital online world, I was met with... SILENCE!

My request for help with the Gander resulted in one kind person offering to help, particularly with admin on the editorial side. BUT WE NEED MORE!!!

Please come along to our rescheduled **GANDER AGM on 5th October**. Any offers of help and opinions on the way forward for the Gander, will be most welcome! The next issue will be my 50th as editor. After an accident this summer, it is even more obvious that I cannot keep on doing this much longer.

So if you really care about the Gander, please come along to our AGM, or contact me in person if you can't attend the meeting, with any suggestions or offers to get involved. **THE FUTURE OF THE GANDER IS IN YOUR HANDS!**

Village life is returning at last. On a positive note - it is really good to see the Noticeboard pages filling up once again with the opening up of societies, clubs, entertainments and activities etc. It is brilliant after 16 months of lockdowns and restrictions, to see the social life of the village returning, in a careful post Covid way. Please support these activities. As always they rely on people being involved, attending, financially supporting and above all, enjoying them.

Local businesses are reopening. Please use our advertisers' services. It is always better to use local people whenever possible, to keep the local economy turning. After the Gander's invoicing round during the summer, to sell all the advertising space, I am pleased to say that most of our regular advertisers are happy to continue in our village newsletter. However we always lose a few advertisers at this stage, but this space has been immediately filled from our short list of potential advertisers. So all advertising pages are completely full, showing local business's confidence in the Gander and securing the funding that pays for the production costs for another year.

More fascinating articles. I hope you agree that there is a wealth of interesting articles covering a wide range of topics, filling the pages of the Gander. I am eternally grateful for all those who continue to supply news, information and articles etc. But we are always open to new ideas to keep the Gander fresh and up to date.

Short Award. We delayed the annual Short Award from its usual slot in Spring, but now activities are beginning to happen again, it seems a good time to recognise the hard work of someone who has really done a lot for the benefit of the village and the residents. Please see **page 11** for details of how you can nominate someone deserving of the award.

Back to the future.

This brings us back to the crucial question posed at the start of my editorial. We need new blood to come forward to enable the Gander to continue. Whether it remains in its present form and/or perhaps in a new way utilising online media. Either way - **Can you help, please?**

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THE GANDER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 5th October 2021
at 7 pm. in the Parish Rooms**

All are welcome to come along and ask questions of the Gander team or make your views known. Any offers of help and suggestions of ideas for different articles or information in the Gander are always appreciated.

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 £200 plus trophies in prize money.

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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

Staying Alive!

Have you noticed how some buildings have a particular atmosphere about them? Some feel calm or sad or gloomy and some give us a feeling of peace of safety. My own theory is that buildings resonate with all that's gone on in them and if a building is loved and cared for it's usually a happy place. Our parish church here in Goxhill is a much loved place and very much part of the village and its history. Earlier this year I was honoured and delighted to see my name added to the list of priests who have served in this place over the past centuries, following my licensing, and the church building has witnessed so many events in that time. Some will be huge historic moments but some will have been more personal, the private events of a community or families, which may not have had global significance but which were so important to the people involved.

When we weren't allowed to meet for worship, the atmosphere in the church was sad, reflecting the mood of our community. It felt as though the building missed us. One of the hardest aspects of the pandemic was that it was difficult for people to mark significant times in the church. Funerals were socially distanced and no hymns could be sung, and couples wanting marry among all their friends and relations had difficult decisions to make. Although we're moving cautiously in these early days without restrictions, we were delighted that on the very first day restrictions were lifted the church hosted a wedding. It was beautiful sunny day, lots of (visible) smiling faces and, as well as a wonderful occasion for the couple, symbolic of the renewed link between our building and the community. The following Sunday our congregation also sang hymns for the first time since last March and even if our vocal cords were a bit rusty, the building was filled with music and joy.

Village churches are special places because they're knitted into the fabric of the lives of generations in that place. Our church has witnessed many changes and many significant occasions and we hope it will witness many more. Of course we all hope things will continue to improve and that the sadness of the pandemic will soon be over, but we take nothing for granted. For now though, as we enjoy being able to pass people in the street and smile, I think All Saints' church is smiling too, because once more it's able to welcome its community home and it feels alive again.

With my love and prayers, **Rev. Liz Brown**

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends

It hardly seems two minutes since I said how lovely it was to be back at Goxhill - and now my time is over!

It has been good to be beaver away in the background concerning chapel matters, and to be part of the re-opening of the chapel after many months of it being closed. There have been sad times as well as celebrations, a new chapel notice-board and numerous church councils online and face-to face. Weekly Newsletters and Quizzes have gone out to 75 people via the post to those who could not join our Circuit ZOOM services, and the same number via email (which includes my other chapels too, I have to admit).

So now it's farewell - I'm tempted to say 'Adieu' - I shall return - if only for the occasional Sunday Service.

I'm sure you will give Revd Sally Long a warm Goxhill welcome.

With Love and Blessings, **Rev. Enid Knowles**

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

What a joy it was for us to welcome people back to the Pop In and Luncheon Club. With everyone saying how great it felt to come out and meet with each other again.

With the date for lifting the restrictions being put back a month, it meant the Pop In had to have two sittings to allow for distancing. It worked fine, thanks to everyone coming to their chosen sitting and leaving on time so we could disinfect table and chairs before the second sitting. Although the restrictions have been lifted, we will still want people to hand sanitise on entering the room, we will still aim not to have a crowded room.

Future events

Pop In	Sat 18th September	Chapel Schoolroom 10am - 12 noon (just one session)
	Sat 16th October	
	Sat 20th November	
Calendar	Sat 2nd October 1.30 - 4.30pm	Community Calendar viewing in All Saints Church. We will be serving tea and cake.
	Fri 8th October 7.30pm. In the Chapel Schoolroom. In order not to have a crowded room we will be limiting the teams to nine. So, book early it will be a case of first come first served.	

Dates for your diary

Christmas Tree Festival - Sat 4th / Sun 5th
 December All Saints Church. Time to be confirmed.

If you would like to place a tree in Church in memory of a loved one, or to advertise your business please contact **Sandra on 530065**

Christmas Bingo Friday 10th December 7pm in the Memorial Hall

Bereavement Support

Many people have suffered bereavement during the pandemic, and have found it difficult to access any support. The Dawn Bereavement group have now launched a web page - **dawnbereavement.org** on here you will find advice and be able to hear other people's stories of their grief journey, which can help when you feel some of the things you are going through are not normal, but when you listen to others you find you are not on your own. **Sandra on 530065.**

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The W.I. meet every 2nd Monday of the month throughout the year except for August, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. New members and visitors, including gentlemen are welcome at any of the meetings.

For further information please contact Mrs. Alyson O'Leary, President, on 01469 531568 or Caroline Atkins, Secretary, on 01469 532204.

Following easing of restrictions, the following programme has been arranged:

- Sept** Annual Meeting followed by Harvest Supper & Sale
- Oct** A talk on the Hedgehog Hospital
- Nov** Ballroom Dancing
- Dec** Christmas Party

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Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 24th September 10am-12.30pm in Goxhill Memorial Hall. Please come and join us for coffee, homemade cakes and more.

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Over the next few months our meetings are:

Mon 27 Sep Jim Pearson – Hive Management

Mon 25 Oct District honey show, with cake and photography competitions

Mon 29 Nov A talk from our regional bee inspector
Our meetings start at 7.30pm on the last Monday of the month and are held at Village Hall, 59 High Street, Broughton, DN20 0JX

Admission is £1 per person for members and non members which includes refreshments.

Teresa Graham, Secretary

North Lincolnshire Beekeepers' District

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BARTON AREA FOOD BANK

It is an understatement to say that the past year has been challenging for everyone. It is now an appropriate time to thank all the people of Goxhill who have supported us so generously with food donations at the various collection points around Goxhill, and those who allow us to collect. Our Goxhill clients appreciate your contributions.

For several months last year, we were unable to provide food parcels as the team were not able to socially distance within our limited bagging facility. We stored the food elsewhere and resumed "normal" service last October, providing food vouchers as an alternative.

Perhaps, a little insight into the work of the Food Bank may give everyone a better understanding of our service.

The Food Bank opened in January 2012, after 9 months of careful planning, research, fund raising and generally ascertaining the need in the area in and around Barton. Originally we were based in the Trinity Methodist Church in Barton with sessions 2pm to 3-30pm every Tuesday and Friday. Due to parking difficulties for deliveries of food, we have since moved to the Salvation Army Community Church on Tofts Road in Barton. This was done somewhat reluctantly but we are grateful that the Salvation Army could accommodate us and parking is so much better.

Our numbers have understandably increased lately, and over the years several thousand clients have been helped. At the moment most of our clients come on a recommendation from a professional agency usually by a telephone call, as most social workers and others are still not office based, so do not access the vouchers we usually expect.

At times we are short of helpers, particularly at our Distribution sessions and occasionally in the bagging team. We already have several volunteers from Goxhill but welcome further help. If you need any further information, please contact us on either 01652 632512 or 01652 637745.

Once again, thank you for all your support. It is really appreciated. **Margaret E. Sidell**
Chairman, Barton Area Food Bank

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	86	Terry Hitchens	£19
	108	John Guggiari	£19
June 2021	75	Derek Thompson	£19
	98	Linda Milburn	£19
	269	Jean Scargall	£19
June Quarterly Jackpot	151	Chris Ryder	£125
July 2021	80	Penny Nadin	£19
	167	Ted Inglis	£19
	201	Lynne Brocklesby	£19

The Goxhill 200 Club is open to anyone aged over 16 years and interested in supporting the running of our Memorial Hall whilst having a bit of a flutter in a local lottery. Half the money from subscriptions funds monthly prizes with the other half donated to Goxhill Memorial Hall. The subscription is £10 a year and buys you 40 chances of winning.

If you would like to join the 200 Club then email goxhill.200club@gmail.com or telephone **530363** and we will arrange for one of our collectors to contact you when we collect for the next lottery year running from October to September inclusive. Payments by bank transfer are also possible.

Rosemarie Guggiari

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2nd Oct	South Killingholme community centre
16th Oct	Appleby village hall
23rd Oct	Winterton rangers fc grounds
24th Oct	Ulceby village hall
30th Oct	Bottesford village hall
6th Nov	Wootton village hall
13th Nov	Barnetby village hall
21st Nov	Redbourn sports club Scunthorpe 1 - 5.30
27th Nov	Great Coates village hall
4th Dec	Wrawby village hall
11th Dec	Scawby village hall
12th Dec	Messingham village hall
18th Dec	Burrougham village hall.

Tracy Russell

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Sunday November 14th

10.45am	Goxhill Memorial Hall
2.00pm	Outdoor service at the Airfield Memorial Tribute.

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GOXHILL COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2022

Entries for the next Calendar are already arriving at goxhill.calendar@gmail.com
All entries should be accompanied by details of photograph, name, age if under 14 category and details of depicted views or events in Goxhill.
You can send in up to four photographs by email to goxhill.calendar@gmail.com or telephone **01469 530138**
Last day for entries is 25th September 2021
Viewing and voting on all entries will be available from **26th September** - on an album on Goxhill Community Calendar Facebook page - and vote by email goxhill.calendarvoting@gmail.com and on **Saturday, 2nd October, 2021 at All Saints Church from 1.30pm to 4.30pm**. Refreshments will be available at this time.
All voting will be **closed on 2nd October**.
Prizes will be given for the chosen **Front Cover photo** and the best **Junior entry**.
We are considering using suitable entries depicting Goxhill as post cards. Good Luck. **Penny Carnell**

BARROW HISTORY GROUP STUDY GROUP

With fingers crossed, assuming we have access to the Vicar's Room, Barrow, we intend to pick up the lost threads. Our programme will commence at **7:30pm on October 11th** for our usual 6 week stint. The course will be one of last year's cancellations, "The Manor of Healing" with guest tutor Emma Lingard from Healing. The Manor was in the occupation of the Portman's for 85 years with their own interesting family history.
Any queries can be answered by contacting **Secretary Neil Wilkyn on 01652 688741** or myself on **01652 653066**. **Trevor Cherry (Chairman)**

THE SHORT AWARD WINNERS

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2003 Mrs. D. SIMON	
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2005 Mr. J. ELWOOD	

The Short Award 2021
Goxhill's Community Award, sponsored by the Gander, **NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Most of us like to know our voluntary efforts are worthwhile and appreciated. Just look at the very distinguished list, on the plaque displayed in the Memorial Hall, to see those recognised for selfless efforts in the past. Surely you know someone who does an amazing amount for the village, such as running a club, organising entertainments, fighting for a cause, raising funds for a charity, volunteering at the library, school, chapel, church etc, helping those in need, to name but a few.

The **SHORT AWARD** is open to any village resident wishing to say "thank you" to a volunteer who makes a difference to our village life.

Please complete this form below or watch out for nomination papers available with the nomination boxes placed at the **Co-op, Library, School, Shawbriggs, Goxhill Chippie and Scissor Box**.

Please place your nomination in the entry box at any of the above locations or complete online at goxhillgander.com/short-mail.html - by the closing date - **15th October 2021**.

The award will be judged by the Gander Committee and the winner will be announced in the next issue.

I would like to nominate.....for the **2021 SHORT AWARD**

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LiveLincs is returning to Goxhill

I'm delighted to announce that November will see the return of LiveLincs Rural Touring Scheme to Goxhill Memorial Hall. It will be almost two years (103 weeks to be more precise) since the previous LiveLincs show.

- **7.30pm Saturday 13th November 2021**
- **Simon Mayor and Hilary James.**

This popular, world-class duo bring a unique combination of Simon Mayor's humour and virtuosity and Hilary James "honey dripping voice"... not to mention her enormous mandobass! But it's probably the diversity of their repertoire that surprises people most: from folksongs to blues, Berlioz, classical mandolin show-stoppers, swing fiddle and some of their own notorious comic songs.

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<https://mayorandjames.com>



Tickets for this concert are £7 **LiVeLincs** for adults and £3 for

children aged under 14. The Memorial Hall will receive all profits to help with running and maintaining the hall.

The evening will be suitable for all ages and you are very welcome to bring along your own refreshments to keep your own vocal cords lubricated as you cheer and applaud. Give yourselves a great 2021 memory.

Rest assured that if there are any restrictions for such events in place during November then we will strictly comply with them to keep everyone safe. I do not even want to contemplate the possibility that this event might not happen.

However, for updates, web-links and more details about **LiveLincs** and other events locally please see @GoxhillEvents on Facebook or follow

@Goxhill_Events on Twitter. Tickets should be available to buy in advance from September; email jg.goxhill@btinternet.com or telephone 530363.



THE ROPEWALK

Autumn at Ropery Hall

An abundance of music, theatre, comedy and film awaits Barton's Ropery Hall audience this autumn with a programme packed full of shows that are either new or have been rescheduled from Covid lockdowns.

Comedian and chef George Egg returns with his Edinburgh Fringe Show, **Moveable Feast**, and the title certainly lives up to its name as when George gets to the Ropery Hall stage in September it will be at the fourth attempt!

Also returning with a title worthy of the past months is the **Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre Company**: with **The Fingers Crossed Tour**. Our fingers weren't crossed enough last December but they certainly are now.

In November we welcome award winning singer **Pattie Boulaye** with her brand new one-woman show, **Aretha and Me**, **Clive Gregson** in his

aptly named retirement tour, **Farewell**, and in December Christmas favourites **Belshazzar's Feast**, **The Albion Christmas Band**, and **St Agnes Fountain**.

Theatre lovers are well catered for with shows including **Holmes and Watson: the Farewell Tour** featuring Julian Finnegan as Holmes and Dominic Goodwin as Watson, the return of Mark Farrelly with **The Silence of Snow**:

The Life of Patrick Hamilton, from the team who brought Spitfire Solo to Ropery Hall comes **The Ghost Of A Smile** and as the nights draw in there are two ghost stories by **M R James** in **A Warning to the Curious**.

Old favourites returning include **folk nights** and the **Barnstormer's Comedy Club** as well as **Snake Davis's Sunday evenings** with guests.

Please note that the **weekly film** slot is now on a Wednesday and in addition to an evening screening we now have a morning matinee with lunch (if required).



The South Bank Players were very pleased to receive £740 from North Lincolnshire Council's FUELLED project, to run a **Summer School for local children aged 8-16**.

For four days in the summer holidays we organised workshops in acting, dancing, singing, drumming and more, and we also provided lunches for the young people and volunteers. If you would like to be kept informed of future workshops for young people, please let us know.

All being well we will be starting our **Ghost Walk** season on Halloween, followed by more walks on the last Fridays of November, January, February, and March. The walk costs £5 per person (children and adults) and tickets can be booked in advance on our website, www.sbplayers.co.uk or on the night. All walks start at 7.30pm from **Baysgarth House Museum**, and we highly recommend booking - especially for Halloween.

We are planning to perform a **pantomime** - oh yes we are! This will hopefully be in **early December at the Joseph Wright Hall in Barton** - keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for further details nearer the time. At the moment we are thinking this might be **Jack and the Beanstalk**. If you fancy being involved with this we are always looking for new members who would like to act, or help out backstage/front of house.

Something else we have in the pipeline is a **1920's themed murder mystery**, and we are looking for venues to perform this at. If you know of a venue that would be suitable then do get in touch with us. Again keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for details of where we are performing if you'd like to come along and try out your sleuthing skills.

If you would like to join us, we would love to welcome you along to one of our rehearsal nights which are on Sunday evenings at Joseph Wright Hall. For further details please contact Jeanine Guy on admin@sbplayers.co.uk

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NOTICE BOARD - Goxhill Memorial Hall

The last three months at the Memorial Hall has been busy in more ways than one. In April we opened for children's after school activities and in May, the adult activities were allowed back. Like everyone else we watched Freedom Day (June 21st) retreat to July 19th, despite a worrying increase in country-wide infection rates. The post July 19th Covid guidance was all about making our own assessment of the risks involved and doing what we could to protect the most vulnerable in our area. Today, with a North Lincolnshire infection rate at 420 per 100k, Hull at 750 and Grimsby over 1000 per 100k, the committee decided to keep all the previous infection control measures (regular cleaning social, distancing, hand sanitising, NHS app and mask wearing) until these local infection rates fall to much lower levels. Although we have no idea how long these measures will be needed. The Craft Fair on the 8th Aug will have had Covid control measures applied. The Scarecrow Trail (Aug 29th/30th) still ran, if we got enough volunteers, but the issues with putting on a Pop Up Pub will have to be reviewed nearer the time.

In other news, our builder turned up early (mid June) to start work on the Kitchen floor. The first day he tore out the kitchen, the second day he pulled up the floor boards, took a deep breath and called me to come and look. In the 18 ins gap between the floorboards and the concrete plinth was a mixture of honeycomb brickwork and timber joists. All the joists were rotten at some point along their length. Some also had woodworm. Every bit of timber under the kitchen had to be rooted out. More worrying perhaps was the fact that the brick wall holding up the kitchen roof (top of the photo 1 with the radiator) had been built over a timber joist that was now slowly crumbling to dust. No obvious leaks were found under the floor and it wasn't until



Half way through removing the rotten timbers.

our attention turned to the sink area in the ladies toilets (the other side of that wall) we found the cause of the problem. The joists, walls and plinth in there were all running in water. The toilets themselves thankfully had been built on concrete. With no obvious leaks, it was assumed water had been seeping in through the walls from the old water collection system.

Rebuilding the floors took time. The outer walls were stripped back to the brickwork, DPC's installed before being replastered. Four concrete lintels were inserted under the brick wall to hold it, and the roof, up. Four inches of insulation was then slotted between the replacement tanalised joists. A plastic membrane covered everything up before waterproof chip board flooring hid all this good work from view.

Then the builders took a deep breath and began installing the new kitchen, the one donated by the Parish Council. @ Thank you Goxhill Parish Council! After 4 weeks of continuous noise, dust and disruption (apologies to all our regulars) we are now 85% of the way home.

We still need to install slip resistant flooring, overhaul the electrics, then retille/ replaster/ repaint the walls. We can only ask our regulars to be patient with us as we stagger over these last few steps. Nearly there.



New units and sinks.

Ann Carter, Chair Goxhill Memorial Hall Committee. Phone **530635** or email goxhillmemorialhall@gmail.com

Ownership/CIO Status

You probably read in the previous issue of The Gander, our explanation of what we termed a "new status quo" for ownership of the Memorial Hall land and property. To reiterate, in the absence of contemporaneous records, Goxhill Parish Council (GPC) own and are responsible for that land/property rather than merely holding it in their name as custodian trustee on behalf of the GMH charity. Since that was published, the Grimsby Archives (closed during coronavirus restrictions), re-opened and GPC meeting minutes from 1976 confirmed that GPC did indeed sign up to being a custodian trustee. Subsequently there were some related queries from GPC's solicitor but the Charity Commission Legal Department have now confirmed that the position remains as set out in our charity's 1976 scheme of constitution i.e. that the GMH charity manages and owns the hall building and land with these being registered in the name of GPC as custodian trustee.

In the meantime a new GMH Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO - a charitable company) has been approved and registered by the Charity Commission. After GPC's next meeting addresses the Commission's legal opinion the land/property position should be resolved and the Commission have indicated that they will authorize our transfer of the current unincorporated charity's assets, liabilities, rights and obligations to the CIO. We have been advised by the Commission that this can proceed without a public meeting because both the new and old charities have identical objectives. However, we would still like to offer an opportunity for Goxhill residents to ask any questions they have about the process, so we intend to hold an open drop-in at the hall, likely to be several hours one weekend with GMH trustees on hand.

Note: Charity Commission Operational Guidance A1 states: "The term 'custodian trustee' has a precise legal meaning. The managing trustees retain the management of the trust property... The custodian trustee has a duty to concur in and perform all lawful acts necessary to enable the managing trustees to administer the charity efficiently. The custodian trustee can only assist the managing trustees - it cannot have any management responsibilities itself, no matter how convinced individual members of the corporate body may be that it does."

John Guggiari, Vice Chairman

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mon: Parent and Toddlers (9-11:30am), Tai Chi (2-3pm)
Tues: Pilates (10-11am), Martial Arts (4-8pm), Dance Summer School starts July 27th (10-2pm)
Wed: Roberts Theatre and Dance (4-7pm)
Thurs: Pilates (10-11am), Roberts Theatre and Dance (4-8pm)
Fri: Short Mat Bowls (10-12am)

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

2021
Sept 19th - Age UK Smart Phone Training (10-12am) - Phone Ann 530635 to book your training place
Oct 1st -31st October - Fotofrolic Competition
Nov 13th 7:30pm - Hilary James & Simon Mayor (LiveLincs Music)
Nov 14th (Sun) - Remembrance Day Service (10.45-12am)
Dec 4th (Sat) - Christmas Craft Fair
Dec 10th (Fri) - Christmas Bingo (SS)
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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

As lockdown measures have been easing in recent weeks, we were allowed to open our bowling green in mid-April. Obviously, there are measures in place for cleaning, social distancing and NHS Test & Trace but at last our members have been able to start bowling again. If everything stays on track then the middle of May will mean larger groups can mix outdoors and our league matches (competing teams of 12 from each club) are scheduled to begin at that time. This season sees our Club competing in the Scunthorpe & District League for the first time after we joined it to fill the gap caused by the demise of the Humberside Triples League at the end of 2019. Visiting clubs will also be able to make use of the fine new visitors' chalet that we built ready for the ill-fated 2020 season. Our Club's dedicated Green Team have been looking after our bowling green, indeed the whole site - throughout last year and it is ready for action during the forthcoming season.

The timing of moving out of complete lockdown to allowing outdoor sport meant that the 2021 lawn bowling season began a few weeks later than normal. To fit in all the matches has meant that the remaining bowling weeks have become more crowded with matches on four or even five evenings per week rather than the typical three. However, after being denied any competitive bowling at all last year, you will not find anyone at Goxhill Bowling Club complaining.

2021 has seen Goxhill's delayed entry into the Scunthorpe & District Bowls League that we joined last year after the demise of the Humberside Triples League. It has provided us with a whole new set of opponents and visits to unfamiliar bowling greens to go with those around Barnetby, Grimsby and Cleethorpes that we are familiar with. Starting at the bottom in Division 4 has meant we have mostly been faced with the B or C teams of bigger clubs whose A teams are in higher divisions. Currently we are topping the division so it looks likely that we will gain promotion.

In the Barnetby & District Bowling League and in the Premier Division of the Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Bowls Association we seem destined for middling positions unless later results go badly against us.



Humberside county triples champions from Goxhill Bowling Club

Our Club entered five knockout competitions this year and, at the time of writing, we are in two finals to be played in August. We departed one of the others at the semi-final stage but earlier rounds for the others.

There have been impressive successes for individual players at the Club with Peter Cox winning another County singles title and Irene Ballam, Jane Watson & Shirley Booth a ladies triples title. We wish them all good fortune representing the 'Humberside County' in the National Finals at Skegness in August.

It has been good to see more people coming along to watch us bowling in Goxhill this year. Whether that is because of our improved facilities for spectators, or simply to get out of the house during the trying times when socializing indoors has become so difficult, I do not know. Whatever the reasons, please may it continue. Bowling is an easy sport to watch and follow. Whilst it may not have the high-speed action of football or rugby, it still has its moments of skill and drama.

To try lawn bowling for yourself next year, just get in touch via our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com> or call me on 530363. It is suitable for all ages, abilities and fitness levels. All you need to start is a pair of flat-soled shoes that will not damage the green (about £25, or less on ebay, for a basic pair). Everything else is available to borrow free from the Club for a current annual membership subscription of £20 for adult social bowling or £40 for league bowling too. **John Guggiari**



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Our Annual **Golf Day** raised **£11,480** for mental health to enable those affected by Covid to seek therapy and support at no cost to them.

Driver Hire will continue supporting our Community and are looking at new projects to enable us to continue this support.

Our support for our **two local Hospices** is ongoing.

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Every year we try to widen the enjoyment of each area, or facility, either by adding something, or improving what is already there. This year as we have already reported, additional trees were planted on the Millennium Green, most of these have survived, all except six, but as the weather has been so unpredictable, some loss was to be expected. When we have rain, replacements will be planted. It is hoped that in the near future more trees will be added, to continue the length along that side of the Green. With the Primroses already a feature there and the natural drift of Daffodils, it should make a lovely sight every spring. Chapel Street land should hopefully be cleared of tree stumps, left by the necessary felling of the diseased trees, and this should make way for the planned clearance and preparation for the wild flower meadow to proceed. It has taken a long time and a lot of work, but it has all been necessary in order to obtain the correct conditions for the project. Everyone involved in this project has been very patient.

There have been difficulties identified along several footpaths, or bridal ways, recently. We are blessed with more than our fair share of these, and ensuring that they are all kept clean clear and safe to use, is a large task. The smaller footpaths across fields etc, can be maintained, simply by cutting the correct width on a regular timetable. Although the amount of dog excrement left, on these footpaths, which is then picked up by the mowers, and inevitably sprayed on the machinery and the operatives, leaves something to be desired, and should not, with a little consideration happen. The wider areas such as the Green Ramper, need more attention in order to keep the brambles and overgrown hedges cut back, and the ground clear. These are of course a mix of responsibility, between the bordering land owners and the Parish Council, and these lines can become a little blurred sometimes. We have been grateful this season, to volunteers for their help in the clearance of some of the over growth, and the accumulation of rubbish thrown onto the sides and into the ditches. Let us

hope, and indeed we will try to ensure, that these areas are kept in good order in the future. I'm sure that we will be very quickly informed if they are not.

In one way I am glad that all is being made safe, but I hope that we are not too tidy, not cutting the hedges too severe. Many of the bushes carry wild fruit, blackberries, sloes and rosehips, which over the years has been gathered to make jams, jellies and beautiful syrups. Leaving plenty for the birds, during the colder months.

Recently a group of volunteers including the Scouts carried out a litter picking day, this was very successful. Although we have an excellent lengths person who does a fantastic job, there is always more litter to be found, and find it we did, in areas either not on her route or blown in to ditches etc. Sadly there's always someone being careless. (a lengthsman' is the person who picks up any litter and generally keeps the place clean and tidy)

Cemetery Immaculately maintained, as always. The work on the rear field is still on going, but is developing and maturing well. Hopefully it will give visitors a pleasant place to relax, especially those who have had to travel a distance.

Playing Field All in good order, and well used. The work which had been scheduled for the ZipWire surround, has now been completed, this will keep the bark base in place, therefore safety is maintained. The ramps on the Skate Park have developed small hairline cracks, but this problem has been passed on to the contractors for their urgent attention. Hopefully they will deal with this as soon as possible. Meantime there is not a hazard to users.

The Library Back in business again, although new additional volunteers would be most welcome.

Millennium Green. All maintained well and regularly walked. It is very good to see so many people using the facility, at all times of the day. It has been an outside escape during lockdown. Over the last year, I have had many conversations "at a distance", with people who had never been round the Green before.

Freda Dunkley

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2021

The results are in for 2021 and, despite some fantastic hard work by volunteers and individual householders, Goxhill sadly wasn't placed this year. But we dropped only 4 points overall which shows that we were still of a very high standard and should be proud of how attractive our village is. This was enough to drop us down the table in a very tight Large Village Group. Scawby was this year's winner with 195 points to our 190.

The Judges comments were as follows:

- "There are many excellent features in this most attractive village. The village benefits from an excellent playing field, with a well-equipped playground and skate park. The churchyard is well-tended and the cemetery is a peaceful and very well-maintained site.
- Many residents enhance the local environment with very good planting and lovely floral displays at the front of their properties. Good examples can be found at number 4, Trefusis, Ardena, Melbourne House and Sonnscaine on Howe Lane; Carlton, Chapelside, Treeside and Glenrowan on Church Street, Owl Lodge and Charnwood on North End; Silverdale on The Close; Keebee Lodge on Ferry Road; Stepma on Elm Lane; Millvale on Mill Lane; Turnstone and The Gables on Willow Lane; Middle Cottage on King Street and King's Well on Howe Street. There were also excellent planting displays outside houses on St Michael's Court, especially numbers 20, 22 and 27.
- Good community planting can be found at various locations around the village. There is a lovely flower bed on North End and some limited planting at the village hall. A number of street signs have planting below, with some good examples on The Close, Elm Lane, Farrows Pond, Mill Lane, Huntsman's Close and Thornton Road.
- Residents clearly care for their village and community information is prominently on display in good quality noticeboards. Grass verges and hedges around the village were well-maintained.
- There was a commendable absence of litter throughout most of the village".

So congratulations to all who contributed to keeping Goxhill looking so good. We will try even harder next year.

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Looking back on the past academic year at school certainly evokes mixed emotions and I am not convinced that we have all had time to fully reflect or process the experiences that we have had. We cannot yet know what the lasting effects will be. The majority of school staff within the federation and across the country were certainly on their knees by the end of the summer term and looking forward to some quality time with their families over the holidays and the opportunity to rewind and re-set.

Staff have gone out of their way to provide enrichment for pupils beyond the classroom throughout the summer term in spite of all of the challenges that we have faced. They have shown unwavering dedication, determination, passion in ensuring that we are developing children as people and instilling in them hope and optimism for the future. I would like to share with you some of these opportunities provided to enable you to see the positive note that we ended the year on: the same positive note that we prepare to begin on in September.

Sports Days

Sports Day went ahead this year for all of our children. Sadly, parents were unable to attend but the days were successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children participated in a multitude of events ranging from sprinting, to shuttle runs and obstacle races, to hurdles, skipping and egg and spoon races. The children worked together as a team in their relay races and some of the older children even volunteered to participate in an additional long-distance race following all of the work undertaken to build their resilience and stamina as part of their efforts in the 'daily mile'. The support that the children provided to



each other within classes but also between year groups was truly inspirational and heart-warming. Thank you to those governors and staff that supported us at these events and a huge thank you to our photographer!



'Book Club'

The staff that run the book club have worked very hard this term to ensure that the club is up and running to engage children in a love of reading that we hope will last a lifetime. A different book is used to inspire the children each week. One of the books this term was

'Why elephants have trunks'. The children especially liked it when they re-enacted the crocodile snap at elephant's nose. In attempting to pull him off, the animals stretched his nose to make a trunk! Elephant hand prints were added to the children's wild animal picture, the children made elephant book marks and played minion top trumps. The boys taking the 'bedtime anytime book bag' were very happy their name was drawn out this week! We have two 'Bedtime anytime' bags which include: a cuddly owl, a story book, a book review diary and a treat (hot chocolate and a biscuit). These bags go home with the children for them to enjoy with their adults. Each child accessing the club has the opportunity to experience this. We have already had some fantastic book reviews from those who have taken the bags home previously.

Year 6 Trips

Unfortunately, year 6 were unable to participate in the end of year residential due to restrictions and our inability to plan given the current circumstances. Instead, we arranged three trips over three weeks which were very well received: Cleethorpes, Alpmare Waterpark and Flamingo Land. These trips were very well received and a great time was had by all (including the staff who experienced the splash pad a little too closely). The children will take these treasured memories with them as they embark upon the next stage of their educational journey.



Olympics Day

With the 2020 Olympics round the corner, the children took part in an Olympic themed day of fun! The day was put together through our partnership with Get Ahead. Classes were split into 3 groups and assigned a country. They drew their flag on a label which they wore proudly. Each class took part in three events, some of which they don't access through the curriculum, tri-golf, volleyball and athletics. They chanted the name of their country and displayed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day.

I could not be prouder of our staff, pupils, parents and local community for the way that we have pulled together and supported one another.

Even when staff have had nothing left to give, they have continued giving. There has been a mixture of laughter and tears throughout this year and I feel that all that we have experienced has brought us closer and made us consider what we value and hold dear. Our in-school community seems smaller and more tightly knit; we have always been a strong team but the support we have shown one another, along with the time that we have all taken to stop and listen, has brought us together as a 'family'.

I feel blessed to be part of Goxhill Primary school and would like to thank each and every one of you for your contribution this year.

Hayley Twidale (Deputy Head Teacher)





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Goxhill Open Gardens May & July 2021

Back in late April, when I started to write about our plans to open some gardens in May and July, we had no way of knowing whether the pandemic would be in retreat or still raging by the time the selected dates arrived. As it turned out, we were lucky with both the state of the pandemic and the weather (the massive thunderstorm didn't hit Goxhill until 5.05pm on July 4th, just after our gardens closed!), so we were able to open 4 gardens on 30th May and 11 gardens on 4th July. We could have opened more gardens in July, thanks to several new volunteers, but decided that the distances between gardens would result in some of them receiving very few visitors in the four-hour opening time. We intend to include more new gardens in 2022.

I am very grateful to all those who were willing to open their gardens in these uncertain times and to all those who gave so much of their time, energy and cash to preparing for one or both of the openings by donating banners, printing and laminating posters, printing garden location maps, putting up banners and posters, posting details of the events online, selling maps for the July event and generally helping to make each day a success. If you would like to help with any of these tasks next year, and/or with creating better maps than I can produce, please let me know.

Since July 4th, the stalwarts of Goxhill's Methodist and Anglican Churches have met to discuss the two Open Gardens events of 2021 and to plan for next year. Both churches have asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone involved in staging this year's events. Everyone, please consider yourself thoroughly thanked and virtually hugged.

The plan for 2022 is in its infancy but it begins to look like a one-afternoon opening in May and another in June or July, both events with refreshments served in the Chapel Schoolroom plus bells and whistles, balloons and raffles.

For the first time, this year it has been necessary to use a little of the donation and ticket/map money to pay for the printing of garden location maps and laminating of A3 posters etc. We would like to avoid these costs next year, if at all possible, so that Chapel and Church can gain the full benefit of the events. To that end, we are looking for sponsors to cover the costs of printing and laminating and to donate raffle prizes. In past, pre-covid, years we have received donations of hanging baskets from Carol Webster (our Plant Lady), Clive Tuplin, Goosemans Growers and Deepdale Garden Centre and a basket of fruit and veg from Shawbriggs. We hope that they will continue to support Goxhill Open Gardens in 2022 but we feel that we shouldn't ask them to donate twice in one year, so we are looking for about 5 garden-related donations for raffle prizes. Everyone who donates cash or raffle prizes will be named on posters set up at open garden gates and at the Chapel.

If you would like to see Goxhill Open Gardens flourish, to benefit Chapel and Church financially and the rest of the village in many other ways, please contact me to offer your garden, your time or your financial support.

Many thanks, **Caroline Atkins. 01469 532204.**
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Bird And Wildlife Sightings by Steve Routledge

East Halton Beck

More visits to the local patch in search of new additions to the growing year list and to survey breeding/singing males of species such as the summer migrants and also to carry out my monthly WEBS count.

28th May. Another early morning start and a walk up to Dawson City and back, was pretty quiet regarding anything out of the ordinary bird wise, but some pleasing numbers of singing male Warblers, particularly Reed Warblers, was really encouraging, with a minimum of 38 singing males.

Some great news also on the breeding front, was the superb sight of 6 newly fledged juvenile Bearded Tits, the second time I have confirmed breeding in the last 3 years.

Some interesting Insect and Mammal sightings today, saw my first ever Wasp Beetle being found on Dawson City and also at Dawson a female Muntjac was seen, one of only a hand full of sightings I have recorded on my local patch to date.

5th June. Another visit to the patch today in the lovely warm conditions, resulted in the expected early summer lull in interesting species being encountered, so I concentrated on breeding birds and monitoring numbers of summer migrants.

On Winter's first thing, the only real highlight, was an unusually late staying female Wigeon, with most birds being long gone by now.



Singing male Sedge Warbler, East Halton Skitter



Small Heath, East Halton

Other notables here included the female Cuckoo still here, breeding success with a juvenile Little Grebe being fed by its parents and the first decent flock of Greylags of the summer, with 183 birds being present along with 9 Canada's and a Greylag x Canada hybrid.

A walk along the mitigation area saw at least 2 pairs of Lapwing 'Squeaking' as I walked past, confirming that they have chicks hatched and also it looks like a pair of Oystercatcher are also attempting to breed, after I was dive bombed by the male of the pair, let's hope they are successful.

Other species observed along the Mit site included 4 juvenile Grey Heron and my first Small Heath & Meadow Brown Butterflies of the year.

I then walked along the beck up to Chapel Farm and along Chapel Field Road, grilling a flock of 298 Starling in the hope of finding a Rose-coloured Starling, but no such luck . . . the hunt continues!

Along the Humber bank between Goxhill Haven and Dawson City the only surprise, was a buck Muntjac, casually wandering about munching wildflowers and more butterfly sightings included Painted lady, Red Admiral, Common Blue and Small Heath.

More of the same was seen on the remainder of the visit, with 9 Curlew still present along Goxhill Marsh and also a singing male Cuckoo was still around.

19th June. Winter's was lively as usual at this time of year, with the summer goose flock

building in numbers. Today 201 Greylags and 11 Canada Geese held 4 Greylag x Canada hybrids also.

Two Cetti's Warbler were also making themselves heard as always and 4 Little Egret fed around the margins with occasional fall-outs between the birds as to who had the best fishing spot.

A walk along the mitigation area saw the welcome sight of 3 pairs of Lapwings with chicks, each having two, which is pretty good after the recent wet weather.

The Skitter area was fairly quiet, as it often is at this time of year, but it was nice to see 2 Kestrel chicks at almost fledging stage.

Goxhill Marsh held the usual suspects, with 6 juvenile Bearded Tit giving some nice scope views and the fantastic news that at least 1 pair of Cetti's have successfully bred, with a fledged juvenile being seen with its attendant parents.

A lovely female Roe Deer was watched with a gorgeous fawn near to Dawson City and were a real pleasure to watch as they walked along a nearby hedgerow.

It was also great to see my first Large Skipper of the year today, but numbers are certainly down compared to previous years.

2nd July. More breeding successes on the patch today, with the Winter's pair of Mute Swans being seen with 7 newly hatched cygnets, a really nice sight to see and the first time I have seen them on here with young.

A walk along the Mitigation area up to the Skitter revealed some decent numbers of Butterflies, 2 Small Skipper were the first records of the year, with 25 Meadow Brown and 14 Small Heath being recorded also and the first Lesser-marsh Grasshoppers of the year entered the notes also.

A surprise along the sea wall as I walked back to Winter's, was a single Whimbrel, it was an adult and may have summered here or was a pretty early returning failed breeding bird.

17th July. A sweltering day after a coolish start, saw the best bird being a Common Tern, which was new for the year, watched feeding over the Skitter pools and it soon disappeared south along the Humber as they usually do at this time of year.

This species unlike its name suggests, is only usually encountered in autumn on my patch, but is a regular visitor each year in varying numbers.

Autumn Wader passage is under way now and the first returning Redshank, Common Sandpipers, Whimbrels and a build up in numbers of Curlew were noticed today.

2 Common Sandpipers were seen, with one of each at Winter's and the Skitter, 3 Whimbrel, with 2 feeding together in the Skitter outfall and a single bird near Dawson City. Little-ringed Plover also featured on today's visit, but could have easily been local breeders dispersing, with a male and 3 juveniles feeding together near to the Seaplane jetty between Winter's and Killingholme Haven and a single juvenile



Male Common-blue Butterfly, Goxhill Marsh

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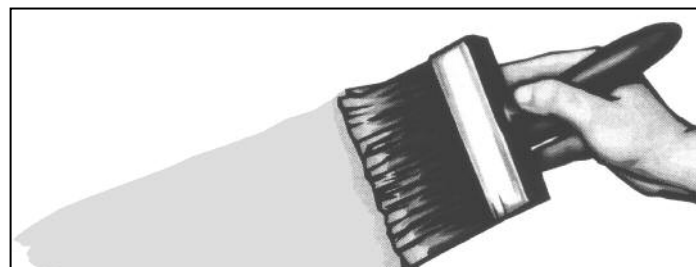


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which flew south at the Skitter.

Other sightings during the visit consisted of mainly breeding species, but after months of having no sightings at all, 3 adult Great-crested Grebes turned up on Winter's, with much calling and displaying going on and eventually one of the birds flew off north towards the Skitter.

23rd July Not great weather to be fair on today's WEBS count, with low cloud and fine drizzle, but I did manage to find a decent bird for the time of year, as a Redhead Red-breasted Merganser flew out towards



*Icelandic Black-tailed Godwits,
Winter's Pond, East Halton*

Killingholme Haven. This species is usually encountered in October/November after easterly or northerly winds at sea, so today's sighting was a welcome one.

Other highlights included a single Whimbrel roosting on the old seaplane jetty and 27 Icelandic Black-tailed Godwit and 2 Green Sandpipers feeding on the grassland and around the margins of the main lake, the latter being the first birds of the autumn for me.

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

BUSY SUMMER MONTHS FOR LIVES RESPONDERS

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LIVES lifesaving First Responders have been out in Lincolnshire communities responding to 999 medical emergencies, as well as spending hours each month training and perfecting their skills. The summer months often increase the number of jobs they are called to. From sporting injuries to cardiac arrests, road traffic collisions to breathing difficulties.

The volunteers, who respond in districts across the county have now been able to return to face-to-face training as lockdown restriction ease. As well as keeping up to date on important skills, face-to-face training serves as a way of support, and it is something that the Responders missed through lockdown.

As part of LIVES vision to make Lincolnshire the safest place to have a 999 medical emergency, the charity has been able to start going out to events and schools to teach people the importance of bystander CPR. Cardiac arrest can strike at any time and even in people who appear to be young and healthy. In fact, every week in the UK, 12 people under the age of 35 suffer from Young, Sudden Cardiac Death (YSCD). This has recently been brought in focus with the incident with

footballer, Christian Eriksen.

Figures have shown that the number of people surviving out of hospital cardiac arrest has more than doubled in the last 10 years. This has been



attributed to more people learning how to deliver effective CPR, as well as community defibrillators becoming more common place. LIVES First Responders are supplied with a kit bag and defibrillator, and are based right across the county, so if the worst happened, they could get to the incident, fast.

LIVES Responder Pippa Crust explains why she chooses to volunteer, "When I was just 15, my brother collapsed from a cardiac arrest, no-one suspected it could happen to such a young, healthy person, so no-one

started CPR. It made me determined to never be in that position again, and LIVES have supported me in my training."

If you would like to join Pippa and the rest of our Army of Community First Responders we would love to hear from you. We are currently recruiting new members across the North East of Lincolnshire. As part of LIVES, we offer first class training which will enable you to be there for your community when they are in need of 999 medical assistance.

To keep LIVES First Responders trained, equipped and confident to be out on the road, we need to raise over £1 million every year. Last year a series of virtual events were launched, the most recent being LIVES 51 Miles in May. The team did exceptionally despite the unseasonably wet weather! In total, our 26 entrants, managed 717 miles and raised over £1300! Every penny raised will be spent supporting the army of volunteers.

This September you can join a new cycling challenge, Lands' End to John O'Groats! If you do not want to cover the 874 miles on your own, you can join as a team and share the miles between you. The great news - you don't need to leave the county, unless you want too of course. You can instead take to the open roads of the beautiful Lincolnshire countryside, or do it from the comfort of your dining room on your exercise bike, it is entirely up to you.

If cycling isn't your thing and you have always dreamed of running the iconic London Marathon this is the challenge for you! You can decide if you want to do the entire distance in one go, or over a week, and you can either run it or walk it. As you record your activities on Strava, you will be moved around the actual route of the London Marathon via google maps. As good as being there in person.

If you would like to talk to someone about recruitment please email recruitment@LIVES.org.uk or if you would like bystander CPR for a group or team, or to sign up to an event visit, www.LIVES.org.uk or email info@LIVES.org.uk



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OFF THE HOOF

"Learning to trust is one of life's most difficult tasks." Isaac Watts.

Litter. After detrimental remarks on social media I would just like to say we are very lucky in our litter picker. I know she is out early, in all weathers, walks miles and definitely works beyond her designated hours. In the great scheme of things it's sad we have to have someone to clear up someone else's rubbish and it is the people who drop litter the complainant should be targeting. There is only so much one person can do and the village would certainly be a worse place without her.

Best Kept Village. The results for 'Best Kept Village 2021' are just in - so, Hot off the Press see **page 19** for details.

I gained permission from the manager of Goxhill Surgery to resurrect a neglected area in their grounds. It will fill out in time but a vast improvement on what it was and the good news is more attention will be paid to the area as a whole, which can only add to the aesthetics of the village.

Verge Cutting. Unfortunately, Nettleton's will not be renewing their contract for verge cutting of which they have done a brilliant job. I am told this is because of the amount of dog poo the team keep strimming which is disgusting and those dog owners who are responsible (or irresponsible) should be ashamed of themselves and that it has had such an impact on the whole village.

Open Gardens. We have had two lots of open gardens this year. One mini version with 4 gardens and then a larger one with about 11 gardens of which some were new and belonged to newcomers to the village who have embraced village life. For those keen gardeners who like to find something different, but in keeping, to grow; try taking a look at www.plantheritage.org.uk regarding preserving rare plants.

Pets. It has been reported since the beginning on the pandemic more than three million householders in the UK acquired a pet. Battersea dogs home gave out an alert of fraudsters selling puppies. I read a reports of puppies being sold as one breed but it transpired they grew to not be as expected, like a first time buyer buying what they thought was a Jack Russel found it turned out to be a Lurcher!

Countryside Code. On the note of dog ownership there is a new countryside code including dog walking launched by NFU (National Farmers Union) in conjunction with DEFRA & Natural England - www.countrysideonline.co.uk/countrysidecode. Basically anywhere near livestock: keep your dog on a lead. Sheep can die of shock when chased and it is a criminal offence if your dog does give chase. Where cows are concerned: dogs on a lead, do not split a herd up by walking through them keep walking and be sensible. If a path goes through a field where there are cows you may take an alternative route round. Your safety is paramount. Do remember if you go through a closed gate make sure that it is securely closed behind you. Perhaps the person who let my pony through to another field and closed her in would like to share the vets bill which ensued?

Do please check that you have insurance for your dog so should it get out and cause an accident you have cover. It is part of being a responsible pet owner.

By law dogs have to be microchipped but there has been a rise in dog theft so please be vigilant for yourself and others.

YARD SALE

There will be a charity fundraiser Yard Sale on **Saturday 25th September** at **Shambles** with furniture and horse paraphernalia.

Also hopefully a **Coffee Morning** in early October so watch out for posters.

Road Safety. It seems I have been campaigning forever for safety on the roads following various campaigns to give horses room (2 meters in passing and up to 15 miles per hour when safe to do so). Whilst walking my pony in hand following her previous injuries, I was wearing Hi-Viz when a car came at speed round the bend on Ferry Road towards the marsh and in the middle of the road. I gave the hand signal for please slow down and the driver tooted the horn proceeded to reverse back to me, lowered her window and aggressively said I should not be giving hand signals, she had her own horse, doesn't speed and was only doing 30 mph. I doubt that but the speed for passing or approaching horses is 15 mph. She was wrong on so many levels. Perhaps they have different rules in East Halton, where I believe she is from, to the rest of the country.

The British Horse Society reported there have been 46 horses killed on the road in the last year and 130 riders injured with 8-10% being a result of vehicles being too close.

They have developed a new mobile phone app called "Horse I" which allows riders to report incidents as soon as they return to the yard. I can only suggest that all riders in Goxhill download and make use of it.

PASS WIDE AND SLOW. To raise awareness of 'Pass wide and slow' a ride and carriage drive is being organised for **19th September** starting at Seven Acres Ferry Road at **11:00am**. To include your name and assist the organisers please phone or text **Di Saether-Williamson** on **07787 388886**. Please remember to wear Hi-Viz. The route will be approximately seven miles and goes via Barrow to Barrow-Haven and back to the start. **Volunteers for marshals will be needed.**

Jo Firth -Burns continues to work hard and is well on her way to the Level 4 Coaching Post Graduate Diploma, which takes two years, and she intends to continue for a further year to attain a Masters in Professional Practice in Sport Coaching. The cost is in the region of £7000 and based at the University of Gloucester which she will have to attend four/five times a year with the rest being virtual sessions. Hats off to her. Not many would be as focussed and dedicated. This can only contribute to horse and rider. That's a lot of money so if anyone is interested contributing to the Dream, please don't be shy.

Fireworks and animals. It only remains to remind you about being cautious regarding fireworks. Please be aware of the increase in the animal population in the village and give owners the opportunity to take them out of harms way if you intend letting some off in proximity.

That all for this edition...

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GOXHILL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN -UPDATE

The delayed AGM of the steering group will be held in the autumn, the date and venue will be circulated on social media, including the Parish Council website, the Parish Council notice boards, and other prominent places around the village.

Ideally 4 or 5 new members are needed for this group, which needs to be as diverse as possible, to reflect the population of the village, and encompass as many skills and as much local knowledge as possible. Even if you only have knowledge or expertise in a specific area such as drainage, we'd still like you to become involved. You don't have to be a full member of the group, but be willing to contribute about that specific area.

The delay may allow some aspects of the North Lincolnshire Draft Local Plan, and the Governments new planning legislation to become clearer. Neighbourhood Plans are still going to be a part of the planning process. There is going to be increasing pressure on land use, for example, for housing, industry, and environmentally friendly energy production, such as windfarms and solar farms. Neighbourhood Plans can help inform decision making when these subjects are being considered.

A few questions have been asked about the Steering Group, and the Neighbourhood Plan, which I will attempt to answer here. Further questions can be asked at the AGM

1. Is the Steering Group part of the Parish Council?

No, it is under the umbrella of the Parish Council for administrative purposes, but acts independently.

The Parish Council has no formal input, and cannot influence anything. However, the constitution of the Steering Group specifies that the Parish Council can nominate up to three members to sit on the group, but should always be in a minority to the overall number in the Group.

2. The Steering Group does not get involved with individual planning applications. It's remit is more strategic and long term. However a Neighbourhood Plan will inform any decisions made on each application, once it is adopted.

3. The Steering Group will draft the plan, which will take into account as many of the views of the Parish as possible. These are canvassed in several ways, surveys of the Parish being one. The final draft of the plan will be put to a formal referendum of Parishioners, who will have the final say. If any referendum results in a majority in favour the plan goes forward for adoption, if not an open meeting will be held to discuss the way forward.

Paul Morgan, Vice-Chair.



News from Goxhill Methodist Chapel

We humans like a rhythm and routine, I think. This summer the Euros and Olympics have taken place a year after originally scheduled. For some the extra 12 months helped – Helen Glover would not have returned to the rowing had the Games taken place as planned just a few months after she gave birth to twins – but for others their whole lives have been built around a two or four-yearly cycle that is now broken. If England can maintain the momentum that took Gareth Southgate's team to the Euros Final, it might work to their benefit with the next World Cup taking place during the run up to Christmas 2022, but it will feel very strange to watch an international football tournament from sweltering Qatar in the dark days of December.

The Methodist Church is run on similar timetables that usually see ministers in circuits for five-year terms. As many of you will know, near the beginning of the pandemic our superintendent Revd Nichola Jones left us early to care for her aged parents in Nottingham. For the last year we have had the Revd Enid Knowles leading us, no matter that she has retired. It is not even the first time, though much as we love her and are so grateful for her assistance in the difficult past 12 months, we hope it is the last time we will need her. For everyone's sakes, we hope there will be no unexpected changes or surprises when new superintendent Revd Sally Long formally assumes the position in September. Sally is so keen she moved to Barton in July, but her first appearance at Goxhill Chapel will be leading our harvest festival on Sunday 19 September.

By then I hope we will be completely back to normal with our pattern of services on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays. Singing resumed on 1 August and what a difference it made to worship. We are blessed with a really good organ and

someone willing and able to play for every service, so it has been great to truly make use of David Grant's talents.

As announced in the last edition, we reopened on 4 July and marked the occasion with Open Gardens and strawberry teas. Open Gardens has been a major part of the chapel and village's rhythm and routine for over 30 years so it was wonderful to have it back albeit in a smaller way than in previous years. A huge thank you is due to Caroline Atkins for organising the gardeners, maps and plans. It is years now since I was able to get out to any of the gardens myself, but from the comments of the people coming into the chapel for refreshments, those people who opened up this year had used their lockdown to make their plots large and small better than ever. Thank you to all who opened up.

Despite the reduced offerings at chapel due to covid restrictions and the threatened poor weather (in fact the heavens only opened as I was leaving the chapel, leaving me soaked to the skin) we still made more than £1,100 that was split 50:50 with our Anglican friends who we rely on for the excellent spread. Such is the importance of Open Gardens to the rhythm and routine of the church and chapel's year - and I hope the village's too - before the deluge began, Caroline and I had begun discussing what we can do in 2022.

As we get back up to speed look out for notices on our new noticeboard. My final thank you for this piece is to the chapel's neighbour, Andy Green, who is making us a bespoke new board. It sounds as if it is going to be beautiful and helps us say loudly and proudly that we are open once again to serve the community with all the many activities that routinely take place in the chapel.

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The story behind one more name on the Goxhill Memorial WW1 plaque.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Gander I have written, with the help of his family, about Alf Howson who was recorded in the 1939 census living at Braemar on Ferry Road and employed as a 'Motor Driver for Market Gardener' (Hawthorne Gardens Ltd). Alf's next door neighbour Fred Drinkall lived at Carisbrook. Fred was employed as a 'Wholesale Fruit Importer's Clerk'. These men shared the experience of having lost a brother in conflict. Alf Howson's brother George Henry Howson drowned on 20 May 1917, after his vessel was torpedoed by an enemy submarine. Alf's maternal uncle William Williamson also died, on 31 January 1916, whilst serving with the Army Service Corps (both in Gander Summer 2019).

Fred Drinkall had been widowed by the 1939 census. His wife Annie had died in 1937. Annie had lived from the age of five with her maternal uncle, George Henry Johnson and his wife Betsey. Betsey was the daughter of 'Brickie Robinson' who lived in a cottage next to Northolme on Howe Lane where Springfield stands

younger sister Sarah. Fred was one of the twelve surviving children of John William and Ellen Drinkall. I was aware of a headstone in Goxhill cemetery which commemorates John William and Ellen. It includes a son, Sergeant Robert Drinkall D.C.M., Killed in Action June 7th 1915. Robert Drinkall was one of six Drinkall sons who served during WW1.

John William and Ellen's first son, Bert, had been born in 1884 in Caythorpe to the north east of Grantham. Two more children followed in Caythorpe, John in 1885 and Ellen in 1887. Two more children followed in Thornton le Fen, Bessie in 1880 and Harry in 1890. The 1891 census records the family living at Martin Moor near Woodall Spa. A son Robert and daughter Elsie were born in 1892 and in 1893 respectively. Three more children were born in Tetford, Arthur in 1895 then twins Edith and Teddie in 1897. The family then moved to Benington with John senior now a Police Sergeant. He enrolled five of his children in the local school in May 1898. Three more children were born in Benington, Mary (1899-1907), Fred in 1900 and Sarah in 1902. The family were recorded in Sutterton in the 1911 census taken in April before they moved to Goxhill later that year. In this same census the Drinkall's son Robert was recorded at Dover Castle in Kent, a musician in the 3rd Battalion, Royal Worcestershire Regiment.

Three days after the outbreak of war, on 7 August 1914, 17 year old Teddie Drinkall, Robert's brother, enlisted. Teddie was living in Grimsby and employed as a Railway Porter. He served initially in the 2nd Battery First North Midland Brigade, Royal Field Artillery then later with the Tank Corps. His embarkation to France is recorded as 6 March 1915; he served until 7 June 1919. Teddie is shown living with his brother Fred at Carisbrook on Ferry Road on the 1939 census though he lived finally in Lincoln.

Robert's Regiment, the 3rd Battalion Royal Worcesters received orders on 12 August 1914 and embarked from Southampton for France the next day. Robert's brother Harry, was working as a butcher in Wigtoft when, on 7 September 1914 just before his

HOW SERGT. DRINKALL WON THE D.C.M.

The last letter received by his friend, Mr. G. E. Vinter, of Sutterton, sheds more light on the action performed by Sergt. Drinkall as referred to above and contains the following particulars:—

Dear old George,—Am just sneaking a few minutes to let you have a few belated lines in answer to your last letter which, needless to say, I was jolly glad to receive. It does one good to get letters from old Sutterton, and they are like a breath of sunshine amidst the scenes of devastation that surrounds us in poor old Belgium. I am glad to report all's well with me up to date, and I hope such is the case with you. When one considers the many and varied weapons that have to be contended with in modern warfare, it is a great privilege to be able to say that all is well after nine months of it. The weather is beautiful and the day Whit Sunday. What a difference. I often wonder what it would be like to get out of the booming of guns, or to have a good sleep in a bed with my clothes off. I hope and trust that this dream is not far off, and I can come and tell you my experiences. I have forgotten a good lot, but there are some things that will never be forgotten.

You ask for full details of how I won the D.C.M. Well, old chap, I can scarcely tell you. I know I was first in the German trench on the 12th of March, and some poor mother in Germany mourns the loss of six or seven of her sons. I met three immediately on entering, two immediately ran away and the other, a youngster, stopped. Feeling rather merciful I told him to shove his hands up, and he replied by shooting from the hip. We both fired two shots apiece, and my third got in his way. It was a warm time while we were there. Us in one of their trenches, and they in the other, separated only by a few sandbags. I don't know whether you read it or not, but that Lieut. Martin, D.S.O., who gained the V.C. on that date, was one of my companions, and that was the deed that got him the decoration. He was a Briton with a capital B, and when he got knocked out I took charge, and we stuck it until dark, when orders arrived to withdraw. Four hours, and I can assure you that I was glad to say good-night to the scoundrels. I took toll of them while I was there, five nice clean shots at 12 yards' range at those hard grenade throwers. I could tell you better than write, but this is only to satisfy you. Don't get putting it in the paper, as I have a great aversion to being acclaimed a hero when thousands more are doing their share and doing it as well as I did. I won't deny that I am proud of the medal, and glad that I am able to bring credit on Sutterton. I shall have to knock off now, George, and do so, with my kindest regards to Ern. and Nellie, and with best wishes, I am, yours sincerely, BOB.

Extract from Boston Guardian 19 June 1915 including the announcement of Sergt R Drinkall DCM being killed in action

twenty fourth birthday, he enlisted into the 1st Battery First North Midland Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Harry served until 27 February 1919 and in the 1939 census is recorded as a butcher working on the High Street in Spalding. A newspaper report in the Boston Guardian dated 12 September 1914 under 'War

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'Brickie Robinson's' cottage which stood next to Northolme, Howe Lane where Springfield is now.

now. George had been employed as a Butcher's Assistant to Tom Raby of Spring Garth and later Hope House in the village. By the 1911 census George was living in Chapel Street (then known as North Street) with Betsey and niece, Annie. By 1939 George and Betsey were living at the house now known as King's Well opposite King Street on Howe Lane. King's Well was a cottage and butcher's shop owned by the Raby family then by Tommy Thompson. Living with George and Betsey was George Arthur Drinkall, their great nephew, son of his late niece Annie and her husband Fred Drinkall.

Fred Drinkall had been enrolled into Goxhill School on 13 November 1911, alongside his



John William, Ellen and Robert Drinkall's headstone in Goxhill cemetery

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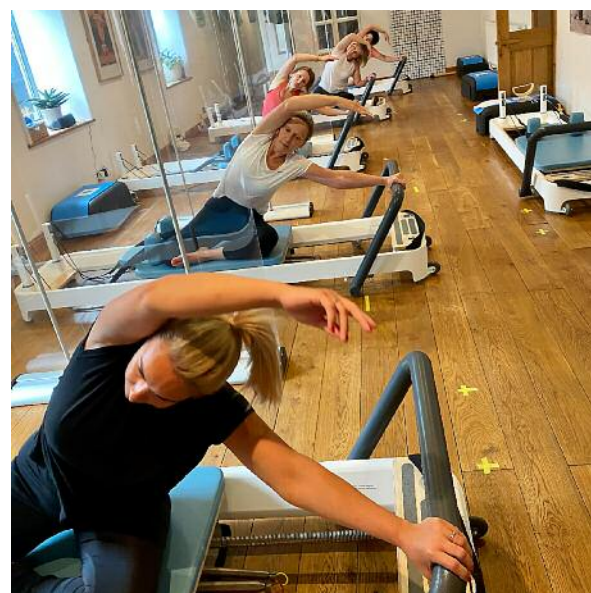
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Items' states that 'Lance Corporal Robert Drinkall...is with HM Expeditionary Forces. His sister Bessie who has some experience of nursing has offered her services to the country'.

On 12 March 1915, Robert Drinkall fought with such gallantry during an attack on the German trenches at Spanbroek Molen near Ypres that he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M.). Robert had written to George, his fiancée Olive Vinter's older brother, recounting the circumstances of the attack (see the Boston Gazette article on the previous page).

An online article <https://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/tragedy-unfolding-the-attack-on-spanbroekmolen-12-march-1915/> provides a great deal of detail about that day.

Robert's brother, Arthur Drinkall, enlisted in Spilsby on 17 April 1915. Arthur was 19 years old. He gave his address as North End, Goxhill and his occupation as 'Grocer'. Arthur joined the Royal Horse Artillery as a Driver. His record shows that he served in France, Italy and Germany. Some parts of this record are missing and a newspaper report in The Lincolnshire Star dated 27 November 1915 stated that Arthur had arrived home in Goxhill for a few days leave. He had, it explained, been wounded whilst serving in the Dardanelles and he had been recovering in St George's Hospital, London. This would make sense of a reference in Arthur's record which states 'B.E.F. 'D'', in 1915, possibly British Expeditionary Force Dardanelles. A section of service 1 July 1915 to 1 October 1915 is illegible and his next period of service starts on 22 October 1915 possibly indicating the period for his passage home from the Eastern Mediterranean. Arthur was demobbed on 31 January 1920. He married Mabel Northen, daughter of Joseph and Catherine Northen of North End in Goxhill in 1924. They made their home in Hull.

On Saturday 12 June 1915, just three months after Robert's bravery at Spanbroek Molen, his fiancée was informed by telegram that Robert had been killed the previous Monday 7 June. The following day she received a copy of the letter sent to Robert's parents by his friend Sergeant Charles Vale, informing them of the circumstances of his death. Robert had been shot through the chest Charles reported and had lived for only 20 minutes after the incident. The Worcestershire Regiment's own online records state that 'Early in June 1915 the 3rd Battalion was holding a line of trenches from the Menin Road on the left to Sanctuary Wood on the right. After four days of fighting, on the 9th June (they were) relieved...and moved out of the line'. Sadly this was too late for Robert Sergeant Vale's letter stated that Robert had been buried in the vicinity of where he had fallen however there is no CWGC burial for him and his Dependant's Pension indicates that documents for payment of this pension were not raised until 22 February 1919.

Robert is remembered on the Menin Gate at Ypres. It is possible that Robert Drinkall is buried in what is known as a 'Known Unto God' CWGC grave. The headstone would be inscribed 'A soldier of the Great War' if no information could be found when a body was exhumed from a temporary grave prior to reburial in a CWGC cemetery.

The following year, on 8 March 1916 'Record of Service' papers were raised for Robert's brother John. At the time of Robert's death newspaper reports indicated that John was employed in the Army Pay Corps in York. Records appear to indicate that John joined the Royal Garrison Artillery and left Southampton

for Le Havre on 28 September 1916. He was attached specifically to the 54th Heavy Artillery Group but diaries for the Heavy Artillery Groups are only available in the National Archives. I do know that he was demobilized on 16 February 1919 and later lived in Lincoln.

In Sheffield on 27 July 1918, the day before his eighteenth birthday, Fred Drinkall enlisted into the 2nd/4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. He embarked from Dover to Dunkirk on 8 April 1919. It seems from his records that he was discharged in Ripon on 15 November 1919 giving his address for his pay records as North End, Goxhill. I wondered why the Drinkall family had chosen to move from the Boston area of Lincolnshire to Goxhill and wanted to establish where in North End they had lived. I couldn't understand why there were no records for John senior before the 1881 census; his records repeatedly stated that he had been born in Ulceby in 1858. Finally the penny dropped, it seems obvious now that I know the answer. On his marriage record John names his father as George Drinkall; a George Drinkall ran the shop at White Cottage on Howe Lane; this same George Drinkall employed Mary Beswick (sister of Arthur Beswick (Gander Spring 2020)) and Olive Roberts (sister of Harry Roberts (Gander Winter 2018)). George Drinkall and his wife Betsey had been recorded in 1871 with their family living in South Ferriby prior to moving to Goxhill. Betsey's son, John William Johnson, born prior to her marriage to George, is recorded living with them. With this information I recognised that John William Drinkall had, by 1881 taken his step father's name; I was then able to find his birth registered in 1858 and a record of him in 1861 living in Ulceby with his grandparents. I infer from this that when his son Arthur Drinkall gave his occupation as 'Grocer' in 1915 he was working at White Cottage on Howe Lane, his grandfather George had died on 25 Feb 1912.

Arthur Drinkall's uncle, his father's step brother George junior; had lived on Ferry Road in North End in the 1911 census, in the area of Pear Tree Farm. He later lived at Eastville on Howe Lane (later to be the home of Frank Thompson (butcher Tommy's brother), close to 'Brickie Robinson's' cottage and was listed in the 1930 Kelly Directory as a Shopkeeper; this appears to be the time around which the Thompson family (Tommy and Frank's brother Danny and their father Ernest who was a tailor) took over the shop at White Cottage.

Another step brother, Harry Drinkall was recorded living in North End in 1891. He is at the College Road End of Thornton Road in 1901 and College Road in 1911 before being recorded a retired farm worker lived at Plum Cottage which stands on the junction of North End and Ruard's Lane. On the 1939 census John William and Ellen Drinkall were listed still living in North End, though no specific address had ever been given in records. However over a period of time using a variety of records and the help of friends and relatives of those listed in the same section of the census I believe that the Drinkalls made their home at Cottage Farm on Ferry Road when they moved from the Boston area of Lincolnshire to Goxhill in 1911.

Robert DRINKALL D.C.M., Sergeant 9884, 3rd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Killed in Action 7 June 1915. Aged 23 years. Born 29 February 1892 Martin Moor, Near Woodhall Spa. Son of John William and Ellen Drinkall of Cottage Farm, Ferry Road, North End, Goxhill. Fiancée of Miss Olive Vinter, Sutterton. Commemorated at Menin Gate, Ypres in Belgium and on his parent's headstone in Goxhill cemetery.

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Kind Regards, Cllr Peter Clark.

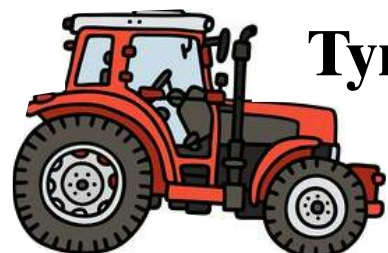


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'GOXHILL GROWN' Part 2 by Geoff Matthews

Continued from the first part in the Summer 2021 issue of the Gander.

I cannot remember who contacted me, maybe Mr Tyson or Corny, but we had quite an important conversation. Apparently the Hull staff was very small in numbers compared to about 40 of us at the Gardens, but they had problems which they thought may be long-term. The staff included Mr Tyson (known as the 'Governor'), Mr Jacob van den Bos (known in Hull as 'Bussy'), assisted on the sales side by Bert van den Bos, (who was Jacob's oldest son), Mr Bull (the accountant), Mr Mason (chief clerk), and two warehouse assistants one of which had been with the company for years but was seriously ill and not likely to ever come back to work, and finally a van driver. At that time Mr Jacob had also been ill and was not there full-time - in essence, they needed help.

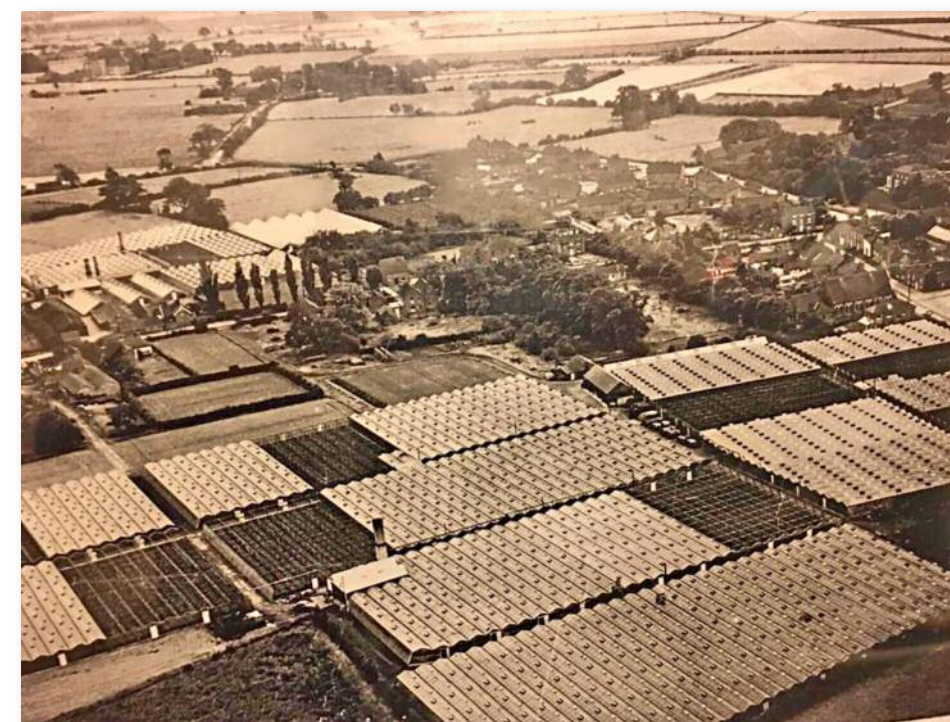
The outcome of my discussion was that the directors needed me and I was asked if I would like to reinforce their team. As I lived in New Holland it would be easy for me to catch the same 8:30am ferry which Mr Tyson, Jacob and Bert always did, firstly from Goxhill by train. Therefore my daily ferry fare was paid. I would work alongside the directors and Bert in running the business and, at the end of each day, we would all catch the 4:30pm boat back. If there should be an occasional slack day it was, "Come on Geoff, all on the 3.30 today!" And no Saturday working, plus I had a slight pay rise. Clearly and without doubt I gladly accepted. I could possibly be in Hull indefinitely. On my last day at the Gardens, payday, I was congratulated by most of the staff, and in some ways it was a difficult day for me.



Humber Ferry Loaded

So to the first day in Hull, where I was warmly received. I soon got into the routine and apart from the warehousing side of it I was often involved with major customers who were in town and ready to move the large vehicles down Humber Street to pick up, many times, almost all of the items which we had received earlier from Goxhill.

So I had seen how the Gardens were organised, and the tremendous work involved, and for all of that to be handled by the few of us at Hull. Over a short time I learned so much from the wholesale side and a lot about the regular banter which went on between our director and the travelling owners of massive purchase and re-distribution centres. For example, quite automatically, one large customer brought



Aerial view of Hawthorne Gardens in the 1960's, showing the smaller section south of Howe Lane and the main section off Chapel Street.

his lorry down from the Durham area and at peak period took a ton of tomatoes each time as a regular order. I even dealt with the opposite type of customer, one with a very small Austin 7 truck who waited until most other warehouses had sold, then tried us to buy cheaply anything we had left to sell! I was certainly enjoying being at Hull.

I really learned so much about the business of sales, trading and distribution in the fruit and vegetable business. I witnessed a friendly jovial bargaining between Bert and our directors when dealing with long-standing regular traders. The traders would try all sorts of tricks to get our prices down, but 'Bussy' would not be drawn. Much of it was in jest. They all knew and spoke of the quality of our Goxhill products and I never heard any complaints. It always gave me pleasure when I often saw large vehicles loaded to the maximum with a 90% load of produce which had been Goxhill grown - boxes which I may have dealt with years before, each one clearly stencilled on the side with green lettering 'Goxhill Grown'.

I remained working daily in Hull in such a good working environment and would have loved to stay at 28 Humber Street with their superb team. I made other friends and really felt part of the establishment. However, one day in the office I



Hawthorne Gardens lorry, 1930s (note it was originally spelt without the 'E') - Alf Howson* loaded ready for market. Photograph courtesy of Derek Howson. *See additional article on page 43 for information on the Howson family.

was told that for legal reasons I must go back to the Gardens aspect of the business. The matter of National Service had come to attention. Under normal circumstances, young men from aged 18 onwards, unless they were employed in agriculture, horticulture or other reserved occupations, were exempt from doing National Service. Obviously that included me if I worked at the Gardens. Simply, had I stayed at Goxhill from 18 years old and beyond, I would have automatically been exempt from ever doing National Service. It seemed the case that employers

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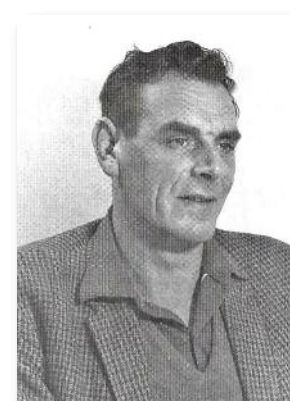
had to periodically put in returns of all who worked for them to satisfy these conditions. Therefore, at this point the company were employing me in Hull in whole-sale sales, and thereby breaking the law. So with regret, and no fault of mine, I had to return to Hawthorne Gardens permanently! This was a blow to me personally, and I saw it as a real setback. So with great reluctance, at the end of the year I duly started back at Goxhill.

Of course, Corny and the staff welcomed me back, I met one or two new members of staff, and generally integrated in all the seasonal work as before. Truly in many ways I had mixed feelings and thoughts about things, but fully understood the circumstances. So, as long as I worked at Hawthorne Gardens I was exempt from National Service. I was rather unsettled about my long-term future at work, trapped in the system so to speak.

During one time in my year at Hull, the two directors, plus the management staff of Mr Ball and Mr Mason and myself had spent just one day at Goxhill to celebrate the golden wedding of the governor Mr Tyson and his wife, and we are included on the complete group photograph (shown in the last issue of the Gander). Therefore I had at that time met everyone again so resettling was quite easy but I did not care for the longer working weeks again.

From there on I seemed to be involved in a much wider range of work, and spent much time involved in the larger gardens which backed up to Chapel Street, where in fact Corny and family lived at Westland Villa.

At this point I take the opportunity to mention quite a few of the workers, some with whom I worked regularly, others I knew quite well. I will at best mention a few interesting periods of my time.



*Les Dunwell.
Photograph courtesy of Ron Parker's Goxhill Bygones.*

At the smaller garden I knew Edgar Kirk and Les Dunwell who were involved in the expansion and installation of the boiler and greenhouse heating systems.

I worked many times with the regular pair of Ken (Dab) Sarjantson and Joe Spittlehouse who were real experts at planting and handling small plants. I also worked at times with some of the Wood family. Father Arthur and sons Peter and Sidney. Peter was a real live-wire and full of fun. Sidney was quite different, known by the younger group for his own praise of growing, at home, the best cucumbers in Barrow!

I also mention the teams of men who dealt largely with the running of the boilers, loading the coke and coal etc. There was Bill Howson and Frank Heaton, and at the other garden was the delightful chap Harry Bavin, with Harry Wright. The latter came by motor-cycle from another village, a quiet but superb gentleman. There was a larger group who I always regarded as the 'heavy gang' as they seemed to be involved in almost all major projects.



Harry Bavin. Photograph courtesy of Ron Parker's Goxhill Bygones.

It included Arthur Birkett, John Bellamy, George Atkinson, Bill Palmer, Cyril Jacklin, Fred Brompton, Arthur Armstrong and Albert Chapman. Tom Rigg was, in the main, the tractor driver. I also knew Ken Smith and Fred Mumby. I had often worked with John Wright, and for some periods as a partner with Corny's youngest son, John van den Bos. We were involved in many aspects of spraying the crops of both flowers and tomato plants under glass.

I conclude with the group of the much older generation who generally helped with much of the background work of keeping the whole area of each garden in clean and tidy order. They are Mr Charles Tuplin, Tommy Sergent and Tom Ringrose. I apologise if I have left anyone out from the photograph.

Looking into the future, I spent quite some time in the earlier part of 1953 considering my position, future at work, promotion etc, or whether I would change direction to where I might like to be. I was very well aware of the National Service issue, and realised that if I wanted a change for the future I had only one choice; volunteer for the minimum military service of three years. If this was the barrier to my future I had to accept the inevitable, therefore in about May 1953 I was accepted for the Royal Air Force.

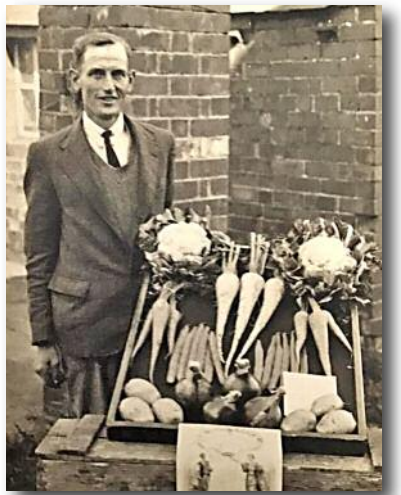
Having joined, I opted for a three-year trade as a Provisions Clerk, which would cover working in the administration of supplies storage and distribution of equipment to all RAF stations at home, and in the Middle and Far East stations. In some ways I was again involved in the supplies service and distribution which I had enjoyed so much whilst working in Hull.

I would just add that I was posted, for almost all of my three years service, to Egypt in the Suez Canal Zone. But that was the start of a new future. Subsequently, I spent many years in the management of supplies and distribution services with two large Lincoln companies, and finally retired as the Supplies Manager for the Lincolnshire Police.

If these memories resonate with anyone reading this, I would love to hear from you.

Please write or email via the Goxhill Gander team and I'm sure they will be kind enough to forward it on to me. Thank you.

Geoff Matthews, Inverness, Scotland.



Bill Palmer who worked at Hawthorne Gardens and lived at No 8 Thornton Road. Photograph courtesy of his granddaughter Linda Campbell (this is a different Linda Campbell to Geoff Matthews daughter).



Hawthorne Gardens workers - Left to right Stan Breese, Joan Towle and Cyril Jacklin (all confirmed by Charlie Guilliatt). Photograph courtesy of Bill Palmer's grand daughter Linda Campbell

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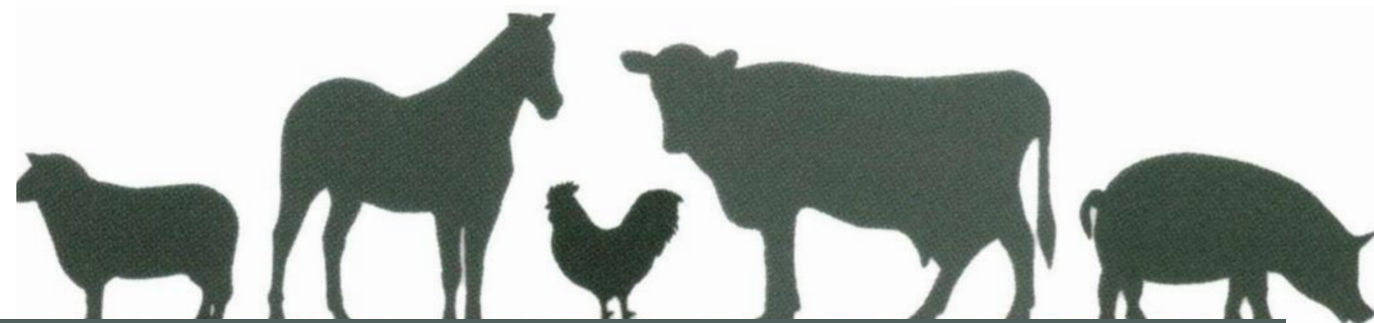
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MORE MEMORIES CONCERNING HAWTHORNE GARDENS

A short article in Ron Parker's 'Goxhill Bygones' records that Hawthorne Gardens grew 'from a one-man four-acre business...acquired by (Jacob) van den Bos who came to this country from Holland in 1913'; and that 'six years later (his) brother (Cornelius) came to join him in the venture'. By the end of the 1920s what had started as Goxhill Nurseries evolved into Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd, a joint project between the van den Bos and Tyson families.

Herbert Tyson senior was, in 1891, a single man lodging



Left to right: Alf Howson, Charles Tyson, Not known (photograph courtesy of Derek Howson)

in Grimsby and working as a Fruit Merchant. He married that year and he and his wife Ada had two children, Florence (b. 1892) and Herbert junior (b. 1899) whilst living in Grimsby. Two more sons, Charles (b. 1904) and Gilbert (b. 1906) were born whilst the family were living in Hull where Herbert senior continued to be described as a Fruit Merchant and an 'employer'. The first evidence of the Tyson family living in Goxhill is the School Admissions Register which

shows that Herbert junior was enrolled in Goxhill School on 23 April 1907 aged 8. He left school on 13 January 1912, the reason given that he had 'gone to work with his father'. Charles Tyson, Herbert senior's second son was enrolled on 4 October 1909 and his father's address listed specifically as Rachel Row, Goxhill.

Rachel Row is the row of cottages on Church Street on the left after Penny Lane hairdressers. Also listed as living on Rachel Row at this time was the Howson family. The records for admission of three of the six children of Albert and Jane Elizabeth Howson record their home address specifically as Rachel Row. Alfred (Alf) Williamson Howson (b. 1909) was the youngest of Albert and Jane's children. He was registered to start school on 26 October 1914.

The 1911 census lists those living in Church Street, on, I believe, a section of Rachel Row as Abraham Farrow (a single 61 year old labourer); George Wright (a single 33 year old labourer) and Thomas Pettit (married with his wife and five of his six children with him, a Blacksmith Striker on the railway). The census summary book then records two lock up shops followed by Albert Howson (married with his wife and six children with him, Farm Labourer); George William Sargeant (married with his wife and six of their eleven surviving children with him, a Bricklayer) then George William Sargeant's oldest son, Charles William, married and with a young child who was working as a saddler but the following year is recorded employed by the Railway at New Holland. The first three cottages have, I believe, been absorbed into Penny Lane hairdressers. The shop on this site

was initially one room on the corner of Church Street and Howe Lane. Charlie Guillatt explained to me that when Jim Austin bought the shop from the Atkin family, after World War 2, he expanded further down in Church Street, acquiring some of the

cottages. From my calculations the Howson family lived in the property now identified as 6 Church Street and George William Sargeant and the two rooms that his son Charles William occupied are one property, 7 Church Street, also known as Middlegate Cottage.

The Tyson family are also recorded, in this 1911 census, living in Church Street, but now appear to occupy a house further down towards the Church. The family are listed living between Tom Towle Farrow and William Upton. I know that Tom Towle Farrow lived at Laburnum Cottage so the Tysons possibly lived at the house now named Danclo though I have no evidence for this. Interestingly, Tom Towle Farrow's address was given as Rachel Row when his son Percy started school on 24 April 1896; Tom ran the lock-up shop, recorded in the 1911 census, next to the Howson home.

Nicola Marshall nee Howson, Alf Howson's granddaughter, explained that her dad, Derek had told her that Alf began his working life at Hawthorne Gardens from school. This would be, in my reckoning 1928. He worked as a driver and can be seen in photographs sitting in the cab and standing in front of the lorry stacked high with crates, bound for Goxhill station. Originally goods were transported in a cart pulled by a pony. The pony was, Nicola explained, under Alf's care for feeding, apparently it had a bit of a temper and only he could handle it.

Alf married Nellie Lawrence of Barton in 1937. Alfred and Nellie received a wedding gift of a china cabinet from the company which has been handed



Alf Howson's three sisters; left to right Kitty (later Mrs Don Twidale), Elsie (later Mrs Harold Holmes) and Linda (later Mrs S Joseph Barrick), photographed outside their home on Church Street (photograph courtesy of Derek Howson)



A young Alf Howson (photograph courtesy of Derek Howson)



GOXHILL, BRIDEGROOM. — Mr. Alfred Howson, and Miss Nellie Lawrence, whose marriage took place at St. Peter's Church, Barton. (photograph courtesy of Derek Howson)



Alf Howson, in the cab, note spelling on door of lorry (Hawthorne) (photograph courtesy of Derek Howson)

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down to a member of the Howson family. Alfred and Nellie lived at Braemar on Ferry Road just after the Howe Lane, Thornton Road junction. Later, around 1944, they lived at Belmont Villa on Westfield Road in the middle of the village then, in the 1950s moved to 20 Abbeygarth Villas.

Alf worked for Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd up until World War 2. He worked alongside his childhood neighbour Charles Tyson who had received a schol-



Charles and Margery Tyson's oldest daughter Janet (left) with the family au pair at Mildenburgh, Barrow Road (photograph courtesy of Charlie Guilliat)

arship to Brigg Grammar School from Goxhill and who had then, like his older brother Herbert, gone into the family business. Herbert junior left the village and moved to Edinburgh in around 1922 (I haven't been able to find precise details), where he married and had children. The rest of the Tyson family moved from Church Street to Mill House on Barrow Road. The property included the land on which Charles would later build his home Mildenburgh. During this time Charles developed his interest in music; his father built an additional room onto the end of Mill House after Charles suffered a serious

accident at the Gardens for which he needed a long period of recovery in hospital and at home. Charlie Guilliat explained to me that once Charles Tyson returned to work he rode a bicycle operated with only one pedal.

Charles Tyson married in 1932. He built Mildenburgh, where he and his wife Margery lived with their four daughters Janet, Susan, Libby and Sally. The two older girls in particular inherited his love of music and my nana, Eileen Winship of Barton, a piano teacher and performer came to Mildenburgh to play at musical evenings held by Charles.

Hawthorne Gardens played a major role in the life of the village. Not only were they a major employer but any villagers could go on a picking night to take the cracked tomatoes free of charge; during World War 2 these were bottled for use through the winter. Terry Hewitt who was a lorry driver who worked alongside his brother Michael in the Gardens remembers leaving these at Mildenburgh for Margery Tyson and at Mill House.

Charles and Margery left the village on retirement from the Gardens, moving to Chipping Camden in Gloucestershire in the 1960s but kept in regular touch. He continued to own Mill House selling it eventually to Fred and Eva Guilliat (Charlie's parents) who had lived there since 1937. **Researched and compiled by Elizabeth Fincham including memories provided by Derek Howson, Terry Hewitt and Charlie Guilliat.**



Charles and Margery Tyson's youngest daughter Sally photographed at Mill House, Barrow Road with Charlie and Eva Guilliat (photograph @ 1954 courtesy of Charlie Guilliat)

The Church Entrance 1951

Goxhill's 'Singing Blacksmith', George Parker, made and gave the current gates to the Church in 1951.

From 1949, I used to go to his son's paper shop opposite, in the Square, for my weekly Carpenter & Builder magazine, at Saturday lunchtime.

If Mr Parker was in his blacksmith shop, I used to go and have a chat with him. He was a wonderful craftsman, and he had so much to tell if you had time to listen.

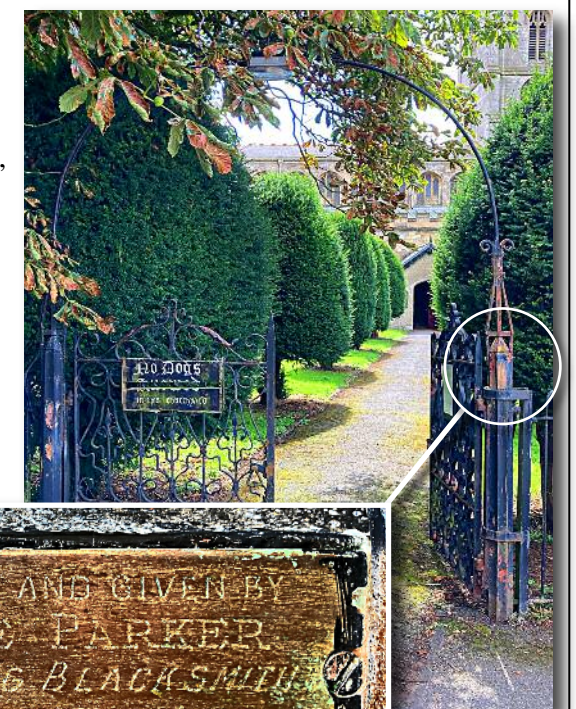
He said he was making some gates, but never told me where they were for, at the time. Many times he showed me his 'Stradivarius Violin?' and his large bible with his wife's wedding flowers pressed inside.

After 70 years, I thought the brass plaque on the side of the gate post could do with a clean. I guess lots of people have passed through the gateway and never even noticed it.

I hope you will have a look at it now (I nearly missed it - Editor).

Charlie Guilliat June 2021

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Black Bull Inn - East Halton

**PUB - RESTAURANT -
ACCOMMODATION**

- *Large covered Beer Garden with outside bar*

Food Service in the restaurant or garden

- **Evening Meals** 5 - 8pm 7 days a week
- **Sunday Lunch** 12 - 4pm

Booking advisable - 01469 540828

Everyone Welcome!



SMALL SCALE FUNCTIONS

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Christenings, etc.

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See our website or call for further details
& **UPDATES ON FUTURE CHANGES**

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