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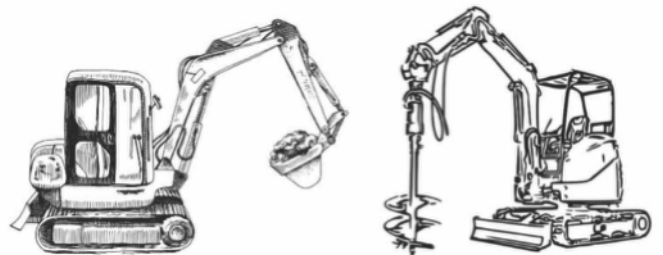
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Introducing the New Assistant Editors

No, I haven't gone anywhere yet, I am still Editor. But Ferne and I really want to thank the wonderful new Editorial Team who have stepped forward to help keep the Gander going into the future. I leave it to them to introduce themselves.

Jeff Teasdale - Still the Editor



Morten Olsen - Assistant Editor

Hello Goxhill! My name is Morten. Born and raised in Norway, I came to the UK 15 years ago and recently moved to Goxhill from Birmingham with my wife and our son who was born soon after the move. In pursuit of a quieter rural life, we fell in love with Goxhill from the first visit to the village. We look forward in participating in the community in the future and to be as much part of this village life as possible. I joined the editorial team in the Gander as a steppingstone in getting involved in the community. The village I grew up in back in Norway has many similarities to Goxhill, including a quarterly magazine, which I always felt as being important to the village identity. I would therefore like to do what I can to help The Gander thrive.

Rose Williams - Assistant Editor

Originally from Castleford, I moved to Buckinghamshire to do a BA (Hons) in Graphic Design & Advertising, specialising in corporate ID. From there, I worked for some major brands and design houses, helping them with branding and advertising. Hitting my thirties, I moved to New Zealand and worked in signage, print media, and display advertising. I thoroughly enjoyed some time working on the 'Northern Advocate' newspaper, in Whangarei, but have worked at other publications in the UK as well. All my life, I have kept designing every way I can, from branding work for design firms, to writing websites, to laying out Newspapers, designing logos and even designing full vehicle liveries. My husband and I came back from NZ in 2010, since then I've continued to keep my design activities going, working for other companies on a consultancy basis. Since moving to Goxhill, I've been looking for a way to give back to our local community and I think joining the Gander team achieves that ambition nicely, combining my skillset, with my desire to serve my community.



John Hamlin - Assistant Editor

My wife Allison and I moved to the village just over ten years ago, so we still think of ourselves as relative newcomers. That said, you're probably more likely to recognise Percy, our apricot Toy Poodle, than either of us! We've always enjoyed getting involved in local events and supporting community initiatives, so when the opportunity arose to help produce The Gander, I was delighted to contribute.

My professional background spans marketing, education, and film and video production—areas that have given me a real appreciation for storytelling, technology, and communication, which I hope brings something valuable to the newsletter.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time in the garden, visiting antique fairs, and exploring historical sites. Getting to know the village and its people over the past decade has been a real pleasure, and I'm glad to be part of something that helps keep our community connected.



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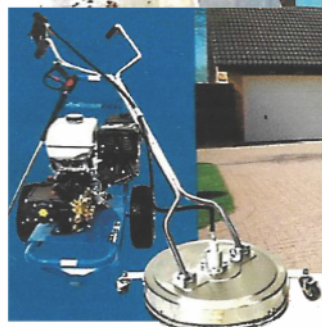
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Think Ahead



Pastures New

The bats of Goxhill church were holding an emergency meeting.



"It's true, I tell you", said Cuthbert, indignantly, "You were all hanging around with your wings over your ears in case that lot started singing again, but I heard the vicar say they were going to be joining with some other churches and making a bigger group. What if that means more of them here on Sundays making that racket?"

Hubert considered the matter.

"Unlikely", he said, "They like their own pews, never mind their own buildings. Have you noticed they always sit in the same places every week?"

Cuthbert thought that was a bit steep, coming from Hubert who was particularly territorial about his place over the vicar's stall.

"Well," he said, darkly, "I heard her say something about 'working across boundaries'. That sounds worrying to me. We could be seriously outnumbered".

There was a general murmur of anxiety. The bats had long been at war with their human adversaries and weren't keen on the idea of the enemy gaining reinforcements.

Hubert hadn't been the leader of the colony for so long for nothing.

"Two can play at that game", he said. "The last I heard there were no bats in Barton church. The vicar'll be skipping off there thinking her stall will be nice and clean. Neville, didn't you say you thought a holiday would be fun? I suggest an outing – just to make sure she feels at home".

A ripple of chuckles went along the rafter.

"Time to spread our wings", said Hubert

(As Canon David Rowett has retired, our own group of parishes and the Barton group now come under my legal oversight, so we are indeed working across boundaries. The new group is quite large, but we have a good team of lay and ordained ministers across the group, and we're confident services can be maintained with a bit of mutual cooperation. If the bats can do it, so can we.

Canon Liz (and bats) of All Saints'

AUTUMN SERVICES

Sunday 7th September, 2pm:

Horse and Rider Service in the paddock next to All Saints Church

Friday 10th October, 7pm:

Harvest Evensong in All Saints Church

Sunday 12th October, 2pm:

Pet Service in All Saints Church

Sunday 19th October, 10.30am:

Harvest Service in Methodist Chapel

Sunday 2nd November, 11am:

All Saints Day United Service followed by Lunch, All Saints Church

Sunday 2nd November, 7pm:

Bereavement service in Methodist Chapel

Sunday 9th November, 10.45am:

Remembrance Service at Memorial Hall,

Sunday 9th November, 2pm:

Remembrance Service at the Goxhill Airfield Tribute

Hi Everyone,

My first year has just completed on 31 August and another begins being part of the Goxhill Methodist Chapel, its community and the larger Barton, Brigg and Wolds Circuit. It has all gone by way too fast. I look forward to what God has in store for us all in the year to come [BTW, a 'Methodist year' is from 1 September thru 31 August]

Also, here is some exciting news: there will be an additional minister in the circuit starting September 1st: The Revd Dr John Schofield. Rev John was welcomed by the circuit on 31 August at Caistor MC. John and I will be sharing in ministry responsibilities across all 16 of the circuit's churches. Alleluia! Thank you God for sending John to be among us!!

Peace and Blessings, **Rev Robert Roberts, Methodist Superintendent, BBW Circuit**

Goodbyes

'Goodbye', a word we may use often and in many different instances throughout our lives from childhood to being an adult, and with so many meanings and forms. Our own usage is not necessarily complex, but it could be layered and complicated.

As a young child, I remember being told to "Give your grandfather a kiss and tell him goodbye." Dutifully, I would give the kiss and say: "Bye Grandpa." But when I was outside and finished playing with the neighbourhood kids, my typical phrase would be: "Bye, gotta go."

As a teenager [now that's been a day or two ago] there was the one word 'bye' but used in so many ways. There's the not paying attention and leaving house quickly 'bye' but it could've also been a very demonstrative 'BYE!!' due to a disagreement with Mom, as to when I would finish my chores. Then again, if you were speaking to someone you really liked, the word might have an incredibly soft and gentle sound to it. What slang did you use with your mates to communicate you were leaving? I remember the word: 'Whatever' was a catch phrase for many of my actions.

As an adult, we take all of the above and move into the world of 'forgetting' to say 'goodbye' and the ensuing accusations of "Yes, I did" and "No, you didn't." It seems appropriate to also include that, as adults, we may also intentionally NOT say 'goodbye.' In addition, the cynic in me at times would change a leaving goodbye phrase like "I've mixed emotions of sadness and joy" into "I've mixed emotions of joy and happiness."

In recent years, I have tried to work on having a 'good' goodbye because I've realized that in the past, I've chosen otherwise. That effort is still a work in-progress. Why have you said 'goodbye' recently? Not long ago the spouse of a special person in my life died. There was a compelling need to attend the thanksgiving service at church; that 'goodbye' was for the person and their spouse. It was emotional and soul searching; my presence was an attempt to help fill the void of one spouse for the other.

Goodbyes and loss are not only attributed to human beings. Mine is for a dog named Bobbie, the last of the family of four West Highland Terriers that moved with me from the US to the UK. There was at least one Westie in the house [up to 4] for 18 years. I was with Bobbie the second she was born and also when she died. At the moment, I'm grieving her loss and am slowly saying "Goodbye."

Our 'goodbyes' (and losses) begin by telling another "Goodbye" when we walk out a door and continue until the day when we finally grieve their passing and say a final "Goodbye."

Shalom, **Rev Robert Roberts, Superintendent**

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I would like to say a big thank you for the many prayers, cards and messages that I have received. They have cheered me up so much.

Thank you. Sandra

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

We look forward to seeing you at some of these events. You can be assured of a warm welcome

Pop In – is usually the third Saturday in month 10am – 12md, but we don't have one in December.

Luncheon Club - 12noon is 2nd Wed in the month
For dates see list opposite.

Knit and Natter – every Thursday 2pm in the Chapel Schoolroom

For further info contact **Sandra** on **07801 947758**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who supports our events. We love seeing you & hope to welcome you at future events.

Street Boot - Saturday 30th August. Look out for details on posters and FB.

Calendar Photos Viewing - Saturday 6th September
All Saints Church – viewing and voting for the photos submitted for the 2026 Calendar

Horse and Rider service - Sunday 7th September.
2pm in the Paddock next to the Church, weather permitting. All members of the community welcome.

Pet Service - Sunday 12th October 2pm in All Saints Church. We look forward to seeing you and your pets.

Christmas Bingo - Friday 28th November in the Memorial Hall

Christmas Tree Festival - Saturday and Sunday 6th and 7th of December.

Regular Church Services

8.30am 1st Sun of the month

9.30am 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays

For information on any of the Church events, please call **Sandra** on **07801 947758**

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THANK YOU to all who have attended our Social events. We hope you continue to do so, as it raises vital funds to keep our Chapel open. Blessings & love from us all at Goxhill Methodist Church.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

All in the Chapel / Chapel Schoolroom unless stated.

SEPTEMBER

Luncheon Club - 10th September 12 noon

Pop In - 20th September 10am-12 noon

Whist Drive - 27th September 6.30pm

OCTOBER

Luncheon Club - 8th October 12 noon

Goxhill Singers - 11th October 6.30pm in the Chapel

Pop In - 18th October 10am-12 noon

Harvest Service - 19th October 10.30am

in the Chapel

Harvest Supper - 21st October 6.30pm, £7.50 per head booking with Hazel, Christine or Yvonne

Quiz night - 24th October 7pm

Whist Drive - 25th October 6.30pm

NOVEMBER

Luncheon Club - 12th November 12 noon

Pop In - 15th November 10am-12 noon

Christmas Bingo - 28th November 7pm,

in Memorial Hall

Whist Drive - 29th November 6.30pm

Café Church - 30th November 10.30am

DECEMBER

Chapel Bingo - 5th December 5.30pm

at Goxhill School

Luncheon Club - 10th December 12 noon

(Christmas Dinner)

NB SPECIAL AUTUMN SERVICES ON PAGE 5

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPEL

Wednesdays **Luncheon Club** 2nd Wed

Singing Group 7-9pm Chapel Schoolroom

Thursdays **Knit & Natter** 2-4pm

Saturday **Pop In** 10am-12 noon (third Sat)

Sundays **Regular Chapel services**

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, 10.30am

Café Church, 10.30am

1st Sunday of the month

Thank you all for your support at past events and continued support at future events. All to provide entertainment and raise funds to keep the Chapel open.

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	248	Sarah Bruce	£21
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	124	Heather Brown	£21
	266	Tony Morley	£21
June 2025	51	Sandra Smith	£21
	194	Christine Thomas	£21
	226	Emma Masdin	£21
June Quarterly Jackpot	44	Tamsyn Carter	£140

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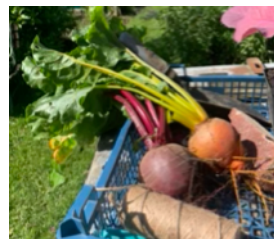
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7th September - Produce day.

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19th October - Pumpkin day.

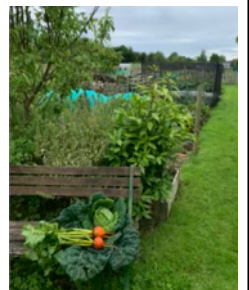


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06-Sep	1pm	Calendar competition viewing	Church
07-Sep	12-4pm	Allotments Produce Day	Allotments
07-Sep	2pm	Horse and Rider Service	Church
08-Sep	7pm	Goxhill WI Harvest Meeting	Memorial Hall
14-Sep	12noon	Wobbly Wheelers - Rotary	Goxhill School
20-Sep	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel School Room
27-Sep	6-10pm	Goxhill's Got Talent	Memorial Hall
27-Sep	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel School Room
10-Oct	6.30pm	Goxhill Singing Group	Chapel
12-Oct	2pm	Pet Service	All Saints Church
13-Oct	7pm	Goxhill WI - 1st Aid training	Memorial Hall
18-Oct	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel School Room
19-Oct	10.30am	Harvest Festival	Chapel
19-Oct	12-4pm	Allotments Pumpkin Day	Allotments
21-Oct	6.30pm	Harvest Festival Supper	Chapel
24-Oct	7pm	Quiz Night	Chapel School Room
24-Oct		Short Award Nomination Deadline	
25-Oct	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel School Room
24-Oct		Gander deadline for Winter Edition	
02-Nov	11am	All Saints Day Service and lunch	Church
02-Nov	7pm	Bereavment Service	Chapel
09-Nov	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Memorial Hall
09-Nov	2pm	Remembrance Service	Airfield Tribute
10-Nov	7pm	Goxhill WI - Murder Mystery	Mem Hall
15-Nov	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel School Room
28-Nov	7pm	Christmas Bingo	Memorial Hall
30-Nov	10-3pm	Christmas Craft Fair	Memorial Hall
29-Nov	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel School Room
05-Dec	5.30pm	Chapel Bingo	Goxhill School
6&7-Dec	1pm - 5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Church

REGULAR EVENTS

Chapel

Regular Services	10.30am	1st, 3rd & 5th Sun
Café Church	10.30am	1st Sunday of the month

Church

Regular Services	8.30am	1st Sun of the month
	9.30am	2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays

Chapel School Room

Singing Group	7 - 9pm	Wednesday
Luncheon Club	12 - 2pm	2nd Wed of month except Aug
Knit & Natter	2 - 4pm	Thursday
Pop In	10 - 12 noon	3rd Sat of the month*
Café Church	10.30am	1st Sun of every month
Whist Drives	6.30pm	Sat 28/6, 26/7

Goxhill School Hall

Goxhill Tumble Time	9-10.30am	Wednesday
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Memorial Hall

Short Mat Bowls	2 - 4pm	Monday
Womens Institute	7pm	Every 2nd Mon of the month
Pilates	10 - 11am	Tuesday
Art Club	2 - 4pm	Wednesday
Short Mat Bowls	7 - 9pm	Wednesday
Pilates	10 - 11am	Thursday
Community Café	2 - 5pm	Friday
Taekwondo	12 - 1pm	Saturday

Library

	2 - 6pm	Monday
	2 - 5pm	Wednesday
	3.30 - 6pm	Friday

If you want any events entering or any amendments, please contact: assistant.editor@goxhillgander.com or 07949 822 943. **E&OE**

KNIT & NATTER



Some of our talented ladies made a Beatrix Potter display in the Chapel for open gardens in June.

Our lovely Knit and Natter ladies meet at the
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GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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INSPIRING WOMEN

During the last three months, members and friends of Goxhill WI have enjoyed a very challenging **Treasure Hunt**, set by Carole; an interesting but saddening talk on **Lincolnshire Bomber Command**, given by Sam McMillan; and an indulgent **Afternoon Tea**, during August, when we do not have a regular meeting but like to do something different.

Also in August, on Friday 15th, Goxhill WI members led a team of people from several village organisations to celebrate the **80th anniversary of VJ Day**. Ok, as I write this we are still in July, so the VJ Day Picnic has yet to materialise. However, our plans are well developed and widely supported and we have every hope that all who come to the Memorial Hall for the picnic will enjoy themselves tremendously while also remembering the reason for the party.

We intend to continue to support the **Community Café** in the Memorial Hall by hosting it every 2nd Friday in a month, when it resumes in September. We really enjoy the café and in true WI spirit there is always plenty of cake and maybe a few sandwiches. Please note that our members have voted to support two different charities for the coming months – **Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance** and **LIVES** – so, until April 2026, at the earliest, we will not be collecting donations for Women's Aid or the Barton Food Bank.

Our membership continues to go from strength to strength, in large part due to the fact that we are able to charge less than the national average for the WI subscription year (April to March).

If you haven't been to one of our meetings yet, why not come to our September meeting (for free, with or without competition entries) and consider joining us in October, when new members will be charged £12.95 for 6 months of membership? It is important to us that we have a Women's Institute in Goxhill and that we make the WI accessible to all women in the parish.

Caroline Atkins - Secretary, Goxhill WI

Our meetings start 7pm in Goxhill Memorial Hall.

- Sept 8th** **Harvest Meeting** – competitions, sale of produce, buffet – free entry
- Oct 13th** **Bystanders can be Lifesavers: 1st Aid training** - £3 on the door
- Nov 10th** **Murder Mystery Play** (new format) - £5 on the door
- Dec 8th** **Christmas Party**
members & invited friends only

For further information, and/or to reserve a seat for our Open Meetings, please contact Caroline Atkins, Secretary, on 01469 532204 or via caroline.rhombus@btinternet.com

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Saturday Field Trips - Meet at Ness End Farm* **9am start unless stated.**
Bring a packed lunch for full day trips.

Date	Duration	Event Name
20 Sept	Full day	Spurn Point. Looking for migrants on our annual trip. Alex Cawley (07722 555302)
18 Oct	Full day	Gibraltar Point. Migrants and waders, plenty to see. Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)
22 Nov	Half day	Stone Creek/Welwick. Looking for raptors and waders. Deborah Parry (07527 752863)
6 Dec	Half day	Blacktoft Sands. Marsh harriers coming in to roost. 12.30pm start. Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)

Wednesday Talks - At Visitors Centre* **7.30pm start**, refreshments incl.

17 Sept	2 hrs.	Talk on Gibraltar Point, the oldest Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust reserve. Kevin Wilson (former warden)
15 Oct	2 hrs.	Talk on the Scottish Islands. Simon Wellock
19 Nov	2 hrs.	Members photographic evening.

Special Event - At Ness End Farm, with refreshments.

6 Sept 8pm* til late. Moth Night to see what moths come down to the light

For further information contact

Maureen Douglass - tel: 01469 530143 e: mdouglass6@hotmail.com,
Vernon Chapman - 01652 66095 / 07939 347373 vernonchapman2@gmail.com

website - <https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/> (Barton Area Group)

*Ness End Farm, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber DN18 5RG. Visitor Centre also
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BARROW HISTORY GROUP

Barrow History Group meetings are held in the
**Vicar's Rooms next to Barrow church from
7.30pm to 9.30pm.**

The classes cost £5 each or £25 for all six.

Autumn Schedule 2025

Oct 20th	Paul Mann, The Pre-history of Barrow up to the Romans.
Oct 27th	Paul Mann, How Christianity came to Barrow.
Nov 3rd	Bill Codd, Lincoln Castle 1. Mediaeval.
Nov 10th	Bill Codd, Lincoln Castle 2. Victorian Prison.
Nov 17th	Alan Palmer & Michael Oates, Fault Lines of the World.
Nov 24th	John Thompson, Photos Then & Now, this meeting includes buffet.

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GANDER GRANT SCHEME

The latest grant to be approved by the Gander committee, is an application from Heather Dobinson for £100 to replace battery powered Christmas lights that decorate the avenue of trees leading to the Church, the archway and porch, each year.

The Gander Grant scheme is open to applications, with grants up to £250, for local organisations and individuals.

Due to there being limited funds available, decisions will be made on applications in August each year and will be announced in an issue of the Gander.

Payment will be made accordingly.

Applications can be made at any time until 30th June each year.

For details of how to apply, please contact Rebecca on **01469 532628** or email to

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COMMUNITY CUPPA

GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL CAFE

Every Friday afternoon 2-5pm

Opening again September 12th.

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Autumn at Ropery Hall

This autumn's programme at Ropery Hall is jam-packed with music, comedy, theatre and the spoken word.

Highlights this autumn include the return of old favourites including Ben Poole, Nick Harper, Chantel McGregor, Iain Matthews, Phil Beer and and Martin Josphe while a hearty dose of laughter comes in the form of the return of Ria Lina, Angela Barnes, Justin Moorcroft and housewife extra-ordinaire, Barbara Nice, not forgetting two Barnstormers Comedy Clubs featuring comedians from the national comedy circuit.

Theatre Thursdays don't disappoint either with some familiar names returning with new performances including **ROOM**, a dip into the creative mind of Virginia Wolf, more **ghost stories** from M R James and two performances by actor Nicholas Collett, **Goosebumps** and **A Ghost of a Smile**, both adaptations from the pen of Charles Dickens.

As well as keeping an eye on the political pulse in the company of the Guardian's political sketch-writer John Crace, we are delighted to be featuring **An Evening with John Cambridge** hosted by Garry Burnett. Bowie, Cambo & All the Hype traces the extraordinary and pivotal friendship between David Bowie and drummer John Cambridge, from the time when Bowie made his first major career breakthrough in 1969 to his death from cancer in 2016.

For all those lovers of all things Christmas it is seasonal overload in December starting with a cornucopia from **Dickens, the man who invented Christmas**, swiftly followed by **six evenings of music** with Christmas at the heart including music by GreenMatthews: Midwinter Revels, St Agnes Fountain, A Winter Union and Winter Wonderband.

Details of all the autumn programme can be found on www.roperyhall.co.uk

Wilderspin School Museum

Heritage Open Days are upon us once again and this year's national theme is architecture.

Not every event is linked to the theme as the national festival of heritage aims to encourage free access to a wide range of sites and activities. The festival runs from the 12 - 21 September.

Museum FREE ENTRY: Friday 12 - Sunday 14

& Thursday 18 - Sunday 21 September, 11am - 3 pm.

Explore the former Barton Church School and discover why it's **"one of the most important schools in England"**.

FREE Exhibitions:

Friday 12 - Sunday 21 September

- **Festival of Britain** - Childhood memories of the post-war festival in London in 1951.
- **Travels and Travails** - Adventures on the road in the 1800s with Samuel Wilderspin.
- **Building Stories** 11am - 3 pm. Family trail, Stone, Paper, Scissors and a chance for younger children to construct something in our Builders Corner.
- **The Art of Architecture** 11am - 3 pm. An exhibition by our resident art group.

Friday 12 September, 2pm, Joseph Wright Hall

- **East Hull Revisited** - in conversation with Colin Cooper* The East of Hull is often overlooked by visitors and historians, yet it has a fascinating mix of buildings, old and new which local historian Colin Cooper shares through his extensive collection of unique images.

Some of the Barton events require booking which can be done through The Ropewalk on 01652 660380

Sunday 14 September, 11am & 2pm,

& Saturday 20 September, 2pm *Booking required.

- **Victorian Barton Tour*** Discover the town's fascinating legacy of Victorian buildings in this guided walk (90 minutes) beginning and ending at Wilderspin School Museum - with refreshments at the end of the tour.

Tuesday 16 September, 7.30pm. *Booking required.

- **Rail 200 - British Transport Films*** As part of national celebrations to mark the bicentenary of the world's first public railway between Stockton and Darlington, we've joined with Friends of the Barton Line and Barton Civic Society to host a nostalgic look at films from the British Film Archive with one of its former archivists, Barry Coward.

Thursday 18 September, 11am & 1pm. Booking required.

- **The Wilderspin Story guided tours***

Barton Civic Society Autumn Talks

Taking place at the Wilderspin School Museum in the Joseph Wright Hall. Non-Members Admission £4

September 19 7:30 pm. Barton to New Holland Flood Tidal Alleviation Scheme with Mark Adams.

This presentation showcases the development and outline solution to reduce flood risk from the Humber Estuary around Barton-upon-Humber by Mark Adams, Senior Specialist with the Environment Agency, responsible for Flood & Coastal Risk Management, will be followed by an opportunity for questions.

October 17 2:00 pm . Turn and Face the Strange - a look at our changing flora and fauna with Dr. Jack Hatfield.

Jack Hatfield considers how our flora, fauna and landscapes are changing and what this may mean for the future. The national and international trends will be considered but also what is happening in Barton and the surrounding region showing inter connectedness and how everyone can have an influence.

November 21 2:00 pm. In Conversation - O H Boyd and the Royal Coaches. Local sculptor, illustrator and Woodcarver to the Palace O. H. Boyd discusses his involvement with the Royal Coaches, carving the Imperial Crown centrepieces for the Royal Diamond Jubilee Coach 'Britannia', and, more recently, for the new King's Carriage.

South Bank Players

We are currently rehearsing a new murder mystery written by member Jeanine Guy. It has a 1980's theme and we will be encouraging audiences to dress accordingly!



We will be performing it at the Nelthorpe Arms in South Ferriby, Ulceby Church and a few WI groups around the area, including Goxhill on 10th November. Keep your eye on our website or social media to see where we are going to be and when. If you would like to book us for your group then do get in touch.

September guided walks for the Heritage Open Days in Barton, on the evenings of 13th and 20th, starting from Baysgarth House Museum at 6pm and take a couple of hours. Several costumed characters come out tell their stories at various points around the town. These are free but need to be booked in advance. Look out for information on this nearer the time - last year tickets could be booked through The Ropewalk.

Ghost Walk Season will be upon us again before we know it! Walks start from Baysgarth House Museum at 7.30pm.

The Halloween Ghost Walk tickets go on sale via our website a few weeks before. We recommend you book for this one as it tends to be popular.

Further walks will be on the last Fridays of November, February and March. In January the walk will be on 23rd rather than the last Friday of the month. Ticket prices will remain at £5 per person and can be booked at www.sbplayers.co.uk

Always room for a few more new members.

We have had a couple join us recently, if you fancy joining us either as an actor or to help out in other ways, please send us an email. We usually meet on Sunday evenings at 7pm at either the Nelthorpe Arms in South Ferriby, or the Corn Exchange in Barton. admin@sbplayers.co.uk or text 07879 777267

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This year the **Goxhill Village Show** was on July 6th. The number of food entries was disappointing, but it was encouraging to see how many poems and stories we received. The judges did a sterling job reading and judging them all in the two hours available. The quality of all the entries was exceptional. Well done everyone, with special thanks going to all the many helpers and judges that make a village show like this possible. **The winners are shown in the table on page 22.** Thanks go to the **WI** who sponsored the Recycled category with plaques and prizes.



The **Centenary Fete** was held on the 13th July, the weather milder than we had been led to expect. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fete activities on the grass and the pipe band playing before going inside to check out the stalls. Although no one turned up for the children's fancy dress competition (Goxhill's public have spoken, no fancy dress!) we had enough entries to hold the dog fancy dress and recall competitions. Well done the winners. Our visitors enjoyed the 12 craft stalls, the café and the Goxhill Singer who performed a powerful rendition of various songs from across the 100 years of the Hall's existence. Our thanks go to everyone who helped on the day and to the visitors who made that day so special.



The photo shows the pipe band performing in front of a new feature at the Hall, the **Commemorative Garden**. As part of our centenary year celebrations, we have installed a small garden that includes a raised platform with plaques commemorating the dead or injured from WW1, WW2 and the more recent military conflicts, and a flagpole. The idea is to provide a quiet, contemplative area (the raised platform is at an ideal sitting height) for family, friends and other military service individuals to come, sit and remember loved ones who were killed or injured in military service. In essence, it is a memorial, and as such we ask that you treat with the same respect you would a grave. Many of the WW1 Memorials were established because the bodies of the dead could not be brought home, and they gave the bereaved families and friends a

place to gather and mourn. We hope this small garden will serve a similar function in today's modern world.

By the time you receive this, the **Scarecrow Trail** (Aug Bank Holiday (Sun/ Mon 25/26th Aug) with a general theme of British History will be over and hopefully enjoyed by all who took part.

In other news, the **Community Café** will start up again **September 12th**. Do come along and enjoy the free refreshments and play Bridge or Scrabble or just sit and chat with your mates, sharing your holiday snaps.

October brings the **October Photofrolic** into play, which is an **ONLINE photo competition**. Anyone (overseas entries invited) can enter photos under one of 6 headings, Coast, Country, Town, Animal, Bird and Family. (insects can be submitted as Country). Photos (2Mb max) can be sent from phone to phone (WhatsApp 07598161610), or to computer (ann@carteronline.co.uk), with entry fees (£1 per photo) sent via BACS or dropped into the hall post box. This year we will accept the first 6 entries from any under 16's free of charge, with those entries going into the main competition. Our judges review anonymous entries, which are then exhibited as albums on the Goxhill Grapevine, before the winners are announced and their photos revealed. I really enjoy this competition. It always provides us with a heady mix of vibrant and eclectic images.

The Memorial Hall's last event of this **Centenary Year** is the **Christmas Craft Fair** on **Sunday Nov 30th**.

See you all there!! **Ann Carter**

FUTURE EVENTS IN THE HALL

Community Café

Every Friday - 2-5pm from 12th Sept

Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday November 30th 10am-3pm

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mon:	Short Mat Bowls	2-4pm
Tues:	Pilates	10-11am
Wed:	Art Club	2-4pm
Wed:	Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm
Thur:	Pilates	10-11am
Fri:	Community Cafe	2-5pm
Sat:	Taekwondo	12-1pm

Other times, Saturdays from 2pm & Sundays available for kids parties, christenings etc.

Our last Centenary Celebration this year will be held on

Saturday night on Sept 27th 6-10pm.

GOXHILL'S GOT TALENT ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

We are looking for local individuals to perform a 5-15 minute (max) slot to turn a spotlight on their talents as individuals, duos or groups to the audience in the hall. Your talent maybe singing, dancing, playing an instrument, magic, comedy, acting, poetry, juggling or any such thing that might inspire the "clapometer" into overdrive. It is purely for fun and a chance to perform and watch as Goxhill displays its local talent.

If you are interested please contact **Ian Neve** via email on ian.neve@icloud.com stating what your act is and the rough length of time needed to perform.

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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

Every year, for our Club's article in the Autumn edition of The Gander, I mention the difficulty of forecasting how our season will have already turned out ... by the time you are reading this. I am definitely not in a position to oversell how things might be this season as we are distinctly middle-of-the-road in all four of the leagues we compete in. 4th of 7 in the Grimsby League Premier Division; 5th of 10 in the Scunthorpe League 1st Division; 5th of 6 in the Barretby League (2 games in hand); and 5th of 9 in the North Lincolnshire Mixed Triples Division 1. Knockout competitions have also not gone well this year. Hopefully I will be able to record some improvements in my round-up for the 2025 season in the following Gander.

Thanks to those of you coming along as spectators for our home matches and it has been pleasing to have a

few newcomers to bowling trying it out. Only by recruiting new bowlers will we be able to justify and sustain entering teams in several leagues and multiple cup competitions.

Whilst the outdoor bowling season ends in early September, we are always happy to talk about bowling and discuss how you might become part of our next season. Visit our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com> and send any questions you may have via the contact link there or email jg.goxhill@btinternet.com or telephone 530363. Bowling is easy to learn and suitable for all ages, abilities, and fitness levels; importantly, when prices are on the increase, it remains very affordable.



John Guggiari

BARROW BELLS

In our last report, we promised to ring Quarter Peals in several churches to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, but, as you probably know, 80 years ago today, the day of writing these words, the war was still going on out in the far East as VJ day hadn't yet happened, although as you read this the 80th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of the war has been and gone.

I am pleased to be able to report that we achieved all we set out to do last time except for one tower where ringing came to an abrupt halt due to a mechanical fault amid the bells, although I won't name the tower as it could happen anywhere. We, that's members of the Barrow band plus some ringing friends from various places, rang on 10 occasions in 9 different towers between the Thursday anniversary and the following Tuesday.

We intend to ring in as many churches as possible to celebrate VJ Day's anniversary, including North Killingholme due to its close relationship with Bomber Command. As we haven't asked permission to ring there yet, this might not happen. At the time of writing our plans are not yet settled but I'm certain that we will do a proper job.

Church bells have long been a way of announcing big events. Going back to WWII bells couldn't be rung by law although muffled bells could be rung for practice sessions. This allowed bands to stick together and then make a joyful noise on VE Day for the first time in nearly 6 years. This is why we are always open to new ringers coming to join us and why, when they do, they very soon see the specialness of our art.

Pat Donnelly., Tower Captain

GOXHILL FLYERS - SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Indoor bowling in Goxhill

From late September until March inclusive Goxhill SMB Club runs bowling sessions at Goxhill Memorial Hall. For this autumn/winter we will definitely be bowling on Monday afternoons from 2pm until 4pm and on Wednesday evenings from 7pm until 9pm. We would be delighted to welcome anyone wanting to bowl at either of those sessions.



If you are new to short mat bowling then come along and try it. The first session is completely free and all you will need to do is bring along some slippers or other clean footwear to change into so that we don't get dirt or damp on the mats from outdoors. When you join there is a £10 annual membership fee and then it is pay-as-you-go whenever you attend, although we like people to be pretty regular. We charge £3 per person for the 2 hours – to cover our hire costs for the hall with tea/coffee & biscuits included at a break halfway through. There's no need to buy any special equipment as we can lend you bowls. Many who have ceased bowling outdoors find short mat a great way to continue bowling, but we are also very happy to introduce complete novices and newcomers to short mat bowling.

It is a friendly couple of hours with others when the weather outside may not be so welcoming and enjoyable even if you never intend to take bowling beyond the 'social' level. We would love a few more members although numbers will ultimately be limited by how many people can comfortably play at the same time. We hope to be able to restore a morning session on Fridays but we do not currently have either an organiser or enough players to make it economic. If you wish to know more, you can email me at jg.goxhill@btinternet.com or telephone 530363. Please note that this is completely separate from the outdoor bowling club although quite a few people, including me, belong to both.

John Guggiari

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Goxhill WI visit Far Ings National Nature Reserve



Goxhill WI

Back in February Leanne Smart from the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, came to give us a fascinating talk on the History and Wildlife of Far Ings National Nature Reserve, on the South Bank of the River Humber at Barton upon Humber.

We heard how the pits at Far Ings were dug for their clay to feed a thriving brick and tile making industry along the banks of the Humber. As time went on the industry diminished, and by the 1950's clay was no longer dug there. Nature encroached on the clay pits; great swathes of reed beds developed at the sides of deep stretches of open water.

Back in 1983 Far Ings was purchased by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. My father, Sam van den Bos, was the Chairman of the local area group and was the driving force behind the purchase. He had visited these pits bird watching as a young man and knew their importance as a habitat for wildlife; especially the rare and elusive Bittern. He felt that they were at risk with the development of new industry all along the banks of the Humber.

He pushed for a visitors centre and the reserve is dedicated to his memory. Today, Far Ings is an extremely well managed National Nature Reserve, and, with careful management, is home to several pairs of nesting Bittern.

After our talk on Far Ings, some Goxhill WI members wanted to visit the reserve, so I volunteered to lead the visits, on two separate dates planned around people's work commitments, family life or hectic schedules. I am not an expert but have enough knowledge to make it enjoyable (I hope).

During our visit we were lucky enough to see Marsh Harrier, Common Tern, Great Crested Grebe feeding young and families of Canada geese, Mallard, Coot and Moorhen. We heard the



Great Crested Grebe

Both evenings were in glorious sunshine with a breeze rustling through the reeds; everyone enjoyed the peace and quiet of this very special place.

By Heather Jaques
President Goxhill WI

distant call of a cuckoo, a rare sound these days, Cetti's Warbler, Reed Bunting, Blackcap and chiffchaff and many more all verified by our Merlin App. One lucky member heard the boom of a Bittern, also verified by the Merlin App.



Bittern

What Could Possibly Go Wrong?

A Week in Work Experience

At the end of the summer term this year, my friends and I all agreed that after 3 terms of school, we deserved a long rest. Whether we truly did deserve one is up for debate, but the decision was taken out of our hands, as the end of year 10 meant work experience. Since November, we had been reaching out to businesses all over the area, trying to convince them to let us sit in their offices for a week, occasionally making cups of tea. Somehow, we all managed to find places, and so for a week, instead of relaxing or going on holiday, we got to do a range of positively riveting jobs.

Through a connection with one of my brother's friends, I found a place at GMS Autos in Barton. GMS is a car garage that mainly focuses on tyres, MOTs and full servicing. This meant that instead of sitting at a computer all day, I got to do some fairly fun stuff, mainly replacing tyres and cleaning out brakes. The guys working there were really nice and taught me all the basic info about car upkeep. My personal favourite part was using the wheel gun to re-fasten the bolts, although I wasn't quite as fast as the F1 pit crews! Other benefits included going to the chippy for lunch and having an ice cream van come round the industrial estate at half past two. Overall, I enjoyed my week a lot, although my mum, who cleaned my oil-stained clothes afterwards, may not have!

Finlay, another Goxhill resident who goes to the same school as myself, helped out at the Folklines festival at The Ropewalk in Barton. His main job was as a photographer, although he did some other activities including historical archiving among others. Another of our friends, Luke, spent his week helping at a transport office. Out of all of us, he got the closest to the classic work experience role, as his work included general admin, such as filling

in spreadsheets and answering phone calls. He also spent a lot of his time playing virtual solitaire!

Overall, I think that, despite the lack of a break, we all got a lot out of our work experience, and we can say with confidence to current



GMS Autos Barton

year 9s that it won't be as bad as it may seem. My tip would be to get to know as many "colleagues" as possible on the first day, as it makes everything moving forward far less daunting, and at the same time it gives you something to do that is more interesting than making tea!

PS: You might recognise some of these names from one of my previous articles. I don't want to keep writing about my friend group and myself again and again, because to be honest we're quite boring!

If you're a young person from the village who has done anything noteworthy recently, feel free to tell me about it on

jamesdennett09@outlook.com

VILLAGE SHOW 2025 WINNERS - see Memorial Hall Article on page 17 for more details

Category	Adults	15 -10 years - B	10 and under - C
3 decorated cupcakes	1. Sarah Carter	1. Poppy Douglas	1. Sam Scratched
Sponge cake	1. Lizzie Scratched	1. Poppy Humphery	-
Small fruit cake/ Plum Loaf	1. Rosemarie Steel	-	-
Scones	-	1. Poppy Humphery	-
Decorated Biscuit	-	-	1. Sam Scratched
Jam/Curd	1. Iris Thompson	-	-
Pickles	1. Caroline Atkins	-	-
Knitted/ Crocheted Item	1. Linda Gargett	-	-
Cross stitch and embroidered	1. Dominique Driver	-	-
Sewn or stitched item	1. Linda Gargett	-	1. Emilia Revitt
Model - Paper/card/cardboard	1. Laura Sagar	-	1. George Sagar
Recycled: Useful or Decorative Item	1. Carole Hussey	-	-
Painting - any size	1. Linda Gargett	1. Poppy Douglas	1. George Sagar
Poetry 40 lines max	1. Linda Gargett	1. Poppy Douglas	-
Story 100 words max	1. Carole Hussey	1. Penny Douglas	1. Emilia Revitt
3 home-grown identical flowers in vase	1. Paul Carter	-	-
Mini garden in a tray	-	-	1. Emilia Revitt
Box home grown vegetables	1. Dominique Driver*	* BEST IN SHOW	-
Basket home grown fruit	1. Iris Thompson	-	-

FRIENDS OF THE BARTON LINE

The Friends of the Barton Line congratulate outgoing secretary, Anthony Berridge on being awarded the annual Barton town award. That nominations were made from organisations across the town, including the Barton Civic Society, Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership, Barton Lions and ourselves is testament to the outstanding work he has done over the past 25 years.

Summer Sunday Barton Line trains are now in operation and will continue until 8th September. Monday - Saturday services continue to operate as before with minor timetable changes having occurred in May. Service reliability has improved, with a decline in the number of cancellations due to lack of drivers following the implementation of an interim rest day working agreement with the ASLEF union.

The first refurbished EMR regional train has made its debut on the Barton Line, with improvements including a dedicated cycle area, new seats, a new passenger information system and at seat electricity sockets to enable the charging of mobile telephones and laptop computers. Refurbished trains are now expected to enter service at a rate of one per month, so the enhanced facilities will be seen on the Barton Line more often as the project continues.

Transpennine Express have introduced new advance fares from the Barton Line to connect into their services at Habrough. These fares are subject to availability, must be used on the booked train and generally cheaper the further in advance you book. Sample single fares from Goxhill are:

Doncaster	£9.10
Sheffield	£10.40
Manchester	£16.60
Manchester Airport	£20.40
Liverpool	£18.30
Preston	£19.90

Our friends at Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership have completed new artworks at Stallingborough, Great Coates, Grimsby Docks and in the booking office at Cleethorpes, so look out for those on your Barton Line journeys. They have also held a community action day at Goxhill station as part of Community Rail Week, with volunteers from BCCRP, EMR and FBL working together to repaint the fence at the station.

On the buses, the 260 Barton Villager service has moved from Stagecoach to 21 Transport, still running to the same timetable.

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the modern railway in Britain and Heritage Open Days a talk on **British Transport Films by Barry Coward at Joseph Wright Hall on Tuesday 16th September at 19:30**. This ties in with the 17:34 train from Goxhill to Barton and the 22:05 train from Barton back to Goxhill. On the exact 200th anniversary, **Saturday 27th September**, there will be a **guided walk around New Holland and around the riverbank to Barrow Haven**. This will tie in with the 11:31 train from Goxhill to New Holland and the 15:56 from Barrow Haven back to Goxhill. There are likely to be further events to be announce so please do keep an eye on the Facebook and our website.

<https://www.bartonrail.org.uk/train-and-bus-info/>

Tom Irvin

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Goxhill Open Gardens 2025

Members of Goxhill's Methodist and Anglican Churches and their friends would like to thank everyone who opened or visited gardens, served teas, sold plants, manned stalls, rang church bells and otherwise helped on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd June, when the weather was by turns, hot and humid or very windy.

We also give many thanks to **Dan Burns, Motor Mechanic**, and **S.A. Tyres** for covering our printing costs.

During the two-day weekend, we raised **£1,243.59**, a little down on 2024, due to the weather, but nevertheless a great help to Chapel and Church.

After much deliberation, the **Golden Egg** was awarded to **Year 6 of Goxhill School** (see presentation below & p25).

Please support us again in 2026, when we aim to open more previously unseen gardens.



Goxhill Open Gardens 2026

Sunday 26th April

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June

Approximately 8 gardens will be open each day 1pm and 5pm.
Refreshments available in the Chapel schoolroom 1pm and 4pm.
Further details will be advertised in the next edition of The Gander.

If you might like to open your garden in April and/or June 2026, sponsor our printing or simply help to run the events, please contact **Janet Shephardson 07784 818212** or **Christine Creasey 07512 004942**



*Glorious Goxhill Open Gardens on show in June
Photographs by Steve Scrivener and Jeff Teasdale*

Goxhill Primary School: Highlights of the Summer Term

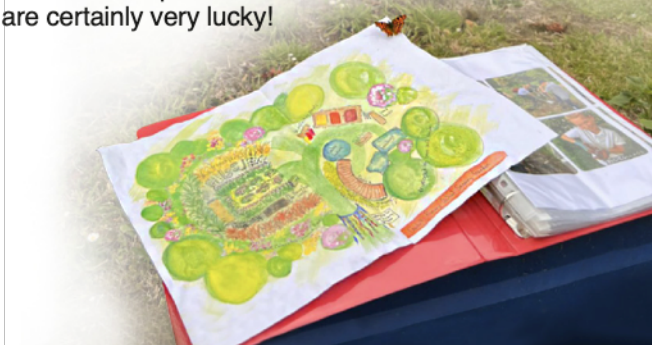


We all love working at the school and there are always too many highlights and memories to put into words. The end of one school year and the start of another is an emotional time for staff and children alike as we say goodbye to our year 6 children who have grown with us over the years and who we feel very proud of, celebrate the year and all that has been achieved and share fond memories whilst simultaneously preparing for the year ahead and all that it has in store and welcoming new families and children to our school community. Here are some of our highlights from the Summer term that we would like to share.

Sensory Garden

We were extremely proud to be part of Goxhill Open Gardens this year. We had around 40 visitors to the school garden. Lots of people were surprised at how much outdoor space the children have access to. We survived the showers under our willow tunnel. It was lovely opening up our space to the community and sharing the hard work of children and staff.

This project has been a joy to watch as it has unfolded and we cannot thank Mrs Briggs, Mrs Cracknell and Mr Petch enough for their time and efforts. The children who have attended gardening club over the past year have been a delight and our parents/ carers have been extremely supportive and have given their time to support bulb planting and have also helped out at our after school club. We are certainly very lucky!



The Golden Egg

In addition to developing our sensory garden alongside our children from ideas, to design to creation, our year 6 children created some extremely well designed 'ganders' to be part of the display. Our year 6 children won the competition and were awarded the 'Golden Egg' in a very special celebration assembly. The award was presented by several members of the Goxhill Open Gardens committee: Christine Creasey, Penny Carnell, Janet Shephardson and Jeff Teasdale. Jeff delivered a speech and Steve Scrivener took the photographs. Year 6 were over the moon and we were proud of our involvement with this community event.



Sponsored colour run

A very exciting community event was our first ever sponsored colour run. This event will be firmly fixed in the memories and hearts of all of those who took part and supported. We were all covered in paint from head to toe, the children supported one another, they were able to see their parents/ carers join in and everybody fully immersed themselves in the excitement (including the over zealous paint sprayers of which of course I was one).

Great thanks go out to Mrs Laurie Bennett, Deputy Head Teacher of the federation, who organised and co-ordinated this event and worked tirelessly to ensure that the day ran smoothly and safely and that a great day was had by all. The money raised from this event will support the further development of our school sensory garden.



Year 6 Goosey Gander Gallery



Learning about the war

In history, year 5 were learning about the war, with a focus on the following 'Big Question': What role did Britain's Home Front play in WW2 and how was our local area (including Hull) affected? The children explored the importance of the Humber Estuary and the role that it played in war, the creating of the 'fake Hull' in an attempt to minimise the damage of bombing, changes to village and the role and impact of Goxhill Airfield during the war.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this topic and explored the local history but what really brought it to life was a visit from local wartime survivors who talked through their experiences and memories and took time to answer the children's questions. There was not a dry eye amongst the adults in the room and there was something very special about these generations coming together as one. We cannot thank Trevor, Charles and Joyce enough (and also Janet who helped to organise it all). Our children (and staff) were extremely excited to receive this letter following the visit:



To Goxhill Primary School

On behalf of Charlie, Trevor and myself, I would like to say a big thank you to you all. We shared the hottest afternoon together and you not only made us very welcome, your kind teachers made sure that we were comfortable and cool.

To answer your intelligent questions was a real pleasure and it seems that you enjoyed it as much as we did. We hope that you are enjoying your summer break and wish you success in your future education. You could not have had a better start than Goxhill Primary School. Teddy sends his best regards and will soon be 95 years old.

Joyce, Charlie, Trevor Your World War II survivors

Thank you to all of you for your support and dedication to the school. The school's place within the community has grown significantly over the past few years and we are very proud of the relationships that we have developed and the impact that these relationships have on our children. Please reach out to us if you would like us to be involved with any community projects and we will continue to work together to build a strong future between the school and the community for our children.

Miss Hayley Twidale, Executive Head Teacher



Bird and Wildlife Sightings by Steve Routledge



Goxhill Haven

Local Patching Roundup for June 2025

As so often happens as we move into June and the summer months, things usually quieten down with regards to the birding scene, but things ticked over nicely on my four visits to the local patch during the month.

Saturday 7th June - Today I travelled along all the areas at East Halton, Winter's Pond, Marsh Lane, East Halton Village and the Skitter.

Highlights to the lovely sight of 3 Med Gulls together at the Skitter, a good record and a new species for my local patch year list. The trio was 2 1st summer and a 2nd summer bird, giving nice scope views as they fed along the shore with a flock of Black-headed Gulls.

The other highlight was a 1st summer Peregrine as it flew along Skitter Road, scattering local Corvids in all directions. The same immature female seen in the spring. Others seen included a Mistle Thrush on the edge of the marshes, 2 Little-ringed Plover and 2 pairs of Shelduck with 10 and 9 ducklings respectively.

Saturday 14th - A misty start at Goxhill today had the effect I hoped for, as it can disorientate seabirds at this time of year. It did the trick, with first an unseasonal Dark-bellied Brent Goose flying west off the haven, followed later by the amazing sight of 31 Kittiwakes in a tight bunched flock, headed out along the estuary. Both sightings are good for the time of year, a species usually associated with October or November, not mid-June.



Buck Roe Deer, Goxhill Haven

Another Med Gull seen today, as a spanking adult flew close inshore and later another flew west, such striking birds in summer plumage.

Other nice sightings consisted of 2 Yellow Wagtail, 4 Bearded Tit, 4 Marsh Harrier and 5 Teal. A lovely encounter with a buck Roe Deer gave great photos.

Sunday 22nd - A productive visit to East Halton today, saw autumn migration beginning, with 90 Lapwing, 25 Black-tailed Godwit, 2 Green Sandpiper and a male Ruff

seen on East Halton Marshes, with 6 Little-ringed Plover. Wildfowl numbers were also beginning to increase with 4 Pochard, 20 Teal, 93 Mallard, 190 Greylag and 17 Mute Swans seen on Winter's Pond.

Other sightings included 3 Marsh Harrier and 2 Great-spotted Woodpecker.

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Sunday 29th - A short visit to Goxhill today before the sweltering temperatures later in the day, with a respectable 59 species recorded between Dawson City and the Old Boatyard.

Highlight was my earliest returning juvenile Wheatear along the flood bank near Dawson City. I managed some decent pics and video of this little cracker.



Wheatear, Goxhill Haven

Other highlights along here included an adult Yellow-legged Gull sat on a lightship off the haven, 37 Black-tailed Godwit and a single Grey Partridge.

Best non-bird sighting went to a cracking Dark-green Fritillary as it bombed past along the

shore while I was watching the Wheatear.

A decent month overall, now the autumn migration begins and we will see what it turns up!

Fabulous Flamborough, Friday 11th July 2025

With the weather continuing hot and sunny, I finished work, picked Mrs R up and headed over to Flamborough for the afternoon and early evening.

First things first, and we had some lovely scoff in the Headlands Restaurant and then it was off exploring.

We spent the next 3 hours or so watching the Grey Seals and feeding flocks of Gannets and Kittiwakes off the headland, with many passing flocks of Auks heading back towards the seabird cliffs at Bempton to feed their chicks.

It was encouraging to see so many seabirds looking fit and healthy, with lots of Kittiwake chicks on the nesting ledges, a change to a few years ago when avian influ broke out.

We also managed to see a few Puffins, including one sleeping close to where we were sat.



Puffin, Flamborough Head

On every visit here, we always both comment on how much we love this place, what a great area to spend a few hours chilling watching the Seals, Seabirds and sea, bliss!

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

JOYCE McDONALD'S STORY

From Bombs to Blessings: A Wartime Childhood Remembered

“Hello. My name is Joyce McDonald and I have lived in Goxhill for 29 years. I am 94 years old and I was almost 9 when war was declared in 1939.

I lived in Hull and was bombed out four times as well as having traumatic experiences. This is my story of that time.”

Sitting in a quiet garden listening to a song thrush singing her beautiful tunes I am feeling so happy and safe. A new sound joins in. It is the church bells in our lovely village reminding us of other times 80 years ago. It is May 2025 and memories come flooding back of the early years long ago.

In a little terrace house in Hull, a big northern city, is a happy and contented little family consisting of three sons, all over 20 years of age, two of whom are married and one son aged around 20 years. There is also a very young spoilt little sister who thinks the world revolves around her. The family have very little but manage to enjoy life and each other.

Joyce is happy at school with friends playing outside, marbles, hopscotch, skipping and lots of fun made up games. Every evening, they all listen to the radio and play Ludo, Snakes and Ladders and some easy card games, around a roaring fire. And then after singing the Ovaltineys song, Joyce is taken to bed and it is story time. Feeling loved and safe she is full of happiness and secure in her comfortable world.

The weekends were another lovely treat. Saturday mornings are spent at a dance class learning tap dancing and ballet. In the afternoon mum took her to town to see the big shops. More games and the radio after tea and the enjoyable comfortable secure time went on.

Sunday morning was chapel time, calling first at Auntie Edna's for a penny for the collection box. We sang our hearts out and went back for a lovely Sunday dinner. Brother George was Auntie Edna's husband but too old to call her just Edna. Sunday afternoon was dad's turn. They got onto their bicycles and went a few miles into the country. Their destination was a little cafe with a slide and a few swings. After some pop and a bite to eat, more games and radio and ready for school on Monday. Such happiness.

On 3rd September 1939, everything suddenly changed. The second world war was declared. The priority of every caring parent was to get the children to a safer place out in the country. Joyce found herself at the railway station along with many other children with gas masks, cases and in Joyce's case, her beloved teddy bear too.

Loathe to loosen the grip of her mother's hand, eventually they were all on the way to North Yorkshire. Standing in a village hall and being looked over by potential land ladies was an uncomfortable feeling, but eventually a lady chose Joyce to be in her charge along with two other children.

It was not a big house, but as only for a while, it was to be our home. We were not shown any kindness but mainly ignored and left to our own devices. At the table they had to stand to eat tasteless food, clear away and wash up. It was a long walk to school. Joyce was eight years old and the two other girls slightly older. They did as they were told and just



Joyce McDonald

went along with the usual routine.

After a short while when nothing much seemed to be happening it was agreed that they would all be sent home to Hull to their families, as Hull seemed safe enough after all. Such joy for all the homesick children.

Back in the bosom of their loving families' life was wonderful again and the lovely secure happy life began again. There was a difference though...instead of the comfy bed, they slept in the air raid shelter. They heard bomber aircraft most evenings and when shrapnel fell on the roof it was more points for their war effort, to collect them the next morning.

Until they all saw flattened buildings the significance of it all gradually came into their understanding. There were fires and more and more evidence that this was not the place for the children after all.

Again, they were all taken to the railway station. Again gripping their mum's hand until the very last second and knowing that once they let go, there would be a new place to live, much safer than the badly bombed city of Hull.

This time Joyce fared much worse in the new place chosen for her to live. The farmhouse not far from York took on nine children of whom Joyce was the youngest at 9 years of age. The last in the dirty bath water on a Friday night.

Hair was infected and cut off. Some purple medication was applied making her a laughingstock at school and indeed everywhere she went.

They all stood up to eat around the table. Cleared the dishes, washed up and were sent to bed at 6pm. Looking out of the windows watching other children play. They had all to be up early to do all the household chores. Cleaning the black leaded

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fireplace, scrubbing floors and everything possible before setting off on the long walk to school.



The Hull Blitz 1941

When letters from home arrived, they would not let us read them but blacked out what they did not want the children to know. When they replied they censored those letters too, so they did not know much at all.

There was an occasion when Joyce upset the homeowners. They locked her in a barn where there were dead birds along with meat on hooks overhead. Joyce wrapped herself in straw and hay in case there were droppings. This went on all day with no food or drink until it was dark. She collapsed in bed eventually and sometime in the early hours, made a decision.



The Hull Blitz 1941

Joyce packed her case, grabbed her gas mask and case, unlocked the back door and just set off walking, hopefully towards Hull and the security of home.

A lorry stopped after some time and the kind driver asked a few questions. He agreed to take her home and away from this dreadful place. A man of his word. Sometime later we arrived on the doorstep of sanity.

Wonderful as it was to be home with loved ones it was completely ruined by the many differences. It even smelt different. Smoke debris and strange sounds filled the air.

Within three days we were again without a home. Areas around us were flattened and our home was completely unliveable, with no windows, broken furniture and destruction everywhere.

Again, the church provided blankets and pillows, food and comfort. Obviously many people contributed to help in all sad situations and we were not the only sufferers. It was times many. Such a wonderful spirit that Hull, along with other cities, had.

This time my brave dad arranged for mum and me to be sent to safety together. Yorkshire was our destination. A farmhouse where Mum helped and enjoyed country life. I went to a nice little school and life was pleasant once more. This must have helped Mum in her grief, as all of my brothers were missing. She never showed any sign of being upset to me.

As it turned out, they would be prisoners of war. Harold in Italy, Eric in Germany and George was shipwrecked by torpedoes. They were just missing for a dreadful period of time and would be constantly on her mind.

Dad was an Air Raid Warden and had accommodation at Mona House district 12 on Beverly Road. He helped the fire watchers and kept checks on no lights anywhere. Everyone walked about in the dark. There were no road signs (Oh for a sat nav then. Beyond our wildest dreams).

In Scunthorpe some family friends lived. Auntie Vi and Uncle Peter. They had two children Grace two years younger than me and Peter seven years younger.

One night when they were waiting to get into a theatre at The Savoy, people were discussing the fact that a family had been wiped out in Hull at an Air Warden's headquarters. They immediately went to Hull to check this fact. I cannot imagine how. Not many people had a car in those days so they must have thought it was imperative.

Luckily at that time, my mother and I were on a short visit to see my dear Dad. We were safe and not the family who had been wiped out. However, amazement all round. Auntie Vi and Uncle Peter invited Mum and me to live with them safely in Scunthorpe.

What a lovely place. They had a modern house with an indoor toilet and bathroom. Such luxury was unknown by us. There was even hot water and we had never known that anywhere. I was 11 and a half by this time, so Grace, their daughter, and I enjoyed dance classes and cinema and really appreciated this new wonderful life.

One day after school I was setting the table for tea. Auntie Violet said that it was the wrong way. I answered that is what my mum says is right.

She shouted, "Your mum, she is not your mum. I AM YOUR MUM!" AT THAT MOMENT, MY WORLD CAME CRASHING DOWN.

My lovely mum was not related to me. It seems Violet had me at 20 years of age. She put me in Dr Barnardo's home until I was legally adopted as Violet handed me over at 10 months, to begin my life with so much love in the Pearson household. No one wanted me. I felt bereft and devoid of any family.

Somehow life went on, living in Scunthorpe. The bonus was I had a sister and brother. And to me, my Mum would always be my Mum, not Auntie Vi. I left school at 14 with no qualifications and little knowledge of anything.

On 8th May 1945, the end to the terrible war in Europe was declared. Grace and I danced the evening and night away celebrating with everyone. Trestle tables were laden with food. Everyone was singing and dancing. A major celebration that must prevent anything like this ever happening again.

After the war we stayed in Scunthorpe. Our house in Hull had been flattened so we couldn't go back there? In 1947 Mum and Dad bought a house in Ashby. I happily lived with them there until my marriage in 1952. We moved to Goxhill in 1996.

Joyce McDonald

She still has that Teddy!

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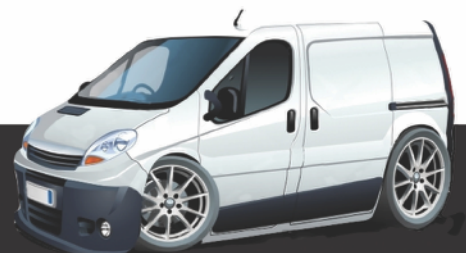


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It's been a very busy few months for our scout group, as we have been putting the final touches to our new outside activity area.

It was all ready for our AGM / open day in late June when we had an all sections meeting for the evening, attended by just about all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers with their siblings and parents. On the night there were loads of activities going on for the young people to have a go at; fire-lighting, cooking Smores, a BBQ, climbing wall, adventure trim trail, soft archery and loads of games but the star of the evening was the adventure tunnel system with even a few parents trying it out.

Following the end of term, when we traditionally take a break for the summer holidays, we have been busy again, this time clearing out the scout hut and getting ready for our builders to start the hut refurbishment. Hopefully, by September we will have a Scout Hut that is once again fit for purpose and a safe and welcoming environment for our young people to enjoy their scouting.

Our young people have been busy too:

Beavers – Science experiments, Safety and Outdoor Challenge badge, visits from Local Policing Teams and a local bee keeper.

Cubs – Badge work focusing on Safety and Outdoor skills

Scouts – Knife skills and whittling wood, fire making and cooking, Athletics and Climbing badges. Explorers - Learning about various disabilities, Pioneer and knotting skills and a Pilates evening. They also enjoyed a chill-out camp at Primrose Hill campsite.

As a Group we have been involved in our local communities too: running a Hook a Duck game for Barrow VE Day celebrations, we helped set up and litter pick for the Barrowfest weekend, we have visited Barrow Church Bell Tower for an evening of bell ringing and its history. We also had 25 young people attend PGL Caythorpe Court for an adventure weekend and by the time this newsletter is published we will have helped at the Barton "Party in the Park" event and some of our Scouts will have enjoyed an adventure under sail on the sail-training yacht James Cook with Ocean Youth Trust.

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HISTORY OF HORTICULTURE IN GOXHILL - Article 13

Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd, WW2 - Harry van den Bos

In my last article about 'The Gardens' I concentrated on the initial changes in the village at the outbreak of World War 2 and on three Gardens' employees, named on the Goxhill Roll of Honour. A further name on the Roll of Honour for World War 2 which hangs in Goxhill Church, is that of Harry van den Bos.

HARRY VAN DEN BOS was born on 14 November 1920 at, I presume, Nut Villa on Howe Lane where the family are recorded living in the 1921 census. Harry was the second child of Jacob and Florence, who was known as Florrie, van den Bos, who had married in Goxhill in 1916. Florrie was Herbert Tyson's only daughter. Herbert Tyson



Rear view of Nut Villa, Howe Lane, home of Jacob and Florrie van den Bos, and their family, from their marriage in 1916 until they moved to live at Millfield, Ferry Road by 1944 (when Jacob was advertising a billiard table for sale). Note the cold frames in the garden. Photograph Goxhill Gander Archive

established Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd alongside Jacob van den Bos's younger brother Cornelis. Jacob van den Bos worked for Herbert Tyson, on Humber Street, Hull, as a Fruit

Salesman. Jacob and Florrie's oldest son Bert had joined his father and grandfather, on Humber Street, by the outbreak of World War 2. Harry van den Bos joined the Gardens' workforce, in Goxhill, on 7 Jan 1935, shortly after his fourteenth birthday.

As the village established its 'war footing' several organisations evolved to support the war effort. The Goxhill Food Production Society, made up of the village Pig Club, Rabbit Club and Gardening Club was established. The Secretary of the Pig Club was Jacob van den Bos (Goxhill Tales, Gander, Winter 2009). The 2009 Gander article states that 'virtually every family in the village had a pig to fatten for food and the Pig Club organised the collection of pig food and its rationing...' The Pig Club continued certainly into the mid-1950s (meat rationing, established during World War 2, didn't end until 1954).



Jacob and Florrie's children Harry b. 1920 (back, centre); Bert b. 1917 (back R); Jack b. 1925 (L front), Ada b. 1926 (centre, front) and Charles Gilbert (known as Sam) b. 1929 (R front). A daughter Maartje had been born and died in 1922. Photograph courtesy of Heather Jaques (nee van den Bos, Sam's daughter)

Another organisation was the Goxhill Home Guard, which was formed in June 1940 by Harry Farrow. Harry van den Bos is the fifth name recorded in the list of members in Harry Farrow's notebook (shared by Pat Finch, nee Farrow, Harry's daughter). The first named are Section Leaders Alf Dent (of Field Farm, Chapelfield Road), George Henry Hutchinson (of Carlton, Chapel Street) and Tommy Thompson (of Melbourne House, Howe Lane),

followed by Mr Allison of Fir Tree Farm. Harry van den Bos, who gives his next of kin as his father, Jacob is the next man recorded in Harry Farrow's record.

On 6 May 1941, two months before his sixteenth birthday, Jack van den Bos, Jacob van den Bos's third son, also Bert and Harry's younger brother, joined 'The Gardens' workforce. Harry van den Bos's departure from the Garden's payroll is recorded on 26 July 1941. Harry joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

The next record I can find for Harry is nearly three years later, on 28 April 1944, when The Supplement to the London Gazette announced that Harry, a Sergeant, serving as a Mid-Upper Gunner in No 76 Squadron, Royal Air Force, on Halifax aircraft, was to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal (D.F.M.). Harry's aircraft, subsequent newspaper reports recounted, had been on a bombing raid over Nuremburg, Germany 'one night in March 1944'. After releasing their bombs, Harry's Halifax aircraft had been attacked by a German fighter plane. The newspaper reported that German cannon shell and machine gun bullets struck the aircraft, causing fires to break out in numerous areas of the plane, and one of their starboard engines was put out of action. Harry and his Flying Officer, the plane's Rear Gunner, fought off the German fighter as it made two further attacks on their Halifax; the German plane, the article reported, was 'seen to spiral towards the ground completely out of control'.

The plane's Flying Engineer, a Pilot Officer, used extinguishers to quell the flames in the aircraft before realising that the undercarriage would not release, to enable them to land safely. The Pilot Officer used an axe to hack through to the undercarriage and release the landing gear. The two officers commended alongside Harry, Flying Officer Arthur James Walker of Rugby and Pilot Officer John Albert Bate of Stourbridge, were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (D.F.C.). The citation for the three men reads 'In trying circumstances these officers and airman displayed great courage, determination and devotion to duty'. My online search for information revealed that the only raid on Nuremburg in March 1944 was overnight 30th and 31st March. 572 Lancaster bombers, 214 Halifax bombers and 9 Mosquito aircraft took part in 'The Nuremburg Raid'. The RAF Bomber Command suffered its heaviest losses of the war that night; 95 bombers were shot down by German forces and a further 10 aircraft were written off due to battle damage or they crashed on return (memorialflightclub.com/blog/).

I knew about Harry's war service because it was one of the first pieces of information that my Dad shared with me. It was then that I realised that I needed to start



Some members of Goxhill Home Guard. Back row L-R: Harry Percy, George Brown, Tom Roberts, Harry van den Bos, Jack Kirby, Ernie Robinson. Front row L-R: Edgar Cowley, Albert Chapman, Wesley Crampin. Photograph courtesy of Ron Parker Collection held in Goxhill Gander Archive

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recording these snippets of village information that Dad was recalling. Dad said that Harry had been based at Elvington in Yorkshire. No 77 Squadron was based at Elvington. This base became operational in January 1943. No 76 Squadron, where, it was reported, Harry served, was based initially at Linton on Ouse and then at Holme on Spalding Moor, all in Yorkshire. I assume that Harry served at Elvington too at some point, because that was the name that Dad recalled.

Dad lived at London House on King Street, across the road from The Hawthorns where Harry's grandparents Herbert and Ada Tyson, and Harry's older brother Bert were living throughout World War 2. Dad recalled to me that Harry had flown 102 sorties during his service. He also knew that, on what should have been the 52nd sortie that Harry was due to fly, Harry was unwell and was left behind. The plane that Harry had been due to fly in, and all her crew, was lost. Heather Jaques (Harry's niece) recalled to me that her Granny, Harry's mother Florrie, always knew, by some means, when he had returned safely from combat.



Harry van den Bos photographed in his Royal Air Force uniform. I believe the single stripe on his sleeve signifies he is a Pilot Officer and the half wing with AG on his chest signifies Air Gunner. Photograph courtesy of Heather Jaques

The Supplement to the London Gazette reported, on 29 May 1945, that Flight Sergeant Harry van den Bos had received, from 29 March 1945, a Commission as a Pilot Officer in the Royal Air Force. I haven't been able to find any further service records for Harry but know that he returned to Holme on Spalding Moor (the base for No 76 Squadron) in 1992, alongside about 240 ex-Squadron members and friends. Harry donated and planted an oak sapling as part of a memorial ceremony to Group Captain Leonard Cheshire who had been, at one time, the Commander of No 76 Squadron.

The Leonard Cheshire charity

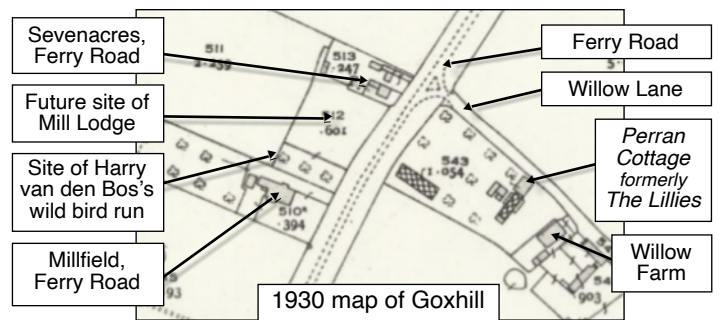
website states that Group Captain Cheshire had, in 1948, taken a dying man, who had nowhere else to go, into his home. Word of this work spread and by 1955 there were five homes in the UK. By the 1970s, the website states, the Leonard Cheshire charity was 'a pioneering provider of care services'.

Harry van den Bos married Grace Adlard of Red House Farm, Elsham at Wrawby Church in September 1955. Grace was a keen amateur dramatist and a member of Wrawby Tennis Club. After their marriage Harry and Grace lived at the house now named Seven Acres, Ferry Road. This house stands close to the then home of Harry's parents Jacob and Florrie who had, by June 1944, moved out of Nut Villa, Howe Lane and into Millfield on Ferry Road.

Jacob van den Bos died 'suddenly' at Millfield on 6 November 1959. Florrie van den Bos moved later out of Millfield and into the house now named Hawthorne Cottage, close to her previous home Nut Villa, on



Harry's wife Grace, served on Goxhill Parish Council. Photograph courtesy of Heather Jaques



Howe Lane. Charlie Guillatt told me that Hawthorne Cottage had been built by Edgar Booley and that Edgar had named the house Pomona Cottage. Edgar was the son of the Goxhill Stationmaster Fred Booley.

Harry and Grace van den Bos moved to live in Millfield after Florrie had moved out. Harry and Grace had one child, a son whose birth and death was registered in the final quarter of 1962. He is recorded as Jacob C. in the register; I understand from a family member that the C. stood for Christopher. They had no further children and were a devoted uncle and aunt to their van den Bos and Adlard nephews and nieces.

Harry established a Market Garden at Millfield, Millfield Nurseries, which was run independently to Hawthorne Gardens. Harry grew chrysanthemums which he supplied to Herbert Tyson (Fruit Merchants) on Humber Street. He also grew strawberries. I remember picking strawberries there, the ripe strawberry plants sat on a bed of straw and grew in the fields close to the house. I often accompanied Dad to deliver groceries to Grace. There was always a long chat with Grace or Harry or both. They were both always interested in what we were doing and in events in the village; Grace served on



Millfield, Ferry Road-home of Jacob and Florrie van den Bos and then of their son Harry and his wife Grace. Photograph courtesy of Heather Jaques



The garden at Millfield, Ferry Road. L-R, Harry van den Bos, his mother Florrie (widow of Jacob van den Bos), Ernest Tyson (Florrie's cousin) and Grace van den Bos. Photograph courtesy of Heather Jaques

the Goxhill Parish Council. A particular pleasure for me was a 'run' which was perhaps 5' high with sides and a roof of chicken wire mesh, which was full of birds. I remember especially a beautiful Golden Pheasant. Harry was a keen ornithologist and, alongside Grace, took immense pride in his garden

By the time of Harry's death, in 1996, he and Grace were living at Mill Lodge, the bungalow they had built on Ferry Road between Millfield and Seven Acres. After Harry's death Grace moved into The Close, North End and then to Barton. She lived finally at Cross Hill House in Barrow, until her death in 2023.

In my next article, I will return to events and developments in the day to day running of 'The Gardens' during and after the war, and how the Market Garden business evolved further. **Elizabeth Fincham**

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I was invited to run a small dog show as part of the Memorial Hall celebrations on Sunday 13th July, assisted by my daughter Katie Sauvage. The event didn't attract as many competitors as we prepared for, probably due to the warm weather, although we did have rain for the second class of 'Fastest Recall which is an important life skill for all dogs. Rosettes were sponsored by **Amanda White - Calmer Dog Training** and the dog toy 1st prizes by **Katie Sauvage Accountancy Services Ltd**, thank you very much both of you. We decided to use the tennis court after testing the temperature of the surface to make sure safe for the dogs paws, unfortunately the access was by steps making it impossible for Julie to join us there, so we judged her outside in the car park. Everyone joined Julie for the group photo.

Results were:

Fancy Dress handled by an Adult

- 1st Sam England and Steve dressed smartly by Lucy Bedford
- 2nd Julie Robinson and Poppy
- 3rd Donna Clifford and Pablo

Fancy Dress handled by a Child

- 1st Lyra Clark and Bruce

Thank you everyone for coming along and dressing your dogs up so smartly.



Next was the Fastest Recall, conducted in the safe enclosure of the tennis court, although both dogs who stayed to take part after the rain were very well behaved.

Results were:

Fastest Recall handled by an Adult

- 1st Steve the Bulldog in 5.75 seconds

Fastest Recall handled by a child

- 1st Bruce in 4 seconds who was a little hesitant at first to leave his Dad but soon raced across to Lyra.

Linda Gilbert

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The history of the cottages by the churchyard

In my last article we left the history of the cottages by the churchyard with Francis Watson, Tailor and Draper who, in 1875, had re-written his will. In his document entitled 'The Lordship of Goxhill', which included the history of these cottages, Mr Brawn didn't elaborate further on the history of the property, stating 'We have looked at the history of this little plot for more than 200 years and we are approaching the times of the Great Grandparents of people perhaps still living in Goxhill so perhaps we should leave it to them to decide if they wish us to know more'...I thought that it would be interesting to look a little further.

Francis Watson: was, by the time of the 1881 census, aged 85 and retired. He had moved out of his cottage next to the Churchyard and was recorded living with his niece Mary Ellen, his sister Ann's youngest daughter. Mary Ellen was married to Dunn Hoodlass who was the Blacksmith in North End.

The Blacksmith's home and Forge was on the piece of land which stands between the entrance to Willow Lane and Briton Lodge. A house named Three Gables stands on the plot today. The 1881 census records Dunn Hoodlass, his wife and young son and Francis Watson living in four rooms. (I will return to this area of North End in a later article).

1881 census: The village census records more detail than is usual, so the three cottages next to the churchyard are readily identified (they are recorded immediately after West View, the homes of George Martinson and Thomas Bennett). The first of the Churchyard cottages owned by Francis Watson is unoccupied. Alfred Asher, a Bricklayer, is recorded in the middle cottage. Alfred Asher had married in Goxhill on 16 June 1879; this cottage is his first home with his young wife and daughter. The Asher family lived later in various homes throughout the village. By 1911 Alfred was recorded living at the Generous Briton Public House (Briton Lodge) in North End. Israel Hoodlass is recorded living in the third cottage next to the Churchyard.

HOODLASS FAMILY: Israel Hoodlass was the father of Dunn Hoodlass (the North End Blacksmith). Dunn had married in Goxhill in 1868. His wife was Mary Ellen Abbot, who was the youngest daughter of Ann Abbot (nee Watson), Francis Watson's sister. Francis Watson was living with his



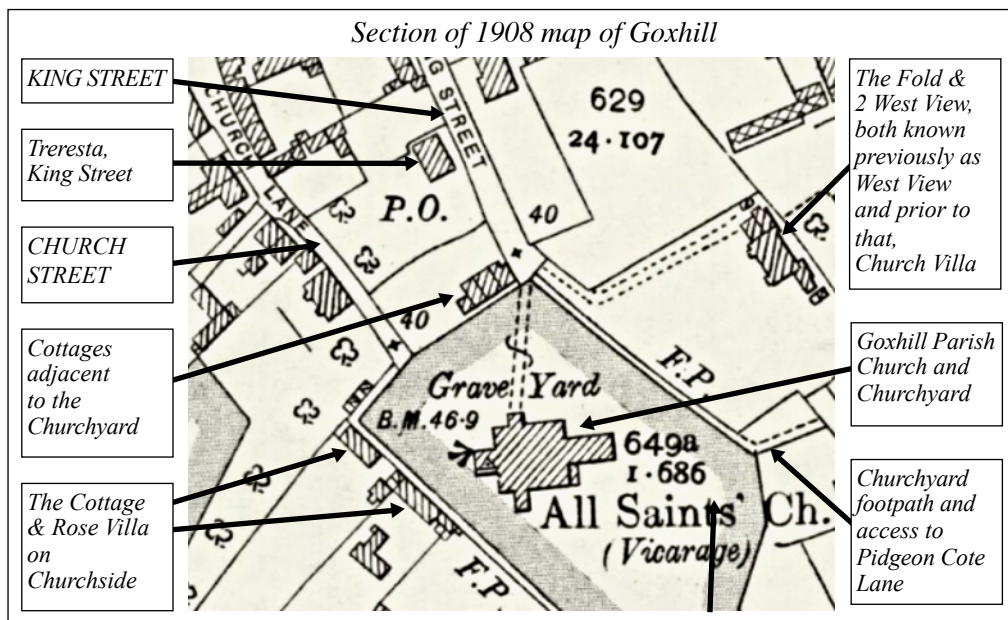
An original undated postcard showing Goxhill Church, King Street and the cottages which stood on the car park. I estimate that the photograph was taken around 1910. Goxhill Gander Archive

niece and her husband Dunn Hoodlass and Israel Hoodlass, Dunn's father was living in Francis Watson's property next to the Churchyard.

Francis Watson, living with the Hoodlass family in North End, died on 14th December 1884. The Sole Executor of Francis Watson's will was his sister Ann Abbott, the mother in law of Dunn Hoodlass. Ann Abbott, Dunn Hoodlass's mother in law died in Goxhill on 24 November 1885. The sole executor of Ann Abbott's will was her son in law, Dunn Hoodlass. The Glanford Brigg Valuation Lists for Goxhill in the 1890s reveal that Dunn Hoodlass was now the owner of the three cottages which stood once on the Church car park, next to the Churchyard.

Alfred Asher had moved out of his cottage next to the Churchyard by 1891 but Israel Hoodlass, Dunn's father was still living in the Churchyard cottage where he had first been recorded living ten years previously. Israel Hoodlass had been joined by George Elm and widow Mary Franklin. Israel Hoodlass and Mary Franklin died in Goxhill in August and September 1892 respectively. By 1894 the occupants of the cottages were Charles Harrison, a gardener, George Elm and a William Stamp who later went on to run the Royal Oak Public House on Westfield Road.

By 1897 Charles Harrison is living still in his cottage. His neighbour is 'Mrs Smith'. This is, I believe, Mary Jane Smith who was Dunn Hoodlass's widowed sister. Mary Jane Smith continues to be recorded living in her cottage next to the Churchyard, in the 1901 and 1911 census records. A Mrs Wilson is the third person recorded living in the cottages in 1897. I haven't been able to work out who Mrs Wilson was. In April 1901, Dunn Hoodlass's sister, Mary Jane Smith, had been joined living in the cottages by Harry Peacock. Harry was living in three rooms with his wife and their three children. Their youngest child, Sidney, was six months old at the





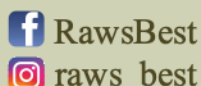
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time of the census and had been born in Goxhill. The third cottage, next to the Churchyard was unoccupied. The Peacock family were living in Northumberland by April 1911. Mary Jane Smith is recorded living in her cottage in this 1911 census. One of her neighbours was Robert Coulson, a farm labourer. Robert Coulson was recorded in the 1921 census as an Inmate at the Glanford Brigg Union Workhouse and Infirmary which stood at 34 Wrawby Street, Brigg. The third cottage, in 1911 census, was Charles Dunn, a gardener.

DUNN FAMILY: Dunn Hoodlass is so named because Dunn was his mother Maria's maiden name. Maria Hoodlass (nee Dunn) was first recorded in Goxhill in the 1841 census, shortly after her marriage to Dunn's father Israel Hoodlass. Maria Hoodlass's sister Ann had a son, George Thompson Dunn, who was born in Goxhill in 1843. George Thompson Dunn was Dunn Hoodlass's cousin and the father of Charles Dunn who was living in one of the Churchyard cottages in 1911.

Charles Dunn was one of seven Dunn brothers; his brother Joseph is commemorated on the village World War 1 memorial plaques. By the time of the 1911 census Charles Dunn and his wife Ethel were the parents to three living children. A fourth child, William, had died in 1909 aged three weeks. By 1918 Charles Dunn and his daughter Phyllis were resident in the Glanford Brigg Union Workhouse on Wrawby Street, Brigg. The Workhouse was used as a hospital by those who couldn't afford to pay for medical care. Charles and his daughter Phyllis both died on 21st December 1918, exactly nine months after Charles's brother Joseph Dunn was Killed in Action in World War 1. Charles and Joseph Dunn's mother, a widow, lived in Church Street, with their younger brother Thomas.

Dunn Hoodlass had died in Goxhill on 6 December 1915. His probate names his sons Henry, who was a Joiner and living in Barnetby and Thomas, who was a Draper, living in 1911 in Cheshire. I don't know, after Dunn's death, who owned the cottages by the Churchyard. Neither son returned to live in Goxhill and their mother Mary Ellen (Frances Watson's niece) was, by 1921, living in Barnetby with her older son Henry and his family.

At the **1921 census** record sheets (from my calculation) show that Mary Jane Smith (Dunn Hoodlass's widowed sister) and Eliza Broughton were each living in two rooms in their separate cottages next to the Churchyard. I believe that it's



Eliza Broughton photographed outside her cottage with her 90th birthday cake. Photograph scanned from the Hull Times dated 11 September 1937

possible that Mary Jane Smith; Dunn Hoodlass's sister and Mary Hoodlass's sister in law, was buried in Barnetby in 1922, so she had perhaps moved from Goxhill to live with her nephew and his family. Mary Ellen Hoodlass, Dunn's widow, who was living in Barnetby in 1921, died on 12 August 1926.

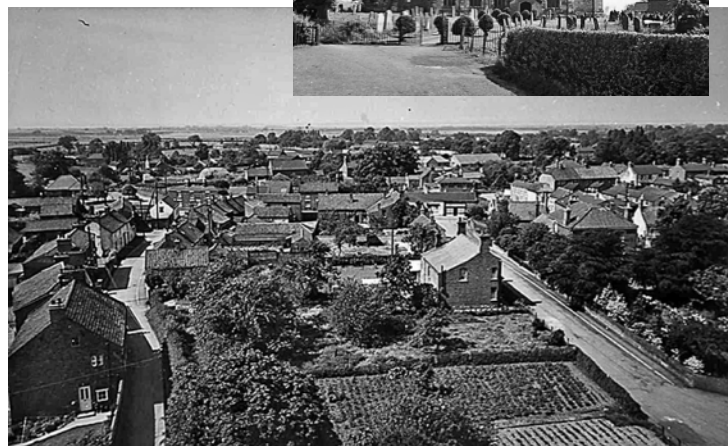
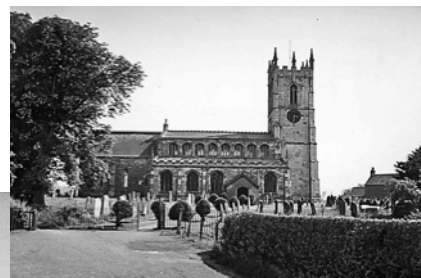
A newspaper article dated 11 September 1937, states that **Eliza Broughton** 'lives a happy, contented life in her little cottage near the Church. (The journalist) found Mrs Broughton sat in the porch of her

home enjoying the sunshine...she is still able to do her housework and tend her tidy little garden...(and) is the head of four generations, having three children, eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren'. As Mr Brawn suggested in his article, a great grandson (born shortly after his great grandmother's death in 1943) and his family, and great, great granddaughters of a separate family line, and their families, continue to live in Goxhill today.

Eliza Broughton was recorded, in the **1939 census**, living alongside Joseph Proctor and George Hicks. In an article in Ron Parker's Goxhill Bygones, Geoff Coulam mentioned those, who in his memory, had lived in the cottages. He recorded that 'Mrs Broughton owned a green parrot' and he remembered Joseph (Joe) Proctor who was a single man and a road mender. Joe's uncle, also called Joseph, was living in this same census on Gatehouse Road. George Hicks is mentioned by Geoff. I know that George had moved to Goxhill from New Holland and that his daughter Alice Southwell was living on Gatehouse Road with her family, in this same census. Geoff also mentioned a Miss Bennett. She is, I believe, Miss Alice Bennett who was originally from North Killingholme. She had lived in East Halton and is shown living in North End in the 1939 census. Eliza Broughton died in Goxhill in 1943; Alice Bennett died in Goxhill on 12 March 1947, so moved presumably into the cottages sometime after 1939 and prior to her death. I know that George Hicks died in 1951 but don't know where and can't find any further records for Joe Proctor.

Can anyone help with further information?

Photographs copied from the Francis Frith archive of Goxhill Parish Church and the view taken from the Church tower. The second photograph is dated 1955



Photographs dated 1955 and taken from the Church tower show that the cottages which had stood where the Church car park is today had been demolished. On a visit to the County Archive at Lincoln I found some correspondence, starting on 25 July 1955, from Glanford Brigg District Council addressed to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Goxhill Parish Church. Outline Planning Permission was agreed, on 11 August 1955, subject to approval of detail of siting, design, external appearance and means of access, to erect a Church Hall between Church and King Street. A stipulation of the planning was that the hall should have access from both Church and King Street enabling 'free movement of vehicles from one street to another'. For whatever reason, possibly due to the difficulties in enabling this free movement of vehicles, no further action was taken.

In my next article I will write about the cottages which stood on the corner of Howe Lane and Thorn Lane.

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OFF THE HOOF

Wow!! And just like that another three months have passed by and its time for me to sit and reflect on my time for the 'Off the Hoof' article.

2025 is so not my year! My riding boots have been hung up.....well temporarily anyway!! I will tell you for why but first I will need to introduce you to my horses, I'm not sure if I have previously introduced you to them. They are all geldings, and I have owned them all since they were weanlings (6 months old).

Tempting Business (Sunny) is the oldest at eighteen. We have had a colourful career of showjumping which has been blighted by injury of both parties. We now dabble in a spot of 'posh trot' (dressage) although we are both a bit too chubby and set in our ways to be any good at it. But it's the taking part that counts, isn't it??

Cullentown Boy, Freddie to his friends is the 'middle child', he has just turned eleven, he is rather a delinquent and is infamous for his extra curriculars moves. We were looking forward to an action packed 2025 with a calendar full of qualifiers and championships but as I wrote in the last article, I didn't feel he was firing on all cylinders and had him booked in for a lameness work up. Well, it wasn't good news, further investigations and x-rays showed that he has had arthritic changes in his pasterns which as they were developing will have left him feeling very uncomfortable. It is unlikely that we will return to competition, this is so hard to comprehend when he is so young but his health and well being always come first. I remain optimistic and never say never but for now we are ensuring he is comfortable and sound whilst following a varied but light exercise regime.

This leads me to the youngest Unique GB -Gerry, he has just turned four, he is my 'one last blast'. I really would like to get back jumping some of the bigger tracks again. I'm in no rush with him though, I'm all about longevity, his development will be slow and well structured. He is well ready to be ridden; he is mature in body and mind. He has already emptied my bank account when as a two-year-old he stood on the oldest rustiest nail and ran up a hefty vet's bill, he wasn't insured and me and my poor, hard done by husband are now used to living on a staple diet of beans on toast! The learnings from this were, get your fields checked over with metal detectors it's amazing what they find, and my husband is a saint but don't tell him I said that 😊 Anyway I digress, with Gerry turning four he had entered the realms of being a ridden horse. We had had our first hack out in the big wide world, we had walked over some poles in the arena, and we had had our first trot although his paces are massive and he pinged me all over, my core obviously needs work! But if I didn't have bad luck, I wouldn't have any and last Tuesday as I was getting on, my brother unknowingly turned over the engine of his truck, he was busy on his phone so didn't witness the antics that unravelled but needless to say, I now have 3 broken ribs and a rather bruised butt! Thankfully, I didn't land on my head as the guarantee on my lovely new riding hat (purchased after my last acrobatics), literally ran out the week previously.

Now, I don't want you to think I fall off a lot or I just get up to these escapades for content for my article because I promise you I don't! When I limped over to my parent's bungalow and asked for a ride to A&E my mum said, "is it not time you gave up love?", I just raised my eyebrow and pretended I hadn't heard what she said and besides what would I do with myself? If I took up tiddlywinks, I'm pretty sure I would probably be taking an eye out with one of the discs, so horses it is for a little while longer, just not for the next seven to eight weeks!

Haven't we had a warm summer? It lovely to lay on a lounge in the hot sun but it isn't fun to work with horses in it. People have been concerned whether it's been too hot to ride or too hot to travel horses or which rugs to put on with all the flies. Predominantly all our horses wear fly masks, well as long as their field companions don't remove them, some wear fly rugs and fly spray, some just wear spray. My horses have been kept ridden, to be fair they have acclimatised well, we just don't ride at the hottest times of day and they are always hosed off after, provided with clean water as well as a mash with electrolytes in, you can give electrolytes in the water but we use Saracen's Recovery Mash or Premier Performance's Fibre Hydration Mash, as the names suggest these make into a sloppy mash and provide much needed hydration along with the electrolytes.

The constant hot weather has left the grazing a bit wanting this year, we have been feeding hay in many of our fields. Luckily at the yard we have the luxury of the feed company Dengie coming 2-3 times a year to weigh the horses and discuss their diets. They were with us this weekend just gone and surprisingly, despite the poor grazing some had still put on weight. Freddie, like me only has to look at food to put on weight and this time he had gained 20kg, we will both be reducing our portion sizes!! All the JJ horses are fed on fibre-based diets, so as well as their hay and haylage they have alfa A or grass from the extensive Dengie range, the have alfa beet which is soaked to create a mash and a balancer to provide necessary vitamins and minerals relevant to their workload. It's a very simple system that's works with the variety of horses we look after. We have Dengie back with us in October if anyone would like to book an appointment for your horse to be weighed or to have their dietary requirements discussed.

As I write this article, the children are breaking up for their summer holidays but when it actually goes to print many of them will have returned, either to a new school year or to college. In one of my other roles, I am a coach for Stubbing Court Training who are one of the leading specialist providers of world class equestrian apprenticeship programmes in East Midlands and Yorkshire. If this is something that you or a young person you know would be interested in then please feel free to contact me or look up the company on stubbingcourtraining.com, they have lots of opportunities and taster days and take on learners all year round.

Well, I think that's about it from me, if you want to contact me for any reason my email is jjequestrian-services@gmail.com. I am going to try behaving myself for the next seven weeks until my ribs are intact and then hopefully I can get back to riding my ponies and enjoying the last of the sunny days until the rain is upon us bringing the delightful mud and the dark nights. Until next time, stay safe and keep smiling. **Joanne x**



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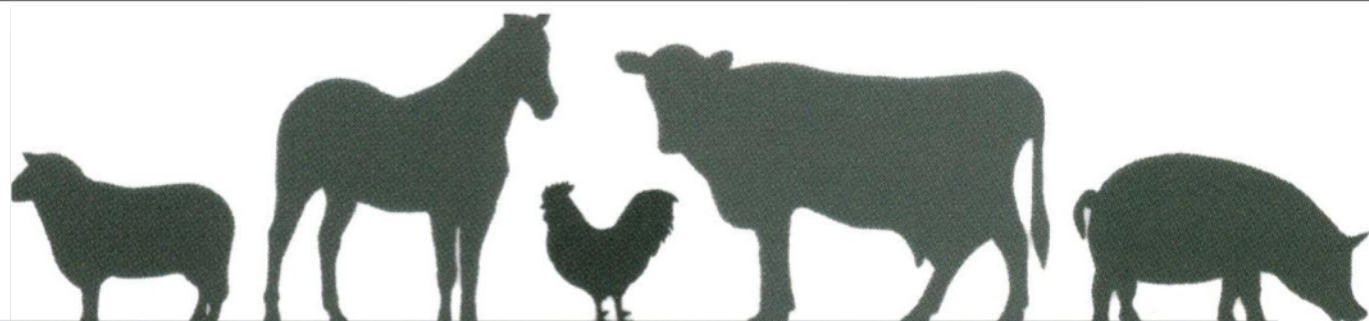
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Since the last edition of The Gander we have continued to be active with a variety of events.

Car Boot Sales

We held two car boot sales successfully on the two May Bank Holidays the second one being less well attended due to the uncertain weather forecast. Nevertheless we were able to raise appreciable amounts for our charity account thanks in no small way to the donations generously given on the entry gate. Thank you to all those who came on both days.

Prostate Cancer Support Lincs. & Humber

At one of our club meetings we were given an extremely interesting and informative talk by Martin Garfitt from the local support group which was formed in 2012 and is one of 140 similar groups throughout the country. He gave us several facts about prostate cancer not least the increasing number of men suffering from the disease and that the numbers dying had now surpassed those dying from breast cancer. We had previously jointly sponsored along with Barton Lions and The White Swan a triathlon of golf, darts and dominoes a fun event which raised in excess of £800 for Prostate Cancer (UK)

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Goxhill Primary School

As we reported in the last edition of The Gander the school are looking to develop the Early Years Foundation Stage Outside Area and we were pleased to support the project and make a donation. In further support to raise funds we are organising, with the school, a sponsored **Fun Bike Ride on Sunday the 14th September** – see attached poster advertising the event.

In addition to our own fund raising events we also attend/help with those of other local organisations and we were pleased to have our newly acquired catering van supplying hot dogs and burgers at the Goxhill Memorial Centenary Fete in July. Similarly several of our members helped Barton Lions with their annual Beer Festival at the end of May.

Upcoming Events

Wobbly Wheelers Sunday 14 September

If you are interested in getting involved in our fund raising and social activities and at the same time having fun putting something back into your local communities come along to one of our meetings. We normally meet on the **first and third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Barrow Squash Club**. Please call or send me an email.

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AN UP DATE ON THE HUMBER CARBON CAPTURE PIPELINE AT GOXHILL

In the last edition I provided an update on the Humber **Hydrogen** pipeline.

This time it is the latest news about the **Carbon Capture** pipeline. Northern Endurance Partnership are submitting a planning application for their proposal for a method of 'Horizontal Directional Drilling', the same as the proposed Hydrogen pipeline. It should be a quicker method than a tunnel, have a reduced environmental impact, and generate less construction traffic on the local highway network.

Apparently the Humber could be at the limit of what is possible by this method and this initial application is for a trial drill from both sides of the Humber.

They are conscious of the impact on Goxhill from the previous tunnel construction for the gas pipeline, especially the problems at South End.

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