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GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the Spring edition of the Gander!

Spring is all about new beginnings and transformations, it's a season that symbolises starting fresh and starting over.

When word was out that the Gander may have to finish if Jeff couldn't get any assistance, I just couldn't let this vital piece of village life disappear.....so here I am, starting the new year helping Jeff as the **Assistant Editor**, email [assistant.editor@goxhillgander.com](mailto:assistant.editor@goxhillgander.com)

We are also pleased to announce another addition to the Gander group, **The New Kids on the Block!** Please welcome **James Dennett and Finlay Hanson**, they are going to be writing about young people in Goxhill and **they would love to hear from you**. See below.

It is indeed also new beginnings for myself too, living back in the village that I love and have always called home. Although I've not lived permanently in the village for the past 25 years, 16 of those years in Australia, I've always come back to my childhood home for regular visits and the Gander has always been a must have read. I can still remember the early Gander editions, the very first one was issued in Autumn in 1987 and printed on just 5 sheets of paper. All printed in black ink and on white paper, no coloured photos or adverts. Who knew then that this wonderful village newsletter would blossom and bloom into what it is today.

We all hope you enjoy your Spring 2024 edition of the Gander. **Ferne, Assistant Editor**

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James, left and Finlay, right.

## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK!

Hello, young people of Goxhill! We are **James and Finlay**, and we are going to start writing a page or two **for and about young people around the village**.

We are going to use this first article to tell you a bit about us and what to expect in future issues.

A lot of you, particularly those around the age of 12-15, will already know us. I have lived in Goxhill for my whole life and Finlay moved here when he was five, so we have both been around for a long time. We went to Goxhill Primary School before taking the 11+ exam for Caistor Grammar School and now we go there. We are currently in Year 9 and will be taking our GCSE options soon.

We noticed that people of secondary school age often get badly represented. We are pictured as either hanging around in groups on street corners or sitting in our rooms on our phones all day. While this may hold true for a minority, most of us do not fall into this category. We want to take this opportunity to raise awareness of the **positive things people of this age are doing around our village**.

If you are a young person and are doing anything interesting, let us know! This could be exiting activities such as **scuba diving, skiing, or hiking** in the mountains. It could be **charity work, sports, or academic achievements** you are particularly proud of. Alternatively, if there are any **activities or facilities** you would like to see around the village, please let us know about that too. You can contact us at [Jamesdennett09@gmail.com](mailto:Jamesdennett09@gmail.com).

Now, there are certain stories we wouldn't recommend sending in. While we appreciate your achievements, we might not feature stories like conquering Electrodynamix with all three stars in Geometry Dash, as such content may not resonate with a broad audience. By all means, send in interesting stuff, but think about how many people would want to read about it.

I would really recommend getting involved, as it is an excellent opportunity to positively shape the perception of young people in Goxhill and showcase your accomplishments to your peers.

**Look out for our article in the next issue!** **James and Finlay Jamesdennett09@gmail.com**

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**LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL**

**Dear Friends**

As you read this letter we are in the middle of Lent which began on Ash Wednesday. In the past Christians began to fast on Ash Wednesday. Lent is still a significant time for Christians as we think about the way Jesus overcame temptation at the beginning of his ministry and then suffered and died at the end of it.

However, this year there was something different about Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday 2024 a number of people weren't fasting or feeling particularly sombre. Instead, they were gorging themselves on chocolates. That's because this year Ash Wednesday was the 14th February and so coincided with St Valentine's Day.

Who was St Valentine? He was an Italian clergyman who lived in the third century and became a martyr. But there are a lot of different legends about him and it's hard to know now whether any of them are true. One story says that just before he was martyred St Valentine sent a letter to a girl called Julia, who he had cured of blindness, and signed it "from your Valentine." This is said to be where the idea of St Valentine's Day cards came from. Another story says that St Valentine ministered to persecuted Christians and used to give them hearts cut out of parchment to remind them of God's love. According to a third story St Valentine conducted secret weddings for Roman soldiers who were forbidden at that time to get married. Whatever the truth about St Valentine, he has become the patron saint of lovers.

Some people think that Ash Wednesday and St Valentine's Day are so opposite that it's difficult to celebrate them on the same day. However, if you think about it, there are connections between the season of Lent and St Valentine. In Lent we think about the suffering and death of Jesus. St Valentine suffered and died because of his faith in Jesus.

Jesus suffered and died because of his great love for people. There is a well-known Bible verse, John 3:16 which says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

During the course of Lent we are constantly reminded of all that Jesus suffered because of his love for others.

How appropriate it is that this year we marked the beginning of Lent by celebrating the feast of the patron saint of lovers!

I wish you all a blessed Lent and pray that you will be aware of God's great love for you during this special season.

**Best wishes, Sally.**

Easter Services	Sunday	24th	March	9.30am	Palm Sunday at All Saints Church
	Thursday	28th	March	4pm	Maundy Thursday at the Chapel
	Friday	29th	March	7pm	Good Friday at the Chapel
	Easter Sunday	31st	March	7am	Short service to welcome Easter Day in All Saints Church Yard
	"			9.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints
	"			10.30am	Easter Service at the Chapel

**LETTER FROM THE CHURCH**

**Filling Up The Ranks**

After the sad demise of Horatio, who flew into a pillar whist drunk on Communion wine. The bats of Goxhill church had been rather subdued.

"It's not the same without him", said Godfrey, gloomily.

"No indeed", remarked Hubert, testily. "The collective IQ has risen considerably". Hubert was unimpressed by the manner of Horatio's passing.

This conversation had been rumbling on for weeks and was becoming repetitive. A general air of inertia had settled on the colony; even Hubert's attention to bombing the pulpit had eased to a small splatter. The dull silence was interrupted by a flurry of wings and a strange bat landed on the rafter. This was most unusual, and the resident bats looked as startled as they felt.

"Afternoon", said the newcomer, brightly. "Neville's the name. Decided I needed a change of scene. I was nicely settled in a barn nearby, but an owl moved in last week. Never a peaceful moment since".

The others nodded sympathetically. Owls were an acquired taste – and some of them had acquired a taste for bats.

As the self-appointed leader of the colony, Hubert felt it beholden on himself to extend a welcome.

"Pleased to meet you, I'm sure", he said. Already the bats were looking more lively. A new face had perked everybody up.

"We're a hard-working bunch here, mind", Hubert went on. "No slackers allowed. Those humans interrupt us every week with their ghastly singing, and the vicar's sermons are enough to turn an insomniac into Rip van Winkle's cousin. How good is your aim?"

Neville smirked, flexed his wings, flew in a graceful circle and deposited his own offering squarely in the middle of the collection plate.

Hubert nodded approvingly. "You'll do" he said.

**Rev. Liz**



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### CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

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We always say you don't have to decorate a traditional Christmas Tree, but think out of the box. The Scissor Box certainly did that with their tree made from rollers. If you would like to put a Tree in this year you have plenty of time to come up with an idea.

**The Memory Tree** was, as usual well used, in fact despite having a bigger tree this year it was quite full. We would like to express our appreciation to Tracey and Andy Broom - Broom's Christmas Trees - for their generosity in providing us with such a beautiful tree. Lots of compliments were made about it.

Again, there were a lot of positive comments on how wonderful the trees, on either side of the church path looked being lit up. 'Magical' was one description. We are very grateful to those who sponsored the trees:-

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A big thank you, once again, to Andrew & Heather Dobinson and Dave Carnell for hours of work putting the lights on the trees. Then taking them down again.

Our thanks also go to P. & M. Storage for the advertising banners. The Goxhill Singers gave two wonderful performances, with lots of audience participation, much to everyone's enjoyment.

For us, it was a real joy to talk to see so many of you enjoying yourselves in our beautiful church. We hope to see you at our future events.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

**Friday 8th March Gardeners Question Time**, with **Doug Stewart**. 7pm in All Saints Church.

*(Please note change of date from the 1st March)* £8 including supper. You may bring your own wine. There will be a raffle. As well as being very knowledgeable about gardening, Doug is a very entertaining speaker. You may have heard Doug on the radio.

**Easter Egg Bingo - Friday 22nd March 7pm in the Memorial Hall.**

**Open Gardens - May 4th and 22nd - 23rd June** 12 noon to 5pm. **Start from the Chapel.**

**Pop In** - Come and join us at the Pop In. A wonderful chance to meet new people and make new friends, while enjoying our bacon butties, toasted teacakes or veggie options. Usually the third Saturday in month. **10am - 12 noon in the Chapel Schoolroom.**

**March 16th      April 20th**

**May 18th** - The money raised at this Pop In will be donated to **Christian Aid**

**Easter Services:** See page 5 for details

**Christian Aid Quiz - 17th May** in the **Chapel School room**

For any further information on any of these events please call **Sandra** on **530065**.

### CHAPEL & SCHOOLROOM EVENTS

**PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

All in the Chapel / Chapel Schoolroom  
Also see Churches Together activities opposite.

**MARCH**

- Cafe Church** - Sunday 3rd March 10.30am
- Easter Bonnet Competition** - Friday 8th March, 3-5.30pm (see posters)
- Luncheon Club** - Wednesday 13th March 12 noon - 2pm
- Pop in** - Saturday 16th March 10 -12 noon
- Chapel service** - Sunday 17th March 10.30am
- Whist Drive** - Saturday 23rd March 6.30pm
- Open Gardens Meeting** - Tuesday 26th March 6.30pm
- Maundy Service** - Thursday 28th March 4pm
- Good Friday Service** - Friday 29th March 7pm
- Chapel Service** - Sunday 31st March 10.30am

**APRIL**

- Cafe Church** - Sunday 7th April 10.30am
- Luncheon Club** - Wednesday 10th April 12 noon - 2pm
- Singing Group Concert** - Saturday 20th April 6.30pm (see page 11)
- Chapel Service** - Sunday 21st April 10.30am
- Pop in** - Saturday 20th April 10am-12 noon
- Whist Drive** - Saturday 27th April 6.30pm

**MAY**

- Open Gardens** - Saturday 4th May 12noon - 5pm also 22nd - 23rd June
- Cafe Church** - Sunday 5th May 10.30am
- Luncheon Club** - Wednesday 8th May 12 noon - 2pm
- Bingo** - Friday 10th May, eyes down 6.30pm
- Christian Aid Quiz** - Fri 17th May 7.30pm
- Pop in** - Saturday 18th May 10-12 noon
- Chapel Service** - Sunday 19th May 10.30am
- Whist Drive** - Saturday 18th May 6.30pm

**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

- Wednesdays **Singing Group** 7-9pm Chapel Schoolroom
- Thursdays **Knit & Natter** 2-4pm
- Saturday **Pop In** 10am - 12 noon Dates on Churches Together list opposite
- Sundays **Regular Chapel services** First, third & fifth Sunday, 10.30am

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

For information or bookings please contact **Christine** on **07512 004942** or **Hazel** on **531664**.



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## NOTICE BOARD Part 2

### Goxhill 200 Club – latest winners

Unfortunately we have lost a few more members than we have gained for the coming year. As a result, the prize fund has fallen very slightly, reducing the monthly prize by £1 and the quarterly jackpot by £5. Our winners since the previous issue of the Gander were:

October	77	Shirley Tull	£19
	118	Joe Sinden	£19
	225	Charlie Leaning	£19
November	17	Jack Lawtey	£19
	135	Peter Smith	£19
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December	92	Ronwyn Atkin	£19
	214	Christine Brace	£19
	249	Richard Gissing	£19
December Quarterly Jackpot	111	Caroline Boff	£120

Goxhill 200 Club is a Private Society Lottery and open to anyone aged over 16 years who is interested in supporting the running of our Memorial Hall whilst having a bit of a flutter. Half the money from subscriptions funds monthly and quarterly prizes whilst the other half is donated to Goxhill Memorial Hall.

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**Rosemarie Guggiari**

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**We have a varied programme** which, with your help, can inspire you and others. If you are interested in learning any new skills, maybe we can help by finding speakers to inspire us all. If you are interested in supporting local good causes and charities, we do that too.

I joined the WI last year after recently retiring and finding that I didn't know many people in the village.

I have found it a great way to make new friends. I already have learnt about **fingerprints**, helped solve a **'Who Dunit'** and enjoyed making **painted clay tiles**. I also made some **'twiggly stars'** but that's a different story! I am not a naturally crafty person and I struggle with some aspects but always, I have fun.

**Visitors and potential new members are welcome** to attend any of our advertised meetings at **£3.00** a session (except where otherwise advertised, for expensive speakers), which includes refreshments.

In these times of financial hardship, we are looking at ways to keep full membership costs down so that anyone wanting to, can afford to join Goxhill WI.

The full membership subscription for 12 months (11 meetings) starting on 1st April 2024 will be £20, that is just over £1.80 per meeting, entitling you to free entertainment and refreshments, with the occasional subsidised outing thrown in.

So please come and join us:

**Mon March 11th** - Annual Meeting - members only

**Mon April 8th** - Drumming Session led by Joe Gray - please contact Caroline to book a drum.

**Mon May 13th** – 'Formal to Flapper' – speaker Madeleine Gray will use clothing from the North Lincolnshire Museum collections, plus slides, to illustrate her talk.

For further information, please contact **Caroline Atkins**, Secretary, on either **01469 532204** or [caroline.rhombus@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.rhombus@btinternet.com)

**By Heather Jaques, WI Member.**

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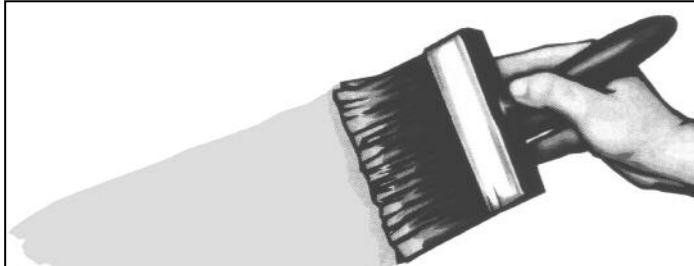


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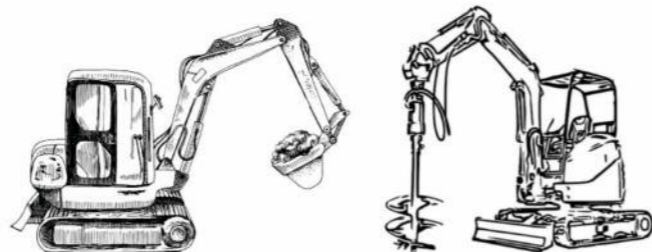
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## COMMUNITY CUPPA

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Every Friday afternoon 2-5pm

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## Goxhill Singing Group

Methodist Church (Back Room)

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## 'What a Wonderful World'

A concert by Goxhill Singing Group

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## Goxhill Calendar 2024 Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted their photographs and for your continued support for the Goxhill Calendar competition. We saw some incredible photographs, showing such incredible variety of village life. Well done to you all, and to the winners whose photos take pride of place in many households in the village and further afield.

We would have loved to use every single one as they were all of excellent content and quality.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a copy of the calendar too, this has enabled a donation of **£212.80 to both of the village churches** from the calendar's profits.

**Our appreciation also extends to the Co-op, Scissor Box, Perfect Posture Pilates, Shawbriggs and Andy Brooms Christmas Trees for being points of sale.**

We were also pleased to use an entry photo as a village Christmas card and would love to be able to do the same again.

**We look forward to seeing you out and about in the village snapping away ready for the**

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Saturday Field Trips - Meet at Ness End Farm\* 9am start unless stated

Date	Start	Duration	Event Name
16 Mar	9:00am	Full day	Top Hill Low

A Yorkshirewater treatment works, opened as nature reserve in 1993, 12 hides across 300 acre site on the river Hull.			
£3.50 per person, (over 65s £2.50) Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)			
20 Apr	9:00am	Full day	Spurn Point

A Mecca for birdwatchers, many rarities can be spotted here. Looking for migrants on our annual trip to Spurn Point.			
Alex Cawley (07722 555302)			

Indoor Meetings- Meet at the Visitor Centre - Far Ings Road, Barton			
Date	Time	Duration	Event Name
13 Mar	7.30pm	2 hours	Speaker - Kevin James, Warden of Woodhall Spa nature airfield reserve

17 Apr	7.00pm	2 hours	Short AGM. & talk on "Troupials, Toucans and Tanagers - A Venezuelan expedition" by Simon Wellock - Far Ings Warden
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### For further information contact

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Vernon Chapman - tel: 01652 660957 / 07939 347373 e: 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 Far Ings Road, nearest postcode as Ness End Farm. Sign posted on Far Ings Road.



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## DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
08-Mar	3-5.30pm	Easter Bonnet Competition	Chapel S/R
08-Mar	7pm	Gardeners Question Time	Church
13-Mar	7.30pm	Lincs Wildlife Trust (page11)	Far Ings
16-Mar	9.00am	Lincs Wildlife Trust (page11)	Top Hill Low
22-Mar	7pm	Easter Egg Bingo	Mem/Hall
22-Mar	7.30pm	Barton Ghost Walk (page 15)	Baysgarth Mus
23-Mar	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/R
24-Mar	9.30am	Palm Sunday Service	Church
24-Mar	10am-3pm	Spring Craft Fair	Mem/Hall
26-Mar	6.30pm	Open Gardens Meeting	Chapel S/R
28-Mar	4pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Chapel
29-Mar	7pm	Good Friday Service	Chapel
31-Mar	7am	Short Easter Day Service	Church Yard
31-Mar	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	Church
31-Mar	10.30am	Easter Service	Chapel
08-Apr	7pm	WI - Drumming (page 9)	Mem/Hall
17-Apr	7.00pm	Lincs Wildlife Trust (page11)	Far Ings
20-Apr	9.00am	Lincs Wildlife Trust (page11)	Spurn Pt
20-Apr	6.30pm	Singing Group Concert (p11)	Chapel S/R
27-Apr	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/R
28-Apr	7.30pm	The Best of George Egg (page13)	Mem/Hall
04-May	12 noon-5pm	Open Gardens (page 25)	Chapel
05-May	7am start	Car Boot sale	Barrow P/F
10-May	6.30pm	Bingo	Chapel S/R
13-May	7.00pm	WI - Formal to Flapper (page9)	Mem/Hall
17-May	7.30pm	Christian Aid Quiz	Chapel S/R
18-May	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/R
27-May	7am start	Car Boot sale	Barrow P/F
22-Jun	12 noon-5.00pm	Open Gardens (page 25)	Chapel
23-Jun	12 noon-5.00pm	Open Gardens (page 25)	Chapel
28-Jul	All Day	Goxhill Village Show	Mem/Hall

### REGULAR EVENTS

Chapel			
Regular Services	10.30am	1st*, 3rd & 5th Sunday	
Church			
Regular Services	8.30am	1st Sunday on the month	
	9.30am	2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday	
Chapel School Room			
Luncheon Club	12 noon	2nd Wed of the month	
Singing Group	7-9pm	Wednesdays	
Knit & Natter	2-4pm	Thursdays	
Pop in (page 7)	10am-12 noon	3rd Sat of the month	
*Café Church	10.30am	1st Sun of every month	
Memorial Hall			
Baby & Toddlers	9.15-11.30am	Monday	
Short Mat Bowls	2-4pm	Monday	
	7-9pm	Wednesday	
	10-12 noon	Friday	
Womens Institute	7pm	Every 2nd Monday of the month	
Pilates	10-11am	Tuesday & Thursday	
Martial Arts	4-8pm	Tuesday	
Ladies Kickboxing	7-8pm	Thursday	
Community Cafe	2-5pm	Friday	
Dog Training	6.30-8pm	Friday	
Taekwondo	11.30-2pm	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](mailto:assistant.editor@goxhillgander.com) or 07949 822 943

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## NOTICE BOARD Part 4

### LiveLincs Concert

It is great news that the LiveLincs Rural Touring Scheme is once more providing us high quality entertainment, on our doorstep, at a price that is just a fraction of what you would pay to see the same elsewhere. For Spring 2024 we have a show that I can genuinely confirm is unlike anything else that we have previously promoted at Goxhill Memorial Hall.

#### 7.30pm Sunday 28th April 2024

Described by one newspaper's entertainment critic as "A culinary Bill Bailey, with chopping boards instead of keyboards." our show is billed as **Set Menu: The Best of George Egg.**

George cooks food without a kitchen. During an evening of live cooking with jokes, anecdotes and general bonhomie he prepares three dishes of real and delicious food using a variety of non-culinary appliances from hotel room equipment (irons, ice buckets etc.), power tools (wallpaper stripper, hot air gun) and other unexpected items (a laptop and a hand-dryer). At the end of the show, if they want to, the audience get to taste the food too. A true multisensory comical experience with a bit of education and a heap of inspiration thrown in too.



If you enjoy cooking or eating or laughing or chaos – or all of those things - come along to Goxhill Memorial Hall to meet the incomparable **George Egg** the



anarchist cook and DIY chef.

**Entry prices** continue to be a bargain at only **£9 per adult.**

Whilst this is not a family show as such, everyone is welcome since

there is nothing offensive or 'adult', just some power tools! If you do want to bring along a younger member of your family (**a child under 14 years**) then their entry price will be **£4**. All profits go to the Goxhill Memorial Hall charity to help with running and maintaining our village hall.

**Payment is in cash at the door** on the night although it helps immensely if you can let us know in advance how many people you will be bringing along. That way we can arrange the seating and tables to give the best view for everyone. But the main thing is to just turn up and have a good time.

For reservations, web-links and LiveLincs information please follow: **@GoxhillEvents** on Facebook; **@Goxhill\_Events** on X (formerly Twitter); telephone **530363**; or email **jg.goxhill@btinternet.com**

John Guggiari

### Barton Villager

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Barton Market Place	0900	1007	1252	1452	1557
Barrow Market Place	0908	1015	1300	1500	1605
New Holland Magna Carta	0913	1020	1305	1505	1610
Goxhill Ferry Road	0919	1026	1311	1511	1616
Goxhill Railway Station	-	1030	1315	-	-
Black Bull	-	1042	1327	-	-
Nth Killingholme Garden Village	-	1045	1330	-	-
Sth Killingholme Greengate Lane	-	1047	1332	-	-
Immingham Civic Centre	-	1050	1335	-	-
Immingham County Hotel	-	1100	1345	-	-
Immingham Civic Centre	-	1103	1348	-	-
Sth Killingholme Greengate Park	-	1108	1353	-	-
Nth Killingholme Garden Village	-	1110	1355	-	-
Black Bull	-	1113	1358	-	-
Goxhill Ferry Road	0919	1119	1404	1512	1619
Goxhill Railway Station	0926	1126	1411	1519	1626
New Holland Magna Carta	0931	1131	1416	1524	1631
Barrow Market Place	0942	1142	1427	1535	1642
Barton Market Place	0950	1150	1435	1543	1650
Barton Interchange	0953	1153	1438	1546	1653
Barton Tesco	0955	1155	1440	1548	1655

### POPPY APPEAL 2023



Every year I am humbled by the generosity of local residents who during these difficult times still dig deep to donate to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A monumental amount of **£15203.93** has been raised in the local area this year! I would like to thank everyone who donated to this year's appeal. The veterans from the Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club were amazing and gave up their free time. The Army Cadets were a really welcome addition this year. Thanks go out to Rosemary & Bob who helped out during the Barton monthly market. It was a pleasure to be supported by Penny & David in Goxhill who organised the coffee morning to raise money for the appeal. I must also thank my best friend Nick Larke who helped me to put up all of the poppies on the lampposts. Special thanks go out to my amazing friends Russ & Sarah who have been outstanding once again & work hard to deliver a successful Poppy Appeal. **Thank you one & all. Sean Ashton**



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**NOTICE BOARD - Part 5**

**THE BARTON HERITAGE PROJECT**  
Celebrating the rich history of Barton upon Humber  
The Barton Heritage Project started in 2018 with a partnership between The Ropewalk, Wilderspin & National School Museum and North Lincolnshire Council to shout about the fantastic wealth of heritage sites in the town and promote and celebrate Barton's culture and heritage and increase tourism to the area. The Heritage Open Days in 2018 and 2019 had talks, walks and open buildings enjoyed by thousands of people from around the region, but the project was mothballed as Covid hit.  
The Barton Heritage Project was re-launched in late 2023 thanks to funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, a Levelling Up programme, The Ropewalk, and the Barton Tourism Partnership. This funding is being used in Barton Upon Humber to not only increase local knowledge of the town's heritage, but to also draw in visitors from out of town to celebrate



L - R, Cheryl Beal, Community Engagement Officer, Christine Rostron, Education Outreach Worker and Natasha Back, Marketing Officer


and learn more about the town. A team led by officers from The Ropewalk and Wilderspin now has a Volunteer Coordinator, Marketing Officer, Community Engagement Officer and an Education Outreach Officer. This new team has been formed to work with partners and stakeholders within the town and surrounding areas to put plans in place and extend local and regional knowledge of our heritage.  
As part of the project, the partners have been looking at ways to restore and reopen Baysgarth House. Work has been going on behind the scenes with The Ropewalk and North Lincolnshire Council exploring all possibilities for the last two years. The Ropewalk with North Lincolnshire Council's support was successful with a £250,000 grant application to the Community Ownership Fund. The news, received a few days before Christmas, was a fantastic end to the year. We would like to add a note of caution as there is still some way to go before we reach the required level of funds to make this happen, but it is looking a lot more positive. Fingers crossed the results due from other funders in the spring will mean work can begin in the summer. You can keep up to date with The Barton Heritage Project by following **Historic Barton Upon Humber** on Facebook.  
Thank you, Tash



Caroline Edwards, Volunteer Co-ordinator

**SOUTH BANK PLAYERS**  
The Ghost Walk season got off to a great start on Halloween, and we had an even larger audience of around 60 people for our November walk. The last opportunities to join us this season is on **Friday 22nd March**. All walks start at **7.30pm** from **Baysgarth House Museum** and all tickets cost **£5**. These can be booked in advance to secure your place on [www.sbplayers.co.uk](http://www.sbplayers.co.uk) or bought on the night if we have not sold out.  
We performed our **Murder Mystery** in October at the Nelthorpe Arms, South Ferriby, and for Goxhill WI. Look out for a new Murder Mystery coming this year which we will be performing for Scawby WI in June and hopefully a few other places too.  
New members are welcome - we've had a couple of new people join the ghost walk this season, and we would love a few more helping hands. You don't have to take a speaking role - there is plenty to do behind the scenes too! Contact **Liz Drury** at [liz@lizdrury.co.uk](mailto:liz@lizdrury.co.uk) for more information.

This photograph was supplied to me by Gerard Burns, who had attempted to identify all present. It was featured in the last issue. The identity of the unknown person has been supplied by readers of the Gander.  
Thanks to Harry Lamming's daughter Yvonne Favell who contacted Elizabeth Fincham. Also confirmed by Ken Dring when shown the picture by John Guggiari.  
Thank you to all who helped with this. Editor  
The confirmed line up is from Left to right: Ken Dring, Len's younger brother. Ron Clayton. Brothers William Northen and Clifford Northen. The unknown person is Arthur Lamming's son Harry Lamming. Len Dring. Arthur Dring, Len and Ken's father.



Photograph taken by David Lee at George Hotel Barton Dec 1966

**DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE GANDER**  
Please have submissions in by Wed 1st May for distribution beginning of June (for all date sensitive information) email: [assistant.editor@goxhillgander.com](mailto:assistant.editor@goxhillgander.com) or contact Ferne Carmichael on 07949 822 943



I was glad the Memorial Hall brickwork repairs (Nov/Dec) were completed without any fuss and fanfare, and the fear of having to redo the kitchen roof proved unfounded. Many thanks to our understanding neighbours for putting up with the noise and dust. We found it was only the surface mortar that was crumbling. Apparently, once our contractor got onto the roof and dug around, he found the brickwork up there and the fibreglass lining to the kitchen roof were both as solid as a rock.

I am happy to report the Christmas and New Years PUP celebrations all went well. The decorations put up by Lucy and Sam were lovely and perfectly in keeping with the season. At our Dec committee meeting, the trustees also decided to continue the **Friday afternoon Community Cafes**, at least up till the summer break (June 24th). Our thanks must go to Goxhill Parish Council for sponsoring one of December cafes, providing the behind-the-counter service and the mouth-watering Christmas cake and mince pies, and for the Co-op's continued sponsorship of the fourth Friday cafe in each month. If anyone else would like to sponsor one of our Friday afternoons cafes, (£30+ depending on the quality of the refreshments you choose) do let us know. Attendance is usually around the 30-40 person mark. Last Friday we had two tables playing bridge, a third playing scrabble with five more tables surrounded by people chatting away to each other.

The **Spring Craft Fair** is booked for **Sunday 24th March**. You should also put **Sunday April 28th** in your diary as we will be having **George Egg** performing at the Hall, a gentleman who can show us all how to use power tools to whip up a full English. It's a meal date not to be missed. Let's hope the Hall stage scrubs up well afterwards.

**Goxhill Village Show** is pencilled in for **Sunday 28th July**, a week after the primary school breaks up for the summer. By the time you read this we hope to have the show date, prize monies, and show categories all agreed. I can only suggest you get testing those recipes, drag your craft bag out, or start that knitting or crocheting that pattern you've been meaning to do for years. After the heady excitement of the show, we will host the annual **Scarecrow Trail** over the **August bank holiday (Sunday and Monday, 25th and 26th Aug)** where the theme this year will be **"Characters from the Movies"**. I hope that inspires everyone out there to greater things on the scarecrow front.

That will quickly leads us to the **October Fotofrolic** competition, then to the **Christmas Fair** and, once again, all too soon, it will be Christmas. (sigh)

I am aware that like previous years, a blink and a deep breath and 365 days will have gone by in a flash. I am quite dreading that this year because 2025 will be very special for us. **In March 2025 our doors will have been open for 100 years.**



The Memorial Hall in 1925

You might however not recognise the 1925 building that welcomed Goxhill villagers inside its walls. The original building looked so small and quaint with its trellis fencing and Tyrolean roof vents. The extra room provided by the side wings were a 1970's addition. Some villagers might remember that not long after that, children from the Primary School could be seen trooping up the road each day in a disciplined crocodile, on their way to the Hall for their lunch. After 90 years of sterling service, the damp and crumbling front section was cheerfully demolished and rebuilt a mere 6/7 years ago while the kitchen was gutted and reinstalled more recently (2021). This all tells you that maintaining a building that's 100 years old is a full time job. That aside, to celebrate our anniversary we hope to put on an exhibition showcasing how the hall building has evolved and how it was used over the last 100 years and to hold one or two events from those early days. **Exciting times ahead...**

Until next time, or till I see you at the Friday afternoon café – best wishes from the Memorial Hall.

**Ann Carter - 530635**

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### FUTURE EVENTS IN THE HALL

- Community Café**  
Every Friday - 2 - 5pm (free snacks/drinks)
- Spring Craft Fair**  
Sunday March 24th - 10 - 3pm
- Live Lincs - George Egg**  
Sunday April 28th - 7.30pm
- Goxhill Village Show** - all day  
Sunday July 28th
- Scarecrow Trail**  
Sunday & Monday 26/27 August 11-5pm

### REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

- Mon: Baby and Toddlers (9.15-11.30am)  
Short Mat Bowls (2-4pm)
- Tues: Pilates (10-11am),  
Martial Arts (4-8pm)
- Wed: Short Mat Bowls (7-9pm)
- Thurs: Pilates (10-11am)  
Martial Arts, Ladies Kickboxing (7-8pm)
- Fri: Short Mat Bowls (10-12am)  
Dog Training S&S (6:30-8pm)
- Sat: Taekwando (11:30-2pm)

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## GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

### Councillor Mike Gathercole

Regardless of anything that the Parish Council may have done in the last three months, the overriding memory will be the very sad and unexpected death of Councillor Mike Gathercole. Only hours earlier Mike had been sat in the Parish Room discussing Council business like he had at virtually every Council meeting since he joined GPC in 2001. After 23 years as a Parish Councillor he will be sorely missed.

### 2024/25 Precept

December is the month where we set our budget (known as the Precept) for the next council year. Councils do not carry forward any funds from the previous year unless there are outstanding invoices from work undertaken prior to 1st April. Therefore, we have to cover every known and anticipated spend for the next 12 months as well as including funding for maintenance activities and any projects that the Council plan to undertake in the next 12 months. To this end the Council's planned expenditure for 2024/5 is £99,532 with expected income of £26,182 making a total of £73,350. However, we will have some surplus left in the current account on 31st March so we have been able to reduce the Precept requirement to £60,350. This is an 18.5% reduction on last year's Precept requirement.

### South End Traffic Issues

The Council has been working with North Lincs Council officers, South End residents and the Police trying to identify a solution to the traffic issues being experienced in this area. Whilst GPC is unable to actually implement any changes to traffic movements we have been able to bring people together to discuss the issues and that has led to a public meeting that was held on 25th January 2024. At that meeting over 200 Goxhill residents came to speak to NLC Director Lesley Potts and her team. In addition Ms Potts was presented with over 300 written comments on the traffic issues in Goxhill. It is my understanding that all this information, along with reports from a Humberside Police safety officer, NLC Highways and her own observations, will be taken into account before she produces a report. I have been assured by Ms Potts and Cllr R Hannigan that there will be another public meeting where the report will be presented to the village.

### Land to the rear of Hawthorn Gardens

As mentioned in the last Gander, Keigar Homes Ltd are looking at options for a community area on the land next to the playing field. We have provided a number of suggestions for them to consider and it is hoped that a reply from Keigar will be available for discussion at the February meeting.

### Mary Denness Blue Plaque

The Council were asked to consider erecting a blue

plaque in the village to recognise Mary Denness, one of the 4 Headscarf Revolutionaries (Yvonne Blenkinsop, Lillian Bilocca, Mary Denness and Christine Smallbone.) who changed the safety of the fishing industry for everyone. She lived in Goxhill from 1971 to 2017. GPC supported this request and after speaking to her family we have spoken to the Methodist Chapel with a view to placing the plaque at the chapel. This will now go to Goxhill Methodist Church Council for their input.

### Parish Clerk – Hannah Hepworth

I am pleased to say that our new clerk, Hannah Hepworth, is settling in well to her role. The Personnel Committee (during the recruitment process) and the Council (on appointment) have made some adjustments to working hours and contact methods.

**Hannah can be contacted at goxhillparishcouncil@gmail.com and by ringing 01469 531578. This is the Parish Room land line and will connect to her mobile if not answered within 10 rings. The Clerk will also be working from the Parish Room every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 0900-1200. Best Kept Village**

The Council have applied for a grant from NLC for the purchase of perennial plants and shrubs. If we are successful these will be shared between the village planters, Millennium Green and a new planted area at North End next to the notice board. If you would like to help or were one of the Lifestyle

group that did the original planting please get in touch with me or the Clerk. Any young people and their adult representatives wanting ideas for a Lifestyle Challenge this year are welcome to contact our Clerk who has a wealth of experience in supporting winning teams and can suggest ideas which combine with the Council's objectives and village priorities.

### Community Cafe

The Chairmen's allowance sponsored a Community Cafe at the Memorial Hall just before Christmas. It was well supported by members of the public and Councillors and gave us an opportunity to listen to parishioners.

### Village Sign

Finally, a big thank you to Paul Weeks and his helpers for the work that has gone into restoring the Village Sign on Thornton Road. It looks wonderful!

**Jack Lawtey - GPC Chairman**

### Useful Contacts for Goxhill Parish Council


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## Community Governance Review @ North Lincs Council has now commenced.

**Stage 1 of the consultation will be undertaken between Monday 12 February 2024 and Friday 11 April 2024.**

During this consultation, NLC will be seeking views and/or proposals about existing parish boundaries, numbers of councillors and if any new parishes should be created or existing parishes abolished or merged and where these should be.

Before making any recommendations or publishing final proposals, **NLC will take full account of the views of local people in the Parishes being reviewed** and will comply with the statutory consultative requirements by –

- Consulting local government electors in the Parishes.
- Consulting any other person or body (including other relevant local authorities and parish councils) which appears to the council to have an interest in the review.

**NLC is encouraging any individual, business or organisation that has an interest in the governance of their parish to complete a short questionnaire, which can be accessed at [Community Governance Review - have your say \(Page 1 of 5\) \(office.com\)](http://Community Governance Review - have your say (Page 1 of 5) (office.com))**

**A dedicated page on the council's web site contains further information on the review, including some frequently asked questions. The web page can be accessed at [Community Governance Review - North Lincolnshire Council \(northlincs.gov.uk\)](http://Community Governance Review - North Lincolnshire Council (northlincs.gov.uk))**

The council would encourage as many stakeholders from the parish to complete the questionnaire.



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## GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

During the coming months our club's dedicated volunteers will be busy putting the finishing touches to Goxhill's bowling green ready for the forthcoming outdoor bowling season. In the autumn a lot of the jobs were completed including scarifying and work to help drainage, with the latter being very beneficial given the exceptionally wet weather we have had in recent months. Top dressings of sand, fertilizer, and a product to aid water retention during a (hopefully) sunny and dry summer will help ensure that our members, and opponents, enjoy a good playing surface throughout the season.



*Scarifying the bowling green*

Having spent quite a lot of volunteer time and money on our facilities we reckon we offer some of the best playing and viewing for spectators in North Lincolnshire and beyond. Quite a few Goxhill residents now attend our matches just to watch so, if you have never been before, make time this year visit us whether your intention is to play or watch. There is no need to be a member or to pay anything at all to spectate.

Ideally, we want to tempt people to try their hand at lawn bowling and perhaps take it up as a regular sport. If you think that might be of interest to you then April is the best time to start. Learning the basics early on means you can get maximum value from membership of our club if you decide to join. Lawn bowling is an inexpensive sport that most people can enjoy at pretty much any age so it is a great pastime for involving the whole family. Even if you have not been active in other sports in the past, you should find bowling well within your physical capabilities and very enjoyable.

**At Goxhill Bowling Club you can try out lawn bowling entirely free.** With footwear that will not damage the green - reasonably flat-soled shoes, sandals or trainers - you are good to go. We can lend everything else required, with free basic coaching and support offered by experienced bowlers. Lawn bowls are available to borrow without charge and when you want to buy your own bowls, they are usually available second-hand and easily affordable if you do not want to buy new. If you come along to watch our matches then we are confident that you will find it a pleasant way to enjoy a summer evening and we are always happy to welcome spectators. Bench seats with cushions at the front of our pavilion and a viewing shelter provide good views and protection if there is a bit of a breeze or an unexpected shower. Scoreboards show how games are progressing on each rink and if the scoring or rules are unclear then there will usually be somebody watching who can explain what is happening. We aim to play our matches competitively but in a polite and sporting manner. All we ask of spectators is that they support us in the same fashion.

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# Welcome to Goxhill sign

It's the Prince of Wales (who later became King Edward VII) to thank for our Welcome to Goxhill sign. In the early 20th century, he commissioned four signs on his Sandringham Estate in Norfolk to "foster community spirit, and identify".

Indeed, Goxhill stands proud as it keeps this tradition going, with many thanks to Paul, the Parish Council, Tony, Steve, Rob, Roger, Bruce and Bob.

The original sign was commissioned by the Parish Council in, or around, 1996. It was made by Thompson Industries, then based in Goxhill. There is a plaque dedicated to Thompson Industries at the back of the post. The post is made from Iroko wood, which is native to West Africa.

The sign itself symbolises Goxhill in all its glory. From Goxhill's farming heritage to our unique involvement in WW2. The propeller in the middle represents the old airfield at Goxhill and the silver leaf finish is in recognition of the P-38 lightnings used by the Americans in WW2. This is surrounded by poppies and wheat, our lovely All Saints church, and the geese. Why geese, you might say? Apparently they used to gather on the hill (next to what is now the Parish Rooms) when the Humber tide was in. It became known as 'Goosehill'. The beautiful blossom is self explanatory. The separate picture located to the left of the sign, is in recognition of our farming community.



The original sign before restoration

Roger Arnott, a woodturner from Barton, had the pleasure of turning a very large & heavy piece of Iroko into a beautiful finial. The bracket was sand blasted by Rob Robertson, (Blasted Ltd) who is located in Goxhill, and the actual post was stripped, sanded and oiled with double boiled linseed, to its original wood by Paul Weeks.

Now for the pièce de résistance, the actual sign. This was lovingly restored by Bruce Margetson (BFM Painting Services), who stated: "I had always admired the original design of the sign and felt that a repainted sign should closely simulate the original layout. On getting the go-ahead, I decided to get the best possible finish prior to the repainting with the help of Bob Vessey (AutoCosmetix), in which I was confident of achieving the best possible outcome in terms of surface preparation and finish. On the original sign, indications of paint fade and corrosion due to exposure to the elements were clearly visible and most of the pictorial elements had lost their definition. I proposed the option of making the propeller



image more metallic in appearance than the original and while doing so, to also do the lettering in the same kind of finish. For this, I decided to use a genuine silver leaf technique, whereas the rest of the sign was hand painted with sign enamel. Bob kindly lacquered the finished sign for protection. Here's hoping the renewed sign will be an attractive and pleasing feature at the entrance to the village, backed up by our beautiful line of cherry trees".

Well said Bruce! and well done everyone! Community Spirit, and having pride in our village is what Goxhill is all about.

Welcome to Goxhill !

Angela Weeks

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L-R Paul Weeks, Steve Scrivener, Bruce Margetson, Jack Lawtey (Parish Council) and Tony Ruddy. Three people could not make the photo shoot, they are Rob Robertson, Bob Vessey and Roger Arnott.

This community project was organised by Paul Weeks, and funded by the Parish Council. Steve Scrivener helped with the dismantling, and reassembling. One of our residents, Tony Ruddy, kindly donated £100 towards the cost of restoration. The 'acorn' situated at the top of the post was rotten, and had to be completely replaced.



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# Goxhill Open Gardens 2024



We organise the opening of gardens in Goxhill, or offer to open our own gardens, for a number of reasons. Chief amongst these is that we enjoy the open days for their gentle pleasures of ambling through Goxhill's streets and lanes between opportunities for wandering around colourful and productive gardens, indulgent consumption of cakes, risky aims at tombola prizes and chance meetings with friends and strangers. Some of those opportunities might not be available to garden owners but all help to produce



funds which in turn help to support Goxhill's hard-working Methodist and Anglican Churches. **This year we are organising two events.**

**Saturday 4th May**  
noon - 5pm  
A few spring gardens will be open.

**Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd June**  
noon - 5pm each day  
A range of gardens on both days.

Garden location maps will be available outside the Chapel.  
June weekend - £4 per adult per day & under-18s will enter free of charge. (See posters for May cost).  
Refreshments in the Chapel schoolroom until 4pm on all three days.  
Further details of the June Open Gardens will be advertised in the summer edition of The Gander.  
Look out for posters around the village & on the Grapevine for more details nearer the time.



**NEW FOR 2024 on 22nd & 23rd June**

**Fun competition for the best decorated Gander (Goose).**

To add a bit of fun for yourself and those walking around the village visiting gardens, you could decorate a gander and stand it in a flowerful plant pot outside your house or in one of the gander flock areas. **There might be prizes!** Full details in the next Gander.

**Gander and chick templates will be provided in the summer edition of The Gander,** so that any of you, young and old, can cut out a gander shape and decorate it.

**Please - We need your help to make all this happen!**

If you are able to offer any of the following, please get in touch with Caroline or Christine.

- Your garden for opening in May and / or June.
- Yourself to help with stalls / map selling / serving teas etc.
- Cakes. Tombola prizes. Plants to sell.
- Sponsorship to help cover the cost of prizes and/or general costs.

All support will be greatly appreciated and would enable us to continue open gardens in Goxhill this year and in the future. **Christine 07512 004942 or Caroline 01469 532204 caroline.rhombus@btinternet.com**

**NEXT OPEN GARDENS MEETING**

**Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 6.30pm Chapel Schoolroom**  
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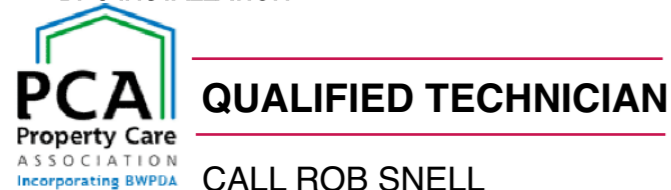
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## GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

This half term we have been celebrating writing and wanted to share this with you all to raise the profile of some of the many budding authors that we have within our school. Using Active Spelling and our new Handwriting Programme ISHA have certainly helped us to develop our key skills alongside our creativity. We are looking forward to celebrating world book day this year through Shakespeare drama workshops, which are spread over a couple of weeks, to inspire, motivate and educate our young learners.

**Miss Hayley Twidale, Executive Head Teacher**

*Below are some writing extracts from years 1-6. Can you spot any of your writing?*

### Year 1

#### The Forest

*As I walk through the forest, I see the bright colossal moon. I see long ivy. I hear owls hooting. I hear the long river. I feel the furry tail of a fox.*

### Year 2

*Early one morning, Syd meandered to Grandad's house. There was a dirty, yellow key under a patterned, brown flower pot so Syd let himself in. Syd carefully opened the black door and he searched for Grandad but he couldn't find him. Just as he was about to leave, he heard Grandad bellowing his name, "Syd there's somethings I want to show you!" Syd quickly dashed to the attic, climbed the black, metal ladder and found himself surrounded by interesting things. There was an antique, golden gramophone, an old delicate bird cage and a large, sturdy easel. Grandad pulled a dusty moth-bitten sheet from the wall to reveal an interesting shiny door! Syd turned the handle. Clang! Syd was stood on the deck of a very tall ship and all he saw was the sun, satellites and a chimney...*

### Year 3

*Gnarled, twisted trees stood under the blinding moon. Shadows multiplied. I froze as thick mist glared at me. "Hello," I whispered. Then I took a deep breath then crept into the never-ending darkness. As I carefully and slowly crept, dark spiked leaves crunched loudly beneath my feet. Thin long sticks snapped and echoed like an eternal whisper. The full menacing moon was suffocated by shadow's darkness. I looked behind me, then said to myself, "Run!"*

### Year 4

*In a mythical land called Banana Land there lived a little banana in his fruit bowl in a house. It was a beautiful land with trees and animals everywhere. The banana was big, yellow and his name was Jeff.*

*Jeff was chilling in his fruit bowl when suddenly he saw a girl licking her lips. He wondered what she was thinking. Her name was Amy. He felt apprehension. Amy said, "I'm hungry." "Arrgh run!" said Jeff. They ran and ran and ran across the table. Suddenly, he fell and got bruised but he kept on going and going but still fell.*

*Jeff thought he was doomed but all of a sudden a little three legged spider jumped out and landed on Amy's face...*

### Year 5

*As the luminous moon appeared, the mammoth alien mothership came to life. Two young aliens were fast asleep in bed until... beep, beep, beep. With a jolt, they awoke...*

*... When the timer had faded away, they revved up the engine. Like a bullet, the tiny ships shot off the main deck towards the meteor. As they zoomed off towards Zaimon, there was a blip, blip, blip. They were getting closer to the meteor. Then another timer appeared with only 30 minutes. How could they stop the meteor in time?...*

### Year 6

*Connor watched as the last glass vase shattered in his hands. He scanned the room. All he*

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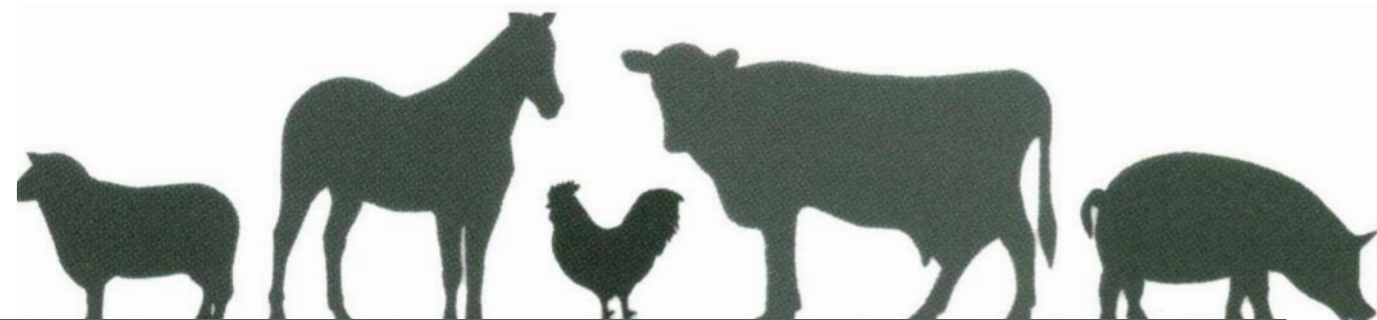
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saw was a tsunami of destruction: sofa stuffing everywhere; a grandfather clock smashed beyond repair; and wallpaper ripped into individual strips. Shock froze him to the spot. "What have I done?" Connor's voice echoed through what was once a living room. 'What is Gran going to think?' he asked himself. The more he thought about Gran, the more he began to dread the noise of her car – Connor bit his lip so hard that he drew blood. The silence stabbed him like a knife. A knot of sorrow and regret built up inside him.

He dropped to his knees and wailed...



## 1st GOXHILL & BARROW SCOUTS

In respect to the **scout's new hut project**, we are still collating evidence to support our **National Lottery bid**, gathering estimates from various trades persons and businesses.

Additionally, I am still keen to hear from any **local groups or organisations who would be interested in using our new facility** when it is completed.

On the funding note we have been successful in gaining support from **Tesco** and our project goes to "in store voting" in **January until March 2024**, it would be great if you would be able to support our project and vote for us when visiting the store.

Sadly, due to a change in personal circumstances, our Explorer Leader Chris Harris is having to step down in the New Year. This means we are once again looking for someone to take up the role, **if you are interested in taking up the challenge and becoming a Leader, please contact me.**

In the last few months, the Group has supported:  
Goxhill Memorial Hall Remembrance Service  
(next year we will be back in Barton).

Barton Christmas Lights switch on and Lantern Parade.  
Barrow Methodist Hall Christmas Tree festival.

So, what have our young people been up to?

**Beavers** – They have been working on their Communication, Fitness and Creative badges making Christmas decorations. They also attended a District Campfire session and a Christmas party.

**Cubs** – They have been cooking, making wet felting materials and making Christmas gifts and decorations. As well as muddy walks along the Humber bank.

**Scouts and Explorers** have been completing First Aid training with **LIVES** Instructors and achieved their Level 5 Emergency Aid qualification. We raised and donated £100 to LIVES for their assistance to the Group. We have also been involved in cooking and on a couple of night hikes on and around the Humber bank.

**Andy Oliver - Group Scout Leader**  
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## Goxhill Gander Grant Scheme

Over the last few years, the Gander has helped with the printing costs for the Goxhill Community Calendar and also for publicity material and maps for Goxhill Open Gardens.

It has been decided to make this grant scheme available to anyone in Goxhill.

### Who will it be open to?

Any Goxhill resident or group over the age of 13 years (with their parents permission) and any other person over the age of 18 years. The award of a grant will not take into account gender, race, disability etc.

The scheme is aimed mainly at persons (not exclusive to) who do not have the chance of applying to other grant organisation. The maximum grant will be £500.

The grant will need evidence of how it will be spent and how deliverable the award will be achieved by

the applicant. All records of the expenditure must be shown to the Gander Team and the Team reserve the right to ask for repayment should it be felt necessary. The application to the fund can only be made on the official grant application form by the applicant. If the person is under 18 years old then the application should be counter signed by a responsible person ie parent, guardian etc.

An applicant must be aware, under General Data Protection Regulation legislation, their application will be stored on a computer for a duration as determined necessary by the Gander Team.

Who decides on the awarding of the grant?

Members of Goxhill Gander Editorial Team will decide whether to agree the application and their decision will be final.

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## Mike Gathercole 7/2/1954 - 5/1/2024

It was a huge shock and with great sadness that we heard that Mike Gathercole had died suddenly on Friday 5th January 2024.

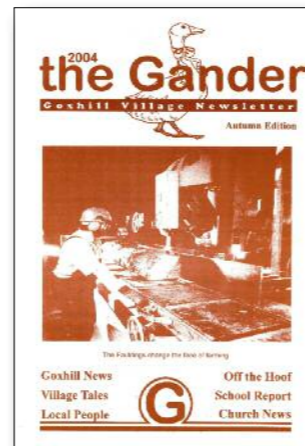
Mike and his family have lived in Goxhill for over 34 years and for a great number of those he had been involved in village community activities.

When I say involved, that is a real understatement of Mike's commitment to so much in Goxhill, so much progress and achievement. How he fitted it all in is truly amazing.

In 1992, Mike became a governor at Goxhill School and was actively involved for 19 years, including Chair of Governors for several years. He resigned in 2011 and later continued as a governor at the Grange Primary School in Scunthorpe and Kirton Lindsey Primary School.

In 1996 he became involved with the Gander, stepping in to join a new committee, when it was in danger of folding, and

continued for 27 years. He did 8 years as coordinator/editor's assistant and managed 2 editions as editor on his own, taking over when Richard Owen had to retire. Mike was relieved when Adam Ellis took over from him, as it was too much for one person to do at the time. But he continued on the Gander Team to the end.



The cover of one of the editions of the Gander that Mike edited.

In 2001, Mike became a Parish Councillor. He was co-opted onto the Parish Council in November 2001. However Mike was a Police Officer and he had to take the Chief Constable of Humberside Police to court, as he refused Mike permission to take on the role. The Chief Constable believed that regulations stated that 'police officers may not take an active part in politics'. His interpretation was over ruled in court, as their view was that serving on a Parish Council was deemed not to be political. During his service he was Parish Council Chairman for 16 years, from 2004 until 2016 and again from 2019 until 2023. Mike served for a total of 23 years on the council until his untimely death on 5th January 2024. Less than 24 hours earlier he had sat with other Councillors and members of the public in the Parish Rooms, discussing council business as usual on the first Thursday of the month.

In 2007 he became Chairman of the Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership; a role he was to continue with for 16 years, striving to put the Partnership on a secure footing whilst making sure that Goxhill Station was well looked after.

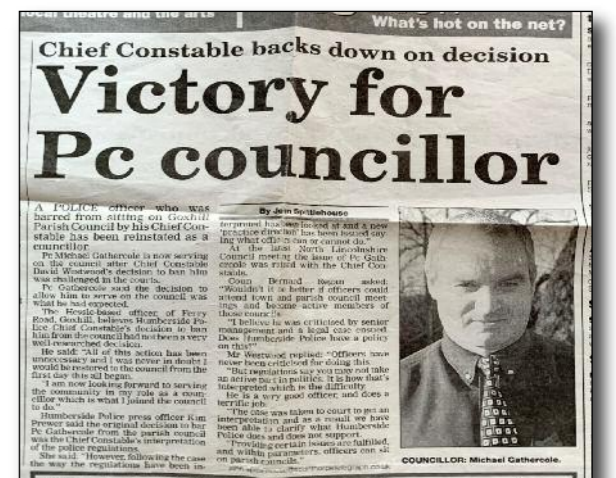
From 2008, Mike was a regular at the Goxhill Allotments, overseeing them on behalf of the Parish Council, before taking on his own allotment in 2010. During his 16-year association with the allotments he was involved with fundraising, building and providing facilities on the site. So, in 2022 when the Allotment Association was re-formed, Mike was a natural for the role of Chairman.

We should all be very grateful for Mike's commitment to Goxhill. He has served us well and really made a big difference in many ways.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to Karen, Dean, Riykena and all Mike's family, friends and colleagues, as well as Tilly, his dog.



Mike at the opening of the MUGA



A cutting from the Scunthorpe Telegraph January 28th 2002

**Jeff Teasdale, Editor**



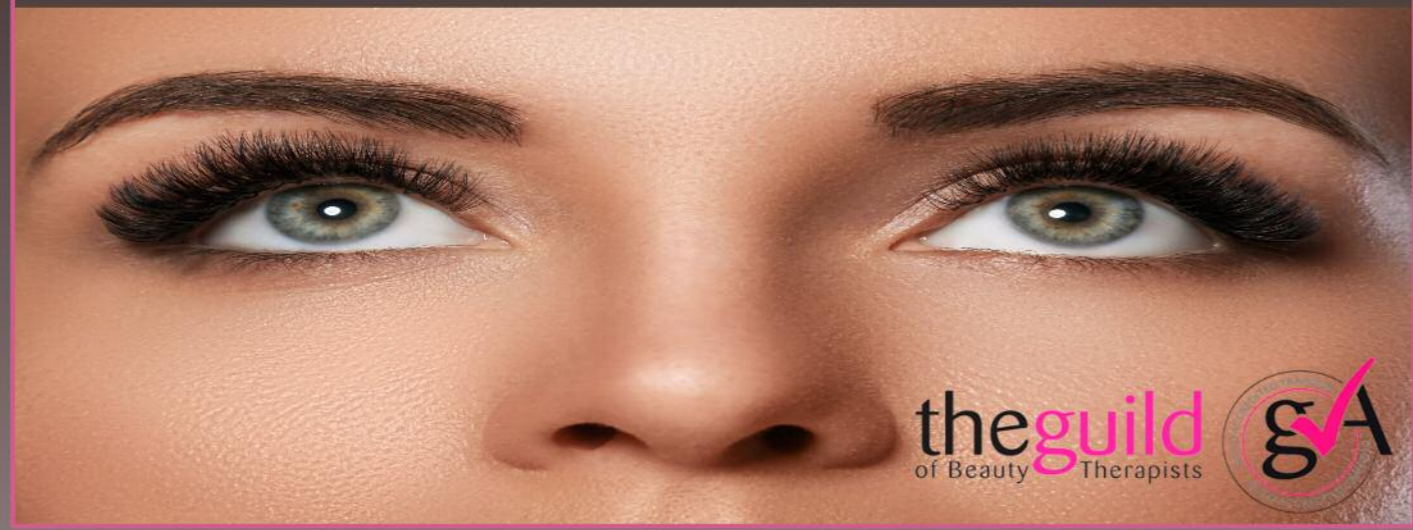
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## Dear Resident,

We are writing to introduce ourselves as your **Neighbourhood Policing Team** in Humberside Police, covering the **Ferry Ward**. The ward which includes Goxhill is covered by **Sergeant Jamie Allen, PC Lewis Call and PCSO Richard Lawson**.

**PC Call** has 7 years' experience as a police officer and **PCSO Richard Lawson** has been in the position for 16 years. We have already built-up strong relationships with Goxhill Primary School, and we also attend the Memorial Hall on regular occasions for monthly police drop-ins. We work out of **Barton Police station** and can be contacted on the phone via **101** or by email from the **Humberside Police website, Ferry Ward webpage**.

We are also operating a community alert system, called **My Community Alert**. This is a free messaging system operated by Humberside Police, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, and Humberside Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, giving you live information about incidents happening in your area. This operates via emails which can help to make you aware of any issues that could affect you, such as burglaries in your area or prolific offences affecting your community.

We are also conducting a **short survey** which I hope you can take a few minutes to complete, which will help us to better understand our community and identify any issues which we can work together to resolve. Your feedback will help us to improve our services and better help the community.

**The survey and registration** will only take a moment, on average only 2 minutes to

## A 'CONVERSATION' WITH NLC ON TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT GOXHILL

It was very good to see such a large and vociferous gathering in the Memorial Hall on 25th January, to have a 'conversation' with Lesley Potts, Assistant Director Place, North Lincolnshire Council and other experts from NLC.

Ward councillors and our MP were also present, plus members of our Parish Council.

The traffic problem is caused by the increasing numbers of HGVs to and from the old airfield, by Salfina and other companies on our limited country road network.

A proposed one-way system round the roads on the Marsh, to avoid the bottle neck at South End, has been withdrawn, for the time being. It met with so much opposition from the whole of the village, as it shifts the problem to Thornton Road, Ferry Road at North End and on to the narrow country lanes on the Marsh.

Over 225 attended the meeting, including residents from all parts of the village, representatives of transport companies and businesses on the marsh, farmers and a number of children showing an interest in the future.

Heated debates with NLC experts, went on around

each of the tables, spread with maps of the area. By the end they were covered with post it notes of all the concerns, suggestions and ideas for a solution.

Angela Weeks, one of Goxhill's residents fighting to find a solution to the traffic problems, said *"Goxhill did us proud with over 300 signatures. I hope NLC (and the Parish) got the message. I am gearing myself up for another fight if need be. One thing I found on the 'conversation' day, was the passion and community spirit of all the village."*

For the Gas pipeline, constructed a few years ago, a by-pass at South End was a temporary solution and could not become permanent.

But this is no longer a temporary problem and could get worse if more use of the old airfield increases the amount of HGVs in and around Goxhill.

The police have said the current traffic arrangement at South End is not safe.

And the other roads involved are not suitable, as they are, for more and more heavy vehicles.

NLC have advised it will consider all the feedback from the 'conversation' and come back with their proposed solution in about 6 weeks.

So look out for the outcome on facebook or in the next issue of the Gander. **Jeff Teasdale, Editor**





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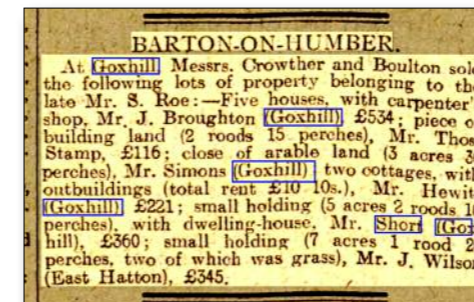
### The Short Family - The last Goxhill man killed on the field of battle and his brother the Market Gardener Part 2 of 2

In my last article I provided details of the first and second generations of the Short family who lived in Goxhill. **William Short (1843-1930)** was head of the first generation of the Short family; William's surviving son **Charles (1870-1957)** was head of a branch of the second generation of the Short Family. I will concentrate in this article on Charles Short and, in particular, his two older sons, **William Short (b. 1894)**, who is named on the village World War 1 memorial plaque and in the church too, and **Charles Short (junior) (b. 1898)** who was a Market Gardener.

Charles Short senior, who in 1891 was recorded working as a farm servant at Goxhill Hall, married Mary Ann Robinson (b. 1874) in Goxhill Church on 27 September 1893. Mary Ann Robinson was a servant working for Robert and Jane Fulstow. The Fulstows had lived at Goxhill Hall but after retirement lived in the village at, I believe, Spring Garth which stands today opposite the Memorial Hall.

Charles Short senior had become a Railway Signaller just prior to his marriage and he and Mary Ann Short (nee Robinson) lived initially in Frodingham, Scunthorpe. Their eldest child William was born there, a year to the day after their marriage. The family moved then to Thornton Curtis where their second child Charles (1898) was born. The following year a third son Harold was born in Goxhill. In the 1901 village census Charles senior's occupation was given as a 'Carrier of Farm Goods'. In the 1901 Glanford Brigg Valuation List Charles Short senior's home comprised 'House, Outbuildings and Garden, Farm Buildings and Land' in Buttersfield (an area of College Road) and is recorded being owned by 'Samuel Roe's Representatives'.

Samuel Roe, a Carpenter of The Square, Goxhill, had died in 1895 (he was the grandfather of Frederick Roe (Gander Spring 2019)). Samuel Roe's widow, Elizabeth, died in 1915. A newspaper report, on 2 April 1915, detailed the sale of properties which had been owned by Samuel Roe's representatives. This included a 'Smallholding 15 acres, 2 roods and 16 perches with dwelling house'



Report of the sale of property of the late Mr S. Roe of Goxhill published in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph on 2 April 1915. It includes the sale of a small holding (College Road) to Mr Short, Goxhill.

which was purchased by Mr Short, Goxhill £360'. I believe that this is the property now named Summerfield Farm on College Road and that Charles Short had purchased the home that he was living in. Charles and Mary Ann lived on College Road until the 1940s, when they moved to Station Road in Thornton Curtis.

A 1948 map of Goxhill shows evidence of the United States Army Air Force (USAAF) sites in the village. One of these sites lies just to the east of the house at

Summerfield Farm. I wonder if this was the reason that Charles Short (senior) made the decision to move from Goxhill to Thornton Curtis?

**Third generation of the Short family in Goxhill.** Charles and Mary Ann Short had seven children. Their seventh and youngest child and sixth son, George, was born on 31 December 1911. He lived for just three days and was buried in Goxhill on 3 January 1912.

Their sixth child, Arthur, was born in Goxhill in 1907. Arthur married in Barton in 1929 and his two sons William (b. 1930) and Peter (b. 1933) were born in Goxhill. The 1939 census lists Arthur as a 'Small Holder, Own Account' on the East Marsh Road.

**Can anyone state where this was?** Arthur and his wife Muriel lived eventually, I believe, in Scunthorpe. I certainly remember Arthur and Muriel's granddaughter Wendy, who was Peter's daughter. Wendy married Jim Brennan. The Brennan family lived in Abbeygarth Villas and Jim's younger brother Terry worked for my dad as a delivery boy at London House. I remember that Terry joined the Royal Marines; his father had served as a Colour Sergeant in the Royal Marines and Terry was keen to emulate him.

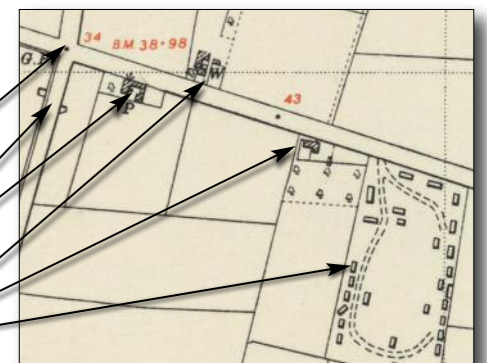
Charles and Mary Ann Short's fifth child and only daughter was Ivy Elizabeth (b. 1904). Ivy married Charles Rhodes of East Halton in 1930. Charles and Ivy Elizabeth Rhodes (nee Short) farmed on the Barrow end of College Road. Ivy died in 1958 and her probate states that she was 'of Thornton Road, Goxhill'. **Again, can anyone tell me where she lived?** The Short's fourth child, son Alfred (b. 1903), married Alice Grace Espin in Barton in 1925 and lived, I believe in Scunthorpe where he was a Locomotive Driver at the Steel Works.

The Short's third son Harold, their first child to be born in Goxhill, was listed in the 1921 census working as a 'Horseman on Farm' for Charles Hill who was the Farm Foreman for Francis Cavill who farmed at College Farm near Thornton Abbey. This farm stands alongside the railway line and is between Soff Lane, South End and College Road near Thornton Abbey. Harold Short married Annie Lusby Grey (formerly Abey) in 1926. Annie was a widow with a young daughter. Harold, Annie and her daughter made their home on the Beckside at Thornton Abbey, close to the Abey family farm, known as Top Farm (now demolished). They moved later to live on Station Road in Thornton Curtis. Annie was a member of the Goxhill Methodist Sisterhood and the Women's Institute.

An interesting familial connection between the Short and Abey families is that an uncle of Annie Short (nee Abey),

1948 map of College Road, Goxhill

- Recycling Centre crossroads
- Thornton Road
- Foxhill Farm, home of Albert Abey
- Hilltop Farm
- Summerfield Farm
- Evidence of USAAF site



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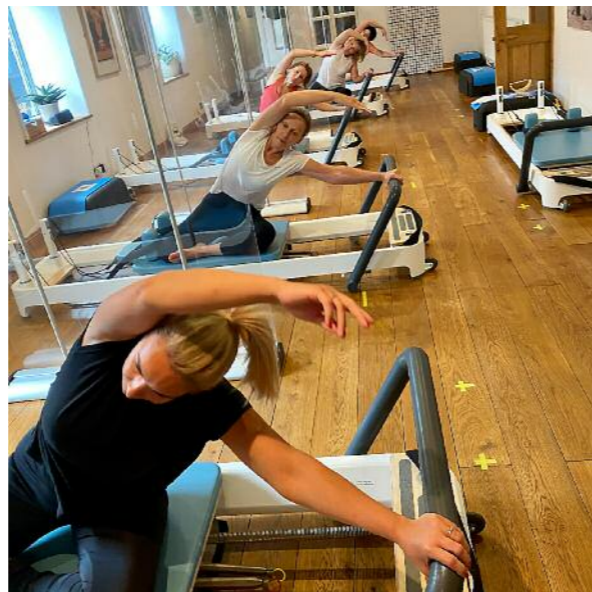
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Albert Abey was also a Market Gardener. In the 1921 census Albert Abey is recorded, with his young family, living in three rooms close to the Butterswood railway crossing but by 1939 the Abey family are living at Foxhill Farm which stands on College Road, looking towards the Re-cycling Centre and before Summerfield Farm where, I believe, the Short family were living.

**Market Gardener: Charles Short (b. 1898)**, Charles and Mary Ann Short's second son, had been born in Thornton Curtis on 14 March 1898. He was admitted into Goxhill School on 6 April 1902 shortly after his fourth birthday. The Admissions Register states that Charles left Goxhill School on 14 March 1911, on his thirteenth birthday, receiving an age exemption because he was to be employed in an Agricultural role. When enlisting into the Royal Navy in May 1918, Charles was recorded being a Plate Layer's Labourer. He worked on the Railway. In the Royal Navy he served as a Stoker, in the Ship's Engine Room. After completing his service, by 1921, Charles was recorded living with his parents at Summerfield Farm, working as a Carrier on his 'Own Account'. He appears to have taken over this role from his father. Charles Short (senior) is



Marriage of Charles Short and Nora Thompson in Goxhill on 20 July 1921 reported in *The Hull Daily Mail* 30 July 1921.

recorded now as a 'Farmer'. Charles junior married Nora Thompson (b. 1899 Goxhill) in Goxhill Church on 20 July 1921. Their attendants were Charles Short's sister Ivy (later Rhodes) and Emily Taylor, his cousin. Harold, his brother, was the best man. Charlie Guillatt believes that, when first married, Charles and Nora lived near to Charlie's grandparents, the Beswicks, who lived at No 1 Council Villas, Thornton Road.

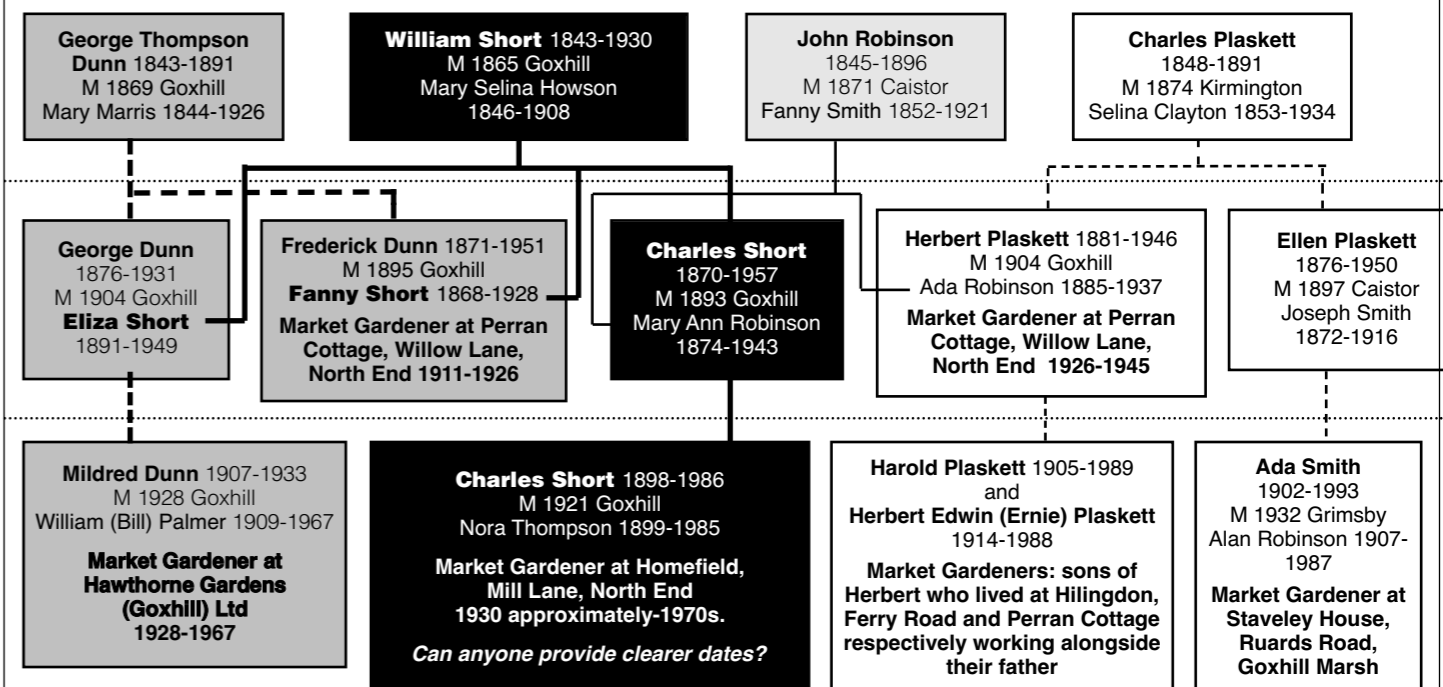
No specific address is given in a newspaper report on 27 November 1928 in the *Hull Daily Mail* for Charles Short, but the article states that, at the Barton and District Horticultural Society's Annual Show 'C. Short, Goxhill' won 1st prize in the competitions for 'Cauliflowers' and 'Carrots (stumps rooted)'. It seems that Charles had found his calling in Market Gardening.

**This seems to be an appropriate place to explain other familial links between Charles**

**Short junior and other Goxhill Market Gardeners who I have covered in previous Gander articles.**

See the table below showing relationships between Charles Short and other village Market Gardeners and bullet points added to support the table.

## FAMILY CONNECTIONS BETWEEN MARKET GARDENERS IN GOXHILL: Short, Dunn, Robinson and Plaskett families



Fanny Robinson (nee Smith) wife of John Robinson and mother of Mary Ann and Ada Robinson is not related to Joseph Smith and his daughter Ada Robinson (nee Smith) wife of Alan Robinson  
 John Robinson husband of Fanny and father of Mary Ann and Ada is not relation to Alan Robinson

- Frederick Dunn (b. 1871), married Fanny Short and was Charles Short's uncle. Frederick is recorded being a Market Gardener at Perran Cottage in Willow Lane, North End between 1911 (possibly as early as 1908 when William Austin Allitt died) and 1926 when the property was advertised for sale (Gander Autumn 2022)
- Frederick and Fanny Dunn (nee Short)'s brother and sister George and Eliza Dunn (nee Short) were the parents of Mildred Dunn who married Bill Palmer. Bill was employed as a Market Gardener by Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd from 1928 until his death in 1967
- Charles Short's aunt, Ada Robinson (his mother's sister) married Herbert Plaskett (b. 1881). Herbert is recorded being a Market Gardener at Perran Cottage most probably between 1926 when Frederick Dunn left and until just after 1945. His sons Harold and Ernie worked alongside him (Gander Autumn 2022)
- Herbert Plaskett's sister Ellen was Alan Robinson's mother in law. Alan (b. 1907) established a Market Garden at Staveley House on Ruards Road shortly after his marriage. His best man when he married was Harold Plaskett, son of Herbert and Ada Plaskett (nee Robinson), who was his bride's cousin.



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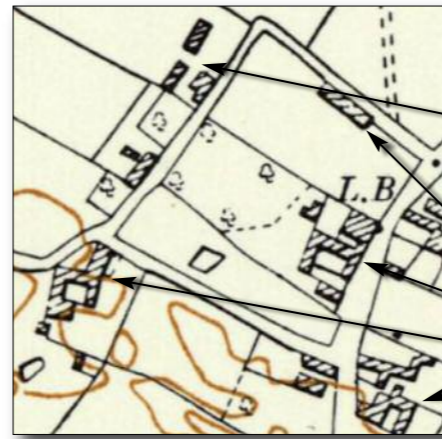
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1966 map showing Mill Lane, North End.

- Homefield with greenhouses, home of Charles and Nora Short
- May Cottage, Bridleway
- Farm
- Mill Farm, Mill Lane
- Culzean, North End

By the time of the 1939 census Charles and Nora Short were living at Homefield, Mill Lane where Charles was a 'Market Gardener, Own Account'. I haven't been able to ascertain whether this had been his grandfather, William Short's (b. 1865) home but Homefield stands in the same area of the village where Charles Short junior's grandfather had lived.

What we do know, from recollections in Ron Parker's Goxhill at War, is that Mr and Mrs Short, like many growers in the area, took their produce on the train to New Holland and then on the ferry, across the river, to sell at the market in Hull.

Charles Short's wife Nora died in the South Ferriby Nursing Home in 1985 and Charles died the following

year in Scunthorpe General Hospital. His probate states that he was 'of Homefield, Mill Lane, North End, Goxhill. In Charles Short's will he bequeathed £300 to the Goxhill Memorial Hall.

The '**Short Award**'\* was established in Charles Short's name, as a community award to recognise individuals who do something special for the village. It was presented for the first time in 1988. The first recipient of the award was C. G. van den Bos: Charles Gilbert, who was better known to everyone as Sam. Sam was the youngest child of Jacob van den Bos and grandson of Herbert Tyson. Jacob van den Bos and Herbert Tyson established the Market Garden, Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd in the village. **In my Summer 2024 article, I will start to tell the story of the Tyson and van den Bos families and the impact of Hawthorne Gardens on the village.**

**The Short family story concludes below with Charles Short's older brother, William Short, who is commemorated on the village World War 1 memorials.**

Elizabeth Fincham

**\*The Short Award continues to this day, now sponsored by the Gander.**

All the distinguished winners are listed on a display board in the Memorial Hall.

Janet Shephardson, the present winner, is seen being presented with her award on page 25.

## The story behind the last Goxhill man to be killed on the field of battle, who is remembered on the World War 1 village memorial plaques

**William SHORT, Lance Corporal 15173, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in Action 6 November 1918. Aged 24 years. Born 27 September 1894, Frodingham, Scunthorpe. Son of Charles and Mary Ann Short of Goxhill. Buried Berlaimont Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Also commemorated on Scunthorpe War Memorial.**

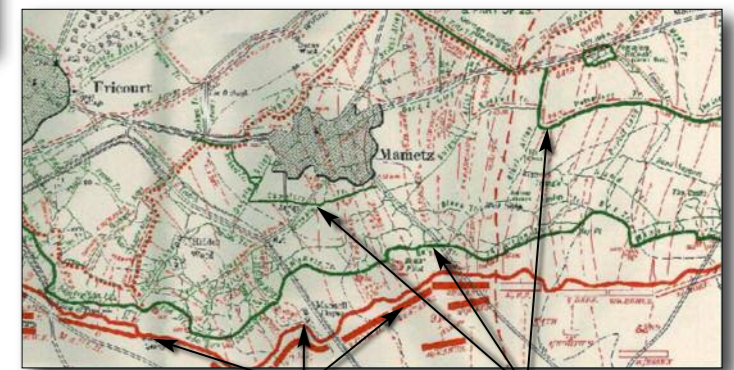


William Short (1894-1918)-Scanned from Sparras and Fomards: Glimpses of Old Goxhill (with permission of Michael Parker). There is no reference to where this photograph was taken but it was, I believe, taken in front of St Nicholas' church, Haxey. Haxey is on the Isle of Axholme across the River Trent from East Stockwith where William was recorded living in the 1911 census.

William Short was the older brother of Market Gardener Charles Short jnr. He was the oldest child of Charles and Mary Ann Short who lived, I believe, at Summerfield Farm, College Road, Goxhill and then on Station Road in Thornton Curtis. William was born whilst his parents were living in Scunthorpe. He was baptised in St John's Church, Scunthorpe on 29 Octo-

ber 1894. The baptismal register records that the Short home was on Ravendale Street which is close to Scunthorpe Railway Station. On 23rd April 1900 William's father, Charles Short, enrolled William into Goxhill School (the family had lived for a short time in Thornton Curtis after moving from Scunthorpe). William's date of birth is recorded incorrectly as 17 September 1895 in the Admissions Register (making his age four and a half years when he was actually almost five and a half years old). By the 1911 census William, aged 17, was working for farmer Frank Gordon Williams as a 2nd Waggoner on the Farm which was at East Stockwith which lies close to the east bank of the River Trent, to the north west of Gainsborough.

William enlisted in Grimsby (date not known) and is named on the Goxhill Roll of Honour serving with the 9th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. He transferred to the 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment; his medal record card shows him being in the 1st Battalion and states that he was in receipt of the 1915 Star as well as the Victory and British War medals. William had



South of Mametz, 1916. British lines (red) and German lines (green).



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British soldiers resting alongside the Arras/Cambrai road during the Battle of Scarpe April 1917. Copyright Imperial War Museum

William had entered the French Theatre of War on 11 August 1915. I have used various online sources to track what may have been William's experiences of battle. The first fighting encounter recorded for the 1st Lincolns is for 4 July 1916 (The Battle of Albert (1-13 July) and then at Bazentan Ridge (14-17 July)) where they were dug in at Mametz, a village which had lain behind the German defensive position of the Somme battlefield. The fighting continued through 1916 which included the capture of Gueudecourt which lies roughly halfway between Albert and Cambrai. The First and Third Battles of the Scarpe at Arras followed in April and May 1917.

William Short married Rose Annie Broom, in Goxhill Church, on 18 August 1917. The marriage register records him being a Private in the 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. His brother Charles, his sister Ivy Elizabeth Short (later Rhodes) and his uncle Alfred Dunn (husband of Annie, formerly Short) witnessed the ceremony. Rose was from the market town of Stafford. William would have undergone training on Cannock Chase which is near Stafford. I have presumed that this is where William and Rose met.

The 1st Lincolns were involved in further engagements from the second half of September 1917 through to the middle of November, resuming again in March 1918. The Battle of St Quentin (21-23 March 1918), was the first in the series of the Second Battles of the Somme during 1918. The Second Battle of Kemmel (25-26 April) followed.

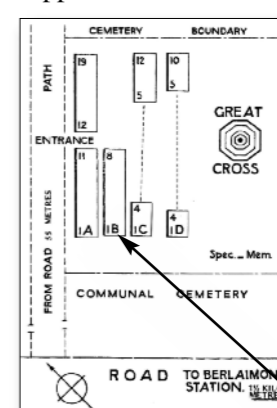
A series of battles took place during the final 100 days of the war, in order to regain ground lost to the German forces. The allies moved east and reached Le Quesnoy on 27 October 1918. The website The Long, Long, Tail records that the 1st Lincolnshire Battalion were part of the 62nd Brigade and that the 62nd Brigade were part of the 21st Division in the organisation of the British army. The website states that 'When the Armistice came into effect at 11am on 11 November 1918 the



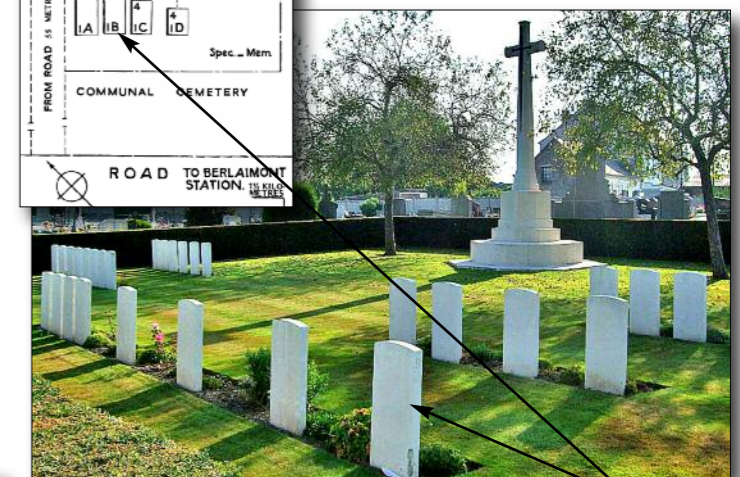
The WW1 plaque in All Saints Church, Goxhill

units of the (21st) Division were halted around Berlaimont'. A local newspaper the Lincolnshire Star, reported village news throughout November and December 1918. This included the devastating effect of the deaths caused by the influenza epidemic sweeping the country. It also reported on the return of prisoners of war of whom families had received no news for, in some cases, two years. It was reported that Private Spalding Jackson of Goxhill (known affectionately, I believe, as 'Spud') who lived in part of the house now named Rudsdale, North End, had been 'wounded in both legs and is now in hospital in France'. On 16 November 1918 under the heading 'Naval Funeral' the report stated that 'on Monday (11th November, Armistice Day) afternoon the remains of Mr Herbert Moore (who had died in Newhaven of Pneumonia on 9 November 1918) were interred in the churchyard'. A memorial service was held for Herbert Moore (Gander, Winter 2019) and Private John William Foulston (Gander, Autumn 2020) (who had died in France of Broncho Pneumonia on 26 October 1918) in Goxhill Church on the morning of Sunday 17th November and repeated in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Chapel Street on Sunday 24th November.

For some the wait to hear about the whereabouts of loved ones went on. Mr and Mrs Charles Short of College Road, William Short's parents, had, according to a report in the Lincolnshire Star on Saturday 21 December 1918, 'lately received intelligence that their eldest son Lance Corporal W. Short was killed in action on Nov. 6th by a piece of burning shell striking him on the head and killing him instantaneously'. William's widow Rose appears to have continued to live in Stafford after her marriage.



Rose subsequently re-married, in Staffordshire on 2 August 1919. Her second husband had served in World War 1 and they went on to have six children. Two of their sons were killed in World War 2.



Berlaimont Communal Cemetery Extension Plan, CWGC, William Short B1. Photograph copyright John Pauwels.

Lance Corporal William Short's death is recorded on 6 Nov 1918. He is buried in the Berlaimont Communal Cemetery Extension alongside three other soldiers of the 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Berlaimont lies to the north east of Amiens, France and close to the border with Belgium.

In this series of articles I have provided details of the family histories and the service of those men commemorated on the village World War 1 Memorial Plaques. I have also recounted the stories of some of the men who fought and returned. I will conclude the series with the lives and experiences of more village men who survived and who will be remembered by many Gander readers.

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## OFF THE HOOF

*"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."* – Stephen Hawking

### Local traffic plans

As we settle into 2024 Goxhill, yet again, seems to be a divided village over the long running saga of increasing HGV traffic. Whilst everyone agrees the infrastructure is not in place to cope with the increase and size of the lorries which already struggle on the roads that are not fit for purpose, there is no obvious solution to make everyone happy.

Prior to the building of the gas pipeline under the Humber a survey was carried out and the roads were identified as unsuitable then. This resulted in a temporary road being built. Because it was temporary it was not built to the standard of a permanent road and had to be removed once the pipeline work was complete.

With the new threat of a permanent increase in HGV traffic being proposed a meeting, which originally described as a consultation was renamed "a conversation", was held on the 25th January at the Memorial Hall. An excellent turn out in excess of 200 residents attended. In preparation for the meeting a small army of residents had distributed a form for signatures stating they were currently not in favour of the proposal of a one-way system for HGVs through the village. These forms were presented to North Lincs Council at the meeting. The meeting room was set out with maps of Goxhill and employees of North Lincs Council at the ready to answer to questions. Post-it notes were available and widely used by residents to write ideas, concerns and comments. For me, I couldn't make out where the roads were to follow any suggestions. Not only did maps not have the names of the roads on but the post-its obliterated any chance of seeing possible landmarks. Ms Potts (Director of Communities for North Lincs Council) was present along with councillors from both parish and districts councils. Martin Vickers MP was also present to answer questions. A suggested resolution is expected in approximately six weeks (March) so watch the notice boards and social media. We should then have a consultation before anything is implemented. I hope even more people will attend the consultation so we can be sure of getting the best possible solution for the village.

### Local Events

The usual annual events will be taking place this year.

**Best Kept Village** usually smartens the village up but we could do much to improve the general look as a whole. I would ask that residents look outside their property and try to clear the grass and weeds growing on the perimeter. To run a shovel down and sweep up takes minutes but makes a huge difference. The sooner we, as a community, start considering the areas that need improvement the better.

**Open Gardens** is planned for three dates this year.

Saturday 4th May ("May the forth be with you", for those Star Wars fans), Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June. The allotments will be on show, but more volunteer gardens are needed as well as prizes for the raffle. Please see the separate article in this edition for all details (page 25).

At the time of writing, it has not been possible to secure the funds required to initiate a new Goxhill Horse Show for 2024. Those trying to get this event off the ground are still working hard, so hopefully it will be announced for 2025.

### Sad farewells

The funeral of **Mike Gathercole** took place on 31st January at the crematorium in Hull. It was well attended by family and friends, many of whom got to know Mike through his commitment on the Parish council since 2001. A collection was made with the proceeds going to Jerry Greens Dog Rescue.

**John Hankinson** has sadly also passed away. He was a larger than life character and known locally as the "goat man", as he was quite an authority on them and he did much to help keep dying blood lines going. He took part in many activities, too numerous to mention so it was no surprise that Goxhill church was full and many went to his home after the service to show their respects with a buffet organised by friends and neighbours. A collection in aid of Kids for Kids took place. This charity provides kid goats for children in Darfur, Sudan, where there is much unrest and poverty. The charity, amongst other things provides the goats, which are then able to provide milk and the villagers can then breed them for more stock and eventually meat. They also provide donkeys, which are used to work and carry goods. The total donated was £460 which has been topped up to £500. I'm sure John would be proud.

### Roads and wild animals

The last edition of the Gander had a beautiful photo of a roe deer (the ones with a white bottom). What would you do if a car hit a deer and it was left alive on the side of the road. This unfortunately recently happened to me one evening. I switched on my hazard lights and donned my Hi-Viz and went to investigate. The deer was hurt and frightened. I was joined by a young lady, who had also witnessed the event. She contacted the police, but they didn't want to know. She then tried a wildlife rescue centre and was directed back to the police. By this time, I had removed my coat and covered it's head and as much of it's body as I could. I was dressed to go out for the evening and without my coat, in only a thin sleeveless top I was shivering. After about an hour the police arrived and informed me they were waiting for a firearms officer to shoot the deer. There are more and more deer around as they have no natural predators. It stands to reason as we encroach more and more on the countryside the more contact we will have with wild animals. I know farmers do not like deer as they are destructive but what ever anyone thinks about their place in the world, I hope never to be in that position again. Although, I am glad I was able to do a little something to help ease her suffering. If ignored and left all alone it would have been a long and painful death. At one point I considered trying to take her home and put her in a stable as I am aware it is stress that is the main killer. I was told that it was not allowed and I know I would not have been able to lift her on my own. I also know that they kick out when they panic and could go berserk in the car. They would need restricting.

If in the same situation again I know now to call **Wild Things Rescue** on 01526 578579 or the **RSPCA 0300 1234999**. This is also a situation where the app 'what3words' would be useful to pinpoint your location.

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I can only suggest you keep these numbers in your phone and give you a reminder to keep Hi-Viz, torch and a blanket in your car. These items are not only useful for helping humans.

**Successful locals**

**Jo Burns-Firth** is still working hard for her Masters and has taken on a new mentoring role with British Showjumping, so is kept very busy at the moment.

Congratulations to **Anja Clapson**, age 12, and in year 7 at Baysgarth School.

On January 14th Anja won the first round on her lovely chestnut mare 'Merrylegs'



and has qualified for the second round of Dressage Trailblazers.

On Sunday 28th January she represented IMAS (Karate) and achieved KRMA gold medal for Traditional Weapons and Silver for Creative Weapons. Her first outing of the year. She is determined to keep working hard to make things happen and it's great to see such drive and commitment in one so young.

That's all for this edition.

**Take care, ride safely.**

**Aileen 01469 530643**

*Anja and Merrylegs on competition day*



**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN**

As we get nearer to Spring, Christmas seems a long time ago and is fast becoming a distant memory. It was, as usual, a busy month for us with Santa's Sleigh travelling around the villages and our annual Christmas Fair in Barrow Market Place. The weather was generally kind to us most nights (not withstanding one or two wet ones), when we were out, but this was more than compensated for by the welcome which we received, the looks of delight and excitement on the children's faces and your continued generosity for which we are extremely grateful. The not insubstantial sum which we raised has enabled us to make donations to the following :

- Lindsey Lodge Hospice**
- St. Andrew's Children's Hospice (Andy's)**
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- MacMillan Cancer Support -Scunthorpe Group**
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Prior to Christmas we were able to make a donation from our charity account to **Goxhill and Surrounding Villages Christmas hampers** and two of our members were able to assist them pack the hampers and deliver some of them.

We had some selection boxes left over from Santa at the Christmas Fair and they were taken to **Disney Ward at Scunthorpe Hospital**.

We were also pleased to make a donation to **Wootton Village Hall Committee** which helped them to host a Christmas party for the children and families of their village.

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**Barton Lions Bonfire**

Several of our members helped Barton Lions with marshalling etc. at their bonfire in November.

**Tools with a Mission (TWAM)**

We continue to collect and receive tools for TWAM and their van from the Rugby refurbishment centre made another collection from us in December. Please remember that if you have any tools, sewing/knitting machines, fabrics or computers that you no longer have use for, then please contact us so that we can arrange to collect them from you. We can be contacted either by email at **barrowmeridianrotary@twam.uk** or by telephone to myself, **Stuart on 07751 018453** or **Peter on 07736 058400**.

Throughout last year we supported a wide range of organisations/charities and in addition to the ones mentioned above, here are just some of the many we were able to help using funds generated locally thanks to your continuing generosity. On behalf of all those we were able to help, thank you.

- Care After Combat Royal British Legion**
- British Heart Foundation Shelterbox**
- Barrow Band Pancreatic Cancer (UK)**

**Dates for the diary – forthcoming events**

**Car Boot Sales May 5th and May 27th** at Barrow Playing field on Mill Lane.

We are part of a worldwide organisation with 1.4 million members in over 200 countries and we welcome new members locally. If you feel that you would like to get involved in fund raising activities, community projects and activities, putting something back into your community and having fun at the same time and you are 18+, why not join us? In addition to Barrow we have members from Goxhill, New Holland and Wootton with a wide range of ages and varied backgrounds.

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