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Spring 2015

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battle with Leukemia. Plus our usual range of fascinating articles and news stories.

But the Spring edition of the Gander is more about problems that could affect us all. Serious issues concerning the possible loss of our last village pub; potential problems for our community caused by cuts in funding to Humberside Police and the resulting cuts in services in our rural area; possible building development in the village; and traffic problems that will be caused by the building of the new Humber gas pipeline. So this issue is rather more informative and thought provoking than entertaining.

Even some potentially good news has not materialised as the new skateboard park, which has secured funding and is all ready to go, but has had the decision deferred by North Lincolnshire Council, because of a few local complaints and other problems that still need resolving.

If you feel strongly about any of these issues, please let the Parish Council and North Lincolnshire Council know in writing exactly what your concerns are or what support you want to give to these projects.

The closure of the 'Brock' last year was a major blow. Admittedly it was suffering from neglect and the village voted on it as it had become, with their feet. But I am sure the majority of the village still want a good pub and the chance for it to be released from the breweries manacles, leaving a new owner to develop it into a successful pub that we would want to use, rather than having to drive out of the village to have a pint or a pub meal. Lots of us do exactly that, even the Brock's Darts and Dominoes Teams have to go to Barrow to play. If we could all use the Brock instead, it could be the vital asset that a village our size needs and deserves. It does not deserve to become another housing estate. A village is much more than just a place to live. It is a way of life, a living and working community that supports each other and entertains themselves. And the pub should be the social heart of the village. With the right owners, there is no reason the Brock cannot be brought back to life, and to make us want to go in it. There was at least one person who wanted to bid for the Brock as a pub, but were denied the opportunity when it was sold, before the auction could take place. Hopefully it is not too late, so see Page 23 for how you can help fight to Save the Brock!

If you feel really committed to trying to improve things for the village, you can always stand for the Parish Council and help them protect our community. Contact Chris Tooby, Clerk to the Parish Council for more information. Or the Memorial Hall needs help to run it, see the advertisement for the Hall's AGM on the Notice Board pages.

The Gander Team are holding our AGM shortly (see panel on the right), so if you want to give us your views, make suggestions on what we are doing, right or wrong, or ideas for new articles etc, please join us for the meeting.

There are still lots of good things to do in Goxhill as listed on 5 packed pages of What's on information. So please try to support these events and activities.

Jeff Teasdale - Editor of the Goxhill Gander

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fter the last issue that was dominated by inspiring stories of so many good things young people from Goxhill are doing, this newsletter continues with another amazing story of one young lady's

THE GANDER **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Wednesday, 29th April 2015 at 7.00 pm. in the Parish Rooms All are welcome to come along and ask questions

of the Gander team or make your views known. Any ideas for different articles or information in the Gander are always appreciated.





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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

A young couple visit a jeweller's shop to choose a new necklace for the girl. She thought a small gold cross would be rather nice, so into the shop they went and asked to see a display of them. The assistant was very helpful. 'We have these plain crosses' she said, but the girl said she rather liked the ones which, in her words, 'had a little man on them'

We are undoubtedly living in an age when the significance of the Cross and the 'little man' on it is becoming increasingly eroded. How many people regard crosses or crucifixes simply as pieces of jewellery or even lucky charms? How many who happily wear them around their necks have given any thought to the rather strange notion that a symbol of execution should be quite acceptable as ornamentation? After all, who would want to wear a miniature replica of a guillotine, or a gallows around their neck!

Centuries before Jesus was born, the cross had been used as an instrument of torture and death. It was eventually adopted by the Romans but was thought too barbaric to use on anyone but slaves and rebellious non-citizens who they wanted executed publicly in as painful and humiliating way as possible.

When Jesus Christ suffered this fate on that first Good Friday the cross took on a new significance. The words of that old, but well loved, hymn express so profoundly that on the 'Old Rugged Cross', Jesus, the 'dearest and best, for a world of lost sinners' (i.e. you and me) was slain. Through his self - sacrifice he has made it possible for us to be reconciled to God.

How is this possible? The mechanics of our salvation through the Cross are impossible to explain, but that it works has been proven beyond reasonable doubt over the past 2000 years. Millions of men and women, conscious of the sinful burden they carry, just by being ordinary fallible humans, have found a sense of freedom and purpose in life by allowing Jesus to pay the price for their wrongdoing. They acknowledge that their sins are taken by the only sinless person who has ever lived on this earth – Jesus. Why would he do this? Simply out of divine love which recognised that we are unable to save ourselves from the consequences of what we are, what we think and what we do.

If any of this strikes even the slightest chord for you this Easter why not find out more about the significance of the Cross? Details from a church or chapel near you! Or ask someone you know who is a Christian (not necessarily a minister!) there are quite a few of them about!

By the way, if you are thinking about buying a cross as a piece of jewellery, go for the plain ones. Jesus was only on the cross for three hours, he was only in the grave for three days. He is now in Glory for ever, and if we accept his invitation we can one day be with him. All because of the Cross, and what Jesus achieved for us through it. Alleluia! **Rev John Girtchen**

Easter Services in the Parish

Thursday Friday Sunday

Palm Sunday 29th March 9.30am All Saints: Holy Communion including the Liturgy of the Passion 2nd April 7.00pm Goxhill Methodist Chapel: Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 3rd April 7.30pm Goxhill Methodist Chapel, United Service for Good Friday 5th April 7.00am Vigil Service in All Saints Churchyard followed by Breakfast at Goxhill Methodist Schoolroom (donations for charity invited) 9.30am All Saints: Holy Communion for Easter Day

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends, In February, we begin the journey from the Last Supper to the Resurrection Garden, as Ash Wednesday falls on 18th. (It doesn't seem long since we were preparing for Christmas!). The journey through Lent is not intended to be easy - but neither is it intended to be morbid. It is an opportunity to reflect on the journey which Jesus made, and how this relates to our own journey of faith. So in your quiet moments, give a little bit more time over to thinking about how your journey matches the journey Christ made – and you may see how closely your paths come together.

There is a great deal of talk about the effects of climate change, and we have certainly escaped a lot of the bad weather which the much of rest of the country has been experiencing in January - I have been amazed already at the plants that I've seen and the birdsong I have heard. We all have to play our part where we can, as we all contribute to global warming, however, our souls are lifted at the wonderful sights of nature, especially when unusual things are happening. So let us cautiously rejoice and balance this with sensible use of our resources.

In the Brigg manse, there is each late winter the spectacular sight of the garden, which is just a beautiful mass of snowdrops. I am trying to replicate that mass of snow drops in our new home at Barnetby – but it will take a long, long time! Snowdrops are such simple flowers with so much Christian symbolism attached to them if we can see it; white for purity, bowed flower cup for humility, yet such enormous strength to persevere in the cold, dark ground, showing its green shoots once the snow has gone - such busy-ness and struggle of growth which no-one sees – we only see the effects of the struggle.

When our lives seem cold and dark, may we remember that often there is spiritual work going on of which we may not be aware – yet the fruits of that struggle will bring reward and beauty. May you and yours be richly blessed. Sincerely Yours **Revd Enid Knowles**



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Easter Egg Bingo

Friday 20th March 7.30pm Goxhill Memorial Hall

Christian Aid Quiz Night

Friday 15th May 7.30 Chapel School Room £5 which includes supper. To book a team please ring Jane 530962 Sandra 530065

Christian Aid Coffee Morning and

Soup lunch

10.30am - 1pm Second-hand books, cake stall, Fair Trade goods.

All Saints Summer Favre

Saturday 13th June 2pm onwards Goxhill Memorial Hall

Next Pop In Dates

21st March - 18th April - 16th May - 20th June 10am-12 noon in the Chapel School Room. Refreshments, second hand books and plenty of good company. For any further information, contact Sandra Smith on 530065

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Every Thursday 2-4pm CHURCH ROOMS Tea, coffee, biscuits, Raffle - £3 All welcome

The Luncheon Club

Meets at the Chapel at 12 noon on the second Wednesday of every month. If you would like to come along and share an excellent two-course meal and conversation, phone Jane Arnott on 530962 to book your place.

The Memorial Hall

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Thank you from Vera Blanchard

Vera would like to thank everyone who came to her Birthday Party on the 10th January at the Chapel School Room. She was really very excited and thrilled to see everyone.

Goxhill Women's Institute

The W.I. meet every 2nd Monday of the month throughout the year except for August, at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. New members and INSPIRING WOMEN



visitors, including gentlemen, are welcome at any of the meetings. For further information please contact Mrs. Alyson O'Leary, President, on 01469 531568.

Our future programme includes:

Monday 13th April - Derek Clark with a talk on Antiques and Unusual Objects, when there will be a light-hearted guiz on same.

Monday 11th May - Stan Short (well known for his art classes in the village) will be holding a Watercolour Masterclass!!

Monday 8th June - Lorretta Rivett will be talking about the Lincolnshire Dialects called 'Were you Born in Lincolnshire?'

Goxhill Memorial Hall 200 Club

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SPRING CRAFT FAIR

at the Goxhill Memorial Hall on Sunday 1st March 10.30 - 4.30pm

ENTRY IS FREE. Extensive range of crafts including hand made sewing boxes, baby clothes, jewellery, local art, woodcraft and much more, which is just in time for 'Mothers Day'.

We hope everyone will come along and children bring pocket money to buy 'Mothers Day' gifts.

For info - contact Penny Nadin 01469 532223

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Scunthorpe takes many people from this area to look after them. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us during the last 10



years that we have been having fun fundraising. There is an event which we would like to let

everyone know about -5th March 2015 - Flower Demonstration

at 7.30pm. Andrew Mason is the demonstrator and there will be refreshments. The flowers will be part of a raffle and the cost of the entry ticket will be £10. It is being held at the Methodist Church Hall on Holydyke, Barton upon Humber.

Chris Patterson (Secretary) pattersonchristine@hotmail.com

MALCOLM DUNDERDALE

It is with great sadness that we heard of Malcolm Dunderdale's death in January. Malcolm was a popular figure on Greenfields and assisted many of the residents. He played a big role at The Lounge putting on many sessions giving pleasure to many. In addition to this he sat on the Parish Council for three years together with his position on the management team at the Memorial Hall, only retiring due to ill health. He will be sadly missed by many. On behalf of the Gander Team, I pass on our condolences to his family.

Mike Gathercole



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RICHARD OWEN

Elsie and Sian Owen would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards and messages of condolence following the sudden death of Richard Owen. This came as a great shock to his family and friends, but it was lovely to know he was loved and thought of by so many. Thank you all again.

On behalf of all the Gander Team, I would like to express our sadness to hear of Richard's passing, and to extend our condolences to his family. We, and in fact the whole village, all owe him a huge debt of gratitude for he did a sterling job running this newsletter for 10 years. rescuing it from on the verge of ceasing to exist, when most of the previous management team left. With Alan Gould, the one remaining of the founders of the Gander, and Mike Gathercole. Richard took on the challenging task of editor and had many problems and battles to fight in all those years, to keep this newsletter as the vital village mouthpiece, that I am proud to say, it still is today!

Thank you Richard. Goxhill has lost another of Jeff Teasdale. Editor it's characters.







NOTICE BOARD Part 3



Ropery Hall hosts two Northern Accent events

Northern Accent, created by the Small Venues Network of venues across Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire, is bringing two events to Barton upon Humber's Ropery Hall this Spring.

Saturday, March 14, a Readers' Saturday runs from 10.30am until 3pm and the £18 ticket includes a buffet lunch and light refreshments. It will feature writers Natalie Haynes, Stephen May and Helen Cadbury. Hosted by Yorkshire writer and poet James Nash this is the chance, in the company of other book lovers, to enjoy presentations by all three writers and take part

in "in-conversation" sessions looking at all aspects of writing as well as the chance to meet the authors over lunch and a cup of tea.

Friday, April 24, Northern Accent is promoting a wonderful evening of words and wildlife with author and photographer Andrew Fusek Peters. The evening begins at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door.

Andrew, who as well as writing more than 100 books, was shortlisted for British Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2014. He will read from his acclaimed wild-swimming memoir Dip and, accompanied by projections, will share and tell the stories behind his superb wildlife photos.

Tickets for both events can be booked online at www.roperyhall.co.uk, by telephoning 01652 660380 or by calling in at The Ropewalk's Craft Gallery.

Goxhill Art Circle

We meet on Wednesday afternoon in the room at the rear of the Methodist Church Goxhill from 2 - 4pm. The door is always open from 1.45pm.

We paint whatever is our interest. However if you are a beginner we would help you with every aspect of this hobby. Just come along and relax with us over a cup of tea & biscuits or call Peter Hornby on 01469 208625.

Bell Ringers

If anyone would like to learn to ring the bells, contact Stuart Cooke on 531038. You do not have to be a churchgoer to learn to ring the bells.



We have just finished four performances of our anual pantomime, 'Aladdin the Flagers Sequel - Or Wishy Washy's

Chinese Takeaway'. The panto was written by group member, Liz Drury and started where the original Aladdin story ended - at the wedding of Aladdin and the Princess. Their new adventure begins when the Genie offers the newlyweds some wishes as a wedding present, and when Wishy Washy accidentally wishes for a Chinese takeaway, the Wong Sisters (the baddies) rush in and grab the Princess. It's then up to Aladdin and his friends to find her, with a little help from Dame Stella Remington (licensed to curl), James Blonde and their international hairdressing spy ring... The show went down very well with our audiences, and one little girl was so upset when the performance finished that she left the theatre in tears - she didn't want it to end! We are now starting work on a new play which will be performed at the All England Theatre Festival at the Bridlington Spa Theatre in the Spring.

There is just one more chance to catch the Barton Ghost Walk before the end of the season. The final date is Wednesday March 25th, starting at 7.30pm from Baysgarth Museum. Wrap up warm and follow the spirit guides through the back streets of the old town, to hear ghostly tales that will make your hair stand on end! Tickets cost £4/£3 and can be booked through Dennis Bloor on 01469 531003 or online at www.southbankplayers.weebly.com, or just come along on the night. The new season will begin on Halloween.

New members are always welcome, and no experience is necessary. We need help backstage and front of house as well as actors, so if you are interested contact Alun Friend on 07500 474446

GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, 8th April, 2015 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall

Please take this opportunity to come and share your views with the Committee whether you are a new comer or long time resident of the village and find out about the forthcoming events.

Remember you do not have to join the Committee, but your support and any ideas will be greatly appreciated.



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R.B.L. "Poppy Appeal"

£1,666,42 has been forwarded to the Appeal on behalf of Goxhill with New Holland. My sincere thanks go to all the business premises who kindly allowed poppy boxes for Remembrancetide. Both Goxhill and New Holland Primary Schools, All Saint's Church, Christ Church, the Methodist Chapel, the Memorial Hall, both Goxhill and New Holland Parish Councils. A special "thank you" to the knitters at Goxhill Primary School for their knitted poppies and Mrs. Sheila Cook for her help with New Holland poppies. 2015 sees a new coordinator for our Poppy Appeal, Linda Broughton from Barrow-on-Humber has kindly volunteered her services and will carry on the Appeal in Goxhill and New Holland. I know she will bring her own enthusiasm to the job, carrying on a family tradition from her mother and grandfather. Thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who have helped me over the Penny Carnell. years.

I would like to introduce myself, as I am taking over from Mrs Penny Carnell, as the RBL Poppy Distributer. My name is Linda Broughton, and I live in Barrow, as I have for most of my life. I am the third generation of my family to take on this rewarding role, after my grandfather, and mum, who looked after Barrow's poppy distribution for many, many years. My aunt and uncle run the East Halton poppy distribution, so as you can see. I have a good pedigree. I look forward to meeting everyone, and hope your generous support for this worthwhile cause will continue. I'm sure that I speak for all, when I thank Penny for all of her hard work. within Goxhill, and hope that I can maintain her high standards. Thank you. Linda Broughton.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS raising a massive £1263 for the Air Ambulance

Organised in memory of Dale James, the Dance held in the Memorial Hall, was a great event and a good time was had by all. The fantastic total included £763 profit raised on the night plus a donation from Steve James from LPE Plant Hire of £500. Thanks to all who helped make it such a good night including organisers Sally & Merv Lewis and Jeanine Cook. Mike Lewis for his amazing magic, Lesley Bingham for balloon decorations, Enid Girdham for funds raised for table decorations and glasses, Liam McCann for lighting and sound. And of course the House Shakers for a brilliant mix of music. Thanks to all who came and made such a good night of it.

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Looking forward to the second half of the current school When I was asked to write a short reflection on my year, I know the challenges ahead mean that I must experiences this year, I realised what an amazing year of change and growth it has been. Having worked at continue to work hard so I can be the teacher the East Halton School for more than ten years, it was children deserve. However, I know I am part of a strong exciting to be part of the federation process that saw team and am looking forward to all the exciting topics. trips and learning coming up over the next six months. two very different schools come together under the leadership of Caroline Breslin. When I was asked if I I'm glad to be here and part of such a fantastic team. would take a class based on the Goxhill site, I I'd like to thank children, parents and all staff and welcomed the opportunity to be part of the school, but volunteers that I've come into contact with for was also a little apprehensive about leaving the daily welcoming me and making my place of work such a contact with the friends I had come to know so well at happy place to be. the East Halton site. I need not have worried, as staff Maria Lusby, Year 3 Class Teacher from both schools share professional and social interactions on a regular basis.

Casting my mind back to early visits to Goxhill before the federation was finalised, I was struck by the colourful displays and happy children talking to me with confidence and curiosity. I also remember seeing groups of people chattering and laughing together in the staffroom. Both of these things are still a source of pleasure and make coming to work something I look forward to - although sometimes it seems we could use a bigger staffroom to fit everyone in.

On the first day of term, I had the usual feeling of nervousness and excitement at meeting my new class and hoping I had all the new procedures and systems under my belt. The children are so open and welcoming, that in no time at all I felt at home - and now it is hard to believe that I have only been working at this site for six months.

Looking and listening to the children as they work and play, it is clear that they have enjoyed their learning and I sometimes wish I could be in some of the lessons when I see the fantastic displays and craftwork on display around the school.

As well as all the teaching and learning that takes place in school, there have been a number of special events. One really special occasion was the celebration for Hollie which was a lot of fun, but also humbling to observe how the whole community had come together to support her. We have also shared services in church and the Memorial Hall. Some classes put on Christmas play performances and we had Carol Singing in church, around the two villages and in school. With a visit to Hull College theatre, Carols and parties, Christmas remains my favourite time of year.

This year has also seen the introduction of a new curriculum. We were very fortunate to have the experience and expertise of teachers in school which meant I, along with other staff members, started the vear prepared and ready to embrace the changes. The children themselves have risen to the challenge and seem to enjoy having real control of their own learning.

As always, everyone in school must work hard to make sure that as teachers, we provide purposeful learning experiences, so the children continue to be

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tenacious and resilient explorers of new learning.

Interview with Head teacher, Miss Breslin By Ashley and John as part of a iteracy session Where were you born?

'I was born in a city called Derry in Northern Ireland.' What did you do before you were at Goxhill School?

'Before I was headteacher at Goxhill Primary School I was a deputy head teacher at Neasden Primary School from 1998 to 2002, then I became the head teacher at that school.'

How did you get so beautiful?

Miss Breslin was very embarrassed at being asked this and couldn't answer as she didn't know. But said the question was very kind.

What is your favourite car?

'A Volkswagen Golf V5.'

What is your favourite food?

'My favourite food is a roast chicken dinner.'

What is your favourite music?

'My favourite music is Lady Gaga.'

Do you like being a head teacher?

'Yes, because I enjoy being with the children, but I don't like all the paperwork.'

What did you want to do when you were little?

'I always wanted to be a teacher, even when I was a little girl I used to play schools with my friends.'

Have you got any brothers or sisters?

'I have 1 brother and 7 sisters and I am the youngest of them all.'

England v Ireland. Who would you want to win?

'In a match between England and Ireland I would like Ireland to win."

Have you got any hidden talents?

Miss Breslin joked about being good at back flips for her hidden talents but then said she was good at crosswords.

What was your favourite subject at school?

'My favourite subject at school was English but I really loved music and art.'



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Leukaemia's Second Try

My name is Hollie Goodwin and I am 10 years old. So far I have beaten leukaemia twice! Once when I was a baby and again in 2014, my year was pretty eventful.

Late March 2014 we had just found out that my nanny had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, we were all devastated. It wasn't long after that that I began to feel unwell with what we suspected was a virus that was going round. I felt cold and tired and usually it took me ages to fall asleep at night but now it was nearly instant.

My sister and I were going to our swimming lesson at Barton and the pool always felt cold however now it felt like it was from the Antarctic! When the lesson was over I was crying in my towel because I was so cold.

The next day, Thursday, me and my mum went to the doctors with a wee sample, the doctors said there was some blood in my sample. The doctor recommended a blood test but mum said that she would contact Sheffield Children's Hospital as we were only a few weeks away from my yearly check up. After mum rang them and explained the symptoms we were asked to come to the next clinic which was Tuesday. I had a



blood test and an examination, the doctor said my tummy felt fine and she thought it was just a virus. On Wednesday morning my mum got a phone call to say that my bloods were not fine and could we go back on Thursday for a bone marrow aspirate. In the space of a couple of days I had gone from thinking I had a virus to having Leukaemia again, it was a huge shock to me when I came home from school and mum and dad gave me the news.

Thursday morning and we were back to hospital for an aspirate, I didn't know what to expect. I had to have a general anaesthetic, they use a big needle to take bone marrow out of my pelvis. I also had a dose of chemo put

into my spine as a precaution. When I woke up I had to lay perfectly still for another hour so that I didn't get a headache. We were home again at teatime and my treatment was to start the next week.

On Sunday afternoon mum asked on Facebook if any of my friends would be able to come to the park the next day, which was a bank holiday, to play with me before I started my chemo. It was great when we turned up and there were lots of my friends already there. It was great but also verv scarv as it was like a goodbye.

Tuesday - On my arrival at



hospital I felt scared and exhausted, I had another general anaesthetic to have a broviac line fitted in my chest. These are known as 'wigglies' and are what they use to put the chemo and medicines into me. I also had a nasal gastric tube fitted as I had a lot of medicines to take by mouth and they made me sick so the tube helped. Once



chemo had started I felt sore, stiff, fed up and I had no appetite. I couldn't even move around because I was on a hydration drip. My days seemed to be a never ending routine of chemo drips, blood transfusions, platelet transfusions, feeling sick and really tired and not to mention needing a wee every half hour due to the hydration drip.

The best thing to look forward to each day was my dad and my sister Grace coming to visit. I was so fed up that on the Thursday the doctors said we should go out to the park for a few hours break. The park opposite the hospital is great, there is always lots to look at, somedays a tightrope walker would practice, other days would be jugglers and there was always the ducks to feed.

I got home at the weekend and I was very relieved, dad told me there was a surprise waiting in the room, 3 huge hampers crammed full of goodies, gifts and cards from school, it was like christmas all over again. I opened and read every card before I touched the hampers which drove Grace mad. There was some amazing things in there which were to help me through the times ahead.

I had to go to clinic in Sheffield Children's Hospital twice a week for blood tests and check-ups, sometimes needing various transfusions. The next chemo wouldn't start until I had recovered from the first course. I had had a virus all through the first course of chemo which affected me very badly and started to continued on page 21

Hollie with her younger sister Grace and mother and father, Jen and Andy, with the cheque for a fantastic £7500 raised by Goxhill School and Goxhill residents, presented to the Sheffield Childrens' Hospital.

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make me very stiff and sore, I couldn't bear to walk and even sitting hurt. I laid in bed like a pencil and didn't want to move at all. It got so bad I needed a wheel chair and

had to go back to hospital for a few days to have some antibiotics. Another time we were just about to have tea and I said I was cold so mum took my temperature which was high so we had to go straight back to Sheffield for another 3 day stay.

The following weeks were spent going to school for a few hours if I felt well enough, I really looked forward to this as things felt normal again even if only for a short while. I had twice weekly clinic visits and another bone marrow aspirate. The plan was 1 week of chemo and then 4 weeks to recover, the next chemo actually started just



after 3 weeks since the first one. This followed the same pattern as the first course with various transfusions as well as extra visits due to temperatures etc.

On June 9, I took part in the sponsored wig walk which the school organised as a fund raiser for Sheffield Children's Hospital, it was great to see all the wigs doing

Playing field.

During the year the parish council receive many letters, some pointing out problems, some asking for luck and the blessing of kind weather, we would have hopefully seen completion early in the year. However assistance, either financial or practical, others permission has been deferred by North Lincolnshire complaints. We try to deal with all in a practical and sympathetic manner, and where ever and whenever Planning department, due to objections from a few possible, hopefully satisfactorily. However, once in a residents and other problems that have to be resolved. So the work will not be going ahead at the moment! while a letter stands out from the crowd. A polite I was very much looking forward to seeing the experts eloquent request from young man, not demanding in any way, just asking if! The subject was a skate park, on the track and hoped that it would give whoops of delight to many and I am sad that this will not be now I'm sure that everyone is aware that it was about possible at present. to become a reality, but at that time about two years ago, when Tom Anderson wrote that letter, and along Allotments with many friends, made verbal requests, the subject All allotments are now being used, and there are a few had been discussed, but was still very much in the on a waiting list. A new entrance gate has been "wish" mode. He pointed out that many young people erected, also for ease of access a small side gate has had to travel to other areas where facilities had been been provided. built, and that many of his friends were not allowed to Cemetery. go or had no means of alternative transport. It was A boundary fence has been erected around the land at therefore very rewarding that on this occasion we the rear, and the trees planted last year, by volunteers, thought that we could comply, and I for one found it a all seem to be doing well. work of pleasure to try. We included the youth of Goxhill Library. in the planning of this project, because they, after all, We have been delighted to welcome new volunteers to knew more about the subject than any of us, so back in assist in the running of the library, and to them and our July '14 we arranged a site meeting with the designers long term helpers, we say many thanks. and invited several of our young experts to join us and Millennium Green. bring their ideas. Together we hoped that the design I think that it is important to mention the fantastic effort would be safe, practical and above all would give a lot that has been made to cut back the hedging, it had got of enjoyment to every one, and that we had taken into out of hand and was overhanging the highway. The account all users, skaters, scooters and of course work was carried out by a band of volunteers together bikers. The design had taken into consideration the aspect and the positioning of the park for safety reasons with an enormous effort by Mike Gathercole. Other and the ease of access for the users, the reduction of tidying has been done and the area is now looking very noise level and of course all the angles for tricks that we much better. Freda Dunklev were told were needed. Following many discussions we Please see other Parish Council issues on page 25

the five mile walk.

The third week of chemo was less intense and meant I could go in and out in a day, they were very long days, sometimes coming home after midnight, but I really didn't



want to stay in hospital. It took four weeks for me to recover enough to have my last course of chemo. On Monday 15 August I had my last chemo and received my special 'end of treatment' bead. I have a huge string of beads called 'beads of courage' each bead represents a treatment or procedure that I have gone through. I have 'special' beads for certain things. All my blood tests over the next month were clear and on Thursday 18 September I had my broviac line out of my chest.

It is now six months after treatment and I feel normal, relieved and lucky. I still get tears in my eyes about my experience and I

am hoping it never comes back. I have missed many details out but if I had included them all I would fill two Ganders!! Hollie Goodwin

Jen and Andy Goodwin would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all the help and support that was freely offered during this traumatic time.

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had a final design and a deadline to meet, because of grant applications and financial implications, and with

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REPORT OF THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE FEB MEETING OF GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

A building company bought the pub and it's surrounding land before the advertised auction had taken place. At least one person wanted to purchase the pub at the auction, to keep it as a going concern, but did not get this opportunity.

An application has been put in to demolish the pub and build 10 houses in it's place. But two thirds of the area is outside the building development area.

There was a fantastic turnout for the public part of the meeting, to express the overwhelming concerns of the village to this application. The Parish Rooms and Library were filled to over flowing. It was standing room only, as objections were raised by many of the villagers present. A number of key issues from North Lincolnshire Council's Core Strategy about preserving community assets and Planning guidelines were discussed. The Parish Council will pass on their and the village's opinions to the Planning Officer at North Lincolnshire Council, who will make the decision on the application.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

The closing date for written objections has passed, but the application expiry date is 23 March 2015, and all objections received up until then may be taken into account.

So please write or email or do it on line, with your objections <u>as soon as possible</u>.

Please quote the Planning no. - PA/2014/1411

The Planning Officer is Ann Scott

Planning, North Lincolnshire Council, Civic Centre, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe DN16 1AB email: planning@northlincs.gov.uk Tel: 01724 297488. To do it online go to:

http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/planning/new planet/planetMain.aspx?refno=PA/2014/1411

Objections should be based on Council policies, not just because you want your pub back. You can download North Lincolnshire Council's Core Strategy from www.northlincs.gov.uk/planning-andenvironment/

Your letter should include all the reasons you want the Brock given a chance to be a successful village pub again!

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The following are extracts from North Lincolnshire Council's own Planning Policies and Core Strategies relevant to Planning Application PA/2014/1411.

POLICY H1 (iii) in minimum growth settlements new housing development will be restricted to the building of single and in exceptional cases very small groups of dwellings (up to a maximum of three dwellings)

CS14: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

14.13 The basis of North Lincolnshire's Sustainable Community Strategy, Many Faces, One Community (2006) is to achieve community well-being ... This is to help focus the council's efforts on improving the area, communities, and the lives of individual residents. The Strategy specifically identifies the themes of more rewarding leisure and the development of healthier communities. The aim is to ensure residents in North Lincolnshire lead healthy lifestyles and make use of a wide range of quality leisure and community facilities. Local community facilities provide a focus for people to meet and socialise and assist in developing a sense of community. Community facilities can include community centres, meeting halls, village halls, schools, parks, sports facilities, public houses, cultural facilities, religious buildings and libraries.

CS22: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

The loss of community facilities or land allocated for such purposes will be resisted, unless there is no longer a need for the land or building in any form of community use, or there is an acceptable alternative means of meeting such need.

Developers will be expected to make an appropriate contribution towards necessary improvements or additional provision for community services and facilities arising from their development

14.37 The policy is needed to protect and improve community facilities. The provision of local community facilities and services is essential to the quality of life of local residents, and will reduce the need for people to travel to obtain essential services.

14.38 Any loss of community facilities will not be supported, unless an alternative facility to meet local needs is available, or can be provided, at an equally accessible location, or all options for continued use have been fully explored and none remain that would be financially viable.

14.39 Proposals involving the loss of community facilities including land in community use, for example relating to facilities such as community/village halls, village shops and post offices, schools, colleges, nurseries, places of worship, health services, care homes, convenience stores, libraries and **public houses** will not be supported.

14.40 In rural communities, existing services must be protected as much as possible, as their loss can have a major impact on communities.

14.41 Details of the approach to be adopted in relation to the addition or potential loss of community facilities will be addressed in the General Policies DPD. The approach must include the close involvement of the local community itself and be informed by the context and priorities set by the Sustainable Community Strategy.

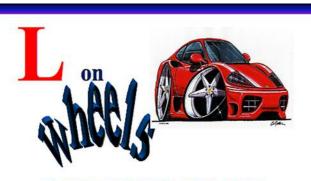


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Affordable Housing -Do we need them?

Here in Goxhill we have two affordable housing schemes. The first one situated at Lime Grove was built in the mid 1990s.

The second was built next door to it at Rosbrooke Way. Goxhill Parish Council wanted the second phase to be incorporated into Lime Grove, however owing to the lay out of the houses it was impossible to incorporate. Therefore the Parish Council insisted a condition of the layout of phase two was that room had to be left for a roadway to be constructed so that should a phase three ever be required it could be attached to phase two.

This condition was met and the road is built to allow for phase three.

The Parish Council expressed concern that little contact had been made to the parish, the Parish Council were alarmed at how well forward the planning site had been formulated and reiterated their view that the PC were not against an affordable housing scheme if the criteria was met and they were clearly of the view that it was not. They had no objection to a scheme if the criteria was met but it An affordable housing scheme can be built should be placed at the identified site at Rosbrooke bypassing certain building requirements on the Way, and it needed convincing that a housing need condition that a need exists for such a build. It can was needed since the experience of vacant be built outside the planning guidelines for the village properties at Lime Grove and Rosbrooke Way clearly and if need be, it can even be built on green belt indicative that a third phase was not required. The land. Once built it is managed by a housing parish council also feared that Hawthorne Gardens association ensuring only tenants that meet a certain extension would become a car park for school criteria are housed in these properties. visiting and a night mare situation would arise at Does a need exist? school times with school drop offs coming into Lime Grove and Rosbrooke Way often have empty conflict with residents.

properties available and the housing association regularly contact the Parish Council stating houses/flats are available and they cannot fill them.

However the Parish Council fear such a It therefore came as guite a shock in Summer 2014 development may go ahead with scant regard to the when NLC affordable housing officer contacted the feelings of residents at Hawthorne Gardens. council and asked for a site visit at "Hawthorne If you are affected by such a build please Gardens" no less. Their officer attended on site contact the parish council with either a stating that a local builder had approached the council with plans for a twenty plus build for favourable response or negative to such an Hawthorne Gardens. They stated a housing need idea. had been identified and the council were invited to Information supplied by the Parish Council express their views. To say Parish Council members sent the Council Officer away with a flea in his ear is This is a request and a serious matter of concern. an understatement.

The Parish Council are not against an affordable housing scheme on the proviso that

A need exists

Proper consultation has been taken with affected residents on such a build

Any scheme is placed at the identified location ie Rosbrooke Way phase three

None of these points had been fulfilled.

In late 2014 a meeting was arranged by residents of Hawthorne Gardens, the Parish Council, Ward councillors of North Lincolnshire Council and the MP for the area Martin Vickers esg.

A senior member of North Lincolnshire Council attended (not the affordable housing scheme officer) and stated they had Thirty One persons on the waiting list for affordable housing however they were unable to show proof of such. They stated Hawthorne Gardens was chosen since no other site had been identified, the plans presented now

consisted of eighteen houses and bungalows, the site is placed at the rear of Hawthorne Gardens adjacent to the playing fields. The officer intimated that Goxhill had been chosen as a second option however not disclosing the other option, (the parish council had already been informed that another village had turned down the request).

Residents expressed concerns at the development re having a negative impact on the location, a devaluing of their homes and guestioned the feasibility of the mix of housing.

We are now in a stale mate scenario and are awaiting an application being submitted.

Two children are using a small 4x4 quad bike on public bridalways, footpaths, and even Horsgatefield Road. They have also been seen riding across the football fields and Green Ramper, and they have damaged the surface of the playing fields. Could we ask the family if -1. you are aware of this and 2. if you are also aware that they need driving licences, insurance and excise licences. Photographs and details have been taken and will be retained. North Lincolnshire Council do, as a matter of course, report such action to the Humberside Police. The Parish Council does not wish to spoil childrens enjoyment of their activities, but this behaviour is not correct and not welcome. Could you as parents, whoever you are, take action yourselves and ask your children to cease such activities.

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Everyone is aware of the austerity measures that are taking hold in Great Britain and it is appreciated no sector of the government departments should be excused.

However not wishing to be political whatsoever, are residents actually aware of the plans of Humberside Police?

The police budget has been cut by 20% over the next five years and the force has had to cut its cloth accordingly. £31m is being slashed from its budget.

Well, your Police and Crime Commissioner for the area is fully supportive of the cuts taking advice from senior members of the Humberside Police. It has to be remembered his pedigree is an ex Conservative Party supporter and was a conservative councillor. Senior members of the police will support him since they are concerned of promotion black balling. Ask any rank and file member (Federation Members) do they support the policing model the chief constable is rolling out in the service? Ask senior members of the police (Superintendents Association), do they support the chief constables intention? Ask the top brass (ACPO members) do they support the Chief intentions?

I have asked them all and it's a resounding NO! They give me horror stories of actual cuts in service that I dare not publish for fear of alarming people.

What are the chief's intentions, supported by Matthew Grove, The Police and Crime Commissioner?

The Force has identified 43% of all calls for service are in the Hull area, therefore the Force has decided to place 43% of resources into that area. Yes too right, and so it should do so. However this has come at a cost to the rest of the area.

What's happening on the south bank?

More officers have been moved from Scunthorpe to Grimsby. The traffic department (Roads policing) at Grimsby and Scunthorpe has closed, resulting in 22 officers at Grimsby and 20 at Scunthorpe now coming on at Melton (on The North Bank). They drive in their own cars to Melton, collect a car and then make their way to the south bank, however this is where the issue arises. They book on and become a resource to the Northern Communications Centre and should, as is now happening, attend incidents on the North Bank and will eventually reach the south bank some hours later, consequently the south bank has lost useable resources.

The Southern Communications Centre is closing and staff are On your behalf, I feel passionate about the service offered by being moved to the Northern Communications Centre. Result Local Humberside Police and during my service often got into hot water. I Knowledge is lost to the South Bank. Drug Squad - all now centre even took the then Chief Constable to high court in London, since I on the North Bank. Major Crime Officers, you guessed it, now on believed I was entitled to represent my views through the parish the North Bank. Most CID officers now centred on the North Bank. council. He stated I couldn't. The court ruled in my favour. After I The Force Support Group (officers who are available for major retired I continued to remonstrate about the service or lack of it, public disorder, general public disorder in Grimsby and Scunthorpe) that Goxhill was receiving and often got the wrath of my ex bosses, are now all based on the North Bank. but now I am even freer to express the facts.

The force is now centred on a one Division structure, whereby all resources are used as a centrally opted resource. What does this mean? Well if 43 incidents are running in Hull and a 44th is logged the next nearest resource is used. This resource could be on the south bank. If a 45th, 46th and so on is required in Hull all resources could and will finish in Hull. This is good news if you live in Hull. Bad news, however, if you live on the south bank. Effectively the south bank is and will continue to be starved of resources. I asked my local MP if he was aware of such and yes he was, and yes he had been assured by the Police and Crime Commissioner that response times would not suffer. He assures me, "All response times will be as before". How can it be? Get real and live in the real world!

Humberside Police is now north bank centred, north bank staffed, and north bank managed. Where does the Chief Constable live. North Bank. Where does the Police and Crime Commissioner live. North Bank. Actually where do all senior members of the Humberside Police live? No prizes there then. So who is actually representing the views of the south bank? Who?

How can response times remain the same? They cannot be if the above centrally controlled system is implemented. Ask yourself, if my local officer now attending from Barton may now be attending from Hull, how can he/she meet that same response time? Its impossible. I am told the resource will come from say Grimsby or Scunthorpe or Immingham. How can it if all resources are now coming from their nearest available location, when its already been identified 43% of calls for service will be at Hull. Those same officers will be attending calls for service on the North Bank.

The latest information I am given from Humberside Police (however not verified and only comes from two sources) is that after 1600 on any day 50 units (Police Officers) will be available for response until 0600 the following day. 50 units!!!!

Matthew Grove is now supportive of advising all members of the public who have become a victim of crime, not to expect an officer to call upon them. Instead they can call at the police station. For people in Goxhill that means going to Barton or Immingham during 0900-1700 or call at Grimsby or Scunthorpe 0600-0000 or between midnight and 0600 call at Queens Gardens Police station in Hull.!!!!

There is no doubt that the Chief Constable believes in what she is doing (refusing to listen). She has appeared on Look North and stated she WILL meet the £31 million cut being placed upon her budget over the next five years. And will implement any measure to ensure she complies with it.

Am I being too pessimistic?

Lincolnshire Police adopted the One Division strategy two years ago. The new Chief Constable Mr Rhodes has appeared on TV and has stated to the audience and the government, 'my force cannot meet these conditions you are placing upon me and by 2016 the force will not cope and will be placed in special measures.' A view shared by his Police and Crime Commissioner

An Inspector in Lincolnshire Police has stated to the press, his officers cannot meet the requirements being placed upon them, however he has subsequently been told not to express those opinions publicly and he cannot speak to the press any more!

London Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hagen Hoe has also stated the cuts have gone too far and his force will not meet its commitments.

The south bank of the Humber will and is becoming a barren area for policing at the benefit of Hull, who are receiving the lions share. However your share of the policing budget will remain the same via your council tax and actually went up in 2014.

Am I anti North Bank, anti Hull? Actually no, its where I was born and brought up, but I now represent the feelings of the south bank.

Will the south bank survive from a policing perspective, it cannot if the above is true, and I can assure you, my sources are sound and have all been checked out.

Make your feelings known, write to the Chief Constable, to Police and Crime Commissioner, to your MP. Of course if you are never a victim of crime, never a party in a Road traffic accident, never a witness to an incident, then you obviously are not affected by any of the above and you would not have cause to trouble to write.

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Finding the way

Very soon we shall have a general election when we shall be asked to elect a new Member of Parliament. Many young people will be involved in voting for the first time. In some schools mock elections will be held but for older ones it will be their first encounter with the polling booth and their reaction to this will vary from enthusiasm to disinterest. I heard one say that she would not vote because she knew nothing about it. I can reveal a secret, most of us know very little about the real facts of politics and government, because that is the way that politicians want it to be. But, we can all try to learn a little more.

Already we are besieged on every side by people seeking to persuade us that theirs is the only true and honest path but it is apparent to all that the truth is not in them. Daily the pantomime of statement and contradiction goes on. But what happens closer to home? Unfortunately the idea that if you speak with conviction you will be believed spreads to the fringes of government, even to the parochial, but at that level we are not so easily deceived. The word on the street in the village travels faster than deception.

I am sorry that the parish council were disappointed that their presence at the Gas Grid presentation was not noticed. I am opposed to ostentatious advertisement however an arranged formal appearance on such an occasion would have been of encouragement to those upon whom the making of the tunnel will bear most heavily. "Let your light so shine......

Fortunately the spring will bring with it much to divert our attention from the deplorable to the delightful. The flowers are opening and there is a lot to be done as the days lengthen. There are so many things to look for each day that I have to keep popping out to see that I haven't missed or forgotten something. This is made more difficult by the climate change which has brought forward the date upon which things happen. When I first arrived in Goxhill I was told that runner beans should be planted here on the nearest Sunday to May 9th. (The better the day the better the deed!) A day adjacent to May 1st. would probably be acceptable now.

There are other things to look out for and I shall be looking for signs of the hedgehog. I rarely see the hedgehog so signs of its presence are most important, small black deposits about 30 mm long tapering from 5mm to nothing indicate that the gardener's friend has passed that way. There are less pleasant things to look out for and indeed to marvel at. How does the fox know exactly where I am going to place my feet? It is now several years since I last saw or heard an Owl in the garden which is very sad. I suppose I shall just have to make do with the squirrels they are a constant source of entertainment.

A short time ago I was given a ride in a new motorcar. As we travelled through the village I noticed that the Sat-Nav, an instrument which I do not posses, was showing the name of all of the streets. I thought this was rather clever because I am sure that there are many of us who live in the village who could not name many of the streets and closes with which we are surrounded. This is not really surprising; whilst I have lived in Goxhill a Close, of which there were many, and which were small enclosed pieces of grass field have changed. A close has now become a desirable residential area or housing estate. There are some places in the village that the Sat-Nav will never find, Middle road Far road and Bottom road will remain a mystery even if their peace is temporarily destroyed, and opposite Rachael's Row the white cats can enjoy the spring sunshine with little disturbance.

As the boring of the tunnel and the laying of the Gas Grid pipe under the Humber begins many people will be finding their way to Goxhill for the first time. Undoubtedly the Sat-Nav will play a major part in enabling them to do so. Many years ago a boy walked into the class room at Goxhill School carrying a piece of stone. The stone was magnetic and had been found adhering to the metal work of a plough when it came back from the fields so that the exact place from which it had come could not be located. It was a piece of Lodestone or Magnetite a naturally occurring magnetised iron ore. The nearest place where the mineral is found is in the mountains of Norway where it is believed that the mineral was magnetised by lightning strike. Suspended on a cord the Lodestone orientates itself in a North South direction and has been used by people of many countries to enable them to find their way across the sea. This was the first magnetic compass.

How did the Loadstone arrive in a field near Goxhill? It was probably brought here as the navigation instrument of a Viking boat or even of a small fleet of boats and its loss whether as a result of shipwreck or falling overboard would be of tremendous significance not just as a valuable item but perhaps more significantly as a means of finding the way home.

During the coming years there will be many people who will come to Goxhill some from neighbouring villages and towns and others from further away and even from countries abroad. They will continue the ever changing make up of the village population and whether their stay is permanent or temporary I hope that they will find happiness here. Maurice Brawn



Mika has already written an article on dog poo for the Gander, now he says "Love the Gander! What a good bed time read."

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

Please have submissions for the SUMMER EDITION of the Gander in by Saturday 2nd May. Distribution 1st week of June (for all date sensitive information) <u>email: goxhill-gander@fsmail.net</u> or contact Jeff Teasdale on 07774 671175







HUMBER PIPELINE - LATEST NEWS

Statement from Goxhill Parish Council The Humber pipe line project is proposing to build a temporary road from South End. At its junction where the road is at a right angle, house name Brantwood. The road would then continue heading towards Thornton where it would then turn right and continue to the old airfield industrial units adjacent to Barricks. It would then turn left and continue its old route on a one way route as before.

The PC response to this suggestion is as follows:

The PC supported this temporary road in a one way system. However their first option was that the design should be two way and should be a designated route for pipeline traffic only.

The second option was their proposal.

The third option if one and two failed, the project should pave the whole of Thornton Road, Ferry Road within the parish of Goxhill up to the Northern end of the village. After that the project should enlarge every passing place on Ferry Road to Lay By standard. After the project has finished the whole route should be restored to a better than before standard taking into account the years of additional traffic exposed to the route.

This project will go ahead and I understand that some of the spoil may not be removed from the site although this information is at a very early stage. If it was infilled into some of the old tile guarry ponds. then the developer would need to negotiate the loss of habitat by creating other biodiversity areas which create other issues in itself.

Statement from National Grid As many readers will already be aware, National Grid is proposing to replace its existing gas pipeline between Goxhill and Paull with a new one which would be built in a tunnel beneath the river. At the end of January, we completed a very localised consultation around South End. We did this because several people suggested they would like us to look into alternatives for how we could route our construction vehicles around South End. We are currently assessing feedback and will continue to keep people updated as we finalise our planning application. More information is also available at www.riverhumberpipeline.com

This alternative route would see us build a temporary road, across a private field, would allow our construction traffic to avoid narrow corners in South End. If taken forward, this change would address one of the main pieces of feedback we received in our statutory consultation, regarding the proposed traffic route. Thank you to everyone who took part and attended the statutory consultation last year. An exhibition of the proposals took place in Goxhill Village Hall (Saturday 27 September) as well as in East Halton and Paull. The feedback we received has been very useful in helping us to refine our approach as well as understand more about local issues and concerns. Using this information, we hope to minimise our impact on the local area during construction while delivering this vital piece of new infrastructure.



Statement from North Lincolnshire Council, Highways Department National Grid has consulted with North Lincolnshire Council under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 on the River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project.

with the final decision being made by the Secretary of State following a recommendation

LINCOLNSHIRE The role of the council in the determination of this scheme is that of a statutory consultee COUNCI from a panel of Planning Inspectors. The scheme is currently at the pre application stage with submission anticipated during February 2015; as such this represents the final opportunity for the council to influence this project before formal submission.

It is expected that the Highway Authority will accommodate construction traffic to such developments as these. However, we will always do what we can to try and mitigate the impact of these works on the highway network and local residents.

We agree with your comment and believe a haul route bypassing South End Goxhill would be beneficial. The upgrading of the whole of Chapelfield Road including the haul route seems a workable solution for appropriate access to the site, and we have indicated this to National Grid and their agents.

Any suggestions or recommendations that we put forward will however need to meet the planning tests of reasonableness and enforceability. However, part of the process does include imposing requirements on the applicants to agree reasonable methods of operation and an undertaking to make good any damage that may be caused by the construction process.







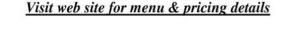
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Chatting over the Garden Fence

I am delighted to report that the traditional 'chat over the garden fence' is still alive and well, contrary to the stated belief that this method of getting to know your neighbour and passing news from your perspective around is long gone, I find it hasn't. Over the garden fence. You can gossip or tell, tweet or chat to someone about something really good you've found but remember, that your conversation can be overheard. To tweet or chat, it's your choice and you must get

Isn't it nice that you can learn something that you feel is useful or would be the perfect answer to the £1m question on who wants to be a millionaire, and you can then go and tell your friends over the garden fence, leaning on it whilst talking and probably with a cup of tea at hand.

Think about it, that brief chat of short phrases, talking over each other, explaining 'Have you heard about...' with such excitement.

I always found it funny how my parent's neighbours, when I used to listen in, knew so much on everything. In reality, as I grew older I realised that that they actually knew so little about so little - never let the facts get in the way of a good story, as we say.

So here we are, in the 21st Century and the metaphorical garden fence chat is still going strong, only thing is it's not in the garden anymore, it's over the internet! That's my view of Twitter, it's like the proverbial chat

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The old broadband network mainly uses copper infrastructure, this means that the further from the exchange you are the slower your broadband speed is. By introducing superfast broadband to Goxhill, speeds of up to 80mbps are now available. The actual speed you receive will depend on the distance your property is from the local telecommunications cabinet and the service you buy.

There are a range of reasons how superfast broadband can be of benefit; faster page loading times, less waiting for videos to buffer, and programmes such as Skype will be more reliable allowing you to keep in contact with family and friends all over the world. It will also allow you to work more efficiently from home than you could before.

Superfast broadband will also be of huge benefit if you own a business in the area. It allows you and your staff to do much more in far less time. It allows you to share ideas via video calls with colleagues, clients and partner all over the world, something which slower internet connections will struggle with or you would have had to make a costly phone call. You could also use the cloud t access files, processing power and software as and when you need them.

The new network is available to all internet providers so make sure you shop around for the best deal, although bear in mind that the cheapest option may not always be the best. If you are happy with your current provider then you need to contact them if you wish to upgrade to a superfast connection. Your internet speed will not increase automatically.

For more information about the Northern Lincs Broadband project visit our webpages at www.investinnorthlincs.co.uk e-mail us at nlbb@northlincs.gov.uk or call us on 01724 296926

To tweet or chat, it's your choice and you must get your point over in 140 characters or less. If you're clever you can convey a lot more than could be said in 140 characters by using the hashtag but then you could make some silly mistake so innocently like using #lol (laugh out loud) or #lol (lots of love) - it's the former by the way - and turn what you think was to be a romantic indication into a slap across the face.

I 'get' Twitter and like it; and now my neighbours aren't just either side of me, they could be anywhere, from Indonesia to Goxhill, the world is still shrinking.

The dangers of Twitter though are just like anything published on the internet, that once it's out there it's out there and you can't really get it back. You need to make sure that you might 'think' something but don't publish it.

If you out there in the Twitter-sphere, leaning on the garden fence waiting to 'chat', seek me out, there's only one modest me, **@thegarypayne**

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ROTARY CLUB OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

Sixty-one Christmas Day lunches were delivered to elderly people who would be unable to cook a meal or be on their own on the special day. The meals were cooked at Barton Trinity Methodist Lecture Hall by Rotarians and other volunteers and then delivered to people in Barton, Barrow, New Holland, Goxhill and South Ferriby. The meal included Turkey with the trimmings, a Trifle, Mince Pie and Fruit.

New Holland and Barrow school pupils filled many of the 131 Rotary ShoeBoxes that have been sent by Barton Rotary Club to Eastern Europe. The boxes contained Christmas presents for children and elderly people in Romania. Many of the boxes go to children in orphanages and this may be the only gift that they will receive. Barton club President, John Green said "The children from these two schools always help us with this very worthwhile project and we are very grateful for this". Schools in Barton and South Ferriby also took part.

Barton Rotary Club had very successful pre-Christmas events. The free Christmas Concert, held in Baysgarth School hall, attracted a "full house" of OAP's who enjoyed listening to the John Harrison, Barrow, School Choir. Following a supper, provided by Barton Rotary Club

THE ROTARY CLUB BARROW MERIDIAN

Barton Food Bank A cash donation was made to assist with their work locally, we have supported this cause since we formed the club and shall continue to do so.

Barrow 10 mile bike ride The ride went well, with approximatley 70 participents. The race started and ended at Barrow Rugby Club, round by New Holland and on to Goxhill playing field. The event had fun for the children and food available on site with the club bar open, it raised almost £800 on the day for St Andrews Hospice. Many thanks to the people of Barrow and surrounding area for their genorosity.

Car Boot Sale We staged the car boot sale at Barrow playing fields, it went without a hitch and many people supported the event, raising approximately £600 for local projects.

Christmas Fair Barrow Market Place On December 13th the Rotary Christmas fair was staged in Barrow Market place, with trade stands, mulled wine and hot food, and of course Santa was there to see the children, with some live music including carol singers on the night. We very much enjoyed seeing you all there. The event was held for Barrow and surrounding villages. A good time A presentation by Laurie Robinson on the lives and was had by all and with the genorosity of all visitors we times of local soldiers through two wars, both pictoral and raised £800. Many thanks Santa Street Visits Santa's through the spoken word. We had children from sleigh was well received again this year, we had fun Baysgarth School and Barton army cadets present. It was around the streets of Barrow, New Holland, Goxhill, educational and informative to young and not so young, Wooton and Thornton Curtis. A big thank you to all for Laurie captivated his audience with his enthusiasm your generosity. throughout. A big thankyou to Laurie.

Fishing match Colin Finnis staged his annual fishing match at Barton. There was good local support for this event, a great day was had by all and almost £1000 was raised for Lindsey Lodge Hospice. Thanks to Rotarian Colin and the anglers who made this a success again.

FIELDS Monday 4th May - Monday 25th May - Sunday Coast to Coast bike ride On the 12-14 October, Barrow Rotarians President Simon Weightman and Colin Finnis 26th July - Monday 31st August, GATES OPEN 7.00am successfully cycled the "Coast to Coast" from Whitehaven Lotterv grant success We have been sucessful in our to Sunderland. With neither of us having ever cycled application for a lottery grant with a payment of £10.000 more than 35 miles in a day before and only managing a in our account. little training in North Lincolnshire beforehand, the hills The Rotary Club Barrow Meridian team and helpers work through the Lake District and over the Pennines to hard to raise funds and improve life in our community. We Northumberland were, you might say, somewhat run an open club and welcome any one wanting to visit or challenging, particularly when we also had strong head wishing to know more about the organisation. winds for the last two days. Anyway we are very pleased Article written by President Elect Cheryl Patterson Cox to have completed the challenge and both bikes are now

members and their partners, the ever popular Barton Town Band continued the entertainment.

Transport was arranged for the visitors from



Barton, Barrow, Goxhill and New Holland,

The very busy "Photos with Santa" event was held as part of the Barton Christmas Festival. More than 200 children were photographed and received a gift from Santa. At the same time, in the adjacent Methodist Chapel in Barton, a Christmas Tree Festival was staged, organised by Barton Rotary Club and Trinity Methodist Church members.

Some of the money raised during the collections with Santa in Barton, Worlaby, South Ferriby and Bonby, was presented to St Andrew's Children's Hospice at Grimsby. £1,000 was given during a visit by Barton Rotary Club members during a visit to view the progress of the new extensions to the building.



on the market for sale! We will have raised well over our target of £2000 for St Andrews Children's Hospice and money is still coming in. Many thanks for all those that have kindly sponsored us. The club also respects the efforts the two riders made, well done.

Pizza Night at a members home in Barrow Rotarian. Zena Caldwell wined and dined the club and guests to celebrate another year of good work by the club. Many thanks Zena.

LIVES Donation We have donated £300 to lives from funds raised through the xmas period.

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OFF THE HOOF

Another Christmas has come and gone and we are now well into 2015.

For those who received a new riding hat for Christmas please note the European standard (BS) EN1384 has been withdrawn and will be outlawed in the British Dressage competitions by January 2016. I have no idea what is acceptable to them and of course if you are doing any other discipline I guess it is still OK, but check the rules carefully.

The debate on hats and chin straps still rumbles on. I must say I have never seen anyone doing cross country without one, which says something. I do wonder if it will be extended to driving, (a horse carriage not a car).

Each year we tend to see different whims on the saddlery front. We have had bubble bits, which can be quite lethal in the wrong hands. Draw reins which again can be lethal and sometimes cause the horse to become overbent. The only thing going for them is a confident rider can adjust the effect.

What I am seeing at the moment is side reins. These claimed many horses' lives. Raking them up would be are fine for breaking in and schooling to help position time consuming and doubtful that one could keep up the head and encourage the horse to round. Outside with them. There is a vacuum available although it is on a hack they are dangerous. The head on a horse, as heavy to work. If you do have the trees near your in humans, is extremely heavy and is a balancing pole. paddock it is best to fence off as much as you can and If a horse slips it uses its head by stretching forwards systematically hoover them up. Don't leave them until in an effort of self-preservation, however, side reins spring or your horse will eat them with the grass. are fixed to the bit and the saddle so if a horse has Remember, these seeds fly so can go anywhere. occasion to adjust balance it gets a jab in the mouth Goxhill Show was unfortunately cancelled last year which compounds the situation. Should it actually fall but should be set to go this year, although at the time over it would have great difficulty getting up as the of writing the problem is that they do not have a first motion is to raise its head and neck, then its front venue yet. Do you know anyone with a large grass feet and lastly its back legs. Please think twice before field willing to let it be used as a show ground? Please going out. Our roads are very slippery at the best of contact the committee if you do. times, but at this time of year the edges do not thaw East Halton should run this year after having to of ice at all.

We are now aware that there will be an increase of lorries in 2016 as the project for new gas pipes starts and will last for two years. Certainly Goxhill will not be as pleasant a place to be if you are a rider. At one time we had a quiet period from about 10:00am till 3:00pm and this would be a good time to avoid traffic, feel reasonably safe and enjoy riding. There are still over three hundred horses in the village with few usable bridleways, so there will be no escape. If one is fortunate enough to have a box or trailer they could take the horses out of the village to where there is not as much traffic, but this is not always possible. I hope by 2016 there will be an alternative route for the traffic connected with the pipeline.

On January 18th I attended a 'Judges Conference' in Rugby for the British Skewbald and Piebald Association. I went last year and really enjoyed it. This year I did not enjoy it as much. It was more about "The Miniature Horse" and it was reported that previously conformation was not too good, but is now much improved. Hopefully no more cow hocks

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and pigeon toes. This remains to be seen, However, I am sure more shows will have "Miniature Horse" classes. I don't envy a Judge on that one.

Jane Hastie, the veterinary surgeon gave a talk which was quite interesting. She threw a question out to the audience. "How long does it take a horse to eat, go through the digestive system and come out the other side?" Pause for a minute and have a guess yourself. We (her audience) were supposed to be reasonably knowledgeable horse people. Guesses were given and all were wrong. The answer - three to three and a half days! Did you get it right?

This puts a new perspective on the way we adjust things. For example if a horse is scouring and we, for arguments sake, withdraw sugar beet. It will be that long before we can expect to see an improvement. When we worm we should take this into consideration too.

I feel the ten rules of feeding are slowly slipping away. It has been well reported that Sycamore seeds have

abandon last year due to torrential rain making it impossible to continue safely. Please support all your local shows.

We now have to get ready for summer. During winter I have the ponies shoes removed as she can cope without until the weather improves. Now it is worming, faeces inspection should be done twice a year for ridden horses and ponies and once for nonworking horses. Saddles should be re-fitted, if necessary, by a qualified saddler. Don't get caught out though. After buying a new saddle the saddler I bought from charged a £40 call out and it fitted without adjustment. I will be using my usual saddler who charges when she has to do something and nothing if not. She spends a lot of time looking and assessing the pony being ridden. The saddle and I am on and off several times for adjustments until we are all happy it fits correctly. As usual, I have left this till the last minute so must get it sent now.

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A Very different View

My dear Husband Dennis sadly passed away at the beginning of December. At first I thought I cannot do this for the Spring Edition; then we (the family) had a smile at his comments during his last few days. Here is one story, hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

The Percy family lived at the edge of the airfield, in Field Farm Cottage, during the war, seeing many things that others did not see, because of their proximity to the action.

Dennis was saying that when aircraft were returning from action, they always had a 'ring side seat'.

On one occasion a badly hit aircraft could be heard struggling home from a night flight, during the early hours just as it was beginning to get light. One of his brothers called out, "Hev! come and look quick!"

The 'boys' rushed to the front bedroom window, climbing onto chairs, leaning out of the top of the window for a good view. The pilot could be clearly seen from here, with his badly damaged aircraft, battling on home to land, really low as it passed the house. Just a hundred or so yards more to go to safety, which he achieved. The boys

watched all the emergency vehicles rush to the scene to take the crew to safety.

Dennis remarked that in those days and hard times, very little nightwear was available; so no one had a stitch of clothing on, during this episode. Dennis and his brothers realised what a shocking view the pilot would have had as he passed close by, of three naked boys leaning out of the bedroom window.

It was a strange fact that it was thought necessary to remove a tree from just outside their window for the safety of the low flying aircraft, but the house was still allowed to be occupied. So Dennis had so much to see



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A P38 toching down and Crash Crew vehicles at Goxhill Airfield during the war. Photographs from the Ron Parker Collection.

during the war that was not available to many people. I will try and write further

stories from Dennis' memories in future editions. **Ramona Percy (nee Parkin)**

This is me with my class at the old Goxhill school in 1959. Do you recognise yourself or any friends and relations?



We would like to thank our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, along with parents, for attending the 'centenary' Remembrance Sunday Service. Your commitment



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North Lincolnshire Council are replacing the sign on the way into the village on Thornton Road. There is room for a few words about what is unique about Goxhill.

Please let us know what you would like it to say

(please nothing rude). These are a few suggestions-Home of WW2 USAAF Base Station F-345 The largest village without a pub A fantastic place to live A spectacular avenue of cherry blossom Send in your suggestions by email on goxhill-gander@fsmail.net or to any Gander Team member listed on p 3

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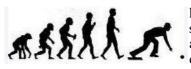
New Build Coming Soon

Below are some computer generated images showing what our fantastic new build will look like. The school has been working very closely with the contractors to make sure that the students at Baysgarth School get the best possible facilities. The contractors are expected on site in March with the students due to transfer over to the new build at Christmas 2016. As part of the new build, we have a £1million bid in with the football foundation for a state of the art floodlight 3G



GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

Although we were very pleased that our village club won one of the three leagues that it competed in last year, the key to our long term success is in



having a thriving membership. For that reason we have two membership categories so as to appeal to as many people as possible. One category is for those who want to test themselves in the leagues; the other is for those who just fancy being able to turn up for a gentle afternoon game with friends every now and then. As the latter costs half as much, some people also find it attractive as a way of trying out bowling for a season to see if it is the sport for them. In either case, we offer free coaching for new and lessexperienced bowlers or even those who consider themselves a bit rusty.

Without wishing to boast, Goxhill Bowling Club's then visit our website at facilities on Manor Lane are probably as good as any http://goxhill-bowls-club.clubbz.com for more about locally. We have one of the best maintained bowling the club and to contact us by email. Or call me on greens in the county and a club pavilion where members **530363** if you would prefer a chat about what's can quench their thirst on sunny afternoons or grab a available. John Guggiari



pitch for use of the school and the community. This will be part of a sports village complex on the site, which will be an exciting project for both the school and the community.

From September 2015 Baysgarth 6th form becomes



an official partner of John Leggott College. John Leggott College is the highest performing College in the area, and we will be utilising their expertise to improve the outcomes of the students at Baysgarth. This means every 6th form student at Baysgarth will have full access to the facilities and resources available at John Leggott College. We believe this partnership offers the students all the

benefits of staying in an environment they know, while at the same time giving them full access to the excellent care, guidance and support on offer at John Leggott College.

For more information on Baysgarth school visit our website www.baysgarthschool.co.uk or like us on Facebook.

hot cup of tea when it is cooler. A wide size/weight range of bowls sets are available for members to borrow if they • do not have their own.

With much flexibility over using the bowling green, members can turn up for a friendly game, or simply to practice on their own, pretty much whenever it is not being cut or otherwise maintained. Even if a home league match is scheduled, there will usually be a rink or two free for use. New members wanting to dip a toe into bowling that is a bit more challenging, but without entering the leagues, can try one of our club competitions. The emphasis is firmly on fun so, with pairings selected at random, new and experienced bowlers can end up team mates for the afternoon.

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GOXHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

During the latter days of 2014, you might have seen items in the news about a think-tank report suggesting that the way forward for libraries could be as local tea and coffee shops. Whilst not wishing to be smug about the matter, Goxhill's community library has been doing that on a Wednesday for a few years now. In fact, if one looks at the library usage statistics, during that period it has consistently been our busiest afternoon each week. As the government's 'Digital By Default' drive is pushing more of its services online all the time, it is also hardly surprising that many library users now visit for Internet access. What do you think our library should be like: wi-fi coffee shop, just books or something different again? We would love to know, so please email goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk or call in and talk to us or drop a line to The Gander.

Goxhill's community library is situated in the Parish Rooms on Howe Lane, run by volunteers and free for you to use. We have more than just books with loads of reference sources online within the North Lincolnshire Library Service. Computers are available for free use or you may use your own devices along with our wi-fi broadband connection. As we are not open every day, please make a note of our opening times so that you do not have a wasted visit: Mondays from 3.30pm until 7pm

- Wednesdays from 2pm
- Fridays from 3pm

If you are not yet a library member then you can join online via the North Lincolnshire Council website, which should only take about 5 or 10 minutes. If you are unsure about using the internet or would like any help with joining then simply call in and the volunteer on duty will take you through the process. And if you really need a cuppa and a chat then you know where to come. John Guggiari

If you use Facebook then you probably know already that there is a page called Goxhill Grapevine. It is well worth a look and has already been helpful on a number of occasions



for rapidly reuniting pets with their owners and much more.

On a few occasions people have mentioned seeing a vehicle that concerned them for one reason or another, usually because it was behaving in an unusual manner. Whilst it will probably be somebody crawling their car or van along the road trying to find a particular house name, it might sometimes be a miscreant on the prowl. They need not be aiming to steal anything at present but could be identifying potential targets, looking for anything from expensive garden ornaments to pedigree pets. They could be checking out which houses are unlit or appear unoccupied. So what should you do if you see a vehicle that seems out of place or is acting in a suspicious manner?

Well the main thing is to remember, or discreetly note, the vehicle registration number. I say 'discreetly' because you never know how somebody might react if they saw you doing it. Here are a few suggestions about ways that you could do so:

- For pen and paper: look at the vehicle number, remember it, and write it down once you are walking away from the vehicle so as not to be too obvious.
- If you have a mobile phone then tapping the registration into it should not only be fairly easy but also look like guite normal texting behaviour even

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if the driver sees you doing it.

- Maybe you have a good memory but, if not, try making a short phrase using the registration letters /numbers and picture it in your mind. The sillier it is, the better, as it will help you to recall it later.
- If none of that works for you then settle for just remembering the colour and make of vehicle plus any logo or other distinguishing feature.

Once you arrive home, you can report the vehicle using any of these methods.

- Telephone 101 and ask for Barton upon Humber Police Station.
- Call in at Barton Police Station (Mon-Fri only: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm).
- Email one of the Ferry Ward neighbourhood police officers: thomas.stevens@humberside.pnn.police.uk or lewis.munday@humberside.pnn.police.uk
- Web Via the police web site: www.humberside.police.uk/my-neighbourhood
- Twitter via @Humberbeat NL

There's no need for you to feel awkward about reporting it or even to feel you must sell or justify your suspicions to the police. Once they check out the registration number it should be sufficient to persuade them whether it is or is not worth following up. At the very least, your report will be on file to hopefully be cross-referenced if something adverse does come to pass.

Further tips and advice are on our website at http://gnew-goxhill.clubbz.com which you can join free of charge to receive bulletins or warnings that the police and other agencies send to us.

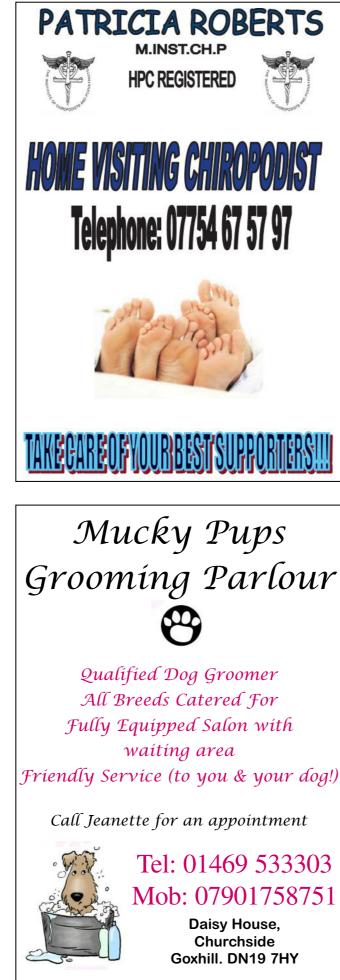
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If you would like to support LIVES locally, whether through training to become a first responder or by fundraising, please contact **Damian Connolly, branch co-ordinator,** for more details. Email **connolly.dam@gmail.com** or telephone **530656** or **07802710065**. You are welcome to attend one of the group's monthly evening training sessions - to both see what goes on and to have the opportunity to talk to existing volunteers about what is involved - without any commitment whatsoever.

STORIES OF GOXHILL'S PUBS

My mother recalls a family named Asher being 'mine host' at the Generous Briton back in the 20s. Sadly memory fails her until the Robertsons took over, I think in the 50s.

When the fortnightly Goxhill dances where held in the Memorial Hall in the early sixties, I remember Mrs. Robertson's concerns about underage drinking. Youngsters would turn up at the Generous before going on to the dance. Mrs. Robertson would stick her head round the snug door and warn us, 'I hope you lot are all eighteen! The policeman's coming later!' He never came of course.

It was boasted that the Generous had the smallest bar in England! I'm not sure if that was true but get three people in and it was tight!

Peter Raby and John Wright kept all entertained with tales of poaching and moonlit nights watching foxes and badgers.

My memory of the Brock reaches back to around 1950 to Jim and Alice Brennan taking over there. I lived across the road and soon became friends with their five children. Two more arrived later. Mr Brennan worked but his wife was the mainstay of the pub. Mr and Mrs Harry Reaney were the next people, and then in the mid fifties came Harry and Phyll Gardham. Their previous place was the County Hotel at Immingham. I remember the 'Brock' being a very busy pub in this period.

Norman Leck and his wife were next. I think ex miner Derek Dickinson and his wife Lil took over around



Beautiful watercolours of the Generous Briton and the Royal Oak kindly supplied by Stan Short





1966. Saturday nights became very popular with Cliff Back- house and his daughter providing the music. Local 'talent' got up and sang. The place would be packed. The acts were better known for enthusiasm than ability however!

One night I remember in The Brock, was a Harvest fundraiser; a joint effort involving the Church and the pub. It was well attended and was a jolly affair plus a good total was raised. At one point the then vicar Rev. Frank Tulsen was challenged to down a pint in one go. He was an ex navy man and Rev Tulsen duly rose to the challenge thereby raising more money from the sponsor. Mrs Tulsen was then asked to drink a schooner of sherry in one, for a similar amount, which she did to loud cheers.

On a different occasion someone found a frog hopping about in the rear entrance. He popped the frog in a pint glass when the owner had his back turned. When the pint was raised the goggled-eyed amphibian stared back at the customer. Needless to say the man was not pleased and walked straight out.

Derek Dickenson had a sense of humour all of his own. When he was asked for crisps he stated loudly, 'Do you want big crisps or little crisps?' If the answer was little, he pounded the bag on the bar top.

He started wearing specs and one lunchtime two very striking young women came into the pub. 'Good afternoon gentlemen. What can I get you?' he asked, 'I really must get these glasses looked at!'

Thanks to Les Austin and family for these memories of two of Goxhill's pubs.

A more detailed article on the Generous Briton will be included in a future issue of the Gander.

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