



# the Gander

GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017

Goxhill Views  
Village Tales  
Local People  
School Reports  
Church Letters  
Parish Council News  
& Much More

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**A** New Year and hasn't it started well for the village. It looks as though the year long battle by the Friends of the Brock to save our village pub is very close to success. The Co-op have opened their brand new store. The Memorial Hall continues to put on some fantastic entertainments from Pantos to Films, from Live Shows to private parties and a long list of other activities. To name but a few of the good things happening already in Goxhill. See various articles throughout this issue for more information.

Sadly, it is not all good news. There have been the sad deaths of a number of well known village characters already this year. Our condolences go out to all the families and friends affected.

It is all the more reason to recognise the good that so many people do in our village, while we can. I said in the last issue, that we were trying to bring back the Short Award and that is exactly what we have done and it is now sponsored by the Gander. You will find a form on **page 45** of this issue or in Creasey's Store, the Library and other locations around the village and on the Grapevine facebook page, for your nominations. The Short Award is a Community Award to a resident of Goxhill who has done something outstanding for the village. Nominations will be reviewed at The Gander AGM on Wed 17th May and the Award will be announced in the next issue of the Gander. You only have to look at the display board in the Memorial Hall to see the distinguished names on there, who have all contributed so much to the quality of life in our village. It is a real honour to recognise such selfless work.

**SO PLEASE FILL IN A SHORT AWARD NOMINATION FORM on page 45!**  
WE ALL KNOW SOMEONE IN THE VILLAGE WHO DESERVES SUCH RECOGNITION!

One major project in the village that is getting rather mixed opinions, is the Humber Pipeline. National Grid and their contractors are working hard to minimise the impact particularly of vehicle access to the site, see the information on **page 31**. However the Traffic Management Plan agreed by NLC Highways and the planning authority, leaves a lot to be desired on village roads and narrow country lanes on the marsh. On top of heavy traffic going to existing businesses down the marsh, the addition of the Pipeline traffic is bound to cause considerable extra difficulties. And the Pipeline Project is only just getting started preparing the access and site, so the problems are not going to go away and could get worse. The Off the Hoof article on **page 37** expresses similar concerns especially for horse riders and walkers who traditionally enjoy our country lanes. Please use the numbers on National Grid's **page 31**, to let them know any concerns you have. There is also a facebook page **www.facebook.com/saveferryroad** set up by residents to your share concerns.

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## THE GANDER

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 17th May 2017 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

What constitutes greatness in terms of human achievement? Will Donald Trump be remembered as a great president? (will Obama?) Will Theresa May be remembered as a success (already she's being compared with another female politician who preceded her and whose legacy is still very much debated!)

One of the most dramatic aspects of the Easter story that we celebrate this month is the behaviour of the Disciples. When we look at their actions before, during and after the Crucifixion I am certain we can all identify with at least some of their very human traits, especially if we try to assess them in terms of human achievement.

Among the Disciples, the one who was most successful in worldly terms was Judas, and the one who gives the impression of being a failure was Peter. Judas was a success in the ways that most impress us: he was successful both financially and politically. He cleverly arranged to control the money of the group of Disciples – presumably convincing even Jesus that he could be trusted with this most important job. He also skilfully manipulated the political forces of the day and plotted with those in power to accomplish his personal goals.

Peter, by comparison, was a failure in ways that we most dread: he was ineffective in a crisis and socially inept. He said the most embarrassingly inappropriate things. At the arrest of Jesus he caved in, a hapless, blustering coward, despite having earlier made protestations of eternal loyalty. When Jesus was being interrogated he denied he even knew him. Peter was probably not the kind of companion we would want with us in time of danger, and he was not the kind of person we would generally feel comfortable with at a social occasion.

Time, of course, has reversed our judgments on the two men. Judas is now a byword for betrayal, and Peter is one of the most honoured names in the church. Judas is a villain; Peter is a saint. Yet the world continues to judge success as evidenced by the achievements of Judas: financial wealth, social status and political power, and to avoid at all costs the failures and faux pas of Peter.

Easter is a time when, as we enter once again into the great drama at the heart of our faith, we are forced to the conclusion that maybe the world hasn't got it right in assessing what constitutes true greatness, and what it is in my life I would like people to remember me by?

Rev. John Girtchen

### Easer Services at All Saints Church (unless otherwise stated)

Maundy Thursday	13th April 6.00pm	Holy Communion, Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Good Friday	14th April 7.30pm	United Service for Good Friday, Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Easter Day	16th April 7.00am	Early morning Vigil in All Saints Churchyard followed by breakfast in Goxhill Methodist Chapel School Room (donations for charity invited)
Easter Day	16th April 9.30am	Holy Communion, All Saints Church
Sunday	23rd April 6.00pm	SOS Contemporary Communion - Easter Celebration, Holy Trinity, Barrow

## LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

It's almost Easter and the glorious signs of Spring and new life are all around us and some of you will be seeking out the Real Easter Egg Company whose Fairtrade Belgian chocolate is the most delicious and comes with a fabulous booklet about Easter. And Christian churches will be proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus in every possible way!

Why is the resurrection such a big deal? Did it just happen to Jesus but no one else? Well – the greatest thinker in the early church was quite clear about it – if Christ did not rise from the dead then Christian faith is utterly futile! So St Paul argues and at first we may think that Paul is exaggerating.

After all, whether or not Jesus rose from the dead, he still left some pretty impressive teaching behind which all the world honours! The wonderful truths outlined in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) would still be there for all history with the superb call for us to be peace makers and to learn to love our enemies. Those words ring down through the centuries and always will – but – ah – if the person who said them was actually deluded and his teaching flawed at the heart, then fairly soon even such magnificent words would fade into the dust of history.

St Paul is crystal clear. Jesus was not yet another prophet with some bright things to say, nor was he another great teacher with especial skills in telling great parables. Jesus was the living truth of God, God's wisdom and love poured into one special human being. In particular he was God bearing our griefs and sorrows and sins and being victorious over all the powers ranged against him.

Jesus was God being crucified and then being raised from the grave because God is not restricted by death. God takes death into all his plans for us and the universe, then offers new life beyond it.

Paul is emphatic about the evidence. Many, many people meet with the risen Christ. Many more did so at the first Pentecost when the early church was born. Many more do so later, Paul himself being one of them. To this day the evidence is decisive. Jesus rose!

Jesus' resurrection appearances are not an apparition, not a happy dream, nor a marvelous bit of wish fulfilment on the part of those first over-excited followers. Jesus rose and the church came about as a result – lives were changed and you and I and one billion people who are Christians today are a plain sign of all that marvellous truth.

That is our core belief – that Christ dies for us and then is risen from death by God. That is what the worldwide church will celebrate with immense joy this Easter Day. The basic truth of Jesus Christ risen is what finally changes our lives for good, and for ever. Death does not have the final word – God does!

Hold to that truth when your life feels it is going through the shadows of uncertainty and disbelief, when the storm clouds gather and dawn feels far away. God raised Jesus from death and he lives for you and me and all the world today!

Joy to you this Eastertide from Revd Nichola Jones





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### EVENTS PROGRAMME

#### Friends of All Saint's Church

#### Easter Egg Bingo

Friday 31st March 7pm  
in the Chapel Schoolroom.

#### Quiz Night

Friday 12th May 7.30pm  
in the Chapel Schoolroom

#### Pop In Coffee morning

Saturday 13th May 10-30am-12.30  
in aid of Christian Aid.

Come and meet new people or old friends over a cup of tea or coffee and enjoys Bacon Butties and Toasted teacakes.

#### Pop In dates:

Saturdays 18th March, 15th April,  
13th May, 24th June

#### Coffee and Book Sale

Tuesday 21st March 10am – 12-30  
All Saints Church open for coffee with some second hand books on sale.

#### Teatime Concert

Saturday 29th April 4pm All Saints Church

Join us for a Teatime concert with  
the Kingston Brass Quintet (Nigel Davies)

The price of the tickets will be £7.50, family ticket  
£20, which includes a finger buffet tea.

Book tickets from **Sandra 530065** or pay on the  
door. Watch for posters for further details.

For any further information on any of these events,  
contact **Sandra Smith on 530065**

### 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.

### 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  
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### GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



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

For further information please contact **Mrs. Alyson  
O'Leary**, President, on **01469 531568**.

#### Our future programme includes:

**April** - Stan Short, giving a watercolour  
masterclass

**May** - Gooseman's Growers from Barrow giving  
ideas for hanging baskets

**June** – Talk about the Jerry Green Dog Rescue  
Centre.

There is a small admission charge for non-members

### Goxhill Memorial Hall 200 Club

#### Winners for the last 3 months

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	13	Crispin Reynolds	£20.00
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December	205	Julie Graham	£100.00
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	56	Glynis Wrightson	£20.00
	116	Mr M Brawn	£15.00
	232	Mrs J Cornall	£10.00

#### Drawn at the Friday night film night

### BROCK MEETINGS

**Tuesday, 21st March 2017**  
**7.30 pm. at Goxhill Memorial Hall**

**AGM for the Friends of the Brock - 7.30pm**

Followed by the **General Meeting of  
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All Friends of the Brock, Shareholders and anyone  
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**See page 23 for more details**

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### VILLAGE CALENDAR FOR 2018

**A competition for entries in a village calendar for 2018 is planned.**

**Photographs of your village, historical, modern, picturesque or activity are welcome..**

(Images of family need their consent for submission)

Images can be any size you wish.

**Submissions can be made up to  
19TH AUGUST, 2017**

to Sandra Smith at Owl Lodge, North End, near the Primary School

and Penny Carnell at Conifer Cottage, North End, opposite The Close.

Entries should include your name and address, and description of scene or event in a sealed envelope.

**IN EARLY SEPTEMBER entries will be displayed to allow people to vote for their favourites for inclusion in the calendar.**

Look out for future information regarding the competition in the Church magazine and the Gander with details of the prize for the most popular entry to be chosen for the front cover.

### NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE BEEKEEPERS

**Our next three months meetings & events are:**

- March 27th** Wendy and Tina from Beverley Beekeepers – A talk on The Demaree Method of Swarm Control and Our Beekeeping Year
- April 24th** Carl Lockyer from Yorkshire Buckfast Bees – A talk and practical demonstration of the artificial insemination of Queen bees.
- May 22nd** Celia Smith – The BBKA Examinations and Assessments

Unless stated otherwise our meetings start at 7.30pm on the last Monday of the month at Broughton Village Hall, 59, High Street, Broughton DN20 0JX. £1 Members - £2 Non members, which includes refreshments.

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	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9am to 10am</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9am to 10am</b>	<b>5.30pm to 6.30pm</b>
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The GPS-enabled map charts your progress on one of the suggested circular walks, or simply take in the town on your own route, and will give you an insight into Barton life past and present. Specific emphasis is placed on some of the key heritage locations including St Peter's Church and the Wilderspin National School.

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### DIARY OF EVENTS

5 March	7.30pm	Live Lincs - Gloriator	- M/Hall
18 March	10.00am	Pop In	- Church
21 March	10.00am	Coffee & Book Sale	- Church
21 March	7.30pm	Brock AGM	- Memorial Hall
22 March	7.30pm	Barton Ghost Walk	- Museum
31 March	7.00pm	Easter Egg Bingo	- Chapel
2 April	7.30pm	Live Lincs- Eduardo Niebla	- Memorial Hall
5 April	6.30pm	Live Lincs - Dinosaurs	- School
9 April	10.00am	Table Top Sale	- Memorial Hall
10 April	7.00pm	WI	- Memorial Hall
15 April	10.00am	Pop In	- Church
15 April	10.00am	Open Day	- Ropewalk
23 April	11.00am	Charity Fun Walk	- Barton
29 April	4.00pm	Teatime Concert	- Church
1 May	7.00am	Car Boot Sale	- Barrow P/F
8 May	7.00pm	WI	- Memorial Hall
12 May	7.30pm	Quiz Night	Chapel
13 May	10.00am	Pop In Coffee Morning	Church
17 May	7.30pm	Gander AGM	- Parish Rooms
20 May	3-4.00pm	Donations for Auction	- Memorial Hall
21 May	8.30am	Viewing Plant/Furniture Auction	
	10.00am	Plant & Furniture Auction	- Memorial Hall
29 May	7.00am	Car Boot Sale	- Barrow P/F
12 June	7.00pm	WI	- Memorial Hall
18 June	9.00am	Country Fair	- Brocklesby
24 June	10.00am	Pop In Coffee Morning	- Church
25 June	9.30am	Craft De-Stash	- Memorial Hall

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Chapel School Room

Art Circle	2-4pm	Wednesdays
Luncheon Club	12 noon	2nd Wed of the month

Knit & Natter	2-4pm	Thursdays
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#### Memorial Hall

Parent & Toddlers	9.15-11.45	Mondays
T'ai Chi	2-3pm	Mondays
Pilates	10-11am	Tuesday & Thursday
Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm	Monday
	7-9pm	Wednesday
	10-12pm	Friday
Tennis	10-12pm	Saturday
		Sunday by arrangement
WI	7pm	2nd Mon of the month (except Aug)

#### Broughton Village Hall

Beekeepers	7.30pm	Last Monday of the month
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#### Baysgarth Museum

Carers Group	1-3pm	Tuesdays
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## NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment

### The Ropewalk

#### OPEN DAY

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The building will open its doors from 10am to 4pm to give the public a taste of what goes on behind the scenes as well as "front of house".

From the galleries and Craft Gallery to the south to Ropery Hall to the north there will be the opportunity to see what makes up this thriving arts centre.

During the day, artists and creative industries who lease units in the building will be available to demonstrate and discuss their work. If you would like to see what is involved in artistic workshops, yoga sessions and youth theatre projects then this is your chance to find out more.

Admission is free.



### SOUTH BANK PLAYERS

On January 13th and 14th the South Bank Players performed their annual pantomime, 'Puss in Boots', directed by Ian Neve, at Goxhill Memorial Hall.

We received some very good feedback from audience members afterwards and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves - except for the little girl who had to be taken home halfway through because she was scared of the ogre! I think we'll take that as a complement....The ogre was played by our newest member, Martin James, who is a Goxhill resident. He threw himself into the part and made a wonderful 'baddie'. The biggest round of applause though must go to 13 year old Ethan White from Barton who stepped into the Principal Boy role with just over a week to go, and learned all his lines in record time.

**Our next event is the Barton Ghost Walk on Wednesday 22nd March**, which will be the last one of the season. The walk starts from Baysgarth House Museum at 7.30pm and costs £4 for adults and £3 for kids. Places can be booked in advance on **01469 531003 or you can turn up on the night**. If you are planning to bring a large group we ask that you let us know. Wrap up warm, bring a friend - and a torch! The walk takes about one and a quarter hours (quicker with small groups and longer with large ones) and takes you through the back streets of Barton where you've probably never been before. We've added a few new stories in recently so even if you've been before, you'll hear something new if you come again!

**The Players are always looking for new members - actors and backstage crew. If you fancy giving it a go then call Dennis on 01469 531003, pop along to a rehearsal (we meet Sunday nights at 7.30pm upstairs at Barrow Squash Club), or contact us through our Facebook page.**



## LiVeLincs and FilmLincs

Once again Goxhill has been successful in booking up events through the LiveLincs Rural Touring Scheme. There is a real variety on offer this time around so hopefully everyone will find one or more acts to their taste. Ideally, come along to all three shows and decide for yourselves.

- **7.30pm Sunday 5th March - Gloriatior by Spitz & Co at Goxhill Memorial Hall.** This riotously funny show reveals just what happens when a glamorous French actress and her hapless assistant stage their version of the Hollywood blockbuster Gladiator. An awe inspiring tale of bravery, honour and costumes made out of cardboard. Target audience: age 11+ but suitable for families & children 7+. Tickets £6 adults & £3 children.
- **7.30pm Sunday 2nd April - Eduardo Niebla Duo at Goxhill Memorial Hall.** Internationally acclaimed Spanish guitarist Eduardo Niebla is joined by fellow guitarist Matthew Robinson and promises us a spellbinding evening of passion, verve and fleet-fingered virtuosity. Whether you are among his admirers or have not heard him before you are in for a quite extraordinary evening of music. Target audience: all ages. Tickets £7 in advance or £9 on the door.
- **6.30pm Wednesday 5 April - Aaaaaaagh! Dinosaurs! by Dommy B at Goxhill Primary School.** A young troll girl finds herself defending her town from deadly dinosaurs. There'll be rhymes, silliness and a lot of joining in as Dommy B improvises around the audience's suggestions. Target audience: children ages 5 to 10 but this is entertainment for the whole family. Buy tickets from the school - telephone 530743.

After good audiences for the five films shown during the latter half of 2016, we are confident of further FilmLincs screenings for 2017. Films are usually shown on a Friday at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. The cost is £3 adults or £2 children, payable on the door with doors open 30 minutes beforehand. Watch out for posters to find out the next film title.

For updates, web-links and more details about films and live acts please check out the **Goxhill Events page on Facebook** or follow **@Goxhill\_Events on Twitter**. Book and buy your tickets for Gloriatior or the Eduardo Niebla Duo by emailing **Goxhill-events@mybtinternet.com** or telephoning **530363**. Tickets will be available elsewhere nearer the dates; see posters.

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## NOTICE BOARD - MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

### MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

On behalf of Goxhill Parish Council Memorial Hall sub-committee, I would just like to thank everyone in the village for supporting the village hall by attending events or giving generously of their time or money.

I am sure you will all agree this last year has seen a radical improvement in certain areas of the hall facilities and with rental at only £11/hour, there has been a rise in usage. This is greatly appreciated since it takes a lot of volunteer effort and money to keep the lights on and the radiators warm. Regular events include Tai Chi, Snooker, Short bowls, Mothers and Toddler group, cinema screenings, village dances and craft fairs. There has also been an increase in weekend booking for family get-togethers.

With more people using the hall, and with some events only hours apart, it is important that users leave the hall in a clean (as-found) condition for the next group. While we do have a caretaker, he is not a cleaner and doesn't work weekends. The £50 bond is for any unexpected cleaning costs (it does happen) or breakages.

While rental income helps towards the maintenance costs, the committee is always looking for other fund-raising opportunities. One such event is the **Plant and Furniture Auction on the 21st May. See opposite for full details.**

Finally, **Penny Nadin** a tireless committee worker and fund-raising enthusiast is leaving Goxhill and has given the committee notice of her resignation. She will be sadly missed and I am sure I speak for the whole committee when I wish her all the best in her new home.

She has however, promised to come and help us christen the refurbished tennis court (July 2017?).

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This has left us rather short-handed. Anyone interested in helping keep the Memorial Hall running and in organising fund-raising events, please come along to our meetings at 7:30pm on the third Wed. of every month. Ann Carter - Secretary

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To book a table please telephone Ann on  
**01469 531300** - £15.00 per table so book early to  
sell your wares and to avoid disappointment.

**NB The Table Top Sale and Spring Craft Fair**  
advertised in the last issue have been cancelled  
and replaced by these events.

### PLANT & FURNITURE AUCTION

Donations are being kindly requested for a Plant  
and Furniture auction to be held on the

**Sunday 21st May 2017**

**10am start for the Plant Auction  
11am Furniture Auction**

Items to be delivered to the Memorial Hall on  
**Saturday 20th May 10am-1pm** (Sat viewing  
4-5 p.m. only, Sun viewing from 8.30am).

All proceeds to Memorial Hall maintenance funds.

This time, as we don't have a huge warehouse to  
store items in, we are asking for donations of small  
furniture pieces (individual chairs, coffee tables, etc)  
which can be delivered to the hall on Saturday 20th  
May 10am - 1pm. We are also looking forward to  
seeing what our village gardening enthusiasts can  
produce with all their cutting, dividing and seed-  
sowing skills.

Last year's furniture and plant auctions were  
enjoyed by all, so let's hope the generosity of those  
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## GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

*"Nothing is so beautiful as spring -- When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush"* **G.M. Hopkins**

The above two lines are the first two in a poem about Spring by the English poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins. I love this poem and have done so since learning it by heart at the tender age of 15 in secondary school. Gerard Manley Hopkins is one of the three or four greatest poets of the Victorian era. He is regarded by different readers as the greatest Victorian poet of religion, of nature, or of melancholy. However, because his style was so radically different from that of his contemporaries, his best poems were not accepted for publication during his lifetime, and his achievement was not fully recognized until after World War I.

It's hard to believe that we are in the spring term of our academic year but yet winter is still forcing us to close our curtains well before 5 o'clock in the evening. I can't think that any of us enjoy arriving home from work in the dark and leaving in the dark the next morning. But already we can see signs of Spring in our gardens with the first snowdrops and in the fields, new signs of life.

I can't believe I have been part of Goxhill School for 8 years. The time has flown by and is filled with such happy and great memories of the children who have passed through our school and of those who still attend. This time last year, I remarked on the constant changes we go through as a school, with the coming and going of new faces. A lot truly happens in a year and our school community is ever growing.

During the winter term we had a number of very well attended events. The children delighted us all in their numerous Christmas performances and the term ended successfully with the largest gathering of parents and community members we have ever seen at our 'Carols around the Christmas Tree'.

We were really fortunate to have a day of hands on workshops in Science and Engineering, provided by



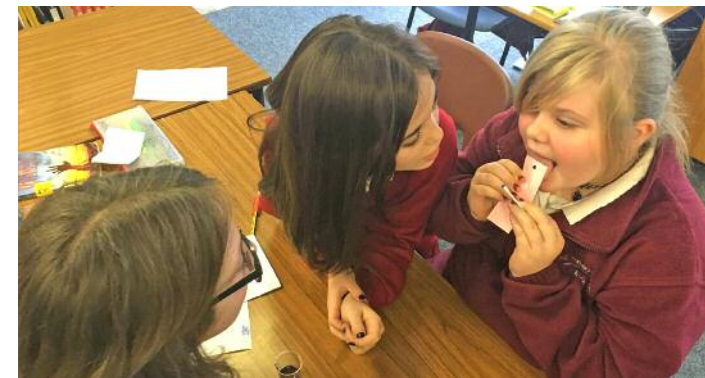
the National Grid. The key stage 2 children from East Halton joined us and the presenter brought science to life through a number of really stimulating and interactive workshops. One of the workshops was based around the science of bubbles and balloons. This workshop looked at forces and how our environment is governed by them.

The other was based around super heroes. Here the children were shown how being a scientist could make



them a superhero – they definitely caught the children's imagination!

The children have also taken part in a BBC Live Lesson. Years 3 to 6 took part, counting the number of taste buds that they had on their tongues. They used blue food colouring to count how many taste buds they had and then they used that information to decide whether they were Non-tasters, Tasters or Super Tasters! Some very interesting results!!



Taking part in the BBC Live Lesson on taste buds.

Of course we have faced many challenges since the start of the year, least of all having five members of staff go off in one academic year to have babies:

Miss Twidale is currently enjoying her maternity leave with baby Harriet Rose who was born 17th January, 2017 and weighed 9lbs 3oz; Mrs Trafford has just begun her maternity leave and Mrs Cook is just finishing her final few weeks of work - we wish them both the best of luck with their births and look forward to meeting their little ones and having lots of cuddles.

Later on in the year, Miss Lamming will also be taking time off to have a baby.

The staff covering the maternity leaves have been welcomed into our school community and are keen to make the transition for the children as seamless as possible. They are bringing with them a wide range of skills and personalities that will offer the children variety and enrichment: year 6 have been learning to knit with Mrs Dalton – they have knitted a lovely blanket for Miss Twidale and baby Harriet. Next, they will be learning to crochet.

Challenges such as these maternity leaves and the way that we deal with them are what make us stronger. Our school community and the growth and success of it continues to be our utmost priority.

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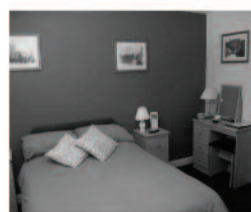
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Science was made simple for Goxhill Primary and East  
Halton Primary School students when National Grid hosted  
two special workshops to show what real-life scientists and  
engineers do for a living.

Pupils took part in two interactive demonstrations involving  
volunteers from the audience. Key stage one pupils  
enjoyed 'Bubbles and Balloons', investigating how different  
shapes of objects made from some  
materials can be changed by some  
processes, including forces such as  
squashing, bending, twisting and  
stretching. Key stage two pupils enjoyed  
'Who Wants to be a Superhero?'  
exploring exactly what real-life scientists  
and engineers do, as well as learning  
more about gravity, forces, energy, light,  
space, and the environment.

National Grid is currently replacing the  
gas pipeline in Goxhill. The work, which will be complete by  
2020 will help ensure reliable and resilient energy supplies  
in the years ahead to North Lincolnshire and the rest of the  
UK. National Grid is replacing the existing River Humber  
pipeline, a strategic gas pipeline beneath the Humber  
Estuary. This is required as over time, the tidal patterns of  
the River Humber have eroded the seabed covering the  
existing pipeline, leading parts of it to become exposed.

Children were encouraged to get excited about science  
and engineering whilst learning about the project and how  
National Grid's work continues to connect their local area to



renewable energy being produced  
nearby.

Miss Breslin, Head teacher at Goxhill  
Primary School, said: "I would like to  
thank National Grid for hosting this event  
at Goxhill Primary School. The pupils had  
a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed  
getting involved in the experiments and  
learning more about engineering."



Steve Ellison, Project Manager at National Grid said: "As  
well as bringing reliable gas supplies to local people in  
Goxhill, we like to stay connected with the local  
communities in which we operate. We are really pleased to  
have visited Goxhill Primary School and it was great to see  
pupils having such an enjoyable time learning about  
science and engineering."

The workshop was also attended by a representative from  
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The Goxhill Food Store in Howe Lane opened to  
the public at 7am on Friday 10th February. The  
£1.2m outlet has a 15-space car park and offers a  
wide variety of groceries, locally sourced goods  
including meat, an in-store bakery and a Costa  
Coffee machine, plus a selection of hot food to go.  
People living in Goxhill are now able to sign up to  
be members of Lincolnshire Co-op and collect  
dividend on what they buy, which they can then use  
to get money off their shopping. Members also  
support local charities. Every time a member uses  
their dividend card, the Society makes a donation  
to good causes as part of its Community  
Champions scheme. **You can apply to be a  
member at [www.lincolnshire.coop/applynow](http://www.lincolnshire.coop/applynow)**  
Goxhill is a new trading area for Lincolnshire Co-op  
and the store opening has created 15 full and part  
time jobs.

On opening day, shoppers could feast on free pastries  
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Goxhill Food Store Manager Lee Chaplin said:  
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The Official Opening of Goxhill's Coop Food Store by President Stuart Parker  
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Lincs, Store Manager, Lee Chaplin, Ward Councillors, Parish Councillors and  
representatives from various groups from Goxhill.  
A cheque for £250 was also presented to the Parish Council towards the  
creation of a new natural area at Vicar's Bridge, for the benefit of all the village.

their shopping, this store will also give local residents the  
chance to sign up to be members of Lincolnshire  
Co-op, collect dividends and take advantage of other  
member benefits like exclusive offers and events."

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Use of CallConnect has grown, with residents booking journeys on a regular basis. Popular journeys from Goxhill are to and from Brigg, Barton and Immingham. Residents are using the bus to do many different local journeys, including getting to the doctors, hairdressers, shopping or taking part in leisure activities. Once in Brigg, Barton or Immingham, connections can be made to travel onward to Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Cleethorpes or Hull.

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Why not get together with a few friends and neighbours and use the CallConnect bus to get to local events in the area? The WI, the Memorial Hall and the Church all have events on. Could you use the bus to get you there?



Why not ring and see? You can also use CallConnect to go to events held in other villages and residents from there can also come to events that you are holding.

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To enjoy the quiet passing of the days.

You were always there -  
Even as your strength failed,  
And your smile faded,  
And your eyes finally closed.

I thank God for you,  
And for our life together.

You were always there -  
And now I remain here for you,  
To cherish your memory,  
To laugh and live, and go on.

*This very poignant poem was read out on the 18th December 2016. When a large crowd gathered in the Cemetery, to unveil a beautiful bench, bought in memory of Geoff and Enid Girdham, from contributions by many friends and relations. As a permanent tribute and reminder of a wonderful couple who did so much for the village and for so many people.*





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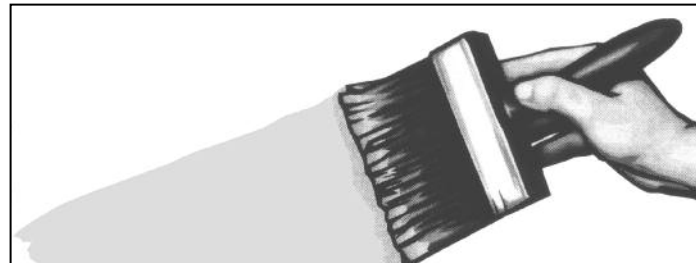


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# 'The BROCK' - IS IT SAVED?

The Friends of the Brock hope, by the time you read this issue or soon after, they will have been able to announce **GOOD NEWS**, after a year of tireless work to Save the Brock!

**The Petition.** Thank you for all those who signed the petition. It has been very effective, plus it is invaluable evidence of the demand in the area to reopen the Brock, especially helpful in our funding applications.

**Recent announcement.** 'Goxhill Community Pub Limited have a deal on the table with Keigar Homes with a mutually acceptable valuation for the Brocklesby Hunt pub. Negotiations are continuing on Heads of Agreement but we are confident we can reach agreement on these.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Parish Council, Plunkett Foundation, Keigar Homes and North Lincs Council on this exciting and innovative project.'

**Deadline - 7th March.** Everything possible is being done to be ready. Detailed negotiations are taking place with Keigar Homes and Solicitors are drawing up the agreement. Applications have already been completed for a number of Grants and Loans to enable the full refurbishment to take place.

**The Friends of the Brock** have done an amazing amount of work behind the scenes to get the project to this stage. The newly formed Goxhill Community Pub Limited, a registered Community Benefit Society, will take on the hard work from now! See below for details of the first meeting of its Shareholders etc. Everyone is welcome and any help will be greatly appreciated!

**The plans.** It is not going to be the old Brocklesby Hunt reopened. It will be a whole new pub, reconfigured to meet the needs of the village as expressed in the survey conducted last year. See some of the initial plans here. A great deal of work will be needed to complete all the refurbishment. We already have the list of the Friends of the Brock and their particular skills, signed up. But we will need all the help we can get, so if you have any relevant skills you can offer please let us know by email to [thebrocklesbyhunt@btinternet.com](mailto:thebrocklesbyhunt@btinternet.com) We don't just need people with professional skills in the building trade etc, but also any willing volunteers to help!

## IMPORTANT MEETINGS FOR ALL

**Tuesday, 21st March 2017**  
**7.30 pm. at Goxhill Memorial Hall**

**AGM for the Friends of the Brock**  
 start at 7.30pm

Agenda: Review of the year;  
 Proposal to wind up this organisation.

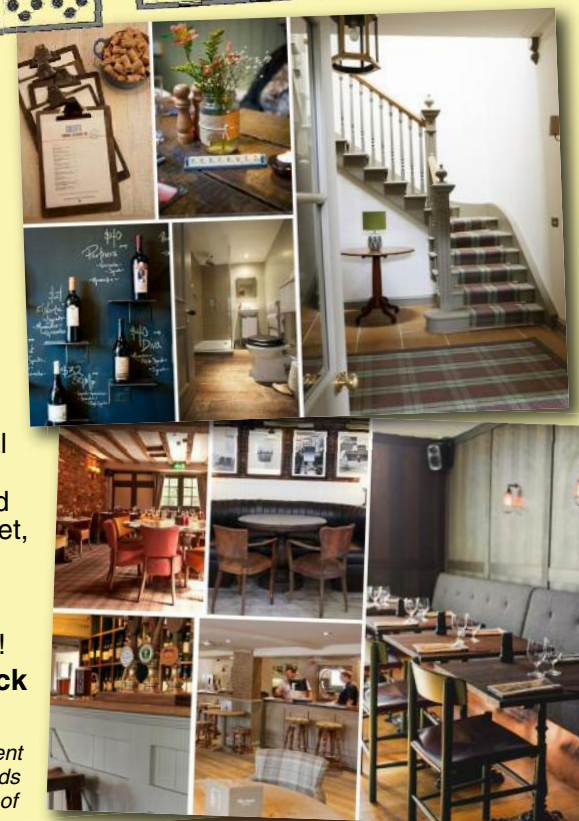
Followed by the **General Meeting of Shareholders of GOXHILL COMMUNITY PUB LTD** at 8.00pm

Agenda: Report to date; Plans for the coming year; Report on state of Membership; Election of Committee members.

All Friends of the Brock, Shareholders and anyone interested in developing our New Village Pub, are welcome!

## URGENT! It is not too late to buy Shares!

If you were holding off committing to buying shares in the Brock, **NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT!** The deadline for the Share Offer was 27th February 2017, but we still need to reach the original target of £150,000 and share applications can be accepted after this date to help meet the purchase price and any additional funds raised this way, will reduce the amount needed to be borrowed. Much of the Grant Aid we are applying for is on a match funding basis, so we really need to maximise the funds from the shares to maximise the grants. An application form can be downloaded on Facebook **Friends of the Brock** or telephone **07774 671175** or online <http://thebrock.goxhillgander.com/shareapplication.pdf>



Initial architects plans for the reconfiguration and refurbishment of the Brock, plus concept boards of the potential decor and style of the interior.





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# SHOPS IN GOXHILL

With the opening of a new store in Goxhill, it seems an appropriate time to look back at what shops and services there were in Goxhill in the past.

This extract from the White's Directory of 1872, opposite, shows a wide range of shops and trades in a village that had to be more self sufficient in those days.

**Colin Creasey** has given me the benefit of his vast knowledge of village life and this is a list of old shops he remembers -  
*A Butchers Shop on Thornton Road, the Slaughter House is still there in Spence's Field. Later Herbert Atkin made ice cream in it. Pete Atkin had a Sweet Shop & repaired bicycles on Howe Lane, near the Parish Rooms.*

*Before Austin's (see photograph below) on Church Street, it was Gwen Atkin's Paper & Sweet Shop.*

*Further down Church Street, Percy Farrow had a shoe repair shop and was succeeded by his daughter Gladys Farrow.*

*On the corner of Howe Lane and Westfield Road, Harry Wilford had a Grocers Shop, now Holtby's (see photo below). Harry Wilford then had the Ice Cream kiosk on the corner of the Square (see photograph on page 27).*

*There was a Pork Butchers Shop in one of the houses on the Square and Mrs Parker had a Wool & Paper Shop on the Square.*

*Across the Road was George Parker's Blacksmiths (see photo on page 27), next to that was Mr Turner's Joiner and Funerals.*

*Round the corner, on the left going up Chapel Street, Arthur Gibson had a bakery.*

*Dales also had a Bakery in the house next to Meller's Garage on Howe Lane.*

*Past the Spar shop, Jim Fishwick had a Barbers. To the left of Spar was a Doctor's Surgery that later became a Bank.*

*On Howe Lane just past Chapel Street, was Jackson's Solicitors (Vera Elwood worked there). It too became a Bank later.*

*There was also a Midland Bank in the Parish Rooms 1950-60.*

*On Howe Hill Top, Mr Hutchinson had a Boot & Shoe Shop, and there was another owned by Miss Shapford, where the Fish & Chip Shop is now.*

*On the corner of Howe Lane and Greengate Lane, was a Fish Shop, the chimney from it is still there. Colin told me of the time a couple of local lads blocked the chimney with a sod of turf, which soon cleared the shop. We were all young once!*

*Next to the Generous Briton on Northend, now Briton Lodge, was a Fish & Chip Shop, before that Mrs Read had a sweet shop.*



Above, London House c1860, perhaps with the owner Mr Davey proudly by his shop doorway. (Note the old post mill in the background). Left the same shop as Giles' grocers, florists, newsagents, more recently



Harry Wilford outside his grocer's shop, Davey corn merchants beyond

WHITE'S DIRECTORY 1872

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GOXHILL.

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Hardingham Rev Charles Hugh, M.A. vicar  
Hardy Mr John, Goxhill house  
Hardy Mrs Mary  
Harrison Misses Jane and Mary  
Harrison John, farmer  
Harrison Mrs Mary  
Hobbswhite William, shopkeeper  
Hutchings Henry Louis, professor of languages and music  
Hewitt William, sheep dipper  
Hilton Mrs Elizabeth  
Hoodless Dunn, blacksmith  
Horsby Henry, plumber & painter  
Holson William, tailor  
Houghton George, blacksmith  
Houston Henry, farmer and shopkeeper  
Howson Ebenezer, farmer  
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Marris Edward, farmer  
Martinson David, bricklayer  
Martinson Mrs Fanny  
Martinson Frederick, bricklayer  
Martinson William, bricklayer and victualler, Royal Oak  
Nelson Mr Robert  
Newmarsh William, farmer  
Nottingham Mr John  
Parker Anselm, farmer  
Parker Young, blacksmith

Pinder Robert, manager  
Potts Josiah, master of Wesleyan Day School  
Randy James, butcher  
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Randy James, shoemaker & shopkeeper  
Richardson George, farmer  
Roberts Charles, farmer  
Robinson Mr George  
Robinson John, farmer  
Robinson William, farmer  
Roe Samuel, wheelwright  
Roe Mrs Jane, dressmaker  
Roe Richard, farmer  
Rowberry John, farmer  
Sergeant Farrow, farmer, West farm  
Sergeant John, foreman  
Shearnith Edward, corn miller  
Shearnith Richard, farmer Brook-hill  
Simons Charles, cattle dealer  
Simons Frederick, farmer, Grange  
Simons Joseph, station master  
Slight George, coal merchant  
Smith Edward, farmer  
Smith John, horse dealer  
Smith Joseph Moore, bank clerk, Bridge hill cottage  
Smith Robert, licensed hawk  
Smith Mr William  
Smoothy Mrs Sarah, day school  
Stow Robert, farmer  
Spencer (Henry) and Skipper (John), threshing machine owners  
Thompson Edward, brick and tile maker; h East Halton  
Towers Mrs Ann  
Towers Charles, commercial traveller  
Trimingham Elijah, farmer  
Trimingham George, carrier  
Turner George, farmer  
Turner John, farmer  
Turner John, farmer  
Turner John, jun. foreman  
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On Northend, opposite Elm Lane, Mrs Ellis had a Sweet & Grocers shop.

Near there on the little lane that leads round to Elm Lane, was a Pork Butcher and Slaughter House. Mick Atkin had a Blacksmiths there too.

Alan Robinson was an Agricultural Engineer on Ruard Road. Colin apologises for any errors or omissions.

These are photographs of some of these old shops, some you will recognise from today, or can see where they were.

If you have any more information or photographs please let me know.  
**Jeff Teasdale,**

Below Draper & Ironmonger on Howe Lane, the windows are still visible



Austin's hardware store Church Street, now Penny Lane Hairdressers

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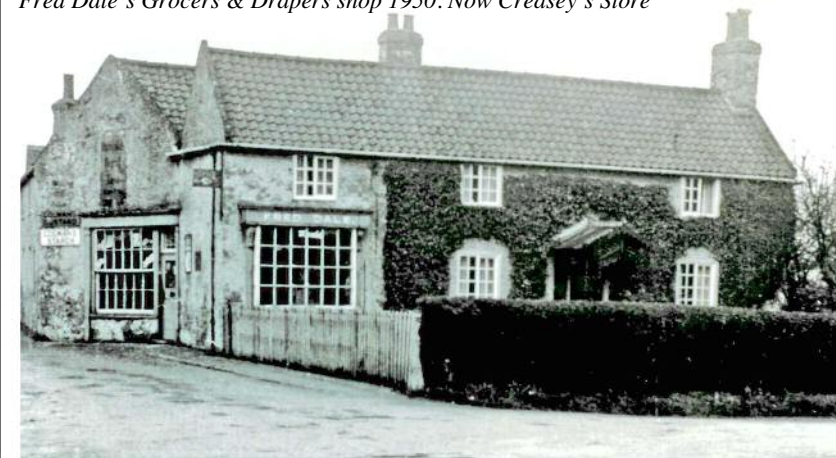
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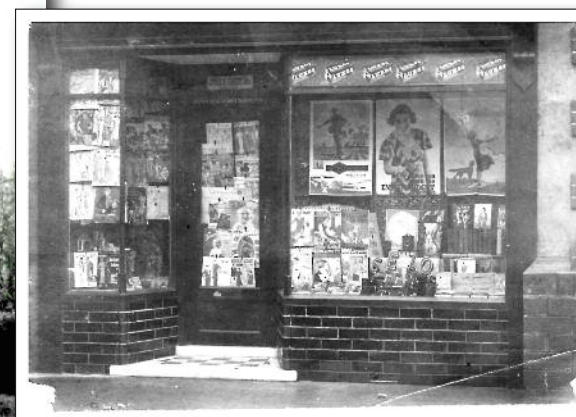
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'Our Shop'? Can anyone one tell me where & when?



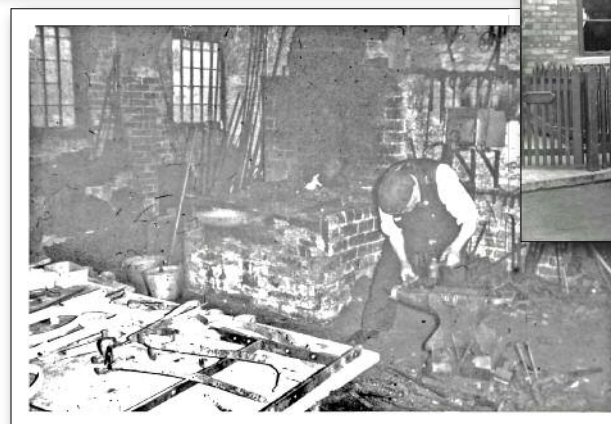
The Village Street, Goxhill, Lincs.



Thompson Fruiterer & Grocer, next door to the Spar.



Wardle Butchers, now Rose Cottage, Chapel Street



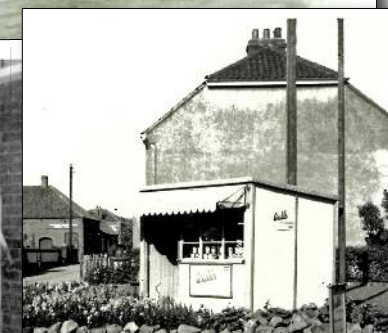
George Parker Snr, Blacksmith, on the Square



Above J R Meller's, Petrol Station, opposite the Surgery.  
Below West's garage, Howe Lane



Coal merchants. George Sleight or Barrick's?  
Harry Buckley, milkman, Field Farm 1932/3



Harry Wilford's Ice Cream kiosk on the corner of the Square & Westfield Rd



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All enquiries /queries need, and yes deserve, a reply but if the query is anonymous how do we do that. One, we cannot even investigate the problem raised, and two, we obviously cannot reply! If at any time a person has a question be brave, put a name to it and someone will, certainly let you know what action has been taken.

Over many years, either working in Local Government, or in recent years serving with the Parish Council, in more than one area, it is evident that in general many people do not know what we do or in deed more importantly, what we are allowed to do, no more than I would understand exactly what other occupations or professions entailed. Maybe it's high time to try to make things a little clearer.

Every month members the Parish Council meet to discuss and decide upon items such as **planning applications** within our area, this is not done by personal preferences, but whether it is practical and correct, we can only object if the proposal falls outside the planning regulations or if there is an obvious practical problem. We would always put forward any objections from residents, together with our comments which must go to North Lincolnshire Council to the planning department, and for Council final decision. No matter how strong the feelings are, either yours, or our own, if the plans fall within the regulations they will be passed, that's how it is and only a change of rules by Government can alter this.

We discuss the state of the **highways and footways** within our area and if any action is needed on either repairs or damage, these concerns are passed on to the Highways department for their attention. These are checked during the following months to ensure that any necessary work is carried out, If concerns are raised by any member of the public to ourselves we do check and most certainly pass the details on and advise you of any action.

We can and do try to keep the village clean tidy, and endeavour to improve the area, maintaining, our green spaces. These include the **Playing Field**, with the continued care and maintenance of the equipment, the care of the football pitch, and of course the MUGA, and hopefully any future additions that we can add for the young people of Goxhill. Regular inspections and maintenance are carried out to the **Millennium Green**, taken into our hands in recent years.

The village **Cemetery** is another area in our care, and we try to keep this clean, well maintained and above all peaceful and respectful.

Hopefully in the future we will continue to add more trees and shrubs to additional spaces to make them more attractive places to relax.

We have overall responsibility for the **Memorial Hall**, although the running of this is carried out by a very hard working and very able committee, and over the last eighteen months many improvements have been completed, several of which were planned previously.

It's so good to see it being used so well by so many organisations and I know that this success will continue and hopefully increase as more users are drawn in for different activities and social get-togethers.

**The Library** was the very first to be taken over by a Parish Council after it was threatened with closure, a fact recognised by Radio Humberside at the time. We have the care and maintenance of this, and with the very hardworking and loyal support by the volunteers this service will continue.

Your Parish Council has a responsibility to do all the above, but many of the Councillors quietly do a lot of voluntary work, if they see that it will be helpful to, or improve our facilities. No one profits from this in a monetary sense but certainly from the satisfaction of getting things done, or preventing further deterioration, and because like many, many others in the village we care.

In the days of 'on line' comments, criticism and chat, it is easy to give out a misleading picture of anything we wish, but don't forget the positive side and try to get the facts first, in any discussion/argument there are always two sides, often both correct, often put together producing a better outcome.

Don't forget if we can help we will, if we can't we'll tell you why, and if anyone else can, but we will not ignore any enquiry made properly.

### Allotments

The allotment sizes have been reduced so it is now easier to be self-sufficient, with just enough space. Good company, exercise and good food what more could you want.

### Cemetery

The new border has been defined and hopefully the rear field will look a little more inviting soon. More trees and shrubs on the way, and these will be planted in season.

### Library

Still continuing to be successful but please continue to support this and encourage the children to get involved.

### Playing field

This time of the year it is difficult, for some activities as the field is very wet, but spring is just around the corner as they say, and any damage can soon be put right. Some recent drainage has been added to help alleviate the problem. Any necessary repairs have been carried out to the play equipment and the football goal posts.

### Millennium Green

The footpaths will need some attention to clear the grass which is encroaching on to the surface, hopefully this will be done during the spring/summer.

Freda Dunkley

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As many local residents will be aware, project work has started in Goxhill, following approval of a local planning application and discharge of attached conditions from North Lincolnshire Council and the completion of archaeological investigations. We've been busy getting the site at Goxhill ready for construction and providing access to the site for construction vehicles and equipment. This has involved excavating topsoil, installing site security & staff offices, starting to improve local roads at passing places, and starting to build a temporary road at Soff Lane. These works are designed to make sure traffic runs more smoothly and form a key part of the Traffic Management Plan agreed with North Lincolnshire Council and the Highways Agency. In October when we met with Goxhill Parish Council, we explained that we were hoping to complete the passing places and the Soff Lane works by the end of December 2016, subject to the necessary highway approvals. It has taken a little longer than we'd hoped to get all that in place, but these works are now expected to be complete by the end of May 2017.

**This is a selection of Frequently Asked Questions that may answer any queries or concerns that you may have about the project.**

### What are the hours of operation?

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### How will you minimise traffic disruption to local communities?

Since work started at the Goxhill site, we've put in place a robust traffic management plan which includes speed limits and monitoring, noise limits, restricted hours of operation, the construction of a new access road for site traffic and a dedicated community engagement team who can be reached via email, freepost and telephone. We are committed to minimising the impact of construction on the local environment, infrastructure and communities and will continue to work closely with local people to make sure we manage our construction activities and the contractors working on the project.

### My lawn/verge has been damaged, what will you do about this

National Grid is responsible for restoring any damage to property caused by drivers of vehicles from our project, including the grass verges along roads outlined in the traffic management plan. Please notify us of any such damage and a project representative will visit the affected area to assess and ensure appropriate repairs are carried out.

### I have seen a speeding works vehicle, what will you do about this?

We have a strict traffic management plan in place, identifying the roads which can be used by project staff and imposing lower than legal speed limits on these roads. All our staff and contractors are fully briefed on the traffic management plan prior to entering the site as we aim to ensure the safety of the local community and project staff throughout the duration of the works.

We take a zero tolerance approach to contractors or staff not following the traffic management plan and we conduct our own regular visible speed controls in the local area. We encourage local residents to call our community line with details of any vehicles suspected of breaking the traffic management plan.

### Will the passing places be made permanent after the project has ended?

We will be working with North Lincolnshire Council and the Highways Agency to construct a number of passing places in suitable locations along Ferry Road, East March Road and Chapel Field Road to ease traffic flow in the local area. After the works have finished, it will be at the discretion of North Lincolnshire Council to decide the future of the passing places. There are four existing passing places and a further seven new passing places to be installed. These existing and new passing places will be made up to a standard agreed with North Lincolnshire Council, to allow them to be adopted and retained should the Council wish to do that after we've finished our works.

### Will the new road at Soff Lane be made permanent?

We need to build a section of temporary road on private land at Soff Lane as part of the traffic management plan for our construction works. We've worked closely with our contractors, landowners and other stakeholders to ensure a suitable design is in place for that, but the rights we have to install it are only temporary. We therefore have to remove it and reinstate the land when we've completed our works.

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#### January 2017

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#### February 2017

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#### July 2017

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# Local Archaeology makes National News

During the past year, Archaeology students from Sheffield University lead by Dr Hugh Willmott excavating at Thornton Abbey have uncovered a mass grave containing the bodies of 48 Black Death plague victims. This discovery was reported nationally, by the BBC and considerable surprise was expressed because few if any similar burials had been found in rural areas, only in large towns where people who died from the plague believed to have been buried in this way.

Perhaps the peaceful rural countryside which now surrounds the Abbey and its neighbouring villages has misled people into thinking that a similar quiet undisturbed situation existed in Medieval times but this was not so. Thornton Abbey was one of the wealthiest abbeys in the country. Founded by William le Gros as a priory in 1139 it became an Abbey in 1148. It grew very quickly because its site had been well chosen to enable it to become a centre not only of religion but also of commerce. The medieval monasteries were self-supporting, they did not rely upon contributions for their upkeep but generated their own income from the surrounding area. Some extracted iron ore and smelted it but many of them like Thornton Abbey relied upon their vast flocks of sheep to produce wool which was used both at home and exported to France. In the year 1313 the Stock Keeper's Account recorded that the Abbey had 8,000 sheep. The annual income of the Abbey was equivalent to that of a high-ranking nobleman.

When the Abbey was suppressed by Henry 8th in addition to the Abbot there were 23 Cannons (Augustinian Monks) and it is thought that there had been more in earlier times. The cannons carried out their duties within the Abbey church but also went out into the surrounding village churches. As well as the religious members of the community there was a large supporting staff both at the Abbey and in the surrounding villages. 44 masons were employed to quarry 1,500 stones all of which were brought to the site by boat before work began on the construction of the great church. The work was ongoing many other buildings were needed on the site. On the Abbey land and that of the surrounding landowners, some agricultural workers as well as many shepherds would be required to look after the sheep.

The land surrounding the Abbey has changed so much that today we can see few clues as to why this peaceful country site surrounded by fields was chosen. When the Abbey was built, it was situated beside the wide estuary of the Skitter beck which flowed into the river Humber. The beck has now a much-reduced flow of water because the springs which feed it have been diverted to provide the water supply of the area. The main alteration was however the building up of the river bank of the Humber with the provision of a sluice so that the water at high tide could no longer flow into the estuary and the skitter beck flowed out as the tide went down. In the summer of 2007 there was very heavy rainfall and the skitter valley was flooded and for a brief period it was possible to see what the estuary would have looked like at the time of the Abbey. There was a vast area of open water which could have accommodated sea going ships and barges which could



Floods 2007, from the road by College Bridge looking south to Thornton Abbey

carry the trade and the construction materials for the Abbey. At the mouth of the skitter there are records of a fishing port Scottermouth which was under the control of the Abbey. The importance of this is that at a time when there were no roads, transport of goods and people was done on the rivers and the sea and the Abbey had access to both.

The archaeologists working at Thornton Abbey discovered the Mass Grave. I prefer mass grave rather than plague pit because from the pictures they produced it can be seen that the bodies had been laid out in orderly fashion as in Christian burial before being covered not dropped haphazardly into a hole which was then filled. They tested the bones and found traces of Yersinia Pestis which confirmed that the people had been infected with the Black Death. They then went on to discover the hospital nearby, this of course was the significant reason for the large number of bodies that had been found. The Abbey was the place to which the people of the villages turned in time of trouble and illness this was the place to which they carried their children and their sick relatives for the care of the Cannons in their hospital. There was also another burial ground by the hospital here were laid to rest the bodies of those who came to the hospital but could not be cured of their illness. Their bones carried the signs of their illness, of deformity and amputation and were placed in the ordered rows that we would expect of single burials in a graveyard.



Floods 2007, from the road by College Bridge looking north

But what of those shepherds from the villages some of whom may have tended the sheep in the meadows and marshes of Goxhill. Shepherds had to look after their sheep every day and often could not attend church on Sunday but they were given a special dispensation. When they died they were buried with a small tuft of sheep's wool in their hand so that when they reached Heaven they could show their wool to St Peter who would then open the Gates of Heaven to let them enter. Unfortunately, wool quickly decomposes when it is buried in the soil so the archaeologists will not be able to tell us if any of the bones in the mass grave were those of shepherds and if someone remembered in those times of terror and stress to place a tuft of wool in their hand.

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## ROTARY CLUB OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



Nine thousand children will be immunised against the crippling disease of Polio, due to the generosity of people in the Barton area. Barton Rotary Club members recently organised a collection with the help of Tesco and also near the Central Surgery in King Street, plus a Coffee Morning at Trinity Methodist Church. This, together with an earlier collection, raised £600 as part of the Rotary International's 30 year effort to eradicate Polio. For each pound raised, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donates an additional two pounds. Each child costs just 20p to protect.



Seventy-five Rotary Shoeboxes were filled by Bowmandale School, South Ferriby School and The John Harrison School at Barrow. They were delivered to needy children and elderly



people in Eastern Europe.

Rotary Club members filled thirty shoeboxes as gifts for the crews of ships at Immingham over Christmas. Steven Willows from Immingham Seaman's Mission collected the boxes and is pictured on the left distributing them to the crew of "Slovan Hera". They included Filipino, Croatian, Russian and Ukrainian men.

Fifty-seven Christmas Day Dinners - where cooked at Trinity Church in Barton, They were delivered around Barton and the villages, including Barrow and Goxhill, by club members and friends.

### The Positive Notes

Choir entertained with festive songs when over 60 OAP's were welcomed to our annual Christmas Concert, held this year at Trinity Church, Barton. Rosalind Johnson played for carol singing and refreshments were served in the Lecture Hall. Guests were brought by bus and car from Barton, Goxhill and Barrow.



## ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN

My goodness, we are now well in to 2017, and so much happened at the tail end of last year.

The fund-raising event for 'We are Macmillan' raised £1000 in ticket sales and donations, and a further £1000 on the night from the raffle and mock auction. Thanks to all who contributed raffle prizes, who bought tickets, and congratulations to all the winners.

Santa's sleigh saw the Club members and volunteers out for 9 evenings early December, and fortunately the weather was very kind to us; the result this year was outstanding, and your generosity amazing. We collected; Barrow (4 evenings) £850; Goxhill (2 evenings) £486; New Holland 1 evening) £260; Thornton Curtis & Wootton (1 evening) £273; Barrow Haven and New Holland outskirts (1 evening) £95. Thank you everyone who gave so willingly, and thank you to all the children who came to say hello to Santa in his sleigh. We also received donations from Mr & Mrs Harte on Wold Road, who collected donations from their wonderful lighting display (£81.35) and from Fizz Mann in Goxhill who collected £48.17 in a quick whip-round in the canteen at the Humber pipeline site. Thank you all.

As a result of your generosity we were able to donate: £400 to Goxhill Primary School; £500 towards the cost of roof repairs to Barrow Village Hall; £95 to Barrow Brownies, £250 to Barrow Guides, and I am sure I have forgotten something else.

We rounded off the year with a Christmas meal for members, families and friends, in the Haven Inn. The high point of the evening was the presentation of the Paul Harris

Fellow award to Rotarian Simon Weightman by our District Governor, Rotarian Phil Poole, who concluded with these words 'In recognition of his



Presidential legacy to the village of Barrow upon Humber, without his vision, determination and knowledge, the playing fields would not be the marvellous attraction it is today. Further presentations were then made to our volunteer Santa, and to three volunteer ladies who supported the Club throughout the year. Thank you all very much.

Rotarian Peter Towle, our Schools' Liaison Officer, has been busy in our area: two of our local schools entered a number of Rotary International competitions, including a colouring competition in aid of Rotary's 'End Polio' campaign. From the huge selection of entries the judges whittled the number down to 10, with contributions from John Harrison and Wootton Primary schools, and because of the high standard of entry making it almost impossible to select a clear winner, it was decided that we would award each of the final 10 a prize, which also covered the different age range. Well done to you all, Congratulations, and thanks to the schools and the staff for their support over the year.

### Dates for your diary:

Car Boot Sales at Barrow Playing Fields

Monday 1st May 2017

Monday 29th May 2017

Monday 28th August 2017

Antiques Roadshow - Antiques valuation event will give you a chance to get your items valued by independent auctioneer Robert Horner, we are awaiting confirmation of a suitable date in March 2017. As soon as we have a date and venue we will share it with you.

500 mile Charity Fun Walk Sunday 23rd April 2017

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Happy New Year to you all. I sincerely hope it will be a good year for most but unfortunately for those living on Thornton Road and Ferry Road, particularly North End it has been the start of a nightmare which is set to last a minimum of three years. In my last article I wrote about the increase in traffic. In reality it is worse than anticipated.

The 'River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement' has not even started and the increase in big heavy lorries is horrendous.

Decisions taken in 2015 are now outdated owing to the increase of production at Goxhill Tileries. This is because one factory is out of action so Goxhill is now putting three times the quantity out than usual. In other circumstances one would say it is good for our local economy and possibly more jobs for local people. In reality the pipeline work will not start until passing places down the marsh and Ferry Road are in situ. At the time of writing three have been completed. A one way system was agreed by the powers that be. The route being down Thornton and Ferry Road and out Chapelfield Road, with a new temporary road, to avoid the bad bend at South End, and coming out behind Barricks Haulage.

This is in progress but nowhere near completion. It is hoped all lorries will take this route but I am not sure it can be made compulsory.

Suggestions of using the river proved void as it is tidal, so not feasible.

Suggestions of putting a road in from the round-a-bout at New Holland and straight to site proved too expensive for the four mile stretch.

Apparently, I have been told, when the New Holland roundabout was installed the original plan was to include this road, but it was shelved. Can anyone remember why?

I know Skanska, who are doing the project, have a very good reputation for tidying up and replacing after all work is finished. They also tend to do something for the local community. It is the residents down Thornton Road, Ferry Road, the Marsh and Chapelfield Road which are taking the brunt but I feel the nucleus of the village is quite oblivious to the full situation, as it does not appear to affect them so badly.

To complete the tunnel it will take 30,000 segments. Only 7 can fit on a lorry at a time, which will be ginormous and will have an escort.

I sincerely hope some will take the time to drive the route and perhaps they will better understand some of the concerns.

For horse riders and possibly cyclists it has almost become a "no go" area, as it is far too dangerous and certainly not a pleasurable pursuit which it should be and part of our day of life.

I don't know what the answer is but I hope some of the issues can be resolved by the next edition.

Jo Burns continues to do well on her 6 year old Medoc Calvert and has qualified for the Blue Chip Winter Cup in April at Hartbury. Good luck Jo, we hope you get a great result.

One of her other horses 'Tempting Business' has had his career diversified at present to dressage. Jo normally concentrates on show jumping and it has quite surprised her just how much both her and her horse are enjoying it, so they are aiming for the British Dressage Club National Championships. This proves that there are horses for courses.

She currently has five local girls working for her and with her inspiration and encouragement they are all taking exams within the Equine industry to further their careers which I think is great.

Recently someone gave me a very expensive exercise boot which they found down Green Ramper. I text Jo as it was obviously for a big horse rather than a pony and thought it may have come from her yard, or she would be able to put it on social media. She was overjoyed as it belonged to her!

With this in mind, if anyone finds anything please feel free to bring it to me and if anyone loses anything I can be the first port of call.

Years ago a new riding boot went missing from a doorstep. It remained a mystery until 10 years later a conversation with Eva Border, when a grazing muzzle of mine had been returned. Eva said that she had once found a jodhpur boot in her paddock and had put a notice up in the shop, but no one had claimed it. Like my grazing muzzle, the foxes had taken them off to play with!

The annual ride organised by Jo from her yard took place on 27th December where about 20 horses and riders took part. They raised £235 which, as usual, went to Lincs/Notts Air ambulance. Tina Lautier and Magali won the 'Best Dressed' and Pippa Cooper won the 'Roll out the Barrel'. Well done all round!

Sadly it was also the day Dave Lamming passed away. Dave survived a crashing fall some years ago which left him with problems but he never gave in. He carried on as usual even when he was in pain. He took pride in his animals and I can truly say he kept his beast in the best conditions I have encountered. He did not let standards slip and was always planning. If ever anyone needed help with anything Dave was there. He would pop in for a coffee as he was passing but always rushing off to another job. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and his funeral was a testament to his popularity. My heart goes out to Julie, his wife, who has been with him through all their joys and health problems. I know they have family and many friends but could not let this article go by without mentioning, the never to be forgotten character which was, Dave.

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I have one other freebie. Hi Vis vests which are so important. I still see riders out in dark clothing without any Hi Viz, and don't get me going on the no hats again!

Do you have a really old horse? I have one who is now 29. She looks good for her age but she started to have bouts of colic. Ensuring she walks around the yard a few times before going to her bed, this releases any trapped wind and costs me nothing, helped to resolve this. She then had problems being extremely loose and my feed merchant

recommended we try “Gut Bind” (Can also be used on foals) which comes in a syringe with five day segments in it. I wasn't going to try to syringe her but she ate it quite happily mixed in her feed. It certainly worked wonders and after three days there was a vast improvement and in five days everything was as it should be. She has free access to “Hi-Fi Lite” and is now also given four small feeds a day including “Gut Balancer” in one. This may help someone out there, but it proves we should never stop looking for advice and learning from other people's experience.

Don't forget that the new grass is still coming through so be aware of signs of laminitis in your equine friend.

That's all for this edition.

**Take care – Ride safely**

**Aileen 01469 530643**

## 1st Goxhill Brownies

We meet every Tuesday during term time at the Integrated Services building at Goxhill Primary School 6 -7:30pm.

We undertake a variety of activities from crafts and singing to trekking round the village, we've had a sleepover at The Deep and celebrate different festivals - this year Burns Night was celebrated with delicious Brownie made shortbread! Upcoming events include, Mother's Day, Commonwealth Day and Easter. We are also planning a poster competition as part of the Girlguiding UK Thinking Day badge to encourage new Brownies with (we hope) a very special prize..... (So watch this space) Brownies are also able to earn badges both as a pack and in their own time and this past year we

have completed The Seasons Badge and Brownie Traditions, and some girls completed Animal Lover (which included raising money for the RSPCA) and Horse rider. This term we are working towards our Brownie Skills Badge.

Our Brownies were very proud to attend The Remembrance Service at the Memorial Hall in November and to show off their new flag which the Parish Council kindly purchased for us last year.

We were also very fortunate to be nominated by local resident Anne Lawtey to receive a generous donation from her employers with which we plan to purchase cooking /camping equipment to use both on weekly meetings and camps.

We couldn't run Brownies without the support of the parents or the school for the hire of the building and we are extremely grateful to them all. However, we are always on the lookout for new Brownies to join us, so if you have a girl aged 7-11 and they may be interested, please contact either Sarah Bruce (Brown Owl) or myself, or pop along on a Tuesday night to see what we're about.

**Many thanks, Jane Macleod (Tawny Owl)**



At the Remembrance service



A sleep over at the Deep



## A wee Quiz to get you thinking outside the box – can you work out the answers? Kevin Guy







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## GOXHILL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARY



It never fails to surprise me how fast time passes and it only recently struck me that volunteers have been running our community library for over 5 years. In fact, at the beginning of next April it will be the sixth anniversary of the handover from paid North Lincolnshire Council librarians.

So this is in the nature of a BIG THANK YOU to the small group of volunteers who keep the library open and running smoothly for Goxhill. I use the word 'small' advisedly because it has generally been a group of about 8 to 10 people in all throughout that time (despite the 40+ volunteers mentioned in the BBC News article I read to refresh my memory). Whilst not wishing to disrespect all the others who have helped in the past or who help currently, I would like to give a special mention to the 'happy half dozen' who have been the backbone of the team throughout those 6 years. Thanks to David and Dawn Blewitt, Linda Gilbert, Alyson O'Leary and Stan Robertson for all you have done, and continue to do, for the readers of this parish.

Goxhill's community library is situated in the Parish Rooms on Howe Lane, run by volunteers and entirely free for you to use, including a wi-fi broadband connection. We are not open every day so please make a note of our opening times so that you do not have a wasted visit:

If you are not a library member already then you can join online via the North Lincolnshire Council website – it 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. To contact the library volunteer team about anything to do with Goxhill community library please either email [goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk) or call in and talk to us.

### THE LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

• <b>Mondays</b>	from	3.30pm	until	7pm
• <b>Wednesdays</b>	from	2pm	until	5pm
• <b>Fridays</b>	from	3pm	until	6pm

John Guggiari

## GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

Barring exceptional weather conditions, such as a snowstorm, the lawn bowling season will get underway around the beginning of May. Early weeks tend to be given over to some practice bowling outdoors before things get properly underway with league team matches and individual competitive games.

If you have any ambitions to try out lawn bowling then it is the ideal time to get started, despite what can often be variable weather conditions. Getting to know the basics of the sport early in the year gives you the maximum opportunity to take advantage of a full season's membership of the club.

Lawn bowls is a relatively inexpensive sport that can be enjoyed by both sexes, all ages, abilities and fitness levels. All you need to try it out is a pair of flat shoes and we will lend you everything else you will require. We offer free coaching and support from experienced bowlers to set you on your way. A wide size/weight range of bowls sets are available for members to borrow without charge when they have none. If the sport grabs you and you decide to buy your own bowls and equipment you will find second-hand items readily available and affordable. But that's getting ahead of ourselves; the best approach is to wait and try before you take advice and buy.

In Goxhill we have excellent lawn bowling facilities at Manor Lane with one of the best bowling greens in the county maintained by a keen, committed group of volunteers. In our club pavilion members can make a cup of tea or shelter from a quick shower if the weather unexpectedly turns nasty. At the time of



writing we have not fixed our 2017 fees, but last year we charged just £18 for a social bowler. That level of membership allows you to use the green as often as you like without

further charge. There's plenty of flexibility too, so members can turn up for a friendly game or to practice 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.

We usually run a few club competitions during the season for singles, pairs or triples play. Teams are drawn at random so that a mix of new and experienced bowlers can end up team mates for the afternoon. Those bowlers who prefer the buzz of competitive matches can take up League membership of the club - £36 last year - and play as members of a three person team representing the club in one of the three leagues we compete in.

If you would like to try out lawn bowls at any level then just get in touch via our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com> or call me on **530363**. Make contact right now if you want to make the most of the season when it arrives. **John Guggiari**

### GNeWs from Goxhill Neighbourhood Watch

There's no GNeW article in this issue but watch out for news in the next edition as we expect a new Co-ordinator and team to be voted in at the group's general meeting on 21st February.



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If this happens to be in your tree, on your fence or in part of your home, it can be a nuisance and most people would prefer they weren't there!

If you have a swarm, and it can be reached safely, a local beekeeper may be able to help by collecting and removing the bees, usually taking them to a hive that is part of an apiary.

However, beekeepers can only deal with swarms of honey bees and cannot help with wasps, bumble bees or other types of insects.

To help you decide whether you need to contact a beekeeper, the **British Beekeepers Association** has an excellent website which will help you to identify the insects as honey bees [www.bbka.org.uk/swarm](http://www.bbka.org.uk/swarm) It also includes a link to local swarm collectors in case you need their help.



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country where students make more progress than they do at Baysgarth School and this is down in Essex, so we are very proud of our achievements!

Alongside this phenomenal transformation, in November 2016 we moved into our brand new state of the art campus, comprising of Baysgarth School, Baysgarth Sixth Form, the Humber Skills Centre and Baysgarth Sports Village. We are an Ofsted rated Good school with the ambition to become Outstanding by 2018.

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"This school is very good - I love it and the teachers are very nice".

"I've really enjoyed my first half term at Baysgarth, I've made lots of new friends, enjoyed lessons and learned so much new knowledge which I haven't had before. The teachers are fantastic".

"I enjoy the enrichment tasks. It is also a very good school because I have made a lot of new friends in only one half term".

Keep up to date with our school news via our **Facebook** page, our website [www.baysgarthschool.co.uk](http://www.baysgarthschool.co.uk) or our new **app**, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.



## DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE GANDER

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LIVES first responders are volunteers prepared to be on call to attend and provide emergency treatment when necessary or just generally help the patient be more comfortable until the ambulance arrives. Usually that arrival will be soon after, or even before, the first responder; but when it is not, they are on hand with equipment they are fully trained to use. Our local branch of LIVES covers Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland.

If you are the type of person who wants to help others, have a car and are able to spare a few hours a week then perhaps you could be a First Responder? There is always a need for new recruits as existing responders move away or their circumstances change so that they are unable to continue.

To find out more about helping LIVES, as a first responder or otherwise, please contact **Damian Connolly, branch co-ordinator. Contact 530656 or 07747499331 by phone or connolly.dam@gmail.com by email.**

LIVES is registered charity number 1098364.



15. Fifty-four playing cards in a pack
16. Fifty-seven Heinz varieties
17. Sixty-six books in a Bible
18. Eighty days around the world
19. Twelve dozen in a gross
20. Ten green bottles
21. Twelve sides on a new pound coin
22. Fifteen men on a dead man's chest
23. One hundred and sixty-eight hours in a week
24. Three hundred and sixty degrees in a circle
25. One hundred and one Dalmatians
26. Two hundred pounds passing Go in Monopoly
27. Two thousand leagues under the sea
28. Two four six eight who do we appreciate
29. 1815 Battle of Waterloo
30. 1666 Great Fire of London

1. Three blind mice
2. Four horsemen of the Apocalypse
3. Seven sides on a fifty pence piece
4. Three coins in the Trevi Fountain
5. Seven Brides for seven brothers
6. Two lovely black eyes
7. Four Seasons by Vivaldi
8. Nine planets in the solar system
9. Sixteen ounces in a pound
10. Ten commandments
11. Thirteen loaves in a baker's dozen
12. Sixty-four squares on a chess board
13. Seventy-six trombones in the big parade
14. Twelve members on a jury

Answer to the Quiz on page 39



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**Goxhill's Community Award is back by popular demand, sponsored by the Gander!**

Most of us like to know our voluntary efforts are worthwhile and appreciated. The **Short Award** is open to any village resident wishing to say "thank you" to a volunteer who makes a difference to our village life. Please keep this in mind and watch out for nomination papers available from Colin's Supply Store and other village locations, or complete this form.

**Please place your nomination in an envelope and leave it with Colin at the Supply Store, Westfield Road or in the Library - by 17th April**

The award will be judged at the Gander A.G.M on 17th May 2017 by the Gander Committee and will be announced in the next issue.

I would like to nominate.....

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