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he village has been experiencing some major changes over the last few months. We have lost our last pub. The Spar Shop and with it the Post Office has closed. Colin & Christine Creasey have finally retired after running their shop for 32 years, ending the existence of the shop on Westfield Road, going back a very long time (see the article on pages 39-41). So we are left with the new Coop.

Work on the gas pipeline is progressing and will continue to have a major impact on the traffic around the village for several years. But this project is of national importance and once it is over, things should go back to our more peaceful village life.

But will it? For our peaceful village faces a greater and permanent threat. This is from the desire by a property developer to literally bulldoze aside the wishes of the majority of the village, if the opinions on the Grapevine facebook page are anything to go by, and build a huge number of new homes on the old Hawthorn Gardens.

North Lincolnshire Council are currently consulting on and developing a new area plan to cover future commercial and residential development throughout the county. They are actively inviting people to put sites forward for consideration for development. I would think that it is no coincidence that the nurserylands site has been bulldozed and all trees felled and burned at this time, if it is not a brutal statement to NLC and the village, of their determination to have their own way. But will NLC take into account the wishes of local opinion and whether the existing infrastructure and services are capable of such large scale development?

In Goxhill many of our vital roads are too narrow to take more traffic and buses and lorries can't get through at times. The drains still flood in places and struggle to cope with the existing houses as well as whatever nature throws at us. The village school is already over their admission limit and every parent knows what a nightmare it is getting around that part of the village, at school opening and closing times, without any increase in numbers of pupils that would result from such a large estate. Or who will pay for a new larger school and where would it be sited without the same access problems. Getting an appointment at the doctor's surgery is bad enough now, without any more demand. To list a few of the current restrictions.

In other words, Goxhill is a village that has expanded over the years with a bit of in filling here and there, but can barely cope with the size it has become now, with an infrastructure not built to cater for the current demands, let alone more.

I am sure no one would be against small scale building that is in keeping with the village's size and infrastructure, especially with a few smaller houses to enable, young people to be able to afford to stay in Goxhill.

But if you object to anything more than that, then you need to make your voice heard with the Parish Council, our Ward councillors and local MP, not just complain on facebook.

For up to date information on North Lincolnshire Council's Local Plan consultation go to

www.localplan.northlincs.gov.uk/localplan

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THE GANDER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 16th May 2018 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

Lent is a time to reflect and respond, often focussing on relationships. This year St Valentine's Day actually fell on Ash Wednesday and provided a good starting point for the Season of Lent.

St Valentine's Day is an appropriate time to reflect and respond on our personal relationships – it is ignored by some who say their loved ones know that they are loved – they don't need a special day. Others take the opportunity to spend special time with their loved one or to send a card or present to say "I love you". Sometimes a card is sent anonymously expressing love on Valentine's Day and the recipient never does find out who their secret admirer is!

Mothering Sunday is another special day that always falls in Lent. This day too, gives us an opportunity to reflect and respond on our relationship with our mothers. Whether that relationship has grown stronger over the years or we have drifted apart or whether our mother is no longer alive will reflect how we celebrate that day, but we all have reason to be thankful to our Mothers for giving us life. Maybe Mothering Sunday even brings an element of guilt as we reflect on the times we treated them badly – slamming doors or using them as a taxi service no matter what their plans had been! These special days, and birthdays and Christmas give us the opportunity to reflect on our relationships and respond to them. They often give us the opportunity to say "thank you" or "I love you" but they can also give us the opportunity to offer the olive branch of love or forgiveness to those whom we have hurt or may have hurt us.

Lent is also, and perhaps most significantly, a time when we can reflect on and respond to our relationship with God our Heavenly Father. Maybe a relationship with him has never really developed, for whatever reason? Maybe we have 'slammed the door' on him, maybe we feel that we don't need to tell him we love him because he already knows? We may also feel hurt that our prayers were not answered and feel he has abandoned us. After reflection we may realise that we haven't said "thank you" to God for the times he has been with us, supported us, loved us, in the good times and the bad – that we haven't spent enough special times with him. We haven't been thankful for the life he breathed into us. Lent gives us the opportunity to spend additional time with God, or perhaps even to begin spending time with God. A chance to say 'thank you', to say sorry, giving him time and space to talk to us, and like the Father in the story of the Prodigal Son we can be assured he will welcome us with open arms. It doesn't matter if we spoke to him ten minutes ago or have never acknowledged him before, he will be there waiting for us but we will never be able to do it anonymously, like the Valentine Card from an unknown admirer, because God knows us all by name and is there for each one of us if we just respond to Him. I hope Lent provides us all with the opportunity to strengthen our relationships, especially with the One who is the source of all life.

Easter Services (at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

Palm Sunday	25th March	10.30 am	United Service of Holy Communion at Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Maundy Thursday	29th March	6.00 pm	Holy United Service of Holy Communion at Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Good Friday	30th March	7.30 pm	United Service
Easter Sunday	1st April	7.00 am	Vigil All Saints Churchyard then breakfast at Goxhill Chapel Schoolroom
•		9.30 am	Holy Communion at All Saints' Parish Church

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

'You should see the Easter eggs!' said my friend, speaking of her visit to a well known shop which, no sooner had the red 50% sale notices come down than Valentines hearts appeared and then goodness, yes indeed, Easter eggs in profusion on the shelves. By the second week of January there were huge boxes displaying Easter bunnies with cute little footprints right next door to a spring lamb lying on its back - and each for the bargain price of £15! For a hollowed chocolate Easter egg case! And there were nets full of little eggs, mini eggs galore, scrumptious cream filled Cadbury's eggs that brook no rival, dark chocolate eggs and Fairtraded eggs from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. Chocolate bunnies, chocolate lambs, chocolate eggs.....it must be Easter!

Now, I like Easter - I like spring days and cheery daffodils, courageous snowdrops in the coldest weather, polyanthus with golden faces and all the new life of a spring garden; hedgerows burgeoning with pussywillow and catkins and, at last, longer days of sunlight: the feeling that all those long dreary winter days are behind us. Children start decorating eggs in school, watching chickens hatch out, making Easter bonnets (yes, some schools still do so amazingly!) and everywhere is more hopeful, more optimistic.

Of course, it's just possible that Easter is more than just a festival of chocolate or celebrating Spring. It could have a history, a meaning, a long story stretching back in time even before the Normans conquered England. Even in King Arthur's time? Maybe the Romans brought it? Alongside wonderfully straight roads?

Indeed, yes. Easter Day Is the most important day of the whole year for Christians. Easter Day marks the most important event in all human history and tells us more about real life than anything else, ever. Wow! Pretty big claims! Worth making a mighty celebration then?

It all centres on the man Jesus, living in Palestine about twenty centuries ago, who seemed to be uniquely in touch with God, doing God's will and living a God-filled life. He brought such teaching, such immense concern for people, such healing: he put up with so much jealousy and plain hatred. He suffered horribly and was publicly tortured. Yet all the time there was something very special about him. There was a deep serenity. A remarkable courage. A clear sense of God being present alongside and in him.

But there was so much more- enduring a horrific public death, and his followers knowing it was for the sake of everybody, but some of them betraying him and running away, afraid to be counted as his friend. And then the supreme moment :Jesus clearly and unaccountably rose from out of his grave, coming back and eating fish, talking with his disciples and friends, greeting terrified women and lonely travellers, rising from the dead to make it utterly clear that God's all powerful hand was doing this! The God and Father of Jesus is superior to death, offers a new and fascinating life beyond the grave, a 'full life' when we shall be transformed, made whole, given life eternal with loved ones and archangels, Saints above and saints below. Well now, that is worth celebrating! That is worth more than chocolate bunnies , bonnets, lambs or eggs... Worth more than anything under the sun!

May you have a good Easter and a good hope.

Nichola

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EVENTS PROGRAMME Friends of All Saint's Church

Easter Egg Bingo

Friday 9th March in the Chapel Schoolroom. Eyes down 7pm

Pop In

Our monthly Pop Ins are usually held on the third Saturday in the month ie. 17 March and 21 April - 10am - 12 noon.

However we have a couple of changes.

In May it will be on Saturday 12th, when once again we will be doing 'The Big Breakfast' in aid of Christian Aid. In addition to our usual bacon butties, you can have a full English Breakfast!

In June, the Pop In falls on our new Open Garden Weekend - 15 &16 June.

So instead of our usual 10am start you can join us from 12noon for lunch and afternoon tea on both days. And this year the Church Garden party is being held in combination with the two day Open Gardens weekend. We shall be having our usual stalls, raffle, tombola and cake stall, in the Chapel Schoolroom over the weekend.

Quiz Night

Friday 27th April at 7.30pm. A Quiz Night for Christian Aid To book your team contact Jane 530962 or Sandra 530065

Knit and Knatter

meet on a Thursday at 2pm in the Schoolroom. It doesn't matter if you can't knit just come for a natter and enjoy the company of others. There is usually lots of laughter.

Prayer Walk

Our next prayer walk in the village will be on Monday 23rd April. A group of us will be leaving Owl Lodge at 2pm to walk Willow Lane, Ferry Road, Manor Lane, Stothards Lane, bottom end of Westfield Lane and North End. We don't always complete the planned route as it depends on who we meet and who requires prayer.

If you would like a prayer please contact Sandra 530065.

THE LUNCHEON CLUB

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O'Leary, President on 01469 531568.

Please look out for posters around the village for details of forthcoming speakers and activities.

Goxhill Memorial Hall 200 Club

The draw	for Nov was done at the	Knit and Natte
221	Mrs J Mould	£30
216	John Gouldthorpe	£20
125	Mr L Barrick	£15
177	Mrs S Hutton	£10
Dec was	drawn at the Memorial Ha	all Meeting
89	Janet Stennett	£100
181	Amelia Cook	£30
31	Ken Cox	£20
189	Richard Shearwood	£15
62	Jenny Logan	£10
January's	was drawn at the Drop in	า
231	Michelle Gale	£30
140	Mrs A Barrick	£20
153	Elma Fisher	£15
180	Darren Portas	£10

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 Noel Martin on 01469 531382.

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GOXHILL COMMUNITY CALENDAR

"Friends of All Saint's Church" are pleased to report that due to the success of their 2018 calendar - £450 has been donated to the Goxhill Methodist Church

"Window Appeal" and £450 to All Saint's Church to help re-carpet the refreshment area in church which suffered damage due to ingress of rain after the theft of lead on the roof. Much appreciation is extended to Jeff Teasdale for his input in producing the calendar and Newton Printers for all their help.

A huge thank you to all who purchased the calendars and to the following for allowing the sale to progress so well. All the staff at the Spar Shop, Colin and

Chris at the Supply Stores, Goxhill Primary School, Goxhill Library and Goxhill Co-op. Thank you to the Gander Team for their generous contribution.

A REAL COMMUNITY EFFORT!

A CALENDAR FOR 2019?

After the success of our calendar for 2018 we would like to continue with a calendar for 2019. The response for entries was really good. Could we make it even better for another year? The format would be different, a smaller size, with the theme -

"A Year in Goxhill"

Can I suggest that some of the photos posted on Grapevine would make superb entries. Please consider making an entry that depicts our village at its best, such as the pipeline project, the Christmas horse ride. We have a wonderful diverse village, lets show it off.

Send in by email: scrimmager@live.com or printed pictures to Conifer Cottage, Northend, opposite The Close.

I must give a sincere thank you for all our previous entries and say how much the calendars were admired a considerable amount sent world wide. Please try again. More information will follow through the year. My personal "thank you" goes to Jeff Teasdale for his expert eye in producing the calendar and to David and Heather for all those little jobs that made mine easier.

Thank you. Penny Carnell.

JOHN BAILEY

I was devastated to hear of the sudden death of John Bailey at the end of last year. John was a much loved headmaster at Goxhill School for many years, went on to teach and mentor new teachers at Hull University and volunteered at the Widerspin School in retirement. He was a leading light in GAPs (Goxhill Amateur Players) who entertained us at the village hall for many years. On a personal note he made a huge impact on our family especially my daughter, who benefitted enormously from his guidance and teaching. Above all John was a lovely man, with a wonderfully mischievous sense of humour, who brought pleasure to everyone he came into contact with. Jeff Teasdale

DIARY OF EVENTS

28 Feb	7.30pm	Ghost Walk	B/Museum
9 Mar	7pm	Easter Egg Bingo	Chapel S/R
12 Mar	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
17 Mar	10-12	Pop In	Chapel S/R
18 Mar	7.00pm	Live Lincs-Jango S	Starr Mem/Hall
21 Mar	7.30pm	Ghost Walk	B/Museum
25 Mar	10-3pm	Spring Fair	Mem/Hall
26 Mar	7.30pm	Beekeepers	Broughton
9 Apr	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
14/15 Ap	or 10-3pm	Art Exhibition	Mem/Hall
20 Apr	6.30pm	Where's my igloo g	gone? School
21 Apr	10-12	Pop In	Chapel S/R
22 Apr	7.30pm	Live Lincs - ShooS	hoo Mem/Hall
23 Apr	2pm	Prayer Walk	Owl Lodge
27 Apr	7.30pm	Quiz Night	Chapel S/R
30 Apr	7.30pm	Beekeepers	Broughton
1 May		Copy Deadline for	the Gander
_	10-12	Pop In 'Big Breakfa	•
14 May	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
_	7.00pm	Gander AGM	Parish Rooms
_	7.30pm	Beekeepers	Broughton
	10-2pm	Plant Furniture Aud	
	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
16/17 Jເ		Open Gardens	
16/17 Jເ		Refreshments etc	Chapel S/R
	10-3pm		Playing Fields
12/13 Ju	ıly	Vicar of Dibley	Mem/Hall
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Chapel School Room

Art Circle 2-4pm Wednesdays 12 noon 2nd Wed of the month Luncheon Club Knit & Natter Thursdays 2-4pm Singing Group 7pm Wednesdays **Memorial Hall** Parent & Toddlers 9.15-11.45am Mondays T'ai Chi 2-3pm Mondays Pilates 10-11am Tuesday & Thursday Short Mat Bowls 7-9pm Monday 7-9pm Wednesday

> 10-12 noon Friday 10-12 noon Saturday

Sunday by arrangement

WI 7pm 2nd Mon of the month
3.30-7pm Monday
2-5pm Wednesday
3-6pm Friday

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MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

The weather has been cold and wet as usual for winter, and with the bad weather in mind, the committee eventually bit the bullet and called in Brigg Roofing to repair the leaking gullies over the snooker room. We had leaks coming in near the disabled toilet and in the lady's toilet. The roofers ripped out all the old repairs and replaced some of the underlying timbers before applying tar and felt. Hopefully the roof is now shipshape and watertight. The side door opening was also enlarged and the door replaced, with a ramp built into the floor inside. We kindly ask users to clip the door back onto the hook to hold it open, or the wind will tear it off its hinges again, much like it did before. Many thanks. Regular attendance at the Live Lincs film events shows how much these films are enjoyed. Check the poster outside the Memorial Hall for our next film. There is also Jango Starr: One-Man Shoe (7:00pm Sun 18-Mar) and ShooShoo Baby: The Great Cabaret Safari (7:30pm Sun 22-Apr)

Our next big event was the Valentine dance (10th Feb) with CARDEE, followed by the Spring Fair (10-3.0pm, March 25th). After that we have the Art Exhibition (April 14/15- Sat and Sun), a Plant and Furniture Auction (rescheduled:10:00-2;00pm June 2/3rd, Sat and Sun) and a Table Top/Car Boot Sale June 24th, more details in next issue.

There have been a few changes to the Memorial Hall Administration this winter, with Colin Creasev retiring as booking secretary and Penny Nadin retiring as Treasurer. Both individuals have worked tirelessly for ten years or more on the village's behalf and the committee cannot thank them enough for all their efforts. We wish them all the best in their new homes. Taking over as Booking Secretary is Sam England (phone 01469 531097) and as Treasurer, John Noton. All changes will appear on the Memorial Hall website in due course.

Tennis Court:

At last we have the North Linc's £13.5k grant toward the refurbishment of the Hall tennis court. Having played on the same surface for 30 thirty years, I can definitely vouch that refurbishment is long overdue. Work starts on the 9th April. A week or two beforehand, volunteers will take down the back fencing and remove all the vegetation/brash up to the Hall boundary posts. Once the new playing surface, posts and fencing are installed, there will be a two month delay before the surface can be painted. Hopefully, the new court will be ready for use before Wimbledon (2nd July).

TO HIRE THE MEMORIAL HALL

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Artists will be able to submit a maximum of 3 paintings or sculptures (at £2/item) into the exhibition, where they will be displayed to their best, and available for sale. There will be a £5 handling fee for each painting or sculpture sold through the exhibition. Phone 530635, for an exhibitor's application form.

PLANT AND FURNITURE **AUCTION**

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

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The Ropewalk

New Year at The Ropewalk

The start of 2018 is now just a memory but it is still not too late to turn over a new leaf and learn a new activity or skill at The Ropewalk.

The creative Day Workshops have proved to be very popular and although some are now fully subscribed it is worth to keep checking http://www.theropewalk.co.uk/workshops/ to see if additional dates have been added.

If keeping active is to be your mantra for 2018, The Ropewalk hosts a variety of classes suitable for all levels of experience.

Pat Musgrove holds hour-long Keep Fit sessions on Monday and Thursday mornings as well as Tuesday evenings for ladies and Ann Lee leads Tai Chi classes on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Ann has just added an evening session on Monday between 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Yoga enthusiasts too are catered for by Isabella Balkus whose Hatha Yoga sessions take place Tue. evenings and Fri. mornings.

Less active but still want to improve your skills? On Monday afternoons there is a china painting class, Tuesday afternoons a patchwork class, and on Wednesday afternoon a print-making class while the last Wednesday evening of every month is given over to a Writers' Support Group.

Young people are not forgotten as Wed. evenings during term-time hosts an Art Club where practicing artists lead craft projects.

Finally, if you have a yen to emulate George Formby then look no further than yukele classes, suitable for all abilities, that are held on alternate Mondays.

Full details can be found at https://www.theropewalk.co.uk/regularclasses/

South

In October we performed in our new home, the Bank Joseph Wright Hall in Barton, for the first time. Tlayers We put on an evening of short plays and

singing which went down very well, and everyone who came to see us said they would come back which is an encouraging start! In November we performed a Murder Mystery at The George Inn in Barton. This was a 1920s themed evening and many of the audience dressed up as well as the actors. The George put on a three course meal and we acted out our scenes between courses. At the end of the night each table had to decide 'who dunnit'. It was an excellent evening - really good fun, and something we will definitely repeat. We did this one for charity and raised £230 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We are now working on our entries for this year's All England Theatre Festival. We'll be taking two plays to the regional heat at Bridlington Spa Theatre in early March, and we're very excited that both of these are original plays written by our own members! The adults will perform 'Shelter From the Bombs' by Martin James, and the juniors will perform 'Miss is Missing' by Jeanine Guy. Good luck to all involved.

Finally the remaining Ghost Walk dates this season is Wed21st March - . The walk starts from Baysgarth House Museum at 7.30pm and takes about an hour and a quarter. Tickets cost £5/3 and can be booked in advance on 01469 531003. Bring a friend

Any enquirers about joining us can be emailed to liz@drury.org.uk

PLAYERS

POTTY PANTO Happy New Year to one and all from The Potty Panto' Players. I know! Christmas seems such a long time ago. Well, we at

the Potty camp are not letting the grass grow under our feet as time flies so quickly by. As mentioned in the previous edition of the gander we are planning on presenting another Vicar of Dibley performance. The hall is booked, the scripts are being written and edited to suit the venue and the date is set. So... pencil in your diaries THURS 12TH & FRI 13th JULY and look out for posters with more details in the coming months.

FilmLincs screenings are continuing at present on a monthly basis and cost just £3 adults or £2 children, payable on the

LiVeLincs and FilmLincs

door. Watch out on social media and for posters on poles around the village advertising the next film title. As with LiveLincs shows the profits go to the hosting venue.

Goxhill once again hosts shows courtesy of LiveLincs Rural Touring Scheme, funded by North Lincolnshire Council and the National Lottery through Arts Council England. All three shows are suitable for family audiences so please come along and enjoy an evening out at some high quality, professional shows for just a fraction of their true cost.

- 7pm Sunday 18th March at Goxhill Memorial Hall Jango Starr: One Man Shoe. When the headline act fails to show up, Jango, a bumbling theatre caretaker, is suddenly thrust into the limelight and embarks on a hilarious journey of highly crafted and heart-felt silent comedy. Irresistible visual humour suitable for all ages, hence the earlier start time. If they have stopped laughing, young children can still be ready for bed at a reasonable time!
- 6.30pm Friday 20th April at Goxhill Primary School The Bone Ensemble: Where's My Igloo Gone? This fun and magical show reveals how, when people work together, anything can happen! With enchanting live music, join Oolik on her journey to save her igloo home. Suitable for all ages with serious messages in a fun format.
- 7.30pm Sunday 22nd April at Goxhill Memorial Hall ShooShoo Baby: Great Cabaret Safari. Take an 'effortlessly funny', musical duo plus pianist. Add well-known songs ranging from Verdi to Queen by way of The Proclaimers and Cole Porter. Sprinkle liberally with some 'razor-sharp song writing wit'. Et voilà you have the great cabaret safari. Humour without bad language: suitable for ages 9 to 90 (plus).

Ticket prices for the shows at Goxhill Memorial Hall are adults £6 in advance (£8 on the door) and £3 children (under 14). Book and buy your tickets about a month in advance by emailing Goxhill-events@mybtinternet.com or telephoning 530363. Tickets for the show at Goxhill School will be available from the school reception or phone 530743. For updates, web-links and details of films and live acts please check out the Goxhill Events page on Facebook, follow @Goxhill_Events on Twitter or sign up for our updates by email. John Guggiari



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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

For this edition of the Gander, I have the pleasure of including some creative pieces of writing which the children have been working on over the last few months. It is our intention to share some of the children's work with readers over the next few editions of the Gander. We are very proud of our children's work and feel it is a shame just to keep it within a manila cover of a writing book.

Here are a selection of poems that use imagery to describe the sea. Can you spot the metaphors, similes and personification?

The Sea by Liam Cocking

The sea is a hungry dragon Eating anything in its path. Like a roaring lion, crashing on the rocks Tumbling, rumbling, crashing on the shore As it hunts its prey.

The sea is a vicious blanket Suffocating innocent souls. Like a ferocious, grey shark Jumping, crashing, killing As it attacks from beneath.

The Sea by Nia Wilkinson

The sea is one million angry wasps, Bringing a painful sting to all traces of life, Like a huge grey dragon taking refugees' lives. Submerging violently until their bodies crash on the shore.

But in summer when all is calm, It plays a magical daytime tune. Like a reedy mist filling your heart with joy It brings relentless love in to the world. The sea.

The Sea by Tilly Burnett

The sea is a grey scaly dragon Waking from its slumber Wiping away all signs of life on the sandy shore Like an old, war beaten crab, it scales the cliffs.

It is a ferocious, grey wolf Chasing its helpless prey Prowling the rocky shore as it chews on an old, rotting fish carcass Like a bird, it flies free of the dark depth.

The Sea by Holly Holland

The sea is a VICIOUS dragon, Swallowing boats and ferries fiercely. Like a white, warrior shark chewing on your flesh, Dying, drowning, disappearing as the water THUNDERS DOWN!

The sea is a spooky cemetery, Gulping innocent souls greedily. Like a lion CHARGING at his prey Mean, menacing, murdering as the grey blanket Crashes down.

Year 6

A selection of poems that use imagery to describe animals.

'The Pig' by Mylie Sanders

I don't catch my prey Because the farmer gives me my food every day. My lovely bowl of pigswill Might make somebody feel ill. I roll in the thick, gloopy mud Although the farmer wants my blood. My sty might smell of rotten, mouldy flesh Although my bedding is usually fresh.

'The Dog' by James Dennett

This playful, young dog loves his food, He eats different things depending on his mood. The dog looks around his house to find Whatever food is on his mind. Sometimes he chews an old slipper Or maybe he will sneak a kipper. But the thing he mostly likes to eat Is lots of juicy, tender meat! If there's teeth marks in your kite, Be sure this dog has had a bite!

'The fearsome Boa Constrictor' by Ashley Shipton-Hunter

The boa constrictor squeezes it's prey So stay away! I eat scabby rats But they taste of mat. During the day when I hunt I like to grunt. I am a gigantic, slimy snake If you don't want to die you'd better shake. I am a Boa Constrictor And a pain inflictor.

'The Dog' by Miley Plant

This dog gobbles his food fast He definitely won't make it last! He moans Without his juicy, white bone. When the dog goes to get a slipper, We know he's eaten a smelly, slimy kipper. I absolutely love the dog But he's a bit of a hog.

A project completed by the children in Year 6 on 'The Highwayman' in the autumn term.





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Goxhill School article continued from p17

Lunchtimes at Goxhill Primary School and beyond Very often with January and February being such dark months, time in school after the Christmas break is just about re-establishing routines and procedures. All the time we are looking to improve how we do things in school and one area we have concentrated on since September has been the experience the children are having in the dining hall. Under the very capable watch of Mrs Scott we have a system in place which gives more responsibility to the older children to set a positive example to the younger children during the lunch time session. A lunchtime monitor is situated at each dining table and is there to encourage the children to eat up their dinner, hold their knives and forks properly, clear up any accidental waste, which may fall from their plates and interact with each other in a civil and respectful way. These monitors will then help to clear away the younger children's plates leaving the space free for the next sitting. This has worked really well so far and the older children are really setting an excellent example to the younger ones who want to really respond well to them. We have recently surveyed parents on their views of our

lunchtime menus and have asked for any ideas or contributions on how we can improve further. We know that lunch times are a very important part of the school day and we want our children to enjoy the food that we serve them. We are always open to any suggestions parents may have which could improve lunchtimes further.

Over the next term we are scheduling some community events which we will advertise through our school website. Members of our community are also welcome to download our primary site app which will keep you up to date with anything that is going on in and around school.

Caroline Breslin

SCRAP FOR SCHOOL

Mark Ogilvie's brilliantly simple idea of putting a skip from Stokesleys on his drive for residents to put their scrap metal in, has so far raised a **fantastic £1765.75** The school are so grateful for such an amazing contribution towards enrichment activities for the children. The skip is on the long drive at 'The Old Hatchery' on Westfield Road (corner of Stothards Lane).

The Holy Land Visit - November 2017

Following a successful event in our garden on August 17, we managed to take over £1600 to assist the 4 Homes of Mercy and Bethany Orphanage in Bethlehem. Thanks to all who helped and supported us on the day, the money and the many gifts of toys, hats and scarves, hair accessories and much more, was gratefully received. A special for me to take was a greeting card from the Little Cygnets – in Ulceby, for the Kindergarten at Hope Secondary School, the head teacher of the section said the message was powerful and they were

overwhelmed by its message.

The visit in November led by Rev. Nichola was one of immense mixed emotions. We saw disabled children

I AM A PALESTIMAN ARAB
I WAS BORN IN JERUSALEI
BALESTINE IS MY HOMELAND
BUT I CANNOT RETURN THERE
BUT I CAN "RETURN" THERE

A photograph which highlights the non freedom of movement f

and adults in 'understaffed care', to an empty Children's Playground over shadowed by the Huge Wall and Watch Tower with a large Machine gun permanently fixed so close by. The gun was regularly used and a collection of empty and undetonated canisters littered the area. Poverty is so evident against the rich contrast of the colourful Churches and the new Israeli Settlements that are built on the land of the Bedouin people, who are forced from their homes to the open countryside.

Palestinian people are not allowed to move about freely, within their home towns, this must make them feel like caged animals in a zoo! Our guide on one occasion wasn't allowed in one part and had to leave us to go through a check point and down to where we were heading, he had to walk some distance around the area to meet us at and arranged point. Check points for us as internationals were fairly easy but we could see the routine humiliation and interrogation that the Palestinians had to suffer on a daily basis, not only at 1 check point, but it was possible that they would have to encounter 2 or 3 checkpoints each way adding extra hours to each journey both to and from school and work each day, having to carry ID everywhere with them at all times. People can be arrested and jailed on

'hearsay' evidence! The soldiers do not ask for the truth, they just administer punishment, no questions asked. To throw a stone at the Wall or a Fence could carry a 5 month prison sentence and in many cases death by gun shot in their own home.

Can you imagine what it would be like if Goxhill had check points on EVERY road, not being able to come and go without permission, some people never being allowed out, or your family never being allowed to visit you, being interrogated at checkpoints many times a day? Its hard to imagine a life without freedom.

From an early age as a child I had a vision in my mind of Bethlehem, I was concerned that I might have that vision shattered on this visit, thankfully it wasn't but it did bring the stories from the Bible much more to realisation. The walk down the 'Mount of Olives', the Garden of Gethsemane, the Holy Sepulchre, and the Church of Nativity, and much more will always be in my memories.

Would I go back? Most certainly I will if I get the opportunity.

Eileen holding an empty tear gas container

from the empty children's playground...

and an undetonated stun container, collected

Eileen Mosev



A little girl who wouldn't let go of n - just because I spoke to her - that was heart wrenching. She is an Albino who was blind too, all she wanted was a bit of love....



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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

On Wednesday 4th October last year, I visited Goxhill and Barrow. This was the first time that I had visited the area. The reason for my visit was that my Mother, Eleanor Brown (nee Robinson) aged 92, wanted to show me where she and her siblings were born and brought up as children. My Mother now lives in Scunthorpe.

Klondyke Farm, East Marsh Road, is where my Mother was born and lived with her seven siblings. The farm was given to her father, (my Grandfather) David Robinson when he returned from the war, by his father Henry Robinson (Mother - Sarah Robinson) who owned a farm in East Halton, where David lived before the war. My Mother's mother was Florence, she originated from Plymouth. David and Florence married in Plymouth after the First World War before taking on Klondyke Farm.

At Klondyke Farm they kept cattle, pigs, chickens and ducks. They made butter and as children we took it in turns to turn the churn. Milk was taken by their horse and trap to Goxhill Station, where the Station Master was Mr Booley. Klondyke Farm had a large orchard and in the corner of one field was a Methodist Chapel. My Mother remembers Mrs Edwards, who lived in a bungalow at

Goxhill Haven, playing the organ at the chapel.

It is believed that Klondyke Farm was bombed during the second world war and the red brick buildings are all that remains. I wonder if anyone has any old photographs of the farm? Across from the farm is a wide dyke, apparently on the opposite bank grew



very large weeping willow The remaining buildings from Klondyke Farm

trees, their branches growing over to the side of the road. My Mother tells me that as children they had a plank of wood across the dyke that they used to cross over to the other side. Mr Raby owned the field at the other side of

My Mother pointed out to me the site of Mrs Wright's shop where they bought sweets and pop. Also, where Arthur Wright moored his boat, where they went from the farm to collect provisions, brought over by Mr Wright from Hull.

My Mother attended Goxhill school. Travelling there by Jimmy Trimmingham's horse drawn bus. The Headmaster at the time was Mr Ridge.

The family left Klondyke Farm when my mother was aged 12, and went to live on Goxhill Road, Barrow. I know the house is still there as my Mother pointed it out to me. Where they had something like 2 acres of land. The first house on the road belonged to the Mr & Mrs Brown and as a child my mother helped picked flowers there for Hull market. The second house belonged to Mr Cant and the housekeeper was Mrs Stubbs. The Robinson family lived at the third house, the fourth house along was Mr Jacklin's farm, later belonged to Mr Smithson, the fifth house belonged to the Tuplin family

> and they had two children Brenda and Albert. When my Mother left school at 14 she went into Service working for Lord and Lady Yarborough at Brocklesby Hall. My Mother's Father went to work at the Scunthorpe, steelworks, cycling from Barrow daily until the family moved to Scunthorpe around 1942.

We hope to return to Goxhill again in the spring.

Valerie Disney

WHO ARE THESE NAAFI GIRLS?

A question from Mike Potter of the Military Aviation Museum, Virginia Beach, USA. 'I had a note from the historian of the 1st Fighter Wing based here at Langley Air Force Base. The first unit to occupy Goxhill as USAAF 345 Goxhill was the 71st. now part of the 1st FW.

They had just finished scanning the Squadron Diary from the war. The 71st was only at Goxhill from June to September or so, having arrived mostly on the Queen Elizabeth in the middle of the night and then by train to Goxhill. It had this nice photo attached of their first encounter with the "NAAFI girls" at Goxhill, possibly June 1942?

I wonder if anyone in remembers who they might be?' Any information please contact the editor (details below).



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It matters very little to the world of nature round about us whether we are interested in natural things or not because nature can intrude into our lives without invitation. The queen wasp which is at present emerging from its winter quarters can come to make its nest near your house or garden. Will you be pleased or annoyed? The answer to the question is that you will probably not notice that the wasps are there because during the spring and summer the wasps are busy collecting Aphis and other small insects to feed their young. I like wasps because they do a lot of good work, they remove insects from the garden and farmer's fields and so avoid the need to spray with insecticide. However, in the autumn the queen, after producing a few queen wasps ceases to lay eggs and the wasps in the nest become redundant. It is the story of idle hands and without young to feed the wasps change to eating sugary things and it is then that they begin to eat our fruit and invade our kitchens. Are wasps friend or foe?

There are many animals living round about us that we know nothing about. A problem that is sometimes seen in spring occurs with crocus plants. The leaves and flowers of crocus plants are sometimes eaten down to the ground this kills the corm. The villain is the smallest of the deer, the lovely little Muntjac. Yes, there are Muntjac in Goxhill. Sometimes the benefits that nature bestows upon us are not immediately apparent. The beaver became extinct in the U K. many years ago, it was hunted and killed for its fur which was used in the hat trade. The fact that it built dams in streams and rivers and cut down trees was well known and as these beaver's dams sometimes cause difficulties for farmers the passing of the beaver was accepted without much question. However lately beavers have been introduced into some rivers and it has been found that the dams which they have built in the upper reaches of the river have slowed the run off of water at times of heavy rainfall and so prevented flash flooding in the towns and villages in the lower reaches of the river. The presence of a few beavers on a river prevented flooding of buildings costing thousands of pounds. Be careful, deer have increased in number in many places until there are said to be too many for the land to support. It has been suggested that wolves should be reintroduced to mountain and moorland to control the number of deer. I am reminded of the story of "The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" (Google old lady who swallowed a fly) The use of a natural remedy that is worse than the original affliction must be avoided. Guns and venison present a better solution to the problem.

Many of the benefits that birds, insects and animals round about us provide are not easily seen. The hedgehog can be enticed to appear in the evening by offerings of meaty dog food but the food offered will be taken instead of the large



numbers of slugs, worms and insects which it normally eats. The Dragon Flies and Damsel Flies that we see flying around in the summer sunshine are catching mosquitoes as we watch but they are so quick that we are unable to see it

I have been interested in the natural world and in gardening for a very long time but it is only at the end of last year that I understood a simple fact of nature. It concerns the Honey bees and the Bumble bees. Their wonderful activities in collecting honey and fertilising our fruits and vegetables and the crops in our fields are widely praised. I am delighted when I see the swelling fruits on the strawberries and raspberries and the apple blossom gives place to the little apples. At the end of the summer I planted some winter pansies and soon after I cut off the dead heads and the seed capsules as I normally do. I did this twice after which I realised that there were no more seed capsules forming. It was October and the pansy flowers remained fresh and fully open, weeks passed, some of the flowers had been open so long that I recognised them individually they became old friends. New flowers continued to appear and the plants became a mass of flowers. It was then that I realised that with the coming of the colder weather in October the bees had ceased to fly and were in their winter quarters. If no insects visit the flowers that rely upon them for fertilisation then the flower remains open for a long time waiting until the transfer of pollen takes place. As soon as it is fertilised and the pollen travels down the style to the ovary the flower is no longer needed, the plant cuts off the food supply and the flower dies. Sometimes another flower is produced but the production of the seed takes so much energy that fruit and seed are the end of the cycle for the year.

Maurice Brawn



GOXHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Following a successful meeting at the Memorial Hall in February, in the presence of Safer Neighbourhoods and Inspector Harvey, I am now appealing for donations towards the costs of continuing to run the GNEW. Which will be towards any help/equipment or assistance to the villagers. I am grateful for the assistance of Steve Newlove and Paul Swift who have recently volunteered to give me support and would like to thank all the people attending the

meeting, which gives me the incentive to continue but without funding this will be difficult. **Lorraine Gibbins Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**

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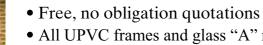






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We can't believe Goxhill has been kicking it for almost a year already. We have managed to collect guite an array of young ninja's in the making along our karate class journey, and what a journey it has been!

Our 4-7 year old Junior Dragons have eagerly shown their openness to learn as week after week we see our full class of dedicated students take on the challenges required of them to help improve not only their martial art basics, but many a lifelong learning skill from active listening and patience to balance, co-ordination and discipline. Our Juniors are truly thriving- many have already achieved their first belt and many more are working hard towards achieving theirs. Should they carry on with this path we certainly think we should have some confident leaders of the future in our village.

Our 7-14 year old Senior Dragons are demonstrating some true grit. To take on our fully integrated curriculum they really do need to show the humility required to receive new ways of thinking. Rest assured our Seniors have stepped up to the mark and are displaying exactly



that. This age bracket can have a lot to contend with within their own minds whilst they try to figure out who they are and we pride ourselves on encouraging individuality. We try to equip our students with the tools to cope with any given

situation as effectively as they can.

It has been apparent that our Seniors have quickly established that they must work extremely hard in order to earn their belts, all willing to step up to the challenge. We were



delighted to see our students partake in and complete their first belt grading in early December. With only three mistakes allowed per grading, we think you can agree that these results were outstanding and we urge you to applaud their success with us.

January 2018 has seen the introduction of our Dragon Tot Classes. This enables our 3-5 year olds, along with a grown up to begin to understand and develop their core skills. As we are sure you can imagine, they really are the most of deadliest of ninjas around- watch out Goxhill these Dragons are on fire!

This year is set to be a fantastic one for us, after all it is two thousand and GREATeen! We aim to inspire all our students to be kind and humble along their journey and give back to the community where ever they can too. Being a non-profit club we are looking at hosting a coffee morning to not only help raise some funds to purchase new training equipment for our students but also to help raise some much needed funds for the Methodist Chapel, where we train each week. Please do keep a look out for further information on this event as we would love you to pop along for a drink and some cake and meet some of our future champions in the

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Goxhill Singing Group - village champions

For unfathomable reasons, known only to itself, North Lincolnshire Council decided to keep secret from the organizers of Goxhill Singing Group that they were nominated last year as local Community Champions. Fortunately, since The Gander has access to last September's nomination form, we can share what it

Reputedly the Goxhill Singing Group was the brainchild of Jodi Shanahan and Sally Salmon - arrived at whilst playing a game of UNO last March. During 2017 GSG grew from nothing to a regular weekly group of two dozen villagers, more on occasion, meeting weekly to sing. There is no audition, no membership fee and no rules other than to turn up and sing. A £1 contribution from each person covers the hire fee for the room and



the costs of printing song lyrics. Although primarily just singing together as a group in the Goxhill Chapel schoolroom, during the year the group have also performed in public prior to a Goxhill FilmLincs screening and at one of the Goxhill Open Gardens. The range of songs being sung is without limit: anyone can propose a favourite song and if a few others agree then Jodi or Sally print off the words and hand them out at the next meeting by which

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time they have normally sourced a suitable backing track to keep everyone in time. The enthusiasm in the room is palpable and some song titles only need to be mentioned in order to set off spontaneous singing from memory. It's a really simple idea that taps into the simple pleasure of singing together that, whilst we may have enjoyed it as children, has been lost to us as adults apart from in churches. It's public but it's shared and it's not karaoke; it attracts both sexes, adults of all ages and children. Goxhill Singing Group is enhancing numerous people's lives but it needed two or three people to make it happen.

Subsequent to the above being written, GSG has received other invitations to sing, including a concert in the Chapel as a thank you from the group for being able to use the schoolroom each week. That consisted of nine traditional carols before an interval followed by nine popular Christmas songs. If you enjoy singing (or used to before you forgot that you did) then come along on at 7pm on any Wednesday at Goxhill Chapel Schoolroom and join in.

John Guggiari

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

These Sticks are made for Walking

Well covered and wrapped up against the winter weather, to the point of being completely unrecognisable, it's great to be out and about, just simply walking. No urgency, no absolute time or appointment to arrive at, just the sheer pleasure of putting one foot in front of the other in the fresh air. We are very fortunate to have in this area, so many footpaths, which ever road you choose to go along, there's a footpath, leading from it, either to another road, making a short cut, or just leading off across the fields into the open space, and on into the countryside. We have so much room to move, so unlike the close confines of a built up area, or the hustle, bustle of crowds, and the noise of the city centre. After Christmas and the celebrations of the New Year, all the 'get togethers, and indulgences, with family and friends', we maybe all could do with a little exercise.

Most of the year our public footpaths are kept tidy, the grass cut to a reasonable length, hedges cut back where needed, and the ground good to walk on. However, at this time of the year well-trodden areas hold water, and it can become very uneven underfoot, sometimes it seems that the mud wants to suck the boots right off your feet, our sticky clay soil gets very friendly indeed, when churned up and waterlogged, the fields themselves have a high water table. There is very little that anyone can do to improve it, it's countryside, and we have naturally to take extra care in these conditions, never the less, this should never prevent us from getting out.

We are fortunate in more ways than one in our village, not only do we have all this open space to enjoy, but we have someone who builds, or should I say creates and crafts, the most helpful travelling companion we could hope for, a smart walking stick. These sticks are not just for support, they are for striding out, and for use as an extra leg over holes, down steep hills and to get us out of our' sticky mud', all this and a smart practical accessary. Beautifully made by Stephen Bell, the 'World Champion' stick maker, I feel as if I should say that twice, just to emphasise it, I did say that he was a 'World Champion', who's craftsmanship and artistry is outstanding, it makes you feel proud to hold and use such an item in your hand, not as an aid, but a piece of sports equipment, which it is, but far more beautiful than a golf club, which in some

people's eyes spoil a good walk! Stephens designs on the handles are exquisite pieces of art, birds heads carved and painted, and so realistic, nature not just imitated, but reproduced, crook handles made from different types of horn, and assorted woods, so strong and yet so comfortable in the hand. I have no idea what the criteria of rules of stick making are, but they obviously meet all of these, and more, plus in my opinion all the beauty of nature. What else can we ask for but fresh air and quiet countryside on any day?

Playing Field

At present it is very wet underfoot, but only to be expected, I'm sure it will improve as the season goes on. Repairs have been made to the Witches Hat, it held my weight and spun round beautifully when I tested it ,so I feel sure that it will accommodate several children safely and still turn. It hasn't spun for over twelve months, fingers crossed.

Allotments

There is still time to book a plot to start the New Year, either a full one or if that is too much, a half can be used. Contact anyone at the parish council, if you're interested, it can be a great family joint effort.

Library

Open as normal after the Christmas break, and warm and welcoming place to find all the new books that have been recently published. Both the children's new editions and adults. If these are not on the shelves just yet, don't forget that they can be ordered.

Cemetery

The repairs to the side footpaths have now all been completed, cleaned back to their original width and resurfaced, these should now make it an easier and safer access, to all areas. A large tree has been removed from the front corner, this was in a dangerous state, and was within the grounds.

Memorial Hall

Continuing to host many activities, both entertainments and sports. The hall had a good Christmas and a successful new year; with your support it will continue to be successful. The repairs to the tennis courts are scheduled to be carried out this year, as early as possible.

Freda Dunkley

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Update from National Grid River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project

By Steve Ellison, project manager



nationalgrid

Winter is an exciting time on the project as we move closer to the start of tunnelling under the River Humber. A crucial stage of activity was the safe delivery of our tunnel boring machine from a factory in Germany to the site in Goxhill. We're delighted to report that the delivery, although a complex operation, was a complete success.

As is tradition, our tunnel boring machine has been given a special name. Last year we challenged local schoolchildren to come up with an appropriate name and 'Mary' was selected as the winning name. Kacev Doney, a year 3 pupil at Paull Primary School, chose the name, using Mary Fergusson OBE as her inspiration. Mary was a pioneering British civil engineer and was the first female fellow of the institution of Civil Engineers.

The tunnelling work commencing under the River Humber is a significant milestone for the project and is expected to take around 12 months. Residents in Goxhill may notice an increase in heavy vehicle traffic coming to and from the site during this time as we remove material which will be dug up as part of the tunnelling work. All drivers will be instructed to follow the Traffic Management Plan that is in place. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us via the National Grid Community Helpline: 0800 988 9144.



The Haven Inn was a farm cum Inn. My grandfather and sons ran the farm. In addition to being a farmer's wife, milking the cows, making butter, cream cheese and raising poultry, chickens and ducks and geese to provide eggs, dressed birds for Christmas, Naomi was also Landlady running the Inn. How busy she was! In addition she took produce to sell at Brigg Market going by Wesley Clark's Bus each Thursday.

When the busy days were coming to an end, my grandmother, would get ready to greet the customers to the Inn. She would have had her snow white hair, curled with hair tongs heated in the fire (no electricity in those days, for many a year). She always wore a black dress with a lace 'insert' for modesty and a cut glass necklace and earrings, which sparkled as the oil lights caught them. She kept this Inn for twenty years, ending in 1944. During all her life she never sampled alcohol.

Entering the Inn by the front door, a short walk along the passage to the right was the 'Tap room', furnished with benches to sit on, and tables for the men to play dominoes; spittoons with sawdust in were placed around the room for

the men's use; no women used this room. Barge men, brickyard workers and farm people gathered here. I remember names like Harness, Lawtey and Horsefall.

Opposite this room was the 'Smoke room' where all sorts of people met, especially on a Saturday evening, when my father played the piano and all joined in to sing. On high days and holidays, people came on the ferry from Hull to spend time; the men fishing the clay pits and the ladies enjoying the countryside. All joined in a meal, cooked by my grandmother at the cost of sixpence a head; children ate free whilst playing with us in the meadow.

In a passage, running behind the only two public rooms was the so called 'cellar' with barrels of beer with a tap. Beer was served from a jug, brought to the tables by grandmother with help from my mother on busy days. No 'propping up a bar in those days'. The living room and dairy (it was a farm house!) were behind the public room. Upstairs were four rooms. One was a sitting room, with black wall paper covered with red roses and Victorian furniture. A large landing held all the odds and ends which might be useful one day. In the small bedroom, that backed on to the granary, rats could be heard among the corn.

To finish, the 'slatted' windows were in the barn, cowstable, pigsty etc. In the modern Inn, where I eat sometimes, I love to sit where once the pigs were, with memories flooding back.

At the right hand side of the picture, the barge on the Haven would be taking coal to the coal yard.

The small 'lean-to' on the right was the mens' lavatory. No flushing water, just pails of water thrown in each day, draining into a ditch. I can still hear my grandfather shouting, "hey you! ger out a yon midden" when we went too close. The ladies had a double seated earth closet for their convenience.

But when visiting the Haven Inn do think about the small one I knew and loved. Ramona Percy (nee Parkin)



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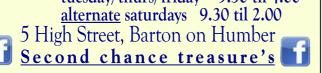
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We are now waiting with interest to what level 2 will look like....

We anticipate it will look at service provision and will enable us to expand our range of services further. We have already made significant progress. Our current services include a flu vaccination service, new medication service. medication use reviews, minor ailments service for prescription exempt patients, a delivery service to the local town and surrounding villages and supervised medication services.

New developments are coming soon which include a stop smoking support service planned for 2018.

Please do pop in and let us know if you think we have missed an opportunity to help to improve the health of our local population. We currently have a patient questionnaire on the counter and would value your feedback.

Helen - Pharmacist / Manager

1st GOXHILL BROWNIES

I have decided for this edition of the Gander that the girls will write something about their time at Brownies, but before they do Sarah and I would like to say a huge thank you to the Goxhill Co-op and its customers who raised a fantastic £342.27 for us as their chosen charity.



We have also had a busy start to the spring term with visits from Cherry Cottage Wildlife Rescue who brought us some adorable hedgehogs to learn about and cuddle with and Luna Animal Rescue who also brought a big furry friend with them.



Now over to the girls: - Poppy (8) I like to make new friends and learn new things. We went to the Pantomime to see Snow White. Ella (8) I like baking and when we made chocolate lollies, it was fun when we did pottery. Miley (7) The Brownie leaders are AMAZING!! I started Brownies because I wanted to try something new, it's fun when we have a games and singing night. Scarlett (10) I like going to camp, we slept over at The

Deep and had a tour round and we are going to PGL soon.

Erin (8) I really like coming to see my friends and you get to go on exciting trips. Libby (8) I like doing arts and crafts and meeting new people, on enrolment night one Brownies gets to be a hostess. Ruby (9) I love Brownies because we always do fun things and the Brownie leaders are great fun. Michaela (10) I really like coming to Brownies because we get to do fun activities like baking, games and crafts. Lauren (9) As a member of Brownies, I have a lot of favourite things, some of those activities include camping, working towards badges, pottery and crafts. I've been with Brownies for 2 years and I really like it, we are looking for new recruits so lease consider joining our FUN group!

Brownies meet every Tuesday (term time only) 6:00-7:30pm at Goxhill Out of School/Pre School building, we are always looking for new girls aged 7-10 to join us.

We are also on the lookout for new adults to become leaders to come and join with a view to taking over from September 2018.

Many thanks, Jane Macleod (Tawny Owl)





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Christine, Colin and Caroline Creasey in the shop for the last time.

It's seems strange that exactly a year ago it was Jeff Teasdale's article, from a discussion with Colin Creasey about shops in Goxhill, that prompted so many memories. A year later Colin and Christine Creasey have retired and Paul Searby has closed the Spar shop leaving the new Coop the one remaining grocery shop in Goxhill. In this article I'll concentrate on Creasey's shop. Working through census, tax and trade records, and other family trees publically available I've tried to collate a record about the different families that owned and ran the business on Westfield Road over the years. I already had some family related information which I'll return to later. For me, despite in recent years going to Colin and Christine

to pick up things for mum, the premises will always be Dale's shop. Some of my earliest memories are 'popping round to Dale's' be it for something for the family or often to get supplies of something that we had run out of in the shop. I have a vivid picture in my head of the curvy, italic shop name 'V N Dale'; I could never understand why Dad always called Mr Dale 'Nelson'; I never thought to ask, it's 'Victor' by the way. Mum remembers, when she was first married, going down to Malcolm Thompson's (the Spar shop) for something; when she returned Dad's aunt Hilda told her off explaining "we always go to Nelson's". As a little girl I was desperate to get behind the counter at 'Mrs Dale's end' of the shop to see what was there, she seemed to sell everything it was possible to need. Mum happened to be there as Mrs Dale was opening a recently arrived parcel of children's clothes. I was just starting to play out in the garden at London House and mum saw dungarees. Needless to say they seemed ideal so were quickly purchased and put to good use. Mum is also a similar age to Mr and Mrs Dale's daughter Margaret, who was often found working in the shop, as mum did in our shop. Margaret married Dennis Coulam just after mum had married dad and their son John is the same age as my brother Robert, they were in the same class at school.

Nelson wasn't the first shopkeeper in his family. He had been born in Wrawby, a twin, and his father, Fred, was a blacksmith, as were Fred's two brothers and their father. At some point between the 1911 census and 1919 Kelly's Directory of that



year, Fred moved his family to Goxhill and is listed as 'Grocer', presumably on Westfield Road. This continues with the next published Lincolnshire editions in 1926 and 1930. Fred's death is recorded in 1947. Nelson married Beatrice Jane Simon in 1934. Her parents were Frederick Ernest Simon and Helen Cavill who married in 1911.

The Simon family were a well-known Goxhill family. The Simon's farm, The Grange, was on Chapelfield Road, and was demolished, as part of the construction of the airfield in October 1940 (taken from Geoff Brown's recollection in 'Goxhill at War'). Beatrice Dale's paternal grandfather, also Frederick, farmed there until his death in 1916; her father and his siblings were all born at The Grange though at the 1911 census Frederick Ernest is shown living in two rooms at a farm in Littleworth, South End, the other four rooms are taken by a farm labourer and his two daughters. This is possibly South End farm, built in 1840.

Beatrice's paternal grandmother, Frederick Ernest's mother,

Betsy Ann had been born in Littleworth and her father, William Dee, at the 1881 census, was farming 128 acres there. On William's death, in 1890, administration of his estate was granted to Betsy Ann, at The Grange. The 1891 and 1901 census records show Betsy's brother in law, William Turner, who's family had farmed in North End, farming in Littleworth. It appears that she had kept the Dee family farm in the family. Indeed, South End farm is given as the residence of Betsy's brother in law Percy Simon on his death in 1937.

Of the seven Simon siblings, only Frederick and Ernest married; John died farming at Barrow; Selina, Maunsell and Hubert's

address is given as Low Risby, Goxhill, the small bungalow next to Fir Tree farm on the corner of Chapelfield and East Marsh Road which is possibly where they moved when The Grange was demolished. The seventh sibling, Jessie, died in 1955, her address given as Glen Garth, South End.

1963ish Dad (Bryan

Giles) and I collecting

sugar from Dales as we

Beatrice's mother, Helen, had been born in Thornton Curtis where her father farmed what was named 'Cavill's Farm' close to the railway crossing, in the 1881 census. The family were still there in 1901 but then, in 1910, Helen's father died and her mother moved to live on Westfield Road, Barton with Helen and her youngest sister Mabel; their three other sisters, already married and living in Goxhill, Barrow and Barton. For Helen and Frederick Ernest the distance, as the crow flies, between the two farms had been minimal, a track running from College Road, Thornton Curtis to Soff Lane in South End. Frederick Ernest and Helen had three daughters in three years but Frederick senior died at Goxhill Grange on 5 April 1916 and Frederick Ernest in Goxhill on 19 August 1916, possibly having returned to The Grange on his father's death. Francis, Helen's older brother, died in 1940 with his residence named as College Farm, Thornton Curtis, presumably he continued farming there and this is 'Cavill's Farm'. His son John continued to farm there with his wife Marjorie and daughter Gillian Rash nee Cavill who lived for many years, with her family, on Howe Lane, Goxhill.

Now, hold on to your hats, this is where it gets even more involved. Francis, Beatrice's uncle, the only brother and the oldest of the six siblings, who lived at College Farm all of his life, was married to Maria Northen (known as Minnie). Minnie's father, William Northen, had been born in Goxhill and farmed there and in East Halton. By 1891 he is at Chapel Farm on Chapelfield Road, two farms down from the Simon's farm, The Grange. William's son, William Bygott Northen farmed Chapel Farm on his father's death in 1910, then his

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son, William Drury Northen farmed there on his father's death in 1929. William Drury's son, William Graham (known as Graham) took over from his father and lived there until his death in 2015. Graham was my dad's cousin and my godfather. William Bygott Northen and Minnie were two of seven siblings; another being John Tong Northen. John was Beatrice Dale's maternal uncle's brother in law! He too, in the past, owned Creasey's shop. Here I've had some help from a fellow researcher, Shirley Audsley nee Waltham, the granddaughter of John. Shirley told me that John had worked as a draper for Edwin Davis in Hull, but he is shown in 1881 as unemployed and living at Chapel Farm with his brother. However, at the 1891 census, aged 29, he is recorded as a 'Grocer and Draper' further down from the Royal Oak Inn on Westfield Road, Creasey's shop. His younger sister Minnie, who would marry Francis Cavill in 1899, is acting as his housekeeper. John married in May 1891 and he and his wife Lucy ran the shop. Whilst there, Shirley explained, they had six children between 1892 and 1901, though two, twins, died before they were a year old. John and Lucy are shown, on the 1901 census, at the shop with their four remaining children and Lucy's sister Anne who was acting as a cook and domestic servant to the family.

Shirley went on to say that unfortunately John, who had his own horse, spent too much time riding, hunting and drinking leaving Lucy to run the shop. Finally the money ran out and the family moved into a small house on The Square, Shirley thinks near the Royal Oak, where two more children were born. He is shown on the 1911 census in a larger house on The Square. From Mr Brawn's article last summer I know that John Sargantson senior lived at Fernlea which sits 'side on' to The Square; Thomas Wardle who went on to be a butcher and who I covered in the last Gander lived two doors up in the house now called Lynn and John Northen and his wife and six children lived another two doors up in the house now called Hillstonia. He is working from home manufacturing cattle oil. In 1913 the family moved to New Holland, living in 1 Temperance Villas. One of his daughters, Winifred Waltham returned to the village, living in The Square, in the 1920s before moving to Barton.

I believe that John had sold the shop to George William Brown. A photograph of Westfield Road taken in 1905 shows his name on the shop. I haven't been able to identify who he was. The next recorded ownership is of Stephen Dows who took over in 1909 and is recorded on the 1911 census. He was aged sixty five in 1911 and living there with his wife, Susanna. They had been married for forty years but had had no children. At the 1901 census he is recorded living with Susanna on Haven Street, Grimsby and employed as a Draper's Assistant. As early as 1871 he is shown in East Retford and a Draper employing a Milliner and a Draper's Assistant. Mr and Mrs Dows appeared to have retired to the Louth area, selling the business to Fred Dale sometime before 1919.

Census records even earlier than George William Brown don't specifically mention Westfield Road and there are other Grocer and Drapers in the village, however by tracking each census record; attempting to work out the route the enumerator took; families living in the same residences over the decades and the Royal Oak Inn being close by, I think I've identified other owners.

The 1881 and 1871 census records show Henry Motley Graves as the Grocer and Draper, with his wife Susan Ann Graves but no children. Henry had been born in 1839 in Stickney and Susan in 1839 in Lusby, both in Lincolnshire. They had married on 28 March 1865 in Lambeth, London. Henry died in November 1884, aged 46, in Goxhill, so it is possibly that John Tong Northen took the shop over with Henry's death. Susan continued to live in Goxhill marrying,

> Westfield Road in 1905 with the Royal Oak on the right and Dales Store (later Creaseys) in the background

in 1889, a farmer of 11 ½ acres named Joseph Wilson, also widowed. They lived in 'Fish Pond Lane' which I think is what is now called Churchside around the back of the church. Susan died, in Goxhill, in May 1900.

Henry Graves is recorded at the 1861 census as a Draper's Assistant, in Goxhill, to William Barton, a Tailor and Master Draper. A William Barton, tailor, is recorded in the Poll Book of 1823 in Goxhill, possibly William senior. William junior had been born in Goxhill in 1804. At the first official census in 1841 William is listed as a tailor alongside his father, also William and also a tailor together with Thomas Moore, aged 17, a tailor's apprentice. William senior is recorded as aged 70 years and William junior aged 35 years and William junior's son, also William is shown aged 10 years. By 1851 William senior aged 80 has retired; William junior is listed as 'Tailor and Draper' and his son, is now a tailor. They also have a William Broughton with them employed as a tailor's apprentice.

To confirm the residency of these people at the Westfield Road shop I have tracked one particular family. The 1841 census gives no indication of addresses, however two doors earlier than the Barton family is Samuel Bell, a publican, possibly the Royal Oak and Furlow Sergeant, a farmer is the next address after the Barton's. I have tracked Furlow Sergeant again next door on the 1851 census; his daughter Dinah, named 'Farmer's daughter' is listed at 1861, after Furlow's death in 1858; Furlow Sergeant junior is there with his wife and family in 1871 as well as a Governess, a Kitchen Maid, a Housemaid and a Farm Servant. The 1881 census is recorded in the opposite direction but the Sergeant family are still farming next to Henry and Susan Graves and in 1891 next to John Tong Northen. In 1901 Furlow's address is given as 'West Farm'. Furlow and his oldest son Walter died between census records so at the 1911 census Walter's widow and his eldest son Henry are recorded at 'West Farm'. The 1930 Kelly's Directory shows Fred Portas farming there together with Briggs and Holmes auctioneers.

West Farm sits at the very end of Westfield Road, past Stothard's Lane. The farmhouse is there and a number of private dwellings have been built in the farmyard. Dad remembers a Mr Buckley farming there. I don't know if it's the same man, but Nelson's twin sister Nora married Henry Edward Buckley, who had been born in Grimsby, in Goxhill in 1929. Perhaps someone knows if this is the same man? Another farm resident was Norman Chapman who in his later years lived in South End, then Arthur George lived there. Arthur's middle daughter, Judith, married Graham Northen living initially at 'Amberlea', the bungalow they had built on Horsegate Field Road then on his father's retirement, Graham and Judith lived at Chapel Farm on Chapelfield Road. Just to close this amazing circle, Furlow Sergeant junior's youngest son, Thomas Ross Sergeant, is recorded in 1901 and 1911 farming 'Church Farm' which sat on the corner of Thorn Lane and Churchside, again now houses, with the farmhouse down Pigeon Cote Lane. Thomas Ross Sergeant was married to Mary Cavill, sister of Helen, the mother of Beatrice Jane Dale. **Elizabeth Fincham**



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Well, it seems that as far back as 3500 years BC, the ancient Sumerians were using a counting system founded on a base of 60. This was adopted by early Babylonian astronomers who used the same system for their calculations. In time the early Egyptians used the same system too, giving us the 60 seconds in one minute and the 60 minutes in one hour.

Based on their observations and calculations, the Egyptians then calculated 10 hours of daylight when the passage of time was confirmed by the movement of a shadow along a scale, and they then allowed a further two hours, marking dawn and dusk, thus giving us half a day - the other twelve hours of darkness was observed by the movement of the stars and other celestial bodies.

Around 500 BC the Babylonians assigned names to each passing of the 24 hour cycle - taking the names from the seven celestial bodies visible with the naked eye; the Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn. A few hundred years later the Romans, probably during the 1st Century BC, adapted these names to fit in with their own world view, and used the names of their own pagan deities, which in modern times have been replaced by a Nordic-Germanic influence.

Interestingly, although the seven day week was widely accepted, different cultures had weeks of differing lengths.

When it comes to months the earliest Roman calendars had twelve in the year, but only ten of them had names the two winter months were unnamed for many centuries.

Our year is currently based on the Gregorian calendar. (there are over 70 known calendars available), which was introduced by Pope Gregory in 1582 as an upgrade to the Julian calendar, developed by Julius Caesar around 45 BC, and it is the calendar most widely used in the world today.

Origin of the Names of the Months

- January: Janus. Roman god of doors. beginnings, sunset and sunrise, had one face looking forward and one backward,
- **February:** On February 15 the Romans celebrated the festival of forgiveness for sins; (februare, Latin to purify),
- March: Mars, the Roman god of war,
- **April:** Roman month Aprilis, perhaps derived from aperire, (Latin to open, as in opening buds and blossoms) or perhaps from Aphrodite, original Greek name of Venus.
- May: Maia, Roman goddess, mother of Mercury by Jupiter and daughter of Atlas,
- June: Juno, chief Roman goddess,
- July: Renamed for Julius Caesar in 44 BC, who was born this month; Quintilis, Latin for fifth month, was the former name (the Roman year began in March rather than January),
- August: Formerly Sextilis (sixth month in the Roman calendar); re-named in 8 BC for Augustus Caesar,
- September: (septem, Latin for 7) the seventh month in the Julian or Roman calendar. established in the reign of Julius Caesar,
- October: Eighth month (octo, Latin for 8) in the Julian (Roman) calendar. The Gregorian calendar instituted by Pope Gregory XIII established January as the first month of the
- November: Ninth Roman month (novem, Latin for 9). Catholic countries adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1582, skipping 10 days that October, correcting for too many leap years,
- **December:** Julian (Roman) year's tenth month (decem, Latin for 10).

Kevin Guy

THE BROCK! **Still waiting for the Local Government Ombudsman!**

Back in December, we let you know that Goxhill Community Pub Limited - through it's Chairman, Anne Lawtey - had taken our complaint about North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) to the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO). To recap, our complaint was that NLC fell a long way short of protecting a vital community asset - The Brock - both in the poor wording of the section 106 agreement with Keigar and in failing to secure it for the community using powers available to it for that very purpose.

The LGO said at the beginning of November that they would be in contact with us again in 20 working days. When they did so, it was a bit of an anti-climax as they just let us know of a delay because of their workload. Subsequently LGO has been back in touch a few times including telling us that they had requested comments on the complaint from NLC in early December.

More recently it was more of the same as LGO told us that NLC had replied but, as LGO investigators deal with their caseload in date order, it could be a few more weeks before they are able to consider our complaint.

So we will all need another large dose of patience.

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OFF THE HOOF

"You never earn out of nowt, you know nowt about" Harvey Smith

As I sit to write for the spring edition of The Gander I suddenly realised we are now in February and I'm wondering what happened to January. It's whizzed by so quickly. Christmas has been and gone and the frenzied buying ceased until next year. As the days are drawing out I cannot wait to go out in the garden and I know it will throw up all sort of bulbs set and long forgotten giving much needed colour and surprise. A tip for those who like plants in pots. Instead of spending money on lost of pot feet which are easily broken I use door wedges. They are 10 in a pack from B&M and around £2.50. The beauty of them is they come in grey, white and black; made of a rubbery substance, so long lasting and best of all if pots are stood on uneven ground they are easy to adjust and level up. Before Christmas I received various items of literature advertising what might be a good present. After spending years marrying up pairs of socks and keeping a separate pile of single ones, until it's twin reappeared, it seems that odd socks are the more fashionable option these days and are sold as such! We were bombarded last year with onsies, this year I saw "twosies" being given a fair amount of advertising space. You guessed it; "twosies" are the modern name for pyjamas! Proof of the power of advertising.

December 27th saw, what has now become, an annual ride from Jo Burns-Firth yard. From starting with just Jo and her liveries the numbers have swollen to create quite a site as they ride in an orderly fashion through the village. Some dressing both themselves and their mounts in fancy dress. The best dressed was awarded to Chloe Foulston as an elf, second to Lucy, nee Chapman, as a snow queen and third, Dave Firth as Father Christmas. The ride was followed by dog walkers, people on bikes, families with prams and walkers. A staggering £345 was raised and donated to the Lincolnshire Air

Ambulance. A special prize should be awarded to Dave, who

led the ride. He had not ridden for 10 years but Jo had a serious accident, so was incapacitated. To avoid cancelling the ride he stepped in for her. Bet he was sore for a few days! As Spring fast approaches there may be owners considering putting their mare in foal, especially if they are no longer ridden. Think hard and do the research before making a decision. Just because you can does not mean you should. Consider how good the mare is and in fact if they are too old. What job they are being bred for and if it is for yourself or selling to make money. The saying fools breed horses for wise men to buy is very true. Taking into account stud and vet fees, possibly two years before you sell and the cost of keeping both mare and foal for that time with injections, farriers and the obligatory passport and breed registration it all runs into a large cost. In that time anything could happen. It's a nice thought and if you have a decent mare, chose a decent stallion whose protégé have form, it can be very rewarding, but do think very carefully before committing yourself.

Spring also heralds the outdoor shows and all the preparation if you compete. Make a note to have your trailer serviced and checked out before the beginning of the season. Tyres, in particular, perish when stood outside and brakes can lock on. Don't wait until the morning of a show to get loaded up and find you are going nowhere. The garage on Ferry Road specialises in lorries and trailers so don't leave it too late.

At the time of writing I do not know if Goxhill Show will be running again this year owing to lack of venue. I had offered my land provided permission of an alternative and safe access could be sought but was told nine acres was not big enough. It is sad to be surrounded by so much farm land and such a high population of horses that nowhere suitable can be found. We can only hope someone comes to the rescue and offers a field, so it can continue. We have so few shows within hacking distance now

I was pleased to read that DEFRA have drafted a new bill in

parliament to maximise the penalty for animal cruelty increasing from 6 months prison sentence to 5 years. It was owing to public pressure against a decision to REJECT the inclusion of article 13 of the Lisbon Treaty which admits animals feel pain and possess emotions. There have been calls for horses to be classed as livestock. As I understand it, as it stands, if horses are exported for meat they are not checked for their welfare whereas livestock, cattle, etc. are. I am sure this will open another can of worms and myself cannot see the point of sending these poor animals to their end in this way. With refrigeration I would think it would benefit all if they were sent frozen. Sounds controversial I know but it was an article on the news, about 15 years ago, showing sheep being thrown to the floor from the top deck of a lorry that made me become vegetarian. All animal welfare during transportation must be possible currently and if not cost effective then meat transportation has to be the viable alternative. There has also been a call for a register of those convicted of cruelty and banned from keeping horses, which was echoed by the charities. I think it should apply in animal cruelty cases, but the actual implementation may prove difficult. I shudder to think that the MP's who voted on this originally could even entertain the thought that any animal doesn't have emotions or feel pain. Hopefully the bill will be passed soon.

The work on the gas pipe line from the Humber bank is set to increase as they will soon be removing all the soil that has been dug out and piled up. This means lorries will be travelling Thornton Road and Ferry Road empty. Which will rattle more than when loaded. Riders will know from experience that the noise of an empty trailer can be more frightening for a horse then one fully loaded. This includes those on the back of cars. The lorries will be loaded and out the one-way system to return as quick as they can for the next load. I believe that the firms or private drivers are paid by the amount they transport so that is an incentive itself to go as fast as they can. I have tried to get more 30 mph signs put up as a reminder and was told this would be illegal, although if a 40 mph was required there would be no problem. In the last issue, 3 months ago, I wrote that over 3 months previously, at a parish council meeting, flashing lights were promised and even the possibility of two. So over 7 months later still nothing has happened. Despite phoning Jonathan at Skansa and speaking to a member of the Parrish Council. I now have it on my to do list to go further and try to make Thornton Road and Ferry Road safer for everyone. The plea for bits, headcollar and bridle parts to send out to the Gambia on behalf of the Donkey and Horse Trust, has been very successful. Although more 4 and 4 ½ inch plain snaffle bits are still in short supply. It was intended to send everything out at the beginning of January, but nothing started coming in until late December. So, there was not time to get it organised. I think there is more than 30 headcollars which most have been washed and some repaired. Lucy Foster had very kindly done these although this is ongoing. There are some leather pieces of bridles which I will have to oil well before they are acceptable.

That's all for this issue. Keep your news and views coming in Take care. Ride safely.

Aileen 01469 530643

I had donations of items not asked for so the numnahs have

gone for dog and cat beds; I have several large bits, which are

not snaffles and various nose bands so if anyone is interested in

having a look these can be sold, and the money used to buy the

have donated. This will be ongoing for a short while but now I

need to get them all to Surrey. Carriage for the weight will be

anyone heading to Surrey for any reason, perhaps they would

be kind enough to contact me and see if something could be

extortionate. If there are any transport firms that could assist or

encouraged by peoples' generosity so thank you to all who

small snaffle bits that are needed. I have been much



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Goxhill Comforts Fund

The Goxhill Hospital Comforts Fund was originally founded pre The National Health Service to pay for a bed, in the local hospital, for parishioners who required hospital treatment. It also provided a loan service for basic health equipment such as; commodes, bedpans, crutches, and wheelchairs, etc. This continued for many years until social services were established. All the equipment was kept in our granary, at Luibeg Nurseries, and distributed and collected as required. The Comforts Fund was run by a committee and supported by a small army of volunteers from the village. The Charity also used to provide a small gift for people who had been in hospital for a time; usually flowers, or sometimes cash to assist with costs towards visiting.

Every September The Fund organised an early evening car trip followed by afternoon tea for the widows and senior citizens of the parish. This was always a favourite event of mine; I remember lines of 40 cars, all in convoy, going around the Lincolnshire countryside and then back to the Memorial Hall for tea, a raffle and entertainment. Later the convoys were replaced by 2 buses provided by the 2 coach businesses in the village.

Finally, at Christmas, the widows and senior citizens of the parish received a Christmas gift. Originally, this was a food hamper but, later, this was replaced by Vouchers,

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of two different values (one for a single person and another for a couple), which could be redeemed in any of the village shops. including; the grocers. fish shop, Creasey's, hairdressers, the pub and the coal merchants. The vouchers were very popular indeed.

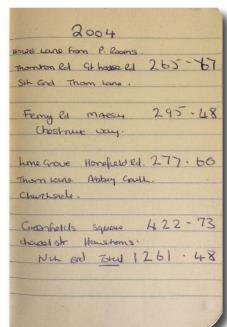
As you can imagine, all of the above activities required some serious fundraising from within the village. I have in my possession a book that belonged to my grandfather, and then my father, which documents all

donations given to The Comforts Fund from 1944 to 1955 and then, after that, a record of all the money collected from carol singing up until the Comforts Fund was disbanded in 2004. In 1955, when my parents were newly married, a group of small boys came carol singing to their door, including a small boy called Michael van der Slooten. They were collecting for the Goxhill Hospital Comforts Fund. My father, Sam van den Bos, invited them in for some supper and then took over the organisation of 'The Carol Singers' the following year. The annual carol singing then became the main fund raising activity. Over a four night period we would sing at every house within the parish boundary and a few out of the village; like Mr John Davey who lived in Thornton Curtis. We sang at all of the houses in all of the outlying areas, such as; The Hallands, The Marsh, South End and North End, as well as the village itself. This was

guite a feat every year. We regularly split into two or three parties to ensure that we finished in reasonable time. At the end of each night we would all reunite up again at someone's house for supper; warm soup, etc. which was always welcome because we went singing in all weather. For many years on the last night (usually on the 23rd December) everyone would come to our house for supper provided by my mum, Beryl, and her band of helpers. It became a real tradition in the village and we often had upward of 60 people, of all ages, all crowded into our sitting room. With my father conducting, there were renditions of songs, such as; Lloyd George knew my Father, Ich von Spallen (a Dutch orchestra song), Pack up your Troubles and The Lincolnshire Poacher. Many people still remember these evenings with great fondness. After my father passed away, the last night of carol singing was passed on to Jack and Vera Elwood who kept the traditions going until The Comforts Fund finished carol singing in December 2004.

Extracts from the book, previously mentioned, are

included with this article and, as can be seen, this is very detailed and includes how much was collected from each part of the village on each night of carol singing and the total for each year; it is fascinating. For example, in 1956 'The Carol Singers' collected; 39 pounds, 10 shillings and 6 pence. In 2004 they collected £1261, but the greatest amount collected over the 4 nights was in 2003 when £1333.43 was raised.



There were also many other fundraising activities in the village; some of you may remember Valentine's Balls in the Memorial Hall, Jack and Vera's Strawberry Teas and cake stalls at the various village fetes.

Regulations on house collections, charity commission paper work, and the size of the village meant that it was no longer possible to sing every house in the village and, as a committee, we agreed that the need for The Comforts Fund was no longer as great as it once was and the time to wind up proceedings had finally come. Two years later, after all the funds had been distributed. The Goxhill Hospital Comforts Fund, or as it had been registered with the charities commission; Goxhill Comforts Fund, ceased to exist.

On a personal note this charity meant a great deal to my family, and holds very many happy memories; my sister, June, and I started carol singing at about 5 years old my own children, John and Jennifer, were slightly

The charity was a Goxhill charity, purely for the benefit of those who lived in the Parish and, over the years, I am sure many people benefitted from the community spirit and generosity it engendered within the village community.

Heather Jaques (Nee van den Bos)

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citizens in Barton and the surrounding villages, including Goxhill, New

Holland and Barrow. Barton Rotarians have been doing this since 1983, with just under two thousand meals being delivered over that time. Senior Citizens were also collected from the villages and welcomed to an Afternoon Tea and Concert held at the Lecture Hall in Barton just before Christmas.

When driving through Barrow you will see more daffodils have been planted in the Westoby Lane / Silver Street area of Barrow during the Autumn by Barton Rotary Club members, adding to the excellent displays provided by bulbs planted in the village during the past two years in Ferry Road and Wold Road areas of the village.

Shoe Boxes

Pupils local schools filled Barton Rotary Club Shoeboxes to be sent to children in Eastern Europe. It might be the only present they received and many of the children live in orphanages. Local schoolchildren help us with this every year. 170 boxes have been filled by schools in

Barton and the villages, plus 50 by the "Knutty Knitters" group of ladies in Goxhilll, led by Soo Rogerson. A large amounts of clothes for newly born babies accompanied the boxes.

Barton Rotary Club - doing great things in Barton and the surrounding villages since 1977

ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN



Rotary International President Ian H. S. Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, Riseley would like current members to, "Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don't get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members." Our little club is wanting to attract younger members from all professions into our club. We hold relaxed meetings; can provided links to Rotary around the world, our work helps to increase transferable skills for CV's and job applications. President Riseley believes "Rotary

clubs will make a difference this year through their own decisions, but it will take teamwork on a global scale to move Rotary forward and secure its future".

Our club is already making a difference and attempting to connect our local communities together. The members work exceptionally hard; donating books to schools; donating to local causes; schools; brownies; guides; playgroups; Village Hall; sports teams and holding their annual Car Boots Sales which provides the funds to support these local groups. The club Barrow Meridian develop projects and signature events to raise awareness of charities we assist; Lindsey Lodge Hospice; St Andrew's Hospice & Andy's Children's Hospice, both of which have figured heavily in our yearly programs. Also, these wonderful places provide spaces for wellbeing classes; assisting people through difficult times; encouraging interaction and support for those with life limiting illness as well as palliative care too. Great causes always need the support of Rotary. Therefore, Rotary need and want younger members to assist in their fun projects to keep this work fluid and live.

Dates for the Diary -

March 18th - We have a sky dive planned where our President will be leaping out of an aircraft for Headway [the Brain Injury Association]. Sponsor forms and Collection Bucket at Fresh Cotton Clean, Barton. Pop along and meet us, the third Wednesday's in each month at Barrow Sport's and Fitness Centre, Thorngarth Lane, Barrow upon Humber or drop us an email at info@barrowmeridianrotaryclub.co.uk. We would love to see you.

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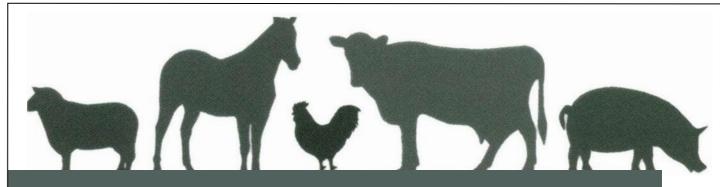
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