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Spring 2020

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It still is a wonderful place to live. The pages of this edition of the Gander are full of things to do in the village and stories of what young and old get up to.

Goxhill did really well in last year's **Best Kept Village** and there are ambitions to do even better this summer, if everyone does a bit to help. Plus Goxhill's very successful **Open Gardens** weekend will show off the hard work of some of our amazing gardeners (see page 29). Also there are plans to landscape the strip of land at the start of Vicar's Bridge footpath.

The 75th Anniversary of **VE Day** is a brilliant opportunity for the whole village to get together and celebrate in true Goxhill style, but plans are not yet finalised, so look out for posters and on social media for full details nearer the weekend of 8-10th May (see pages 15 and 17).

Our **Church and Chapel** continue to play a vital role at the heart of our village and arrange a host of activities and events for the benefit of all. Many are listed in these pages.

Our **Library** continues as an important resource, not just for books, but also for the use of computers, the internet and printer. Plus you might be offered a cup of tea, a biscuit and a chat. It is run entirely by volunteers (See page 37).

We have a **brilliant school**, which was recently rated 3rd in the whole of North Lincolnshire. But the staff do so much more than help the pupils to achieve academically, by developing the children's character and confidence, with new initiatives, such as Forest Schools and OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) and stimulating extra curricular activities (pages 17-19).

We have our own Doctor's Surgery and Pharmacy, a Train Station, Bus service, the Memorial Hall with lots of events and activities, Bowling Green, Playing Field, Millennium Green, the Co-op, a brilliant chippie, hairdressers, beauticians, garages, stables, riding schools, farm shop, agricultural and animal feed stores, a caravan site, plumbers, electricians, builders, chimney sweeps, gardeners etc etc.

We have some lovely, though often muddy, walks and bridleways, all surrounded by rich

farmland, paddocks and nature reserves. Plus the remains of the first USAAF air base established in Europe during WW2. What more could we want? A Pub and a Post Office would be good for a start!

None of these things happen without a lot of effort and involvement of Goxhill residents. So we need you to do your bit to help keep Goxhill as a wonderful place to live. The **WI** are looking for new younger members to keep this amazing group going in Goxhill and to continue organising brilliant events for the whole village. The **Library** needs new volunteers to join

<u>THE GANDER</u> <u>ANNUAL GENERAL</u> <u>MEETING</u> Wednesday 13th May 2020 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. their team. Lives are looking for more volunteers too for this on-the-doorstep service that is so valuable when you live a long way from emergency services. Shaping the future of the village is also an important current issue. The **Goxhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan** team needs you to complete the consultation survey (see page 27).

I have recently received praise for the list of **Useful Numbers** on page 46. After a water leak, the emergency number listed took her straight to the right department to solve the problem. (If any are incorrect please let me know.) There is also an **Index of all advertisers** in the Gander, who provide virtually every service you need and most are local. So do use this list when looking for tradesmen or services.

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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

Just say the Word

The writer of John's Gospel licked his stylus and waited for inspiration. He wanted an attention-grabbing opening, not any of that genealogical stuff that Matthew had come up with or stories about angels, like Luke. It was tough trying to get a message out there when people switched off before he'd even got to the main point of his story. His mother had warned him that he needed a steady job, but he'd always been awkward. Sighing, he was just about to go in search of lunch when he had an idea and scribbled it down before he forgot it. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God", he wrote.

"Actually", he thought, "that's rather good. It's catchy – I think I'll leave it in".

Observing our author from his usual omniscient position, God reflected on the turn of events which were being described. The trouble with words, he thought, was that they tended to run away with you – and his own Word had been no exception.

God is rather like Tigger – there's only one of him – but Tigger had Pooh and Piglet to talk to. God could only talk to himself. He didn't mind though; his Word was pretty active and got things done – universes made and so on - and the Holy Spirit was always good for stirring things up. One way and another, talking to himself could be quite interesting.

His Word had been in it from the beginning – as our author had observed. Through him God had spoken into existence everything there was and in general he was quite pleased with the results – in fact he'd once gone so far as to say it was very good. High praise indeed when you think about it.

Back in the time our gospel writer was describing though, things had rather gone off the boil. Creation was OK as far as it went, but people did seem to be overlooking Who was responsible for its existence. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say they didn't really care because they were too busy starting wars and falling out with each other.

"I wouldn't care", muttered God, gloomily, "but they all claim to have me on their side and keep demanding I send plagues and start smiting. All I ever wanted was to love them".

Talking about love always made God feel livelier – love being what he's all about – and in one of those internal dialogues which tended to take place on these occasions, his own Word replied.

"They've lost the plot really", he said sadly. "I mean they believe in you/me/us but they haven't a clue what we're like. In a couple of millennia there'll be a band who write a song called "I want to know what love is". I reckon it could be this lot's anthem. They'll never know unless somebody shows them".

That was what God meant about words running away with you. No sooner had his own Word spoken the possibility than it was within a sniff of being reality. God knows about love but he knows about pain too - ask any woman in labour and she'll tell you bringing life into the world is hard work. He and his Word were united in love for creation, as in everything else, but all the same, it was an unprecedented step.

"You want to go there, don't you?" said God to his Word. "They need me" said the Word.

God acknowledged the truth of that. "We'll have to have a name", said God. "We can't drift round Palestine calling ourselves "The Word" and they'll get very sniffy if you happen to mention being divine. They're funny like that".

Gabriel scuttled past with a message for somebody or other.

"How about 'Jesus'?" he called over his shoulder. "It's memorable and it says it all - "God with us" and all that".

God nodded approvingly. "That angel will go far", he remarked. "Jesus' it is. Better let Gabriel know he has another message to deliver when he gets back".

And that, God reflected had been another beginning, one the writer of the Gospel of John was struggling to find words for and which had opened a very different chapter in his relationship with his creation, even if it had been every bit as painful as he'd expected. Catching sight of our author's mounting frustration with what was starting to feel like a bad case of writer's block, God took pity on him and breathed his Holy Spirit into his difficulty. Our gospel writer suddenly grabbed his stylus and scribbled diligently. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" he wrote.

"Now, that's a line to be proud of", he thought. "Sometimes I surprise myself" God smiled. **Easter Services** See information on page 7

Revd. Liz Brown

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends

The tinsel has hardly been put away safely before there is a flurry of Easter mini eggs in the shops, lambs springing about, Simnel cake recipes and a burst of preparations in chapels everywhere. But before we can go wild with daffodils and start putting flowers in the crosses outside church, we have to face Lent which is not meant to be 'giving up' something for 40 days like sugar or chocolate biscuits - piffling!

Lent is the time we think of the wilderness. And not who will win the much- publicised Alaskan challenge and live in the wild, but the wilderness and desert times in our own lives. Now, you may never have had them? In which case you are a rare soul: most of us have had terrible times of bleakness and tragedy or despair and difficulty - either us or our loved ones or dear friends, when the days drag by and life loses its colour and nothing, but nothing, ever seems right. Lent reminds us we are not alone though it feels like we are.

Lent tells us to keep on putting one foot in front of the other, get through the day as best we can and somehow, gently, almost imperceptibly the darkness lightens and shoots of light appear like the dawn. A young widow left to bring up her two children told how she only got out of bed to take the kids to school and many days just wanted to crawl back under the duvet and stay there but she had a friend who phoned her every single morning for two years to make sure she was up and dressed and knew someone cared.

Lent is a long journey, walking towards the cross, where we discover we are loved with a radiance and power that makes Good Friday as real a demonstration of God's grace and love as is Easter Sunday with all the resurrection joy.

May you have good friends to walk alongside you and the Christ who never ceases to love you

With my prayers, Revd Nichola Jones



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Thank you to everyone who visited over the weekend of the Christmas tree festival. It was lovely to see so many of you. A big thank you to all the businesses and organisations who put trees into the church. We shall be holding the festival again this year on the first weekend in December. You are most welcome to have a tree in the church, this can be a business, organisation or a tree in memory of a loved one.

An Evening with Doug Stewart

Friday 6th March 7pm in All Saints Church £6 including supper.

Many of you will have heard Doug on Radio Humberside. He does the gardening programme on a Sunday morning. He is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. Doug will be giving a talk with a visual presentation.

To help with catering please book a place by ringing Sandra on 530065

Easter Egg Bingo

Friday 3rd April 7pm in the Memorial Hall. **Pop In Dates** 10am-12md Chapel School Rm.

Sat 14th March (Please note this month's has been brought forward to the second Sat) Sat 18th April

Sat 16th May

The Christian Aid Big Breakfast. See posters nearer the time.

Sat 20th June

Prayer walk

Our next Prayer Walk will be on Monday 23rd March at 2pm when we will be walking Howe Lane from the Doctors Surgery, King Street, Churchside and Church Street. If you would like us to call and pray with you please contact **Sandra on 530065**.

Dates for your diary

Friday 15th May 7.30pm - Christian Aid Quiz in the Chapel Schoolroom £5 including supper. Saturday 11th July 2-4pm - Afternoon Tea with a strawberry flavour in the Chapel Schoolroom. Friday 31st July - Summer concert with organ recital by Geoff Brown and Soloist Olivia Eaton. Friday 18th September at 7.30pm - Wine Tasting in Goxhill Memorial Hall.

More details of these events nearer the time. For any further information, please contact Sandra on 530065

GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The W.I. meet every 2nd Monday of the month throughout the year except for August, at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall.

INSPIRING WUMEN New members and visitors, including gentlemen, are welcome at any of the meetings. For further information Contact Mrs. Alyson O'Leary, President, on 01469 531568.

Our future programme

- 9 Mar Annual Meeting
- 20 Apr (NB April's meeting has moved as the 2nd Monday is Easter Monday.) Our Speaker is Aileen Hanlon-Bennett on 1940's dress and hair styles. This fits nicely with the VE Day celebrations.

11 May - Our speaker will be Eric Jackson on 'Remembrance' with special mention of our Memorial Hall.

V.E. Day 'T' Dance

Goxhill W.I. would like to thank in advance all those who have volunteered to help us with the V.E. Day celebrations. More volunteers for baking and

serving would be welcome. Please contact Alyson. BOOK BOX

Goxhill W.I. are responsible for the maintenance of the Book Box at the library. Until recently we have enjoyed this privilege but games, crockery, bric-abrac, clocks, sacks of potatoes, football boots, are not acceptable. May we respectfully remind some of you that it is a **BOOK BOX**.

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Bell ringing to commemorate VE Day

There will be a peal on 8th May at 13:00 which will be 2.5 to 3 hrs long. The quarter Peal on 9th May at 13:00 and the quarter on 10th May at 14:00, will be about 45 mins. Many thanks to Pat Donnelly and her dedicated team of bell ringers.

Easter 5t Church 9t Services 12t

5th April 10.30am 9th April 6.00pm 10th April 7.00pm 12th April 7.00am 12th April 9.30am Palm Sunday United Service Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Vigil followed by breakfast Easter Sunday Methodist Church Methodist Church All Saints Church All Saints Church yard All Saints Church

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Invitation to Goxhill Singing Group's BIRTHDAY PARTY

Goxhill Singing Group celebrates its 3rd birthday on Wednesday 25th March and you are ALL invited to the party. Please come along any time from 7pm-9pm to the schoolroom at the rear of the Methodist Chapel on Chapel Street for light refreshments and a chat. GSG regulars are bound to sing a few songs (try stopping them) but nothing is formally arranged and you can just listen whilst enjoying your tea and cake. There's no need to book and no charge. Simply turn up; please feel free to bring along snacks or soft drinks of your own. For any questions or more details see the GSG Facebook page or contact Sally on 07810207902. John Guggiari

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE BEEKEEPERS

Our next three months events are as follows: **Mon 30 Mar** Andrew Durham - A talk on the Asian Hornet **Mon 27 Apr** Jim Pearson - A talk entitled "Demaree-More than Swarm Control"

Sat 16 May 10am - 12.30pm Annual Bee Friendly Plant Sale Broughton Village Hall

Mon 25 May Question and Answer evening.

Unless stated otherwise our meetings commence at 7.30pm on the last Monday of the month at Broughton Village Hall, 59, High Street, Broughton DN20 0JX

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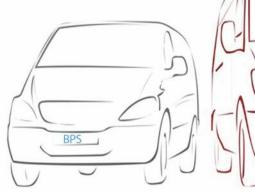
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Our latest lucky winners were:

| November | - drawn at the Autum | n Craft Fair (24th) | |
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| 66 | Denise Holtby | £18 | |
| 124 | Heather Brown | £18 | |
| 139 | Matt Barrick | £18 | |
| December - drawn at GMH Trustees meeting (17th) | | | |
| 3 | John Finch | £18 | |
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| 174 | Michael Gissing | £18 | |
|---|-----------------------|------|--|
| 264 | Mr G Hutton | £18 | |
| 260 | Aileen Hanlon-Bennett | £120 | |
| January - drawn at Goxhill Short Mat Bowls (27th) | | | |
| 102 | Trevor Hartley | £18 | |
| 110 | Sarah Carter-Gatten | £18 | |
| 270 | Dean Atkin | £18 | |
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September 2021 inclusive. Rosemarie Guggiari

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The Scrap skip is 3 years old and we have collected approximately 100 tons of scrap metal and raised over £8000. Thank you to all who use the skip and look forward to more villagers using it this year. The scrap skip will be raising very much needed funds for Team Verrico until the 8th March and during every school holiday from now on.

Team Verrico is an amazing charity that supports families that are going through cancer. Run by volunteers,100% goes to the charity, which helps with travel, accommodation and support for those going through Cancer. Lets make as much as we can. During school term time, we will still be raising funds for the school. Mark Ogilvie

So please continue to put any scrap metal in the skip on Mark's long drive at '**The Old Hatchery' on Westfield Road** (corner of Stothards Lane). Open all year round 7 days a week, just open the gates (you can't miss the big sign) and drive up to the skip.

An enormous thank you to Mark Ogilvie! Editor

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| 27-29 Ma | | | Jos. Wright |
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| 16-May | 10-12.30pm | Beekeepers - Plant Sale | Broughton |
| 17-May | 10-4pm | Gardening Day | Ropewalk |
| 25-May | 7.30pm | Beekeepers | Broughton |
| 13-14 Ju | | Open Gardens | Chapel |
| 20-Jun | 10-12noon | Pop In | Chapel S/R |
| 28-Jun | | Humber Bridge Half Marathon | Hessle |
| 11-Jul | 2-4pm | Afternoon Strawberry Tea | Chapel S/R |
| 31-Jul | | Summer Concert | Church |
| 22-Aug | | Village Show | Mem/Hall |
| 29-31 Au | ig 11-2pm | Scarecrow Trail & Pop up Pub | Mem/Hall |
| 18-Sep | 7.30pm | Wine Tasting | Mem/Hall |

REGULAR EVENTS Chapel School Room

| Luncheon Club | 12 noon | 2nd Wed of the month | |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|--|
| Knit & Natter | 2-4pm | Thursdays | |
| Singing Group | 7pm | Wednesdays | |
| Memorial Hall | | | |
| Parent & Toddlers | 9.15-11.45ar | n 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 | |
| Tennis | 10-12 noon | Saturday | |
| | Sunday by a | rrangement | |
| WI | 7pm | 2nd Mon of the month | |
| Library | 3.30-7pm | Monday | |
| - | 2-5pm | Wednesday | |
| | 3-6pm | Friday | |
| Bowling Club | 2pm | Tuesdays from late April | |
| Broughton Village Hall | | | |
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The Ropewalk

Birthday celebrations at The Ropewalk

It's our birthday and we are celebrating! In April this year The Ropewalk (or at least the southernmost part of it) will have been open 20 years and to mark the occasion there will be an **Open Day on Saturday, April 11**, when the building will be open in its entirety from south to north between **10am and 4pm**. Come along and discover what goes on behind the scenes in areas not normally open to the public, Take a walk along the corridors of the quarter-mile long building and see where artists and creative industries work, look at the meeting rooms and see our live entertainment space, Ropery Hall.

In the evening, celebrations continue with Snake Davis performing classic Snake solos in Ropery Hall.

The following month is The Ropewalk's third **Gardening Day** when green-fingered gardeners, as well as those that aspire to be, can wander along The Promenade alongside the building. Held on **Sunday, May 17**, again between **10am and 4pm**, there will be plenty of stall-holders who will be happy, not only to sell you plants to enhance your garden but also pass on some tips. Full details of everything happening at Ropery Hall can be found at **www.roperyhall.co.uk**

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Wilderspin National School Museum

It's two hundred years since Samuel Wilderspin began his career running his first Infant School in East London – so we'll be planning some events throughout 2020 to commemorate this.

We are experimenting with weekend-only opening at present between 10am and 4pm. The Old School Canteen café in the museum is still open however on Thursdays and Fridays between 10am and 4pm as it is all year.

From Thursday 5 March, the Museum's opening hours will revert to Thursday – Sunday, 10am -4pm. We'll be starting the new season with two big events Goxhill residents will be keen to hear about: **Hull's Steampunk Rebels** will be having another steampunk festival on **Sunday 15 March at 10am**. Last year's festival was an eye-opener for anyone who hasn't seen one before – fantastic costumes and a unique atmosphere.

Then on Friday 27, Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 March Friends at Barton return with another spectacular show, Alice in Wonderland, a fabulous interpretation of the family classic. As well as evening shows on the Friday and Saturday at 7.30pm, there are 2.30pm matinees on Sat. and Sunday.

All the details are on our website wilderspinschool.org.uk or we can send you more details if you give us a ring on (01652) 635172 or email wilderpsinschoolmuseum@gmail.com



After postponement due to cast illness our family pantomime 'Dick Whittington' finally went ahead in January. Written by member Liz Drury, there was a local twist on the original

story with Dick being a resident of Barton who has always dreamed of going to Scunthorpe where the streets are said to be paved with steel....! For some of our youth members this was their first production with us, and they all did really well.

We hope they will be involved in many more shows in years to come. There was all the usual audience participation and everyone had a great time. We would like to thank all our wonderful audience members who were so understanding when

he had to postpone the show, and happily switched their tickets for the new dates. Over 300 people came to see the show and we've had some fantastic feedback. The **ghost walk** season continues

season continues with walks on Friday 28th February and Friday 20th March.



Ian Neve as Saucy Sarah and Martin James as Captain Slack Barrow.

We've added in new stories and effects this season, so even if you've been before, come back and let us scare you again! The walks start at **7.30pm** prompt from **Baysgarth House Museum in Barton**, and they take around an hour and a half. Tickets are £5 each and can be booked online at **www.sbplayers.co.uk** or bought on the night. Wrap up warm and bring a friend and a torch!

After last year's very successful Murder Mystery we are planning another for this year. Details will be revealed soon so please keep checking our website and Facebook page.

Finally if you would like to join our group we are always happy to welcome new members - young or old. There are plenty of backstage and front of house opportunities if you don't fancy actually being on the stage. Contact **Jeanine Guy** on **07879 777267** for further details.



Ted Lewis/Get Carter 2020

The year is upon us during which we celebrate 50 years since Get Carter was made and also when Barton's creator of the film, Ted Lewis, would have been 80. Ted Lewis Group has organised a local and national programme of events which can be found at **www.tedlewis.co.uk** and local tourist outlets.

On 15th January 2020, Ted's Birthday, invited guests gathered at the George Inn to be entertained by the Ancholme River Band in tribute to Lewis's Nor Orleans piano skills. A traditional Brolly Parade took those guests to the Old Mill where there was a celebratory civic dinner.

Local events will include a major jazz concert during Barton Arts Week, a new Ted Lewis Trail and exhibitions.



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MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

After a frantic December, when the Pop Up Pub seemed to be open most days, the calmer month of January has proven a welcome respite for us all. Unfortunately, although the PUP Valentine Weekend had been cancelled, the **Spring Fair** is still going ahead. Its being held on **Sunday 5th April**, with 22+ tables already booked in. Back by popular demand is the children's activity table and our up-market Tombola stall.

On the **28th April at 7:30pm** you are all invited to attend **Goxhill Memorial Hall's AGM**. This will be an annual event, where the annual accounts and the committee's plans for the future are presented.

The **75th anniversary of VE Day** is being celebrated all over the country from Friday the 8th (Bank Holiday) to Sunday the 10th May. In Goxhill Memorial Hall the weekend's plans include a Memorial Service, an afternoon Tea Dance organised by the WI. Events organised by the Memorial Hall have yet to be finalised. See advertising nearer the time.

On **1st May from 10:00-12:00** a **Beginners and Refresher Dance Class** is being held in the Memorial Hall, to get ready for the Tea Dance. Vicki Smith from her dance centre Rhythm and Dreams, will give a run through on a few dances including foxtrot, quickstep, and jive. It will be fun! Admission is free but donations welcome.

I would also like to remind everyone that **Goxhill's 2020 Village Show** is earmarked for **Saturday 22nd August**.

Hoping to garner more entries for the painting section, I am holding four **Painting Afternoons (Wednesdays 1:30-3:30)** at the Memorial Hall during the summer holidays (**July 22nd, 29th, August 5th and 12th**). Whilst these are primarily aimed at children with artistic leanings (age 10 and up) and beginner adults, parents are also welcome. The aim is to help our young (and not so young) fledgling artists create something they would be happy to enter in the Village Show. A weekly fee of £2 covers the cost of paper and paints. The 4 sessions explore various painting methods through group discussions and set practice pieces. Please phone **530635** to book your, or your little artist's place.

I would like to add that the Village Show will be judging more than just paintings. There are classes for children and adults in Decorated Cupcakes, Sponge Cake, Small Fruit Loaf, Scones, Biscuits, Jam/Curd, Pickles, Knitted and Crocheted items, Cross Stitch/Embroidery, Paper/Card Model, Useful Recycled Item, Photographs, Home Grown Flowers, Box of HG Fruit, Box of HG Vegetable, Animal made from Vegetables, a Funny Wonky Veg and a Mini Garden in a Tray. I can only say get creative, have some fun and bring your efforts along on the day. There are prizes for each class and a Best in Show cup for that something extraordinary. Entry pamphlets to be found in the Library. If that hasn't worn you out, a week later, over the bank holiday weekend **(29th-31st Aug)**, there is the **Pop Up Pub with a Scarecrow Trail** from the hall running from 11am-2pm on the Sunday and Monday. Book those scarecrows in early to avoid disappointment. **Phone 530635** or email **goxhillmemorialhall@gmail.com Ann Carter - Secretary - 530635**

Spring Craft Fair



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7.30pm Tuesday 28th April 2020 Goxhill Memorial Hall, Chapel Street, Goxhill, North Lincolnshire DN19 7JJ

AGENDA

- 1. Presentation of the charity's report & accounts for 2019/20.
- 2. Election/re-election of up to 10 persons to act as trustees of the charity and serve on its committee until the charity's next AGM in 2021.
- Any other business for discussion but not requiring a vote.

LiveLincs Update As some of you will be aware from social media postings, grant funding for the LiveLincs Rural touring programme ended after our Autumn show La Bella & the Lost Chord of Ulaanbataar. Whilst we hope that further money will be obtained from the National Lottery and Arts Council to enable further shows, that will not be until Autumn 2020 at the earliest. Unfortunately, whilst there are other touring shows available to book, our audience numbers at Goxhill Memorial Hall are just too low to make them viable without the grant subsidy. Apologies to those of you who enjoy coming along to LiveLincs but without more interest amongst villagers we are rather stuck.

Any Artists Out There? We have accumulated quite a number of colourful posters and unsold tickets from past Rural Touring shows held in Goxhill and would like to do something useful with them. With that in mind we are hoping that, within our village, there is somebody who would like to create a work of art, using a montage of these posters and tickets, that can be displayed in the Hall. If you are interested then please get in touch. You can contact me by messaging the Goxhill Events page on Facebook or telephoning 530363. John Guggiari

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Memorial Hall continued

GET READY FOR THE TEA DANCE -A beginners and refreshers dance class

1st May from 10:00-12:00 noon in the Memorial Hall.

Don't worry if you feel you have either forgotten dances or never learnt. To ensure things go with a swing at the Tea Dance on 8th May, a beginners and refresher dance class is being held in the Memorial Hall. **Vicki Smith** from her dance centre **Rhythm and Dreams**, will give a run through on a few dances including foxtrot, quickstep, and jive. It will be fun! Admission is free although a donation would be welcome and used to invest in another village project.

Goxhill Brownies are making bunting to help decorate the village to create a festive atmosphere for VE Day. You too can help by decorating your houses, putting out flags and bunting.





GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

National Grid and Goxhill Primary School

It seems like yesterday when the school was first contacted by the National Grid because of their impending works to build the new pipe line under the Humber. During our first meeting we were told that the company wanted to interact with the school so that people could see a positive impact on the village. Over the last few years they have been true to their word!

The National Grid/Humber Pipeline Project have helped the school in the following ways:

 Provided £2000 worth of funding for science equipment

Invited Year 6 down to

their site so that they

during the Princess

the site, Project staff

children to do. Again,

things that they would

organised various activities for the

not have done at

school.

Royal's visit. Whilst on

could be present

- · Provided a defibrillator and training for the school
- Came in on various occasions to tell the whole school what they were doing, bringing with them some Virtual Reality equipment to allow the children to see what they are actually building under the Humber

Through all of this, I have been lucky enough to visit the site a few times - the last one to actually go into the tunnel. The visit took place on Saturday 11th January 2020. After passing security, the group was led through to a teaching room where we were greeted by a change of clothes. Full protective gear was required before our safety briefing. All the pleasantries over

All the pleasantries over with, we walked to the tunnel entrance. We boarded our



transport and set off on our 1.5 mile ride under the Humber, reaching the halfway point after a 20-minute journey. To say that we were all awe struck was an understatement – we were under the middle of the Humber – half way to Paull! We spent around 30 minutes there having photos taken of the relevant dignitaries from either side of the Humber. These included the Mayor of North Lincolnshire and the Chair of East Riding Council as





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well as the Chairs of Goxhill and Paull Parish Councils. Upon returning to

were told by our hosts that we were some of the lucky few who have walked under the Humber. I tried to see if I could sort a visit for the children, after all, if you don't ask you don't get, but I was told that this would be impossible as the tunnel would be flooded within a few weeks in preparation for the 'threading through' of the actual pipeline that will, when connected up, carry 25% of the UK's gas supply. They did inform me that they would be holding another open day in March for the community to visit and that they would try to fit in a second day to take the children down to the site once more.

Colin Byrne, Science Co-ordinator

Goxhill School Library

This half term, we have embarked on a new adventure with regards to our 'in-school' reading scheme.

Prior to this journey, the school reading books were located in the centre of the cloakroom, surrounded by bags, coats and belongings; it was a busy thoroughfare that allowed neither the time nor the space for children to enjoy the books that were available or spend time making informed choices. The image below shows the previous space designated to reading books.

Relocating the books to provide a more appealing reading space that was engaging, warm and welcoming (one where pupils would want to spend their time) was in some ways the easiest part of the journey. The most difficult part was looking at the reading scheme itself and what it offered to pupils across the school from reception to year 6.

The reading scheme books lower down the school were not phonetically decodable so they did not coincide with the way that we teach phonics.

The books across the whole school were not varied enough in terms of genre, content or difficulty. The books that we were offering the children as part of the 'traditional' reading schemes were not appealing and many were repetitive in terms of character and plot. We wanted to create a culture in school where children had a genuine '**love of reading'** and where children read for pleasure and enjoyment out of choice rather than because they were being instructed to read.

We re-banded the whole reading scheme, focusing on our principle aim of **'reading for enjoyment'**. Once children have developed basic reading skills (normally developed to a high enough standard by the end of year 2), the children are offered the opportunity to further enhance their skills through selecting books from the library or from home that interest them. Our books are

no longer sectioned into specific reading ages or year groups and our pupils are able to read a wide variety of genres and authors through choice for the sole purpose of enjoyment. The library is accessible to children every day at morning play times if they would rather stay in and read than go outside. As adults, when we pick up a book, we do not consider whether or not it is the correct reading age for us or if it will enhance our intelligence: we read books that we are



interested in and that leap out at us. We want this to be the same for our children.

Parents and members of the community were kind enough to donate books and we raised money through

a bun sale, non-uniform day and a book fair. People have been very generous and supportive and this has enabled us to produce a system unique to our school that both staff and pupils are very proud of.

The feedback from parents and pupils has been incredible. More children are reading with greater frequency than has been recorded in the past, children are finishing whole books (reading stamina is being developed through enjoyment), children are talking to each other about books and authors and parents have noticed an increase in a 'desire to read' in some children that had previously been turned off books. Staff have been reading books from the book shelves and talking to their classes about them which has been lovely to see.

Book fairs will continue to run halftermly upon pupil request and any

money raised will be continually reinvested into reading: authors will come in, we will book workshops that focus around books, library books will be replaced and rotated to ensure continued variety and help to maintain interest and there will be lots of reading challenges and competitions throughout the year which parents, children and staff will also be involved in: we want it to be world book day in our school every day.

Hayley Twidale, Assistant Head



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A Short Tale of Old Goxhill Village

Fred is my Grandma and Grandad's neighbour. He is an elderly gentleman, very friendly and very chatty. He likes to chat to me about living in Goxhill.

You see, Fred was born and bred in Goxhill. He grew up in the Old Mill down Barrow Road. He attended the primary school, on Thorn Lane in those days and later, like most of the Goxhill children, he went to Immingham Secondary School. Life for the pupils at Goxhill Primary must have been very different in those days as Fred told me that a man named Mr Holgate would visit every week with his dilly cart to empty the toilets!

Next to the primary school there used to be an orchard, houses have been built there and now it is called Abbeygarth Villas – later in his life, Fred lived there.

When Fred went to school it was wartime. In the orchard there was a bomb shelter and when the air raid siren went off all the children that attended the school would have to go in. Thankfully, there never were any bombs dropped. According to Fred, if a bomb had landed, the shelter wouldn't have stayed in one piece anyway!

Also, on Sundays, Fred attended the Weslyan Methodist Chapel on Howe Lane and would regularly go on trips on his bike, sometimes cycling all the way to Skegness.

Fred met Connie, the woman who would become his wife. in the pub, The Generous Britain, down North End. When Fred grew up, he got a job with British Rail. Eventually, he and Connie settled a couple of train stops down the line in the village of Healing, next door-but-one to my Grandma and Grandad - which is how I came to hear the story of

the Goxhill Rat Catcher...

A long time ago, the village was overrun with rats. Big rats, small rats, thin rats, fat rats, rats in shops and rats running down the street. Now, I'm imagining something a lot like the town of Hamelin, perhaps I'm getting carried away? Anyway, there were a lot of rats. There were so many rats in The Granary on Howe Lane, that the Corn Merchant who lived there had to put gas under the floorboards to kill them. This caused the rats' insides to blow up! Things were getting so bad that jars and jars of Rodene, a type of rat poison, were apparently flying off the shelves.

Goxhill's answer to the Pied Piper was a peculiar chap. He did an even better job than the gas. His name was 'Ratty' Wright and he was well-known throughout the village as the 'go-to man' if you had a particularly troublesome rat problem. The incredible thing about Ratty Wright was that he had a double row of bottom teeth, like a shark! With those teeth, he would bite the tails off the rats and give them to the school children. The children would then give the tails to their teacher who would then pay them a penny for each one! Who was Ratty Wright? And what on earth did the teacher do with all those rat tails?

I really enjoy my chats with Fred and his wife Connie. It is very interesting for me to hear stories about the village and the people that used to live here.

By Finlay Hanson, aged 10 With thanks to Fred and Connie Guilliatt.

Find a bin! I would just like to give my thanks to the lady I see almost every morning on the school run, who collects the strewn litter from our streets come rain or shine. She is an example to us all. It is such a shame that people continue to discard their waste on the pavement instead of finding a bin to put it in. Whilst I personally appreciate having the Co-op on my doorstep, it has indisputably been the source for some of the increase in litter, particularly Costa Coffee cups and fast food packets.

Perhaps we need more bins to accommodate the extra waste?

I am sure everyone who lives in our village wants a clean and litter free environment and this lady is going out of her way, giving up her time to maintain this. It's not right. Can't we all try a little bit harder to keep our streets clean - and parents please remind your children too.

That said, I suspect the people reading this message are not the culprits!

Leanne Barrick



CENTURY OLD COSTUMES OUT AGAIN.-Members of the Goxhill W.I. who held an Olde Englysh Fayre. Many of the costumes worn were over 100 years old.



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During summer 2019 a group of local boys; Luke Slaughter, Charlie Hickson, Joseph Newlands, Campbell Logan, and Flynn Newby signed up to Humberside Police Lifestyle Project in a bid to combat the boredom of the lengthy 6 week break and give something back to their local community. All the boys in Year 5 at the time attend Goxhill Primary School.

The idea was initially suggested by Luke's mum, Kim Slaughter, were they kindly invited the other group members to form our Goxhill Heroes.

Being regular visitors to the park the boys and parents often commented on the lack of seating outside the fenced park area, on the playing field and around the well-used MUGA's.

It was agreed upon to raise money to provide more seating for families, dog walkers, and spectators to enjoy during the busy summer months. On the final day of school in July the boys held an ice cream stall, selling a selection of ice creams, cakes, and treats. The boys also held two car washes at S A Tyres in Goxhill, to raise money for their project.

On the 10th August 2019, the boys hosted a Summer Hawaiian Theme Fundraiser at the Goxhill Memorial Hall supported by Sam and Lucy of the POP-UP Pub. It was an incredible day/evening which consisted of Hawaiian theme activities, tuck shop, disco, raffle and a colossal



Charlie, Joseph, Campbell, Flynn and Luke pictured holding their ice cream stall on the last day of term in July and Car Wash at S A Tyres.

amount of community spirit! Many local businesses kindly donated raffle prizes from hampers to the 1st prize, a picnic bench, made by C & T Joinery Ltd.

Following their hard work, the boys were invited to attend the Humberside Police Lifestyle 2019 Awards at



The boys hosting their Hawaiian Fundraiser ready to ride the wave of community spirit.

the Bonus Arena in Hull, where they were awarded an incredible prize of a trip to PGL in Wales this April, in recognition of their contribution to making a difference in the local community.

WELL DONE GOXHILL HEROES!

Combining all the incredible events hosted by the Goxhill Heroes, they raised a total of £1,500!!

Plans are currently underway to proceed with the installation of the new picnic benches. It is with hope the benches are installed during Easter for our village residents to enjoy this summer.

We are extremely proud of our boys

with their positive attitude towards their community and hope future youths find themselves inspired to do the same. We would kindly like to thank Sam and Lucy of the POP-UP PUB, local businesses and residents of Goxhill, for their support and kind donations that made this entire project possible.

> Charlotte Newlands, Kim Slaughter, Jenny Logan, Hannah Taylor and Amanda Hickson.



The Goxhill Heroes collecting their much-deserved prize at the Humberside Police Lifestyle 2019 Awards at the Bonus Arena in Hull.

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Goxhill Marsh

This compilation of sightings covers the period from November 2019 - January 2020.

November Sightings

6th November - An afternoon visit to East Halton saw not very many notable birds being seen, but a large count of 27 Roe Deer were recorded between Winter's Pond and East Halton Skitter

8th November - A north easterly breeze today brought a decent movement of wildfowl to the East Halton area, with 2 Whooper Swan being seen near to Winter's Pond and a movement of sea duck on the Humber, which included 46 Common Scoter and 6 Goldeneye. Also observed were 2 Guillemot, all these species being blown up the Humber in stormy conditions at sea. Thankfully most re-orientate themselves back to sea.

On land, 2 female Stonechat were the highlights at East Halton Skitter.

24th November - As I arrived in the dark just before first light, a Short-eared Owl was seen near to Winter's Pond,



Moon over Winter's Pond, East Halton

counts from several sites around the Humber were in, it totalled a very impressive 29600 birds.

feed for the day. When all the

Later in the day a scan through the flock after they settled for a while, saw to Russian White-fronted Geese observed in the flock, a nice bonus to see.

Other notable species seen on the Humber this morning included a single female Common Scoter and a flock of 7 Goosander.

December Sightings

7th December - A visit today saw a very impressive count

of 101 Avocet being seen at East Halton Skitter, this included a colour-ringed individual, which was ringed as a nestling at Seal Sands on Teesside in July 2019. Other niceties around the Skitter area included 2 Short-eared Owl and 3 Water Pipit. 15th December - Several



Dawson City LWTR, Goxhill Haven

good birds were observed at East Halton on today's visit, which included 2 Barn Owl at dawn hunting the mitigation site and 3 Water Pipit, Short-eared Owl, 2 Marsh Harrier and a female Stonechat at East Halton Skitter.



But it was Goxhill Marsh which provided today's star sighting ... 2 Raven. The birds were seen flying overhead towards the old duck farm and are the first time I have observed the species in the area.

Other good sightings around the marsh included 3600 Pinkfooted Geese, 142 Fieldfare and 107 Redwing and the day was rounded off nicely with

Raven, near to Dawson City LWTR, Goxhill Haven

superb views of a juvenile male Hen Harrier as it hunted the saltmarsh here.

21st December - Another sighting of the young male Hen Harrier again today, saw him hunting fields near Goxhill Haven, with other highlights here including 1650 Pinkfooted Geese on the fields and 226 Goldeneye on the Humber.

27th December - A very good visit to the area today, several good sightings for the time of year and started off well with a Green Sandpiper, 4 Stonechat, 1 Water Pipit and 51 Avocet all at East Halton Skitter.

A concerted effort to count waders and gulls on the dropping tide from Dawson City, saw a lovely adult Little Gull being seen in amongst the feeding Black-headed Gulls, a really good record for the time of year. The counts revealed totals of 685 Black-headed Gull,



Female Stonechat, East Halton

71 Great black-backed Gull, 514 Curlew, 856 Dunlin, 3000 Lapwing and 53 Carrion Crow.

Nearby on the reserve, a stunning adult male Merlin was seen, this in itself is a rare event, as males are a pretty rare sighting indeed.

January 2020 Sightings

1st January - The start to the new year got off to a flyer, with a new species for the area being recorded at Winter's Pond today, a Red-crested Pochard, this male showed really nicely as he fed on aquatic water weed and is still present as I write.

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Bird sightings article continued from p25



Greylag Geese over the Humber at dawn, East Halton

Other goodies seen on today's visit included a lovely female Green Woodpecker, also at Winter's Pond, a single Chiffchaff at Chapel Field Farm at Goxhill and 7 Goosander on the Humber off Goxhill Haven. A respectable 78 species were recorded on today's visit. 5th January - A good day again today for wildfowl, with 2 Russian White-fronted Geese with Greylag Geese on fields near to Winter's Pond and a further bird in a flock of 3250 Pink-footed Geese at Goxhill Marsh. This same flock also contained 3 Barnacle Geese as an added bonus. As on previous visits, East Halton Skitter provided some good sightings, with 2 Water Pipit, the Green Sandpiper again, 3 Stonechat, 80 Avocet, Short-eared Owl, 760 Dunlin and the juvenile male Hen Harrier all being seen. A pair of Goosander made a brief visit to Winter's Pond and 89 Goldeneye and 3 female Common Scoter were on the Humber off Goxhill Haven.

12th January - A quieter visit to the area today, saw 49 Gadwall at Winter's Pond entering the notebook and an increase on Water Pipits at the Skitter to 4 birds. 18th January - A more productive visit today, saw a Darkbellied Brent Goose being the highlight as it flew north along the Estuary, this bird no doubt visiting from the nearby coast.

2 Barn Owl were observed again today hunting on the mitigation site at East Halton with some nice numbers of waders at Goxhill Marsh consisting of 5500 Lapwing and 3200 Golden Plover with 2500 Pink-footed Geese present. 25th January - Final visit of the month today and another great sighting to boot, with a lovely Great-white Egret being observed flying north west at Winter's Pond. This is only the 2nd sighting of the species for my patch of this ever increasing bird to our shores.

The Skitter area provided more good sightings today, which included Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, 6 Water Pipit and 22 Avocet, the latter included the colour ringed bird from the 7th December.

Another effort to count waders and gulls from Dawson City saw 2500 Lapwing, 2200 Golden Plover, 1400 Dunlin and 419 Curlew being logged.

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

The Goxhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Survey to be extended to 31st March 2020

Thank you to all who have already completed the Survey. We have had an encouraging number of forms completed so far. However, due to the delay by North Lincs Council in the development of their Local Plan, we have extended our survey so you have the opportunity to take their proposals into account.

See the panel below for details of how you can view and comment on the NLC Local Plan and Policies.

The Goxhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan survey is critical to the future planning of the parish and we urge all residents, plus business owners, landowners and stakeholders to have your say.

By completing the survey, you are helping the steering group ensure the Goxhill Community's views are heard and

North Lincolnshire Council's new LOCAL PLAN

is out for consultation on their *'preferred options'* on housing and employment, including Goxhill.

You can access and comment on their proposed plans plus a list of consultation events on -

https://localplan.northlincs.gov.uk We strongly advise you attend one of NLC's Consultation Events and this may affect how you complete Goxhill's Neighbourhood Plan Survey. The nearest events to us, at Ulceby and Barton, have already taken place, but we are trying to get an additional consultation event in our area in March, so look out for more information.

At first sight of their proposals, Goxhill may be elevated to a **'Large Service Centre'** but they are suggesting growth of only 1% (84) of the county's 7961 new houses over the 20 plus years life of the Plan and are protecting current open spaces. But this is still subject to change. **Your views on NLC proposals are very important.**



ng group ensure the Goxhill Community's views are heard and taken into account. So they can set a Vision for the future of the Parish of Goxhill and begin to develop the detailed plans. This Consultation Survey is available for you to complete online via the following link:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z8CKLPR

Paper copies of the survey can be obtained by contacting Jack Lawtey on 01469 532015 or email goxhillparishplan@gmail.com or at the Library. Please deliver completed forms to Station Cottage, Howe Lane, the Parish Rooms or contact Jack Lawtey for collection.

Survey of young people from the village We are also conducting a survey aimed at the younger people of the parish, available on line and through local schools.

For more information or a copy of the survey, phone 07576 111883 or 01469 532015, goxhillparishplan@gmail.com Jack Lawtey, GPNP Steering Committee Chairperson

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OPEN GARDENS 13 - 14th JUNE 2020

Welcome to a new year, a new decade and a new weekend for the Goxhill Open gardens. This year we move to the 2nd weekend of June, which will be **Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th 1-5pm**.

Last year the OG organisers, Chapel; Church; Gardeners, decided to move a week earlier to avoid clashing with Fathers Day and Brocklesby Country Fair but other than the change in dates the rest of the Open Gardens experience remains very much as expected.

As usual we will start the trip round Goxhill's many and varied open gardens at the Chapel, where there will be a number of activities: themed flower arrangements, interpretation of a subject by Goxhill school children, Knit & Natter VE Day display, tombola and the well loved afternoon teas, made and served by the Churches Together volunteers.

We already have 12 gardens signed up to open this year (Saturday or Sunday or both days) with five other gardens still deciding on their involvement.

Experience says that some may have to drop out before June so there is plenty of room for any other gardeners to sign up if you are interested.

I hope that we will, once again, have the support of the Goxhill Singers; Bowls Club parking; Deepdale, Tuplins, Goosemans Garden Centres; The Plant Lady; Shawbriggs Farmshop and Immingham Motors. Their financial, product and vocal support is very appreciated.

To start the activities this year, **Doug Stewart** from **Radio Humberside** will be giving a talk on a gardening subject in the Church on **Friday 6th March**.

So the dates are in the diary, the gardens are booked, and good weather "requested" all we need now, will be your attendance on the day –

If you would like to open your garden please feel free to contact me at *Station Cottage, Howe Lane*.

Look forward to seeing everyone in June! Jack Lawtey

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The Short Award 2020 Goxhill's Community Award, sponsored by the Gander, **NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Most of us like to know our voluntary efforts are worthwhile and appreciated.

Just look at the very distinguished list, on the plaque displayed in the Memorial Hall, to see those recognised for selfless efforts in the past. Surely you know someone who does an amazing amount for the village, such as running a club, organising entertainments, fighting for a cause, raising funds for a charity, volunteering at the library, school, chapel, church etc, helping those in need, to name but a few.

The **SHORT AWARD** is open to any village resident wishing to say "thank you" to a volunteer who makes a difference to our village life. Please keep this in mind and watch out for nomination papers available from the **Co-op**, **Library, School and hairdressers**, or complete this form below.

Please place your nomination in the entry box at any of the above locations - by 17th April 2020.

The award will be judged by the Gander Committee and the winner will be announced in the next issue.

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"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." - Helen Keller

It seems incredible that by the time this is published and delivered we will be a quarter of the way through another year with so much on the horizon. Usually I sit down and write and wonder what to write that is relevant; the UK coming out of Brexit will bring changes, but as yet we still do not know what impact it will have.

Neighbourhood Plan Survey

There are lots of forthcoming events in the village which should involve everyone. I hope you have all managed to complete the survey published by the Goxhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, who are working very hard to improve our village. The group are also taking on board the opinions of the young people and launching a separate survey which I hope they are encouraged to partake in. It's no good complaining about what we think is wrong and what should be done about it if we haven't expressed our views at the time of asking. As I have said before, we are sometimes have to put our heads above the parapet for what is right. I think to complete the form one has to think outside the box in parts.

Bridleways

Personally, I am interested in the bridleways or the lack of them. It is in everyone's interest and safety to allow horses and riders the option to get off the road so hopefully by highlighting this something positive will be the outcome. Remember, if all these houses get planning permission and the village continues to grow, sometimes outside the designated building line, it will end up a shadow of the village that we know.

Speed Watch

After all the moaning about speed in certain areas of the village, it is good to see that Speed Watch is due to take place in Goxhill shortly. A number of volunteers have come forward and training will take place. So watch out for them in the future.

Safer Roads Humber have also launched a new road safety initiative "Share the roads" and hopefully posters will be acquired shortly.

Riding for the Disabled

Talking of volunteers, the local riding for the disabled group are desperate for helpers so they may make full use of the horses they have at their disposal and bring pleasure to more of those less fortunate than ourselves. If you are used to horses or used to ride that would be brilliant but, if not, don't let it put you off as training would be given. With some severely disabled riders they may need three people to help. One to lead and one either side to offer support if needed; so you can understand why helpers are desperately required. Their group needs two days a week and basically takes the morning. It is at Cottagers Plot, (opposite Morrisons) just beyond Laceby. The number to call there is Carol, 07864 502971.

WI

Our village WI is needing new members too as their number have depleted. They do lots of different things and if you are a newcomer to the village an excellent way to meet people. For more information contact Alyson 531568 or Caroline 532204, both would make you very welcome.

Dates for your diary this year:

8th-10th May, VE Day Celebration in the Village Hall.

There will be a Tea Dance in the afternoon with 40's music and dancing. 40's dress is optional, so come on girls out with the pearls, red lippy and nail varnish to start and achieve the 40's look. Other activities are being planned for the weekend (see pages 15 & 17).

Don't worry if you feel you have either forgotten dances or never learnt. To ensure things go with a swing on *1st May from 10:00-12:00* a beginners and refresher dance class is being held in the Memorial Hall. Vicki Smith from her dance centre Rhythm and Dreams, will give a run through on a few dances including foxtrot, quickstep, and jive. It will be fun! Admission is free although a donation at the door would be welcome and used to invest in another village project.

13th & 14th June is Open Gardens weekend. Please note this is usually on Father's Day but has been brought forward a week.

End of July/Early August - Best kept village competition. The dates to be confirmed.

Wildflower Garden

Following the previous edition of the 'Off the Hoof' in which I expressed a wish of a few keen volunteers to make over the now grassed area beside footpath 62 into a wildflower garden with a winding path, rustic seating, educational notice board and much more; the enthusiasm has been overwhelming with more people interested in taking part in a village project. So far, such is the interest everything would be done by volunteers with no cost, at this time, to the Parish Council.

It has been established the land belongs to North Lincs Council and a licence has been granted although, quite rightly, the Parish Council have sought legal documentation for the allotted period, which I believe is 25 years. The renewal of path 62 was quoted at £4,040 and came out at nearly £8000. Apparently the council were advised that this path had to be specified at 2m width rather than the 1.5 and 1 metre existing. Unfortunately the pathway goes so far and stops at, what is currently, a muddy area and then continues to be OK again on the Playing Field. I believe the muddy bit was to have been resurfaced by Keigars, but, yes BUT, they are not prepared to comply until planning permission is granted for housing. The Parish Council are considering having it done, and it does need doing but, at the end of the day it is not our land and the money will, I believe, be coming out of our budget. Why am I telling you this? Well, the Parish Council currently want to landscape the grass area and not establish the wildflower garden, which I had organised to be done by volunteers rather than by contractors/volunteers for the Council plan. On one hand they are asking for the community to join in with the Best Kept Village competition, which it should, but on the other hand the wishes of the community, in this instance, appears to count for nothing. If the wildflower garden project failed the Parish Council will have lost nothing, because the work is being carried out by volunteers, and they can then execute their plan to landscape.

Best Kept Village

Goxhill did well in the Best Kept Village last year and I have no doubt a wildflower garden as described above would enhance the area and fulfil the criteria in Government guidelines for the competition. Who knows it



Off the Hoof article continued from p31

could even be a group entry in the Campaign to Protect Rural England for the Environmental Award? As you can see, those of us who are keen to establish the wildflower garden do not give up easily, but we still need your support.

Dental checks for horses

For those who do not have anything to do with horses it may come as a surprise that a responsible owner routinely has their horses teeth checked every year and sometimes earlier if a problem is suspected. After a routine check on my pony, Rosie, it was discovered she had lost one tooth since last year, two teeth were fractured and another one was loose and must be extracted. The two fractured ones are to be filled at £250 each and the extraction is £1000 and that is before they get here! Aftercare means a vet must come out for two consecutive weeks at a cost of approximately £150 each time. There goes my trip in search of the big 5 but it has to be done for her welfare. I do not have her insured but if you have insurance check that it covers dental procedures such s dental surgery, not the routine check, or you may end up with a big bill.

Animal Welfare

Further to a previous article about animal welfare and the punishment for animal cruelty should carry at least a 5-year prison sentence. It has now been suggested such offences should be recorded on an animal offenders register.

"Strangles"

The Animal Health Trust has launched a new web site to enable vets and owners to access information on outbreaks of "Strangles". Around 600 cases are reported each year. The site gives information where the outbreaks are, and it is up to owners to take as many precautions as they can to prevent the spread of this disease. One of my ponies had it many years ago and I rang Defra to report it, as I was sure it was a notifiable disease, but they were not interested. Several of my friends who trained at the same time agreed with me but having checked the Government web site I was surprised to find it is not,

"https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/notifiablediseases-in-animals". I am convinced vets could do more to prevent the spread of it, as the one who came to me wore no protective clothing or gloves. Hopefully things have changed since then.

Horses in Australia

Everyone is aware of the dreadful bush fires in Australia with loss of life, both human and millions of animals. Their numbers will take years to get to what they were, if ever and of course amongst others, the horse industry has been hit hard. For information on how you may help go to https://www.horseandhound.co.uk/news/uk-equestrians-step-help-australias-firestorm-continues-704419.

Youth Pathway 2020

Closer to home Jo Burns-Firth continues to work hard on her British Equitation Federation course Youth Pathway 2020 which encourages young riders. Jo has many goals and ambitions and this is a small part of her journey. The 28th December saw the annual Charity Ride through the village in aid of the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance from Jo's yard. This ride grows each year with around 25 on horseback and many followers on foot, which was preceded by someone on a bicycle collecting money in a bucket.

The fancy dress was won jointly by Dave Firth and Nina Draper both dressed as the Grinch. The jumping over the newly painted unicorn wall was won by Pippa Coupland. A raffle took place to win a dressage pad with matching bandages, kindly donated by Foster Equestrian from Barrow Haven. The total collected to date is £500 with more to collect. So once again well-done Jo for organising a successful and fun event.

200 Club

As will be recorded in the results for the 200 Club I was lucky enough to win the jackpot of £120. £20 of this has already been spent on plants for the bath planter on Thornton Road and the rest has been put towards another project in the village for others to enjoy. If you are not yet a member contact Rosemarie Guggiari who will be pleased to sign you up. It is for a good cause.

Tip of this issue.

If moving a chest of drawers first remove the draws but number the drawers on the inside and corresponding space to ensure the correct fit when the chest is in situ. Well, wondering what to write until now, I certainly filled this page/pages. Seems that's all for this issue. Keep your news and views coming in.

Take care and ride safely.Aileen 01469 530643

GOXHILL COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2021

Thank you to everyone who purchased the Goxhill Calendar for 2020. The amount realised from the sale has enabled a donation of **£420 for each of the churches in Goxhill**. Sincere appreciation to everyone involved in this project and thanks to the Goxhill Co-op, Lucy and her staff at the Scissor Box and Mick Harris at the Goxhill Library for agreeing to have the calendar available for sale.

We look forward to receiving entries for next year and contact details will be published later in the year. A prize will again be given for the winner of the front cover photograph and for a junior entry under 14 years of age.

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GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Hopes and Dreams

A New Year and a new decade, should we have any New Year resolutions, and if we did could we, or would we be allowed to keep them.

Last year had it's set backs, in spite of all our very good intentions and aims. We resubmitted the plans for the Skatepark, following a positive meeting on site with residents, considering all the comments and concerns put forward over the past five years. 'Five' years that's how long we have been trying. It's still very much an aim to complete this for the young people of our village, after all Skateboarding is a recognised sport now.

The land off Chapel Street is still to be made good, the paperwork, which gives permission to take over the upkeep of the land from NLC will shortly be completed, we can then go ahead. A planting design was laid out and agreed three years ago, to give a pleasant area, where residents could sit, just to relax, or possibly wait for children coming from school. The footpath has already been resurfaced and widened, and it would be ideal in the near future if we could re surface the remaining section between the end of Chapel Street and Vicars Bridge, leading on to the playing field, and it would be a lovely area for a long desired wild flower meadow, between two maintained sections, the contrast would be amazing. This would also complete the safe walk to school, and make it cleaner for everyone to use. However, we have one very big problem with this dream, we do not own the land. It was tidied last year, and all the rubbish was removed by the land owners, but now we wait to see what happens next. We can only hope and keep our fingers firmly crossed, I for one would very much like to see this idea completed and will continue to push for it.

We also have continued to push for urgent repairs and better maintenance of the roads in the village. We are aware that finance is short, and the authority has its restrictions, but some areas are becoming very worn and possibly dangerous. A list of locations where there are ruts in the roads and dangerous holes, has been submitted to NLC Highways department and hopefully these will get urgent attention.

On a more positive note we should start to prepare for this years CPRE best kept village competition, we now have a reputation, to not only live up to, but to improve upon. Last year we had very short notice, this year no excuses, we know what we need to do, more of the same, but better. We can ensure that the verges are tidy, and the highway trees are safe. The planting boxes, both sponsored and Parish council maintained, are beautifully planted, and maybe more added. But maybe this year now that residents are more aware, we can all do our own bit, with our front gardens and if neighbours need a little help, as in some cases, we can give a hand where needed. If we can all join in it can only be good.

Hopefully we can keep up the standard at the Cemetery, the already excellent maintenance will I know continue, and the planting of the new area should be complete by late spring.

We are told by the central Governments Environment dept. That we should plant more trees , we have been doing this for some time now and will continue, hopefully, we can look at the areas where they have been removed, or cut down by Highways, for 'safety reasons', and in the future have a solid plan for replacement. We have beautiful roadside trees, which need care and we have more roads to create the same effect. We already have a village to be proud of, we could do more. May be that should be a New Year resolution.

Library

A great asset, and used by it's regulars. There is a lovely area for children, so try it out take them along. A great selection of books for everyone, and if it's not there it can be ordered for you.

We all know how important the library is to the village and we know how important the volunteers are, but I know that we need more to help out, if you have the time to give, think about it. When it was first opened I completed a long list of willing people, after cycling around the village and knocking on doors informing everyone of our intentions to keep the library, after it was threatened by closure. It would be great if the same enthusiasm could be found once more, we saved it, but it does need people.

Playing Field

The footpath has now been resurfaced and any loose grit has settled. The MUGA is to be resurfaced soon, and will be back to a good standard once again. All the equipment in the children's playing area is to be painted or preserved to protect it and maintain it properly. A seat has recently been vandalised so badly, that it was beyond repair and had to be removed urgently.

Allotments

Spring is here and work is starting already, there is no time to waste the weeds don't wait. Anyone wishing to have an allotment should contact the parish council. It's good exercise, good company and ultimately good food.

Millennium Green

Looking as good as ever, the spring bulbs are showing and it's a delight to be walking around. More trees are to be planted, they will not be very big but will make an impact in years to come.

Cemetery

The new hedging in the rear field has been added to after a kind donation of more hedging plants, more are still needed to complete but they will be supplied soon and we will finish the job. Some Rose bushes were planted recently along with some shrubs, these were purchased using the prize money from the award. More will be obtained by the Parish Council and planted when weather permits.

Community Speed Watch

This is an important addition, we are all concerned about speeding traffic throughout the village. A number of volunteers have now joined the Speed Watch team and training is being given. So look out for their patrols in Goxhill in the future.

Telephone Box

There is one more item that I must point out. The old telephone box outside the Library is for books only. If you have any books that you no longer need that are in reasonable to good condition please leave them in the box. But please do not leave books that have become unreadable or bags of paper or other waste, for someone else to remove. The box is well used and appreciated, please don't abuse it. **Freda Dunkley**

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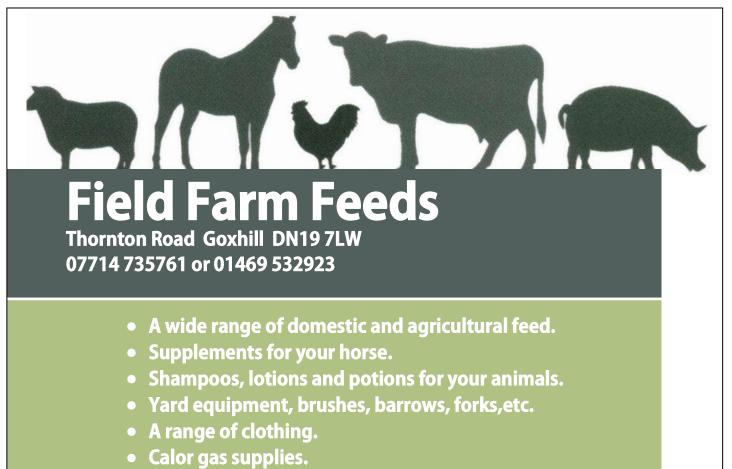
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telling what you might learn if you drop in on a Wednesday afternoon when they have a regular get-together for tea or coffee and biscuits.

Our Community Library is situated in the Parish Rooms on Howe Lane, run by volunteers and entirely free for you to use, including a wi-fi broadband connection.

Joining online via the North Lincolnshire Council website takes about 5 or 10 minutes. As well as giving you a library card to borrow books, it enables you to search for books online and reserve them to be sent over to you at Goxhill

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library. If you are unsure about using the internet or would like any help with joining then simply call in and the volunteer on duty will help you.

To contact the library volunteer team about anything to do with Goxhill Community Library please either email goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk (note the LLL in the middle) or call in for a chat. John Guggiari

GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

As 2020 moves into April and you start listening for the first cuckoo of Spring, our club's dedicated Green Team will be busy putting the finishing touches to Goxhill's bowling green ready for the forthcoming season. During the Winter break we have been busy upgrading our facilities on Manor Lane already amongst the best in North Lincolnshire - so that both members and visitors can enjoy the sport to the full. With such an excellent green and viewing options for spectators, we are hoping to persuade more Goxhill residents to visit us, whether it is to play or simply to watch. Ideally, we want to tempt you to try your hand at lawn bowling and perhaps take it up as a regular sport. If you think that might be of interest to you then April is the best time to start. Learning the basics early on means you can get maximum value from your membership of our club if you decide to join.

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MORE FAMILIES FROM WORLD WAR 1 REMEMBERED

The name Beswick, on the village World War 1 memorial plaques, is a name I am familiar with as I remembered Harold Beswick who, it turned out, was Arthur Beswick's brother. As I explored the family tree I discovered that although Arthur had been born in Croxton, the third child of Thomas and Annie, the remaining seven siblings had all been born in Goxhill and one, Eva had married a Guilliatt. As I was also very familiar with both Guilliatt families in the village, I initially gave more time to families who were more difficult to work out. It was to my delight then that my mum contacted me to say that Charlie Guilliatt, a lifelong friend of my dad, had called to see her to give me some information about his uncle and I realised that Eva was Charlie's mum who I remember, as a child, delivering groceries to at her home at Mill House on Barrow Road. Charlie's information provides a much clearer picture about the Beswicks. I have identified in italics what he has told me.

Thomas Beswick of Croxton married Annie Tomlinson at St Peter's church, Barton on 3rd December 1891. Annie was the daughter of 'Sweep' Tomlinson of Barton. Thomas and Annie lived at the Post Office in Croxton before moving to Goxhill sometime between Arthur's birth at the end of 1896 and that of his sister Daisy, in Goxhill, on 6th May 1899. At the 1901 census Thomas is recorded as a Brickyard Labourer and the family are living in North End, in one of a series of eleven houses recorded as having four rooms. The 1911 census has the family living near John Briggs Davey (of the Corn Merchants) and his widowed mother at Mayfield on Thorn

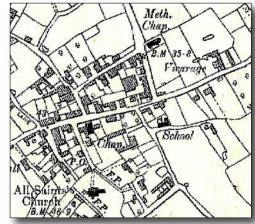


Lane. Thomas, a farm shepherd, and Annie were living with eight children. This census records the total number of children born and those still living, as well as the number of years the couple had been married.

Mayfield on Thorn Lane

Annie had given birth to nine children at this point and all were still living. Their eldest daughter, Mary, is close-by and working as a domestic servant to grocer George Drinkall and his family at White Cottage. Strangely this is where my research about the World War 1 names had started, with Harry Roberts' sister Olive Chappell nee Roberts, herself later to be a war widow, who was recorded at the 1901 census working at White Cottage as a domestic servant to the same George Drinkall.

I was puzzled about where, precisely, the family lived on Thorn Lane. The house was at the bottom of School Lane, now demolished. This was possibly in the late 1950s when building started on Abbeygarth



Villas. Certainly there was a house there in 1939 as the census compiled in preparation for World War 2 listed George William Simons (with his wife and a daughter), a cowman on a

farm, as the only residents in School Lane. They then lived in the old thatched cottage in The Square, being the last to live there in about 1912. I've seen this cottage in The Square named 'Game Cottage'. It had been the home



Game Cottage The Square - looking towards Primitive Methodist Chapel.

of the Wilford family, John, his wife Emma and their children. The Wilford's son Henry William later ran his own business with his son, also named Henry but known as Harry, on the corner of Westfield Road and Howe Lane. John and Emma's daughter Annie married Cornelius van den Bos of Hawthorne Gardens, was the mother of Kees, John and Maartje, and lived at Westland Villa on Chapel Street and then Highthorn on Howe Lane. This new information also means that Arthur and his parents lived next to the family of Fred Roe (Gander Spring 2019). Game Cottage was demolished in 1920 and replaced with the terrace of five houses that sit opposite Ashfield today.

Thomas and Annie had twelve children. I had found nine children so I went back and had another look and found three more girls, who all must have been born at Game Cottage and completing a family of nine girls and three boys. The Beswicks went on to live in two more homes in the village, moving into a new Council House at No 1 Thornton Road and from there to another new Council House at No 6 Gatehouse Road. Thomas worked at Immingham when the docks were being dug out and Annie acted as the Village Midwife.

Thomas and Annie lived in the village until their deaths on 2nd December 1945 (Thomas) and 10th April 1947 (Annie). They lie together in Goxhill cemetery. Sadly their youngest daughter Dora died, a toddler, in February 1919 and the eldest daughter Mary died in August 1919. This must have compounded the grief they were suffering with the loss, on 23rd March 1918 of their third child and oldest son, Arthur. Arthur had been recorded in the village in the 1911 census employed as a Shop Assistant to a Grocer and Tailor (my interpretation). He enlisted with the Lincolnshire Regiment in Hull, serving as a Private in the 4th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Unfortunately I can find no copies of his original service record, just his Dependant's Pension record which states that the documents relating to his death were received from the Paymaster on 29 July 1918 and that Arthur's named dependant was his mother Annie and her address was The Square, Goxhill.

The Hull Daily Mail reported that 'Private Arthur Beswick of Goxhill aged 21 died from gunshot wounds received on March 23rd in the great offensive'. The Lincolnshire Star, published on the 20 April 1918 reported Arthur's death adding that "By a melancholy coincidence a paper was read at the Christian Endeavour on the evening of his death, that he had sent from France, entitled "The Joys and Sorrows of Life". The same village report detailed that the BWTA, which I think was the British Women's Temperance Association and closely associated with Methodism, passed 'a resolution of sympathy with Mrs Beswick and Mrs Dunn (Gander Spring 2019) in their sad bereavements'. It also covered an obituary to Mr Robert Janney (father of Albert Janney (Gander Autumn 2019)) who, it reported 'had resided in the village over three decades, and had six sons serving with the colours. One has also been killed'.



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On 21 March 1918 the German Army had launched a large-scale offensive against the Allied front on the Somme battlefield. The offensive is known as the Kaiserschlacht or the Kaiser's Battle. It was the first of several German largescale attacks made against the Allied

> line in the spring of 1918 (Greatwar.co.uk). 'He was highly esteemed in his native village by a large circle of friends' the Hull Daily Mail reported adding 'He was an active member of the Primitive Methodist Church'. Arthur's CWGC grave lies in the Dernanacourt Communal Cemetery Extension near

Pictures from British War Graves website www.britishwargraves.co.uk

Albert in the Somme area in Northern France.

Arthur BESWICK, Private 201936 4th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died of Wounds 23 March 1918 Aged 21 years. Born 1897 Croxton. Resident of Goxhill. Son of Thomas and Annie Beswick of Game Cottage, The Square, Goxhill. Buried Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Arthur's sister, Charlie Guilliatt's mother, Eva, lived on Barrow Road next to Mabel Neilson, wife of Ernest, mother of Tom. The Neilson family farmed at the property which was Mill Farm and now comprises Swallows Nest Farmhouse and Courtyard Cottages. Mabel had been born, in 1893, to George and Kate Lamming. George worked on farms, moving where the work took him. His various children were born at Thornton Abbey, Barton, Killingholme, Burnham and he is also recorded living at Elsham and Binbrook. Mabel had married James Taylor of Binbrook, in July 1916, whilst he was on leave. James had engaged for service in the Royal Navy for twelve years on 15th March 1910. He was killed on 23 October 1916, only three months after his wedding, whilst serving as a Leading Stoker on HMS Genista which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine whilst undertaking minesweeping duties. James Taylor is commemorated on Binbrook's war memorial. His widow Mabel was recorded at the time living in Augusta Street in Grimsby and described as 'the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lamming of Goxhill'. Mabel went on to marry Ernest Neilson, on 24 Jun 1920 in Goxhill. Their son Tom was born in 1922. Mabel's brother Ted married Ellen Fanthorpe, in Goxhill, on 8 May 1923. Ted took over from his father in law as coal merchant and their children Ted, Mary, Harold and Ruth (Finlay) were all born in Goxhill. The Lammings lived in the first cottage in North End on the corner of Manor Lane which was eventually demolished in 1991. Mabel's second husband, Ernest, died at Mill Farm in 1954 and Tom farmed there, as his father and grandfather had done until he and his mother built and lived at the bungalow that sits next to Mill House on Barrow Road. Mabel died on the 19 July 1977 and is buried in Goxhill cemetery.

As with Eva and Mabel a third Goxhill resident's life was changed by the outbreak of World War 1. In Ron Parker's



Goxhill Lodge on Thornton Road

Goxhill Bygones, Geoff Coulam recalled a Miss Ingram who lived on Thornton Road, at Goxhill Lodge (next to Pelham Lodge). A new home has been built recently where the original bungalow once stood. Miss Ingram, he recalled, had been in service in the First World War and had been a member of Nurse Cavell's team in Belgium in 1914. Edith Cavell was employed in Brussels as matron in Belgium's first training hospital school for nurses before the war. Once war had broken out she initially treated casualties from both sides then, over a period of time, became part of an organisation which sheltered then smuggled British, French and Belgian soldiers to safety. She was arrested on 5 August 1915, tried by Court Martial on 7 October, found guilty and sentenced to death. Edith was shot by firing squad on 12 October 1915.

Rosa Ellen (Nellie) Ingram had been born in Grimsby in 1878. Her father Thomas Charles Ingram was originally from Bassalleg, Monmouthshire in Wales and employed by the railways. Nellie Ingram qualified as a Midwife on 30 May 1907 and is recorded in the 1911 census living near Bath in Wiltshire, working as a Sick Nurse. In the 1911 census her father Thomas is recorded as a 'Railway Stores Superintendent' and living with his wife and two of his sons, in a house having eight rooms, next to Tom Farrow in Laburnum Cottage at the end of Church Street. I wondered if this could be the house now named Innisfree and before the north end of this house was separated to create Heydon House and lived in later by Frances Moore, the widow of Herbert Moore (Gander Winter 2019)? Jane Arnott, nee Collingwood, who owns Innisfree, confirmed that her home and Heydon House had been one house and was bought by the Collingwood family in 1950 and a nurse had lived there.

The only record of Nellie's war service is of her disembarkation on 15 August 1917 and the subsequent award of the 1914 Star for her service with the British Red Cross and Order of St John. I haven't been able to find any record of where Nellie, aside from Belgium, served. In 1920 the Midwives Roll lists her back in Goxhill living at the family home in Church Street, Bassalleg House (named presumably after her father's birthplace). Her father and brother, William

Bennett Ingram, died in 1926 and 1927 in Goxhill. Nellie was subsequently recorded twice in North End and then, in 1938 at Goxhill Lodge on Thornton Road. Miss Ingram died on 23 November 1959. Her headstone, in the cemetery, holds no hint of the role she played in World War 1 and a reflection of the time perhaps, is that there is no record of her service on the village Roll



Rosa Ellen Ingram's

of Honour. Three women who lived in close *headstone* proximity in the village and who may have joined the villagers assembled, on 7 March 1925, for the opening ceremony of the Memorial Hall and unveiling of the memorial plaque. Could Nellie be, perhaps, one of the two nurses pictured standing at the foot of the Memorial Hall steps? **Elizabeth Fincham**,



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Graham Boanas leads the way through National Grid's tunnel under the Humber

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Lorretta introduced us to the origin of our dialect suggesting it was as a result of the Danish language, called Norse, which belonged to the same stock as Anglo Saxon. The Romans did not influence the language of people to any extent. The Norse language made itself felt on the existing Anglo Saxon one. The terminations BY, THORPE, NESS, and TOFT (all Danish) as in Spilsby, Mablethorpe, Skegness, Bratoft all show this influence.

Our occupation is so purely agricultural that the terms employed by them were sufficient for their purposes e.g. yang, tan, tethera (1, 2, 3).

A Lincolnshire person still employs terms derived from old English, thus "they may have a talk" rather than a "conversation" or "will go on" rather than "proceed" are just two examples. There are other influences such as "he would have puttan it right if you had lettan him".

Lorretta regaled us with several examples of local authors and in particular Lord Tennyson, our own Lincolnshire poet.

Below is a dialect poem by Jesse Baggley entitled "The Mawkin" just to whet your appetite and show what you missed during some of our amusing evenings.

Our next course commenced on Monday, 3rd. February 2020, meeting in the Vicar's Room at 7.30 pm. The course is with Paul Mann and is entitled **'Lincolnshire Folklore and Myths'**.

All welcome, so if you are interested in attending our courses, please get in touch. Contacts are:- T. Cherry - 01652 653066; N. Wilkyn - 01652 688741 or J. Thompson - 01469 530680 T. Cherry - Chairman

The mawkin's job is frittening craws When crops is grawin', as we all knaws An' theeare 'e stans fer months on end Wi'oot an enemy, wi'oot a friend Nowt at all to mek 'im stop But 'e does 'is best to saave oor crop.

'E niver sleeps, 'e niver feights,

'E just stan's theear an' keeps things to reights. 'E dissent mind the rain, the wind nor sun An' tha knaws, 'e'll niver oop an' run. 'E niver werrits, niver raages An' yit 'e niver gits a penny waages.

'E wants noa praise an' gits noa blame As 'e stan's theeare eeach day the same. 'E 'es noa need to gie rebuke Fer 'e ruulews the 'illtops like a duke.

I' dad's owd 'at an' flappin' cooat 'E niver does a thing o' noote. But all the same in them rawa, 'E does 'is best to scare th'owd craws.

An' when ah'm busy singling' beeet Or rollin' forrad wheeat Or when ah'm werrittin' I' the yard Cos' things are gooin' pretty 'ard Ah loook across wheear 'is Graace is An' think I wouldn't mind swapping plaaces.



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To help bring a little cheer to sailors docked at Immingham on Christmas Day, club members filled **Rotary shoeboxes** with gifts which were delivered to the Immingham Seaman's Mission for distribution to the ships.

A large amount of raffle prizes were given to staff of **Castle Hill Hospital**, who were organising Twelve Days of Christmas events for their patients. Now is the time to enter the **Humber Bridge Half Marathon**, run on **28th June**. It starts in Hessle, crosses the bridge, passes through Barton before re-crossing the bridge to the North Bank finish. Details on www.humber-half.org.uk

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1st GOXHILL BROWNIES

Whilst there hasn't been an update in the pages of the Gander for nearly two years, the 1st Goxhill Brownies have continued to meet every Tuesday during term time.

We aim to give girls a place where they can really be themselves with other girls and share the experience of growing up as a girl in today's world. We provide a safe, non-judgemental environment where girls can explore the issues they care about while having lots of fun, enjoying new experiences and learning vital skills.

Reflecting on the last two years as Brown Owl there are many highlights and small moments where you see the value of what Brownies can provide to the girls. For the Brownies themselves, and I'm sure anyone who has been a Brownie over the



years will agree, the highlight of the Brownie year is Brownie camp and 2019 was no different. We were blessed with one of the warmest weekends of the year in June and the beautiful site provided the perfect setting for a weekend of great fun – if not much sleep! I have such fond

memories of my Brownie camps as a child and I hope this wonderful group of girls will look back on their Brownie camps with the same fondness.

At the weekly sessions we aim to provide a real mix of activities allowing the girls a

range of new experiences, an opportunity to work towards badges and have fun. Everything from trash fashion to power tools, with a Bagpipe accompanied Burns night in between. The girls have been a pleasure to spend time with and are a credit to their parents and their community.



Sessions have been kindly supported by a number of local residents who've given their time and brought something interesting and new for the girls to discover. Brownies really



would not be possible without the dedication of Tawny Owl (Caroline), Snowy Owl (Phoebe) who deserve much praise.

We're always thinking of new ideas for sessions so if you've got something you think might be interesting for the Brownies to see or discover please do get in touch. Equally if you've considered volunteering to help more frequently, we'd love to hear from you. There are 225 species of owls so we won't run short of names!

1st Goxhill Brownies meet every Tuesday during term time 6-7.30pm at the Integrated Services Building at Goxhill Primary School. For more information please contact **Liz Turgoose** on **lizzieturgoose@gmail.com** or register your interest on **www.girlguiding.org.uk**

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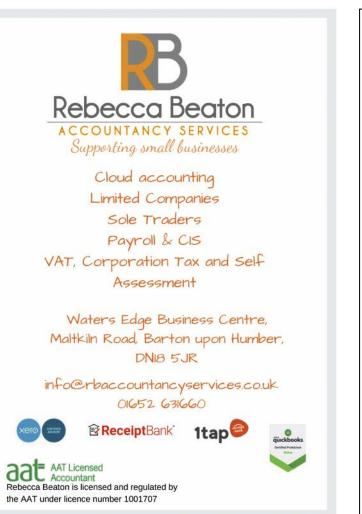
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