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Spring 2021

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Plans of upcoming events listed on the Noticeboard pages and elsewhere in this issue, and services offered by businesses, could be altered by future changes in legislation. So please look out for up to date information on social media and posters around the village and ring to check the latest situations.

A year ago when writing my editorial for the Spring issue of the Gander, Covid was only just beginning to rear its ugly head. By the time you were reading it, our world had changed like never before. Hospitals were overflowing, schools were shut, businesses closed, all events were cancelled. Life went into an unprecedented lockdown.

Who could have imagined that we would still be under a third lockdown a year later. So here I am writing my next editorial for the Spring issue concerned that we may not be able to get it printed, or at best it could be delayed.

I am hoping and praying that life will finally get back to normal sooner rather than later. So that businesses can recover, children can get back to learning and playing and we can all socialise properly at last.

Christmas was a non event and now Easter is round the corner and is also likely to suffer from restrictions of some sort. Easter Services are listed on page 7, but they may have to be changed.

I have had my first Covid vaccination, which gives you a clue how old I am, and the sooner all can be inoculated the better, as a way out of this terrible situation.

Covid has certainly made a lasting impression on our village. Many have suffered this terrible disease, some have been affected much worse than others. The stories from staff at Goxhill School, paint a pretty harrowing picture of the stresses being faced to keep the school open for vulnerable children and provide work for those trying to learn from home. See page 27. I hope to run an article in the next issue, to show how parents have coped, or not, with trying to keep their children learning during the various restrictions and disruptions over the last year.

There might not be any events going on in the village at the moment, but there are some important things happening as detailed in the Gander.

The increasing problem of HGVs on our village roads, has lead to North Lincolnshire Council, in conjunction with our Parish Council, proposing a one way system for HGVs and they want your opinions on the proposal. Please see the centre pages for details.

The Parish Council have also detailed many of their recent projects and achievements. However this has impacted on the Parish precept that is included in our Council Tax. Please see their article on page 19.

Another item that affects all the village is that the ownership of the Memorial Hall has changed yet again. Please see the article on pages 15-17 for an explanation of what the change means.

Throughout this year, our advertisers have continued to support the Gander. So please support them as they try to rebuild their businesses.

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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

A Time of Surprises

Time is a funny thing. As I write this, we're in a lockdown again but perhaps we won't be by the time you read it – who knows? Time can pass very quickly when we want it to stand still (think of how fast that extra five minutes in bed after the alarm goes off zips by) and very slowly when we want it to get a move on. March sees a year since the pandemic began and at that time we thought the initial twelve weeks of restrictions were pretty grim, so I wonder what we'd have said if we could've foreseen a year of them in some form or other.

For all that though, my most surprising memory of the lockdown over last spring and summer was of days that passed very quickly. The way we spent our time was different but I didn't meet many people who said they were bored. Many of us were frustrated or sad at missing the people we love but I lost count of the people who told me they'd enjoyed their gardens or taken up a new hobby or rediscovered an old one they hadn't had time for when life was normal.

I did my own bit of "time travelling" as I made the decision to take my love of all things Victorian to the next level and adopt a 19th century style in my dress as well as my house. That in turn led to doing something I never expected - I learned to sew because it was the only way I could find the clothes I liked, so I have a new skill which I never expected. I'm not even beginning to suggest that anything about Covid 19 is good news because it's a tragedy and nothing else. However, it will pass, just as all things pass, and when it does, how we remember that time will be affected by so many things, including those ways we helped time to pass gently and creatively. We learned new skills, rediscovered the value of our communities and perhaps most of all, learned not to take "normal life" for granted because we saw how quickly it can be derailed.

As we pin our hopes on the vaccine and some warmer weather to knock this modern day plague off its perch, we might sift through our memories of the past year and see where the surprises came, because I'd be willing bet we'll find a few. Things don't always turn out the way we expect. When I was at school I was the fat kid who dodged PE and took no exercise beyond a walk to the biscuit barrel, and who once hid in the toilets for a whole afternoon rather than go to a needlework lesson. My PE teachers would be more likely to swallow their hockey sticks than to expect the idle lump they failed to goad into action to have turned into a fanatical runner, and the only person more surprised than my needlework teacher that anything I made has been wearable is probably me!

Naturally, our eyes are fixed firmly on the future now and the way forward, after Covid 19. All the same, when we do look back on it in later years we might be surprised to discover we took more from this period than anxiety and sadness. Perhaps that's what hope really looks like.

Revd. Liz Brown

Easter Services

Plans for Easter services, which are subject to changes in Covid restrictions, are listed on page 7.

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Hello Friends

Here we are in lockdown again – last magazine it was the beginning of number 2, and here we are again, in number 3! So many people have told me how they have had their vaccination! I never thought it was possible that people could get so excited about having their arm jabbed! But excited they seem to be – and rightly so! It's giving us all Hope.

Last time I wrote, we were planning Advent, and now we're thinking about Lent, and the celebration of Easter. I shall be leading a ZOOM Lent Course, so would be happy for any of you to contact me regarding ID and Passcodes.

Before lockdown, I would not have had any idea about what to do with ZOOM, ID's and Passcodes! Now I have ZOOM, WhatsApp, TEAMS, Skype, and used video calls! And I am certainly not a techy kind of person (should that be Tecky?). It's been a steep learning curve! But it's been worth it, to see our son on his 40th birthday, and our other son on his 38th (how can I be the mother of such elderly people?) It has opened up our life, and enabled me to keep going with some of the things I enjoyed before.

It reminds me a bit about the journey of Lent. Facing ourselves, and looking at our relationship with God, can be quite a journey. In fact through Lent, we are on a journey alongside Jesus to the cross. Then that awful day of Good Friday, as we stand and watch the crucifixion of Jesus. Then follows the amazing miracle of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the totally unexpected event of the Resurrection of Jesus! And we hear as Jesus speaks our name – as he did Mary's – and blesses us with his peace – as he did the disciples.

We struggle and struggle, then something amazing happens, and something has clicked! We have learned something new, and life-changing. It feels almost like a re-birth, sometimes!

I wonder what you have learned during lockdown – about yourself, about your family, about others, and about God.

Someone said to me a long time ago, that if you walk faithfully through Lent, then you will most certainly experience the most joyful Easter!

May you walk the path of Christ through Lent, and celebrate with joy the exciting happening of Easter

Keep safe and well

Sincerely Yours. Revd Enid Knowles

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CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

At Churches Together we appreciate this is a very difficult time for many and we are so sorry we cannot be here to help you in many of our usual ways. Normally at this time of year I would be giving you a long list of dates for your diary; sadly, this is not the case this year.

Last year when in February we had to start cancelling events, we never imagined that those same events would not be able to take place this year either!

As we look at the present situation, if, when restrictions start being lifted, it could be a while before we get to the stage of having large gatherings in one place. Which means we are unable to make any definite plans at the moment. That said there are things we would like to do as soon as we are able. I know people keep telling me they are missing **Luncheon Club**. I have to say we are missing seeing you all too; as soon as it is allowed, we will start again.

Last year we had to cancel **The Christian Aid Big Breakfast** which is held in May each year. The Big Breakfast is Christian Aid's big money raiser in the year like all charities they are struggling from loss of income. Hopefully we may be able to hold it later in the year. Likewise, **Quiz Nights, Pop In's and Bingo** will begin once it is SAFE to do so. Safe and responsible is what we need to be. We have all made big sacrifices over the last year and none of us want to throw that away by doing things too soon.

Many of the older members and vulnerable people in the community have had their vaccinations; as the vaccination programme moves apace there is light at the end of the tunnel. So, let's be patient and continue to remember **Hands, Face and Space**.

We have discussed the possibility of **Open Gardens**. The best we can say about anything in the present situation is; watch out for posters and the Grapevine for information. **Sandra Smith**

EASTER SERVICES

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - At the moment All Saints is still open for worship; unless any further restrictions are imposed the plan is to hold the following services.

Good Friday 7pm service at All Saints.
Easter Sunday 7am vigil in All Saints Church Yard.
9.30am Communion All Saints.

GOXHILL CHAPEL - At present the Chapel is closed as it has been since the first lockdown. If it is reopened there will be a service there on -
Maundy Thursday at 6pm or 7pm at the Chapel.

GOXHILL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Our library is closed at the moment. For information on available library facilities visit North Lincolnshire Council's website www.north-lincs.gov.uk or phone 01724 297000

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE BEEKEEPERS

Over the next few months our meetings are as:

Mon 29 Mar	TBA
Mon 26 Apr	TBA
Mon 31 May	Question & answer session

Our meetings start at 7.30pm on the last Monday of the month.

Until social distancing restrictions are lifted or eased our meetings will be held via Zoom. There is no charge for Zoom meetings. If you would like to attend please email the secretary (see below) at least 48 hours before the start time. You will then receive a link to the meeting and joining instructions.

Under normal circumstances our meetings are held at Village Hall, 59 High Street, Broughton, DN20 0JX At Broughton admission is £1 per person for members and non members which includes refreshments.

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The fairs I am planning for next year at Goxhill are as follows - **24th April*, 17th July, 4th December**

So if there are any local crafters and sellers that would like a stall, please get in touch. I would love it if the wonderful residents of Goxhill will come and support us to get this project started. Please contact me on **07308149122** or email shedproject19@gmail.com

For more information see us on facebook -
The Shed Project Tracy Russell
***IT LOOKS LIKE THE CRAFT FAYRE THAT HAD BEEN ORGANISED FOR APRIL WILL BE CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN!**

DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE GANDER

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	141	Bill Ballam	£19
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	95	Linda Hitchens	£19
	255	Carol Raby	£19
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January 2021	25	Sharon Ashworth	£19
	51	Sandra Smith	£19
	108	John Guggiari	£19

The Goxhill 200 Club is open to anyone interested in supporting the running of our Memorial Hall whilst having a bit of a flutter in a local lottery. Around half the money collected in subscriptions funds monthly prizes, with the other half donated to Goxhill Memorial Hall. If you would like to join the 200 Club then either email goxhill.200club@gmail.com or telephone **530363** and one of our collectors will contact you around September when we set up for the next lottery year: October 2021 to September 2022 inclusive. Payments by bank transfer are also possible.

Rosemarie Guggiari

GOXHILL CALENDAR

Thank you to everyone who supported our latest calendar. All the entries were amazing and captured the true nature of our wonderful village. Sales have allowed a donation of **£415** to both the "All Saints Church" and the "Goxhill Methodist Chapel". The success is due to professional help from Jeff Teasdale and IT skills of Ferne Carmichael (nee Carnell). We also appreciate the help and co-operation of Newton Printers during these extraordinary times. Looking forward to receiving pictures to next year's calendar.

Penny Carnell - for Friends of All Saints Church.

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Kind regards, **Marion Stancer. 07860220003.**

GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



A Happy and Healthy New Year from Goxhill WI.

We are looking forward to a better 2021 and as soon as possible we will invite members, old and new, and friends to a celebration at our first meeting. Membership subscriptions will start from April 1. We will be in touch. Take care and keep safe. For more information please contact our President, Alyson O'Leary on 01469 531568.

T'AI CHI

Unfortunately, due to present restrictions there is no date for restarting T'ai Chi, but hopefully it won't be too long before we get together again. For more information tel: **Janet: 01482 492513**

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1ST GOXHILL BROWNIES

'With the current restrictions 1st Goxhill Brownies are not meeting in any capacity. We do hope to reopen as soon as government guidelines allow face to face meetings. We really hope you understand the difficult situation we are in. If there are any girls aged 7-9 in the village that would like to register to join Brownies <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> Thank you those parents who have signed up we will be in touch when we can open again. 1st Goxhill Brownies meet every Tuesday 6-7.30pm during term time.
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SHORT AWARD 2021 Delayed

At the time of writing, Covid lockdown is still in place and even if relaxed in the spring, it could be difficult to get voting slips for the Short Award, collected as usual, without the risk of spreading the virus.

We could just do the voting on line but that does exclude all those not computer literate. And not a lot has happened in the last year so there may not be many nominations. We have therefore decided to defer the Short Award nominations process to the Summer or even Autumn when we hope our lives will be resembling normality.

Editor



SOME ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED BY COVID-19 REGULATIONS

INDOOR, SHORT-MAT BOWLING is not going to resume for the 2020/21 season.

LAWN BOWLING whilst fixture planning has gone ahead (it amounted to just moving the dates along by one number since there were no promotions/relegations) that's about it. They are not able to recruit newcomers to bowling, as it involves them borrowing equipment.

LIVES has shut down all formal training for new recruits and suspended non-essential fundraising during these restrictions.

THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY is likely to remain shut until the volunteers have been vaccinated and feel comfortable enough to open it - subject to what NLC consider acceptable too. **John Guggiari**


NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment

The Ropewalk
News from The Ropewalk

Until the current government restrictions are lifted Barton's art centre, The Ropewalk, remains closed to the public. But the Craft Gallery still has its on-line presence where jewellery, textiles, ceramics, prints and cards as well as items relating to Barton's heritage can be bought. And the good news is that if you live in Goxhill and the surrounding villages delivery is free.

Take a look at the on-line shop at <https://www.the-ropewalk.co.uk/shop/> or <https://www.facebook.com/RopewalkBarton/shop/> where you will find a wide range of merchandise at prices to suit all pockets. And if you have previously seen something that isn't on-line then either call 01652 660380 or email liz@the-ropewalk.co.uk and we'll do our best to help!

Rest assured as soon as we are safely able to do so we will look forward to welcoming you back.



Ted Lewis Centre (TM) Develops and Retains a Virtual Outreach

Opened on 1st September 2020, our area's unique national archive and standing exhibition to Ted Lewis on Ferriby Road, Barton, was soon obliged to close to the public owing due to Covid regulations. However, the Trust has not been idle. An extension to the main exhibition centre is in the process of development into a visual heritage area including the gangster's Mablethorpe hideaway, 'persuasion' techniques and Ted 'in creative mode' amongst other exhibits.

Ted Lewis's two autobiographical works featuring this area of North Lincolnshire have been newly published afresh. *All the Way Home* and *All the Night Through* and *The Rabbit* are available on www.thetedlewiscentre.org or from Barton Post Office during lockdown.

Finally, we will shortly install a major archive exhibition feature which will comprehensively trace the life, art and times of the local artistic polymath who died tragically young at 42. Last year would have been the 50th anniversary of Get Carter's filming. 2021 is the fiftieth anniversary of the classic film's release. It is available at the Centre.

Monty Martin, CEO



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The South Bank Players have continued to meet in a virtual fashion, and after the success of the radio version of the play 'Shelter from the Bombs' (written by member

Martin James), we recently recorded a second radio play. This was an adaptation of the stage play 'Arnold Parsons is Missing' which we performed a few years ago, and was written by member Kate Wilcox. This will be broadcast on local online radio stations Barton FM and Steel FM. If you missed the broadcasts of 'Shelter from the Bombs' you can listen again via our YouTube channel - just search for SB Players and Shelter and you should find it.

As we can't currently perform, our finances have been somewhat dwindling. To try and raise a little bit of cash we have been selling DVDs of the video version of Shelter from the Bombs that we filmed in 2019 (in a real bomb shelter). If you would like a copy of this award winning play, it will set you back just £5.

We also filmed the Barton Ghost Walk and we are making this available to watch online for a fee of £5. If you've never been on the ghost walk, you're in for a treat - and even if you have done it before, there are probably a few things you missed, as it's almost impossible to take it all in at once!

To purchase either the DVD of 'Shelter from the Bombs', or the Barton Ghost Walk (or both!) please visit our website

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We are looking at producing more radio plays until we can return to meeting face to face. If you fancy having a go at this (you don't have to learn any lines!), do get in touch. You don't need any fancy equipment - just a decent internet connection, and we can loan you a microphone headset if needed.

New members are always welcome - either in an acting capacity, or to help out backstage, and it only costs £5 year to join. If you would like to know more please contact **Liz Drury** on 07539 755531

Finally we are very sad to announce the passing of one of our members, **Les Archer**. He was last seen on stage as King Rat in our pantomime 'Dick Whittington' in January last year. He also appeared in our video version of the Ghost Walk which was filmed in October before he became ill. Although Les hadn't been with us very long, he made a huge impression on the group and was someone who really got stuck in with all the things that need doing to put on a show. He and his wife Denise were also kind enough to advertise our shows and sell tickets from their house in Barton. Les will be very much missed.



WILDERSPIN NATIONAL SCHOOL MUSEUM

Although "school's out" for the time being, and most of our volunteers are hibernating, work is still continuing behind the scenes, despite appearances from Queen Street - and we are looking forward to the late spring and summer when we expect to "bounce back!"

The lockdown closure has been an opportunity to plan changes to displays, and new temporary exhibition spaces which village groups might like to consider for exhibiting in the future. We anticipate a re-run in the summer of our hugely popular outdoor café - operated by The Old School Canteen, with safely spaced seating in the wonderful oasis of the Wilderspin Playground. We are looking for ideas too, for an ambitious community events programme in the summer we expect to relaunch

with a "bang". We have also begun preparing work for installation of a lift in the Joseph Wright Hall - this will be a huge improvement to this 200-seater theatre space for performances like Alice in Wonderland, suspended from last year and awaiting rescheduling once Covid restrictions are lifted. It's a large space ideal for community performances and will be available for hire again once things get back to normal.

To help shake off the lockdown blues, why not plan what you'll do later in the year to get busy again - we'd love to hear from you if you think you might like to join our front-of-house teams in the Museum or Joseph Wright Hall. Please get in touch if you're interested by email during the lockdown: wilderspainschoolmuseum@gmail.com

Open Art Exhibition - This exhibition by local artists has been postponed from the Autumn and will be on show when we re-open in the Spring.

BARTON UPON HUMBER CIVIC SOCIETY

We aim to start our 2021 programme in the spring when restrictions are eased, and we will publish details nearer the time. Until things get back to normal we aim to schedule outside talks, short tours and walks which can be managed safely. To ensure safe distancing for indoor talks seating we will be restricted and we anticipate a booking system and a live streaming for those who can't attend. Details will be emailed nearer the time to Civic Society members.

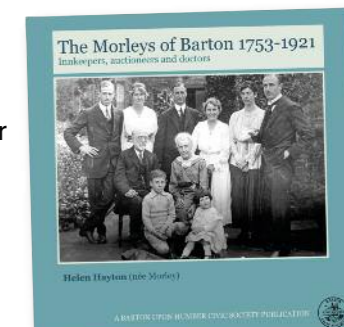
A new publication **The Morleys of Barton 1753 - 1921** is now available. Written by Helen Hayton (nee Morley). From coaching inns and ferries to medicine and liberal politics, it's a whistle-stop tour of two



centuries in Barton told through five successive generations of one family. Helen used documents donated to the Civic Society by another branch of the family bringing the photographs to life adding names and context to their place in Barton and world history. When you have finished reading the book you can find physical evidence of the family's history in the Barton churchyards and some of the street scene that is recognisable 100 years on.

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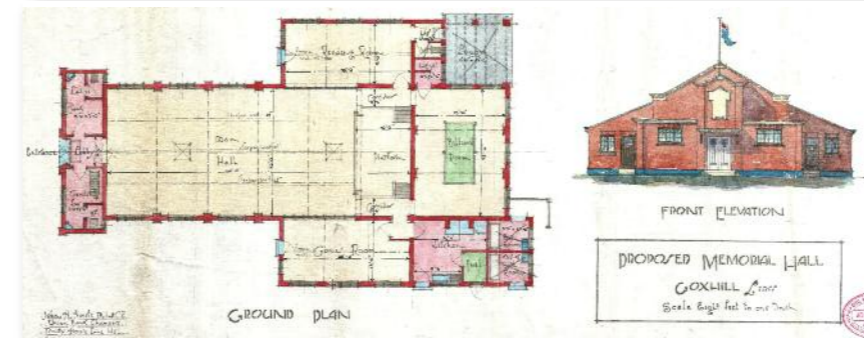
NOTICE BOARD - Memorial Hall

Goxhill Memorial Hall - a brief history

Like everyone else, all future events at the hall are suspended as we wait for the coronavirus pandemic to be brought under control. We are hoping the situation improves before August (Scarecrow Trail 29/30th Aug), although the October Fotofrolic competition (entries before October 31st) is an online event, so there's no worry about social distancing.

At the moment the Hall is closed to the public, which is somewhat ironic since this week (Jan 25th -29th) is National Village Hall week.

This reminds me that the Hall was opened in 1925, and we've only got 4 years to plan its centenary celebrations. It was the massive loss of life in the trenches of the First World War that prompted the building of our village hall.



When the war ended in Nov 1918 there was a fierce determination that those who lost their lives should never be forgotten. In Goxhill (Jan 1919) a group of volunteers got together to create a lasting memorial for the dead of the village, a memorial that would not only act as a potent reminder of the past but looked towards the future, providing a place where villagers could enjoy various recreational and educational pursuits. In 1924, after 5 years of collections and fund raising, they commissioned the hall's first drawing. It showed a

large site with a substantial building tucked into one corner, with a bowling green on grass to the south and a tennis court to the west. The proposed/desired building was large enough to contain meeting and reading rooms, a game's room and a billiard room, a large main hall with a stage, as well as a kitchen and several toilets.

However, finances dictated that the building opened by Sir Berkeley Sheffield on Saturday 7th March 1925 (see photo to the right) was smaller than originally planned. Records tell us they had a billiard table (where the stage is now) but no billiard room.

The billiard room, with its distinctive saw tooth roof, built on the tennis court side of the hall, was added later, probably late 1925/early 1926.

The hall continued in use virtually unchanged till 1948 when its memorial status was extended and bronze plaques commemorating the fallen from the First and the Second World War were placed either side of the front entrance.

In Dec 1952, the management committee bought a piece of land just off Manor Lane. This allowed the Bowling Club to move from the small grass patch next to the hall, to a large field where they have grown and thrive to this day.



Photos of dinners held at the hall in the 1950's and 60's show tables and diners tightly shoehorned in together with no room to move. It wasn't surprising that in 1974 plans to widen the hall were being mooted. It was around this time that the Goxhill Memorial Hall charity was created, probably to give access to grant monies to fund the expansion. In 1976, the hall width was increased by the addition of two deep side wings. The position of the ladies' toilets and kitchen were also exchanged. Looking at the photo of the original building you can see the arches of the wings were formed from the old window openings. In 1980, plans were drawn up to reroof the snooker room. Additions to those plans suggests the second side room and snooker room lobby were created at this time.

When I first saw the hall in 1987, the front entrance was covered with the pale render shown below. That front section contained a foyer, a gent's toilet and a lady's cloakroom. The whole area was damp and mouldy. Despite constant repairs, the roof leaked. It had been like that for decades. In 2015 grants were applied for and a local builder employed to rebuild the whole of the front section. The new brick frontage now looks modern and functional. In addition to 2 new toilets (gents and disabled) a fancy foyer with canopy and etched glass window, we now have a clock tower and two, dry storerooms.



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Maintenance of such a large, disjointed, old building like the Memorial Hall however, is a constant battle. In 2018 all the electrics were checked out, with new boards installed and large areas rewired. 2020 saw the suspended maple dance floor lovingly restored. This year we had hoped to replace all the windows, all the carpets and install two new emergency doors. However, the funding came from National Grid. We applied for it when we thought the charity owned the building. Recent developments have suggested we were wrong. We have now put the money to one side awaiting National Grid's confirmation that the Parish Council ownership of the Memorial Hall is not a problem (see the separate article on the ownership of the Memorial Hall below).

Just to rub salt into the wounds, a spongy area in the kitchen has turned out to be the result of terminal wet rot in the floor joists and floorboards. Since we will have to pull out the kitchen cupboards to get to the floor, and they were second-hand when they went in 15/20 years ago, it's more than likely we will have to replace the units as well. But we are not discouraged! The building has stood proud for the last 96 years, and with a little bit of love and attention I am sure it will be still there after the next 96 years. Look out 2117, here we come.

Regards, **Ann Carter, Chairman Goxhill Memorial Hall Committee.**

For further information Phone 530635 or email goxhillmemorialhall@gmail.com

Goxhill Memorial Hall – under new (or possibly old) ownership

The Legal situation - If you are a regular reader of Parish Council or Memorial Hall Committee minutes then you will almost certainly be aware that, for the past year or so, there have been questions about who owns the Memorial Hall and Bowling Green land & buildings ('the property'). Goxhill Parish Council ('GPC') were advised by their solicitor that they own the land/buildings in trust rather than simply in their name on behalf of the Goxhill Memorial Hall charity ('GMH'). This opinion was based on a trust deed from 1933 and land conveyances from 1943 and 1952.

A different solicitor has recently advised the GMH Committee that, whilst the charity's constitution of 1976 states that "The said council shall hold the said property as Custodian Trustee", in the absence of contemporaneous records (i.e. from 1976, which we have been unable to trace) there is no way to conclusively prove it. The legal status of the constitution is effectively trumped by the 1933/1943/1952 documents so that, in the eyes of the Law, our charity does not, indeed never has, owned any of the property.

So where does this leave us currently? Well, the new status quo is that GPC own and are responsible for providing and maintaining the Memorial Hall property but GMH still have the charitable objective of supporting that same aim. One problem that GMH faces at present is that not owning, or having a direct legal interest in, the property is likely to limit the range of grants that we can apply for (our main source of funds). Fortunately, it seems highly unlikely that anyone will be demanding back the grants received over the past 45 years on the basis that GMH owned the Hall, although it's a theoretical possibility.

Charitable Incorporated Organisation - GPC have offered to lease the property to GMH but, in order to own a lease, we will need to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a 'CIO' - which is effectively a charitable company). In our current guise GMH is an unincorporated charity so the only way we could hold a freehold or leasehold property is by putting it in the names of individual persons ('holding trustees') or in the name of a corporate body ('custodian trustee'), the latter being why we believe it was put in the name of GPC originally.

A General Meeting - To convert to a CIO, we must first set up a CIO with the same objectives - which we are in the process of doing - and then we will need to hold a General Meeting of GMH to vote to transfer all of the assets and liabilities of GMH to that CIO and then dissolve GMH. That will need to be a public meeting, which all Goxhill residents of 18 years or above are eligible to attend and vote at. Since we had 62 attendees of all ages at the previous GMH general meeting, we believe we should wait until Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted so as to meet in person on a similar scale. Assuming that GMH general meeting approves the transfer, we will then need to apply to the Charity Commission for them to create a 'scheme', a formal legal document that approves the transfer.

Any Questions? - We know this change is not an easy concept to grasp and the Trustees of GMH have been struggling to come to terms with it ourselves. But hopefully this explains in a reasonably digestible form where we are, how we arrived there, and where we are going. If you have any questions then please send them via our website https://ann24239.wixsite.com/goxhillmemorialhall/contact_us or **contact any GMH Trustee**. We will aim to provide answers directly to you as well as include them in the next Gander - expecting that our proposed General Meeting will be after that issue.

Trustees, Goxhill Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground (registered charity 521928)

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Where to Begin

It is hard to know where to begin, as the past year has been one, the like of which we could not have imagined, and perhaps for many, better not foreseen. In spite of social distancing, lock down and all the other regulations, recommendations etc. we have achieved a few targets, and have been surprised by several other necessary tasks.

We completed the Skate Park and opened it just in time before gathering together was banned. We completely resurfaced the MUGA, which had become very slippery and could have become a hazard, also, just in time! We resurfaced and widened the footpath right through the Playing Field, and the area of land from Chapel Street, to enable the children to walk to school, then the schools were threatened with closure. All these tasks were planned but not, of course, the effects of the pandemic on their usage. What we didn't plan for and could not have foreseen was the necessary expense for tree work, a complete survey was needed to be carried out on trees growing on land owned by the Parish Council. This was a very large undertaking, carried out by a specialist. Following the results of the report, felling has been done, and much more is needed in the near future. This is never straight forward as most trees on public land have a tree preservation order on them, any work needs to be justified before starting. Several trees have been felled in the playing field and others on Chapel Street. Sadly there are more to be cut down due to the discovery of the infection "Honey fungus". A serious condition which kills the tree over several years. The disease stays in the soil and therefore will re-infect any new planting of trees and some shrubs for some time.

However all is not doom and gloom, we succeeded in taking over the maintenance of the grass verges from North Lincs. and employed our own contractor. In doing this we discovered that some areas on the list had been missed previously, these are now taken care of. We took on the task of maintaining the footpaths and brideways, again with our own contractors. We found, yet again, that some areas listed for work had not been done but thanks to our new procedures they are now properly cleared. This

year the roadsides have been immaculate and the footpaths walkable, in spite of the very changeable weather. All this, foreseen or unforeseen, work has been expensive. **This is shown in the Parish Precept statement below.** We always hope that whatever we do is purely for the welfare and the benefit of residents and the best for the village and also the environment in general. So come spring time the work will resume and hopefully we will all be able to get out, young and old, and enjoy the results.

List of recent achievements

- 2019** October - Trinity Close Path refurbishment
June - Playing Field Path refurbishment
December - Chapel Street Path refurbishment
September - Footpath booklets for Parishioners
- 2020** Erection of Skate Park
New Soft Close gate
MUGA resurfaced
Painting of the Parish rooms, internal and external, including the Library
Web site re-designed to comply with regulations
Additional seating near to the MUGA and more seating to be located near the Skate Park by the end of 2020 - benches kindly donated but the concrete fixings funded by the Parish Council.

The Memorial Hall - An inspection has been carried out by a surveyor, who stated that a full survey was not needed as the Hall was in extremely good condition. Some floor repairs are necessary, and an area of damp in one wall needs attention. Any work needed will be carried out as soon as possible.

The Library - Sadly still closed.

Playing Field - Vandals have been active again, a bench seat and table was completely burned, the fire getting out of control and burning neighbouring conifer trees. This was a very dangerous situation

Millennium Green - Still very well used by walkers in spite of being very wet. The ponds at the lower area are showing their value at present, allowing the land to drain. The woodland area continues to mature, and it would appear that

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Goxhill Parish Council Precept 2021-22

The Goxhill Parish Council precept for 2021-22 is considerably higher than previous years and it requires an explanation. Precept comparisons are referred to as D-Band equivalents, in previous years Goxhill Parish Council has had an average of £67/yr, this year it is £163.55 and this is the reason why.

2020-21 was a difficult year resulting in our reserves being severely depleted below the 50-100% of operating budget that we should hold. The Skatepark was completed 4 years after it was first proposed, the MUGA was found to be in need of resurfacing and trees in the park needed attention to make them safe. All these needed funding from the reserves because they hadn't been planned for.

This year it has been clarified that the Memorial Hall is owned in trust by the parish council for the benefit of the parishioners of Goxhill; due to this there are legal fees to pay, urgent repairs to the kitchen floor and forward funding to cover next year.

We are now responsible for cutting the grass verges and footpaths and whilst we get funding from NLC we have decide to increase the scope and frequency of the cuts in

response to requests from parishioners.

We have a responsibility to carry out safety inspections in the cemetery and trees in the parish. We need to carryout essential maintenance on ditches, hedgerows and brideways. In these difficult times we have supported local organisations with grants and we have a Covid-19 contingency fund for whatever community support we may be asked for.

So, at this years precept meeting your Council decided to: replenish the reserves; ensure that all known works for the coming year were costed and included; add contingency funds for work that may arise from these works; start to build ringfenced reserves for future maintenance and longterm projects.

All this will put the Goxhill Parish Council funds back on a firm footing with reserves to ensure we can meet any unexpected costs, funds to cover all known expenditure without drawing from reserves, and a little set aside for the future. We expect this to be a one off precept with next year being lower.

The proposed precept detail is now available to be viewed on the council's website -

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someone wants to sit in there as one of the bench seats has been re-sited, by persons unknown, to a spot between the trees.

Cemetery - The grass verge at the entrance has been protected by placing bollards along the edge. This will prevent damage to the grass verge by vehicles running over it, or parking off road. The main area is neat and tidy and the rear field although very wet is developing well.

Chapel Street land - No work can be carried out at present due to the necessary tree work, hopefully in the very near future the proposed wild meadow can be created. This is a wish of residents and I, for one, am very much looking forward to this getting underway. It has been a long wait to start, but unavoidable, gardening is always a patient game but it will be worth the wait I'm sure.

Old School! - Recently a fascinating item has been brought to my attention, something that I and I am sure many others have walked past and either never noticed or just may have pondered as to what it is. An old stone

approximately 3' x 1', (old measurements for an old stone), lies on the footpath, following on from Church Street, Bridle path 68, alongside the Church. It is a stone left from the old school, apparently the building was no bigger than a Pig Sty, not a good analogy for a School, but a suitably acceptable description size wise. It accommodated just a handful of children and was situated in a spot behind the stone, maybe in the 1700s, when it is believed schooling started in Goxhill.

This should be recognised and maybe commemorated in some way. It would be wonderful if we could discover more about this. **If anyone has any information please contact me.**
Freda Dunkley

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Update from National Grid River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project

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By Steve Ellison, Lead Project Manager

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At the end of 2020, we officially completed our gas pipeline under the Humber.

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The project team and I would like to thank the people of Goxhill for their welcome and patience over the years as we completed this nationally significant piece of infrastructure.

Looking back on our project, I am struck by the incredible feat of engineering involved. Mary, our tunnel boring machine (TBM) spent 18-months boring and constructing a 3.65m diameter tunnel beneath the estuary to enable the new pipeline to be installed. Hydraulic thrust machines pushed sections of pipe on rollers into the new tunnel and the pipes were methodically pushed into the tunnel which had been flooded with treated water to aid installation. After one pipe section had been installed, the next was moved into position and welded to the one in front.

The push continued until the 4.96km pipeline was fully installed in July last year, securing a place in the Guinness World Records, by becoming the world's longest hydraulically inserted pipe.

Here are some headline facts from our project:

- Tunnel boring machine Mary was equivalent in length to **11 double decker buses** and weighed in at **220 tonnes**. Her name was inspired by Mary Fergusson OBE, the first female fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers.
- **160,000 tonnes** of excavated material used to help restore a former quarry
- Two hydraulic thrust machines pushed eight 620m long and 850 tonne sections of pipe on rollers into the new tunnel and the pipes were methodically pushed into the tunnel which had been flooded with **50,000m³** (the equivalent of 16 Olympic sized swimming pools)
- The pipeline itself weighs **6,500 tonnes**
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What's left to do at our Goxhill site

Although the pipeline is now in operation, we're still in the process of demobilising our Goxhill site. The majority of buildings and equipment have been removed and we expect work to return the area back to farmland in the summer.

Keeping in touch.

If you need to get in touch, please contact a member of our community relations team by email at nationalgrid@riverhumberpipeline.com or by telephone on **0800 988 9144**.

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Bird And Wildlife Sightings by Steve Routledge

Another compilation of sightings from my local birding patch at East Halton/Goxhill on the banks of the Humber Estuary.

November 15th - A visit to the local patch today certainly paid dividends, with unbelievably, the Olive-backed Pipit from the 8th still being present in the Dawson City area.

The bird gave excellent views as it sat in Hawthorns along the floodbank and became not only the latest record for Lincolnshire, but also the longest staying bird.

Other sightings in the area today included a lovely, singing male Siberian Chiffchaff on Dawson City nature reserve and nice sightings involving a male Merlin, Short-eared Owl and 2 Water Pipits at East Halton Skitter.



Male Merlin, East Halton Marshes

A walk up to Goxhill Tillery, saw 2 lovely Snow Buntings showing nicely as they fed along the Humber tideline. This species is a scarce, but usually annual visitor in the winter months to the Estuary from its breeding grounds in Scandinavia/Iceland or perhaps even Scotland.

November 22nd & 28th

Again a few nice sightings during these two visits to the area, with the rare sighting of a flyover Lapland Bunting being seen and heard at Winter's Pond on the 22nd.

This is a pretty rare visitor these days to the Estuary, from similar breeding areas to the Snow Buntings seen on the 15th.

The Winter's Pond area at East Halton on the 28th proved a good area to be at with another Snow Bunting being seen flying south along the Humber bank and a lovely Drake Goosander showed well on the ponds.

Overhead, an adult and juvenile Peregrine played havoc amongst the local Wood Pigeons and Wading birds, scattering birds in all directions as they hunted, a great sight to see.

A walk along the saltmarsh today, between East Halton Skitter and Dawson City proved fruitful, with me flushing 3 Jack Snipe as I walked. This species is pretty hard to see, as they like to feed on Salt and freshwater marshes, hidden in the vegetation and so this is often the only way the species is seen. It is another winter visitor to our shores from its breeding grounds in northern Europe.

5th December

A visit to a different part of the local patch today, parking near Goxhill Tillery was a great decision, with the area being very productive.



Olive-backed Pipit, Dawson City, Goxhill

First good sighting of the day, was a new species for my local patch species list, a Great-northern Diver!. It was seen as it flew west along the estuary towards New Holland and is a great record of this arctic winter visitor to our shores.

As I walked towards New Holland a flock of Buntings I saw distantly, revealed themselves to be a flock of 33 Snow Buntings. This is the largest flock of the species I have recorded in the area and were really nice to see, but were a

nightmare to get close to, flushing at close range. I later found out why, 2 Peregrines were sitting on the fields and were obviously making the birds jumpy.

This area of the Humber has held a wintering flock of Goldeneye over the years in Winter, feeding on spilt grain from New Holland Bulk Terminal and today's visit saw a good count of 338 birds being present. But in amongst them were 2 scarcer visiting species, Scaup and Common Scoter. These latter 2 species are mainly winter visitors to our shores, being mainly seen out at sea and the recent easterly



Snow Buntings near Goxhill Tillery

winds may be the reason they have turned up and are joining the Goldeneye to feed. A total of 48 Common Scoter and 29 Scaup were counted, making for a great sight to see.

The final sighting of the day went to another new species for my local patch, a Caspian Gull. This immature bird was

watched feeding on the flooded fields, with Herring, Great black-backed, Black-headed and Common Gulls and gave some great views. This species is a scarce visitor to the estuary from its breeding grounds around the Caspian Sea.

6th - 30th December

A series of good sightings over this period in the Winter's Pond area included regular visits and a young male Scaup being present on the ponds until the year end with the resident Tufted Duck flock, he gave lovely views and may have been one of the birds seen of Goxhill Tillery on the 5th.

On the 6th also a flock of 11 Barnacle Geese were seen overflying East Halton beck and later in the day 2 drake Goosander and a Short-eared Owl were seen near Dawson City nature reserve.

On the 20th, a big influx of Fieldfare were observed mainly between East Halton Skitter and Dawson City nature reserve and involved at least 3600 birds. This is an



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Whooper Swans, Winter's Pond, East Halton

nomadic species in winter, finding food sources, stripping the hedgerows of berries and then moving onto the next area and were a real joy to watch. Also in the area were at least 6000 Starling, part of the flock of approximately 20, 000 birds which has been roosting at North Killingholme.

January 2021

exceptional count of this species and it is no doubt due to the cold weather on the continent pushing these beautiful Scandinavian visitors to our shores in the search of some milder weather.

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A great start to the year on the 1st saw me visiting the area and recording a pretty impressive 86 species. The days sightings included some great birds, with Winter's Pond being the hotspot and species there including an adult Whooper Swan, pair of Goosander, the 1st winter male Scaup from the 6th December.

3rd January

Another visit to the area today was unfortunately the last I can report here, due to the dreaded Covid-19 restrictions coming into place again, after the exponential rise in cases. The days sightings consisted of a Kingfisher at Winter's Pond which was the first sighting for the year of this lovely species and also the young male Scaup here still, with the semi-resident pair of Goosander also present watched as they caught several fish.

In the Dawson City area, 2400 Pink-footed Geese were observed, with 4 Water Pipit being seen later around East Halton Skitter.

Steve Routledge.

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GOXHILL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE



A year ago the Goxhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan (GPNP) was in the thick of conducting its consultation survey of all village residents and businesses with a deadline of 31st March 2020. We all know what happened then...

Despite stopping the survey in its tracks a little ahead of the deadline, we had received an encouraging number of completed questionnaires, including a young persons version via local schools. An initial summary of results was published in the Summer 2020 issue of the Gander.

However, with all meetings including our AGM, cancelled, we have not been able to move forward to discuss the results of the survey in great detail or the way forward.

In the meantime, the Government announced plans to simplify the whole planning procedure and we questioned our adviser at North Lincs Council, on whether a Neighbourhood Plan would still be a valuable part of the planning process. We were assured that the Government still encouraged the development of local Neighbourhood Plans.

Finally we couldn't wait any longer so a ZOOM meeting was arranged in January 2021.

Dave Lofts, our adviser at NLC informed the meeting that North Lincolnshire's Draft Local Plan was due to go out for a final 6 week consultation in February, before going to the Government for approval.

The Chair, Jack Lawtey, then announced that the resignation of Freda Dunkley had been received for personal reasons relating to pressure of work. He also announced that he was resigning from the committee for personal reasons too with immediate effect. Both councillors are still committed to a Neighbourhood Plan for Goxhill.

After this bombshell, the Vice Chair took over. However, the meeting could not continue as the resignation of both parish councilors meant the committee did not meet the requirement of having 1-3 parish councilors on it.

At the Parish Council meeting on 4th February, no members of the Parish Council put their names forward to be part of the steering committee, to enable GPNP to continue to work, on behalf of the village, to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Subsequently Sam England has said he will put his name forward at the next PC meeting. Watch this space...

Jeff Teasdale

BOOK BOXES

Our two telephone kiosk Book Boxes have become part of life in Goxhill.

Pre-covid, the Box by the Parish Room was maintained by Goxhill WI and the Box by the school was cared for by a non-WI volunteer. Both of these volunteers had to shield during the first lockdown and have since decided that they would like to be relieved of their duties.

Regular checking, thinning of excess books and tidying of the shelves has become increasingly difficult, not least because books, magazines and other non-reading matter have been thrown into the kiosks, by the box or carrier bag load, making it impossible for anyone to stand inside to choose a book and causing the kiosk doors to stay open and let in rain.

Goxhill WI has a volunteer willing to take on one Book Box but **another volunteer is needed!** If you think you can help to maintain one of the two Book Boxes, and in the process thumb your nose at the people who complain about the state of the Boxes but do nothing to improve them, please contact **Caroline** on **01469 532204**.



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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

**Lockdown 2021 at Goxhill School - in the words of a
 pupil and staff on coping with a pandemic.**

This school lockdown feels very different to the last lockdown. Last time, the weather was wonderful and it seemed to be lovely every day. Staying at home was a bit of a novelty and very few people that we know had been affected by the virus. So, being told to do our learning from home was an exciting and fun adventure. We received a weekly update from our teachers and went for weeks without seeing anybody but the people we lived with!

Now, the weather is rubbish and we're reluctant to go on our daily walks when it is cold, grey and the days are much shorter. We are tired of being indoors and being restricted to what we can do and who we can see.

Pupils now have a Google Classroom account which makes doing schoolwork much easier as we have tasks set daily and we have almost immediate contact with our teachers if we need anything. We now also have daily video calls with our classes, which is great because we can see all of our friends - on a screen anyway! Joe, who is also in my class, summed up all our thoughts nicely when he said, "I am finding the work really fun. I haven't had any technical difficulties. I like how easy it is to communicate with our teacher, Miss Twidale."

I really feel as though I am being challenged with my work and Miss Twidale sets extension tasks for those who want to do a bit of greater-depth work.

Miss Twidale has been encouraging us to have some family time and to be children. I think this was very thoughtful and appreciate that she cares about our wellbeing as well as our learning.

I have been able to speak with some of my classmates via the internet. My friend, James, told me that he likes being able to spend more time with his family. "Doing home schooling is like a big IT lesson." James told me. I totally agree with him. My typing skills have really improved!

One thing I feel that we have missed out on so far is our transition to secondary school. By this time, we would have visited our secondary schools and had a taster session. The thought of going to a new school in September now feels even more daunting.

I am looking forward to going back to school and to finish off my time at Goxhill Primary in the usual way.

By Finlay Hanson. Head Boy at Goxhill Primary

I was all set to return to school for the start of the new term. The planning was done, the work books prepared for the first week's activities and the Foundation Stage classroom was set up with exciting activities. That night as I heard that schools were to be closed and that everyone (with a few exceptions) would access remote learning, my initial response was that of panic! As someone not known for their technical know-how! How was I going to cope?

The following day was fraught to say the least. I had a thousand and one questions as I struggled to get to grips with the immense task of establishing home learning for my class ready for the next day. Eventually with much support from my



more technologically minded colleagues I grasped the basics and so began my remote learning journey. My job has diversified in ways I could never have imagined a year ago. The list of jobs as a teacher has always been vast but has now been extended beyond belief. But at the end of the day the satisfaction at a child being able to read or spell a word that they were previously unable to is still rewarding whether it is achieved in school or at home via remote learning. My aim is still the same regardless of the challenges that are faced: to provide fun engaging activities which move the learning of all children forward as they commence their journey through school.

Catherine Travis

Thoughts of a Teacher After a Positive Test

Sore throat. Cough starts. Blocked nose. A positive test. First thought is, what about the children in my class?

Our class text needs recording, the children love listening to it in class. My throat hurts when I talk. Rest calls, I can't answer. I'm trying to stay on top of it all: navigating the new universe of remote learning, replying to emails, supporting the children, planning tasks that engage and making resources. Rest calls, no time to answer. I feel exhausted, poorly and overwhelmed. Putting on a brave face and holding the coughs in, I hold a virtual class assembly. This is very different; the children look well though. One has a new family member, a puppy. Seeing the puppy makes us all smile. I'm glad the children are smiling and happy, that's what matters. Rest calls, I really should answer. There are new expectations that come hand in hand with this virus. Adding to the expectations I have for myself as a teacher. It's hard but I keep pushing through because the children matter. Under normal circumstances, when you are poorly you take time off. You go home. Home is now the classroom. It's hard to get away from the emails and the comments. I just want to help but it comes at a personal cost. Where is the line? Rest calls, I really need to answer. The lines start to blur. My throat feels like sandpaper, my cough is getting worse and my entire body aches. Am I doing enough for the children? They deserve me at my best but I'm too tired to think of the answer. I need to recover. Rest calls, I answer.

Sinead Fallon

I felt really prepared for school in January, more prepared than I had felt in a long time. All of the objectives for the week were printed and ready to stick in books, I had overhauled all of my interventions so I could give extra support to the children that needed it, and I had printed extra resources to help each child catch up after all of the school they had missed previously.

I finally found out our school would not be opening the night before we were due to be back, and I was filled with panic. I needed to get work to the children as soon as possible so that they did not miss any more learning, alongside supporting them emotionally (as well as their parents too).

I went to work the following day and met with the staff (socially distanced of course). We all got as up to speed as we could with the remote learning and tried to plan for the week remotely. I was feeling organised and pleased with



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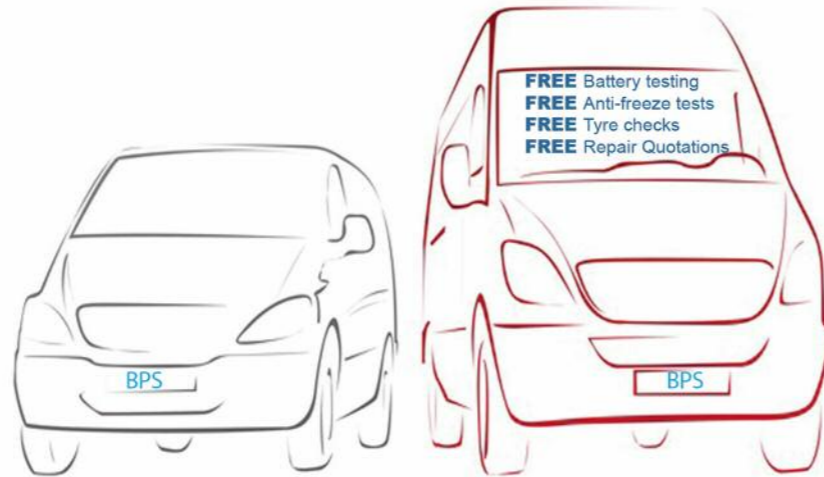
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what I had planned, but the continuous worry of, 'will they be able to access it? Will they be able to cope alongside all of their siblings with only one adult at home?' followed me round – and still does! Now, towards the end of January, I feel confident with my remote learning (as confident as I can be). I am busier than ever and if I am honest, at times, completely overwhelmed (the picture certainly does my current teaching experience justice). However, I smile to the children and we have lovely days in school, regardless of how much pressure we are all under. It is difficult to know if this is now what my job will be for the foreseeable future, but all I can do is my absolute best to support everyone and make sure the children are still flourishing. **Miss Billie Elliot**

Being a teacher in a pandemic - a constant battle of head versus heart. In my head, I have a job to do and the children and parents in my class need me. In my heart, mother instinct takes over and I want to protect my own young children, physically and mentally.

Last lockdown, I was able to work from home, setting work for my class whilst juggling childcare for an energetic three-year-old and home schooling my eldest. This time, my children are in school when I am working due to an increase in the number of children needing Key Worker and Vulnerable provision. The energy I put into my remote learning provision, pastoral support and teaching the children in school depletes me so when it comes to home learning and parenting, I do not have much more left to give. At times, I feel my own children suffer which is against everything in my being. I am not looking for sympathy as this is life now and others I know are suffering far more severely as a result of the negative consequences of this awful pandemic. What I am seeking is a shared understanding of everyone's personal situations and consideration of everyone's work-life balance.

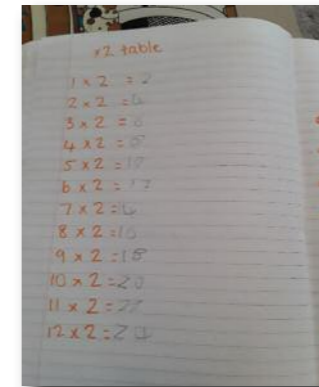
I have so much admiration and gratitude for parents who find themselves in this situation again. I speak from experience of it myself - remote learning is not easy and we can only do our best! This time everyone is fed up and the mental health of the children and others in the school community is suffering.

I am having amazing highs when parents send me notes and comments about how much their child has enjoyed my remote phonics lessons with Neil the Sloth or when parents are appreciative, grateful and ask how I am. I also have lows when I feel I have given all I can, and the government drops another 'bombshell' preventing us from living our 'normal' lives.

I am not angry about the situation anymore as this does not help. The leaked tit bits to the media that rile us all up, I avoid. I try to remain professional and give a listening ear to those who need it. And through it all I keep telling myselflove and kindness will conquer all and there must be an end in sight...

Mrs Hannah Trafford

If you had told me in December 2019, that come the start of the new year in 2021, I would be sitting in my classroom cupboard teaching my class (who are mostly working remotely from home) via Google Classrooms, I would not have believed you. Yet, here we are - one year later - and I am doing exactly that!



I think we can all agree that the last year has been an incredibly tough, confusing, unexpected and frustrating year for us all and, like you I am sure, I was looking forward to starting a fresh new year being able to enjoy life as we once knew it. However, come January 4th this was not to be and, once more, we were told of the closure of our school to the majority of our pupils.

And what an incredibly long 3 weeks it has felt so far! All of the previous planning and lesson preparation now mostly redundant, lessons moved online. In a short space of time, resources needed to be found and created, google classrooms to be explored, videos and log in details needed to be shared and, most importantly, pupils needed to continue their learning... from afar! No easy task for anybody.

And yet, although the last few weeks have without a doubt been challenging and confusing and frustrating, I am incredibly proud of how much resilience, perseverance and determination our pupils have demonstrated. In what is almost certainly an 'unprecedented' situation, they have risen to the challenge so here is a big well done and thank you from me to them. I will look forward to seeing you in our next online Class Meeting.

Heather Smith

The return to school after Christmas was hectic. We'd had our teacher training day and thought that we were all prepared for the return of the children. Little did we know that an announcement to shut schools would be made that night. Teachers are always adapting their work for different reasons but much more pressure was on this time as we had a few hours' notice to change our teaching routine yet again. This time we were entering the world of Google Classroom and although we had so many questions, we didn't really have time to get all the answers. Thanks to the amazing support of Teaching Assistants and other work colleagues, within a couple of hours we ensured that parents were able to access online learning and that children had work set.



To say that schools would be shut was not quite true as many children were still expected at school which was worrying. Even though we were aware of the risks that we were putting upon our own families, we followed the guide- lines to keep children and us as safe as possible at school.

Google Classroom has worked well and parents are communicating some lovely messages which make the hard work of added pressure worthwhile. By mirroring the work sent home to the work done within the school, I feel reassured as a teacher that the children's learning is continuing well. Who knows what will happen as we enter a new term! However, as always we will 'keep calm and carry on'.

Jaclyn Jipson

I'm a teacher...but I'm also a Mum, a Wife and a Daughter

As a Mum, I feel a sense of guilt every time I drop them off at their school during lockdown knowing I am adding to their level of risk when most of their friends are safe at home.

As a Wife, I have spent my evenings creating content for

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remote learning rather than spending time with my husband. He has seen me worry about my parents when they got ill and the children in my class and made me countless cups of tea to get me through.

As a Daughter, I got that call... 'We've both tested positive'. My diabetes as an extra factor, it wasn't a great journey.

As a Teacher, I park up at work each day and take a deep breath, steeling myself for the day to come. I put on my mask and try to make my smile reach my eyes as I prepare to greet the children who are looking to me for reassurance. Will we make it through the day? Will another bubble close? In amongst the levels of anxiety, there are lighter moments of

'Ooh, I like your new mask!' It's the new fashion accessory. Moving around school is like human dodgems: you have to assume everyone has COVID. I stay in my classroom during breaks and lunch 'just in case'. Everyone you see in school gives each other that reassuring smile that says 'I know how you feel' and 'We're in this together'.

Those looks are everything for me: they tell you that you're not alone in what could be a very isolating new world.

Amy Box

I hope to have an article on parent's experiences during lockdown in the next issue. Editor

Nan Brigham - A Ghostly Tale

Nan Brigham is a bridleway that doglegs its way between North End and Ferry Road. Once choked with bramble, it is an avenue of ash, hawthorn and elder, used more by horse than villager on foot.

It is also haunted!

The lane is named after a young woman who lived her short life more than 200 years ago in Goxhill. Legend has it she was not happy in her marriage and found consolation in the arms of another man. The affair would not have remained a secret in a rural, close-knit community in eighteenth century England.

Truth will out

One windy moonless night in late October, Nan Brigham's husband learned the truth about his young wife. It is possible he was in one of the local hostelrys at the time. A friend perhaps whispered the word as Brigham drank in the fire-lit room. He was not a man to be trifled with at the best of times, but this night, with his rage smouldering inside him, inflamed by the dark strong beer, Brigham would have been given an even wider berth.

But Nan had her friends too: someone must have told her that Brigham was on his way and his mood was foul. It seems she lived in great fear of him for she came to a terrible and tragic decision. She crossed the cobbled yard to the stables, placed a halter over the head of her white pony and took a coil of rope from the wall. She rode bare-back up the lane to the main road which ran from the Haven to the village. This was where Nan was the most vulnerable. It was here she could have run straight into Brigham.

Fortunately for her, the night was black and the streets unlit; even the white pony would have been hidden. It was just a short ride to the bridleway that was soon to bear her name.

The Deed

Nan Brigham halted her pony beneath a great elm, its heavy boughs creaking in the fresh north easterly whipping in from the sea. Working by touch, she secured the rope to an overhanging branch and tied a noose. She placed the noose around her neck. What thoughts went through her head in her last moments on earth? God only knows. A yearning for her lover? Regret perhaps? Whatever, she could not delay. Better death than fall into the hands of Brigham and his fury. She dug her heels into the pony's flanks.....

Many years later...

One summer in the late 1950's, three of us boys played in the sun-lit meadows close by the swaying trees of the bridleway and talked for hours of the woman Nan Brigham. Our imaginations had been fired by the discovery of documented evidence detailing the death of Nan Brigham and the subsequent haunting. Legend had it that Nan's ghost returned at midnight on Hallowe'en; riding her white pony she re-enacted her last journey and hanging.

When Autumn arrived, two of us made plans to wait in the lane on Hallowe'en and see for ourselves the ghost of Nan Brigham. We were thirteen and scared silly. Our feet crunched on the stiff white grass of an early frost. We spoke in nervous whispers, our breath like smoke in the still, keen air. After several false alarms of heart attack proportions, we ran home... It was half past eleven.

Many years ago, the old people of North End would not venture out on Hallowe'en for fear of meeting Nan. It was said that if you were to listen at midnight you could hear the spec'tral clip-clop of hooves.

Macabre Joke

In the 1920's, some fool let loose a white pony late on Hallowe'en and nearly scared the population out of their wits.

I hope Nan does not walk this earth once a year. Heaven knows she didn't have much of a life. I wish her peace.

I have lived within sight of the Bridleway known as Nan Brigham for nearly 30 years. I have stood outside the house at midnight on Hallowe'en and heard the wind roar through the tree tops, snatching the last of the leaves and I have never seen anything.

But I tell you this: I would not walk down the lane, no, not for anything, because you never know! Nan might just be there on her white pony, in all her ghostly glory.

Waiting, waiting.....

A reader had asked about this legend and I have reprinted the article from the Winter 1996 issue of the Gander. Unfortunately the author was not named.

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OFF THE HOOF

"The secret to change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but building the new" - Socrates

Pathways Hostel Donations - Firstly, I would like to thank everyone on behalf of Pathways Hostel in Lincoln, for the generous donations of hats, scarves and gloves. The original quest was expanded upon with the ability to add socks, toiletries and other treasures. Special thanks to the manageress and all the staff at the Coop who did their own collection of goodies. Every resident received a package, and they were overwhelmed by the generosity, it was more than the gifts being given, it was the hope it inspired.

Jar lid remover - This Christmas I was given a useful little gadget which is a jar lid remover. It punches a small hole in the lid of jam jars etc. which releases the pressure so they can be opened easily and is called 'Pop it'. It makes an ideal gift for anyone who struggles with this kind of thing, I love it! You can find more details at this web site: <https://popit.pro4uk.com/>.

Interval training - I hear a lot of people saying they have put on weight. If this is the case I can thoroughly recommend checking out You Tube and **Jenny McClendon Tabata**. It's a fun interval training video for all ages and abilities. The whole family could do it together. You work for two minutes, rest for two minutes and have a drink (water please!)

Online dressage competition - Many of the usual events for Christmas could not take place this year, one being the charity Christmas ride through the village in fancy dress. This usually happens between Christmas and New Year. Not to be daunted and observing the rules, Jo Burns-Firth ran an online dressage competition for her liveries and clients. A friend of Jo's judged it and her husband paid for the rosettes. Prizes were donated by local companies and the total amount raised for **Lincolnshire Air ambulance** was **£270**. This was down on what is normally raised but still brilliant. Over the years, Jo has raised somewhere in the region of **£2K** so well done to all involved.

Jo Burns-Firth - Jo employs and trains four local girls and has one apprentice all striving to improve and learn. Her head girl, Lauren, was originally an apprentice and won an award for the high level of her work. Jo, herself, is currently on the British Equestrian Youth Pathway Coaching course which is providing select coaches with the skills to work with potential talent. She is also doing a 'Work Placement Mentoring' qualification and currently mentoring a coach towards her level 4 BHS (British Horse Society) qualification, all through the wonders of ZOOM! Both coaching and competing are pretty much on hold at

present and Jo is using the time to work her horses so when competitions are permissible they will be on top form. It is very hard to do all that Jo does and to compete. With all that is involved it is very expensive. Jo is both lucky and grateful to have sponsorship through a local business Foster Equestrian, which is an online company for equestrian clothing and horse ware. I'm amazed that she finds the time to do the charity work that she does.



Christmas presents collected for all the residents of Pathways Hostel in Lincoln

ICE - Did you know that the emergency services will check your mobile for ice? I know several people will have been lucky enough to receive a new phone for

Christmas. If your mobile is new or old, please ensure you generate a contact under "ICE" (In Case of Emergency). If you are ever in an accident the ambulance service or police will look for it and contact that person first. If you're a rider and get knocked out this can be vital for informing your nearest and dearest as quickly as possible.

Bird watch - COVID is still a major issue and despite current conditions we must look forward. Bird watch took place recently and for the first time I took part and really enjoyed it. I can now identify more birds than I could prior to the hour spent. This event is always on a weekend and while next year will, hopefully, allow us more freedom, visits to friends and travel, I can recommend taking part either alone, with a friend over coffee or with your family.

Photo Frolics - Last October the Village Hall Committee held a Photo Frolics photographic competition that was so well supported there is to be another one this October. This gives plenty of time for you to take more photos or dig some out. Apparently, for such a horse populated village, there was a distinct lack of entries of our equine friends. Come on equestrians, don't let the side down. It is still the intention of the Village Hall Committee to produce packs of notelets using some of the photos entered. These will be sold to raise more funds for the hall which is a registered charity.

Open Gardens - It is not yet known if 'Open Gardens' will be possible again this year, not as it normally runs anyway, depending on the rules and regulations regarding the pandemic it may be permissible but could be at short notice. If anyone is interested in either opening their garden or helping in some way, please contact **Caroline Atkin on 532204**. For any newcomers to the village Caroline is also the person to speak to regarding the WI (see page 9 for more information).

Best Kept Village - This leads nicely onto the 'Best Kept

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Village' competition, which we won last year, but only by one point. This competition is designed to bring a community together which is still possible despite COVID. The mowing team from last year really did an excellent job and I am sure they will again this year under the direction of our Parish Council. The Council are responsible for the playing fields, Millennium green, footpaths, bridleways, cemeteries and such. Some of our councillors' plant boxes and some boxes are sponsored. The competition is normally judged in the last week of July/first week of August.

What can you do - as a member of the community? Plant some plants either in a box or a tub, or what the village is short of is colour at height i.e., window boxes or hanging baskets. More tubs were on display last year, but there are still some areas that could do with more floral colour and we are hoping this will be addressed. There will be something you can help with, even if it is only to water and dead head a designated box or display near your home. Hedges which have become overgrown need to be addressed (farmers and landowners, must not cut hedges between 1st March and 1st September) Care must be taken not to disturb nesting birds. If you have a problem hedge that you cannot tackle I suggest you contact **Martin on 01469 532923 at Field Farm Foods**. He might be able to lower and cut the roadside to help make it less daunting.

Spring in Bloom - It is hoped to create a flower bed in North End under the 'Spring in Bloom' project in conjunction with North Lincs Council. This will hopefully also contribute to the Best Kept Village competition.

Wildflower conservation area - In the last edition of The Gander two plans were put forward of suggestions on what should be done with the area from Chapel Street leading to Vicar's Bridge. Thank you to all who took the time to vote. The plan to create the wildlife conservation area with wildflowers was approved by the Parish Council but, at the time of writing, permission now has to be granted by North Lincs Council. Work may not start until March owing to infected trees having to be removed. Advanced notification

will be given regarding spraying of this area. Our Primary school children are keen to build a bug hotel and require materials such as pallets, tubing or piping. All those interested in volunteering, donating items or sponsoring this project please inform either myself or Jack Lawtey. Fund raising for the project is almost impossible at present, but I am hoping to have another yard sale, selling furniture, bric-a-brac and possibly horse paraphernalia. Depending on the rules it may be at very short notice.

Looking after horses in wet weather - At the time of writing the rain is lashing down on to fields that are already under water. I don't think anyone can escape it and I feel sorry for the ponies that have to live out. I am lucky enough to be able to bring mine in and in fact she free ranges and can come in at any time she likes. Even though she has new rugs it seems no match for the driving torrential rain of late and it is hard to get the rugs to dry. Wet rugs can cause their own problems, but with horses permanently without rugs they are in danger of getting skin conditions such as rain scold, predominantly on their backs, mud fever on their legs and in their heels and thrush in their hooves. As many precautions should be taken as possible. For the hooves, when cleaned out and dry, I use 'Kevin Bacons Hoof Dressing' as recommended by my farrier. It seems expensive but it lasts quite a while and is an investment.

Road Nails - I was interested to read about a study being conducted at the Royal Veterinary College, Potters Bar on the use of Road Nails by their farrier Peter Day. It was even more interesting, personally, as he was my farrier for years when I lived in Enfield and the roads there were so slippery most owners had them fitted and we never rode out without knee boots in case our mounts went down. It seems strange that it is only now they are being studied. It conjured up happy memories and renewed contacts. I do count myself lucky to have been blessed with both my farrier down south and the one I have now.

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A word of advice from Acara Accountancy, about claiming homeworking allowance.

If you are an employee then please note that HMRC has loosened its rules about claiming homeworking allowance when your employer requires you to work from home (i.e. not by your choice).

The allowance itself (£6 per week from 6 April 2020) has been around for years but previously has only been allowed for the weeks that you had to work from home. It was news to me to find Martin Lewis the MoneySavingExpert saying that HMRC will allow a whole year's allowance absolutely regardless of how many days you had to work at home. But it seems it's true.

This change is probably only going to be around while Covid-19 is but, if it applies to you even for one day then it sounds like a good opportunity for 2020/21. This link should take you to the HMRC Microservice that Martin Lewis refers to <https://www.gov.uk/tax-relief-for-employees/working-at-home>

If you submit a Self Assessment tax return it looks like you cannot use the microservice but can claim it when you submit your SA tax return.

Claiming the £6 per week will reduce your taxable income by £312 (£6 x 52 weeks) to save a basic 20% rate tax payer £62.40 tax or double that for somebody on the higher 40% rate.

Note that if you wish to claim more than the £6 'no proof' basis then it would need you to do a lot more work and keep records/proof of the basis for your calculations. The following expenses are definitely not treated as allowable for this purpose, because an employee would be required to pay them whether or not they were working from home: council tax (rates); rent; water rates; mortgage interest/endowment premiums; insurance for the property/contents.

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The stories behind more names on the Goxhill Memorial WW1 plaque, with connections to brick yards on the Humber.

In my last Gander article I left off at 'The Poplars' at the bottom of Ferry Road. Continuing on a short walk to Goxhill Haven, along the Humber Bank going west towards New Holland, takes you past a row of derelict buildings.



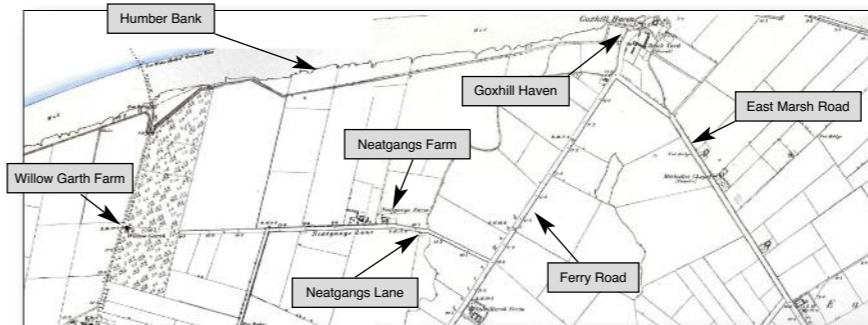
Derelict buildings at Blythe's brickyard/Shipyard - taken from Foreshore

The abandoned site was once a Lighter repair yard owned by John Deheere of Hull. A Lighter was 'a type of Barge with no sail or engine so were towed around the docks and rivers' as described by Bob Towle in Ron Park-

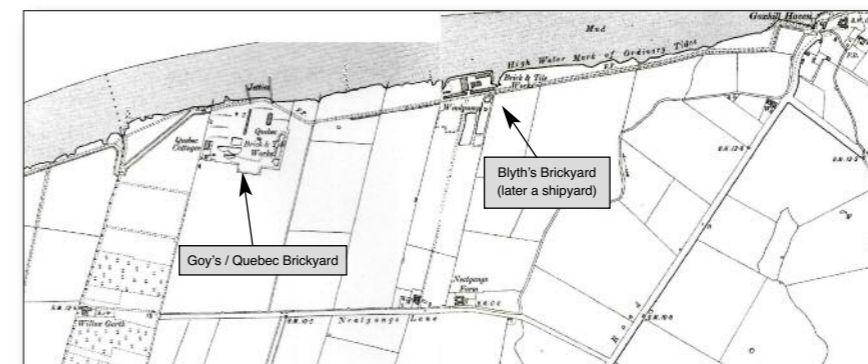
er's Goxhill Bygones. Today, the wreck of such a vessel still sits in the foreshore mud. Prior to 1926 the site had been used as a brickyard. The access road is still clearly visible running from Neatgangs Farm on



Neatgangs Lane to the Humber Bank, though it is now signed a Private Road.



1886 Map showing Neatgangs Lane and Willow Garth Farm. Note no Goy's/Quebec or Blythe's brick-yards. Land at end of Neatgangs Lane (track leads to New Holland) used to grow Willow.



1908 Map showing Goy's/Quebec and Blythe's brickyards established. Reduction in capacity of Willow grown.

The map of 1886 shows two farms on Neatgangs Lane. Confusingly the house named Neatgangs Farm on the map is today named Orchard House and the house, unnamed on the map, is today named Neatgangs Farm. The map indicates that the area at the bottom of Neatgangs Lane was a farm named 'Willow Garth'. Garth is an old Viking name meaning an 'enclosure, usually a grass paddock near to a farmhouse' (Abbeygarth Villas and Spring Garth (opposite the Memorial Hall) for example). This farm was run by various families but often the name 'Beeton's Farm' was added underneath the list-

ing. In the 1901 census it is named 'Hosiers' which refers to a type of willow best suited for basket making. There is no evidence of the farm today and a gate bars the way to the track that leads across this land and towards New Holland.

The 1891 census for this area of Goxhill Marsh records two families, George Such with his wife and family, and Asa Kirk (b. 1863 Winterringham) with his wife, two sons and brother Ira. George Such was foreman at Blythe's Brickyard, where Asa worked as a tile maker and Ira worked as brick maker. Later records, dated 1894, list five families resident at this brickyard; Josh Atkinson, Fred Robinson, Asa Kirk, George Charlesworth and John Hedley (from notes made by Kees van den Bos). Blythe's brickyard was the name of the site later taken over by John Deheere's Lighter repair yard. Today the abandoned clay pit sits inland from the bank.

The 1908 maps show two yards on this section of the Humber bank, Blythe's brickyard and a newer yard, closer to the willow tree beds. This newer yard was owned by David Goy and it is referred to as 'Goy's' in census records. Later it was known as Quebec. Joyce Shearwood explained that production ceased during World War 1 but on resumption of manufacture the yard was named Goxhill Brickworks Ltd and later as Sandtoft Tileries (taken from Ron Parker's Goxhill Bygones). It is known today as the Goxhill factory for Wienerberger Ltd.

The 1911 census shows nine families living along this section of the Humber Bank, only two families stated precisely where they lived, but the census enumerator in his summary, identified that five of the families listed lived at Blythe's brickyard. The other four families listed lived at Goy's. Although only four families are listed at Goys, the enumerator recorded that two homes were uninhabited, so at the time potentially six families could live there.

If we return to Blythe's brickyard (the Shipyard site), the names recorded show that four of the families were two sets of father and sons. The first house listed in the census, was the home of George Abraham Charlesworth (b. 1846, Barton) and his family. Next to George lived Asa Kirk (who had been first recorded here in 1891), his wife and seven children. After Asa lived Fred Charlesworth (b. 1876 South Killingholme); Fred was George Abraham Charlesworth's third son, married and living with three young children. After Fred Charlesworth lived Tom Kirk (b. 1888 Barton), his wife and a small child; Tom was Asa Kirk's oldest son. The final house was the home of Robert Toyne (b. 1877 Kirmond le Mire) and his family.

Asa Kirk and his wife Sarah had a total of eleven children, six sons and five daughters. Their fourth and fifth sons George and Arthur, are

recorded on the Goxhill Roll of Honour among those who 'have answered the call of 'King and Country'', both joining the 'Hull Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery'.



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Quebec Cottages at Goy's/Quebec brickyard



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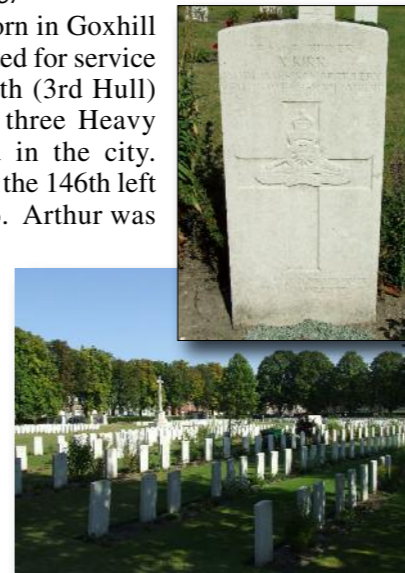
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Arthur Kirk had been born in Goxhill on 7 Jun 1897. He enlisted for service in Hull joining the 146th (3rd Hull) Heavy Battery, one of three Heavy Battery units recruited in the city. Online records state that the 146th left for France in June 1916. Arthur was Killed in Action on 25 September 1917. I cannot find details of where he died, however, he is buried in the Ypres Reservoir Cemetery so possibly it was during the Third Battle of Ypres, also known as the Battle of Passchendaele. The Lincolnshire Star, dated 3 November 1917, reported:



Arthur Kirk - Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, photograph credit to britishwargraves.co.uk

'MEMORIAL SERVICE - On Sunday afternoon at the Parish Church a memorial service was held, conducted by the Rev. S A Andrew, vicar, to the memory of Gunner Arthur Kirk who was Killed in Action...at the close of the service Scoutmaster J Sargeant sounded The Last Post'.

Arthur is remembered in two of the Chapels in New Holland as well as in Goxhill.

Tom Kirk, Arthur's brother and Asa's oldest son, had married his wife Nellie in Barton in 1909. A daughter, Irene, was born in Goxhill in 1910, their other two children were born in Barton in 1912 and 1914: Tom having moved from Goxhill to Barton to work at Dewey's brickyard. He served, during World War 1, in the Royal Naval Reserve.

Tom's dependant's pension record states that he served on HMS Wallington and then HMS Black Whale. I have been unable to find any documents in the National Archives about his service but it seems, searching through online discussion forums, that HMS Wallington was an Auxiliary Patrol Base at Grimsby. HMS Blackwhale was a whaler. She had been launched on 28 June 1915. Again, an online forum states that 'These whalers served in three squadrons, one based in Stornoway (Outer Hebrides), one at the Shetlands and one at Peterhead or the Humber...(it is most likely that she patrolled between Peterhead, Aberdeenshire and the Humber'.

HMS Blackwhale was lost on 3 January 1918 when she struck a mine laid by a German U boat, off Fife Ness. Fife Ness is just



Mechanic BAILEY. Seaman KIRK. Many people in Barton today are mourning the loss of two of its sons. Mechanic Jack Bailey, as he was known amongst his friends, and Seaman Tom Kirk, both left their home after being on Christmas leave, on New Year's Day, to meet their deaths three days later. They were shipmates, on a patrol boat, and during a storm their ship got into a minefield somewhere in the North Sea and most of the crew perished. Bailey was one of five brothers, who in the land and sea forces have served their King, one brother being killed. He leaves a wife and two children. Kirk's parents reside in Goxhill Marsh, but he lived at Messrs Dewey's brickyard, and had only been in the service nine months. He leaves a wife and three children. He, too, had a brother killed in France a few weeks ago.

Tom Kirk - Clip taken from Hull Daily Mail article dated 26 January 1918

George Kirk, the Kirk's fifth son, had been born in Goxhill on 19 February 1895. He too enlisted to serve in the Hull Heavy

Battery, alongside his brother, Arthur. His name, on the Goxhill Roll of Honour, is the only record of service that I can find for him. However, on 12 May 1916, a short report in the Hull Daily Mail, under the banner 'Khaki Wedding' stated that Gunner George Kirk married Eva Waltham under special licence in Scunthorpe, as the bridegroom 'is ordered away'. George's best man was his brother, Gunner A. Kirk (who would later be Killed in Action).

George and Eva went on to have one son, in 1924, and they lived in Scunthorpe. Eva's cousin, Edward Shearsmith, is remembered in Goxhill churchyard, though not commemorated on the village memorials. Edward was the third generation in his family to be named Edward. He was the great great grandson of Richard Shearsmith and great grandson of Abraham Shearsmith. The Shearsmith family were the corn millers at the Post Mill on Howe Hill for three generations, from around 1812 until 1882. Edward's grandfather on his mother's side, George Trimmingham was a 'Carrier' who lived in South End. George Trimmingham died on 29 May 1917. His grandson, who lived in Wales, was Killed in Action, in France, on 19 August 1918. Edward Shearsmith is remembered on his grandfather's grave which lies at the rear of Goxhill churchyard.

Arthur KIRK, Gunner 294667 146th (3rd Hull) Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Killed in Action 25 September 1917. Aged 20 years. Born 7 June 1897, Goxhill. Resident of Goxhill Marsh. Son of Asa and Sarah Annie Kirk of Goxhill Marsh, later of Ings Lane, Barton. Buried Ypres Reservoir Cemetery. Also commemorated at Christchurch and Methodist Church, New Holland



Tom Kirk - unveiling of Chatham Naval Memorial

Tom KIRK, Deckhand 15448DA Royal Naval Reserve. Drowned 3 January 1918. Born Barton, Lincolnshire. Resident of Barton. Son of Asa and Sarah Annie Kirk of Goxhill Marsh, later of Ings Lane, Barton. Husband of Nellie Kirk of Chemical Row, Barton. Lost at sea. Also commemorated on Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent and Barton War Memorial.

Tom's date of birth is unclear: his dependant's pension record states 27 June 1891; the CWGC states that he was 29 at the time of his death; the War Graves Roll states that it is 16 March 1888; School Admission's Register states 16 May 1888 as his date of birth.

Edward SHEARSMITH, Private 537276 1st/15th Battalion London Regiment. Killed in Action 19 August 1918. Aged 18 year. Born 26 September 1899, Newport, Wales. Resident of Newport, Wales. Son of Edward and Elizabeth Mary Shearsmith of Newport, Wales; Grandson of late George and late Eliza Trimmingham, Goxhill; Great Grandson of late Abraham and late Mary Shearsmith, Goxhill. Commemorated on Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Panel 10.



Edward Shearsmith - family memorial on his grandfather's grave, Goxhill churchyard

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George Abraham Charlesworth, who had worked alongside Asa Kirk at Blythe's brickyard, died in May 1917 and he was buried in Goxhill churchyard on 14 May 1917. On 23 May 1917, nine days after his father was buried, George Abraham and Elizabeth's son, Herbert Charlesworth, enlisted into the North Staffordshire (Prince of Wales's) Regiment at Lincoln. His trade was recorded on his enlistment record as 'Lighterman' and his address is given a North End, Goxhill. His mother was named as his Next of Kin and her address similarly given as North End, Goxhill. Herbert appears to have left for France on 6 October 1917 but is listed as receiving 'wounds (to his) right lung' on 27 March 1918. He returned from France on 9 April 1918.

In the 1939 census three Charlesworth families lived in an area of North End around the now named Briton Lodge, the old Generous Briton pub. Herbert Charlesworth (b. 1885) was recorded, a 'General Labourer Brickworks', living with a sister Ann. Their residence is the village side of Briton Lodge and close to a residence now known as Horseshoe Cottage. Fred Charlesworth (b. 1876), Herbert's brother, lived with his wife further down from Horseshoe Cottage and before Mill Lane. Fred was employed as a 'Brickyard Worker'. William Charlesworth (b. 1903), Fred's son, lived with his wife and daughter near his uncle and aunt and close to Chapel House in North End. William is recorded a 'Dock Boatmen LNER'. William's daughter, named Muriel Yvonne, died in 1948 aged 20. William and his wife later lived on Chapel Street and named their house Murvonne. The house is now known as Chapelside. Fred Charlesworth's other son, George (b. 1907), is recorded in this same census, working in the brickyard referred to earlier as Goy's, then Quebec. He was recorded a 'Brick maker'. George's son, Dennis, who many will remember living with his family at Berkeley on Chapel Street, lived at this same brickyard until the mid-1960s. George's sister Ethel will also be remembered by many. Ethel Charlesworth married Francis Nottingham and they lived in the village, finally at The Gables on Willow Lane.

In this same 1939 census, as well as George Charlesworth and his family, five other families are recorded living at the 'Goy's/Quebec' yard, including Ernest Marritt. Ernest's father, George Henry Marritt had, along with his wife and six of his seven children, been recorded in the same yard in the 1911 census. George Henry Marritt's son, Sidney, was recorded, in the 1911 census, living with his father's brother in Hull, employed in the family business as a 'Shop Assistant in the Fish and Fruit Trade'. Sidney is recorded on the village memorials as Sidney Marriott. I have found the family surname spelled variously, Marriott, Marritt and Mariett which has made researching the family difficult and confusing. For ease and consistency, I'm going to use the spelling Marriott which is how he is referred to on memorials.

George Henry Marriott, Sidney's father, had been born in Goxhill in 1867. George Henry's father, George Marriott had been a brickmaker and was recorded in Goxhill in the 1861 census. In the 1871 and 1881 census records his was recorded specifically at the Skitter brickyard which lay just inside the Goxhill village boundary at East Halton Skitter. George Henry Marriott married Eliza Gell in Barton in 1892. It was here that

four of their sons were born, as well as a daughter in Hull. In 1907, a daughter, Grace was born in Goxhill, followed by Cecil, a son. In an advert in the Hull Daily Mail dated 7 April 1914, which sought 'five or six good men for brick mill work' applications were to be made 'to the Foreman G W Marriott, Quebec brickyard, Goxhill Marsh'. I believe that this should read 'G H Marriott' for George Henry. George Henry and Eliza later lived in Hull. Then, in the 1939 census they are recorded living on Butts Road in Barton. After George Henry's death, in 1941, Eliza lived in New Holland.

Sidney enlisted initially in the East Yorkshire Regiment then served in the Machine Gun Corps. I can find no record of his service, only a report in the Hull Daily Mail dated 1 February 1917 which states 'News has been received by Mr and Mrs G Marritt of 41 Arundel Street, Hull, that their son, Pte S Marritt, machine gunner, was killed in action on January 10th. He enlisted in October 1914 but before this worked for Messrs Warren, shipbuilders, New Holland. He was late of Goxhill Marsh'.

Sidney is buried in Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, France and is commemorated, alongside Arthur Kirk, in New Holland, as well as in Goxhill.

Sidney MARRIOTT, Private 14886 Infantry, Machine Gun Corps, formerly 13816 East Yorkshire Regiment. Killed in Action 10 January 1917. Aged 21 years. Born 9 June 1895, Barton. Resident of New Holland, formerly Goxhill Marsh. Son of George Henry and Eliza Marriott of 41 Arundel Street, Hull, later Butts Road, Barton, then 4 Regent's Terrace, New Holland. Buried Euston Road Cemetery, France. Also commemorated at Christchurch and Methodist Church, New Holland.

Elizabeth Fincham

I have details of the plot numbers etc of these war graves, if any relatives are interested or if you would like more information. Please contact myself or the Editor.



Sidney Marriott - Euston Road Cemetery, photograph credit to britishwargraves.co.uk



Arthur Kirk and Sidney Marriott - New Holland Methodist Church

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News from Goxhill Methodist Chapel

In March last year former village resident Revd Richard Towle came back to lead us in our chapel anniversary. This service gives us a chance to consider the generations of worshippers who have come before us and the work we continue to do in the community. It was a nice service but I am sure we took it for granted as we left the chapel demonstrating the earliest attempts at social distancing, which really meant avoiding shaking Richard's hand despite his specially travelling over from Wigan. Even though talk was increasingly of coronavirus, we could not anticipate that the next service at the chapel would not be until Christmas.

We managed that December service, different as it was to the usual festive offering, and are pleased that we were able to make a donation of £60 to Action for Children despite a relatively small congregation. However, with the latest lockdown we cannot say when we will be open again. If we feel it is safe, chapel anniversary comes round again very soon, with our acting circuit superintendent Revd Angy Long pencilled in to lead us on 21 March. From where I am now, it seems unlikely that will go ahead and even Easter may be unrealistic if the vaccination programme has not reached members of the congregation like myself with long-term health conditions. The 'canary in the mine' seems to be whether schools are fully open and we know that won't begin before we're well into March at the earliest.

We want to get back to worship in the chapel and to once again offer our premises for the good of the community. The monthly lunches and the Saturday pop-ins have been much missed these past 12 months. We had hoped that the baptism

of one member's great-granddaughter would take place last May, and now Victoria and I have a new addition we would like to formally introduce to our families. Our son Gideon was born in November but the earliest we can reasonably think to have his christening is August, though we obviously hope the chapel will have reopened well before then.

Other good news comes with a big thank you to the Lincolnshire Co-op. The popular lunches we held each month in the chapel schoolroom were part of the supermarket's Community Champions scheme in the autumn. As a result we have been given several hundred pounds' worth of vouchers to spend on food when the meals resume. We are very grateful for the support.

Finally, we have recently also started to think about what may be possible for our annual Open Gardens event. We were forced to cancel last year and would dearly love to do something this. Even if we cannot manage the full two-day celebration with maps, flower displays and most importantly refreshments at the chapel, we would like to celebrate Goxhill's beauty and the hard work of the village's green-fingered inhabitants. If you would be interested in opening your garden, whether for a small-scale pop-up event or as part of something closer to our traditional offering, in 2021 or in future, please contact Caroline Atkins, who has generously offered herself as coordinator, following in the footsteps of Jack Lawtey. The chapel may have started Open Gardens over 30 years ago, but it has grown to be such an important cross-community event and we are very grateful that Jack and now Caroline have given their support. Caroline can be contacted on 532204 if you would like to be involved. **Adam Ellis** (aje15782@btinternet.com)

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times". *My apologies to Charles Dickens as I am certain that he wasn't thinking of Goxhill gardens when he wrote 'The Tale of Two Cities'.*

Open Gardens - We all have many memories and experiences of life in 2020. For myself 2020 was to have been my last Open Gardens as organiser before stepping back to being a simple gardener. However, first the uncertainty and then the lockdown restrictions put paid to any physical form of an open gardens weekend. We did manage to provide a colourful montage of photos in the Gander and post some pictures on Facebook during our usual OG Weekend. The thing about gardeners is that they work on their gardens regardless of politics, restrictions, competitions and often the weather. This was certainly true in 2020 as the garden displays visible to all as we took our permitted exercise round the village were beautiful. Not only was this uplifting to Goxhill residents, therapeutic for the gardeners but also a major contributor to Goxhill's success in the Best Kept Village awards. Some gardens were picked out specifically by the judges, whilst elsewhere a complete section of houses lining a street were mentioned, so well done to Rochester House, Bradwall Lodge, Middle Cottage, Howe Lane and St Michael's Court. Whilst speaking of the BKV awards it would be remiss of me not to thank again the volunteers and businesses that plant and tend to the planters round the village. There are many of them located round Goxhill, varied in their size, shape and design, but all are welcome as colourful examples of the pride that we have in our village.

And so to 2021, personally I believe that there will still be restrictions in place, that will severely restrict or stop Open Gardens being held again this year. I really do hope that I am wrong and to this end, **Caroline Atkins** has stepped in to the Open Garden breach. I believe that she will be contacting gardeners, with a view to providing some form of garden weekend if we are allowed, but it may be at short notice. I know she is also looking for volunteers to help with the organisation. If it is at all possible to visit gardens, I know that Caroline will make something happen, socially distanced, restricted access and within any rules that maybe in place. Please give Caroline and the gardeners your support.

Best Kept Village - I am sure that the Best Kept Village competition will be held again this year and that Goxhill will be looking to defend its 2020 first place, however, repeating last years performance will only take us so far. I hope that everyone can and will repeat their individual displays but then we need the additional WOW factor. The Parish Council have now taken on responsibility for cutting the verges and public footpaths which has gone a long way to smarting up the look of the village. Keeping public areas such as the playing fields and the Millennium Green clear of rubbish, helps the overall aspect of the village as does clean and tidy frontages. A neat hedge, weed free drive, a hanging basket, planter, or just a few bedding plants makes a big difference to whether our village looks loved and cared for.

The strip of land off Chapel Street - has been earmarked for a wildlife and conservation area. We have a slight problem with something called Honey Fungus but as soon as a suitable planting plan is agreed it is hoped to make a start. If you are interested in getting involved as a volunteer or sponsor, please contact Aileen Hanlon-Bennett. Aileen is also looking at a permanent planting display on the North End bend as part of 'Spring in Bloom' to replace last years Floral Pig. Knowing Aileen it will be a joy to behold.

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Unfortunately we were unable to take the Santa's sleigh out around the surrounding villages in December, as we were advised that if we did so we would be breaking most of the rules of Tier 3. It was with a heavy heart that this decision was made, as taking the sleigh out is an integral part of the build up to Christmas for us and we all enjoy seeing the look of delight on the faces of the children when they see Santa.

The money which we raise at our events is all distributed to charities and other worthwhile causes - here are a few of those we have been able to assist, thanks to your generosity.

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If you are like minded, please feel free to make contact with us and I'm sure you will be welcomed.

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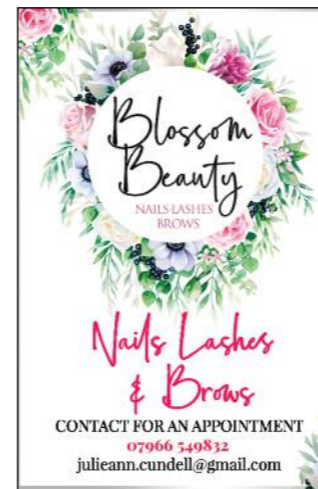
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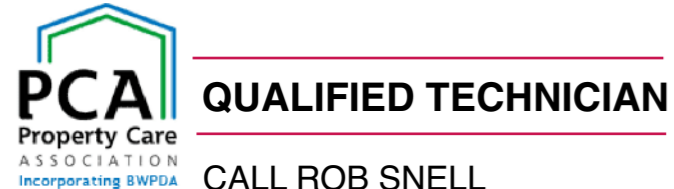
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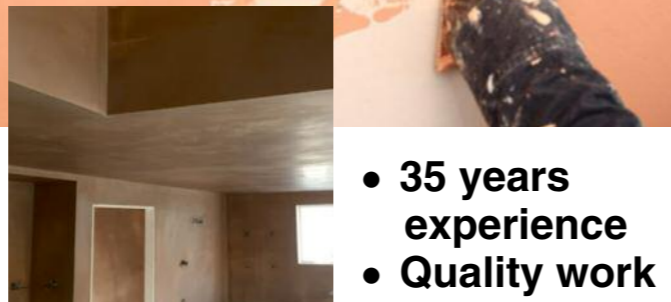
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