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GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Summer 2015

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Secondly, I thank all our regular advertisers. Without them this newsletter could not afford to be printed. I hope the fact that there is not one tiny bit of space left on the advertising pages, and we have a small waiting list of potential advertisers, means that advertising in the Gander really works and is extremely cost effective. I also hope you will continue to advertise with us in the future.

Thirdly, the Gander would not be the successful newsletter that it is, and such a good read, without the tremendous variety and interest of the articles, information and news submitted to me for inclusion. I thank all those who send in items, particularly our regular contributors, as well as the one off stories. I hope you too will continue to do so, for you are our most important asset.

But we cannot stand still. In the previous two issues we began to get more stories of what our young people are doing. But we need more of these, to provide a balance with all the fascinating stories of the past. So all you young people who are doing amazing things, such as winning awards, musical competitions, ice skating, squash, wind surfing, doing charity work, visiting unusual places, etc. etc. Please tell me about them! A full article, just a few paragraphs or a photograph and a caption, whatever you or your parents can manage to put together will be most welcome. Photographs are always a good addition, I know they don't reproduce too well in black and white, but they do look good on our website in full colour. You can contact me by email or on the details below. The deadlines for receiving articles are shown in boxes throughout this newsletter, but the next one is Saturday 1st August for the September issue. Do it now rather than put it off until the last minute.

After all the fuss, in the last issue, about the Brock, you are probably wondering why this issue is not full of what is happening about it. The application for permission to knock the pub down and build 10 houses in its place was turned down by North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department. A separate application to demolish the building was also rejected. Since then there have been discussions about whether someone else could buy the pub back, to reopen it, or whether the village could do the same as a Community Pub. But any progress depends on whether the owners decide to appeal against the planning decision and any outcome of that. Sadly in the meantime the pub building is deteriorating and the site is an eyesore. As soon as there is any definite news or development, I will let you know.

We have had the general election and you will know the outcome. We also had the local elections and our representatives on North Lincolnshire Council are Peter Clark, Richard Hannigan and David Wells. The Parish Council was uncontested, I presume insufficient candidates put their names forward to cause an election.

Finally, I thank all those on the Parish Council for all their continuing hard work, on our behalf, on so many aspects of our village. I also thank all the volunteers who organise and run the library, all the clubs and groups in our village that make Goxhill such a social and friendly community.

Jeff Teasdale - Editor of the Goxhill Gander

WANTED HELP WITH THE GANDER WEBSITE

We are looking for someone with IT skills to help develop a new Gander website and to keep it upto date. If you have a little spare time and are willing to help, please contact Jeff Teasdale for more information - see contact details below.

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Please contact any of the above with any queries that you may have regarding the Gander. Articles should be sent by email to: **goxhill-gander@fsmail.net** or direct to the editor.

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

One sign of Spring is the compulsion many of us feel to 'spring clean' our homes. And to the enthusiastic cleaner up-er – there's also the temptation to be a clearer-outer. We do live in an age of clutter! There are only the two of us living in the Vicarage, and as it's quite a decently sized place there has, over the years, been the temptation to acquire a bit more 'stuff' than we really need. Not just personal items but bits and pieces left over from parish events and services held over the years.

The techniques of 'de-cluttering' are - according to umpteen magazine articles on the subject - are: Give away anything you haven't used in the past year. Toss out clothes that are too big, too small, or too ugly. Throw out inherited junk. (Remember? You loathed it in that other house too.) Stack items in four piles labelled "Keep", "Fix", "Give away", and "Throw out". Follow through on decisions you've made – no matter how hard they seem.

Mrs Vicar can be quite ruthless when she puts her mind to it and it's usually me who rescues a few things destined to go to the tip (sorry, re-cycling centre!)

There are books and magazine articles on 'de-cluttering' and there's even a philosophical dimension to it within the concept of 'Feng Shui' which - as I understand it - works on the principle that the way we order our material environment affects the harmony of our everyday lives.

If only it were that easy to de-clutter our spiritual lives.

Those who attend church services regularly will know that every service begins with an act of confession. It's an ongoing reminder of how easily we allow our lives to be cluttered up by behaviour, which is contrary to the will of God. This we call 'sin'. The only way to get rid of it is to be forgiven, and for the Christian that is something in which we can have confidence if we allow it. The message of Easter is that on the Cross Jesus offered a way by which our sins will no longer clutter up our lives. To allow this to happen we must be bold enough to open the doors of our spiritual closets, and let Jesus in that he might start to clean up our lives. It's not something that will happen overnight – and it depends to some extent how much de-cluttering there is to do! But Jesus will never give up on anyone who has opened the door and invited him in to do this work.

Reverend John Girtchen

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends,

As I write, we have taken the cat on his holidays (to a cattery) and we shall soon be taking Aunt Dorothy on one of hers (she going to Haverholme House this time, and next time we're having a cottage near Brid), and we are preparing to go on ours for a week. The only thing is, Grandad is still in hospital – we were told he would be there for two weeks, and now we have been told they will 'let him out' in a day or two. What should we do? Stay at home, or go away? Life is never simple, is it?

Isn't it strange that when you think you've just got everything all sewn up, something seems to happen to unstitch it? Do you find that? The free time that I'd left for sorting out holiday shopping is taken up to-ing and fro-ing to and from Bradford. Plants haven't got planted! New tops haven't got bought – nor new shoes! Hoovering might not get done – and we all like to come home to a tidy house, don't we? (Well I should be able to squeeze that in if I go to bed later, or get up earlier!)

We just can never see what's just around the corner – and sometimes I think it's just as well!

There's a lovely Christian song; the words are as follows (cut down for this article):

Jesus, be the centre Be my source, be my light Jesus

Jesus, be the centre Be my hope, be my song Jesus

(Chorus) Be the fire in my heart Be the wind in these sails Be the reason that I live Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision Be my path, be my guide Jesus

It seems to me, that with Jesus at the centre of our lives, we can face whatever comes around the corner with peace at the centre of our lives. All around us there might be chaos, and/or fog, but at our centre, there can be stillness and calm. Outwardly we might seem to be in a flap, but at the centre, we can sense a calm presence, keeping us from falling apart.

When you have unexpected happenings in your life – look for the calm centre; you may feel that it's hard to find – but it will be there!

There is also a lovely picture in the Bible of being held in the hollow of God's hand – a picture of protection, warmth, calm, stability, being held and love.

When you have unexpected happenings in your life – remember that picture; YOU are held in the hollow of God hand!

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Come and join us for an afternoon of fun.

Bach'n Bangers

Saturday 27th June, 7pm

A performance by the

Grimsby Bach Choir

will be held in the gardens of

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in aid of the Church Roof Appeal.

Come and enjoy the garden along with the choral notes of the choir in this unique performance and for the first time at

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A Hot Lincolnshire Sausage Bun is included in the ticket whilst Cakes and Soft Drinks will be sold seperately.

Tickets available at £15 each by contacting the Grimsby Bach Choir directly or Gary Payne T: 01469 533907 E: gary@gillpayne.com or Delie T: 01469 530630 E: delie.simon70@gmail.com Bring your own chair and any alcoholic drink.

Tickets can be collected at the gate. Please advise if gluten free or vegetarian is required.

* if inclement weather the event will be held in the church.

Jazz afternoon with Tea

Saturday 18th July 3-6pm

In All Saints Church

Tickets £10 which includes the afternoon tea. Join us for an afternoon of Jazz with the Easy Riders Jazz group.

Tickets available from Delie Simons 530630 or Sandra Smith 530065

Monthly Pop In

Are you new to the village, or would like to meet people but not sure where to go? Why not join the friendly group that meet at the Pop In. The

Pop In is held on the **third Saturday of the month from 10.30 -12.30pm**. Various refreshments available including Bacon Butties and Toasted Teacakes. Second Hand Book stall. For more information call Sandra 530065

Next Dates

Saturday 20th June

Saturday 18th July

Saturday 15th August

Saturday 19th September

For any further information, contact

Sandra Smith on 530065

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WANTED baby and children's clothes

We need your help. We are collecting much needed baby and children's clothes for our local Women's Refuge. Women in distress arrive at the refuge with nothing and they often have babies and young children. Could you please sort through your no longer used baby and children's clothes and bring them along to the Chapel School Room on Chapel Street, Goxhill on **Thursday, 11th June from 2 – 4 p.m.**

You can swap your unwanted clothes for tea and cake. Put your feet up and let us spoil you for a change.

The W.I. meet every 2nd Monday of the month throughout the year except for August, at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. New members and visitors, including gentlemen, are welcome at any of the meetings. For further information please contact **Mrs. Alyson O'Leary, President, on 01469 531568.**

Our future programme includes:

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

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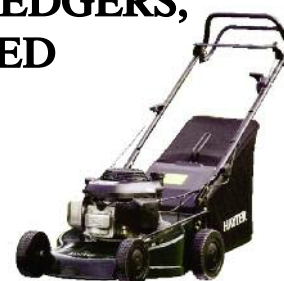
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and removing the bees.



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

To help you decide whether you need to contact
a beekeeper, the British Beekeepers Association
has an excellent website which will help you to
identify the insects as honey bees. It also
includes a link to local swarm collectors in case
you need their help.

http://www.bbka.org.uk/help/do_you_have_a_swarm.php

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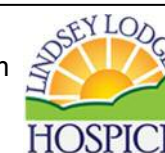
- June 6th** Bee Friendly Plant Sale and
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- June 29th** Moorland Management - A talk
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- July 27th** Comparing Bumblebees to
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- Aug 31st** No meeting - Bank Holiday

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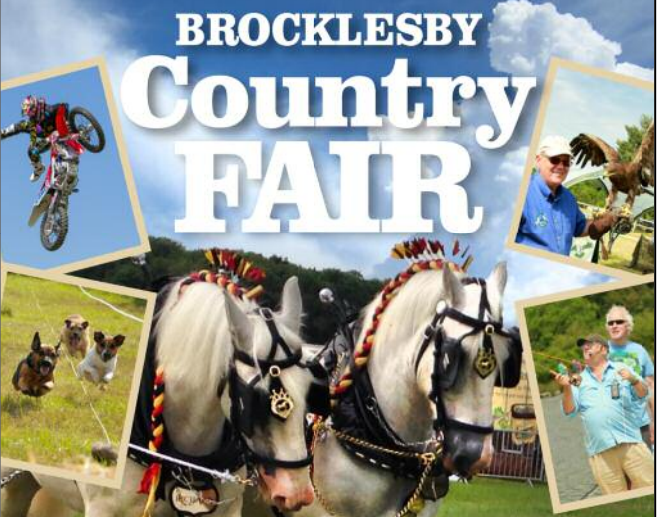
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Please have submissions in by Saturday 1st August.
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The Ropewalk

Barton Waterside Food Festival

The Ropewalk is once again hosting the Waterside Food Festival this summer and fingers and toes are firmly crossed for dry weather.

This year the Food Festival is being held on **Sunday, July 12**, along the length of The Ropewalk's Promenade as well as demonstrations in Ropery Hall. The Food Festival will be the only opportunity for food lovers to stock up on local produce as this is the only Festival being held in Barton this year.

Running from **10am-4pm** there will be a wide variety of produce for sale including free range meat (just in time for the barbecue season), homemade jams and chutneys, pies and chocolate, beers and cheeses!

Entertainment will also be provided throughout the day and there is free parking at the Waters' Edge Visitor Centre near the Promenade.

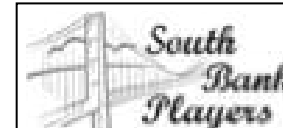
Children's Summer Activities

The Ropewalk in Barton upon Humber is hosting a range of children's activities during the summer holiday thanks to the children's art charity, ST-ART.

Included in the workshops are cooking sessions making savoury and sweet bakes, making 3D Monsters or Aliens, felt phone cases, a Hoopla game or even a designer pooch and the accessories needed to become one of the most spoilt dogs in town.

There's also the opportunity to make a wall mirror plaque and trinket boxes in a full-day workshop.

Full details of times, dates and costs can be found on www.st-art.co.uk



FESTIVAL SUCCESS FOR THE SOUTH BANK PLAYERS!

We recently took part in the All England Theatre Festival - a competition which we enter every year. This year our regional competition was held at the Spa Theatre in Bridlington and it was a real thrill to perform on such a wonderful stage, with all the sound and lighting equipment we could wish for! The adults performed a comedy murder mystery called 'Death in Character' by Stuart Arden, which involved a pantomime horse being killed by falling sandbags - not an easy one to stage, but it worked very well and our play came third overall in our section with nominations for best actor (Peter Swann) and best actress (Trudi Bruce). The junior group performed 'Pipkin and the Angel' by Geoff Bamber - the story of a petty criminal who meets an angel (or does he?). The juniors put on a great performance and came 2nd overall in their section with a nomination for best actress (Alex Campion). Congratulations to everyone who took part, and huge thanks to those who directed, organised props, did sound and lighting, and ferried kids to Bridlington!

We are now planning our forthcoming season which looks likely to include a variety show and possibly a murder mystery evening. If you can act, sing, dance, or commit a murder (well, not a real one obviously!) then we'd love to hear from you!

The South Bank Players have a new home! We are now meeting and rehearsing at the Assembly Rooms on Queen Street in Barton - still on Sunday evenings as before. Our Junior group meets at 6pm and the adults at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome and as well as actors we are always in need of people who would like to help out backstage. If you would like to join the adult group please contact our chairman **Alun Friend on 07500 474446** or for the junior group please contact **Jeanine Guy on 07879 777267**

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Barton Arts Festival 2015

From June 26 to July 5, the Barton Arts Festival will be celebrating arts and culture against the backdrop of some Barton's most historic buildings.

This year the Festival includes old favourites, internationally known performers and, of course, plenty of opportunities to showcase local talent.

Friday 26 June 8pm Vin Garbutt

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £13 in advance £16 on the door
Powerful, hugely moving, warm, humane, inspired, funny and gut wrenchingly honest. These are just some of the superlatives used to describe Vin's performance. This international, award winning, singer songwriter is completing his 44th year on the road. He is for ever in demand and his shows are continually sell outs, so get your tickets early!

Saturday 27 to Sunday 5 July Humber to the Wash

The Ropewalk, Maltkiln Road - Free
Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm,
Sunday 10am - 4pm
A selected mixed media exhibition with work from more than 100 artists living or working in the geographical east coast area from East Yorkshire (including Hull) to Norfolk.

**Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June
Open Gardens** - Entry £4 per person paid at Wilderspin School or Ropewalk
Daily 12pm - 5pm.
Teas available in selected gardens. Event in aid of Lindsey Lodge Hospice

Saturday 27 June

Ted Lewis Presentation

Wilderspin School, Queen Street - Free
Drop in between 10.30am and 12.30pm
Celebrating Barton novelist, artist and musician Ted Lewis. A presentation showing how Barton people and places materialize in Ted's crime novels (including Get Carter) with a display of his sketches and artefacts.

Saturday 27 June 3pm - 11pm Acoustic Barnfest

Courtyard at The Old Mill, Market Place - Free
Acoustic Barnfest is a free, outdoor showcase of talented acoustic musicians from around the area, covering all styles of music. There will be everything from singer-songwriters to acoustic bands performing original compositions and covers. Something for everyone.

Saturday 27 June 8pm

Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band

St Mary's Church, Burgate - £15 in advance £17 on the door (under 16s £5)
The band was formed more than 125 years ago. Its amateur members traditionally pride themselves on never having been beholden to any commercial interest, yet they are still regarded as one of the 'elite' on the contest and concert platforms.



Sunday 28 June 7.30pm

Amaryllis Consort: Food of Love

Trinity Church, Holydyke - £8 (under 16s £2)
This six-part a-cappella group specialises in early secular music, particularly Tudor madrigals. They have performed on BBC Radio 3 and feature regularly at Hampton Court Palace, and other historical venues around London. The concert programme contains love songs of the period interspersed with poetry and prose from Shakespeare and his contemporaries.

Monday 30 June 7.30pm

Monday Night at the Movies

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £8
A throwback to an earlier age of cinema. Pianist Kieran White will play his original piano score written to accompany Buster Keaton's silent classic, Steamboat Bill Jr. The score contains a vast array of references - from Wagner to Pachelbel to instantly recognizable popular melodies.

Tuesday 30 June 2pm to 5pm

The Graham Saunders Lecture:

Soundings - Music inspired by the Sea

Wilderspin School, Queen Street - £4
The annual music lecture from Graham Saunders this year will explore the music of Mendelssohn, Debussy, Bax, Britten and others together with traditional Sea Shanties.

Tuesday 30 June 7.30pm

Tango Taster with TANGO Hull

The Citadel, Queen Street - £4
Ever wanted to put a rose between your teeth and step out onto the dance floor? This evening will give you the chance to try this iconic dance. Participants of the taster class would get a chance to learn a Tango routine, hear a bit about the history of Argentine Tango and see Jon & Katie of TANGO Hull dance the gorgeous Argentine Tango in an improvised demo full of connection, musicality, ganchos and adornos!

Thursday 2 July 2pm - 4pm

Songs and Scones

St. Mary's Church Hall - Free
Join professional musicians from the Live Music Now charity performing a selection of classical and popular songs. Founded by Yehudi Menuhin and Ian Stoutzker it supports inspirational professional musicians to use their talents to benefit the wellbeing of older people. Working alongside Age UK/Barton Rotary and volunteers they hope to bring together older people in the local community for a social musical session followed by refreshments.

Thursday 2 July 8pm

Richard Digance

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £12 In advance, £14 on the door

Richard Digance is a rare performer in that he's respected by comedians for his original material and by musicians for being an accomplished performer/guitarist. His loyal following includes the younger generation attracted by both his guitar playing and the fact he has inspired many modern-day performers, to the super-loyal who have followed Richard since his early days.



Friday 3 July 7pm

War Horse: Only Remembered with reading by Michael Morpurgo and songs performed by John Tams and Barry Coope.

The Citadel, Queen Street - £16 in advance £18 on the door (under 16s £10)
Author Michael Morpurgo tells the powerful and deeply-moving story of young Albert and his beloved horse Joey. Michael is joined by acclaimed musicians John Tams and Barry Coope, who accompany him with the rousing yet haunting songs specially composed by John Tams for the National Theatre's award-winning production of War Horse.

Saturday 5 July 10am - 12noon

St. Mary's Garden Party

St. Mary's Church and Churchyard - Free
The bells of St. Marys will ring from 9.30am - 10am

Saturday 4 July 7.30pm

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Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £12 in advance £14 on the door
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Sunday 5 July 2pm

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Sunday 5 July 7.30pm

Doncaster Concert Band

Trinity Church, Holydyke - £8/£5 under 16s
Summer Classics - A varied programme that includes pieces from the world of classical music through to modern day classics from film, swing and pop music.

The full programme is now available on www.bartonarts.co.uk with tickets now on sale. Tickets are available from The Ropewalk and Lindsey Relay as well as on line through the Barton Arts website.

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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL

FUND RAISING FOR OUR VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

At the January meeting of the Memorial Hall sub-committee a proposal was put before the Committee with methods of generating funding for the village Memorial Hall via an auction or recycling of old used items, all the items donated will be auctioned if possible, if not recycled in other ways and all the money generated going into the Memorial Hall funds. This is a way for members of the public to have a clear out of unwanted stuff from their homes, attics, yards, garages and garden sheds, along with helping towards the funding of this good cause and village asset. If, through the generosity of the public, larger than expected funds are generated, the Committee will share the extra with other village fund raising ventures....

The list of items that can be donated is endless...

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Please can you help with an Historical Archive of Goxhill Memorial Hall!

Our Memorial Hall has been added to and altered many times since it was opened in March 1925. The current proposal, which is to dismantle and replace the entrance section of the Hall, was approved by the local planning authority on condition that the existing entrance structure was recorded in archive quality photographs and a descriptive report produced. That planning condition has been fulfilled, but it did not cover the whole Hall, at the heart of which are the walls of the original building. The Parish Council has supplied several plans which illustrate previous alterations to the building, but there is a great deal more of the history of the Hall as a whole which I would like to collect and include in a single chronicle of the post-war fundraising efforts, the design and construction, use and alteration of Goxhill Memorial Hall.

Please help, by allowing me to scan any photographs of the Hall which you may have, showing the building in any of its forms and during any of its uses, or by talking to me about your memories of the Hall? If you would like to help, please contact **Caroline Atkins 01469 532204**



The opening ceremony in 1925, with Sir Berkley Sheffield left of centre. I would be interested to know who all the other people are, particularly the young girl?

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEMORIAL HALL SUB-COMMITTEE

The members of the sub-committee wish to express their sincere thanks to the businesses and residents of the village who kindly donated prizes for the raffle held at the Big Smoke Band performance recently. **THANK YOU ALL!**

They also give their sincere thanks to the Masons for their fantastic contribution of £500 towards the planned rebuilding of the front part of the Memorial Hall.

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Coming near to quite an important event in the year 6 children's calendar, we have been spending a lot of our time in school over the past year preparing our children for the SATs coming up in May. By the time you read this article the children will have sat them and be looking forward to lots of stimulating events and celebrations as they near the end of the time at primary school. It's so easy to get lost in the whole calendar of the year in school and we tend to pack it so full with many experiences and learning opportunities that by the time the summer term comes, we're all exhausted and ready for the long summer break in July and August. It's at this time of year when it is so easy to forget to say thank you to all of the people who matter in our school – our teachers, our support staff, our parents and helpers. I don't think any one likes change but leaving primary school to start a new experience at the next phase of education is a 'massive' thing and I really do feel for all of our children who are moving on with mixed feelings of excitement and anticipation, getting ready for their new start in September in their secondary schools. The year 6 staff have worked so hard this year and our plan is that we hope to ensure that all of our children achieve their best in the tests in May. Whatever their outcomes however, we are so proud of how hard they have worked and the way their time here has helped to shape our school.



The children have continued to enjoy many sporting and creative competitions this year. We have had successes in the cross country running competitions held against other North Lincolnshire schools and this term will see a number of interschool competitions for the children in Tennis, Rounders, Football and Netball. When the weather is nice it is so satisfying to wander outside to see the many uses the staff and children make of the outside area. Our Orchestra, led by Mrs Dawson came first in the Brigg Festival and we were awarded a beautiful trophy with our name inscribed alongside other schools who had won the competition dating back to 1923.

As the lead school in the Federation, it has been so rewarding to secure a really positive outcome for East Halton in its Ofsted inspection in February. The lead inspector recognised many outstanding features

of the school including the children's behaviour, as well as 'outstanding leadership and management at all levels'. I am so proud of everyone's contribution to this and so proud to say that the Federation has been a massive success for both schools.

We're always eager to try out new things, which set our schools apart from others. We want to be different and strive always to be the best. To this end this year some of our year 6 children will be travelling to visit the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN in Geneva. The LHC is the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator. It first started up on 10 September 2008, and remains the latest addition to CERN's accelerator complex. We were able to organise this event through our fortunate contact and support from Mr Colin Bryne who teaches Science and Maths at both our schools. I believe we are the first primary school from the UK to ever take a group of children to such an amazing and scientific attraction. When we first suggested this to our parents we were overwhelmed at their enthusiasm for this visit to go ahead. I can't wait to hear all of the stories and see the pictures from their trip when they come back in June. They will also have the opportunity to visit the United Nations buildings during the visit.

We are always looking to 'tailor make' things for the children at our schools and this term we have branched out on our own and are now providing our own school meals. We opted out of the Service Level Agreement with North Lincolnshire Schools Catering Service and we are now sourcing local produce, designing a menu to suit our children's tastes and cooking and serving our own homemade meals. We are on a journey with this and with a few tweaks and 'twerks' along the way we're determined to provide a good service for our children. Angie, Hazel, Nicola and Sandra (our cooks) are still employed by North Lincolnshire but are now directly managed by the school and so far all has been going really well. We source our butcher meat from Newton's butchers in Barton, our fresh fruit and vegetables are supplied by Hutson brothers who have market stalls in Grimsby as well as fruits and vegetables from our school gardens which we hope to harvest in September. Brigg Garden Centre has been really supportive of our venture and has contributed seeds and bulbs for the growth of our



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fruit and vegetables in our school garden. There will be opportunities at the celebrations detailed for our school's 40th anniversary, for community members to sample our food.

Overall the Federation of schools has been a hugely positive experience for the children in our care, parents and staff at every level. We have managed the need for improvement at East Halton School whilst maintaining the highest standards at Goxhill. Something all of our SLT and governors were very passionate about ensuring. We will continue to work

hard and strive to be outstanding in everything we do as a school. We wish all of our families and the wider community a very pleasant summer with lots of lovely summer weather.

Miss Breslin, Mrs Kell, Miss Teasdale

You are all invited to join us at our SUMMER FAIR at the school -

4th July 1.30pm – 4pm Summer Fair
on the school field with entertainment, auction and F1 challenge event.

Goxhill School's 40th anniversary

It's the school's 40th anniversary this year celebrating 40 years since it was first opened on this site. A number of ex pupils, parents, governors and community members have been working behind the scenes to organise a number of events for this celebration to which everyone is invited to attend.

If anyone reading this article has any old memorabilia, photographs or school reports - anything from their past time at the school, we would love to use them for our displays in the hall for the celebrations and we guarantee that they will be looked after and returned in the condition in which we received them.

Please put these dates in your diaries. Should you need any other information, please contact **Sharon in the school office (01469 530743).**

12th June – 7.30pm Bingo (with a twist)
in the school hall with refreshments, to raise funds for the 40th Anniversary events.

19th September 10am – 6pm
Goxhill Primary School's OPEN DAY
for ALL ex pupils and community members to tour the school, enjoy hospitality and 'mooch' around old school records, photographs and books.

24th October - we will be holding a FOLK NIGHT,
with barn dancing and food. Details to follow.

GOXHILL'S *Younger* COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR YOUNGER READERS AND THEIR PARENTS

Every year North Lincolnshire Library Service runs a **Summer Reading Challenge**. This is to encourage reading amongst the younger members of our community. Every book that you read earns a small prize and takes you a step along the path to winning a Reading Challenge Medal. There is always a theme - in the past these have included a Creepy House, a Maze, a Sea Voyage, Detectives, a Fun Fair and many others. Whilst there may be a few extra books available that are linked to that theme, you are free to read books about anything you like. After you tell us a bit about the book you have just finished reading, you receive a small prize connected with that year's theme. It might be picture stickers to go on a background scene, a fancy tag to clip to the zip on your coat or bag, and there's usually a bookmark. Then, after you have read enough books, you will receive a certificate with your name on plus your shiny gold or silver medal. (Sadly it's not real gold or silver but if you want to know why then ask your parents to explain about Council Tax!)

To take part in the Summer Reading Challenge all you need is to be a member of the library. Joining costs nothing, borrowing the books costs nothing, and if you want books that we do not have in Goxhill then reserving and having them sent over from other libraries costs (you've guessed it) nothing!

Why not join up now so that you will be ready to join in the Challenge?

The sooner you start, the more time you will have for reading those books and winning those prizes. You can join online at home or by calling in with a responsible adult at Goxhill Library where one of our volunteer librarians will help you join up and borrow your first book.

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

• Mondays	from	3.30pm	until	7pm
• Wednesdays	from	2pm	until	5pm
• Fridays	from	3pm	until	6pm

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John Guggiari

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Highway Trees

It's that time of the year again when our village welcomes everyone in such a dramatically beautiful way, where else do you drive home through an avenue of cherries in full flower, it's a delight for visitors and villagers alike, it almost takes your breath away. I, unlike so many people born and brought up in the area, unfortunately do not know the full history of the tree lined roads, or of the very generous people who provided them in the first place. What I do know is that I am so grateful for the delight they bring, and also at the same time very concerned for their future. Already a number have been found seriously diseased or damaged by heavy vehicles, making them unsafe in their position alongside the highway, not the drivers fault, just the way things have changed. Recently severe cutting back has been carried out by contractors to clear overhead lines, we know that it is necessary for safety reasons, for communications or power, but there is surely a way of carrying out this work which does not necessitate the harsh treatment that not only leaves the trees open to decay and subsequent disease, but unbalances them to a point of danger of falling during high winds. It is now not only the cherries that are needing attention, but almost all the highway trees Hawthorn, Crab apples and many others equally in their turn, and their season, just as beautiful and just as much under threat.

What should we do?

It would be ideal to replace any trees taken down with types suitable in size and stature that will complement the remaining original ones, to grow alongside the highway for the future. It would be also wonderful if some of these could be donated, for whatever personal reason, this would surely be in full respect of all those who donated them in the first instance, and who had the foresight, kindness and generosity then to give us all such pleasure now.

In order that in thirty years from now, as planning and transport changes are inevitably made, that we may not at present envisage, and as in the past others could not possibly have foreseen, residents do not find themselves with a similar dilemma. I believe that it is our responsibility to ensure that they do not.

Allotments

All allotments are in full use and full 'steam' ahead for springtime, or is that just the gardeners. I wish them well for a good productive year.

Cemetery

Plans have been made to include the land at the rear into the original presently used area; this will allow access for anyone wishing to go through for a quiet meditative walk. By extending the footpaths through the original hedge line, in the near future it should become more welcoming. However it would be nice if dog walkers would refrain from using the hedge line as a route through. It is not a right of way and is surely disrespectful to use cemetery land for this purpose.

Library

All is well, but like all public libraries it is struggling with the low number of users. Why not give it a try, call in when your waiting for a bus, you never know you might find a book to read on your journey; take the children

along, I know that you would all be made welcome.

Millennium Green

Still work in progress but work will continue to keep it in order.

Memorial Hall

An excellent concert was held in April by the Big Smoke Band. A group of young men with a lot of talent, and a mixture of instruments including a wooden spoon. It was a great evening well attended and very well organised, and certainly very much enjoyed.

Playing Field

A plinth is to be built to display the plaque for the MUGA, it is to be brick construction, and will be placed in front of the Games areas. At present there is no update on the planned Skatepark.

Street cleaning

During the very high winds that we recently experienced many of the recycling bins were inevitably blown over, with the contents strewn around the streets. To a point this is understandable, it doesn't help that we were not supplied with the weighted type of bin, but it would help, on days like that if residents, where ever possible, could put the bin in a more sheltered place. Obviously still accessible for the collectors, but what's the point of recycling if on the day of collection there's nothing in it because it has all been scattered down the street.

Freda Dunkley



Alf Cook, 20 months, of Goxhill, enjoying this edition of The Gander before his breakfast, (with his friend Wendy Rabbit).

See Library article on Page 21 for details of the SUMMER READING CHALLENGE for young readers in Goxhill.

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HUMBER PIPELINE - LATEST NEWS

Update on National Grid's River Humber Pipeline Replacement Project

nationalgrid

Proposals for replacing the existing high pressure gas pipeline that runs under the River Humber between Paull and Goxhill have moved on significantly since our last update in the Goxhill Gander.

At the time of writing (early May), our proposals have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, the body which determines projects of this nature and makes a recommendation to Government. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government then makes the final decision.

During May, we will learn whether the application has been accepted and if it is the Inspector will begin examination of the application. The deadline for this decision is 13 May 2015. We would recommend that readers with an interest in the scheme keep up to date on the project website via <http://www.riverhumberpipeline.com>

Before we submitted our plans we completed an additional round of local consultation, specifically looking at how best to manage and route construction vehicles around South End. This consultation assessed the possibility of building a temporary road across a private field, which would allow our construction traffic to avoid the narrow corners in South End itself. We received valuable feedback on this new option and, as a result of local support and the technical and environmental surveys we conducted, we have included the proposed temporary new road in our plans.

National Grid will continue to keep the community updated as the application progresses and more information will be available on our website <http://www.riverhumberpipeline.com>

If the application is accepted, the project will enter the formal examination process and any views that people would like to express will need to be made to the Planning Inspectorate, not National Grid. More information is available at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/river-humber-pipeline-replacement-project/>



Statement from North Lincolnshire Council, Highways Department Through our discussions and consultations on the Planning Application, National Grid is proposing to provide a temporary haul road to avoid South End. They are also proposing a one-way system with passing places and we have been and looked at the locations of the proposed passing places and these appear to look OK. We have voiced our concern to National Grid's representatives over the condition of the top end of Ferry Road and Chapelfield Road in relation to use by construction traffic. The proposed routing of construction traffic is therefore still the one-way circuit along Thornton Road/Ferry Road/East Marsh Lane/Chapelfield Lane with the temporary bypass for construction traffic at South End leading onto Soff Lane and College Road.

BAYSGARTH Specialist Technology College NEWS



Arrangements for our fantastic new building are coming along well and the developers are currently on site. May half term will see the first big change as the Art block/dining hall is demolished. By this time there will be three new temporary classrooms on the playground to accommodate our Art department. The new building should be completed by January 2017 and after we have moved in the developers will demolish the old buildings. We are working hard with the local community to try and preserve the Philip Pape sculpture on the front of the old buildings and hopefully there will be a way to maintain this part of the school and town's heritage. We want the local

community to really feel part of the new building and are looking to local businesses to sponsor and put their names to different parts of the new build, from library shelves to Science and Technology classrooms. If you would like to see your business associated with this wonderful new project please email newbuild@baysgarthschool.co.uk

Our new build with its theatre-style banked seating will certainly enhance facilities for the arts community and our concept of a sports village is also beginning to take shape. We have been working closely with the Town Council and the Local Authority as well as local sports clubs to put forward the concept of a sports village on site which would include a supervised skate park, 3G floodlit football pitch and changing facilities. If the project comes to fruition it will represent an investment of well over one million pounds into sports and recreation facilities for this community, with over £400,000 worth of funding already pledged from the Town Council and Local Authority.

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A UNIQUE BLESSING

This rather unusual Blessing of a historic racing car, was originally to be done last year as a bid to raise awareness for the need for funds for the church roof lead replacement scheme. But I had to race that particular weekend and I would not have been able to get to the scrutineering in time, so we had to call it off. This year is so important for the car, particularly for the return of motor racing to Chateau Impney that I have been involved in organising and the Goodwood Revival. Also Bill has done a brilliant paint job and a massive amount of welding on the 63 years old body, in this 65 years old car, I thought we ought to do it before it went out for the season. So I suggested rearranging it to the Rev Girtchen as a stint (not stunt) to bring a smile on peoples faces.

The car, a Cooper 500 Mk IV was built specifically for Stirling Moss in 1950. He did 23 races in it; 12 firsts, 3 second places. He campaigned the car at the Silverstone British Grand Prix, Monaco Grand Prix, Grand Prix de Mons, Aix-les-Bains, Brands Hatch, Reims, Ostende, Goodwood and Castle Combe. (These were the days of Formula 1, 2 and 3, this car was winning the Formula 3 Grand Prix). After a very successful year, Stirling Moss sold it to Charles Lyon Graham in 1951 and moved on to further his amazing career in Grand Prix racing.

Charlie Graham campaigned the car in its original form for one year and then made a new body, which it wears to this day. He raced it for a further five years and then sold it to Herbert Stilborn, who raced it locally in this area for about six years. He has only recently passed away at the age of 90. The car then passed through the hands of various people who never competed in it, until it finally was purchased by Rod Jolley (probably the world's finest coach builder) in the New Forest, who got the car up and running for his son, Neil, who was tragically killed in a road accident, aged 19.

Rod Jolley asked me if I would like to purchase the car. I rather apprehensively agreed, knowing how difficult they are to drive, as they have no differential. I had a difficult few years owing to the fact that its engine a J.A.P. (that is an engine designed by John Arthur Prestwich) was a speedway engine designed to do a maximum of four laps at high revs with only two gears. These engines have bags of torque but will not idle and so the start of a race is fraught with anxiety, should the start procedure be delayed. They will over heat, over fuel and over oil and the thing will die on you just when you need to leave the line at top speed. My husband Bill does a great job looking after my car and the engine, but a delightful chap called Jan Nycz (his father fought with the Polish air force and settled in England after the war) took me and the engine under his wing and sorted out this temperamental devil (the engine that is) and brought me reliability and therefore consistency. There is a 'black art' to tuning J.A.P. engines and Jan speaks their language. Each engine was only capable of doing around 100 racing miles but now, the modifications that are allowed, give greater longevity. We have three engines, which are changed around as required. Being more



A scary moment at Brands Hatch. Shirley was the one going in the right direction.



Shirley with Rev Girtchen squeezed into 'Little Tommy'.

consistent bore fruit and I won trophies which, in my wildest dreams, I never thought I would ever come anywhere near, and I accumulated points during the season. Whereas some of the really fast Norton engined cars screamed past but then broke down or spun off . . .

I affectionately call the car 'Little Tommy'. When I am racing I am yelling "C'mon, Little Tommy" because he is the oldest car on the track. He is like an old soldier, a real "Tommy".

I race under my maiden name in tribute to my father, Donald Monro, who was well known in amateur motor sport in the 60's, in his distinctive blue AC Ace Bristol in the Grand Touring Cars 1301-2000cc and I have followed in my father's footsteps by racing at Chateau Impney.

I won my class at Olivers Mount 10 years ago and I got a 3rd three years ago in France mixing it with the Continentals and some of them were semi-professional. One chap even pays people to drive for him (I beat him). I have been consistently in the top 6 up until very recently when folk went on to the stonking Norton engines (£19,000 a piece) and now I am a little lower down in the pecking order. I won the J.A.P. Championship (i.e. I beat all the much younger cars with their more up-to-date suspension, etc.) and that really was a moment. I won my class at Castle Combe last year - the fastest race I have ever done (don't have a speedometer but went up to the biggest sprocket - 24 - which I have never had to use before) and I think I was 8th overall out of 28 cars.

At the end of May, I am racing in Northern Ireland; sadly I am unable to compete at the Cadwell weekend, but hope to do Oliver's Mount again in August.

The ultimate dream of all drivers is to be invited personally by Lord March to participate in the Goodwood Revival meeting held each September. I am lucky enough to have been selected each time our Class (Historic Formula 3) comes round on a bi-annual rota, so this year, we are off to this prestigious event, where Stirling Moss will be reunited with his car. (He is unable to get into it any more, of course). Our race is called 'The Earl of March Trophy' and takes place first race on the Sunday morning.

I am often asked how fast it goes. This is almost impossible to answer. When I first had the car in 1991, I tested it on a banked circuit with no one else on it and I was clocked at 122 mph. This for a 497 cc engine is remarkable. But for each event, the gearing must be set up according to the length of the circuit, hillclimb or sprint one is doing, so that the engine doesn't get over revved and blow up (happens a lot!) We all run on methanol, which allows the engines to run cooler, so ambient temperatures affect grip and tyres. It is a lottery making the right decisions on the set up.

But all in all, it's been great and as I shall be 70 next year, I am now thinking of gracefully stepping away from the excitement, before I make mistakes or my judgement fails me. So far, that is not at all the case, but I can think of some who have indeed done just that - not good for the rest of us!

Shirley Tull



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By the Wayside

I wonder how many people have noticed a small problem that will become apparent on the vehicle route that is proposed for the vehicles servicing the Gas board tunnel. Chapel Field Road as it passes the old airfield is in good repair, it is smooth and it has a lovely surface but at the point where it crosses the disused railway it becomes very narrow and there is no longer passing room up to the junction with South End. Now I am sure that there are those amongst us who will assume that this reduction in the distance between the hedges is the result of the property owners on either side moving their boundaries to take in the ground by the side of the road. Such uncharitable thought could not be further from the truth and although there are many people who are doubtful of the relevance of village history to events that are happening in the village today it is village history that is to blame for the narrow road.

When the village was enclosed the Commissioners who did the work had a strict rule that they could not interfere with the ownership or boundaries of the existing enclosed properties. The farms and homes of the people who lived here were built beside lanes around the open arable fields and at various places narrow openings gave access to the fields. Over time some of these openings had themselves developed into lanes as further settlements were permitted or built by the Lords of the three manors. Every piece of land set out by the commissioners had to have access from a road without passing over any other persons land so the network of wide roads which surround the village was built. To connect these new roads to the existing "Town streets" without interfering with existing property meant that they could only be connected to the ends of the existing access lanes to the fields.

The Chapel Field road was connected to the end of Brewster Lane and thus a road sixty feet wide between the hedges started from the end of a narrow village lane. This fact is to be found in the Act and Award of Inclosure.

Extract. Chapel Field Road

Also one other Public Highway Way or Road herein called Chapel Field Road extending from an Ancient Lane end in Goxhill afsd called Brewster Lane Northwards through Chapel Field afsd and part of the East Marsh to another public road herein after awarded and herein called East Marsh Road.

This same situation can be seen at other places in the village, Soff Lane which carries the name of the original lane, Ruards Road and Lane, Howe Lane and Horsegate Field Road each have the change in width. Another thing that arises from the existence of these Ancient lanes is their variable width. Most of the buildings on the enclosures that existed at that time were built up to the edge of the lanes but where there were entrances to farm yards and the like gates and buildings were set back to allow room for loaded carts and wagons pulled by horses or oxen to have extra room to turn. That is you turned on your own land. This gave rise to the roadside grass areas in the lanes the ownership of which is now often questioned or disputed.

I have often wondered why there is no good car parking area with a view across the Humber. All of the places where cars can be parked near to the river in North Lincolnshire

are below the level of the river bank. Even the "Viewing Area" at Barton is at low level whilst Barrow Mere is surrounded by high hedges. Having reached an age when discretion is the better part of valour I would like to sit in the car and watch the river flow and the birds fly past rather than mount an expedition to climb to the top of the river bank. I wonder if it may be possible to use some of the vast amount of chalk that will come from the Gas Grid Tunnel to construct a raised viewing area by the river bank. We should do everything that we can to maximise our good fortune in being able to observe the city of culture across the width of the river. The houses at the north end of Goxhill are nearer to the centre of Hull, as the Goose flies, than are those at the boundaries to the east and west of the city. It is said that cutting the bridge toll by half has made a considerable increase in property values and in the number of houses sold in the Barton area, proof perhaps that; as with the paintings of the great masters, there is an optimum distance from which culture should be viewed.

It is a sad fact that some of the Flowering Cherries that were planted by the road side in the village have reached the end of their lives. In my own garden a much loved and very old tree is dying of old age. Flowering Cherries or Prunus are short lived trees and there is nothing that can be done about it. The various Prunus trees were brought to this country from China and Japan. The people who introduced them were well aware of their size and delighted by their appearance in their native counties but the extent to which they would grow did not become apparent here for some years. Large numbers of them were planted often in confined spaces before their eventual size was appreciated. There are however some species such as Amanogawa which grow as upright columnar trees these have been introduced and are now available. Another smaller tree, of a more conventional rounded shape is Mr Pissards purple leaved Prunus Cerasifera which grew in the garden here. This year I have encountered a new problem with the cherries it is the Bullfinch. Not satisfied by my largess in providing Sunflower seed in the seed feeders several pairs of these beautiful birds have pecked the flower buds from the trees before they have opened. Whether you grow cherries for flowers or for fruit don't put bird feeders anywhere near the trees.

I do hope that the delightful Flowering Cherries will continue to grow for many years in Goxhill.

Maurice Brawn.



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Lemon Meringue Pie

For the pastry

225g plain flour
2tbsp caster sugar
120g butter
1 egg yolk
2tbsp cold water

For the filling

Zest of 1 lemon,
juice of 4/6 lemons
50ml water
30g cornflour
175g caster sugar
3 egg yolks
25g butter

For the meringue

4 egg whites
225g caster sugar

Method

For the pastry, mix the flour and sugar then rub in the butter.

Add the egg yolk and just enough water to bring the pastry together, chill for 1 hour.

Grease a 20-22cm tart tin with a loose base.

Roll out the pastry to about a 5mm thick and use to line the tart tin.

Heat the oven to 170C/325F/gas mark 4.

Line the tin with greaseproof paper and baking beans or similar, and bake for 20 minutes.

Remove the beans and paper, and bake for another 5-7 minutes until the pastry is dry.

Put the lemon juice and zest in a saucepan with the water and whisk in the cornflour until smooth, then stir in the sugar and yolks.

Heat gently, stirring, until warm, then add the butter and bring to the boil, still stirring.

Spoon the lemon filling into the tart case and allow it time to cool completely.

To make the meringue, whisk the whites until soft peaks form.

Add the sugar a spoonful at a time, and whisk until the meringue is stiff and shiny then spoon the mixture on to the top of the pie. Bake for 15 minutes until the meringue is golden.

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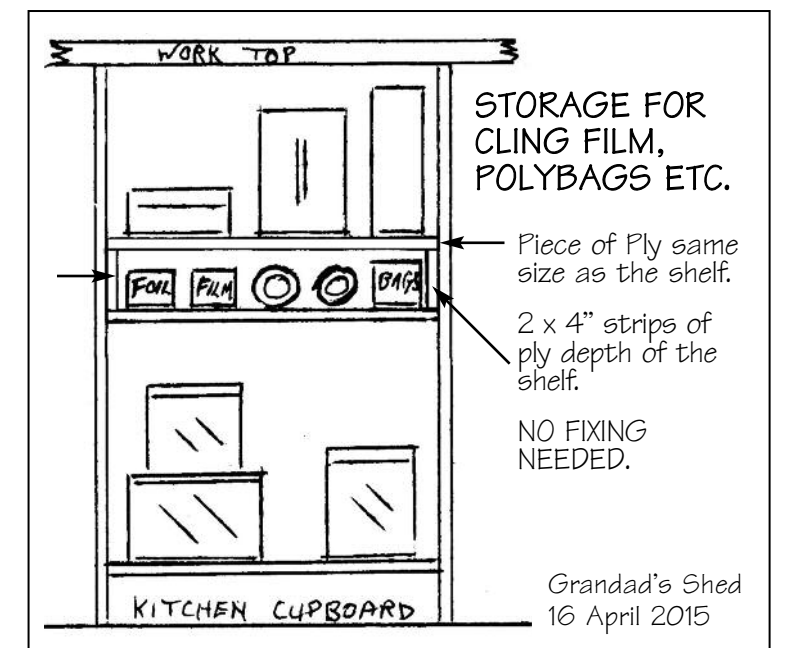
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Silent Hedgerows

Ron Parker's Jottings

In Goxhill in February 2011, the hedgerow and song birds are at an all time low after a summer with very few insects, the carrion crows and magpies are almost uncountable, sparrow hawks are more numerous than ever, every-one I speak to with a bird table has a Sparrow Hawk in attendance and merlins as visitors are seen in the parish. The grey squirrels, that arrived approximately in 1970, are in residence - we see them here, we see them there, we see them everywhere. How can any of the songbirds be expected to successfully rear their young? The marsh harriers, which live and nest in the old derelict brickyard clay pit reed beds, can be seen quartering the whole parish (approximately 5,800 acres) and over the boundaries into the 4 adjoining parishes and beyond. For a pair of harriers to rear their nest of young how many birds of other species does it take to feed them? And the same applies to the sparrow hawk. I have been assured by one wildlife observer that a sparrow sized bird will keep it going for two days while another says it will need 4 a day to keep a sparrow hawk flying. But it amounts to many more indirectly when they kill an adult that leaves the nest to feed when it is incubating or feeding young. It will lead to the clutch of eggs never to hatch or a nest of young dying of starvation, so the number of sparrows and song birds a pair of sparrow hawks needs to keep them flying in a year is beyond my calculations and imagination.

In an article in the Yorkshire Post, a Bird Photographer says a sparrow hawk eats 2 black birds and 1 starling in two days in his garden, this is equal to 6 finches, 3 in a day, so it takes 1195 finch size birds to feed a sparrow hawk for a year (less if they are larger like black birds). Plus the nests of eggs or young destroyed by taking the adults when nesting. For how long can the environment keep feeding this amount of vermin?

In Goxhill we have at least 4 nesting pairs or more each season in recent years. At nesting time the carrion crows and magpies do a lot of damage by taking both eggs and young of other birds, the crows are the worst offenders in the open fields, to such as the Green Plover, Sky Lark and Pipits, to name a few. While the magpies attack the hedgerows. In the spring at lambing time, I have seen the crows and magpies waiting near a ewe in labour for the lamb to appear then one crow will move in and pretend to attack so the ewe will chase it away from its newly born offspring, while the other crow moves in and picks the eyes out of the lamb. Once blinded the lamb is helpless and cannot feed so it gets weak and then it is a free for all with any crows or magpies in waiting.

3 years ago I noticed that on passing the Millennium Green (2.5 acres) in the centre which is just over an acre of open ground there were often 15 or so Blackbirds feeding on the grass with their heads cocked to one side listening for worms as they do, with the odd Thrush in attendance. Today there is only half a dozen blackbirds in the surrounding hedge and they are never more than 10 metre from the hedgerow feeding, never in the centre, sometimes one will fly across from hedge to hedge. I believe this is because it is constantly patrolled by the Sparrow Hawks



Sparrow Hawk



Marsh Harrier

and the blackbirds dare not leave the protective cover.

We also have the owls and kestrels, which at times also eat small birds. I recall around 70 years ago when farms had large flocks of house sparrows and they roosted in the hay and straw stacks at night. At times when they were going to roost at dusk, a barn owl would arrive on the scene and grab one for his breakfast with the sparrow screaming in agony or fright until it died in the owl's talons as it flew away to eat it in a peaceful spot. During the 1980s I collected a number of barn owl pellets from different locations to see what they had been feeding on, by soaking them in water for a week or so they fall apart exposing the contents of bones, fur or feathers. Many had the bones and feathers of small birds belonging to the finch families, one pellet had the skull and feathers of a black bird and I found 4 different types of skulls belonging to the vole and mouse families. I recall a kestrel in the 1950s which nested in a magpies nest of the previous year and fed its young entirely on fledgling starlings. What few birds the owls and kestrels take are minimal compared with the Birds of Prey, Crows and Magpies and not forgetting the grey squirrels.

By 2007 the Waterhen population had risen to its highest I can remember in 75 years with flocks of up to 30 living in drains and hedgerows away from the brick pits, in the last 3 years they have diminished to an all time low. In June 2009 I stopped at the reed beds in Sykes lane, a marsh harrier jumped up from the edge of the pit only 50 yards away with an adult Waterhen in its talons, it flew to the mature hawthorn hedge at the rear of the pit when it suddenly lifted in height, then a second harrier

appeared from below the hedge line under the first one which then released the waterhen that fell down, the second harrier suddenly turned upside down and grabbed it with its talons and back on a level flight all in half a second. As to date it was the first and only time I have seen this manoeuvre which is common with the harriers. If these harriers each take one waterhen a week it will be 104 waterhens a year though I believe it could be three times this amount. Then there is the crows and magpies which take both eggs and newly hatched young. This winter the waterhens flocks have disappeared with only the odd pair to be seen. I don't think the harriers have eaten all of them which are missing but due to constant hunting they have moved on to pastures new which have no harriers, while with the sparrow hawks. There is no part of the country with suitable habitat that the sparrow hawks doesn't reside in, so the hedgerow birds cannot do likewise. I was told by a farmer that when the wind turbines were erected at Easington in East Yorkshire near him, that the hedgerow birds increased for the turbines had frightened all the hawks away, though I believe this would be short lived.

Then there is the Partridge's within the parish, a few more pairs of French than English, they appear not to make any progress in their numbers which are at a low time ebb, shooting them is nil in recent years. Is the harrier responsible for taking a few?

In 2009 I saw a reduction of small hedgerow birds in the parish, this year it is even more so, no flocks as we used to have except for a few house sparrows of 20/30 in size along some of the gardens and lanes. If this decrease continues each year the parish will be void of small bird life. When

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the small birds are eaten or the contents of the nests are destroyed by the vermin and the birds of prey, finding their food supply running out, they will move on, leaving a lifeless wilderness with the exception of magpies and crows. The numbers of wood pigeon and collared doves would also be reduced, for the Sparrow Hawks takes these as well, though at this stage their population is strong enough to take some reduction and still survive.

I believe this has come about to some extent by the removal of hedgerows. 70 years ago the parish like many more was made up of small fields compared to today. Most fields were from 3 to 10 acres with a few exceeding this up to 30 acres, almost each one had a mature hawthorn hedge round them with bramble briars covering the dyke below. A small bird can get inside these bushes or briars while the sparrow hawk is too large. This provided the small bird a protective cover from birds of prey, compared with the few machine trimmed hedges of today. They are now so small or thin that sparrow hawks can get the birds from within them which has driven the hedgerow birds into the village from the fields, and of course the hawks have followed their food chain and now find it easy picking off the birds at the bird tables. A number of times a year I find a bunch of feathers of small birds in our garden where they have been caught or eaten by a sparrow hawk. I often see one flash across the lawn and bushes into neighbours' gardens.

After reading the above you may think I hate hawks, harriers and likewise. This is not so. I like to see the manoeuvres of the sparrow hawks and merlins when they chase their victims up in the sky and the harriers quartering the fields. However I am not so blind that I cannot see the damage they do to reduce certain species of other birds.

I believe the real decline started around 2002 for 3 reasons. A pair of harriers arrived to nest at the Dawson City nature reserve, at the same time the sparrow hawks began to increase with a number of them nesting and being joined with more winter visitors. For thirty years we had been without any until nineteen eighty eight, when a pair returned to nest. While one can count the harriers, it is difficult to count the sparrow hawk population for you cannot see them all together. Until this time there were a few persons operating Larson Traps for Crows and Magpies, when the legalisation changed. Rather than get involved with the law they destroyed the traps resulting in an increase to the local population in the following years. With the spring of 2011 approaching it is a sad story in this village with the reduction in the resident song and hedgerow bird population. I now wonder how the summer migrants will fare with the predators?

I have memories going back seventy five years. No TVs or Computers in those days. I remember as a five year old starting school with the rest of the village lads. We used to go bird nesting in the springtime, the talk at playtime break was who had found the first nest with eggs in it and what species of bird, then who found the first Plovers egg (green plover or lapwing), the nest of Waterhens on the drain banks and ponds, followed by all the other residential and migrant birds as they came along. Many of the eggs we took for a collection didn't last intact for long, so we started collecting again the following season. Who saw the first swallow, martin or swift and who heard the first Cuckoo of the season? We knew where they all nested and where to look, be it in a tree top, hedge bottom or open field. We knew what species of a bird had laid an egg if we were shown one. We had the Billy Biter which was a Wren, said to bite your finger if you put it in its nest, and a Bank Blackie, which was a blackbird that was nesting on a dyke bank, Sprogies and Spadgers were the house sparrows.

Now seventy seven years later with hindsight there is the

question, "How did we know?" I don't remember having any lessons on the subject or any books in those days on birds, but all us lads just knew these things in a rural village. It was just general countryside knowledge passed on through the generations. Yet today, do the schools teach children all about Birds, Bees and Wildlife?

In our childhood days no-one looked after the birds, their nests were robbed by us, vermin such as the crows and magpies raided their nests and they were eaten by the birds of prey. They were shot to be stuffed for a show case or the table to be eaten. In my youth during the days of rationing I became a Pot Hunter shooting birds and animals for the cooking pot during the winter. In the springtime when the birds were nesting I went round shooting crows and magpies with the knowledge that it would increase the contents of the cooking pot the following winter. Yet the birds were far more plentiful then. Many were in flocks to be counted by the hundreds rather than tens as they are today. After the thrashing machines had left a farm, the yard could have around 300 finches feeding on the chaff-heap, which the machine had left. Maybe the modern birds also need a Welfare State to look after them as well as our children??? When the song and hedgerow birds looked after themselves and the Pothunters looked after the vermin they did it better than any help given from the Do-Good Brigade of today.

While standing on the bank at Goxhill Haven I saw a Harrier leave Dawson City and set out across the Humber to Hull, approaching the city over Alexander dock, maybe they have eaten all the yellow-belly birds and are having to hunt for the Yorkies. I also saw a harrier fly over the Old Covered Market in the car park behind J J Hughes store in Scunthorpe, so are they likely to follow the carrion crows and magpies and become Urban citizens?

At the time of writing I have never seen the song and hedgerow birds at such a low ebb despite the fact that the EU has paid farmers billions of pounds to promote the wildlife with all the trusts and societies having grants for the same reasons. All this appears to have done is to increase the numbers of Predators, hawks, corvine and grey squirrels in general, that are fast overtaking their food supply at an alarming rate. What they haven't eaten they frighten away. They could soon move on due to the lack of food for there are far less birds than even after the severest 1963 winter. From a song birds view, it could ask the question to humans, "How would you like to live in an Environment of Cannibals?"

Until the late nineteen fifties, the marshland between the Village and the Humber (3 miles square) was known as Cuckoo Land. They could be heard calling from dawn to dusk, but it died out many years ago. If you spoke of Cuckoo Land today the residents, mostly new in the last 30 years, would ask "where is it?" Today the cuckoos are almost none existent, a more appropriate name would be Hawk Land or Crow Country. On a 10 mile ride around Goxhill Marsh on many trips I see more harriers than Chaffinches and this is no joke.

All the time these hawks and harriers still continue eating daily into the breeding stock of song and hedgerow birds with the corvine, squirrels and domestic cats helping out at nesting time reducing them at an increasing rate. How long can it last before the supply runs out and our song and hedgerow birds disappear? This is not only in our village but most of the UK according to press reports. Something substantial has to be done to restore our Silent Hedgerows very soon, if we want to keep them for future generations!

By the Late Ron Parker. 3rd May 2011

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OFF THE HOOF

"The secret to happiness is not in doing what one likes to do but in liking what one has to do" Anonymous

As I sit and write it is nearly the end of April and so far we have had beautiful weather which has allowed for some tidying up following the short & dark days of winter.

There is still much to be done before haymaking but at least we can make a head start which is rewarding. In the previous article of Off the Hoof the subject of Sycamore seeds causing problems was raised and the suggestion of a vacuum cleaner which could be used to remove them from paddocks.

Until the exposure of horses being poisoned by these seeds I really had not noticed them in my field but I have since picked up several. Most had been trodden into the mud and had to be prised out. I doubt there could be a vacuum strong enough to lift them. OK if they were on a flat well mown lawn but the grazing fields of Goxhill I feel would be a worthy adversary for Mr Dyson.

As always with spring a watchful eye must be kept particularly on ponies to stop them getting laminitis, but please be aware it is not just an excess of grass that can be the cause, other underlying issues can have an impact. Laminitis can occur in the winter owing to a feeding regime, or in older horses which have developed Cushing's. It is wise to treat both the symptoms and the cause. Apparently Sycamore poisoning presents itself much like the symptoms of laminitis so we must not make presumptions without vets taking a blood test to confirm if it is either laminitis, or poisoning as in sycamore seeds. We are not vets and whilst we think we can identify laminitis a blood test may send us down a different route. There should be no delay as sycamore poisoning is very painful and could lead to an early death.

The British Horse Society is trying to raise funds to castrate more horses and ponies, particularly the gypsy type to help stop indiscriminate breeding and the ever increasing number of abandoned horses.

On the end of the spectrum thousands of pounds are being spent to clone well bred horses which have form or favour and as yet there is no proof that the result will be able to perform as well as its forbearers. We certainly have come a long way since 'Dolly the sheep'!

On the subject of breeding have you heard of 'The Old English Black' also known as 'Lincolnshire Black'? At the time of the Norman Conquest (1066) horses from Europe were brought over the channel and crossed with our native mares. Despite the name there were other colours than black. The markings were similar to those of a Clydesdale with four white socks and a blaze. Dutch horses were imported by William III as the cart horses of the time were not strong enough to drain the Lincolnshire Fens. These were then called 'Lincolnshire Blacks' I can only assume it referred to the black soil of the fens. Eventually they became extinct but at least a

record of them remains.

No-one can doubt the effects that Charlotte Du Jardin and Valegro have had on the dressage scene as their successes keep growing. They are really a pleasure to watch and have caught the imagination of everyone. They have done so much for dressage and no doubt inspired so many riders to have a go. Goxhill and area have always been represented on the dressage scene. At the moment it is the show jumping fraternity who are doing exceptionally well. Zoe Hennchen is following in her mum, Diane's, shoes with many successes under her. Joe Burns continues to do well with several horses as does Audrey Hunt and the Marsh girls in affiliated show jumping. All of them have done exceptionally well at Bishop Burton, Willow Bank and Hill house which is under new ownership. Hill House are putting on several competitions which they all support. Unfortunately this area does not get many write up's in the magazines, which is disappointing as horses are hard work and it takes dedication 24 by 7 in whatever discipline is followed so Goxhill should be proud of them.

One for the diary is **Goxhill Show, Sunday 19th July**. Johnsons Garage field by kind permission of Mr Len Johnson.

As usual they would appreciate some help prior to the day, on the day and the following day. Even if it's only an hour, every bit would help.

The **East Halton Show is on Sunday 9th August**. It always promises to be a good family day out and I hope both shows have good weather.

Derek Grantham has 'almost' retired from Rase Veterinary Centre, which is now in the capable hands of Norri Chapman. The zone calls remain the same and the loyalty scheme is being looked at.

That's about all for this issue, but just a reminder to use fly repellent, sheets and a fly mask to prevent bites. When the weather gets very hot (we live in hope) put sun screen on all white hairs including fetlocks to prevent burning and remember to put some on yourself.

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War games 50's style

I've spent many hours lately thinking of my years raising my family in Goxhill. This photo shows neighbours and friends who played together in the summer months. These children, pictured in a pause from play, were playing in School Lane, where most of them lived in Abbeygarth Villas, we at number three, others at number one and two.



The children are: back row Irene Morris, Not sure who this one was, a visitor perhaps, then Peter Morris; in the front is Kevin Percy, 'Tiggy' Morris, and Paul Gurnell. Date 1957 or 1958.

I find it interesting to note which games were played then compared to the present day computer based games. An example of 'home made' toys can be seen in the photo, two home-made bows and arrows, proudly displayed. Now which tree did they climb to get the materials for those? And is that a catapult I see? not a plastic creation! Still another visit to a tree! Climbing trees was great fun; many a tumble, each one teaching a lesson in assessing the situation before you; and the necessity of being careful and sensible. Of course there was the possibility of a broken limb occasionally, but adventure was 'allowed' then, helping to produce a generation of people able to cope with life's trials.

Much more could be said about play in those days, which I will report on in future articles. But back to the photograph, I note the 'footwear', Sand shoes (plimsolls), cheap summer wear for play, not expensive designer trainers, sandals, comfortable and not restricting foot growth. Lastly, the carefree, happy faces. These were happy times.

The houses in the photo are on Howe Lane. The school was a few yards to the left of the children; not far to travel to school.

Who can name the 'unknown' member of the group please? Irene lives in Barton, Peter lives in Barrow Haven, Tiggy Barrow???, Paul in Sheffield, Kevin, my son in Heanor, Derbyshire.

I hope to use more photographs later to illustrate Goxhill as it was when I lived there.

Ramona Percy (nee Parkin)



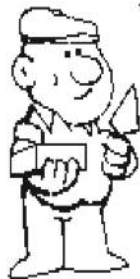
A fascinating aerial photograph of Goxhill. The glass houses on Hawthorn Gardens are a very prominent feature. The Chapel and Memorial Hall are also clearly seen. It all looks so much more open, without all the new infill housing and estates. I don't know when it was taken, it must be after 1925, perhaps one of you can tell me?

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Full details, including how to take part in the race, can be found on www.humber-half.org.uk.

The event, which usually raised more than £70,000 for charity, is supporting "Downright Special", a local charity helping families with the care of children with Down Syndrome.

Hull and Barton Rotary Clubs, who organise the event, will also be donating part of the money raised to other local good causes.

Help to Devastated Islands

Following the devastating Cyclone Pam, that hit the

South Pacific Islands of Vanuatu, £520 plus another £100 from St Mary's Church Ladies Group, was sent to ShelterBox for Shelter Kits. The kits, which cost £37 each, contain tools, nails, wire and plastic sheeting to enable the islanders to repair their homes. They wish to do this because, if they move away, they might lose their land. In urban areas, there is sometimes not enough space to erect the regular ShelterBox tent. ShelterBox volunteer teams will also be distributing other essential items like mosquito nets, blankets, solar lamps and tarpaulins.

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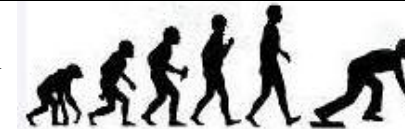
Barton Rotary Club has provided money to pay for forty Eye Operations to cure blindness by removing Cataracts of poor people living in Africa. The operations are carried out by the charity, Global Sight Solutions.

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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

If you fancy trying lawn bowling but missed out on our open afternoon in mid-May then there is good news. It is far from being too late to try bowling in 2015 and enjoy some good bowling weather during Summer. We have been doing our bit to combat the government's austerity drive by keeping our membership fees down. We reckon our Club is now comfortably the best value in North Lincolnshire. Paying just £16 for social bowling you can turn up for a gentle morning or afternoon game of bowls several times a week if you wish. Forget whatever image you have in your mind of bowlers in all white blazers, with sharp-creased trousers or pleated skirts. All you will need by way of 'special equipment' is a pair of shoes with flat soles (costing about £20); we can lend you everything else if you do not wish to buy your own bowls. We offer free coaching for any new members to help you enjoy your bowling to the maximum. Could it be any easier or better value than that?

If you want something a little more competitive without joining our league teams then the next step is our regular Tuesday Bowls Drive. Starting promptly at 2pm, this is two hours, with a tea break, of bowling in alternating pairs or triples. You just turn up and teams are drawn at random for friendly



but competitive games. A flat £1.50 charge covers the prizes and refreshments.

Lawn bowling is suitable for all ages and abilities so it can provide a great afternoon's fun for a family at the weekend - as long as you can cope with losing to both your children and your parents! Visit our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.clubbz.com> to find out more about what's on and to contact us by email; or just give me a call on 530363 for you or your family to try bowling.

John Guggiari



H. Plaskitt, A. Giles, G. Wharton, H. Wilford, A. Barrick, T. Lamming, Arthur Dobbs, H. Farrow, A. Thompson, P. Farrow, G. Birkett, E. Lacey.
I have been supplied with this photograph of past Bowls Cup Winners. Can anyone tell me the year, which team and what competition? Thank you Editor



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16 PINTS A DAY AT THE GENEROUS BRITON!

This article is based on an account of the life of the Generous Briton in the early 1900s, by a former landlord, Mr Ronald C. Robertson.

In those days the pub's doors were open 18 hours a day until midnight. Before 6 o'clock in the morning, several carriers would gather in the pub yard while their horses fed from nosebags, having already collected loads from barges moored at Goxhill Haven. As the church clock struck 6 am, the carters would be joined by farm labourers, in an early morning rush, for their first drink of the day.

It was obviously thirsty work for the carriers, for they would get a gallon stone jar filled at 2d. a pint, and would set off to deliver their loads. They would then be back at lunchtime to fill up again. Some even returned in the evening for another drink. 15 or 16 pints a day was not uncommon at that time. (No breathalysers then!)

The Generous Briton was their regular stopping place, set by the side of a narrow lane, now North End, which was then the main highway to the Haven. The river was the vital connection for supplies and trade for Goxhill. A procession of horse drawn carts clattered down the marsh lanes to the barges bringing in food from Grimsby and Immingham and delivering produce to Hull.

The pub was also frequented by local country workers, including rat catchers, hedgers, farm labourers, sheep shearers who charged 2½d a sheep.

Gypsies used to pull their colourful caravans into the yard to trade. The oldest regular at the time, 83 year old Mr George Wright, who started drinking there in his teens, remembered one called Jimmy Lidgett who sold pots in the pub.

Mr Wright told of the pub yard being turned into a sporting arena for whippet racing, which was a great attraction in the area with many coming from miles away, even Hull. The dogs used to run the 200 yards from Green Lane. He also recalled Quoits was very popular, though he said he was not good enough, but his mate won 7 copper kettles one year.

In the evenings, entertainment took place in a barn above the stables. Mr Wright described a fiddler, Jack Goodhand, who would play country ditties as

villagers danced by candlelight. He remembered servants riding to the 'hops' on farm horses, often going home at dawn in time for the day's work.

The pub was very small inside, originally two small snugs that were eventually knocked into one room. There was a really narrow, steep staircase that led up to bedrooms which led onto one another, and needed a hatch to be able to get furniture up. There were stories that it had originally been 3 cottages.

Mr Wright, who had never travelled further than Yorkshire, bemoaned about the biggest change in the pub in his time, that beer went up to 3d a pint and tobacco 3d an ounce.

Landlord, Mr Robertson, a bosun sailing out of Hull, had visited the Generous Briton and fell in love with the place, but he had to wait a quarter of a century before he could take it over. He said, "I love the atmosphere and the setting and you would not get a nicer clientele any where in England."



This article is based on information supplied by Mrs Jean Stead. Her husband's great grandparents, Mr & Mrs Asher, were landlords at the Generous Briton many years ago.

Other landlords of the Generous Briton are recorded as -
1896 - Herbert William Gibson
1901 - John Allenby
1937 - Chas Harper

"WHEN THE BROCK WAS BUSY"

Photos of a group of regulars in the 60s/70s, when the landlord was Norman Leck.

Pictured bottom photo L to R rear, Derek Howson, Guv Atkin, Colin Dunderdale, Ben Davy, Malc Ford, Tony Hewitt. L to R front, Colin Needham, Terry Hewitt. Sadly Gov, Ben, Malc and Colin Needham are no longer with us.



Also on the top photograph are Pete Burnett (centre) and the late Ken Sargeantson (partly hidden) who worked on Goxhill Station. All from Goxhill except Ben and Pete from Thornton. Also pictured is Derek's Ford Anglia 105E.

Photographs and information kindly supplied by Anthony Hewitt.

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Email **connolly.dam@gmail.com** or telephone **530656** or **07802710065**. If you wish to see what goes on and have an opportunity to talk to existing volunteers then you are very welcome to attend one of the group's monthly evening training sessions - without any commitment whatsoever.

John Guggiari

GNeWs from Goxhill Neighbourhood Watch

As Summer arrives many of you will be looking forward to those outdoor events that are just that little bit better when the weather is sunny. The obvious ones that come to mind are pop festivals, outdoor concerts and major sporting events. It has been said before but these are the types of thing that attract fraudsters like wasps to a jam pot.

Usually the tickets are fairly expensive - especially when they cover more than one day - and frequently they may be relatively scarce or difficult to come by. When official tickets are unavailable until quite close to the event you are unlikely to know what a genuine ticket looks like. Fraudsters rely on this and aim to be long gone and untraceable by the time people find out they have been sold a counterfeit. The Internet has provided an ideal medium for such scams using bogus websites, online auction sites and via social media.

Protect yourself by taking the following precautions:

- Buy tickets from an official agent, box office or reputable ticket exchange website.
- Be cautious about making advance payments via

bank transfer, money transfer or e-money vouchers. Paying by credit card or PayPal offers you, the consumer, greater protection should you be a victim of fraud.

- Conduct some simple online research about the seller or website if you are considering buying. Negative feedback can appear very quickly if something is not quite right.
- If the ticket price is below market value for tickets that are in big demand does that make any sense? Remember that if it is too good to be true then it probably is not true.

Further, free tips and advice are on our website at **http://gnew-goxhill.clubbz.com** which you can access at any time. Join our email list to receive bulletins or warnings that the police and other agencies send to us. Your contact details are never shared without your specific permission.

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A WARNING FROM ONE OF OUR READERS!

Hi again horsey friends, Just feel I need to share this with you all, after a serious near miss out on a happy amble hack tonight. I rode into Manor Lane at about 7pm, with North end (Memorial Hall) behind me. I was tucked closely in to the left, I could here a car coming, and thought the car driver doesn't know I am here because they can't see me, so I pulled jack up to a halt, the driver of the blue car was too close and could have driven a bit slower. However despite being too close, I thought phew! but no harm was done. I gathered my thoughts as I proceeded to walk him on. I then heard another vehicle coming, this sounded bigger and faster, I was just on the blind corner, and thought I haven't got time to get to the other side so the driver can see me. Again I quickly brought Jack to a halt. The next few seconds tested the time of a potential horrific accident! An old white transit van with lots of rust spots come speeding round the corner, and headed straight towards Jack. I had nowhere to go, and my stomach sank, and my world stopped in a flash. In the last split of a second I saw the male driver cross his arms on the steering wheel and swerve over to his left, his brakes were screeching.

I and Jack stood in complete silence. The driver didn't bother to stop to ask if we were ok, or apologise. It's like it didn't matter! I was too distracted in seeing the van careering towards us and in shock to try and memorise letters and numbers of the number plate. However I think I might recognise this white transit again, the driver was a male wearing a blue jumper, I didn't see his face, as I was too busy watching him crossing his arms to steer the van in to a swerve straight across the road. Thank god there wasn't anyone walking their dog, or a family with a kiddie in a buggy, as I have no doubt this would have resulted in a fatal accident. It was a clear light evening, and Jack had his high viz rain sheet on. Blind bends are called that for a reason. NO ONE should assume, because you can't see around the corner, there is nothing there. On this occasion it was me and Jack. I felt lucky to have escaped a real near miss, but by the time I got to the bowling green, a few tears of shock and relief were falling down my cheeks. The greatest disappointment was that the driver didn't stop, even if it was to say a simple sorry and ask if we were ok. Please be careful, I may well ride on the other side on that short stretch in the future. Be seen and live to tell the tale!

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