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GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016

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Goxhill really is a wonderful place to live. The welcome you get as you enter through those avenues of beautiful blossoming cherry trees really lifts the spirit after the dark damp days of Winter. It is a pity the blossom doesn't last very long, but you know it will be back every year. Well I hope some of the trees will recover after their recent pruning, presumably done to make way for the heavy lorries that will soon be on their way down to the Humber Bank for the new gas pipe tunnel.

These avenues of trees are not there by chance, but as a result of the forethought and generosity of previous generations of Goxhill residents. A small number of people who got together, raised the money and made it all happen. Hopefully they enjoyed doing it too, whilst leaving a legacy that will last long after their time.

It is good to see the same spirit still there in the current generations of residents. The fantastic achievements of those that organised the recent 'Wish upon a Star' charity night, raising so much money for such a worthy cause, is brilliant (see page 25). But that is typical of so many events in our village, organised by small groups, for their own entertainment, but also for the benefit of others in the village, and very often, raising funds for needy charities at the same time. Examples in this issue are numerous, Strawberry Teas, Open Gardens, Scarecrow Trails, Film Nights, entertainments at the Hall, Church and Chapel events, WI celebrations, charity auctions, Rotary Clubs, to name but a few.

We should all be proud of this 'make it happen' spirit, it makes our village such a wonderful place to live.

The same spirit is trying to save the Brock from the developers. I know there are some doom mongers around who say it was a terrible place and nobody went there, which was why it closed and its resurrection will have the same fate. That is not really the case. It was the Brewery who owned it who starved the pub of any investment to bring it into line with the changes in requirements, who denied anyone who tried to make a success of it, by putting up the rent and beer prices to take away any profit and all incentive.

As you can read on page 29, the Friends of the Brock have set up a group to save the pub and put it into the Community's hands. There has been an overwhelming response of offers of help and support to try to make this happen, signing up to become 'Friends' to support the whole complex process. This level of interest in making sure Goxhill has a thriving family pub at the heart of the village, is a clear indication of the size of the customer base out there.

This pub is for everyone in the village, it has to cater for all needs, for families, for the Darts and Dominoes teams, for the functions, celebrations and sad occasions. Maybe it should have a cafe, a reading room, not just a bar and a restaurant.

This is where everyone's help is needed. There is a questionnaire inserted into this issue of the Gander to give you the chance to have your say in what you want in your village pub, so it will cater for as many varied needs as possible and be guaranteed that it will be successful in a village this size. **PLEASE FILL IT IN** and drop it in to Creasey's stores by 30th June, or go to the online version at <http://goo.gl/forms/lc2wsU5lQZ>

I admit I did not use the old Brock much at all, I was put off by its lack of welcome in its cavernous, often pretty empty bar. But I would love to be able to walk down the road for a sociable drink occasionally in a refurbished attractive, welcoming family pub, to put the world to rights with all the fascinating diverse people who make up our village. Have a meal with family and friends. Hold our meetings there or at least pop in for a drink afterwards, instead of having to drive out of the village. With being involved in the Friends of the Brock, I am meeting people now that I have seen around the village, but did not really know. Now there will always be people in the pub to talk to, because taking part in these sort of activities is a sociable thing in itself, as well as getting vital work done at the same time. 'Work hard and play hard' has always been my motto.

Jeff Teasdale - Editor

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

I guess that as a Vicar I am more aware than most people of trends in naming babies, having baptised a good number of them over the years. In my experience some traditional names such as Amelia, Emily, George and Jack seem permanently popular, but it's interesting to note that parents in other countries have different reasons for naming their children. In Africa the rationale for choosing a name can seem odd to us, often conveying the circumstances of the births or the characteristics of the newborns. For example, I read of an episode when doctors told the parents of one child that they could not cure the infant's illness and that only God knew whether or not he would live. So the parents named their offspring 'Godknows'. Another man said he was named 'Enough', because his mother had already had 13 children and he was definitely going to be the last!

When former president of Nigeria 'Goodluck' Jonathan was born, his father said: "I instinctively realised that this child has that element of fortune. I just said to myself, 'this boy is lucky.' So I decided to call him Goodluck."

Before Jesus was born an angelic messenger told Joseph in a dream that Mary's son was to be named 'Jesus' because he would save his people from their sins. In the language of his day 'Jesus' meant "the Lord saves" and countless people down through the ages have discovered that Jesus has done exactly this for them.

Whatever our given name is, though, we can have a say in our identity. We can base this in what (or who) we look to in order to give our lives inspiration, purpose, meaning and direction. There are many role models available that might potentially influence us but to 'put on Christ' is arguably the most significant decision a person can make for themselves. In a changing world with an uncertain future many still find the stability of an identity in opting for a relationship with God through his Son Jesus is a sure basis from which to live out their lives.

I'm not sure such a decision brings 'good luck' but it is certainly 'good news' to know we have an anchor to hold us whatever life brings.

Reverend John Girtchen

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends. 'June is bustin' out all over' is a song that my sister has never liked – she is called June! – And she feels that the title is insulting! Especially as she has put on a bit of weight over these last few years! (She was always the slim one, and now we're about even!).

But it is wonderful to see the brightness and the freshness of nature all around us, after all that digging and planting, wind rain and dark skies.

It reminds me of my most favourite verse in the Bible which is from that most well-known and favourite psalm – Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd

My most favourite verse is 'He restores my soul'.

During my dark, wintry, cold times, I hang on to that verse. God will restore my soul – my soul being that part of me which affects how I think, feel and act; that part of me which longs for God; that part of me which makes me unique.

In December, I know that June will come bustin' out all over – it's the story of nature, and it's the Easter message of Resurrection, and it's the story of my life. **Sincerely Yours Revd Enid Knowles**

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Saturday 11th June – 2pm onwards – Goxhill Memorial Hall. With all the usual games and refreshments.

Bingo

Tuesday 12th July
Tuesday 23rd August
– 7pm Prompt start.
Methodist Chapel Schoolroom.
Everyone welcome

Folk & Accoustic Night

Friday, 19th August at All Saint's Church.
Featuring "Swaddling Band and Friends" £6 including supper

Coffee Morning and book sale

Saturday 10th September
10.30am -12.30pm

Wine Tasting

Friday 14th October – Memorial Hall.
Tickets £12.50 from Margaret Goodhand on
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Autumn Fair

Saturday 12th November
from 2pm onwards. At the Memorial Hall.
Games and refreshments.

Christmas Bingo

Friday 9th December – Memorial Hall
Bring the children for a great night 7.30 start.

Pop-in

Please remember that the Pop-in is held on 3rd Saturday of the month at the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom
for coffee, tea, toasted teacakes and bacon butties. Please check dates on notice board.

Knit and Natter

every Thursday 2 – 4pm.
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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday Celebrations

You are invited to attend Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday Party
Sunday, June 12th between 2pm and 5pm in Goxhill Memorial Hall.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Churches Together in Goxhill would like to create a calendar for 2017 reflecting life in Goxhill both past and present.

One or two photo's either black and white or coloured with both name and address plus location and date of the photo on the reverse can be submitted.

All photographs of people the main focus of the picture should give their consent for its use. The picture size is not a problem as the pictures will be digitally copied and edited.

The closing date for material to be considered is **31st July, 2016**. Caroline at the Supply Stores has kindly agreed to receive these. An independent group will determine which material is used. Any enquiries to **Penny Carnell on 530138**.

Retirement Revolution

This year's Budget provided the freedom for many retirees to make their own decisions about how and when they access their pension savings.

Low interest rates over recent times have meant low returns for savers, many of those savers have also been retirees who have purchased lifetime incomes from a Pension Fund during a period of historically low interest rates. A very frustrating situation for many individuals. There have been well intended initiatives to provide more information to the general public about choice and access to the most suitable Annuity rates on the open market. Unfortunately, for many, saving for retirement and pension policies have been seen as poor value and unnecessarily complex.

From April 2015, many of the existing retirement planning restrictions were removed, this flexibility (complexity) is happening at the same time as other major plans to restructure both the State Pension and enforcement of work place pensions on all employers (Yes all employers).

Individuals are offered free guidance from Citizens Advice Bureau on the options available at retirement, but not advice or recommendation. With flexibility and choice comes complexity and potentially risk at a significant time for individuals with no room for errors. Pension policies look much more like a general savings plan, offering currently up to 40% tax relief on new contributions and allow unlimited access from age 55. The first 25% will be tax free and the balance will be taxed at the individuals marginal rate. Funds on death can be passed from generation to generation.

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	108	John Guggiari	£20.00
	118	Mr J Sinden	£15.00
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Drawn at the 'Saturday Drop In'

March	66	Denise Holtby	£100.00
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	257	Barbara Adamson	£20.00
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Drawn at a 'Goxhill Grannies Sewing Group'

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	30	Mrs R Brace	£10.00

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- July 25th David Aston - President of the British Beekeepers Association.
- August No meeting

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

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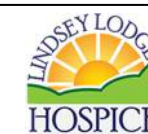
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Yesterday, Friday 1st April when we went up the village in the morning there was a pile of horse droppings on the footpath outside the phone box near the school. Through the Gander could you please ask horse riders not to ride on the footpaths and if they do to clean up the mess after them. Luckily the children were not at school and the mothers coming along with their pushchairs, when they would have had to go on the road to pass it, which is obviously not ideal.

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are supporting the following events:

- 12th June - NGS Open Garden at the home of Lesley Knapton, 6 Woodcote Farm, Barrow
- 19th June - Brocklesby Country Fair
- 25/26 June - Barton Open Gardens refreshments at the home of Bob & Chris Patterson, Beck Hill
- 25th July - Lunch at Elsham Golf Club - Guest speaker Nancy Birtwhistle - tickets £20 available from Liz 077485 72396 or Chris 01652 634853
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Youngsters will have the opportunity during the summer holidays to spend a week of creative activity at Barton upon Humber's The Ropewalk and, at the same time, be awarded an Arts Award from London's Trinity College in association with Arts Council England!

The two separate week's activities are being staged by children's art charity, ST-ART, and its project officer Janine Knight, who has put together 2 weeks of creative activity with an environmental theme.

The first week, from Mon to Fri 1-5 August is aimed at young people between 6 and 8 years of age. The second week, running from Mon to Fri 15-19 Aug, is aimed at young people aged between 9 and 11.

Both will visit the neighbouring nature reserve to create artworks and homes for wild life, conduct weather experiments and see what can be made from everyday items. They will also learn about The Ropewalk itself and record the weeks' activities in a portfolio to receive an Arts Award Certificate.

The younger age group will work towards an introductory Arts Award Discover where children & young people discover the arts around them, find out about artists and their work and share their experiences with others and gain a certificate at the end.

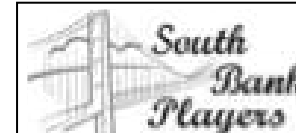
The older age group will be working for an Arts Award Explore award, an Entry Level 3 qualification on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). They will collect their experiences in an arts log, recording what they find and enjoy.

Both courses, led by Janine, The Ropewalk's trained Arts Award Advisory, and specialist artists who have all been vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service, will run from 10am-3pm each day. If you are aged between 14 and 18 years and would like to come along and help with the activities then please get in touch with Janine.

The cost for the Discover course is £50 for each child and for the Explore course, £60. Children must attend the full week and bring a packed lunch with them. Booking is essential and can be made by calling 01652 660380. Alternatively email janine@the-ropewalk.co.uk for further details.

Barton Muse Poetry Group

We are an informal group of people who love to write and/or enjoy listening to poetry of all kinds. We come from not only Barton but East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, meeting on the last Sunday of the month, starting at 7 pm at Frankie's, 35a, High Street, Barton, DN18 5PD. (all welcome, no fee)
Sun 26th June Muse Vegetarian Dinner
Wed 29th June Barton Arts Muse Open Mic 7.30 pm
Wilderspin National School (see p17)
Sun 24th July Sun 25th September
Contact Monty Martin 0780 350 4794 - frankiesatthirtyfive@gmail.com



SOUTH BANK PLAYERS NEWS

The regional heat of the All England Theatre Festival was held at the Spa Theatre in Bridlington on 1st and 2nd April. We took a new play by Sue Wilding called, 'All the Strangers Came Today', which was directed by Ian Neve. The play is a comedy about bored lottery winners Joyce and Charles (played by Liz Drury and Alun Friend), who are paid a visit by the common and vulgar Pete and Irene (played by Peter Swann and Clare Curd). Joyce and Charles are convinced they've never met Pete and Irene before - or have they? And what exactly do Pete and Irene want? There are a number of twists in the plot that keep the audience guessing at what's going on until the very end, and it was very well received by the audience at Bridlington. We were very pleased to be awarded the prize for the Adjudicator's favourite play!

We hope to perform 'All the Strangers Came Today' for a local audience soon. The date has yet to be arranged but keep an eye out for posters.

We had a very successful Ghost Walk season this year with over 200 people coming along over the five walks. The next season will begin on Halloween and we strongly recommend that you book in advance for this one, as it can be very busy, so call Dennis Bloor on 01469 531003.

Our next production will be a full length play in the autumn. The play has yet to be chosen but we would love some new members to help us with it. We'll be holding a read through and open auditions for anyone who fancies having a go at acting. No previous experience necessary. Give Alun Friend a call if you'd like to get involved 07500 474446

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Performance in the Park

The ever popular, free to the public, Performance in the Park, returns to Barton's Baysgarth Park this summer with a mix of open-air theatre for the family and music.

Sunday July 3 - 2pm

Pantaloons Theatre perform Gulliver's Travels. Come along to the area adjacent to Baysgarth House Museum and meet the tiny people of Lilliput and the giants of Brobdingnag, visit the floating island of Laputa and a land of talking horses in this brand-new adaptation of Jonathan Swift's classic story.

Sunday July 17 - 2pm

Doncaster Concert Band returns to the town following a very successful appearance as part of the Barton Arts Festival last year while on July 24 the Storytellers Theatre Company make its annual trip to Barton, this time taking spectators on a journey with Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland.

Sunday August 28 - 11am, 12.30pm and 2pm

The final event in the 2016 Performance in the Park season is The Adventures of Walter Lemonface, when you are invited to join adventurer, fearless inventor and connoisseur of carrots, Walter Lemonface as he hunts for Rhubarb Ogres, battles ghosts and finds a new adventure around every corner.

(There is a maximum number of 25 children for each of the three Walter Lemonface performance as well as a craft activity to complement it.)

All are free and organised by the Barton Tourism Partnership, supported by Barton Town Council, Barton Rotary and Barton Lions. Refreshments will be available at Baysgarth House Museum raising funds for the museum.

Ted Lewis Group

2016 activities for Bartonian and visitors to enjoy include:

Conducted Ted Lewis Trails, showing the heritage and haunts of Barton's novelist, artist and musician, author of the film 'Get Carter' starring Michael Caine. Ted Lewis Art on show. Starting from Wilderspin National School on 03/07, 28/08 –to commence at 11am. Time approximately 2 hours. Register at Wilderspin (Thursdays to Sundays 10 am to 4 pm) at least a week before the selected date. £3.00.

Ted Lewis Readings at Barton Arts Festival. Wilderspin National School 5 pm on Tuesday 28th June 2016. Ted Lewis original Jazz piano tracks. Hear how Get Carter had its roots in Barton. Book through Barton Arts (see overleaf).

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Wilderspin School Museum Summer Launch

The museum, located on Queen Street in Barton, is now in its eighth year and over 45,000 visitors have been to find out about the school's unique link with Victorian infant education pioneer, Samuel Wilderspin. The school was opened in 1845 and in addition to the Infant School there were Boys' and a Girls' schools too – all three comprising Barton National School.

We've now updated the story with new displays tracing the school's more recent history from the 1940s to its closure in 1978. With help from the Heritage Lottery Fund we have created a new reminiscence classroom with items from the 1950s, 60s and 70s, and with information about Barton's second Church School, St. Chad's which stood on Waterside Road. There's a new gallery based using memories of childhood play – in the school playground and street, and our outside play "street" will prompt recollections of marbles and hopscotch. The exhibition is available for display in community venues around the area too.

The Old School Canteen, our new coffee shop, is open during the museum's opening hours: Thursday – Sunday 10am – 4pm and has an exciting, extended menu of hot and cold food, special afternoon teas and cold drinks including beers, wines and traditional soft drinks.

Our summer events include:

Sat 11 June Lindsey Scribes calligraphy day school
Saturday 25 June to 3 July see overleaf for Barton Arts activities

Sunday 3 July & 28 August Ted Lewis Guided Trails (see more details to the left)

Thursdays 28 July, 4, 11 & 18 August
Retro Classroom Crafts for Kids every afternoon
Full details about all these events are available by visiting www.wilderspinschool.org.uk, www.bartonarts.co.uk or tel (01652) 635172.

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Barton Arts Festival 2016

The 19th Festival runs from 24 June to 3 July, packed with an entertaining selection of art forms including top comedy, theatre and music. Plus the Graham Sanders lecture, Muse poetry evening, Open Gardens, art exhibitions, Film Night, live music night for under 18s, ukulele workshop, author Val Wood in conversation and Ted Lewis Group readings. There will even be a chance to participate as well as be an audience member.

Friday 24 June - 8pm Banned Night

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £3 in advance £5 on the door
Under 18's alcohol free night with three bands featuring Different Oceans, a three piece band based in North Lincolnshire. Playing soft rock, funk and R&B they are definitely one to watch - supported by Mark Roland and Sarah Clayton a great night out.

Saturday 25 June to Sunday 3 July Summer Exhibition

The Ropewalk, Maltkiln Road - Free
Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 10am - 4pm

An exhibition of work from artists association with The Ropewalk.

Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 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 25 June
Zero to Hero - Ukulele Workshop 2pm**
Wilderspin School, Queen Street - £4
Join the ukulele revolution in this fun 75 minute workshop. Enough time to learn two simple songs and enough chords to set you off on your own ukulele adventure. Then perform your work in Open Gardens at 3.15pm. No experience necessary and Ukés will be provided. Book early as we anticipate this to be popular.

Saturday 25 June North Country Theatre presents Twelfth Night - 7pm

Bardney Hall, Whitecross Street - £12/£14 otd (Under 16s £5)*

NCT are celebrating 20 years of rural touring with a new production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. Bringing back together many of the actors that have featured in their shows over the years, as ever this will be a great night out for all the family.

Sunday 26 June Pantaloons Theatre presents The Canterbury Tales - 7pm

Bardney Hall, Whitecross Street - £12/£14 otd (Under 16s £5)*

A cast of five bring every one of Chaucer's timeless tales to life in just under 2 hours. Join the pilgrims for puppetry, poetry, music and magic, talking chickens and burnt bottoms, wild, physical and funny - this is medieval mayhem for all the family.

* Offer: book both Twelfth Night and the Canterbury Tales for just £20 per person

Monday 27 June Monday Night at the Movies - 7.30pm

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £4

Hue & Cry (1947) is regarded as the very first Ealing Comedy. An energetic combination of youthful adventure and comic book fantasy it stars a number of familiar and much-loved faces, from a

young Harry Fowler who is an east end kid addicted to an adventure weekly and becomes convinced that a series of burglaries are related to its storyline as well as a pre-Dixon of Dock Green Jack Warner and the eccentric writer of the weekly played by Alastair Sim. This will be accompanied by some 1940s propaganda shorts.

Tuesday 28 June - 2-5pm

The Graham Saunders Lecture:

A Celebration of Shakespeare

Wilderspin School, Queen Street - £4
Shakespeare in Concert Hall, Ballet and Opera - A 400th Anniversary Celebration of his death.

Tuesday 28 June - 5-7pm

Ted Lewis Presentation

Wilderspin School, Queen Street - £4
Readings from Local Novels of Barton Novelist; members of the Ted Lewis Group read from and explain purple passages from Barton and Hull based novels of Ted Lewis (1940 - 1982) and show how the experiences he drew on fed into his famous work "Get Carter" and other crime fiction novels.

Tuesday 28 June - 8pm

Susan Calman

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £10
We are delighted that we have Susan Calman on a special preview tour, as she drops into Barton in preparation for her 2016 tour. An intimate evening where you get to try out her new jokes, some good, some bad, some incomprehensible. But all good fun. You might even hear things that will never be said again. Carter" and other crime fiction novels.

Wednesday 29 June 7-9.30pm

Barton Muse Poetry Open Mic with Music and Song

The Old Mill, Market Lane - £5
In the upstairs room of the Old Mill, listen to invited poets and contribute works of your own (published or unpublished) if you wish. Contributions limited to 5 minutes each. Secret vote for the best poem of the night. Organised by Barton's poetry group Barton Muse.

Thursday 30 June 2-4pm

Songs and Scones

St Mary's Church Hall, Burgate - Free
Join professional musicians from the Live Music Now charity performing a selection of classical and popular songs. Working alongside Age UK and Barton Rotary and volunteers they hope to bring together older people in the local community for a social musical session. Refreshments provided.

Thursday 30 June - 7.30pm

The Budapest Café Orchestra

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £13/£15 otd
With violin, guitar, accordion, double-bass, saz and balalaika combined with wit, charm and good humour, the infectious energy of the BCO will sweep you off your feet. From desperately evocative heart-rending ancient Jewish melodies to dances from Russia and Romania the evening evokes images of Budapest café life and gypsy campfires and will stay with you long after the curtain goes down.

Friday 1 July - 8pm

Jacqui Dankworth and Charlie Wood
Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street - £15/£17 otd

Jacqui Dankworth is one of the most highly regarded singers in the UK and together with husband Charlie Wood, who recently received the 136th Brass Note on Beale Street, will be presenting an intimate evening singing jazz standards and other classic songs. musicality, ganchos and adornos!

Saturday 2 July 10.30-12 noon Val Wood in conversation with Sue Wilsea

Wilderspin School, Queen Street - £4
Join "Hull's answer to Catherine Cookson" (Kirsty Lang, BBC Radio 4) in conversation with writer Sue Wilsea about life, writing and more. Val Wood was born in Castleford and now lives in Beverley, East Yorkshire. She is the author of 'The Hungry Tide', winner of the Catherine Cookson prize for fiction. Val has written 22 novels, including her latest 'Little Girl Lost'.

Saturday 2 July - 8pm

Barry Cryer with Colin Sell

Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street - £18/£20 otd
Don't miss the Ant and Dec of the sanatozen set as they reunite for a brand new show. A great Saturday night's

entertainment with songs, jokes and the amazing realisation that they are still here, make sure you join them before they come apart!

Sunday 3 July - 2pm

Barton Tourism Partnership presents Gulliver's Travels with Pantaloons Theatre

Baysgarth Park, Caistor Road - Free
Come along to the park to join Lemuel Gulliver on his fantastical and hilarious voyage into the unknown... meet the tiny people of Lilliput and the giants of Brobdingnag; visit the floating island of Laputa and a land of talking horses. An outdoor theatrical adventure for all the family in this new adaptation of Jonathan Swift's classic story.

Sunday 3 July - 7.30pm

Snake Strings

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If you like Snake Davis then you will love his newest musical venture - Snake Strings. Working with one of the finest string quartets around - Snake Strings perform a mixture of funky, classical, soulful and world music, all with a Snakey twist. With tunes from 'River Deep Mountain High' to 'A Little Respect' to self penned numbers, to classics from Faure to Bach, this show crosses genres and introduces a wide range of music to audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Tickets are available from The Ropewalk as well as on line through the Barton Arts website www.bartonarts.co.uk

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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

CHARITY AUCTION – 5TH MARCH, 2016

To all the residents of the village and surrounding areas, if you did not appear at the Memorial Hall for the **Auction last March**, you missed one of the best organised fund raisers we have had in a long time. Many thanks go to Roy Atkin and Charlie Leaning for suggesting it in the first place, without them and their months of collecting and storing of all donated items this function would not have taken place and we would not have made the staggering £1,539.23. Many bargains were sought and all left very happy with their purchases.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH to those who donated to the 169 lots up for auction, the auctioneers made the morning thoroughly enjoyable hence the invitation back to do the **Garden Auction on Sunday 24th April**.

A little chilly for an April morning but with Lynne and Charlie Leaning cooking fresh bacon and sausage buns served with piping hot drinks to keep the arms going up to bid once again for the donated items.

This event raised £365 with all proceeds going to the Goxhill Memorial Hall.

Penny Nadin Secretary to the Goxhill Memorial Hall

FilmLincs in Goxhill 17th June

In the previous issue of The Gander, I mentioned that we expected to be running a cinema evening in Goxhill Memorial Hall during 2016. Whilst this will initially be on a very occasional basis, as long as we achieve reasonable audience numbers, we hope to make it a more regular activity from 2017.

The programme making this possible is FilmLincs which is funded through the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema Fund. The films on offer will be British and Independent, Specialist or Documentary by category. Our first film will be **The Lady in the Van**, starring Maggie Smith, Alex Jennings, Jim Broadbent and Frances de la Tour. It will be shown at **7pm on Friday 17 June** in the Memorial Hall. This film has a PG-13 certificate which means "parents are strongly cautioned that some material may not be suitable for children under 13".

Do come along and encourage your friends too. Tickets will be sold on the door and priced at £3 each. If you have any other questions then please email GoxhillEvents@mybtinternet.com or telephone me on 530363. **John Guggiari**

TIME CAPSULE

Calling for contributions to the Memorial Hall Time Capsule

After recent renovations the Memorial Hall committee are replacing the time capsule.

Anyone wanting to offer contributions to the capsule in the form of photos, memoriam or maps etc, which reflect significant events in village life, please contact **Ann Carter (530635)** or other members of the Memorial Hall committee before **September 6th**.

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

In the 7½ years I have been at Goxhill we have seen a number of changes, many improvements, some sadness and lots of happy times. Over the past three years since Goxhill federated with East Halton, our school and our staff have been held in high regard within our LA and we are often called upon to support development and improvement in other North Lincolnshire schools. This makes me, as a head teacher feel very proud. We see ourselves as a continuously 'growing' school, striving always for excellence with the highest expectations for our children. We are ultra-competitive and want always to do our best, giving our children something different and special. Although over the past seven years having nurtured and turned out future leaders, we have kept and developed a very talented and loyal workforce to whom myself and our governors are very grateful.

For our contribution to the Gander, I have asked some of our longer serving staff to share some memories of this time at the school. It is these people who really provide the foundation for all that we do in school.

Caroline Breslin

I first walked into Goxhill Primary School almost 30 years ago when my husband Peter and I moved into the area with our two small children Russell and Sam. We had re-located from Middlesbrough via a two year temporary home in Barrow upon Humber. I remember being met by Val Dunderdale in the 'office', which consisted of a small desk (no security doors or codes; people were just able to wander in at will). The backdrop to Mrs Dunderdale consisted of a couple of shelves of books which constituted as the school library! When the children were ready to change their books they would pay Val a visit, choose a new book and have it duly stamped by her.

After a short interview with the then head master John Bailey, the children were accepted in to the school from September 1987. At this time I was also working part time for the Adult Education Department and thought it would be nice to be able to give a little time to the school on my day off. So for the next ten years, my Thursdays were filled with painting and reading with the year 1 children under the watchful eye of Frances Boxer, intermingled with English, Maths, baking sessions and even ice skating lessons with the year 5 children. I have to say the highlight of those Thursdays was being served tea by John Bailey at break times. Ah- those were the days.....

After some very busy intervening years, when there was more of a call on my time at home, I was asked whether I would consider coming into school to carry out a few hours of part time work each week. What a difference I found! There was now a security system in place and extra classrooms had been added, meaning that I now needed to be shown around a building I thought I knew so well. The world that this new generation of younger children inhabited was moving at a much faster pace than I remembered. Still, game for a challenge, I joined Clare Neal and the Year 1 children for what I thought would just be a few weeks work. How wrong I was! Here I am, almost ten years later, working with a fantastic group of dedicated profes-

sionals. Currently supporting Miss Twidale in Year 6, I have been proud to be part of the team charged with guiding this year group through their SATs exams and helping to prepare them for whatever challenges they may face in their new schools.

Whilst there have been many challenges over the past 30 years one thing, for me, remains constant and it is this; even though we adults see ourselves as the educators of the young, it seems that we can learn just as much from them as they do from us. Which is how it should be, I consider I have had a bad day if I leave school not having learned something new! **Janet Cain**

I was first introduced to Goxhill Primary School by working in the after school club, the next thing I knew I began working full time in the foundation unit after I volunteered to work in the classroom a few days. That was over eleven years ago!

I have worked in almost all of the year group classes and thoroughly enjoyed each one. I am currently working with the year 5 children.

I asked a few children today how they would describe me in three words. Crazy, funny and kind were the words that come out the most. The children who do know me know that I have a sense of humour and like to have a laugh. I do have a serious side too, sometimes.

My job is rewarding by seeing the children grow and mature over the years.

I hope to be at Goxhill School for many more years to come.

Tracy Morley



During the last 16 years I have had the pleasure of working with lots of different staff, many have moved on to pastures new, some have secured headships, retired and sadly not forgetting those that have passed away.

Over the years I have many fond memories of spending time with the children especially on numerous residential with Pam Morris at my side. Pam and I were like a tag team! I have two memories that stand out from all the rest, the first one is on the last night with Year 6, it was always a tradition to tell ghost stories. One year we asked the night watchman to tell them for us, he did such a good job that after what we hoped would be our last patrol along the corridor in the early hours, Pam and I decided we needed to have our own sleepover as we were too scared to spend the night on our own! Sorry Pam our secret is out! The second one was when one of the parents told me after a weekend away at Robin Wood, that we had taken her little boy away and brought back a young man. He was so proud of his achievements and had conquered so many of his fears, this is what makes working with

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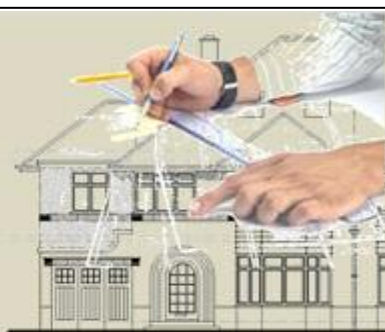


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children so rewarding. My role over the years has changed dramatically, from supporting children in the classroom to running the school office. After spending time shadowing Valerie Dunderdale until her retirement, the time came to fly solo. Since then no two days have been the same. Each term creates new challenges with new parents and pupils and as our numbers rise remembering everyone's name is a challenge on its own! Working alongside committed and enthusiastic staff makes my job a pleasure, it may not always look that way when there is a queue of parents waiting to see me and the telephone is constantly ringing but please believe me it is true!

Sharon Coulam



When Miss Breslin first asked me to write an article for the Goxhill Gander, my initial reaction was: "What am I going to write about?" However, I very quickly started thinking about all of the dedicated staff, wonderful children, and amazing friends which I have met over the last eleven years that I have worked with at this school.

My time at this school has been filled with many memories, both happy and sad, but the vast majority bring a smile to my face when I take a moment to think and reminisce. For instance, I still remember one particular year six residential trip (and there have been quite a few over the years) when Mr Brown, a previous Deputy Head teacher, included me in the usual head count, counting me as one of the children because I'm

so small. The children found it quite amusing how I had somehow managed to blend in with them and, looking back, I do as well! School trips can be very tiring, but are often so much fun too!

Over my eleven years at Goxhill Primary School, I have worked with children in most year groups and I have enjoyed my time in them all. I currently work in Year Three and the children are great. I have developed a few nicknames during my time in this job, including "Brownie" and even "Trouble", and I respond to them all - I like to think they are complimentary!

I have found this job and the opportunity to work with children very rewarding, especially when children who have left the school and grown up still make the effort to go out of their way to speak to me when they see me out and about.

I hope to carry on working here for many more years to come, and I look forward to trying to help lots more children whilst they enjoy their education at the school. Hopefully I can avoid being included in the Deputy Head teacher's head counts from now on!

Linda Brown

Traditional dancing round the Maypole and crowning the May Queen at Goxhill School. Photographs by Martin Cawkwell



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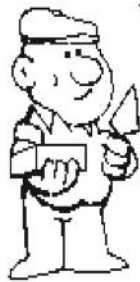
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amazing Gary Payne, our MC for the evening! Thanks to Gary's immense talents, we were able to maximise the potential of every single item that some fantastic people had so kindly donated. Local businesses, national businesses, celebrities and kind hearted villagers donated over 40 truly outstanding prizes, for which I am extremely grateful!

Finally a big thank you to my amazing helpers, Nicola, Claire, Maddie, Helen, Justin, Lisa, Colin, Emma, James, Tina, Danielle, Lisa and Hayley who gave up their time to help dress the hall, tidy up afterwards, sell raffle

tickets and look completely glamorous whilst running around delivering prizes and collecting everyone's cash!

The generosity of everybody who bought tickets (it was a sell out!), those who bid on the incredible



auction prizes, those who bought raffle tickets, bid on the name card prize and not forgetting those who kindly donated prizes, was just phenomenal.

I'm feeling very blessed to be surrounded by such good sorts at the moment. The Goxhill Memorial Hall made for a fantastic venue too. I think we were able to show case it at its best and I was proud to show off our village asset to those not from the



area who attended. We'll most definitely be using it again in the future!

THANK YOU
Katrina Everson

My own, slightly more modest 70th Birthday celebrations in April, raised a fantastic £750 for the MS Society and £250 to the Brainhouse Academy, a school mainly for orphans in the slums of Nairobi. The entertainment was provided by a Casino by Barton Rotary, who helped to make my special evening, one to remember. Thanks also to the amazing generosity of my friends and relations, and those involved in all the conniving in the background, to Barrow Squash Club for hosting it and to Caroline Hickman and the Ropewalk, their buffet and cake were brilliant. **Jeff Teasdale**



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Fifty Years on

I'm going through a period of reflection. It is fifty years since Dennis and I moved our family from Goxhill to Barton. This was to be for a period of two years, when we would certainly return. The move was made to facilitate ease of movement for the family as I was taking a three year period of study to increase my teaching qualifications, travelling to Lincoln or Grimsby each day for three years. Kevin was doing a 'sandwich course' of degree level study, travelling to Scunthorpe, alternating with Middlesbrough. Wendy was at the Grammar School in Barton. Travel was better from Barton, leaving me free from taking everyone on their journey, before going on my way. The travel was the only reason we left.

Additions to our family, Simon and Rachael, held up the 'return.' In the event we never got round to moving back. So what differences do I notice in the Goxhill we left and the Goxhill I see now?

Well I think I can start with a remark that was made to me when I told my fellow students that I came from Goxhill, "Oh that's the village where a 'hierarchy' still exists." So I looked around me, and thought "was Goxhill that sort of village?" Dennis had told me that if, as a child, he passed a certain man in the village, omitting to say Good Morning Mr. *****, he would be brought to book, sometimes receiving a whack with his cane.

I noticed that indeed there were people, who 'set the standard', people who had responsibilities in the church for example, who demanded respect. This was no bad thing I think; these were kind people, who helped families, when difficulties arose. Goxhill was a peaceful village.

At that time we lived in Council property (Abbeygarth Villas), while saving to buy a home. There were some 'better off' residents who viewed the Council house people with distaste. One incident that happened to us was that on returning from a train ride to Cleethorpes, a policeman appeared at the door, "Where were your children

today?" We were able to say where we'd been. Why did he ask us that? 'Well Mrs. ***** had a broken window and had demanded that all the council houses should be visited to find the culprit who had broken her window.

Goxhill was the village where my older family began their education, attended Sunday School, made lifelong friends and still look back with affection on the village.

Lots more could be said about Goxhill all that time ago, but when compared with other villages, they were all much the same, inward looking, not knowing any other way of life.

Now to the present day village -

My youngest son, Simon, left the village about two years ago. Whilst there his children attended the local school. As both parents work I spent some time attending school events and meeting their friends, attending 'events' in the village etc.

The village has grown so much with new people keep coming in. I know some people make it known that new comers are resented, but I see it as a good thing. Children these days have more opportunities to mix with a greater variety of people. When my family were there, they were so restricted from meeting and learning from people with different ideas. If I was still there I would welcome having such a variety of people, it helps one to understand that there are other ways of life than yours. Of course it is easier to travel around to other places than it was in our day. Then most activities were village based, now outings can be arranged away from the village

The only thing missing is a local 'pub', but I understand that plans are afoot to remedy that. Good luck with that!

When I attend events in Goxhill now there are not many people I know; but I am always made to feel welcome. I still have some relatives there I think. Sadly I know that I'll not live in Goxhill again.

All I know is that the remark made by my 'fellow students', no longer fits the Goxhill of today, as it might have done then. **Ramona Percy (nee Parkin)**

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UPDATE ON THE HUMBER PIPELINE PROJECT

The Examining Authority completed their examination of this application on 7 March 2016. The findings and conclusions arising, together with their recommendation will be sent to the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change no later than 7 June 2016.

Up to date information on the entire project can be found on the following website address :-

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<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/river-humber-gas>
Perhaps the cherry trees along Ferry Road have become the first victims of this project, being pruned back excessively because of the pending heavy lorries to come.

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The BROCKLESBY HUNT - AN UPDATE

At the time of writing, Goxhill have a year to find a community ownership option for The Brocklesby Hunt public house or it will be knocked down and turned into two houses. Land attached to the pub will be built on by Keigar Homes who have extended the lifeline to the village to save the pub. The offer to residents was part of a planning application approved with conditions by North Lincolnshire Council in an S106 agreement.

The pub is a registered community asset and Keigar Homes only had to give us six months, but have generously extended that period voluntarily as part of their planning application for the rest of the site.

The Brock, the only remaining pub out of four, in our village, was the victim of the pub management model that starved it of the investment needed to develop it to meet the changing demands of village life.

However, other villages have saved their pubs using community ownership and there is no reason why the Goxhill community can't do the same.

As a result a small group of residents have registered 'The Friends of the Brock', to investigate community ownership options with help from The Pub is The Hub (an organisation set up by the Prince of Wales).

A steering committee of trustees from the village has been set up with a mixture of old and young regulars of the Brock, builders, business planners, financial experts, business professionals, a member of the Parish Council and residents old and new. All have a determination to make the regeneration of the Brock a success by putting together the best business plan possible. Our North Lincolnshire Councillors are giving the team their support.

The trustees are actively recruiting supporting members

and setting up a database of skills and expertise offered from within the village which will be vital as the project develops. A Structural Survey has taken place and a valuation is awaited so if agreement can be reached on this figure, then sources of revenue, grants, loans etc can be sought to fund the whole project.

The movement to save the Brock has just been highlighted on the One Show and has been featured on Estuary TV as well as Humberside Radio. So word is getting out there.

This is a massive project, but it can work if the community works together. No doubt there will be many hurdles and major set backs to overcome, but if we can succeed, a thriving social facility at the heart of our community can be created. All community needs will be considered, not just a family pub, but also a restaurant, café, reading room, library, meeting/function room, B&B etc.

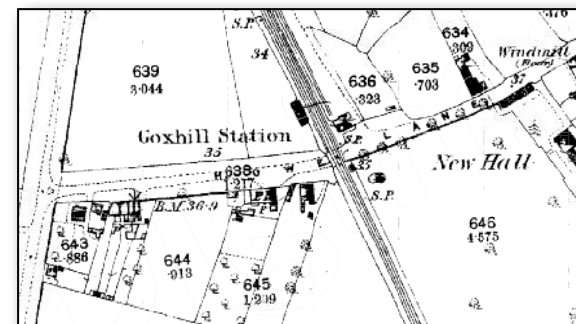
The overall aim is to keep the Brock as a Community owned asset, perhaps with members of the village owning shares in it, run by a professional landlord/lady charged with making it an ongoing success.

So we have until **7th March 2017** to put everything in place to buy it back and have all set up to go!

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BROCK!
Your ideas and any help are vital ...

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Do you have any old photographs or stories about the Brock?



As part of our work to save the Brock, we would like to set up an archive of stories and photographs of its past. This will help with our proposals to gain the necessary funding for the project. People, events, activities, funny stories, sad occasions, the building and surroundings over the years etc.

We are gathering information on past landlords / landladies and their dates as licensees, including information from old Census documents. Caroline Atkins, a local historian, is helping in this search.

If you have a fund of old stories and just need someone to tell them to, that's great. Please ring and we will get someone to talk to you.

If you can help please contact Jeff Teasdale on **07774 671175** or on thebrocklesbyhunt@btinternet.com



A fantastic photograph with the Brock on the right, believed to be about 1900. The map is dated 1880s. Both kindly supplied by Mike Dennett



The Brock possibly around 1920



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How did the River Humber reach the sea?

A strange question but imagine if you will that you are seated in a boat at Trent Falls the place where the River Ouse and the Trent come together to become The Humber. You are on a wide flat tidal stretch of water so you are floating at the level of the tide. As the tide begins to go out you float down towards the sea but on either side of your three or four kilometre wide river the ground begins to rise, and almost immediately you are passing between high hills which rise to 60 or 70 metres high. The river narrows to a width of about two kilometres as the hills reach their height and you pass beneath the Humber Bridge. Then as you pass between the City of Hull and the village of Goxhill on either bank the hills fall away to the marsh lands of the coast and your boat begins to feel the influence of the sea.

Now the question becomes how this convenient gap between the Yorkshire Wolds and the Lincolnshire Wolds opened to allow the Humber which drains one fifth of the land area of England to find its way to the sea? The chalk of the Wolds was laid down in tropical waters during the geological

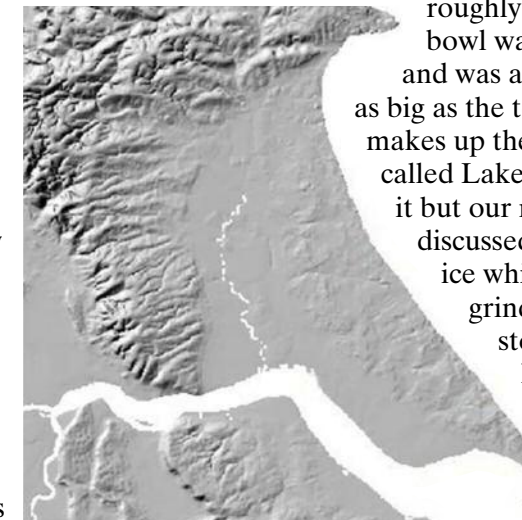
Cretaceous Period. The A 15 road has been built into the chalk of the Lincolnshire Wolds to provide a convenient slope down to the bridge. Fortunately we can look carefully at the layered strata of the chalk there and we see that the layers are perfectly horizontal. From this we can deduce that the gap is not a dip in the strata but has been cut away and the chalk removed. Ignoring the idea that the river ran up one side of the hill and down the other until its course was established we must go back in time to find what really happened.

We go back to what scientists call The Ice Age but that lasted two Million years and it was not all ice there were warmer periods when the temperatures rose so that they were comparable with those of today. I have no idea when our events occurred but at some time and probably over long periods important changes occurred. The British Isles were at that time joined to Europe there was no North Sea. The height of the high ground in the centre of the country was about two thousand metres higher than it is now. As ice melted and rain fell the water drained to the lower ground towards what is now Europe and as it did so it formed rivers which joined up with the great rivers of the continent which together found their way into the ocean. Over many thousands of years these rivers cut deep valleys into the chalk but

the ice returned several times and built up until it formed Glaciers which were more than a thousand metres deep. These Glaciers flowed down the country from North to South eroding some of the harder rock but completely grinding away the softer chalk.

Fourteen thousand years ago temperatures began to rise and as the ice melted it revealed a great depression that had been swept clear of the rock down to the underlying clay. This great bowl in the centre of the country stretched north to south from York to Newark and east to west from the escarpment of the Wolds to the ridge of high ground

roughly on the line of the A1M road. The bowl was not empty it had filled with water and was a massive lake the area of which was as big as the total area of land and water that makes up the present Lake District. This was called Lake Humber. The melt water had filled it but our narrow deep river valley that we discussed above was still there however the ice which had been prevented from



This relief map clearly shows the narrow gap in the Wolds created by the Humber on its way to the sea.

grinding away the Wolds by the grit stone and harder rocks to the north had deposited lots of material in the valley blocking it. Gradually the blockage was washed away. It was not a sudden and violent event like the bursting of a dam as happened when the lake filling the North Sea burst through into

the English Channel. It happened in several stages evidence of this can be seen from the A180M eastbound, as the road rises from the bridge over the River Trent. Looking at the land on either side rather than the engineered road the ground is seen to rise in a series of steps these were beaches which formed as the surface level of the lake fell.

The lake became empty and a very dry period ensued with very little rain. Wind blew from the west and picked up sand and dust which was deposited along the top and the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds (the acid woodland on the chalk). Gradually as rainfall increased the flow of the rivers was established as it is today but the ground did not dry out completely and in the lower places peat bogs developed. Where it was better drained, trees began to grow and thus the great area of the Humber Levels began to develop as it is today. During the last three hundred or four hundred years people have drained the land building roads and towns. From time to time weather events occur, rivers rise and flood, to remind us that nature is chaotic, but as we look down from the Wolds at the River Humber calmly flowing through its narrow valley to the sea we are once again reassured by the river beside which we live.

Maurice Brown



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LiveLincs Reviews

So far in 2016 we have been able to bring two great live shows to Goxhill courtesy of the LiveLincs Rural Touring Scheme.

In March there was carefully orchestrated uproar at Goxhill Primary School as Circus Berzercus provided a feast of comedy, juggling, magic and unicycle riding. An excited audience of nearly 120 thoroughly enjoyed an early evening show for all the family. Most of the children present had been treated to a circus skills/clowning workshop earlier in the day from the same entertainers.

In April things were rather more sedate on stage from Woody Holler and his Orchestra. However, the reaction from the audience was every bit as enthusiastic with many singing along to songs like Champion the Wonder Horse and Ghost Riders in the Sky. We also learned that the Reverend Girtchen is a pretty mean yodeller in his spare time. Whilst the audience numbered over 50 people, perhaps surprisingly about half were from outside Goxhill - up to 60 miles away. Several were clearly jealous, almost stunned, that we had managed to bring this Canadian band to our village hall. It was just a bit of shame that some of our regulars were away or double-booked and that more villagers did not make it along.

Hopefully there will be another LiveLincs sponsored event in the Autumn. Any of you who have read the LiveLincs leaflets will be aware that the range of touring shows on offer is usually quite broad. So if live music is not your taste but you would be keen to come along for theatrical drama or comedy, or perhaps modern dance then please speak up so that we can try and introduce more people to local live events. All profits from these events went to the respective venues.

To respond or find out more you can check out @Goxhill_Events on Twitter, the Goxhill Events page on Facebook or email Goxhill-events@mybtinternet.com or telephone me on 530363. **John Guggiari**

Bell ringers and strawberries, a country connection!

So how did the above become such a terrific combination? Well I shall explain! ...Who would have thought that the need for maintenance of the bells in our lovely old church, and a casual conversation over morning coffee, would herald the beginning of what our own Jeff Teasdale called the 'fabled' Strawberry tea at the home of Stuart and Diana Cooke, our bell tower captain and his wife.

In 2009 after a routine inspection, it was discovered that much needed work would have to be done to keep the bells of All Saints Church in good order. Stuart and Diana Cooke came up with the idea of hosting a strawberry tea to raise funds to help keep the bells ringing!

With a willing band of helpers and much planning, the first of what has become quite a talked about event in the village calendar took place one glorious sunny August afternoon in 2009.

In a country where strawberries and cream in summer, are as much a tradition as Eric and Ernie at Christmas it was no surprise that the afternoon was a roaring success, and kick started what has become an annual event that comprises many of the ingredients of village life...lovely cakes and pastries, a beautiful country setting, and of course....lots of pots of tea!!

In 2010 more funds were raised for the bell fund, and

as it was again a great success it was decided that it would be a great idea to raise money for local charities, including wish upon a star in 2011, St Andrews children's hospice in 2012, and for the last 3 years our local L.I.V.E.S group.

The event has gone from strength to strength every year and anyone who has attended has always remarked on the wonderful array of strawberry delights that are available and how the setting is wonderfully traditional, reminiscent of country fayres from years gone by. It has been described by many as the "fantastic" strawberry tea and attracts many people from outside the village as well as local villagers, but all this could not happen if not for the dedicated helpers who work hard every year to put it together. I myself helped out for the first time last year and my feet barely touched the floor all

afternoon...stopping only briefly for a quick brew myself before donning the pinny once again to take orders. It made me realise how much work goes into this one fabulous afternoon, and I hope to be involved again in some form this year, helping as well as sampling the many delights on offer ...the latter of which I'm sure many many people will be once again doing on what I hope will be another glorious sunny afternoon on **13th August** in 2016! See you all there! **Lisa Adams**



Goxhill's bellringers who rang for the Queen's 90th Birthday and also for St.Georges Day.

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OFF THE HOOF

"If the world were a logical place, men would ride side-saddle" Rita Mae Brown

I hope by the time this hits the post-boxes summer will have arrived. The cuckoo has been heard but nature seems to be all out of sync. For some time I have seen birds feeding their young and wonder what the survival rate will be as we return to depths of winter - and it's only April!

No doubt a few people took rugs in to be washed, repaired and re-proofed when we had a really warm spell, luckily I didn't and they have had to be put back on again. It has been so cold and the chill factor has made it worse.

There was a good response to the free Hi-Viz tabards and I have two left if anyone wants one.

On the subject of safety the approved hat standard changed in January. The BSEN1384 certification is being replaced with PAS015. When buying a new hat check inside to ensure it is of the right standard. The correct way to put a hat on is from the front and using the palm of your hand push towards the back. If it pinches it's too small and if it wobbles it's too big. Makes vary in shape so persevere until you find one that fits correctly. I see so many people 'plonking' them on top of their head and squashing them down. If it doesn't fit it's not safe and even the cheapest of hats are not cheap. Please do not buy one from a car boot. They are bound to be out of date and may have been in an accident so should be discarded.

An initiative has been set up by the British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) and British Eventing (BE) whereby if a rider is concussed competing during cross country at a BE affiliated event they may receive a £100 voucher, to be redeemed at participating BETA retailers, towards a replacement jockey skull. The rider must agree to the original hat being sent to BETA and to BE passing on details of their injury. It is planned that the "BETA Helmet Bounty Scheme" will have a similar scheme for jockeys.

There has been much debate if wearing a gum shield or mouth guard whilst completing helps to prevent concussion in the event of a fall. Whilst nothing has been proven some jockeys wear them to protect their teeth and some event riders are starting to for the cross country section. They are not too expensive; at between £40 and £50 readymade or more expensive through your dentist, who makes an impression of your teeth, so I guess they fit better. I think anything which protects you is good. If your teeth were broken or knocked out it would cost a lot more money. A company called OPRO manufactures them and will be able to advise your nearest stockist.

Harry Hall, one of the oldest riding wear companies, is doing a tour of the country called 'Serious about Safety'. They are giving free hat checks, introducing their Hi-Viz range, quizzes and competitions, tips from Ian Stark and much more. I think the nearest

they come to us is Hull but you can follow them on Twitter every Thursday #seriousaboutsafety or find out more at www.harryhall.co.uk/seriousaboutsafety The British Horse Society is asking motorists to slow down to 15 miles per hour when they pass a horse. They have a video link on how to pass a horse <http://www.bhs.org.uk/safety-and-accidents/dead-slow>

We have been extremely lucky of late having free talks and seminars put on for us. Thomas Bell at Brigg had one hosted and organised by Trudi Hydes on Wednesday 20th April in their extensive warehouse. The talk was "An Evening with Top Spec and Nettex". Claire Hitchman from Nettex gave a 20-30 minute talk on grooming and preparation for the show ring. This was followed by Anna Welch a nutritionist vet accompanied by Anita Shuttlesworth from Top Spec who spoke about sweet itch, ulcers and colic. Each talk was followed by a question and answer session. A competition took place to win a custom hat; which was won by Chelsea Sinclair. They are hoping to organise another one in the future.

Rase Equine at Market Rasen have also been busy again. The room was heaving with about 60 people at their "Poor Performance and Lameness" talk with Carolin Gerdes. Brilliant content and excellent seminar facilities. On the 4th February they provided a seminar on "Strangles" with Jeremy Kent-Symonds and in March another very graphic talk and film on Colic with Richard Payne. All were extremely informative, well presented and an excellent buffet too. Nothing is planned at the time of writing, but when there is it will be on Facebook.

Unfortunately Goxhill Show has had to be cancelled this year, owing to lack of venue. It is hoped something can be sorted to continue next year.

Meanwhile East Halton, which is always a brilliant family show, is on Sunday 14th August.

Jodi Shanahan from East Halton is employed by Horse and Hound and is involved with "equo". This is an online events entry system. Riders can plan their competition diary and enter directly online. Show organisers can list shows and events for free, and enjoy all the benefits of their built in show management service. There is even more to it than that as there are also informative clips on the care of horses. Jo Burns-Firth (her married name) has been asked to do a jumping lesson and a section on getting a horse fit and letting it down again. Take a look (nearly said Gander!). Register free at www.equoevents.com.

Jo is taking Sonny (Show name Tempting Business, AKA Jo's bank drain) to his first competition for a year after major surgery to the suspensory ligament

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in both hocks. Not being the best to keep quiet and rest apparently he jumped out of his paddock and took the fencing with him. A post pierced near his eye, so more surgery was needed and he was lucky not to lose the eye. Whilst she is best known for her show jumping she has had to diversify to get him fit and as a form of physiotherapy he has been competing at Hill House and Caister at Dressage. Jo has really enjoyed it and I am sure that the discipline will reap its own rewards. She also has a five year old coming through who is showing promise George (Medoc Cavet). We will have to keep tabs on him for the future. Congratulations to Jo, she has been picked by British Show Jumping against fierce competition, to advance her career. She is now on a year's course which will take her all over the country doing a "National Development in Excellence in Coaching Course". It is by no means a doddle and she has worked hard to get where she is. Pure dedication that can only be admired.

Sunday 26th June is Open Gardens. I always think it is a showcase for the village and possibly the only time some people visit. They are usually quite impressed and amazed at how big the village is. It will be interesting to see if Mrs Noble has managed to turn her new barren garden into something like the beautiful garden she used to have. Unfortunately she fell and broke her hip so that has slightly impeded her, but she is a very determined lady. In the last edition I asked if anyone had a surplus of plants or was thinning out to keep her in mind. People have been very kind and I have been given quite a few plants to pass onto her, which I have, so thank you. It has made a huge difference to her.

By now all dogs should be microchipped because it became law in April. If you have moved house please don't forget to change your address on the database.

Well that's enough of my ramblings for this addition.

Take care – Ride safely Aileen 01469 530643

Can you help to save LIVES?

The LIVES First Responder scheme trains local people in simple and safe techniques that can be used to save lives by providing medical assistance until an ambulance arrives. Our local branch covers Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland. If you are the type of person who wants to help others then our volunteers are very much like you. If you have a car and are able to spare a few hours a week then perhaps you could be even more like them? Whilst Goxhill has been fortunate with several dedicated and long-term volunteers, there is always a need for new recruits. People move away or their circumstances change so that they are unable to cover as many hours.

Every year the group is astounded by how generously local people donate and raise funds to enable it to keep going. So thank you to everyone who has helped and please keep up the good work as it costs some £3,000 a year to run the local group. This includes affiliation to LIVES for accreditation, renewal of medical equipment, replacement of medical consumables as they are used, oxygen supplies and the mobile phone bill. If you are able to help sustain LIVES locally, whether as a first responder volunteer or through fundraising, please contact **Damian Connolly, branch co-ordinator**, by telephoning **530656** or **07747499331** or by emailing **connolly.dam@gmail.com** - LIVES is a registered charity number 1098364.



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GNeWs from Goxhill Neighbourhood Watch

Seeking inspiration for this article, I looked through various alerts and news items that arrive for GNeW from OurWatch and other national organizations. There are now so many alerts relating to variations of online fraud that one might almost conclude that without the Internet there would be no crime. That's nonsense of course so, as warmer weather arrives, please do not neglect basic security for your home and property.

Be careful about leaving doors and windows open. Every year, there are sneak-in thefts where a burglar just walks in and takes anything readily to hand. Some hunt in pairs: one attracting attention at the front door whilst an accomplice uses the back door. A vehicle cruising along looking into front gardens is most likely just trying to find the right house. But it might not always be the case so, if you have the slightest suspicion that they could be scoping out likely targets to steal, make a note

of the vehicle's registration number. If you later hear of a theft then that vehicle number could be key to the police apprehending the perpetrator. If you encounter crime then always call 999 for emergencies, but for anything else:

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- Call in at Barton Police Station (Mon-Fri only: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm).
- Via the police web site:
www.humberside.police.uk/report-a-crime

One final tip: if you're shopping and the cashier says "strip down, facing me" it's not instructions for a security search, just guidance on using your payment card. **John Guggiari, GNeW-Goxhill**



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Roald Dahl's most famous books. It will encourage children to expand their own reading by exploring similar themes, fantastic facts, characters and stories across the best contemporary children's writing.

To take part in the Summer Reading Challenge all you need is to be a member of the library. Joining, borrowing books and even reserving books to be sent over from other libraries is completely free for members of Goxhill Library. You can join online at home or by calling in so that one of our volunteer librarians can help you join up and borrow your first books.

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John Guggiari

GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

At the time of writing this - St. George's Day - the Club has just opened its green for this season's sport and the rain stayed away to let us enjoy it.

In past years we have held an open afternoon in early May for you to try out lawn bowling for yourselves. However, after being washed out or chilled out (and I don't mean relaxed) for the past couple of years we decided not to do that for 2016. Instead, your open day to try bowling can be pretty much whichever day suits you, as long as we have an experienced bowler available to give you an introduction. But a word of warning: you could end up enjoying yourself and lawn bowling can become quite addictive.

There will be absolutely no charge for your introductory trial of bowling. After that, you pay just £18 for social bowling - for which you can turn up for a morning or afternoon game of bowls several times a week if you wish. The only 'specialist equipment' that you'll need long term is a pair of flat-soled shoes (costing from £20). We can lend you everything else if you do not wish to buy your own bowls. We offer free coaching for new members to help



you enjoy your bowling to the maximum.

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Those who like their sport to have that extra edge of more serious competition will soon be ready to take part in our league matches. There is a higher subscription for that but it is still not excessive at £36 for the season.

Lawn bowling is suitable for all ages, abilities and fitness levels. Proving that last point, I watched today one bowler coping with a broken wrist in plaster (admittedly not their bowling arm) and another recuperating from a hip operation.

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The late Ron Parker of Goxhill was so very helpful to us in researching the airman's experience at RAF Goxhill (and subsequently the US Army Air Forces at "Station 345"). We promised Ron that once we had rebuilt the Goxhill "Watch Office" (Control Tower) we would undertake to have a poppy wreath placed at the airfield memorial every November 11th.

I have attached a photo taken early May, here at the museum, of the progress of the rebuilding efforts. We expect that the tower will be completed in time for our Spring (May) airshow.

We will have a dedication ceremony for the tower at our "Warbirds Over the Beach" air display on **May 21 2016** that will involve a senior RAF officer and a survivor of the first American unit to be stationed at Goxhill in 1942. Our combat veteran RAF Spitfire and an American P-51 Mustang will be placed in front of the tower for the event. You can learn more about our museum at www.militaryaviationmuseum.org

If any Goxhill citizens have any mementos of Goxhill from the wartime years that they might consider donating to our museum for display, we would like to display anything that will help our 40,000 guests each year understand the Goxhill wartime experience as richly as possible.

Finally, we have prepared a 60-page booklet on the wartime Goxhill experience, much of which is based on Ron Parker's work that he encouraged us to use along with the photographs and letters that he had collected over the years*. We will use this booklet and surplus Goxhill Control Tower bricks for fundraising to add toward the roughly \$1 million dollar cost of rebuilding the control tower for museum guests to experience.



The Control Tower before demolition and shipping to America.

Thank You - Mike Potter, Director, Military Aviation Museum, 1341 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23457 Tel: (757) 721-7767 Fax: (757) 204-2682 E: director@aviationmuseum.us www.FighterFactory.com www.militaryaviationmuseum.org

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Born and educated in Brigg, married local farmers daughter Carol Rowson and at present live in Barrow Upon Humber. We have three children Caroline, Simon and Nicholas, plus five grandchildren.

I have been a councillor for nearly eighteen years, formerly serving on the Gleanford Borough Council and at present as a North Lincolnshire Councillor. With the extensive council experience I have gained throughout the years and my local knowledge, I feel I can investigate the problems of the people I represent promptly and efficiently. I had the honour of being the Mayor of North Lincolnshire 2013/2014 an experience my wife, the Mayoress will never forget. We met a lot of very nice and interesting people during our term of office and



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attended many functions including in Goxhill.

My chosen Mayors charity was 'When you wish upon a star' and £35,000 was raised during my Mayoral year for the charity.

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It is becoming more and more difficult to remain positive and to carry out our aims for future improvements which have been mentioned in recent articles, the Skate Park, the MUGGA, the beautiful flowering Cherry Trees and the progress at the cemetery.

The MUGGA, as we know was completed successfully some time ago and is used as a regular part of the play facilities, and we were hoping that by now the Skate Park would also be in use, but although the plans have been submitted and we are told, that they are perfectly satisfactory design wise, positioning, and fabrication materials, we are still waiting for permission. Hopefully we will be able to go ahead in the summer, and we may see our young residents enjoying that facility, also, as we promised.

Work has been carried out to the trees along Ferry Road, not in any way to a standard that we would wish or indeed had hoped or accepted. It was not carried out by ourselves, and certainly not at the right time of the year. We have been informed that the work was carried out for safety reasons, but the balance of highway safety and the aesthetics of the area and the health and balance of the trees, could have been considered much more carefully. We will now have to take a deep breath and see how much can be rescued. Remembering that these trees belonged to the village, although as we are always reminded, they grow on highway land. How much cooperation will we receive in order to put things right? Watch this space.

The field at the rear of the cemetery is more under our control and will be progressed this year, the trees which were planted two years ago by volunteers, have all taken except for three and they have now been replaced. Once the planned layout has been marked, work will go ahead this summer, and by the end of the year looking more like a contemplation area rather than a wild stretch of land.

In spite of these setbacks, we try to see some positivity. With the planned addition of flower planters to be placed alongside the highway, filled in part, by kind donations, and the very handsome new frontage at the Memorial Hall, things can only get better!

Allotments At the time of writing there is one vacancy, so if you want to get fit, forget the gym, save the fees and eat well, apply, and get digging.

Library The children's area has been beautifully decorated by Sam England and his partner Lucy. Pop in with the children and admire it, and while you're there check out the large book selection available.

Hallams Wood Nothing to report at present.

Playing Field The field is very wet at the time of writing but I'm sure it will be well used when the weather improves.

Cemetery As already mentioned work will be progressed at the rear and the new pedestrian access to the field will be completed.

Freda Dunkley

NEW CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Each year, in May, the Parish Council holds an annual meeting. At this meeting Parish Councillors nominate and vote for a Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Chairs for each sub-committee.

At this years meeting, on May 5th, there were two nominations for chair. These were Mr. M. Gathercole and Mr. S. England. Votes were cast with the result that Mr. England won by 5 votes to 4. Mr England has accepted the Chair, replacing Mr. Gathercole. The Parish Council would like to thank Mr. Gathercole for all of his hard work and commitment during his years as Chair.

There were also two nominations for Vice-Chair, Mrs. V. Gorbitt and Mr. T. Coppack. Mr Coppack declined the nomination leaving Mrs. Gorbitt to remain as Vice Chair.

THE FULL LIST OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Chair Mr. Samuel England, Vice Chair Mrs. Val Gorbitt, Mr. Mike Gathercole, Mr. Gil Bradnum, Mrs. Freda Dunkley, Mrs Hazel Wood, Mr. Tomas Coppack, Mrs. Teresa Simons, Mr. Charlie Leaning, Mr. Roy Atkin and Mr. Stan Robertson

The subcommittee chairs haven't changed from last year and are as follows; Cemetery and Avenues – Mrs. V. Gorbitt, Footpaths – Mr. T. Coppack, Parish Rooms – Mr. G. Bradnum, Playing Field – Mrs. F. Dunkley, Memorial Hall – Mr. M. Gathercole, Millennium Green – Mr. M. Gathercole.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WANT YOUR VIEWS!

Village green spaces are a precious amenity. Have you any ideas as to how we can improve one of ours?

The green space in question is found on Chapel Street, almost opposite the Memorial Hall and running alongside the public footpath leading from Chapel Street to the playing fields. The Parish Council has identified this as an area that could do with improvement, and would like to know the villagers' thoughts on how this can be achieved.

If you do have a suggestion for this green space please email goxhillparishcouncil@btinternet.com ring on **533971** or give your ideas directly to a councillor.



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ROTARY CLUB OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



Barton Rotary Club members are looking forward to a busy Summer. As part of the National Open Gardens Scheme on 12th June, they will again be providing Afternoon Teas at Westcote Farm on Wold Road, Barrow.

Humber Bridge Half Marathon 2016

Now is the time to get out the running shoes and sign-up for the Humber Bridge Half Marathon. Taking place on Sunday 26th June, the 13.1 mile course passes through Barton from about 9.45am. Last year, 2100 runners took part in the event, which is organised by Hull Rotary Club helped by Barton Rotary Club.

When travelling to or from Goxhill between 9.30 and 11.00 am, it is suggested that an alternative route would save you time, due to a rolling road closure, mainly on the main road through the town. All in aid of Charity.



The Barton Club would welcome any help with marshalling or on the Water Stations - you can contact us via ehbartonhumberrotary@hotmail.com

Further Half Marathon details on humber-half.org.uk

Recent events of the Barton Rotary Club include, Litter Picking for the Queen's Birthday.

Providing and planting some of the Oak Trees in Baysgarth Park to commemorate the 17th Barton men who died on the same day in the First World War.

Thirteen members assisted at the Rotary Disabled Games held in April at the Pods in Scunthorpe. 450 disabled athletes took part in the event.

St Mary's Church organised a Concert featuring Louth Male Voice Choir. The event was sponsored by Barton Rotary Club and raised £431 for Lindsey Lodge Hospice.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN

Hello again from the volunteers of the Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian. We seem to have safely negotiated the March equinox and entered Spring, and the lighter evenings are certainly very welcome. Here at Rotary we are planning our activities for the year and planting the seeds for those activities.

Creative writing is a talent to be celebrated and to be able to write is a special gift. In Great Britain and Ireland there are young people who have, or have the ability to develop, this talent and Rotary in these islands wishes to promote writing through the RIBI Young Writer competition. Starting with club level competitions, winners progress to district events and, ultimately, a national final with the winning work subsequently published in Rotary magazines and on their website. The quality of work submitted in previous years has been outstanding.

At a recent meeting of the R.I.B.I. Youth Committee, there was discussion on how the Rotary Youth Service could celebrate H.M. Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday on 21st APRIL 2016. The celebrations will occur during May and June 2016 but it would be good to be able to congratulate her on her birthday and to that end Rotary held a nationwide poetry competition. We contacted the schools in our area - Barrow, New Holland, Goxhill, and Wootton. We are delighted to report that three poems from our area have been submitted by our District to Her Majesty the Queen.

Our District Governor will be visiting us on 11th May 2016 and it has been decided to hold a Fish and Chips night to raise funds for local charities in conjunction with the visit - please remember the salt and vinegar this time!! Hahaha.

To mark the 100th anniversary of Rotary International, on Saturday 18th April 2016 a promotional day was held for all local groups - the Village Hall was the venue and all proceeds went to Cancer charities.

On 24th April a litter pick was held from Barrow to Barrow Haven - a massive thank you to everyone who came along and helped.

A great big thank you to all of you who responded to our short notice request for unwanted clothing to go to those unfortunate homeless folks in our area - we had an impressive response indeed.

Dates for your Diary

Mon May 30th Car Boot sale at Barrow Playing Fields

Sun July 31st Wobbly Wheelers charity cycle ride at Barrow Playing Fields

Mon Aug 29th Car Boot Sale at Barrow Playing Fields

PenPals

Your letters have been safely delivered and we are waiting for the children there to write their replies and take photographs to send back to those of you who wrote to them.

Membership

Prospective members and volunteers are always welcome - we meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in Barrow Sports and Fitness Centre, Thorngarth Lane, from 7pm. Please do contact us if you are interested in joining us or finding out more about what we do. Rotarian Simon is our current membership secretary.

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