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GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Summer 2018

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'BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2017'

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What a joy it is to hear the bleating of the lambs, to see them gambolling and chasing each other. To hear the beautiful songs of the birds, the horses hooves on the road outside, the church bells on a Sunday and the clickety clack of the train in the distance. The sounds of tractors and combines working in the fields around. It is a pleasure to be able to walk or ride out into the countryside, along bridle paths and grass verged lanes down onto the marsh. And to see the beautiful pink and white cherry blossom lining our roads. Goxhill is known as 'back of beyond' because we have no through traffic, it is pretty much end of the road, so it is relatively peaceful.

But not everything is perfect. Our roads are too narrow even for current volumes of traffic. Every road into or out of the village is a country road, even the more modern Thornton Road can be impossible at busy times. Parking around the school is a nightmare. Some of our village roads are more suitable for horses and carts than todays cars and lorries.

So what sort of a place do we want to live in?

A village that still has open spaces, fields for horses and sheep, with bridle paths, narrow lanes, surrounded by peaceful countryside?

Or do we want to live in a town where all available land is filled with housing estates?

Even to maintain the village with modest growth, will require considerable investment to improve the infrastructure and services.

To cope with the scale of housing development that is threatened, would require a complete transformation, the widening of all access and village roads plus a massive increase in the capacity of all services, power, telecoms, water, drainage. A new school, extended medical services, more shops to name but a few.

Keigar Homes proposal to build 90 plus houses on Hawthorne Gardens would be nearly a 10% increase on the current size of Goxhill. If they were allowed to build on the old nursery land on the other side of Horsegate Field Road, this could add a similar number of houses. I hear that they have also added to the land they own on Goxhill airfield. Why? All this land is outside the building development line for a very good reason.

Other landowners are also looking at Goxhill for building development.

Why? Because Goxhill is an attractive village that attracts people to want to live here and results in relatively high property prices. But destroy the very character that attracts people here and you risk destroying the demand for more new houses.

I am sure we are all realistic and accept the need for some additional housing. But any development must take into account the wishes of the village, work within the restrictions of the infrastructure and enhance the village, not change it for ever.

I came here with my family because I wanted to enjoy all the pleasures I listed above. Talking to young families who have moved here more recently, they too want to enjoy the relative peace and space of village life.

The creation of Goxhill Residents Action Group is not by a group of old entrenched country folk resisting change at all cost, but by relatively new families to the village who see the threat we are facing. Please read their article on page 25 and give them all the support you can.

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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

When you read this our primary schoolchildren will have finished their SATs tests, but those in senior school will be in the middle of GCSEs and A levels. For many of our children exams can be very stressful time, as parents we look on as we love and support our children through this time.

Occasionally a child can just find school difficult. One such child was Thomas Edison, the inventor of the light bulb.

Thomas was a hyperactive child, prone to repeated questioning of his teacher.

Thomas's overworked teacher finally lost his patience with his persistent questioning.

He sent Thomas home with a letter to give to his mother.

His mother's eyes were tearful as she read him the letter: Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and doesn't have enough good teachers for training him. Please teach him yourself.

Tom's mother had been a teacher so she was well able to educate him at home, which she did.

Years, after her death, Thomas found that letter in the corner of her desk. It actually read: Your son is addled [mentally ill]. We won't let him come to school any more. Please teach him at home.

Edison cried, then he wrote in his diary: "Thomas Alva Edison was an addled child that, by a hero mother, became the genius of the century."

This shows how important it is to believe in our children, whatever their difficulties. Thomas's mother showed him unconditional love, she accepted him as he was.

Though you might not know it, each one of us has someone prepared to give us their unconditional love.

That person is Jesus. He showed His unconditional love for us by dying on the cross and, He loves each one of us just as we are, regardless of our faults. What's more, we can call on him at any time, whatever our problem.

Sandra Smith

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

"Happy Birthday to the church! And Hurray! We are in the season of Pentecost - so we are rejoicing that the Holy Spirit has been let loose everywhere. But what Spirit is this? And why is it Holy?

In times past we used to talk about the 'Holy Ghost', which is a bit of a puzzle since we are pretty mystified about ghosts generally and a holy one doesn't seem quite right!

But on this special day (which used to be referred to as 'Whitsun') we celebrate the belief that Jesus' body was no longer seen on earth but the Holy Spirit came and blessed the frightened friends of Jesus, transforming them into bold advocates and good speakers who were filled with brightness, purpose, hope and a new confidence in speaking about Jesus and his love.

This Spirit links us all up, entangles us with one another and with Christ, and makes His love vigorously alive for us. So suppose one has a vivid experience of reading the main accounts of Jesus in the gospels and suddenly the very words seem to leap from the page and come alive for us - that's the work of the Holy Spirit. Or you drop in at church one day out of the blue and they are celebrating holy communion and you feel you want to go and kneel at the front when bread and wine are offered and, as you kneel there, feel overwhelmed by the love of Jesus - that's the Holy Spirit.

Or you stand in your newly mown garden, listening to the birds as the sun is setting and are startlingly aware of the presence of a good Creator who loves this world and all within it, then the Holy Spirit is at work!

Pentecost, then, is about a new joyful confidence: in loving the world and serving one another in the name of the One who made it and loves us. It's a time when we are no longer alone but have 'the Comforter' to help us in our worries and uncertainties, always aware that the Holy Spirit can also be the Great Challenger and Disturber too. May you be comforted and supported as well as challenged and disturbed this Pentecost!

Rev'd Nichola Jones

See Page 27 for news of the Chapel Windows appeal!

DEADLINE FOR THE AUTUMN EDITION OF THE GANDER

Please have submissions in by Wed 1st August for distribution first week of Sept (for all date sensitive information)
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NOTICE BOARD

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

Pop Ins

Our monthly Pop Ins are usually held on the third Saturday in the month, 10am to 12 noon, in the Chapel Schoolroom,

however we have a couple of changes -

In June as the Pop In falls on the Saturday of our new Open Garden Weekend, 16/17th June, which now incorporates The Church Garden Party, the Pop In will start from 12 noon, so you can join us for lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Schoolroom.

July 21st Pop In as usual.

August 18th Pop In as usual.

Gardeners' Question Time

Friday June 15th 7pm in the Chapel Schoolroom Doug Stewart Radio Humberside's gardening expert is holding a Gardeners Question Time. As well as solving your gardening problems Doug is a very entertaining speaker.

Tickets are £5 ring Jane on 530962 to book.

Please book in advance, to help aid with catering.

Prayer Walk

Our next prayer walk in the village will be at 2pm on Monday 25th June. On our last prayer walk we met and prayed with some members of the village. We didn't manage to complete our planned route last time so, a group of us will be meeting at the North End, end of Manor Lane, then we will go down Stothard's Lane, bottom end of Westfield Lane, Greenfields, the Square and back down North End to Manor Lane. As I mentioned we don't always complete the planned route as it depends on who we meet and who requires prayer.

If you would like a prayer please contact Sandra 530065.

Prize Bingo

July 6th 7pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.

Date for the diary – Quiz Night Friday 28th Sept

For Further information please contact Sandra 530065.

THE METHODIST SCHOOL ROOM

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GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The W.I. meet every 2nd Monday of the month throughout the year except for August, at 7 pm in the Memorial Hall. New members and visitors, including gentlemen are welcome at any of the meetings.

June 11 "Down the Pan" The Hysterical History of the Toilet, an amusing talk by Dulcie Lewis. Guests - £4 including refreshments.

July 9 "After You are Dead" a light hearted look at grave robbing and dissection by Eric Jackson.

For further information please contact Mrs. Alyson O'Leary, President on 01469 531568.

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

Goxhill Memorial Hall 200 Club

The winners of the 200 club for February are -

122	Jane Arnott	£30.00
203	Liz Thys	£20.00
66	Denise Holtby	£15.00
218	Elaine Ryder	£10.00

Drawn at a coffee morning in March -

195	I Thompson	£100.00
120	D Hengen	£30.00
187	Eileen Warton	£20.00
273	Paul Nadin	£15.00
95	Linda Hitchens	£10.00

Picked from the bag in April at the Goxhill Grannies

195	Iris Thompson	£30.00
116	M Brawn	£20.00
238	Janet Warr	£15.00
245	Janet Thurgar	£10.00

THE 200 CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!

It is that time of year again when collectors will be calling for the £1 annual payment (in July & Aug).

HALF OF ALL MONEY RAISED IS FOR THE PRIZE DRAWS EVERY MONTH, the rest goes to the upkeep of the Memorial Hall.

If you wish to join in this lucky draw with a chance to win £100, £30, £20, £15 or £10 please call Iris on 01469 530442 or Penny on 01652 327151

We also need additional collectors!

so if you are interested in collecting from a few houses around where you live, just once a year, please contact either of the above for more details.

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Penny Nadin and Iris Thompson



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Sat 9 June Bee Friendly Plant Sale at
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The majority of the plants on sale grown by Shelagh with all proceeds going to our District to help promote beekeeping in North Lincolnshire.

We have decided to have a Summer break this year so there will be no more meetings until September.

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

Kevin Seddon - Secretary North Lincolnshire Beekeepers District. Tel 07888 828187

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KNIT & NATTER

CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOM Thursdays 2-4pm
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GOXHILL ART CIRCLE

We meet on Wednesday afternoon in the room at the rear of the Methodist Church Goxhill from 2 - 4pm. The door is always open from 1.45pm. We paint whatever is our interest. However if you are a beginner we would help you with every aspect of this hobby. Just come along and relax with us over a cup of tea & biscuits or call **Noel Martin on 01469 531382.**

CRAFT CLUB

Craft Club is held every **Tuesday evening from 6pm** at Keepers Lodge, Churchside, Goxhill DN19 7HY We are a friendly bunch, it doesn't matter if you're a complete novice or advanced crafter, we welcome all! We do mainly card and paper crafts, gift boxes etc but are willing to try most things! The cost of each session is £7 on the door BUT if you prebook/ and pay for your place in advance it's ONLY £5! This includes all supplies needed, cake and a cuppa or two! Contact **June Fulton** on **07713 289779** to reserve your place.

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THE LUNCHEON CLUB

Meets at the Chapel at 12 noon on the second Wednesday of every month. If you would like to come along and share an excellent two-course meal and conversation.

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GOXHILL CALENDAR 2019

We welcome more photographs for the proposed
2019 calendar with the theme of
“A Year in Goxhill”

Entries need not reflect the time of year but
events, hobbies, pets, scenes of Goxhill etc.
We would love to have submissions from our
younger residents. Can we look forward to more
painted stones this summer?

Entries for the calendar to be emailed to
scrimmager@live.com or hard copies to **Penny
Carnell at Conifer Cottage, North End**, (opposite
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Details of a coffee morning, when a picture for the
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a prize, will be available later in the year.
Friends of All Saints Church.

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME

Doug STEWART from
BBC Radio Humberside
comes to Gardeners' Question Time
at **Goxhill Methodist Chapel -**
Friday 15th June at 7pm

DIARY OF EVENTS

03-Jun	10-2pm	Plant Furniture Auction	Mem/Hall
09-Jun	7.30pm	Beekeepers	Broughton
11-Jun	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
15-Jun	7pm	Gardeners Question Time	Chapel
16-Jun	12-5pm	Pop In	Chapel S/R
16-Jun	12-5pm	Church Garden Party	Chapel
16/17 Jun	1-6pm	Open Gardens	Chapel
16/17 Jun	1-6pm	Open Gardens	Chapel
20 Jun - 1 Jul		Barton Arts Festival	Various
21-Jun	7.30pm	GRAG Public Meeting	School
24-Jun	10-3pm	Car Boot Sale	Playing Fields
25-Jun	2.00pm	Prayer Walk	
06-Jul	7pm	Prize Bingo	Chapel S/R
09-Jul	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
12/13 Jul		Vicar of Dibley	Mem/H
21-Jul	10-12	Pop In	Chapel S/R
10-Aug	2.00pm	Dr Doolittle	Baysgarth Park
10-12 Aug		Pop up Pub	Mem/Hall
11-Aug	2-5pm	Strawberry Tea	Mill Lane
17-19 Aug		Pop up Pub	Mem/Hall
18-Aug	10-12	Pop In	Chapel S/R
24-27 Aug		Pop up Pub	Mem/Hall
27-Aug		Scarecrow Trail	Mem/Hall
22-Sep		Joey Howard Comedy	Mem/Hall
28-Sep	7.30pm	Quiz Night	Chapel S/R
18-Nov		Christmas Fair	Mem/Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

Chapel School Room			
Art Circle	2-4pm		Wednesdays
Luncheon Club	12 noon	2nd Wed of the month	
Knit & Natter	2-4pm		Thursdays
Singing Group	7pm		Wednesdays
Memorial Hall			
Parent & Toddlers	9.15-11.45am		Mondays
T'ai Chi	2-3pm		Mondays
Pilates	10-11am	Tuesday & Thursday	
Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm		Monday
	7-9pm		Wednesday
	10-12 noon		Friday
Tennis	10-12 noon		Saturday
		Sunday by arrangement	
WI	7pm	2nd Mon of the month	
Library	3.30-7pm		Monday
	2-5pm		Wednesday
	3-6pm		Friday
Bowling Club	2pm	- Tuesdays from late April	
Broughton Village Hall			
Beekeepers	7.30pm	Last Monday of month	
Baysgarth Museum			
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NOTICE BOARD - Memorial Hall

MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

I cannot believe another three months has flown by. Perhaps that's because we spend most of our time looking forward, not back. The Craft Fair, on one of the sunniest Sunday's of the year (23rd Mar) was thoroughly enjoyed by the attendees who browsed the stalls, listened and danced to the Goxhill Singers and devoured the multitude of tasty cakes on offer.

Live Lincs - Since last time, Live Lincs has put on several very enjoyable films (Loving Vincent, Death of Stalin) and a couple of comedy events (Shoo Shoo Baby and The Great Cabaret Safari). We must thank the redoubtable John Guggiari for keeping Goxhill firmly on the Live Lincs performance map.

Tennis Courts - You may have noticed we haven't started work on the tennis court yet. Problems getting the finance in place meant the April 9th start date was cancelled and we were firmly pushed to the back of the queue. Work now starts on July 2nd.

It has been suggested once the new court is ready, that as well as booking one-hour slots, we offer keys which can be used for a whole year whenever the court is free. The keys would cost £25 per family (use at any time) or £100 per group (for a weekly pre-booked 2 hour slot).

What do Goxhill's tennis-loving residents think of this suggestion? (phone 530635 or email goxhillmemorialhall@gmail.com)

After the Plant and Furniture Auction on Sunday 3rd June, we will be hosting the following events which we hope you'll all support and enjoy;

June 24th - Table Top/Car Boot Sale (Playing Field)

August 10th- 26th, Fri, Sat Sun - Pop-Up Pub (Memorial Hall)

Aug 27th - Scarecrow Trail (Memorial Hall/Village walk)

Nov 18th - Christmas Fair (Memorial Hall)

+ Various Live Lincs films (Memorial Hall - see noticeboard)

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NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment

PERFORMANCES IN THE PARK

Barton's Baysgarth Park is hosting two Performance in the Park this summer thanks to the town's Tourism Partnership.

The first, on **Sunday, July 1**, sees The Pantaloons perform Oscar Wilde's **The Importance of Being Earnest** as one of the final events in this year's Barton Arts Festival. This new energetic and musical production takes its influence from silent film, Victorian music hall and contemporary physical theatre to add a few twists to this perennially popular play.

The following month, on **Sunday, August 10**, the internationally renowned Illyria Theatre will be performing **Dr Dolittle** who is taught how to talk to animals by his wise old parrot, Polynesia and goes on to become the most celebrated veterinary doctor in England. Illyria's production is suitable for everyone from five years upwards and promises a funny, exciting adventure coupled with a strong message about responsibility towards animals and the environment.

Both performances are free and begin at **2pm** in the area at the front of Baysgarth House. Come along with a chair, picnic and a friend! Refreshment will also be available at Baysgarth House Museum.

JOEY HOWARD's "MELODIC MULTITUDE OF MADNESS & MIRTH"

The Comedy Show, Sept 22nd 2018

Four years ago "professional comedian" from Goxhill, Joey Howard, enticed the village with his Stand up, Impressions and Comedy routines and Sketches.

Well, upon request from people who enjoy comedy and laughter "he's doing it again"! on SAT SEPT 22nd in the Memorial Hall.

This year Joey can also be seen at The Spa Theatre Scarborough from May – July, as well as The Warners/Pontins/Butlins Holiday centres nationally. Joey has performed on the QE2 and P&O cruises, as well as Thompsons and Cunard, bringing a taste of his mimicry and humour to those at sea on cruising holidays. How nice to bring top class variety and comedy once again into the village.

Tickets for September the 22nd will be on sale from August, in the village. Posters and flyers will be distributed to promote the show giving details.



In March the South Bank Players entered two plays in the regional round of the All England Theatre Festival. This was held at the Spa Theatre in Bridlington and provided a great opportunity for our members to act on a professional stage.

The junior group performed 'Miss is Missing' by member Jeanine Guy, which was about what happens when Miss doesn't turn up for rehearsals. This was the first performance by our newly re-formed youth group, and the youngsters did us proud. Their play was nominated for three awards: best lighting, best sound and the adjudicator's award.

The adults performed 'Shelter From the Bombs' by member Martin James, which was set in an underground bunker in Hull during WW2. The cast included some new members who were performing for the first time, and we were thrilled to go home with a clutch of awards. The award for best actor went to Ian Neve, Jeanine Guy took best actress, and the play won first place in the adults' section.

The Barton Ghost Walk season finished at the end of March and will begin again on Halloween as usual. We recommend booking for this one as it can get very busy. Tickets cost £5/3 and can be reserved by calling **Dennis on 01469 531003**. The walk begins at Baysgarth House Museum in Barton at 7.30pm prompt and lasts around an hour and fifteen minutes. There will be further walks on the last Wednesdays of November, January, February and March.

Our next production will be the annual pantomime, which will be performed at the Joseph Wright Hall on **December 6th - 8th**. Put the dates in your diary and look out for further details nearer the time!

Both the junior and adult groups are always open to new members, whether you want to be on the stage, backstage, front of house, or help out with the technical aspects of a show. To find out more visit our website or call either **Jeanine on 07879 777262** or **Liz on 07539 755531**

POTTY PANTO PLAYERS The Potty Panto' Players (for those of you who don't know) are a local amateur dramatic group. We have been together around 17 years and members dip in and out of our productions as and when they can.

Rehearsals are well under way for our next production..... by popular request we are performing 2 of our favourite episodes of "The Vicar of Dibley". This will be performed at the **Memorial Hall Goxhill** on two consecutive evenings. **Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July**. All tickets are priced at just £8 and include light refreshments. The money raised from this production will go towards a new storage container to house our costumes and scenery. A raffle will be held on both nights and the money raised will go to our usual charity The Lindsey Lodge Hospice. Look out for our posters around the village and if you wish to book your ticket to ensure you don't miss out (like many did last year!!!) give me a call on **07817 442804** to reserve your seat. **Lynne Brocklesby**
Look forward to seeing you all there.

Unfortunately this update is rather thin on news, to say the least.

Whilst FilmLincs screenings have generally been well-supported in Goxhill, the current arrangements expired at the end of March. At the time of writing this, North Lincolnshire Council has not given its Arts Development section the go ahead (or budget) to continue the scheme for 2018/19. Watch out for updates by email or on social media and hopefully for posters around the village advertising a film. At least the LiveLincs Rural Touring Scheme continues to be funded. However, the last few shows have been very poorly supported by our village with less than 1% of Goxhill's population attending either Jango Starr or ShooShoo Baby. (Both acts were absolutely brilliant and hilariously funny, if in completely different styles, and more than lived up to the hype.) It would not therefore be too surprising if we lose out in future to other villages where the local residents might be more enthusiastic about seeing high quality, professional shows at a fraction of their true cost.

For updates, web-links and details of films and live acts please check out the Goxhill Events page on Facebook, follow **@Goxhill_Events** on Twitter or sign up for with **Goxhill-events@mybtinternet.com** by email.

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NOTICE BOARD - Barton Arts Festival 2018

The Barton Arts Committee will be presenting the 21st Barton Arts Festival from June 20th to July 1st this year. Over the last 20 years the Festival has showcased the work of top national acts alongside local and regional performers and artists performed at many of the town's iconic venues and every year the range and number of events seems to increase.

Tickets are available from The Ropewalk as well as on line through the Barton Arts website www.bartonarts.co.uk For details call **01652 660380** or on line at www.bartonarts.co.uk or on www.facebook.com/BartonArts1

Priority booking for all events will be given to members. Make sure you don't miss out by joining Barton Arts for just £10 a year. Membership gives you advance notice of events and priority booking while at the same time supporting this important Barton event.

Wednesday June 20 - 7.30pm Fathom Writers Showcase

Ropery Hall Bar, Maltkiln Road - Free
Fathom Writers read some of their new work and work in progress featuring poetry, short stories, extracts from novels and plays.

Friday June 22 - Sunday June 24 Trinity Methodist Flower Festival

Trinity Church, Holydyke - Free
"From Palettes to Petals" depicts famous paintings in flowers. Gloriously colourful and imaginative displays. Friday 7pm onward. Supper, viewing and music by ticket - available from The Ropewalk, Euronic or call 01652 632770. Saturday: 10am to 5pm. Sunday: 1pm to 5.30pm. 6pm Songs of Praise Finale.

Friday June 22 - 7.30pm

Rhodri Miles in Dylan Thomas: Clown in the Moon

Ropery Hall Maltkiln Road - £13/£5/ £15otd
Clown in the Moon, (the title of a poem written when Dylan was 14) is a dramatic portrait of the poet's chaotic, frequently hilarious, and all too brief life. Located in a BBC studio, it sets some of Dylan's famous broadcasts and iconic works alongside vivid reminiscences of his clownish antics in pubs, bars and parties, and his encounters with a host of eccentric and volatile women.

Saturday June 23 & Sunday June 24 - 12 noon - 5pm

Barton Open Gardens - £4

A fine selection of private gardens open on two days to the public. Maps which serve as entry tickets can be purchased from Wilderspin National School Museum. In aid of Lindsey Lodge Hospice.

Saturday 23 June - 8pm

Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri - An Acoustic Journey

Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street - £19/£21otd
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Sunday June 24 - 10.15am

Ted Lewis Group presents The Riverbank Boys and Old Cements

Wilderspin National School, Queen Street - £5
Talk begins at 10.15am followed at 11am by a Guided Ted Lewis Trail.

Sunday 24 June - 2.00pm

Morgan & West: More Magic for Kids!

Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street - £5/£2 in advance, £7/£4 on the door
Time-travelling magicians Morgan & West return to the stage with a marvellous magic show full of crazy capers for the young, old, and everyone in-between! Expect the unexpected, believe the unbelievable, but do not dare miss the unmissable Morgan & West! For all aged 5+

Sunday 24 June - 7.30pm

Morgan & West: Return of the Time-Travelling Magicians

Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street - £11/£5* in advance, £13 on the door
No future is left unseen and no timeline left unaltered as these temporal tricksters burst into the twenty-first century with a show brimming over with baffling magic, unparalleled precognitive powers, and a totally genuine ability to travel through time! An unforgettable evening of magic, mystery, and the unexplainable.

Monday 25 June - 7.30pm

Monday Night at the Movies - Laughter in Paradise (U)

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £4
Famed practical joker Henry Russell leaves 50,000 pounds to each of his four surviving relatives. But his will has one last joke - they each have to undertake a task completely out of character within a month.

Tuesday June 26 - 2 - 5pm

The Graham Saunders Lecture: Women in Music

Wilderspin National School, Queen Street - £5
Graham Saunders' annual music lecture.

Tuesday 26 June - 7pm

John Fewins and Barton Muse present Poetry, Music and Open Mic Night

The Old Mill, Market Lane - £5
Guest poets: John Fairclough, Josie Moon, John Robinson and Catherine Scott with music from John Hartshorn, Otto Roll and Steve Brailsford.

Wednesday June 27 - 8pm

Snake Davis & John Ellis

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £13/£15 otd
Special guest for this month's Barton Arts' Sax on Wednesday is John Ellis, pianist, singer, composer and producer. Another fabulous musician from Manchester, John has worked with Tom Jones, Corinne Bailey Rae, Lily Allen, John Squire (Stone Roses) and others as well as being a founder member of The Cinematic Orchestra and the original pianist of The Snake Davis Band.

Thursday June 28 - 2 - 4pm

Songs and Scones with Maia

St Mary's Church Hall, Burgate - Free
Professional musicians Maia from the Live Music Now charity perform for older people in the local community for a social musical session followed by refreshments.

Thursday June 28 7.30pm

Dyad Productions present HG Wells: The Time Machine

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £13/£5*/£15otd
2018: In this age of uncertainty, where the shadows of tyranny, intolerance and war darken the path into tomorrow, how much time do we have left? If civilisation falls today, what will become of us? In producer Rebecca Vaughan and writer/director Elton Townend Jones' new and radical interpretation of the HG Wells classic, a Victorian time traveller transcends across the ages from 1900 to our own far future - from the fall of man to the end of the world - discovering the fate of our endeavours and

uncovering our darkest fears. Can we change the future? Or has the end already begun? A philosophical journey, a nightmare adventure, a cautionary tale - this is the story of us all.

Friday June 29 - 8pm

Tom Binns

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £13/£15otd
Tom Binns is widely regarded as two of the best headliners working in British Comedy. His alter egos Hospital radio DJ Ivan Brackenbury and psychic Ian D Montfort have won him over 30 five star reviews and many awards both at home and abroad, including, Fosters Comedy God and Best International Comedian.

Saturday 30 June - 10.30am - 12 noon

Cassandra Parkin in conversation with Sue Wilsea

Wilderspin National School, Queen Street - £5
Join the acclaimed novelist and short story writer Cassandra Parkin in conversation with writer Sue Wilsea as she discusses life, writing and more.

Saturday 30 June - 7pm

The Ladies of First Methodist Prattville Choir

Trinity Church, Holydyke - (pay what you think on the night)
This female chancel choir is a non-auditioned group from varying backgrounds from the community in Prattville, Alabama in the USA. They will perform eclectic pieces from classical to contemporary; by such prolific composers as Handel, Mozart, Rutter, Todd, Hogan and Wilburg.

Saturday June 30 - 8pm

Martin Carthy

Ropery Hall, Maltkiln Road - £13/£15 otd
For more than 50 years Martin Carthy has been one of folk music's greatest innovators, one of its best loved, most enthusiastic and, at times, most quietly controversial of figures. His skill, stage presence and natural charm have won him many admirers, not only from within the folk scene, but also far beyond it. He's a ballad singer, a ground-breaking acoustic and electric-guitarist and an authoritative interpreter of newly composed material. He always prefers to follow an insatiable musical curiosity rather than cash in on his unrivalled position. Perhaps, most significant of all, are his settings of traditional songs with guitar, which have influenced a generation of artists, including Bob Dylan and Paul Simon, on both sides of the Atlantic.

Sunday July 1 - 2pm

The Pantaloons present The Importance of Being Earnest

Baysgarth Park, Caistor Road - Free
Everybody loves Ernest. In fact, Cecily and Gwendolen are both engaged to Ernest. The only trouble is, Ernest doesn't exist. Or does he...? As well as Wilde's witty words, The Pantaloons' energetic and musical new production takes influence from silent film, Victorian music hall and contemporary physical theatre to add a few twists to this perennially popular play! Bring a chair or rug, a picnic and a friend. (Wet weather back up Joseph Wright).

Sunday July 1 - 7.30pm

Lindsey Chamber Orchestra

St Mary's Church, Burgate - £7/£2†
This orchestra of fine North Lincolnshire musicians present an all English programme with works by Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Britten. The centrepiece includes the solo part in Finzi's Dies

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

It just seems like yesterday when I submitted my last Gander article in February. Being in school, time just doesn't stand still and before we know it we are nearly at the end of another school year. Our Year 6 children have worked so hard and are now entering their final period of revision before they sit their 'SATs', week commencing 14th May 2018. By the time you read this, the children will have completed these important tests and will be looking forward to more fun activities, including Sports Day, their Residential trip and Leavers Performances. Again it doesn't seem real to think they are coming to the end of their primary phase of their education. It's frightening just how quickly time passes!

During the week commencing 19th March 2018, we held a variety of sponsored sporting events, walks and runs which bought a lot of success and was well supported by our children and their families. The children in the Foundation Unit were sponsored to run ½ a mile around the school site. Classes in KS1 ran 4 laps around the site and the children in KS2 ran 8 laps. I must say how proud I am of the children's efforts and enthusiasm not just during this particular week but also to all aspects of our sports curriculum. This term the children will be playing tennis, rounders, cricket, netball and tag rugby to mention just a few. I absolutely love to see our school site in the summer term being so extensively used. We encourage our children to try to beat their personal best – being competitive is part of life and always trying to be better and better than before is a healthy and rewarding skill. *Incidentally our morning running club has started up again, from 8.45 – 8.55 am.*

Before Easter, our performances for parents of the children in Year 5 were hilarious, well practised and performed and very skilfully directed and produced by Mrs Spencer. A nice end to the spring term. The children



had lots of fun preparing for their production of 'Porridge' written by Craig Hawes. All of them played their parts brilliantly and we enjoyed being entertained by such talent. It almost seemed a shame that it was only performed to the Year 5 parents. Maybe next year we'll have an extra performance opened up to the wider school community.

Our Easter Egg Trail was an enormous success. Again this year all of the eggs were donated by community members and small businesses. It was a wonderful day, with lots of stalls and games and even the Easter Bunny turned up. Despite the weather there was a very good turn out and the PIPs committee, along with staff support, helped to raise £1624.10 for school funds. A brilliant amount!



Sadly school funds and governments budget funding is being spread more thinly year on year. If you are interested to find out just how much Goxhill loses per child in comparison to other schools in our locality, log on to www.schoolcuts.org.uk

At the point of writing this article for the Goxhill Gander, our school is getting ready to crown our May Queen 2018. I'm really hoping that the weather is kind to us on this day and the event is well attended by lots of parents and community members.



A date for your diary.....

The Goxhill Residents Action Group hold their meetings in the school on the third Thursday of the month at 7.00 pm. You can find out more information about this group and the role they play within the village at www.goxhillresidentsactiongroup.co.uk

Thank you as always to our parents and families who give us so much support in school.

Caroline Breslin - Head Teacher

SCRAP FOR SCHOOL

A huge thank you to Mark Ogilvie. His brilliantly simple idea of putting a skip from Stokesleys on his drive for residents to put their scrap metal in, has so far raised a **fantastic £2526.20** The school are so grateful for such an amazing contribution towards enrichment activities for the children. The skip is on the long drive at 'The Old Hatchery' on Westfield Road (corner of Stothards Lane). There is a sign on the gates 'Scrap for School Skip', just open gates and drive up to the skip.



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The Holy Land Visit - March 2018

I said when I returned in November 17 that if I got the chance to go back I would, but didn't expect it to be so soon.

Following the visit in November 2017, when everywhere looked barren and dry, it was great to see the lush green grasses, plants and Olive trees in full bloom in March 2018.



The school built of tyres, which possibly will have been demolished by the time this edition of Gander is released!

Exciting for me was a visit to the Tyre School, school of the Jehalin Bedouin, where the walls built from tyres with wattle and daub, a great use of old tyres when you have no other materials! They also had tyres laid out as steps to a play area. After being forcefully

moved from their homes and previous school, now living in tents, across a dual carriage way from their old site, they built this lovely school, showing how important education is to these people. The water pump at back of school pumped sewage from the settlements nearby and caused awful smells so when they had gone home for the day, Eid the leader would turn off the tap which pumped the sewage. For us to visit here our mini bus had to stop on the hard shoulder, we got out as quickly as possible as the driver was not really allowed to stop, and then we straddled over the metal crash barriers to gain entrance to the village and school (for someone as short as me it was an uncomfortable situation!). Some children live the other side of the carriageway and have to do this (over 3 barriers 1 at each side and the one in the middle) every day both to and from school! For me it was great to meet with some girl scouts at the school, having been in the scout movement here for over 32 years, and because of this the girls allowed me to photograph them. There is a Court Order to demolish this school and village on the Thursday after our visit Eid their leader was due in court hopeful that he could save the school and the village. I do hope it is still standing today but In my heart I doubt it will be.

Horrendous feelings of humiliation fill me after seeing the alterations they are making to a check point that we went through in November! I can only describe it as like a dungeon. Why, I ask myself do they need an underground room at a check point unless it will be used as some sort of torture chamber! Visit this site and see for yourself – cptheb@cpt.org (Christian Peacemaker Team) this team of people are from so many different countries they monitor harassing situations, they are not allowed to intervene but report back on what they saw taking place.. The stories that are heard of how the Israeli soldiers treat the Palestinians are extremely horrific, tied up with plastic cable ties, made to kneel in the hot sun for hours with no water, and now they have an underground concrete hole to hide their nasty treatments from view. It is hard to believe that these people who are treated in such a demoralising way, can still be pleasant, calm and polite. This must be a new 'container' check point. When I first heard of a container check point I couldn't understand why I didn't see a 'container' such as we see on Lorries! 'Container' now has a different meaning for me! Over there it is somewhere to 'contain' people!!

The Sea of Galilee was a wonderful calm and tranquil experience. The feeling I had on this boat trip are somewhat exhilarating, to think that I sailed in a boat where all those years ago Jesus sailed, everything was quiet and the water was still, albeit the boat would have been larger than ones in the time of Jesus. The day was misty in the distance and whilst I thought it would have been nice to see the land over the water – it was pointed out that it would have spoilt it, as today there are so many settlements over there, that the fulfilment of the trip wouldn't have been quite the same. We were shown how the nets would have been launched into the water unlike today when things are automated. A time for bare feet meant we could be children again and take a paddle on the shore of this famous Sea. To think that most Palestinian people could never visit the Sea of Galilee, because it is in Israel, to live so close to such a site and not have permission to visit takes a little of the shine off the day, but I shall never forget such a great experience.

Eileen Mosey



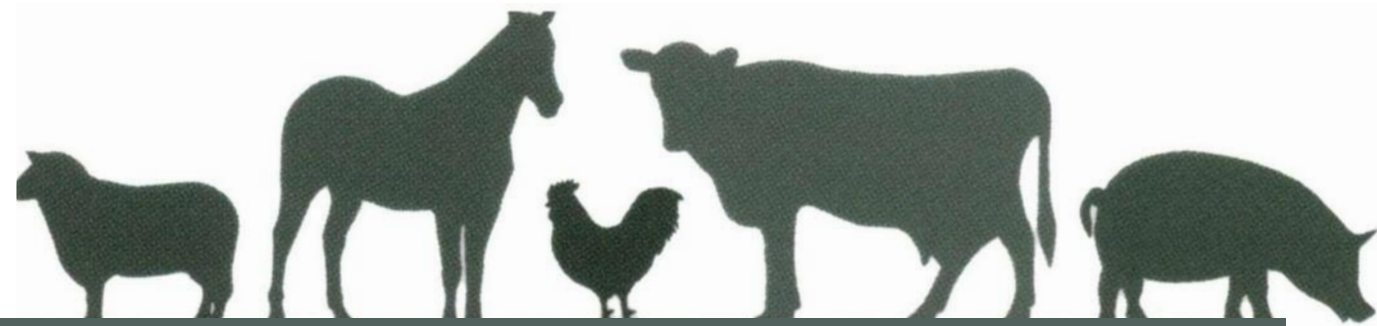
The golden domes of the Sister Martha's Monastery from the top of the Mount of Olives



St George's Monastery, a beautiful place in the valley where the story of the Good Samaritan took place.

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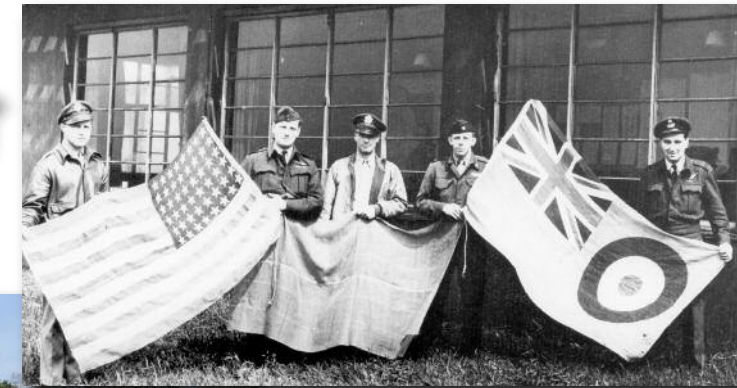


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100th Anniversary of the Royal Airforce.

Celebrated at the American Military Aviation Museum's original RAF Goxhill Watch Tower (rebuilt at Virginia Beach) April 20th 2018



This photo was taken when the Goxhill base was returned to the RAF by the USAAF near the end WW2.

Do you have any idea what the middle flag is? Is it something emblematic of Goxhill or Lincolnshire between the RAF and USAAF?



With several senior NATO staff present, the RAF was indeed proud to stand on parade amidst flying examples of Mossie, Spit, Hurricane, Tiger Moth and Chipmunk. These men and women may be the only current serving RAF in the world to have done this. RAF Group Captain John Sullivan delivered a concise and inspiring presentation. He presented MAM with a plaque to be mounted in the Goxhill Tower "As Testament To The Unique And Special Bond Between Our Two Countries"



A specially commissioned painting of Goxhill at War joins the authentic furnishings and equipment being collected to display in the tower.

Goxhill Singing Group

The expression 'tip of the iceberg' is a cliché but nevertheless very appropriate to Goxhill Singing Group. Whilst Chapel concerts and appearances at village events may be the visible part, it's really not about that. GSG is for people who like singing and who gather on a Wednesday evening at the Chapel schoolroom to sing together. Just as with singing in church, it is nothing to do with how good a singing voice you have and everything to do with taking part, enthusiasm and enjoyment. Okay, there is going to be the odd song that's not to your taste, but you join in and a few minutes later somebody else will be doing likewise singing one of your favourites. So if you like singing, or enjoyed singing when you were younger and would like to recapture that simple pleasure, come along and try it any week: 7pm Wednesday at the Schoolroom to the rear of the Chapel. For £1 towards room hire and printing lyrics we sing for about two

hours including a tea break. Just turn up when you are free. It's a great way to take a break from whatever was on your mind! If you don't believe me, try singing Bring Me Sunshine (even minus the Eric & Ern dance) without ending up smiling.

John Guggiari



Bryan and Barbara Giles celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on Thursday 15th February. Barbara was born in Barton and they married at St Peter's church in 1958. Bryan has lived in the village all his life. He was born at Melbourne House on Howe Lane before he moved to London House as a small child when his father Percy took over the family grocery business, which Bryan subsequently took over and ran with Barbara. They now live on Churchside. They have three children and four grandsons. They celebrated their anniversary quietly at home.



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Goxhill residents set up an action group to fight for the village

On 27 March 2018 a group of Goxhill residents officially formed 'Goxhill Residents Action Group' (GRAG for short!). GRAG has a fantastic committee of eight people who are all passionate

about our village and protecting it for the future. We are an officially formed group with a constitution.

The group was the idea of Goxhill residents; Emma Abbott and Julie-Ann Cundell who were both alarmed at the large-scale clearance of land behind Hawthorne Gardens on 5 February 2018. This was done without any attempt by those who cleared it to communicate with the residents of Goxhill.

It was felt that there was little information regarding the plans for this 10.5 acres, and any large-scale development could bring huge long-term issues for Goxhill. After the situation with The Brock, and the way in which Keigar Homes Ltd handled themselves, a lot of mistrust and suspicion has been created, with residents wondering what the future holds for Goxhill.

GRAG's main aim is to fight for Goxhill's sustainable future and, whilst we all know that Goxhill will need to grow, we want to make sure the changes are the RIGHT ones for the village. We are working hard to engage with you – the residents of Goxhill – to find out what matters to you and what you want to see here in the future.

The information we have gathered so far is that Keigar Homes Ltd intend to build around 90 mixed style homes on the land which is outside of the current build line for the village. The only planned entrance would be through Hawthorne Gardens, which means most of the traffic will use Howe Lane and then Chapel Street. This is a ludicrous situation considering there could be another 150 cars using this already congested route.

It is no secret that Goxhill also struggles to cope when it rains for any length of time, with roads flooding, the dyke system struggling to take surface water away, and the inadequate drainage system unable to deal with the extra water on top of the sewerage generated by the village daily.



Pathway to playing field after rainfall Apr 2018

How will Goxhill manage if another 90 plus homes are built? We also have the issue of Goxhill Primary school, which is already at its maximum with all classes taking 37 or more children. The



View of the land from playing field Summer 2017

school simply has not the room for any more children. The local secondary school – Baysgarth in Barton was over-subscribed this year with all its 180 places for Year 7 being taken.

GRAG want to ensure that before ANY building takes place that all these issues are investigated, and solutions found, and if solutions cannot be found then the build does not go ahead.

Keigar Homes are offering to pass 2 acres of the land to North Lincolnshire Council who could then sell it to the village for £1. The site is landlocked and accessed by the footpath from Chapel Street. There will be a stipulation that no residential property could be built on this land, which rules out any sort of public house with living accommodation.

So, where do we go from here?

GRAG have already met with most members of Goxhill Parish Council and secured their support for our aims. We have

also met with our local MP Martin Vickers who has also pledged his support and offered some great advice which we have taken on board. We have lots of plans and ideas and there's one in particular that GRAG would like your help with.

Last year, Barrow Parish Council embarked on a process to develop a **Neighbourhood Plan**. By working on a Neighbourhood Plan, their community – residents and businesses – will produce a shared vision for their village and its future. That plan will help them, and NLC, to decide what's appropriate in terms of development, thereby protecting them from poor development and giving them the opportunity to improve their village.

Goxhill needs to do the same. GRAG will be investigating this in more depth over the coming weeks and months and talking with you and members of the Parish Council about how it can work. We'll be posting more articles on our website and distributing leaflets. We can only do this with support, engagement and, crucially, funds. If you'd like to pledge your support, or just to say, 'I'm for Goxhill too', please drop us an email and let us know!

You can find out more information at -

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GOXHILL OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 2018

For the first three and a half months of 2018 I seriously thought that this years Open Gardens would only have water features to look at, but we had a glorious week towards the end of April and things seem to be taking a turn for the better.

2018 is a year of change for the Open Gardens organisation and our beneficiary – The Methodist Chapel Community Fund.

For the first time since it started twenty-eight years ago, the gardens will be open on both **Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th June 2018.**

The second change sees the Methodist Chapel and All Saints Church joining forces to make this a combined fundraiser.

The third change is because it is a weekend of Open Gardens activities.

Fri 15th June - Gardeners Question Time with Doug Stewart from Radio Humberside in the Chapel starting at 7pm.

Sat 16th June - 'Pop In' will start from 12 noon, so you can join us for lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Schoolroom.

Sat 16th June - Gardens open from 1pm to 6pm tickets from the Chapel

Sun 17th June - Gardens open from 1pm to 6pm tickets from the Chapel

As a result of this there will be cake, craft, preserves and plant stalls; book sales; Tombola and games at the chapel and various gardens as well as all the usual features of an Open Gardens Sunday.

The Ladies are producing a flower display at the Chapel on the theme of Hymn 30 "As the Bridegroom to his chosen"; the Goxhill Singing Group have promised another enthusiastic performance in at least one garden; the local Garden Centres have donated hanging baskets that you can win and it is hoped that we will have representatives and information available in the gardens to promote community organisations and local garden related tradespersons. We are also grateful to Goxhill Bowls Club for additional parking and toilet facilities.

Trying to find enough gardens to open over a two day period hasn't been easy, especially with three of our regulars being closed for various reasons. But never fear we have 13 gardens in total and 6 of them are newly opened this year. There are at least 9 gardens open each day.

Why are we open for 2 days, well because our public have asked us to. A lot of people cannot visit on the Sunday, Fathers Day, and others have said that they have been unable to get round all the gardens in a day.

Of course to be successful it needs your support so please come and visit, enjoy the gardens, flowers, games and teas but before you leave please take a moment to give us some feed back. There will be a comments book at the Chapel, your input will help to shape Goxhill Opens Gardens in years to come.

Presale tickets will be available at Gardeners Question Time on Friday night as well as at the Chapel on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Tickets are £4.00/person per day or £6.00/person for a weekend ticket.
Jack Lawtey

GOXHILL CHAPEL NEWS

We have been working very hard these past few months to raise the money for the replacement of the chapel's windows. Thanks to the generosity of village residents past and present and, by the time of reading hopefully our local and parish councils, we are so close to having the cash to begin the work to revitalise the worship space in this important village building. There may still be time to contribute to a pane in memory of a beloved relative, however, so do contact Betty Plumtree or Rev Nichola Jones if this is something you would be interested in.

In addition to the windows, which will be engraved in memorial or thanksgiving, all people paying for a pane are being asked to write a few words about the people or events they are recalling for a special book. This will give everyone a chance to express their feelings and share their memories. Eileen Mosey already has many in, but please do send yours in soon if you've not already done so. We hope the special book of memories will be a lasting tribute to all those who have gone before and been part of what has made Goxhill and the chapel so warm and welcoming through the years.

Please put the date in your diaries now that the new windows will be formally dedicated in a circuit service at 3pm on Sunday 2nd September. All who have

sponsored a pane, window or door are invited to the celebration with worship led by Rev Nichola Jones, and refreshments to follow.

Thoughts of refreshments bring me to one of the highlights of the chapel's and, I hope, the village's year. As already announced, this year Open Gardens will take place over two days - 16th & 17th June.

We have been delighted to share organisation of the event with Jack Lawtey and his team and are now even happier with the Anglicans' decision to hold their annual garden party in the chapel grounds on the Saturday. We hope our two churches working together will make for a fantastic celebration of our friendship, this village, its beautifully tended gardens and God's creative role in making all these things.

And as a launchpad into that exciting weekend, we are thrilled to announce Doug Stewart will host a Gardeners' Question Time at the chapel at 7pm on Friday 15th June. It may be a little late to use his words of wisdom for 2018's Open Gardens, but we hope the popular BBC Radio Humberside presenter and horticulturist will inspire and advise you so you might be up for making 2019's Open Gardens even bigger and better.

Adam Ellis

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Fiction or Fact?

In recent weeks I have been told about things and occurrences in the village by well-meaning people who I am sure genuinely believed what they had heard or seen, because it was in print or had been read and passed on. I found it both distressing and disturbing, surely it is any caring, honest persons duty to write only the facts, not gossip, without proof, that should be left to the “scandal mongers” of this world.

We live in a world of accessible information, yet seem to get things so wrong, the worry and the stress that can be caused by misinformation or fake news is endless. Although it's not a subject that I find particularly funny, it reminds me of a very old joke from my grandfather's days, when in the world war two trenches a message was passed along the line, “send reinforcements we're going to advance”, what came out at the other end was , “send three and four pence we're going to a dance”. Why is it preferable to believe rumour and innuendo and repeat it as truth than to check the facts, or ask the questions first.

We live in a village, quite a large village and I don't have to point out that it is continually growing, this is partly due to individual private buildings on single plots, adding to the diversity of design, and groups of properties by a developer. Whichever it is, if it fits the criteria of planning it will of course go ahead. It is the responsibility of all of us to take care and pay attention when all of these come to the planning stage, to ensure as far as we can that they do comply, the appearance t, protection of the natural environment, the way that they are placed on the site and safe access are all paramount. If, after all the study and consideration, it fits and complies, it goes through. If we find something that needs action or alteration it will not be accepted. I noted in the last edition of the Gander that we were a sustainable village; I said that we either grow or stagnate, we have no alternative but to grow, but we must grow in a controlled, positive manner. This should never be a personal decision, but always practical and within the confines of the planning regulations. When additional family homes are built it is natural that other things should also expand, or improve, and it is obvious that the school for one, will be under pressure with extra children, and will need to extend, hopefully the finance will be in place to enable this to happen. Pressure is also put on all other services, and I know that one serious concern is the possibility of flooding. Every new home adds to the drainage and at the same time takes away an area of natural drainage through the land, some of this is allowed for by the provision of surface water collection on site through the creation of adequate collection ponds, but it is still a worry when residents find that there garden has become a bog. The whole of Goxhill is surrounded by dykes which have been in existence for generations, some have been filled in by waste, probably because at times they seemed unnecessary, but in years of high rainfall they are imperative. Many are cleared regularly by the correct authority on a regular basis, but many are neglected, maybe some investigation into this should be a future priority.

Cemetery The rear field will be more usable for a relaxed stroll this year, and the wide mown footpath has been well identified. The three entrances through from the Cemetery have been identified and mown. Hopefully in the future we will be able to place seating around the perimeter. The waste collection has been missed a few times early this year but hopefully at the time of print this will have been corrected.

Playing Field The graffiti has been removed and hopefully will not return, fingers crossed. The Mugga has been cleared of winter debris, and is ideal when the field is so water logged. The dyke needs clearing and the hedging needs attention this is in hand.

Allotments Like everywhere else the land has been very wet but good gardeners will always find a way to organise their program to suit the conditions. Don't forget there are still vacancies and you will receive a warm welcome.

Millennium Green Work has been arranged for the future maintenance of the green, clearing the footpaths, tending the trees. The wooden bridge will be cleaned and made safe, and the whole area will be inspected regularly, to ensure it is kept in a good usable condition.

Library. Many will not be aware that Goxhill Library is provide by the Parish Council. We took over in 2011 when North Lincolnshire was going to close it down and offered the alternative of a mobile facility. It was pointed out to them at that time, by members, that the existing mobile was already at full stretch and they would need to purchase an additional one at great cost. If on the other hand the Parish Council could take over service, considering that the building is ours, with the provision of books etc., it could be run by volunteers. A group of 40 volunteers were initially recruited after much knocking on doors, and letter writing, this has sadly dwindled to 7 regulars, they do their utmost to keep the facility open three days a week, and running extremely well. Some patient stalwart original s are still with us, and our latest gallant, and much appreciated, volunteer, Michael Harris, in his words,” joined to meet local people, and put a little back into the community, it's only a few hours a week and you do what you can “. He also made a very good point, that you do not handle money and you have plenty of time to relax and read.

Members can order books on line from North lincs. for collection at the library,, and there is also facilities for printing(fair use policy). As I always stress, our childrens section is excellent so please bring them along.

Membership of the library includes the benefit of free digital access to newspapers and magazines,home and abroad. Free E. books are also available.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact any member of the Parish Council, they would be truly welcome.

Highways Many of you will have either seen, avoided, or experienced the results of potholes in the roads, some of them quite deep. It is important that these are reported to the highways department at North Lincolnshire Council, it would be helpful to them to give the name of the road and the location of the of the problem. For the highways department to inspect every street and road in the district would be almost impossible, and certainly time consuming, but with your help inspections can be done more efficiently, and hopefully repairs can be carried out.

Freda Dunkley

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After climbing to 15,000 feet, I inched myself to the open plane door, strapped to my instructor, then he made the push and we were airborne.

It certainly was an exhilarating experience especially the free fall and when the parachute



Photograph courtesy of Scunthorpe Telegraph

opened my instructor let me have control of it for a short while.

After making a soft landing I was quite overwhelmed and emotional that I had actually Just done a tandem sky dive.

I would like to thank all those who sponsored me, which resulted in just over £3,000 being raised for my Mayor's Charity "When You Wish Upon A Star".

Although the skydive was out of my comfort zone, the reason I did it was for my Mayor's Charity, which will make a special day come true for some sick and very sick children.

If anyone would still like to sponsor me it is not to late, it can be done on my Just Giving page -
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-clark23 or contact me on 01469 532141.
Councillor Peter Clark

The Short Award 2018

Goxhill's Community Award, sponsored by the Gander, needs your nomination!

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

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

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

Please place your nomination in the entry box at any of the above places - by 16th July 2018.

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

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Ivy

Just like the Ivy on the old garden wall. Clinging so tightly what ere may befall.

I have recently had a problem with Ivy growing in the garden. This has caused me to take a look at Ivy growing here and to find out a little more about it. I have always regarded it as a weed of no particular importance which grew in the bottom of hedges. It was always there and not intrusive so nothing needed to be done about it. But things seem to have changed. Suddenly two or three old trees have fallen to the ground, covered in Ivy and completely entangled, branches have broken and roots have been torn from the ground.

There are several species of Ivy growing in our hedges and gardens many of which have interesting leaf shapes and variegation which makes them desirable garden plants but the wild variety is the cause of our problem. It grows from seed as a small plant and if free to ramble remains at ground level for some years. It has large flat dark green leaves which as the plant spreads overlap to completely cover the ground so that there is no light for the seeds of other plants to grow. Whilst it is free to spread and there is plenty of light available the Ivy remains on the ground but when it has filled the available space it seeks to grow upwards in search of light. Ivy is one of the few species of plant which has roots which do not grow in the soil, they are called adventitious roots and they grow out from the stem penetrating and clinging to the stems of trees and shrubs and masonry. These roots can absorb chemicals and water from their surroundings and so can enable the plant to live and grow in adverse conditions. They also enable it to climb through and over everything that it encounters.

Ivy relies upon support from the plant upon which it climbs and so does not have to use its resources to build a strong trunk. This enables it to produce multiple small branches and shoots. The leaves of the shoots that are at low level are almost circular with a small point opposite the stem but as they grow upwards the leaves change shape and become smaller and elongated with a sharper longer point. They also form a denser structure branching more freely and they begin to form flowers. The flowers of the Ivy appear in the autumn and provide a late source of nectar for bees and particularly for large blue and green flies. Black fruits develop from the flowers and they grow during the winter to provide a useful food crop for birds in early spring.

The dense growth of the mature Ivy causes the problems that the Ivy brings. Compared with the branch and leaf structure of the trees upon which it grows it is many times heavier, this weight is further increased when it is wet with rain. The dense mass of wet leaves presents a solid face against which the wind exerts a tremendous force.

All of this growing of leaves and branches requires food and water which the Ivy takes from its shallow roots which spread out under ground far wider than the area covered above ground. This dense mass of roots dries out the soil very quickly when there is no rain and this prevents the host tree from growing. This, is particularly evident in the free draining soil areas of the village.

I have often heard it said that Ivy growing on a tree does no harm and faced with a lot of trees some of which had Ivy this was a comforting thought to me, which justified inactivity. How wrong I was. My trees had fallen so that they propped up each other and were unstable. I (for some unknown reason) was Judged to be unable to avoid standing beneath them so it was decreed that as a matter of urgency a man must be called in. The man removed a little over three tons of wood and leaves.



Other than mentioning it as a food source for birds and insects I have found little good to say about this dense growing foliage plant which is in full leaf throughout the year losing its leaves in spring and summer as fresh leaves develop but it is this year-round dense leafy structure which is its most important feature because it provides a safe refuge for all kinds of wildlife. It is full of insects, birds nest in it and shelter from the cold of winter whilst on the ground the garden predator, the Hedge Hog prowls through the Ivy forest as it hunts for slugs.

So, what are we to do with the Ivy, whilst we should continue to welcome it for its valuable contribution to our village we must not let it get out of control. Secateurs applied as soon as an Ivy shoot is seen climbing a tree or a garden spade to dig out the root, when an unwanted seedling is found are the easy answer. If you saw through the trunks of well-developed pieces of Ivy growing on a tree the Ivy will be killed and will eventually fall away from the trunk of the tree but Ivy leaves die slowly and patience is required. If you use weed killer a Glyphosate spray is easy and effective but may need to be repeated. Do remember that the green mass of Ivy is the bird's housing estate and that many of them are still using their nests now.

Maurice Brawn.



GOXHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Good news to report, the crime in the village has improved greatly. We have been working hard along side the police, which has made a difference to the village.

As you are aware we have been providing security items. We have decided that if people would like security items there will have to be a donation. If you are a victim of crime, elderly or vulnerable then the items will be free.

Unfortunately Paul Swift has had to leave neighbourhood Watch due to other commitments. Steve Newlove and I would like to thank him for the support he has given the village and neighbourhood watch, we wish him well.

If you have any concerns in the village, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will try to resolve them. Once again thank you for your continued support. **Lorraine Gibbins - Goxhill Neighbourhood Watch Co-coordinator**

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Additional information to the Article on the closing of Creasey's Shop, in the last issue.

I am very grateful to Margaret Coulam (nee Dale) and Fred Simon, who still live in the village, for suppling some corrections and additions to the details about their family in the article in the last issue of the Gander.

- Victor Nelson Dale's twin sister Norah and Henry Buckley lived at Field Farm, not West Farm.
- West Farm (see photograph) was opposite V N Dale's shop. It was owned by Trinity House and was occupied by Fred Portas and then by Tommy Thompson, who then built the bungalow on the corner of Stothards Lane, known as 'The Hatchery'.
- West Farm was demolished in 1968/69 to build the bungalows known as 'Greenfields'.
- With regards to the Simon family, the two that married were Frederick Ernest (Margaret Coulam's Great Grandfather), and Percy, who was Betsy Ann's twin son (not brother-in-law). His son is Frederick Richardson Simon who lives down North End at Welholme.
- For the record, Betsy Ann died 15/1/1923 and her children were - John, Selina, Jessie, Frederick Ernest, Twins - Maunsell and Percy, and Hubert.

I apologies for the inaccuracies in the previous article and thank Margaret and Fred for contributing this information and these photographs.

Editor



The Grange, mentioned in the article, was demolished to make way for the Airfield.



West Farm on the left, where Greenfields is now, and V N Dale's shop in the centre.

After 32 years

we closed our shop on Westfield Road. We would like to thank everyone who supported us during our time.

We made many friends and we have had thanks from so many people old and young. The school children who came in for 1p & 2p sweets after school. Also the older school pupils who miss our sausage rolls.

For 14 years we also had the Post Office, although one person did object to us having it. Sadly we no longer have one in the village at all.

Yours Sincerely Colin, Christine & Caroline



1st GOXHILL BROWNIES

Well this will be my last Gander article for Brownies as after nearly 20 as a warranted leader, the time has finally come to finish. My partner in crime Sarah who has been a leader for over 10 years is also retiring! However, our fabulous Snowy Owl, Ella Piner is staying on and we have hopefully found 2 fresh faced, enthusiastic and raring to go volunteers to take over from us. They will hopefully be able to introduce themselves in the next Gander all being well!

Sarah and I have however, a fun packed final summer term planned which starts with a trip with 6 of our Brownies to PGL in Grantham along with our Division. We also have a few royal evenings planned celebrating firstly the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markel with a garden party and then later in the term Trooping the Colour!!

We will also finally be planting a tree/bush next to Enid and Geoff's bench in the cemetery, following on from our Thinking Day poster competition last year.

Sarah and I have many memories to take away from our time at Brownies and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the girls we have had the pleasure of knowing over the years, it has been hard work but rewarding and fun and I'm sure we wouldn't have changed it!!!

The summer term will also see a few of the brownies leaving as well so as usual we continue to be on the lookout for new girls to join the next generation of Brownies.

1st Goxhill Brownies meet every Tuesday during term time at the Integrated Services building at Goxhill Primary School. We meet from 6:00-7:30pm. For more information, please contact either myself or Sarah until new leaders are established or pop into the school office.

Many thanks Jane Macleod – Tawny Owl



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Strange Laws from around the World

As we move closer towards summer, perhaps our thoughts are turning to holidays, both at home and abroad. None of us, I suspect, would wish to fall foul of the local authorities by breaching their laws or flouting their local customs, so here are a few of the more intriguing, and strange, examples that may prove a pitfall for the unwary, or unsuspecting, traveller.

In **Australia** getting patrons too drunk at the pub is met with heavy fines.

In **Barbados**, it is an offence for anyone, including children, to dress in camouflage clothing.

Until **2002**, Brazilian men had ten days to annul their marriage if they discovered their wife wasn't a virgin.

In **Britain**, Parliament's famous Salmon Act of 1986 states that it's illegal to hold a salmon under suspicious circumstances.

Also in **Britain**, it is said to be illegal to die in the Houses of Parliament in London - since it is a Royal Palace, (Palace of Westminster) apparently you would be technically entitled to a state funeral.

It is also illegal to kill or eat any Mute Swans; the Queen owns all of the Mute Swans of England, and only she is allowed to kill and eat one. This goes all the way back to Medieval times, when swans were considered a delicacy that the wealthy desperately wanted on their dinner tables. While this might seem antiquated, the law actually has practical purposes today. They are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981. Anyone found guilty of killing one faces a £5,000 fine or up to six months in prison."

In **Cambodia** in 2001, Phnom Penh governor Chea Sophara banned the sale and import of all water guns, fearing they would cause social unrest during Khmer New Year celebrations.

In **Canada** it is an offence to text while waiting in a drive-through. **The Canadian city of Petrolia** in Ontario has a law that limits excessive noise and states that no yelling, shouting, whistling or singing is allowed at any time.

In **China**, it is against the law to reincarnate without government permission.

You may be detained or arrested if you use binoculars near an airport in **Egypt**.

In **France** it seems tomato ketchup was banned in school cafeterias, by Christopher Hebert, president of the national association of municipal catering managers, in 2011.

In **Greece** leave your stilettos at home if you're planning on sightseeing around some of their historic cities. High heels are illegal at certain ancient monuments because they can damage them, and because they often threaten preservation efforts.

If you own any chickens in **Quitman, Georgia**, it's illegal to

let them cross the road. Simply put, the law essentially wants owners to have their chickens under control at all times.

In **Germany**, if you are a tenant renting your property you can't play the piano after midnight. Tenants are only allowed to practice their instruments from 8:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 20:00 to be respectful to their neighbours. They also have time restrictions for various instruments to prevent artists from playing marathon symphonies the rest of the neighbourhood never asked for.

Meanwhile also in **Germany**, you'd best keep one eye on the road and the other on the needle. Running out of fuel on the motorway will lead to fines

In **Italy** a hefty fine is in store for anyone who feeds the pigeons in Venice's St. Mark's Square. The city banned the practice, citing the birds as a health hazard, and as bad for the monuments.

Also in **Italy** it is an offence to sit on steps/courtyards or to eat and drink in the immediate vicinity of churches and public buildings in Florence.

In **Italy** it is illegal to die in certain cities. In the case of Sellia, Italy, residents who fail to take preventative death measures by getting an annual health check-up will be fined 10 EURO per year.

In **Milan, Italy**, frowning is prohibited. A law in Milan says that people in the city must smile at all times, except at funerals or in hospitals

In **Japan** you can only dance after midnight if the lights are on.

In **Mexico**, cyclists/bikers may not lift their feet from the pedals, as it might result in a loss of control. This practical law was created in 1892 as a way to protect riders.

In the **Netherlands** you can smoke cannabis in public places, but not tobacco.

In **Nigeria** it is illegal to import beer, mineral water, soft drinks, sparkling wine and fruits.

You can't pee in the ocean in **Portugal**, though it can't be confirmed or denied that anyone has ever been caught.

In parts of **Russia** it is illegal to drive a dirty car. This law has been passed in both Chelyabinsk and Moscow, and can incur an on the spot fine of 2,000 rubles (30 EURO).

In **Samoa**, it's a crime to forget your wife's birthday.

In **Saudi Arabia** you must carry a doctor's prescription for any medication you have with you.

When heading to **Singapore**, leave the Juicy Fruit at home as importing chewing gum is banned, a rule enforced in order to keep public spaces clean. An exception is made for dental or nicotine gum.

In **South Africa**, herders of donkeys, goats, pigs, ostriches, mules or horses have the right of way.

In **Barcelona, Spain**, it is against the law to wear a bikini, swimming trunks or to go bare-chested on the streets. Also, don't walk shirtless in Majorca's city centre.

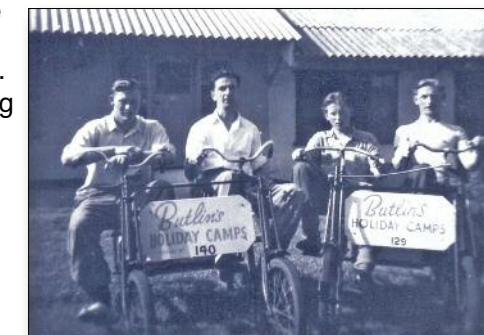
Since 2014 the authorities on the island of Majorca fine people (namely tourists) 600 EURO for walking around without a shirt on. The island is a renowned beach destination, but officials are hoping to clean up its image by discouraging tourists from treating it like a beach party. Wearing uncovered swimwear can also be fined.

The **Swiss** kindly ask you not to hike in the nude. In fact, Swiss canton Appenzell was the first to ban the indecent act after a naked German man walked past a family having a picnic in the Alps in 2009.

In **Switzerland** it is illegal to own only one goldfish - owning just one is considered inhumane isolation. Also flushing a toilet after 10 pm in an apartment is considered noise pollution.

In **Thailand** it is an offence to leave house without wearing underwear.

Kevin Guy



Goxhill teenagers at Butlins, Filey, 1953. Dennis Coulam, Gerald Knight, Barry Atkin, Charlie Guillatt. A bit different to the holidays of today.

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THE BROCK - is looking really good right now! Pity it is a pair of semis and NOT OUR VILLAGE PUB!

At the Annual Members Meeting of Goxhill Community Pub Ltd (GCPL), held on 24th April 2018, the outcome of the complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) about North Lincolnshire Council's (NLC) handling of the whole process, was announced.

Chairperson, Ann Lawtey, said that the LGO have investigated the complaint and found that NLC had followed correct procedure. However the LGO were unable to comment on the quality of those decisions. This was the final nail in the coffin of the campaign to save the Brock.

But I feel the village should be proud of the fight that the committee put up to save Goxhill's last pub. They definitely did far more than anyone could possibly have expected and got within a signature of success. But it appears that Keigar never had any intention of allowing a pub on their housing development.

Sadly the major burden of the battle of the last 3 years has taken its toll on the Chair, Anne Lawtey and Treasurer John Guggiari who have stepped down from the committee. We owe the whole Friends of the Brock and resulting GCPL committees, a huge thank you for their selfless efforts on behalf of the village, but especially to Anne and John.

Where do we go from here?

Goxhill Community Pub Limited will continue as a registered company. It has an established committee and a strong supportive shareholder base, to be in a position to respond should there be an opportunity to bring a desperately needed pub back to the village.

If you have read the Goxhill Residents Action Group

(GRAG) article on page 25, you will see that Keigars are offering land for 'Community use' as part of their plans for 90, yes 90 plus, new houses on the old Hawthorne Gardens land. But why should we expect that to include provision for a pub?

However, as revealed at the Annual Members Meeting, GCPL have received an initial proposal from a Goxhill landowning family, to offer land at a nominal fee for a pub, as part of a housing development in the centre of the village. There is also another building development company with land in Goxhill who may be prepared to make a similar offer.

So is it looking promising?

Unfortunately our local County council are way below their target for new housing and are actively inviting property developers to put forward plans to get them out of a hole. So NLC are again going to be a major decider in what happens in Goxhill. They are already drawing up a new county plan, that we need to impose our will upon.

As much as GCPL have achieved a huge amount, we all need to put our support behind the Goxhill Residents Action Group to continue the fight to determine the future for development in Goxhill. The quality of our village lifestyle is under threat from huge housing development, all beyond the current building development line, including an area on the airfield.

So make your feelings known now! And at the Council elections next year.

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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

It is always feels good to receive a compliment and so it was in April when a visiting bowls team, over from Hull for an early season friendly game, enthused about the green at Goxhill. Given that they had just lost on each of the four rinks we played on, one might have forgiven them a little disappointment, but the sheer pleasure of bowling on a high quality green is not to be underestimated.

Goxhill's bowling green is the product of, literally, years of effort by dedicated volunteers and investment by the Club through a combination of fees from members, advertising sponsorship and grants/donations. It is not overstating the case to claim that it is quite probably the best bowling green in North Lincolnshire.

So by now you might be thinking that it must cost a fortune to become a member; a bit like it does for the average golf club membership. Quite the contrary - it costs just £20 for what we term club/social membership and £40 for club/league membership. In either case you could play on the green every day of the week, if you wished, whenever it is not in use for a competition. The only 'specialist equipment' needed is a pair of flat-soled shoes

(costing from about £20). Everything else can be borrowed free from the Club, including bowls until you want to buy your own - usually once you decide which size suits you best.

If even £20 is more than you want to pay to bowl then Goxhill Club runs a regular Tuesday Bowls Drive starting at 2pm for two hours of bowling in alternating pairs or triples with a short tea break in the middle. For £2 anyone, even a non-member, can just turn up and play.

Lawn bowling is suitable for all ages, abilities and fitness levels, so why not give it a try - for free - this summer? Get in touch via our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com> or call me on 530363. **John Guggiari**



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OFF THE HOOF

"Setting an example is not the main means of influencing others, it is the only means." Albert Einstein

At the time of writing we are just going into May and I must say the blossom on the trees down Ferry Road and the lambs in the field are a delight to see, although the blossom is too short lived in the high winds.

It certainly has been a wet year so far putting everything behind leaving farmers juggling with their tasks and doing what they can when they can. We had two sunny hot days together and the village was a hive of activity. Tractors flying up and down trying to play catch up, lawnmowers buzzing, along with the bees, with the first cut of the year. The tip had to close as all the hoppers were full of gardening waste and accumulated rubbish. Horse rugs were removed to allow the welcome sun on horses' backs. When the temperature plummeted, some rugs were not put back on again. I assume their owners are still in shorts and t-shirts! I certainly hope that was not our summer.

In every edition I write about the speed of traffic down Thornton Road and Ferry Road. We were promised flashing 30MPH signs by Skanska but for the third edition equalling 9 months these have not come into fruition, although I'm still trying!!

Many will have heard via local media that some villages, Thornton Curtis being one, have taken up on a scheme involving hand held speed guns. I believe the scheme so far has been successful and wonder if there are enough people in Goxhill who feel strongly enough to participate. I'm not sure how it works but would be willing to give it a go. If you are interested, please contact me and if feasible I will follow it up. I am assured anything like this will have the full support of the Parish Council.

Once again, our few bridle ways are in a bad state but with all the rain it is not surprising. Nan Brigan quite recently had someone removing fallen trees and branches and logging them. I have no problem with this as it helps keep the bridleways clear however, what I do have a problem with is putting wood through a chipping machine and spreading it on the bridleway. Perhaps whoever is doing it thinks it helps but it doesn't. The shards are very pointed and could cause great injury to a horses' legs or even to dogs, if they pick them up to chew on, they are like a lethal weapon. Nor do they soak up the wet they just make a deeper mess. Please whoever is doing it be mindful of this. In some circumstances it could be construed as fly tipping.

Many will have noticed the posters around the village asking motorists to pass horses at a maximum 15MPH. The visual has quite an impact as it depicts a smashed-up car and in the background a horse a rider lying dead on the road. The only problem is if driving past it is not very clear what it is about. I can think of a clearer message, but it has been reported that this ongoing campaign, promoted by the British Horse Society (BHS), has so far been a success with a 14 % reduction in reported incidents.

Personally, I would question if all incidents were reported so, even if you are not a member of the BHS, if you have an accident or near miss please report it. The national statistics show 404 road incidents from 2017 to 2018. This included 8 equine deaths/strokes, 74 horses injured, 1 carriage driver killed, 94 riders injured more than 1/4 of riders were subject to road rage or abuse. 84% of incidents occurred because the vehicle was too close to the horse. Too many of everything although I am sure there is an increase of riders in the village wearing Hi-Viz. All we have to do now is remember to THANK drivers that are being

courteous and giving us room. I am well aware there are some riders that never do, and as a rider and a driver I find it very irritating and rude.

In the last edition I asked if anyone had any recollection of tracks which used to be bridle ways and are no longer in use. This is another campaign by the BHS to preserve bridleways or lose them. So far, no information has been received. Always a difficult one.

By the time the Gander gets delivered by the brilliant volunteers we will once again be in laminitis season. And keeping a watchful eye on our equine friend although recent studies contradicts what we were all lead to believe and kept fat ponies off the grass for fear of getting the painful condition. Basically, as I understand it, the condition is all to do with the metabolic rate which varies in the individual equine. Insulin levels can rise through various means and it is this which affects the equine. Laminitis is therefore a symptom of something more serious. A blood test for insulin levels and treating the two together is the only way forward. Sometimes rings appear in the hoof from the coronary band although the animal has never been lame. This may be a warning sign to have blood tests to avert the crippling condition. Not all fat little ponies are prone to laminitis so it is a bit of a mine field and care must be taken. Once the pony has had laminitis the sugar intake has to be monitored. Believe me, the medication or the treatment is very expensive and the pain the animal suffers is excruciating. If an animal goes lame for no apparent reason get its blood tested as soon as possible.

I guess by now we all pop into the Co-op. Just an observation as one who does hold a Blue Badge and is entitled to use the disabled bay. The idea of them being larger is to enable car doors to be opened wider to allow greater ease of movement getting in and out. Please be aware the one by the entrance in some ways is faulty as it only has yellow lines on one side allowing a passenger to alight with ease. The drivers side does not have them and other drivers park next to this, in an area that is not a parking space, which renders the disabled bay unusable as the driver cannot open the door wide enough to get out. I have drawn this to the attention of the manager so hopefully the problem it causes will be remedied. Surely, I'm not the only one to have encountered this problem.

June will see Open Gardens, which is always a show case for the village with visitors coming from far and wide. This year it will run for two days with some people opening both days and others opting for either the Saturday or the Sunday. It seems hard work getting people to have a go and those who have participated year on year deserve to have a break and the opportunity to visit the other gardens themselves. Each garden is individual it doesn't have to be massive or like something from Gardens World. It may provoke ideas of what may be achieved in a small space, it may be colourful or even a wild flower garden, weeds and all! If your house is on the market it may be worth enrolling and having an 'Open House'. At least you would get people through the gate. When friends come for the first time they are pleasantly surprised by our pretty village, so houses could be sold on that day. If interested, particularly new comers, contact Jack Lawtey at Station Cottage.

That's all for this issue. Keep your news and views coming in.

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Update from National Grid River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project

By Steve Ellison, project manager

Tunnelling has begun!

Summer is finally here and Mary, our tunnel boring machine (TBM), is well on her way constructing our five kilometre tunnel under the River Humber. The tunnelling work is by far the most complex aspect of the entire project and it is expected to finish in spring 2019, when Mary reaches our site outside the village of Paull, on the North bank of the Humber.

You can keep updated with Mary's progress by checking out the project website at

<http://riverhumberpipeline.com/>

Community open day

In late February we welcomed members of the community along to our Goxhill site to meet the project team, get up close to construction machinery and enjoy a guided tour of the site. Attendees even got the chance to have a sneak peak of the launch shaft from which Mary started tunnelling. We had a great day (despite the wet weather) and we would like



National Grid's Executive Director Nicola Shaw CBE (speaking) with local Goxhill elected members and National Grid staff at our launch event.



to thank everyone who attended.

Traffic management

Over the recent months residents of Goxhill may have noticed an increase in heavy vehicle traffic coming to and from the site carrying important loads such as tunnel and pipeline segments, as well as spoil material dug up from the tunnelling works. All our contractors are instructed to follow the traffic management plan in place and the project team would like to thank you for your patience whilst we carry out these works.

Keeping in touch

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

Get your cat doctored!

I am sure many of you would have seen my recent report on The Goxhill Grapevine page on Facebook of the despicable and cowardly act by someone of dumping a kitten in Goxhill of about 5 weeks old in a taped up cardboard box with holes in it. This was extremely cruel and stupid and it was only by chance the kitten was found before it starved to death - or some other cruel fate. Question is "were there any more kittens and where was the mother". ?? The kitten was taken to someone who looks after strays and re homes them once doctored and chipped. Little Elsa, as the kitten was named, is now with a family in Elsham. Cats are not as stupid as some people appear to think and deserve better treatment.

When cats mate, this is extremely painful for the she cat which may have to go through this pain numerous times during any period of her being in season. Don't let your cat/s suffer this pain nor let your tomcat be the cause of it!

The main purpose of this article is to urge people to have their cat/s "doctored" - there are far too many strays around nowadays which is not necessary and can very easily be prevented.

Please contact either **Cat Protection** on 0345 260 1450 or the **RSPCA, Scunthorpe** on 01724 843620 and request a voucher towards the cost of having your pet/s doctored to help reduce the stray cat population.

The RSPCA in Scunthorpe can be contacted Mon/Tues/Wed and Friday between 11.00 am and 3.00pm.

Thank you. Chris Ellis

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The Walking Football Club for over 60's, originally set up by Barton Rotary Club, is very popular and held at Baysgarth Park Sports Hall at 9.45am on Tuesdays. New players, male or female, are welcome - a great way to keep fit!



Another way to keep fit is to enter the **Humber Bridge Half Marathon**, held this year on Sunday June 24th. The runners will pass through Barton from about 9.30 until around 11.00am. It is organised by the Rotary Club of Hull, assisted by Barton Rotary Club. Some of the money raised is spent in Barton and the villages. We apologise for some disruption to traffic caused for a short time. www.humber-half.org.uk



Barton Rotary Club suggested **North Lincolnshire "Young Carers"** to Phillips 66 for help towards coach hire for excursions to the seaside, etc, for the young people.

"Phillips 66 Limited, Humber Refinery raised a massive £7,200 at their recent employee Dinner Dances through the raffle. Each year local worthy charities are chosen to benefit from the monies raised and this year North Lincolnshire Young Carers, helped by Barton Rotary Club were chosen alongside the local NSPCC and Grimsby and Humberston Hydrotherapy Pool, each receiving £2,400. The cheques were presented by the Refinery Manager Darren



Cunningham and the Dinner Dance organising team". Young Carers, aged from 5 to 17 years old, look after their disabled

parents, including personal care, cooking, housework, etc. The Rotary Club will continue with help to Young Carers in our area.

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community as well as our own.

We undertake many different events to raise our profile and fundraising efforts to help others. This past year we have held car boot sales; had a skydiving experience; held a Halloween party. We have the Wobbly Wheelers event; Christmas Fair and Santa's Sleigh to go. So if you're interested please pop along and meet us, the third Wednesday each month at Barrow Sport's and Fitness Centre, Thorngarth Lane, Barrow upon Humber or facebook message us. We would love to see you.

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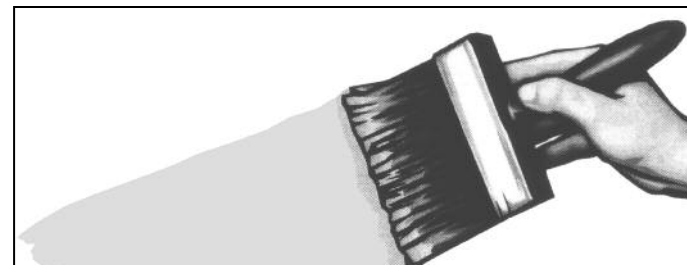
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