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GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Summer 2020

School



So much going on in Goxhill  
despite lockdown

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Cover photograph - Goxhill School's amazing tribute to the  
NHS, all key workers and in celebration of VE Day



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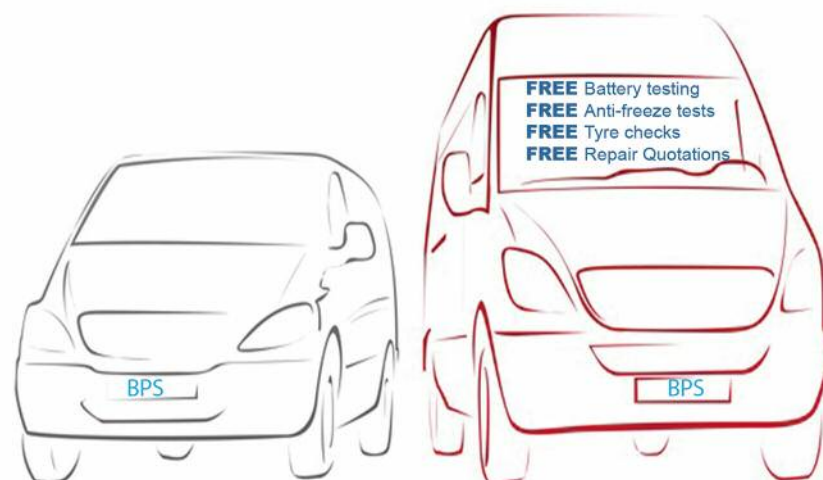
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**W**e debated long and hard about whether to produce this issue of the Gander. Would we get enough news and articles? Would our advertisers still support us? Could we get it printed? Were we allowed out to deliver it? The answer to all was Yes! We felt it was important to produce the Gander, it provides such a source of information, news and entertainment and was even more needed under lockdown.

Sadly a number of local businesses are not able to keep working at the moment and are really suffering, so we have lost some of our regular advertisers for this issue. We do hope they can recover and get back to something like normal soon. We are grateful for the continuing support of our advertisers, so please use our local businesses and trades people, they need our support even more now.

So many people and businesses are doing great things to keep the village going and helping residents who can't get out. The school has stayed open throughout for the children of key workers and vulnerable children and are doing amazing things for the community. The Coop, the Pharmacy and the Chippie have been a boon. And the wonderful weather and our communal spirit in our beautiful village, all make life under lockdown more bearable. VE Day celebrations and Open Gardens are victims of the Government's regulations but you can still see them in this issue. A real feast of colour and fun.

The winner of the Community Short Award is announced on page 19, and is well deserved. I thank Sandra Smith, who sent me this story. It seemed very appropriate to include it here.

### Stone Soup

*A kindly, old stranger was walking through the land when he came upon a village. As he entered, the villagers moved towards their homes locking doors and windows.*

*The stranger smiled and asked, why are you all so frightened. I am a simple traveller, looking for a soft place to stay for the night and a warm place for a meal.*

*"There's not a bite to eat in the whole province," he was told. "We are weak and our children are starving. Better keep moving on."*

*"Oh, I have everything I need," he said. "In fact, I was thinking of making some stone soup to share with all of you." He pulled an iron cauldron from his cloak, filled it with water, and began to build a fire under it.*

*Then, with great ceremony, he drew an ordinary-looking stone from a silken bag and dropped it into the water.*

*By now, hearing the rumour of food, most of the villagers had come out of their homes or watched from their windows. As the stranger sniffed the "broth" and licked his lips in anticipation, hunger began to overcome their fear.*

*"Ahh," the stranger said to himself rather loudly, "I do like a tasty stone soup. Of course, stone soup with cabbage -- that's hard to beat."*

*Soon a villager approached hesitantly, holding a small cabbage he'd retrieved from its hiding place, and added it to the pot.*

*"Wonderful!" cried the stranger. "I once had stone soup with cabbage and a bit of salt beef as well, and it was fit for a king."*

*The village butcher managed to find some salt beef. The farmer said 'We have a few carrots we could share.' So, his daughter ran home for them. And so, it went, through potatoes, onions, mushrooms, and so on. Soon the big black pot was bubbling and steaming. When the soup was ready, everyone in the village ate a bowl of soup, and it was delicious.*

*The villager elder offered the stranger a great deal of money for the magic stone, but he refused to sell it and travelled on the next day.*

*As he left, the stranger came upon a group of village children standing near the road. He gave the silken bag containing the stone to the youngest child, whispering to a group, "It was not the stone, but the villagers working together that had performed the magic."*

**Moral:** By working together, with everyone contributing what they can, a greater good is achieved.

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## LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

### "Love your enemies" - an Unlikely Alliance

The bats of Goxhill church were feeling sheepish – which is quite an achievement if you think about it. For decades they'd fought a battle with the people of Goxhill for ownership of the church, but now it seemed their adversaries had conceded defeat – none of them had been seen in the building in weeks. Although they wouldn't admit it, the bats missed them. A small group of bats hung from the rafters and looked gloomily down at the empty church.

"Was it something we said?" asked Hubert.

"Never troubled them much before", observed Arthur, "We've been poking fun at them for centuries and they've never taken the huff like this. What's the matter with them? We even gave in about the roof and let them get on with it".

Amos shifted uneasily and cleared his throat.

"Er – I think they may have a problem" he said, cautiously. The others eyed him suspiciously. Amos was known to be a bit flighty (even for a bat) and had even been seen venturing out before nightfall.

"What sort of problem?", asked Hubert.

"It seems there's some sort of bug going around and they're all staying at home to make sure they don't catch it."

Hubert snorted.

"A bug! What sort of bug? Anybody can catch a bug, surely. Only last week I had a gippy tummy and I couldn't get the diarrhoea out of my ears for days. Didn't stop me turning up though".

Amos looked grave.

"I think it's more than that", he said. "It's all over the world and lots of them have actually – er – died".

This put a whole new slant on things. The bats looked sombre and then Arthur asked,

"How did they catch it?"

"Er – they – er – think it started with – er – a – bat" faltered Amos, "In China", he added, hoping to ease the sudden collective guilt.

There was silence for a moment, then Hubert spoke.

"Well it won't do", he said. "We need them back (not that we'd tell them so). A bit of jostling for position in the building is one thing, but serious harm is quite another. What can we do to get them back again -, even if they do insist on singing when they get here?"

It was a difficult question. As the little group pondered, a shaft of sunlight came through the window and lit up the cross on the altar. Reckless as ever, Amos spoke.

"We could give what they do a try" he said tentatively. "We could pray..."

The thought of actually supporting their old enemies took some adjusting to and there was an uneasy pause. At last Hubert broke the silence.

"Desperate times call for desperate measures" he said and folded his wings piously. One by one the others followed suit. For the first time in the history of Goxhill church, bats and people were united in a common cause – and once again prayers were heard in the church.

**Rev. Liz Brown**

## LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

We were to be at my nephew's wedding last week, all excited as to what to wear, where to stay overnight, which relatives we'd meet up with and the big question, "What do you give someone who has a very good job, has a simple lifestyle and is very laid back?" Answer - a pale blue leather photograph album with the first pages filled with our family and him and all the rest of the pages for him and his new lovely wife to make good memories and fill them in.

We know, as if this present crisis doesn't make it obvious, that when the wedding takes place at the postponed date next year it's highly unlikely both his, at present rather frail, grandparents will be there, so we have decided to make memories now and send him the album so he can enjoy the words and photos whilst they are still with us.

Memories matter (which is why memory loss can be so awful.) Memories rightly matter for us as a nation too. Goodness knows what we shall each remember about these awful days of trouble and uncertainty when a new language is heard - lockdown, social isolating, essential workers, frontline staff, protecting the NHS. Everything is thrown topsy turvy by the Coronavirus menace. Yet within living memory, we as a nation have had years of terrible upheaval: the monstrous damage done in the Second World War and the mighty sufferings caused to the lives of millions upon millions, causing death on a colossal scale.

The nation survived and the whole world got steadily rebuilt. How good, then, to remember and thank God for the ending of that terrible war in May 1945. If you are over 75 you may well recall the horrors of blackout every night, the ARP Wardens prowling the streets like foxes to enforce it, the helpless fear when enemy aircraft droned overhead, listening for the howl as the bombs dropped, food rationing, boredom and fear often in equal measure, the tense way everyone listened to the wireless, appalled by the military disasters, and the casualties .....so many villages and towns lost so many, with war memorials full of the names of the fallen and the great cities reduced to rubble. It was a cruel time, often bleak with despair.

So VE Day was absolutely wonderful! The nation went mad with a huge sense of relief, an elation beyond one's wildest dreams, with church bells ringing, the blackout gone, the ARP and Home Guard disbanded, streets festooned with flags, enormous bonfires lit, parties in the streets, people in uniform looking forward to returning to 'civvy street'. True, there was still war in the Far East to be resolved but everyone hoped Japan would give in soon. Hope blossomed once more. Everyone was determined to build a better world. Yes it was a great time and worth remembering that hope and determination.

However you marked the 75th anniversary of VE Day, may you remember that from all darkness can come a new hope, a longing for a world rebuilt, relationships healed and a new sense of community, a new sense of fun, of belonging, of goodness and of God, who heals bad memories, restores hope and encourages us to make new and good memories to be treasured. Thanks be to God!

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### LATEST FROM CLUBS AND GROUPS

Sadly all clubs and groups have had to abandon their activities, or find alternative ways of meeting, due to Covid-19 Government guidelines. The Church, Chapel, Memorial Hall, Parish Room and Library are all closed.

These are some of the ways Goxhill is coping. T'ai Chi - not re-starting until September, would have finished mid-July anyway.

Knit and Natter are still knitting but not able to get together to natter.

Goxhill Singing Group are continuing with online sessions. I believe.

But there still seems a lot to go on these pages.

### CRISIS HANDBAGS

**Churches Together** in Goxhill were already planning to hold another 'Crisis Handbag' event but due to the recent lockdown we are having to put it on hold. However, we are once again asking for your generous help by preparing the much needed items to fill a handbag when life returns to normal. The various items required are such as hairbrush, comb, hair shampoo, hair spray, shower gel, deodorant, sanitary products, hand cream, nail file (board) toothpaste, tooth brush and small child's toy (optional), No scissors please. Handbags will be forwarded to 'Women's Aid' in Grimsby.

Alternatively, should you prefer to supply some of those items but not in a handbag just fill a carrier bag and we will do the rest. More details will follow when a date has been determined for collection. Thank You. **Penny Carnell**

### Goxhill 200 Club – latest winners

The Goxhill 200 Club is open to anyone interested in supporting the running of our Memorial Hall whilst having a bit of a flutter in a local lottery. About half the money collected in subscriptions funds monthly prizes with the other half donated to Goxhill Memorial Hall.

As we were unable to make the March and April draws at public events, John and I excluded our own numbers but postponed drawing the quarterly jackpot. (It's one thing to forgo a chance of £18, quite another to deny ourselves the chance of winning £120!) The latest lucky winners were:

February – drawn at Goxhill Singing Group (19th)

40	Luke Barrick	£18
172	Maxine Gordon	£18
195	Iris Thompson	£18

March – drawn by J&R Guggiari

52	Jacob Lawson	£18
67	Dave Greenfield	£18
89	Janet Stennett	£18

April – drawn by J&R Guggiari

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109	Jeff Teasdale	£18
247	Hilary Greenfield	£18

If you would like to become a member of the 200 Club for next year then please let us know either by emailing goxhill.200club@gmail.com or telephoning 530363. We will contact you when we collect for the next subscription year: October 2020 to September 2021 inclusive. **Rosemarie Guggiari**

### CARER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Carers' Support Service has temporarily closed all of its face to face activities, this will be reviewed again at the end of May. However, we are very much still providing telephone support to people who are unpaid carers and taking on new registrations. It is vital, more than ever, at the moment that we continue this non face to face contact

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Goxhill WI hopes to be able to hold its Harvest Meeting on Monday 14th September, at 7pm.

Whether that will be possible is currently unknowable. If it is possible, everything required on the social distancing, PPE and safe practice fronts will be adhered to in order that our members and friends might enjoy themselves, in company.

**VE Day** - As far as VE Day is concerned, others will tell you about the Memorial Hall & Knit & Natter contributions.

Otherwise, two members of Goxhill WI have delivered Union Jack flags (small ones on sticks for waving, paid for by a Goxhill Parish Council grant towards the cost of the planned WI Tea Dance) and flyers to residents of The Square suggesting that we stand in our front gardens, or on front doorsteps, at 3pm on Friday 8th, to raise a glass or mug and toast those who have served our country. We might also have individual household picnics following that, and maybe walk & talk to each other, from a safe distance. **Caroline Atkins**

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### CHURCHES TOGETHER

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One thing the pandemic has done is to bring back a sense of community. So many people in the village rallying round to offer help and support to us over seventy and vulnerable people. There have been some lovely gestures made by the schoolchildren. They really made my day when I, like many others, after a knock on the door found some flowers on my doorstep and a smiling young girl, standing two metres back saying she wanted to make me feel happy. How wonderful that was, they did make me feel happy. As a result of all the community action, new friendships have been made.

As we came into lockdown, Churches Together were busy preparing for many activities which had to be cancelled, Easter Egg Bingo, Christian Aid Quiz, The Big Breakfast, the service for VE Day and helping with the teas in the afternoon. I keep hearing from people that they are missing the Pop In and Luncheon Club. We too are missing seeing all of you. I think one thing for sure is, that whenever we do get back to getting together, we will appreciate it all the more.

It is a sadness for us that the churches have had to be closed during this period, a time when people may have had more need to go in. The church building may be closed, but the Church isn't closed! The Church isn't a building, it is the people and we are still here. Prayer and worship doesn't stop because a building is closed. It is still going on, (Zoom is a wonderful invention). If anyone wants prayer and just needs to talk, we are still here for you. Speak to any Church member or call **Sandra** on **530065**.

Until we get chance to hold our usual get togethers, let us follow what we are told to do and keep safe.

A big thank you to all those who are helping others, especially all the Key Workers. **Sandra Smith**

### Barton and District History Group

Due to the current coronavirus pandemic, the Barton and District History Group have cancelled all public meetings until the end of September when we will review the situation. If we should decide to hold the last two meetings of the current programme they will be as follows:

**28th Oct** "The Nelthorpe Family" by Trevor Cherry

**25th Nov** "Two Interesting Local Sites" by Richard Clarke and the Annual General Meeting

Members will be notified as usual and notices posted around the vicinity. If anyone would like further updates please **Email - [bartonanddistricthistorygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:bartonanddistricthistorygroup@hotmail.com)**

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**[goxhillparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:goxhillparishcouncil@gmail.com)**

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**<https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Community/Community-Speed-Watch.aspx>**

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### RURAL ARTS SUPPORT: from bad to verse



*When will we see some more shows from LiveLincs?*

*It's a riddle that's worthy of the infamous Sphinx.  
When funding the Arts could be seen as obscene,  
With charities fighting against Covid-19,*

*The Lottery cancelled every arts grant request  
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Of more funding for theatre, singing and dance.*

**John Guggiari**





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### SWARM SEASON

During the summer months, especially in May and June, honey bees may leave their hive and form a swarm. This is part of their normal life cycle as they split their colony and set off to find a new location to set up an additional colony. A swarm can be alarming, with a cloud of bees buzzing around making a loud sound that could be interpreted as anger. However, swarming bees are usually quite docile as long as they are not interfered with, being intent on finding a safe secure place where they and their leader the queen can set up home.

If this happens to be in your tree, on your fence or in part of



your home, it can be a nuisance and most people would prefer they weren't there!

If you have a swarm, and it can be reached safely, a local beekeeper may be able to help by collecting and removing the bees, usually taking them to a hive that is part of an apiary.

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

To help you decide whether you need to contact a beekeeper, the **British Beekeepers Association** has an excellent website which will help you to identify the insects as honey bees [www.bbka.org.uk/swarm](http://www.bbka.org.uk/swarm). It also includes a link to local swarm collectors in case you need their help.

Please note that due to the present situation it might not be possible to arrange for someone to collect a swarm.

In our area for example, we have seven volunteer swarm collectors. Of these, five are seventy years of age or over.

We will still be able to give advice over the phone but most of us will not be able to collect swarms.

Bumble Bees that have made nests in your garden or bird box will move on around September time and even swarms of honey bees only find a temporary resting place until they eventually move on after a few days.

So please try and be patient with the bees, especially this year.

Remember, whilst they are with you they will be pollinating the plants in your garden and are unlikely to harm you unless you cross their flight path.

**Kevin Seddon**



Since we went into Lockdown the South Bank Players have continued to meet online. We have been having Zoom calls every week and reading through pantomime scripts - we've even been dressing up for our parts where possible. This has proved a great activity to keep in touch, and also to give ourselves a much needed laugh! By the end of the lockdown I'm sure we will have chosen our next pantomime. If like me you like to plan in advance and get dates into your diary, mark down **4th - 6th December** at the **Joseph Wright Hall** in Barton. As it looks as if the lockdown will go on for some weeks, the pantomime is likely to be our next show.

Unfortunately the last Ghost Walk of the year had to be cancelled as it coincided with the start of the lockdown. Two of us went and sat in our cars at Baysgarth House Museum just in case anybody turned up, but very sensibly they didn't. The **Ghost Walk** will start again on Halloween with further walks scheduled for Friday 27th November, Fri 29th Jan, Fri 26th Feb and Fri 19th March. Bookings can be made in advance via our website [www.splayers.co.uk](http://www.splayers.co.uk)

Our youth group are continuing to interact virtually with activities organised for them through Google Classrooms. If we are out of the lockdown in time for the school holidays then we hope to run a drama summer school which will be a week long and culminate in a performance. If you have a child who would be interested in this, please contact **Jeanine Guy** for further details on **07879 777267**. We are aiming to make this a very low cost activity so that everyone can take part.

### GOXHILL KNIT & NATTER GROUP

The Goxhill 'Knit and Natter' group normally meet on a Thursday afternoon 2 – 4pm at the Chapel Schoolroom (although not at the moment, but Knitting is still going on).

Some of us are so talented they can change a knitting pattern to alter the size of a garment, others are content knitting 6 inch squares to make a blanket for charity.

Over the years we have produced knitted toys and garments, sewn and knitted Christmas decorations, bags, hats and gloves etc. all for distribution to local and foreign charities. An amazing set of figures have been recently knitted for the John Wesley exhibition.

When the **V.E. Day** celebrations were announced and ideas of what we could contribute, the idea of knitting a range of military figures emerged. These were to be displayed at the Memorial Hall on 8th May then go onto the Goxhill Open Day in June and finally to the Hall for the Service of Remembrance in November.

Due to the virus pandemic this was not possible, but not to be outdone we could still provide a visual display in suitable locations in North End. These were at Chapel House and Conifer Cottage. **See page 23 for photographs.**

New members are always welcome and Enid Girdham would be proud of us.





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### MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

This is going to be a difficult quarter to report on. Having to cancel our Tenerife holiday (20th Mar) two weeks beforehand was perhaps a hint of things to come. We cancelled the Spring Fair (5th April) a week later because of fears about attendance, and when the government announced the shutdown on Mar 23rd, we reluctantly shut down the hall. That also meant postponing our AGM (Apr 28th) to a later date (to be confirmed).

We had hoped to contribute to the 75 year VE celebrations (May 8-10th), but other than putting out some flags, government restrictions severely curtailed anything else we could do. At the moment (May 6th) we can't even say what sort of events we could put on for the rest of the year. With current social distancing requirements, things like the Pop Up Pub, the Village Show and Craft Fairs are not feasible. However, with a little easing of requirements, the Scarecrow Trail might be a goer. We will keep you all informed as requirements change.

So what have our trustee committee members been doing these last few months?



Like many other committees, we have been using ZOOM video conferencing for our meetings. With partners, children and dogs all wanting to be included, it has been a bit of a giggle at times.

During this quiet time, John Noton (our Treasurer) and I have been applying for grants to help with the £17,500 worth of new windows and doors, re-varnishing of the floor and relaying part of the outside path that we hope to do this year. I have also been putting painting exercises on The Goxhill Grapevine in the hopes of encouraging aspiring artists to start painting and send their efforts to the Village Show; next year if not this.

Rosemarie and John Guggiari have been keeping the monthly 200 Club draw going and posting cheques to our winners. Normally the numbers are drawn at public gatherings. With the lockdown however, they tried a random number generator but it stubbornly kept throwing up John's own number. In desperation they removed his ball from the bag and drew again. Not to be outdone however, the next draw threw out MY number. The Gods of Chance in Goxhill definitely have a sticky sense of humour.

Janet Shephardson and Nicola Robinson put up VE day decorations at the hall, while Nicola and Theresa had their nerves stretched to breaking point with a houseful of children for 6 weeks. Nicola has also been working on our FaceBook page, which is nearly finished. It will contain information on events/booking and Hall history. We are looking for more Hall photos, either historical or more recent ones. If you have any, please send them to goxhillmemorialhall@gmail.com. Finally, Sam England our booking secretary, has been very kindly helping FareShare get food to those folks in the area who needed a BIG helping hand during this shutdown. Well done Sam!

That is all from the Memorial Hall at the moment. As government guidelines change we will do our very best to bring a little joy back to Goxhill's streets. Events will be advertised on the Goxhill Grapevine and/or on street posters.

Until next time...stay safe. © **Ann Carter**

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## GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Life during lockdown has been a very different experience for all of us; we have all had to find our new routines and our new 'normal'. We are extremely proud of how all of our staff have come together to raise each other's spirits and spread love and positivity throughout the school community but what we are even prouder of is the way that the school ethos and energy of the staff has filtered into the surrounding communities: spreading love, hope and an overwhelming feeling of unity.

A limited number of children have been accessing the central 'hub' at Goxhill since the lockdown began. Staff have worked on a rota system to ensure that continuous experiential provision has been made for the 'hub' children (even throughout the Easter holidays and at weekends). The dedicated kitchen staff have been in school each week baking treats for the children accessing the 'hub'. They have also produced special home-made food parcels each week which have been delivered by staff and left on the doorsteps of families living within our local communities. These have been very gratefully received and the weekly visits have given some of our families something to look forward to and have eased their sense of isolation. The school has organised regular access to meal vouchers for those families that have been entitled to them and we have liaised with the local foodbank to provide additional support where it has been needed. We are currently running a food bank from the school; donated goods are being left in the school office and these will be made into small hampers and delivered to the doorsteps of people living within our local communities.

Staff have reached out to the children from their classes, not attending the 'hub', every week: through regular telephone conversations, emails and a dialogue over work set and completed, the staff have sought to close the distance between school and home and provide much needed support to families living within our local communities. The 'year pages' on the school websites, across the federation, are a tribute to the dedication and motivation of our teachers, parents and children that have worked together to ensure that learning (although different in every home) has continued to take place beyond the classroom. It has been incredibly heart-warming to be a part of children's lives at home and share in the care, love and unity that they receive daily from their family units. Our parents, children and staff are an inspiration to us all.

Our journey of reaching out to the local community, beyond the 'hub' and our 'school families', began with the small gesture of 'flowers'. Staff communicated with Gooseman's Growers in Barrow Upon Humber and Tesco in Barton and shared our idea to raise the spirits of our local community through leaving small bundles of flowers on people's doorsteps. The generosity of these companies was overwhelming and it enabled us to reach the doorsteps of many of our local residents. Key worker children, accessing the hub at Goxhill Primary School,



prepared the flowers into bundles and added their own carefully designed labels to provide words of comfort to local village residents. The flowers were then delivered by a member of staff and her children: they were received with such joy and gratitude that it truly touched the hearts of us all, one of the posts on the Grapevine read, "Well, that brought a tear or two... a lovely young lady placed these on my doorstep and (from a safe distance) wished me well. Thank you Goxhill School... what a fabulous thing to do!"

We were so overwhelmed with the response to the flowers and the feeling of purpose that it provided that we immediately began working on our next project: the NHS flag. We felt it was important for the school community to share its respect and appreciation for those working in the NHS. We wanted the community to have something to be proud of and see from a distance and for our children to understand the enormity of the task faced by the NHS as well as the importance of respecting and appreciating the efforts and sacrifices made by others. A member of our staff and her daughter worked tirelessly to complete this task: the flag brings a smile to our faces each day we see it and again it was clear from messages on the grapevine that it is something that the local community is very proud of.



As well as the NHS staff, we felt it to be particularly important to thank all key workers and those giving up their time to support our country throughout the COVID-19 crisis: our nation as many 'unsung' heroes. The community supported us in collecting plastic bottles and donating paint. This allowed to create our rainbow of 'thanks' - children and staff supported in this activity both from school and home. Again the community received this gesture with positivity and many people commented on it, 'Very well thought out and a lot of work involved. Well done to everybody. Amazing!' It is a focal point for the local residents and lots of people enjoy seeing it whilst out on their family walks.

In preparation for VE Day, we launched our 'positivity tree' alongside our soldier (kindly made and donated by Mark 'Mog' Mosey'). We decorated the fence in bunting and flags as a tribute to mark the day. Ribbons

hang from the tree to enable people to leave their own personal messages for others to read and hang on it things they have made.

Throughout this period of lock down we wanted the school to be the heartbeat of the community. We wanted to provide our community with love and support and the strength to continue throughout this period of loneliness and isolation. We wanted to share with our community 'hope' and give everybody something positive to focus on throughout this difficult time.

We feel honoured to be part of our school community and it is a privilege to be able to give something back to our 'school families' and the local community during this difficult time.

We wish you all well and hope that you stay safe xx

**Hayley Twidale, Assistant Head teacher**





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## A message from the Chapel

There is nothing and nobody unaffected by the lockdown. We cannot know what businesses will be left when we emerge, though we can only hope and pray the people we love come out unscathed by Covid-19.

What we do know is that our churches and chapels will resume meeting in their usual times once it is safe to do so. We have kept in touch by telephone with more vulnerable members, and circuit-wide meet each Sunday morning for services over Zoom. I imagine many more people than those regularly at worship prayed when Boris Johnson was hospitalised or the death toll rose at such a terrifying rate. I hope you found the comfort in prayer that many of us do on a daily basis in good times and bad.

Obviously one of the many things cancelled by coronavirus is our annual Open Gardens. Due to take place on 13th and 14th June, more important than being the largest single fundraiser for chapel and church funds, it is a celebration of the beauty of nature and the hard work of so many gardeners rightly showing off the plants they have laboured to grow. It is the highlight of our year seeing so many people wandering the village and coming into the chapel for the flower displays and refreshments.

This year's theme would have been the people who toiled for our safety and democracy in the Second World War. I was looking forward to seeing the knitted service personnel created by the very talented ladies at Knit and Natter and other groups to honour those who worked so hard to preserve life and liberty 75

years after the end of war in Europe. Efforts were made to ensure that not just the military would be represented in these figures, but also air-raid wardens, WRVS, nurses and many others. As now, nobody was unaffected by the war, but there were specific groups of people who went above and beyond as the doctors, nurses and other public servants are in our present crisis.

We each commemorate those who have gone before in our own ways and surely will have done so on the special VE Day bank holiday on 8th May. However, what we have seen in the way we have come together as a nation on Thursday evenings to clap the NHS staff and public servants, these things are so much more powerful when done en-masse. We will make sure the displays of these knitted WWII figures are still shared at an event when we're back up and running, and all being well in 2021 will host Open Gardens as good as ever.

At a meeting early this year Jack Lawtey announced that he would be stepping down as chairman of the Open Gardens organising committee and with no event in 2020 I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work over the past few years. Before the next Gander is due to be published, we will also say goodbye to superintendent minister Revd Nichola Jones, who is moving closer to her elderly parents. We thank her for the energy and commitment she has put into everything she has done over the past four years.

With all best wishes,

**Adam Ellis** on behalf of Goxhill Methodist Church.

## Place the Names Quiz

The Answers are all places in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland

1. Where you might buy liquorice?
2. Sounds like a Toilet?
3. Not an inviting place to swim by the sound of it?
4. Sounds like a sofa
5. Where beasts cross the river?
6. Are they all very clean here?
7. Fiendish sounding port
8. When changing locks you would also need this.
9. A very quick Irish Ringer
10. At the top of the bottle
11. Large white bird on water
12. A horse race
13. Eric not Ernie
14. Light and Floaty in Scotland
15. A Sea Lord in Lancashire
16. A Ship's Prison
17. Dog Walker's need these
18. Where you might find a major organ?

*These were all made up by Irene and Bill Ballam for their regular street quiz in which their neighbours have all learned a lot during lockdown and mostly about each other.*

## READER'S LETTER

I would like to say thank you to all the people who have stopped to say thanks to me for litter picking around our village.

It is really encouraging to be appreciated in this way.

Also thank you to Leanne Barrick for her mention in the last edition of the Gander, I agree with her comments on litter, and also the kind comments on the Goxhill Grapevine.

I never expected any of this when I started the job for the Parish Council last July. But I think perhaps, if people see someone out and about doing this job, it may make them think a little about not throwing their rubbish down on the streets and verges of our village.

Many Thanks.

**Sheila Robinson.**

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## The WINNER of the Short Award 2020 Goxhill's Community Award ...

Forms were collected from boxes at the School, Library, Co-op, Scissor Box, Penny Lane and also online entries. At a zoom meeting on 20th May, the Gander Committee reviewed the entries.

The person with by far the most votes and glowing praises from the nominators, is **Emma Louise Abbott!!**

"She has made a huge impact in the village in the few years that she has lived here, instrumental in setting up GRAG, raising awareness about the future development plans for the village, involved in setting up of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and has now set up and is running the local COVID 19 Mutual Aid Group for Ferry Ward. A huge amount of work with over 200 volunteers and many vulnerable people needing help during this time. Co-ordinating and managing this effort is really quite substantial, all in

her own time..." was typical of the reasons given.

Emma said when told of the award, "Winning the Short Award 2020 has come as a huge surprise and a great honour. I believe this year's award is recognition not just for the voluntary work I've done, but for every person who has shown their neighbours some time and care, whether they know them well or not at all.

"Whenever someone helps out in the community it's usually as part of a team. A special thank you to Vicky Haines, Jayne Gale and Julie-Ann Cundell for helping to quickly grow the Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group idea, and to every villager who has volunteered. Thank you to those who took the time to nominate me.

"It's heartening to see our village spirit so alive and well, especially at a time like this. I'm truly proud. Thank you once again." **NB see Page 26 for an article by Emma.**

Emma will receive a £50 voucher a certificate and her name will be added to the distinguished list in the Memorial Hall.

The other residents nominated were - Sheila Bell/Brocklebank, Sam England, Vicky Haines, the Library volunteers, Mark Ogilvie, Holleigh Harris, Stuart Cooke and Alyson O'Leary. All would have been worthy winners in their own way, perhaps they will be in the future. Thank you to all who do good things for the village, however large or small.

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"Martha, thank you. I love your poem, brilliant rhyming and great fun and fantastically laid out, you have clearly put a lot of time into it. Well done you. Don't worry about the bump at the trout hatchery we all have them. **Good luck Pipx'**

My Journey

It all started when I was three  
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As I learnt to get my seat  
I realized I could ride a beat  
Then I started inside the school  
It felt so cool  
Then I started to trot  
And then I forgot  
I only started at three  
Now look at me  
Now that I am nine  
I spend all my time  
Learning how to canter  
On my new favourite pony Santa  
Going to Burghley in twenty nineteen  
Grew a spark in me  
I new I wanted to be an eventer  
The trout hatchery I always wanted to jump  
Though it might leave me with a bump  
Galloping on my favourite horse  
I knew that was my favourite job of course  
The future is now up to me  
If I keep practising, I could hold the key  
To trophy, medals and rosettes  
I could be like Pippa you bet!

By  
Martha  
Targose  
age 9



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Hello everyone, I hope this is finding you all well and managing in this new way of being. I am so pleased we live in such a lovely village; we are so lucky to have such beautiful spaces for our walks, runs and cycle rides. If you are having to self-isolate, I do hope you are able to enjoy your garden.

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In 1945, Goxhill celebrated the end of WW2 along with the rest of the country. VE Day celebrations, according to Charlie Guillatt, was initially for 'yon side of the Station', with a party in Goxhill on Station Road, Thornton Road, Gatehouse Road and Barrow Road, ending with a bonfire with rockets and singing, in a field past Len Johnson's Garage. Later for VJ Day there was a party for the whole village, organised by Mrs Jones, Charlie's mother, with tables from the Memorial Hall laid



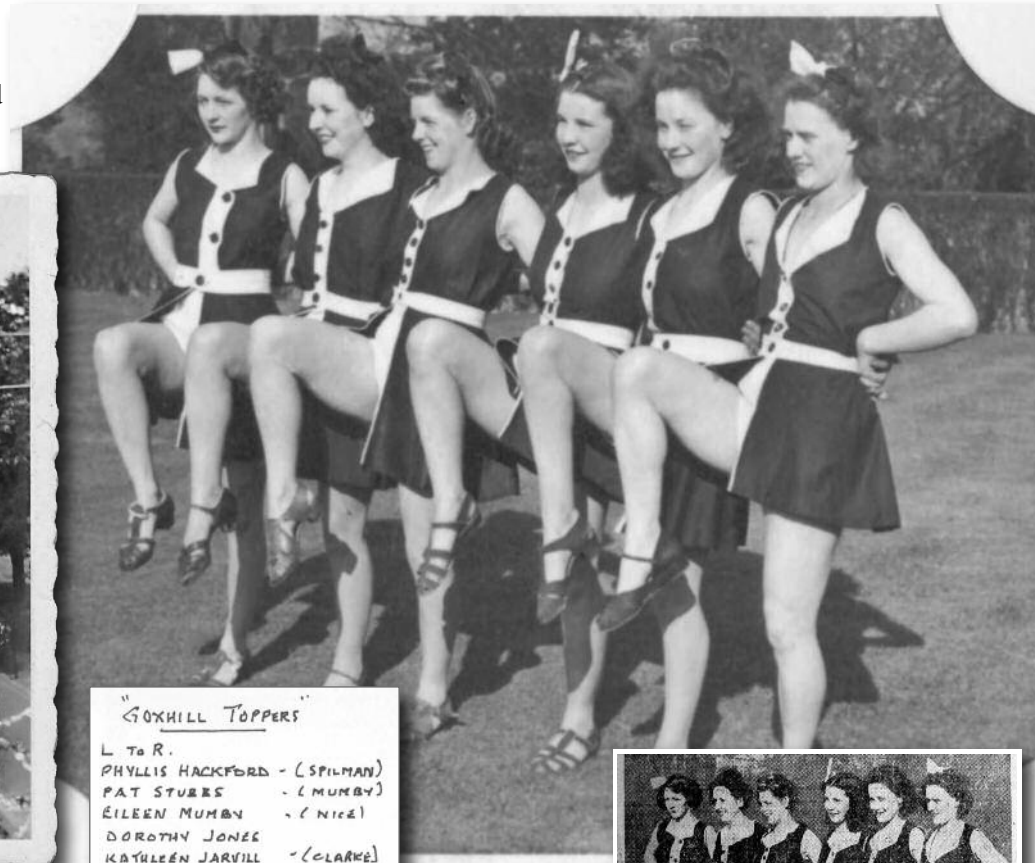
Photograph from Elizabeth Fincham

out on the streets for a party. The press cutting below is of children from Goxhill School dressed for the fancy dress parade celebrating VJ Day.

No doubt the ladies opposite played a key role in the entertainments



Photograph supplied by Steve Boulton



"GOXHILL TOPPERS"  
L to R.  
PHYLLIS HACKFORD - (SPILMAN)  
PAT STUBBS - (MUMBY)  
EILEEN MUMBY - (NICE)  
DOROTHY JONES  
KATHLEEN JARVILL - (CLARKE)  
PHYLLIS JONES



July 28th 1945 (above)  
The cutting above calls this Goxhill dancing group the 'Whirl Winds', but on the main photograph, supplied by David Lee, it calls them the 'Goxhill Toppers', names them and says 1943 or 4.

Aug 25th 1945 (left)  
They are both cuttings from the Lincolnshire Times, taken by Barton Photographer Stanly Smith and are from the Smith Collection at David Lee Photography.



VJ-DAY AT GOXHILL.—Competitors in the children's fancy dress parade at Goxhill. Many of the costumes were both novel and attractive.



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**In 2020** Goxhill had great plans to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Special church services, quarter and full peels of the bells, a Tea Dance organised by our wonderful WI and evening entertainments were being organised, to commemorate this special occasion. Sadly all the hard work came to nothing, cancelled by the Covid-19 lockdown that shut all communal facilities and cancelled any group activities. But Goxhill still managed to celebrate in style, while keeping within government guidelines. The bells might have been silent, but residents came out in the gorgeous sunshine, decorated their homes in red, white and blue and had cups of tea, glasses of other beverages and BBQs in their front gardens, to the sounds of Glen Miller and Vera Lynn.



Goxhill Knit and Natter Group knitted a range of military figures to be displayed at the Memorial Hall on 8th May. But this was not possible so they were displayed at Chapel House and Conifer Cottage, North End.

On my bike ride around the village on VE Day, I met this lady on the right. Florence Brewin will be 99 at Christmas and used to live in Goxhill. She came to visit her friend Mandy Akester in February, then lockdown came and she has had to stay. She was thoroughly enjoying VE Day at Greenfields.

*Thank you to all who supplied these photographs.*





# OPEN GARDENS 2020

In my January article we were welcoming a new decade, talking about dates been set and good weather being ordered, now we find ourselves with the Open Gardens cancelled, restricted movements and our gardens looking as good as they've ever been. Those of us lucky enough to have a garden have at least been able to be busy and productive whilst isolated, locked down and possible on furlough. I have managed to start and complete three projects that have been on hold for the last two years at least. It's just a shame that we won't have any visitors to see what we have been doing.

But there is a way that we can share our gardens with our fellow villagers even if we can't meet you in the garden and advise you to take tea at the Chapel. In this Gander we have gathered photos from some of the gardens that would have been open this year and we hope you enjoy looking at them. If we are still unable to open the gardens on 13/14th June it is hoped that some of us will be able to post a short video on Facebook of a walk in our garden.

Once the restrictions are lifted to a point where we can open our gardens it is hoped that we can arrange an impromptu opening for one afternoon but this will depend on how late in the year we are released. We do not anticipate any additional activities, flower displays and teas in the Chapel or the usual hanging basket raffles, it will just be an opportunity for Goxhill residents to get out and about meeting up with people they may not have seen a lot of this year.

Please enjoy your garden, enjoy looking at gardens as you take your daily exercise and enjoy the photos and videos. Stay safe and sane.

**Jack Lawtey**



Marisa & Andy Priestner



Caroline Atkins



Ian Hartley



Jack Lawtey



Karen & Kevin Snell



Freda Dunkley



Sheila Robinson



Aileen Hanlon-Bennett



Nigel Willers



Sue Taylor



**July 3rd 1976 -** Prize presentations for the fancy dress competition at the Goxhill Methodist Chapel Garden Party. Were you one of the young ladies wearing these excellent costumes?  
Plus a busy stall at the same Garden Party in 1976.  
Photograph by David Lee Photography for the Evening Telegraph.



## Bird and Wildlife Sightings by Steve Routledge



Male Yellow Wagtail

Steve has not been able to visit our area recently due to the Covid-19 restrictions but he has supplied a selection of fabulous photographs of a variety of wildlife he has seen near his home.

More photographs and information are available on his blog at - <https://brachytron.blogspot.com>



Female Common Lizard



Heath Speedwell



Hedgerow Cranesbill



Female Chocolate-mining Bee



Lady's Smock



Pherbina coryleti



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Small Copper Butterfly

## Mutual Aid Ferry: Helping one another in Goxhill and beyond

By Emma Abbott

One of the advantages of living in Goxhill is that help is often close at hand. Examples of our village and community spirit are seen every day, from random acts of kindness and fundraising to the more organised activities of our local groups, charities and churches.

When the stay-at-home order was announced on 23 March, it brought a sudden end to many things we took for granted. Events and socials were cancelled. Livelihoods hung in the balance and many didn't know whether they would continue to work or not. Families and friends, young and old, were told to keep apart. Many of us felt terrified about what lay ahead.

Simple everyday activities, such as popping to the shops, collecting medicines or walking the dog, became anything but simple. Many of those who would be the first to respond in an emergency were now being told to stay at home. The threads of our social fabric suddenly started to look quite delicate.

Recognising this, Vicky Haines, Jayne Gale and I set up Covid-19 Mutual Aid Ferry in mid-March. As parish council clerks in Ferry ward, Vicky and Jayne were aware of the needs of many parishioners and how best to help them. They also understood what it meant to handle sensitive data and personal information securely.

Our idea was to quickly grow a network of local people who could offer their neighbours safe, confidential and non-judgmental support. We reached out to other clerks, councillors and friends, as well as local pages on Facebook. Within hours of setting up, neighbours and local businesses were offering help where they could.

By the time the prime minister had announced the lockdown a week later, the group had more than 400 members on Facebook. Across the ward more than 200 volunteers had signed up and more than a quarter of those lived in Goxhill.

We soon had several neighbours asking for help. We also took enquiries from people in other parts of the country who were worried about relatives here in Goxhill. Many neighbours needed help picking up their prescriptions, and others needed essential items from the shops.

Some neighbours had more complex needs, often due to long-term conditions, illnesses or recent surgery. Although their medical care was still being provided by our incredible community nurses and the NHS, it was things like enjoying home-cooked, hot meals they missed.

Volunteers were happy to help with this too.

We all recognise that looking after our mental wellbeing is important at the best of times, but especially during a period of uncertainty and great change.

This wasn't lost on our group of volunteers. One volunteer in Goxhill dropped everything within minutes of a phone call to shop for a close neighbour who was running out of food and becoming distressed at the thought of not having anything to eat.

Another sprinted to the pharmacy to get there just minutes before it closed. We wanted our neighbour to be safe in the knowledge they wouldn't come close to running out of life-saving medicines over the weekend.

Other volunteers now regularly phone neighbours they didn't know before the lockdown. Even after the easing of restrictions, they continue to walk dogs and deliver newspapers. Some have also very generously given to our new Fund for Ferry which has been set up to ease some of the financial burdens many might face over the coming weeks and months.

The compassion and energy we've seen over the past ten weeks has been nothing short of humbling. Local councils, businesses, charities, schools, community groups and many individuals have all adapted so they can continue to care for and enrich the lives of others.

If I had one wish for the future – other than to see the end of this terrible virus – it would be to see that spirit of mutual aid grow and thrive.

Between us all, I hope we can keep making this difficult time that little bit easier for all, so Goxhill remains a healthy and happy place to live.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, or some financial assistance, please get in touch.

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**WILDLIFE IN MY GARDEN.** I was given a wildlife camera for my birthday (during lockdown) and have been amazed by the wildlife in my garden at night. Apart from the neighbourhood cats, I have filmed badgers, foxes, hedgehogs and then a mystery creature, which was bigger than a cat! I researched on line and decided it was an American Mink. However I sent the clip to Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, who said they thought it was an Otter, particularly because of its size and shape of tail. Amazing!!! **Jeff Teasdale**







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# EVACUEES

by Charlie Guillatt

After Hull was bombed, many school children were sent to villages in Lincolnshire. Goxhill people took young children into their homes until after the war.

The last two to go back to Hull were Sheila & Gordon Wallace who lived with the Guillatt family at Mill House, Barrow Road.



Mill House, Barrow Road, Goxhill



Gordon and Gwen Wallace  
with daughter Josephine



Mrs F. Guillatt, centre, with Gordon and Sheila Wallace on either side of her, the last two Hull evacuees to leave Goxhill. Surrounded by many of their school friends. Station Master Mr Booley behind. I am sure some of you will recognise other children?

Photograph supplied by Steve Boulton and also as a cutting from the Lincolnshire Times August 25th 1945. Taken by Barton Photographer Stanly Smith from the Smith Collection at David Lee Photography

Whilst at Goxhill they lost their mother and two older brothers. Their dad remarried to a lady with a small shop. All they had left of

most of their family were their memories. Later, Gordon came back to live at Mill

House, then he went into National Service and was posted to Egypt. After that he came back to Goxhill until he got married to Gwendoline (her father was Ron Guillatt, my father's brother) and they moved to South Ferriby.

Doris Burr lived with the Evison family on Thornton Road. Alan Burr lived with Bryan Giles' parents, Percy and Dorothy at London House. Malcolm Bedham lived with the Hockneys on Barrow Road.



Malcolm Bedham

Elizabeth Fincham added additional information to Charlie's account.

Doris Burr was Alan's older sister. Doris married (Brocklesby) and lived in the village on Thornton Road until 1957. She came to the village with Alan and with Jean Rea who later married Peter Raby. Doris and Jean were initially put with a retired headmaster who lived at Beechwood on Howe Lane. Apparently it didn't work out and they were later moved to a house on Thornton Road.

When my father, Bryan Giles, got his scholarship to the Grammar School his father, Percy, who was a governor at Barton, wanted to pay for Alan to go with Dad, but Alan's mother didn't want that, so Alan went to school in Immingham.

I remember laying in the garden one summer (late 1960s probably) and a man I didn't know, with a lady, walked through the back gate, tapped on the back door and walked in. I remember feeling very confused about who could do that?

It was Alan Burr - it was as much his childhood home, as his home in Hull!



Photo taken at Mrs Slooten's opposite the Memorial Hall, before a play or concert. Back row:- Joyce Lacey (Shearwood), Harold B. Lamming (Ruth Finlay's brother), Barbara Wilford (Mrs Lance Barrick), Pat Farrow (Mrs Finch), Jim Patterson, lost a leg in WW2, DORIS BURR (Evacuee, became Mrs Brocklesby, Scunthorpe). Front row:- Ivan Clark (Youth Club helper), his father played Fred Davis at snooker in the Memorial Hall, Dorothy Griffin (her sister was the post lady Mary Paddison), Morris Knight (1st paid Goxhill Youth Club leader), Eileen Plumtree (Rose Cottage, worked at Hoppers Cycles), John Guillatt (3 brothers in the Navy).



Bryan Giles (left) and  
Alan Burr - evacuee 1940

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## OFF THE HOOF

*"A natural disaster is unavoidable. A manmade disaster is inexcusable." Anon.*

It was debated if this edition of The Gander should be published but obviously it was decided it should go ahead and hats off to all those involved who have made it possible.

At the time of writing all our lives have been turned upside down by the Corona virus and life as we know it, I doubt, will ever be the same. The full impact of the aftermath or how long we will be on special measures no one currently knows. We must be sensible and do the best we can; although I have seen several teenagers in groups walking or bike riding together and not appearing to take social distancing into account. I do not think they understand the gravity of the situation. Living here we are more fortunate than those living in cities or towns; particularly those with children and living in flats. With the way this virus spreads we cannot take it for granted.

It is good to see people walking and bike riding to get some exercise. We do have a reasonable network of public footpaths, which have now been mown and are accessible. However, please remember when going in fields, to stick to footpaths and not wander all over. Any litter or dog poo should be dealt with appropriately and never left in the field. Hay is a crop and will eventually be fed to animals and should not be contaminated by poo or rubbish left for cattle to eat and possibly cause a fatality or a huge vets bill for their owners. Please respect the countryside and our local landowners' livelihoods.

The Coronavirus has far reaching effects in the horse world. Riders have been asked not to take risks, which may result in an ambulance being called out or hospitalisation for injuries sustained. No one wants to put any additional strain on the NHS. All competitions have been cancelled and the movement of animals restricted. For those with competition horses it is difficult to gauge the level of fitness required to keep them ticking over in the event of competitions being resumed. Some may take the opportunity of resting their horses although this depends on the availability of grazing and going through the gradual 'letting down' process to avoid health issues. All horses do still require their normal maintenance such as injections, teeth checking and the farrier. This is not as easy to achieve, as those performing these tasks must protect themselves.

Riding schools are hit hard as they cannot afford all the necessary maintenance for their horses, feed, and staff wages with no income indefinitely. One of the most prestigious riding schools in the country is Talland School of Equitation in Gloucestershire, run by Pam Hutton. They have taken a drastic decision to put down 5 of their horses, turned out 50 to grass and are trying to keep 40 ticking over which, I assume, are for their students working for their exams. It must have been a heart-breaking decision. I was fortunate to attend a course there many years ago when Molly Sivewright, a very successful dressage rider, was running it. The horses and the set up was outstanding then and the premises have grown and improved since. They have started a fundraising raffle to "Save Talland Horses". Tickets are £10 but the prizes for any rider are fantastic.

Look at their facebook page for details. Some other riding schools are set to follow this initiative.

The smaller riding schools must really be suffering. I fear for the condition some of the ponies will find themselves in. Owing to the current (at time of writing) situation and travel restrictions they cannot be offered out on loan. I also fear for the animal rescue centres, which rely on donations to keep them going. It is not long ago that a woman was prosecuted for cruelty at a rescue centre she had founded. It sounds a noble thing to do, on the face of it. People start small centres with the best of intentions, but some do not have the experience with some of the animals and certainly not the resources or necessary licences.

Technology is ever present in all our lives and in the horse world this is no exception. If one is lucky enough to have use of a school riding lessons may continue via a live link with an instructor. For some time now a person can perform a dressage test by video (Dressage Anywhere) and have it marked by a panel judge. This means no travelling and social distancing can still be maintained. So long as you are tidy you do not have to invest in top hat and tails. You can take your dressage progress at your own pace without all the stress of competition. Jo Burns-Firth is our local instructor taking advantage of video links giving advice to her clients and discussing things they can do with their horses. Livery owners are allowed on her yard, but on a strict rota and lots of sanitiser, which is the responsible thing to do. Fortunately, she has a school, so exercise and training can be continued by doing a lot of groundwork.

Obviously, the Tokyo Olympics are cancelled for this year. But a date has been set for 23rd July – 8th August 2021, and the Para-Olympics 24th August – 5th September 2021. Dates for other events are subject to confirmation to avoid clashing with other competitions.

The deadline for microchipping by 1st October is fast approaching but surprisingly the police and trading standards in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire did spot checks in multiple locations and out of 61 tested only 20 were chipped. This was following a spate of horses being dumped and was to send out a message to other horse owners. Failure to comply carries a huge fine. The police also announced more roadside safety checks were to be carried out on horse trailers over the next year. They are also clamping down on those lorries, which should have an operator's licence. They have not quite taken the decision to draw blood – yet!

Whilst the pandemic is on it is worth mentioning the three viruses that are always present for our Equines. Equine Influenza, Equine Herpes and Strangles all of which are very close to human viruses and potential killers along with the associated Laminitis. Most horses are inoculated yearly against Flu and tetanus. There is one for Equine Herpes although not one for Strangles, that is highly contagious. There was recently an outbreak of Strangles in the village and the information took a few weeks to circulate.

The BHS are working hard to map out bridleways and reclaim those that have been lost. I have asked before if anyone is aware of

*Article continues on p33*

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Off the Hoof article continued from p31

bridleways that are no longer in use, which may be re-opened. The railway tracks are not permissible, and neither is the late Don Faulding's land as they have never been bridleways. The BHS and DEFRA are in conference about letting us ride on farming land for which the farmers would get a subsidy. These discussions have been progressing for over a year, but I am not holding my breath. A new safety initiative is in the pipeline following the existing one of passing horses at a maximum of 15 miles per hour. The new sign is clearer than the old one, but I think there is further room for improvement and much prefer the Safer Roads Humber advertising. I have made my thoughts known. The BHS are also having input in the Highway Code again which, hopefully long-term, will help.

All charities have been hit hard with the current circumstances, as they have no income. I have certainly never had so many begging letters or raffle tickets to sell before. It can get quite expensive, but I have to praise our local posties from Barton who raised in excess of £5000 for Lindsey Lodge Hospice by dressing up and theme dressing. Not everyday do you get post delivered by Wonder Woman!! They are hoping to repeat this again next year. Well done!

I usually support and raise money for at least one charity a year and decided to keep it local and support LIVES. Since then the virus hit and I have not been able to do any fundraising. As soon as we get the all clear I will start. With this in mind I would like as many recipes as I can get to compile into a 'Favourite Recipe Book'. It will, hopefully, include starters, main, deserts, cakes and pastries. By the time it is sorted and printed I hope to sell some in aid of LIVES for Christmas presents. It will be optional to have your name included.

Another fundraiser idea is to have an auction of furniture and other items. If you have anything to donate let me know, but it would be on the understanding that if unsold it will be returned to you. The auction date will have to wait until we can mix together more. Last year I held a coffee morning, which I must confess was not advertised broadly, as it was my first. Weather and lockdown



This stunning sculpture in a garden on Ferry Road, was carved out of an existing tree stump. It was created in a mere 4.5 hours by Chris Marsh of Thornton Curtis.

permitting, I will do another one, which may be on short notice, but advertised thoroughly.

I am on another charity quest and hoping that some people have had the opportunity to have a sort out of cupboards and drawers. There is a hostel in Lincoln called Pathways in which homeless people can stay for between 12-16 weeks and receive help and advice – if there are beds available. After this they are moved to supported sheltered accommodation in an attempt to help rebuild their lives. They are a charity and residents usually arrive with nothing. If you have anything at all that you no longer need



from single bedding, clothes for adults, toiletries, towels, Kitchen utensils and household items, etc. Any items can be dropped off at my house, or if you give me a call I can collect – with social distancing in effect! A little kindness goes a long way.

Just a small correction from the previous edition of The Gander. In the Goxhill Parish Council article there was a mention of the land off Chapel Street that the landowners had cleared. It was not all down to the landowners. Sheila Robinson and I did a great deal of work on this area. The grass had been allowed to grow tall, been cut, had died and was an eyesore. Sheila and I decided to rake and clear it prior to the judging of Best Kept

Village (Thank you Sheila!). It took five trips to the dump in a large van to dispose of it. It was at that point that the idea of a 'Wildflower Meadow' was born.

A gardening tip for this issue. Where possible plug up the holes in the base of planters and drill new ones higher up the sides. This will create a reservoir to help keep your plants moist.

I was pleased to learn Lucy's Law was passed on 15th April 2020. It bans buying puppies or kittens from a third party. Anyone wanting to buy a puppy or kitten in England must now buy direct from a breeder or a rescue centre. Breeders are now required to show their puppies with their mother in their place of birth. Unlicensed businesses, if convicted, face an unlimited fine or a prison sentence of up to six years. This should go a long way to stop puppy farming, etc.

To finish off on a positive note. A rescue mare at Worlds Horse Trust in Norfolk has given birth to a foal. It has been named Captain Tom after the inspirational veteran Captain (now Colonel) Tom Moore.

Keep your news and views coming in.

Take care and ride safely.

**Aileen 01469 530643**

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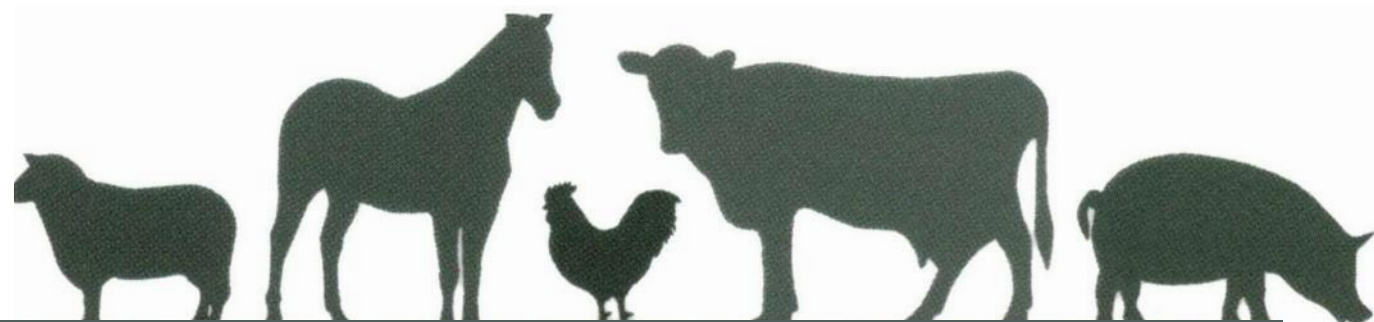
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## GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

### This is not the Best of Times or the Worst of Times

This is not the best of times for any of us, but we are very fortunate in that we live in a beautiful village, where we can get out and about safely, for as long as we want, obeying the safety rules on distancing, while we enjoy nature and our countryside. Unlike so many people who live in the city, in highrise flats or apartments, who can only look out of the window, and not even open it, we can take in the fresh air while exercising. At the moment the village is looking beautiful, the best show of Cherry blossom for a few years, because of the lack of high winds and heavy rain, which has whipped through in recent early springs, making the entrance road a delight. The grass verges on the main roads are now being maintained by a contractor, on behalf of the parish Council, instead of North Lincolnshire Council, and are now immaculate, areas that always should have been done, and were missed for some reason, are now being done. I am sad to say that during recent weeks while they have been carrying out this work, they have received unkind and unnecessary negative comments from some resident, and rude signals from passing motorists. I must point out that the work is necessary and they are working to strict guidelines. We have also carried out work on the Green Ramper, this work was scheduled prior to the present difficulties, and need to be done in order to give access to enable clearance of the ditches. Coppicing of trees can be done up to the end of April, and a check was made for any nesting birds, as is normal necessary practice. All working rules were again adhered to and PPE was worn. Under the present conditions I for one am very grateful for the very hard work that these contractors have carried out. The public footpaths are also being maintained by our own contractors, it may take a while to get all of them cleared but we will be keeping a check as usual to ensure a clear route on these, they are well used and we want to keep them so.

At present the Parish Council cannot meet on our usual monthly date, however we are getting together on zoom to hold brief discussions on any items that are important and cannot be delayed. We are also very fortunate to have a most efficient, and hard working Clerk, who is putting in many extra hours, in spite of having a young family to take care of, we cannot thank her enough for keeping us fully briefed and up to date.

#### Playing Field

We are at last keeping our promise of 5 years ago, and

work will begin on the construction of the Skate Park this month, hopefully the completion will be in time for the reopening of the park and the playing field and lifting of the social gathering rules. This does mean that sadly two trees have to be removed, these are already badly damaged at the base of the trunk by mowing too closely, I would stress, by past contractors, many years ago. We will be planting new reasonable sized trees, in the autumn, to replace them.



Artists impression of a similar skate park

New infant swings have been placed in the playing area, giving four seats instead of the old two, hopefully these can soon be enjoyed. When possible the frames on many other pieces of equipment will be painted.

The MUGA has been resurfaced and was only used by a few before the playing field was closed, but it is now in very good order.

New seating has been fixed just outside the MUGA, and looks ideal.

#### Cemetery

The Cemetery was closed for a short time on the advice of the Government, but reopened very shortly, after a reversal of these orders.

#### Millennium Green

It has been good to see the green used so much, I do use it regularly and everyone has been sensible and held conversations at a distance and even a wave from across the field is a good means of communication, especially if you live alone. When the weather permits more tree planting will be done but the ground is at present too dry.

#### Library

This remains closed due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

#### Best Kept Village

The Best Kept Village competition is still going ahead and is to be judged at the end of July. So could everyone please continue to make the effort to present our village in its best light, so we can do even better than last year.

**Freda Dunkley**

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With Goxhill Community Library in the Parish Rooms being closed – along with every other library – the two telephone boxes of books have really come into their own for those who like a traditional paper book. Many thanks must go to the WI for their far-sightedness in setting them up and to everyone who has been keeping them stocked up with fresh books for people to borrow.

However, do you know that North Lincolnshire Libraries now offers a virtual box that's also full of books and free? **BorrowBox** is a new free e-book and e-audio service available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The service can be accessed at the BorrowBox page on the North Lincolnshire Council website. You can also use it via a **BorrowBox app** available to download from the App Store and Google Play store.

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**John Guggiari**



## GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

### Bowled Into Isolation

In past years my Summer Gander articles have been aimed at encouraging villagers to come along to watch, play or try out lawn bowling on our excellent green at Manor Way. After fundraising and investment over recent years our facilities this year are the best they have ever been. To borrow a quotation from Brian Clough: I would not say that we are the finest in the county – but we are in the top one. Unfortunately, the leagues and competitions were long ago cancelled but, once restrictions are eased, we intend to make casual bowling available for our members and perhaps even arrange some competitive friendly matches with other clubs.

In March, Goxhill Flyers – the shortmat indoor bowling club based at Goxhill Memorial Hall – found their season curtailed by Covid-19. This is a separate club but, as with lawn bowling, comprises mostly bowlers from Goxhill and Barrow – many of whom belong to both Goxhill clubs. On the plus side our Green team won the Humberside South 1st Division by 17 points and our Silver team won the 2nd Division by 5 points. But further hopes disappeared with abandonment of the North Lincolnshire League. Goxhill

Flyers were 4th, 10 points behind 1st place yet 2 games in hand (worth 20 points), and had also qualified for the Millennium Cup final. Well done nevertheless.

Depending on how things pan out over the coming months, I'm conscious that there could be quite a few villagers seeking some outdoor activity beyond just walking, cycling or horse riding. If it proves possible to organize some form of fun bowling that complies with government advice then, as long as there's the demand, I think it is something that our Club would try to offer for all villagers. Since mats and jacks (the small white ball we



*This is the wonderful Visitors Changing Room that we bought with a grant from National Grid ready to welcome and be used by visiting teams and players this season ... and which will now not see any real service until 2021.*

aim at) always have to be at least 2 metres from the edge of the green, we have a head start with those distances marked up and 2 metre poles for measuring! If we do manage to set something up then I will publicise it on Facebook and, with the Parish Council's permission, on their noticeboards. Hopefully things will be closer to normal later this summer and our preferred sports and interests will be restored to us – but who knows? I am certainly looking forward to bowling outdoors again even if it means only matches within the same household: in my case my wife Rosemarie. You can ring me on **530363** or email via our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com> or use Facebook Messenger. **John Guggiari**

Since the last issue of the Gander, much has changed, not just here but across the world. Firstly, we would like to thank you for taking heed of Government advice. This really is helping, not just locally but nationally too and we are all very grateful for the NHS, our keyworkers and everyone during this pandemic.

Many of you will be working from home at this time. As your Ferry ward members we are also. We are attending meetings on your behalf, using Skype and Teams and dealing with your casework via email or telephone. We are still here for you and please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We have seen many residents across the ward helping those less able, perhaps doing shopping, collecting a prescription or simply chatting to someone on the telephone who may be lonely and not able to see friends or family. If you know anyone who needs assistance, please get in touch.

Whilst staying home, there are a host of activities on the North Lincolnshire Council website for residents to take part in and enjoy, from virtual museum tours and quizzes, to fitness classes, and activities for children. Take a look at <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/activities-to-enjoy-while-staying-at-home-and-saving-lives/#1585319685277-d48acaac-29f2> there's something there for everyone.

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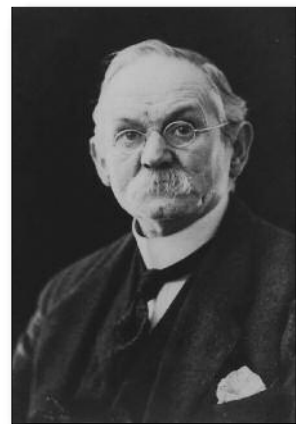




# TWO BROTHERS FROM WORLD WAR 1 REMEMBERED

There are three pairs of brothers amongst the names on the Memorial Hall World War 1 tablet. Thomas Edison Brewer and Norman Reginald Brewer are the only names recorded at the Memorial Hall but not in the church.

On 27th October 1919 William Thomas Brewer, signed Army Form W. 5080 listing his son Norman's close living relatives. This



William Thomas Brewer - photograph supplied by his great granddaughter Carol Exley nee Brewer

included Norman's two sisters Hebe Dora aged 29 and Mary Elizabeth aged 19, living with their father at 'Goxhill Schoolhouse, Lincs'. William's declaration was counter signed by Sidney A Andrew, 'Clerk in Holy Order', Goxhill Vicarage. The Goxhill School Log Book is not available for public scrutiny. I requested a search, by archive staff, to establish when William came to Goxhill. They confirmed that he took over the post of school Head teacher on 18th October 1918, the entry stating 'Took charge of this school this morning'. He worked at the

school on Thorn Lane until his retirement on 21st December 1923 where he recorded 'This is my last day as head teacher of this school. Having reached my 65th year I am retiring on pension'. Also in the Log Book was a record for 6th January 1919 which stated 'Miss M. E. Brewer commenced duties as temporary supply to-day and Miss Brewer (presumably Hebe) as sewing mistress.'

William Brewer had been born in Liskeard, Cornwall in 1859. He married Jeanette Louisa Brett, in Ringwood, Hampshire, in 1882. The 1911 census, recorded them living in Shotton, Durham, William a Schoolmaster and Jeanette a Confectioner and four of their seven surviving children; Hebe (20) an Assistant Confectioner; Norman (18) a Colliery Lamp Cleaner; and Thomas (12) and Mary (9) at school. Norman Brewer attested for service in Sunderland, aged just 23 years old, on 9th September 1915. He gave his and his father's address as Fontburn Council School, near Morpeth, where his father was acting Headmaster. Fontburn was an isolated, rural school which had been built, in 1905, to educate the children of men who worked at the local waterworks and quarry as well as local railway employees and farmworkers (www.fontburnremembered.co.uk). Norman Brewer joined a tented camp at Wensley, North Yorkshire on 10th September 1915, where what was known as the 'Wearside Battalion' had moved to begin training. He served as a Private in the 20th Battalion (Wearside), Durham Light Infantry. The Battalion's records state that they landed in France in early May 1916. They spent the winter 1916/17 'patrolling no-man's-land, digging and repairing their trenches...the battalion had been reduced (by January 1917) to some 450 men from the original



1,000 who had landed in France'. Norman's younger brother, Thomas, was medically examined in Pontefract on 28th February 1917, aged 17 years and 11 months. He attested his service on 17th March 1917, a clerk, giving his address as 4 School Street, Darfield, at that time a coal mining village which lies to the east of

Barnsley. The Darfield Historical Society believe that he worked at the Houghton Main Colliery. His father, William, is recorded on his enlistment papers living at Fontburn. Thomas was approved for mobilisation on the 9th July 1917, his service commencing the following day and his records listing his service as 'Home' in the 85th Training Reserve Battalion which, since May 1917, had been aligned to 'B' Battalion Machine Gun Corps.

Meanwhile Norman's battalion had been heavily engaged in the attack, on 7th June 1917, on the German trenches on the Messines Ridge, capturing the Dammstrasse strongpoint and incurring over 100 casualties. They were in action again, on 31st July 1917, on the opening day of the Third Battle of Ypres. Wikipedia states that they advanced 'alongside the Ypres-Comines canal for the loss of 8 officers and 431 other ranks'. On 4th August 1917 Jeanette Brewer, William Brewer's wife, Thomas and Norman's mother, died at her home, the Schoolhouse, in Fontburn, her husband present at her death.

Heavy rains in Ypres held up Norman's battalion but their offensive re-commenced on the Menin Road ridge on 20th September 1917. Wikipedia records that 'The 20th battalion's advance on 21 September was checked after 200 yards'. Norman was Killed in Action on 21st September 1917. On 26th October 1917 the Morpeth Herald, in announcing Norman's death and their sympathy to his father at his loss nevertheless congratulated him that "he has four other sons in this country's service" (North East War Memorials Project). Documents were sent out to William Brewer on 26th February 1918 requesting confirmation of his receipt of a wallet, letters, photos, cards and a lock of hair, the belongings of his son Norman. They noted that a watch and spectacles were missing. His dependant's pension was awarded, on 17 April 1918, to his sister, Miss Hebe Dora Brewer, of School House, Fontburn. Norman has no known grave.

On 17th May 1918 Thomas had been discharged from the ranks of his training battalion for the purpose of receiving a commission. The Darfield Historical Group found that 'His commission was included in the London Gazette of 4th June 1918. In May 1918 he qualified as an Observer and was posted to 55 Squadron RAF' and was posted to their base at Azelot airfield. The events around Thomas's service were surmised by Maurice Barrick (Gander (Autumn 2014)). Thomas, aged 19 years and not quite 3 months, was Killed in Action on 12th June



Thomas Edison Brewer-youngest son of William Thomas Brewer - photograph supplied by Carol Exley

1918 after being shot down with his pilot after coming into conflict with an enemy aircraft, according to the Darfield Historical Group, during a 'Height Test'. He is buried at Charmes Military Cemetery, Essegney in north east France. Thomas was remembered in 1919 during a memorial service at Netherwilton (west of Morpeth). Whitehouse (nearby) and Netherwilton was where the family attended church. Thomas, the vicar said, "came to communion at Whitehouse on the last Sunday that he was home, and one Christmas came all the way from Fontburn to take Christmas communion at Netherwilton". (Darfield History Group)

I often refer to Mr Brawn's articles when researching and remembered that he had written about the Memorial Hall (Gander (Winter 2008)). He recounted that a 'public meeting, held in the Day School on Tuesday the 14th day of January 1919 convened by the Parish Council...unanimously resolved...' "That a Parish Hall be erected as a memorial to the Sailors and Soldiers of this Parish who have taken part in the Great War" and that one of those elected as a member of the committee was Mr W T Brewer... (he) was elected as Joint Secretary at the committee meeting' held the following week.

It isn't possible to know how long Thomas stayed in the village after his retirement at the end of 1923. It would be reasonable, I think, to presume that he was required to move out of the School house with his two daughters. His death is recorded on 5th October 1928, his address being given as 10 Edward Street, Hessle near Hull. It is here where his two daughters, Hebe and Mary were recorded living at the 1939 census; both women are single and Mary is a Schoolteacher and voluntary Air Raid Patrol Warden.

Last summer I was visiting my Auntie Margaret (Margaret Northen, my dad's cousin who was brought up at Chapel Farm but who now lives in Milton Keynes). One thread of our conversation led to her recounting her first days at Goxhill School. She chatted about the plan for her to have lunch with her grandmother and my great grandmother Ada Giles, a widow who lived at Northolme, the house on Howe Lane that looks down Chapel Street. Sadly Ada had died in the summer of 1937. However Auntie Margaret's face lit up as she recalled 'Miss Brewer was my first teacher (this would have been 1937/8), she used to travel into Hull on the train, from where she lived, then across the river on the ferry, every day, and then by train from New Holland'. She recalled that because she (Auntie Margaret) could read when she started school and Miss Brewer had bought her a book. The coincidence with the name drew me back to Ron Parker's book, 'Goxhill Bygones' which contains a photograph of 'Miss Brewer's retirement', the lady



Miss Brewer's retirement from Goxhill School  
Back row: Bert Stubbs, Jacob Van den Bos. Middle row: Ralph Northen, Mr Huxtable (Head teacher), Cornelius Van den Bos, Harry Farrow. Front row: Joe Barrick, Gilbert Tyson, Miss Brewer, Percy Giles, Stan Griffin. With thanks to Charlie Guillatt for help with identification. Photograph courtesy of Michael Parker.

in question photographed in front of the old school alongside a number of village gentlemen including my paternal grandfather, Percy Giles. When I asked Charlie Guillatt for help in identifying some of these gentlemen he recalled that he and his brother Fred had been taught by Miss Brewer too. Mary Brewer married Reginald Showell of Hull on 28th September 1940. Reginald's father had died during World War 1 and is buried in the CWGC cemetery in Basra, Iraq. Hebe Brewer continued to live at 10 Edward Street, until her death in 1953 and Mary's death was recorded on 21st May 1982 in Sheffield.

**Norman Reginald Brewer, Private 20/257, 20th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry. Killed in Action 21 September 1917. Aged 25 years. Born 11 August 1892 Tow Law, Durham, enlisted Sunderland, resident of Fontburn. Son of William and late Jeanette Brewer of Fontburn. No known grave. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial near Ypres and War Memorial Shotton Colliery.**

**Thomas Edison Brewer, 2nd Lieutenant Royal Air Force. Killed in Action 12 June 1918. Aged 19 years. Born 17 March 1899 Tow Law, Durham, enlisted Pontefract, resident of Darfield. Son of William and late Jeanette Brewer of Fontburn. Buried Charmes Military Cemetery, Essegne and commemorated in All Saints church, Darfield (as a Private) and St Giles' church, Netherwilton.**

Norman and Thomas are also included on the memorial in St Saviour's church, Shotton Colliery (Darfield Historical Group) and a monument (to replace the original memorial) unveiled in 2008 at Fontburn Reservoir.

The sacrifice of these two young men is known to the residents of Goxhill only because of their father's grief. This legacy continues in the north east of England through to their great nephews and nieces.

The other two sets of brothers named on the Memorial Hall WW1 plaque, are the Kirk and Lamming brothers, whose family ties continue and through marriages and village occupations of brickmaking, the railways and farming their 'footfall' remains locally to the present day.



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## Goxhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Survey 2020

I guess that a Neighbourhood Plan is quite low down on most peoples list of priorities at the moment, but at some point we will reach the other side of the pandemic and life will resume some form of normality.

The GPNP committee launched the survey in January 2020 followed it up with a Young Person version in February. Both surveys were conducted on line and in paper form for which I need to thank S J Barricks Ltd, Keigar Homes Ltd and Wienerberger Ltd (Goxhill Tileries) for sponsoring the printing of the forms.

Our research, prior to holding the survey, indicated that the average level of response to a survey of this kind is 10 – 15% of the parish. We had 129 adult surveys completed and 52 young person surveys completed. By our calculation that is approximately 13% of the households in Goxhill.

The results have yet to be fully analysed but here is a flavour of some of the survey responses, the (%) numbers are from the **Young Persons survey**.

- 60% (71%) felt there was a need for more affordable houses in Goxhill with starter homes for 1st time buyers being the most popular choice 62%, (63%).
- As expected gardens for new dwellings are important 94% (85%).
- Most people, young and older, felt that new developments should have ample parking spaces, be planned to maintain a sense of community and maintain the character of the village.
- Road safety was a major concern for all ages with Chapel Street, North End, The Lanes, Howe Lane and Thornton Road being mentioned the most.
- The overwhelming feedback on the Landscape, Green Spaces and Heritage section was that Goxhill people use and enjoy their open spaces, footpaths and nature. There were numerous responses asking for additional paths, woodland, cycle paths, bridleways, nature trails etc as well as requests for the existing facilities to be maintained and looked after better. Since we have been in lockdown, use of the Goxhill footpaths has increased, hopefully this will continue to be the case when we can return to our previous activities.
- Regarding aspects of Goxhill we identify as being important and representative of our village, there were quite a few, the Churches; the avenue of blossom trees; the Memorial Hall; the airfield and its history, the amount of green space and the tranquility of the village to name a few.
- Finally what would we like that we haven't got? No prizes for guessing that a pub and a post office come out on top, the pub is linked with cafe/coffee shop/restaurant or combination there-of. There appears to be a strong wish for a social centre for the village and also a community hub and something for teenagers.

We have had some feedback that the survey assumes that there will be development in the village and that there was no mention of flooding and drainage. Our survey questions were drawn from examples of other NP surveys and changed slightly to make it ours, we didn't include any specific reference to flooding/drainage as this will be a focus group subject on its own where I am sure it will be examined in much finer detail than the survey would cover. The committee understands that the village isn't really in favour of new development and this will be reflected in the NP I'm sure. But it is useful to also understand what type of housing is wanted by the village if we do find more developments planned in the future.

The Information we have gathered needs to be looked at closely by the committee before we proceed further, however, this is difficult in the current climate. Once restrictions are lifted we will be able to hold the postponed AGM and election of committee officers for the next year. We are moving into the next stage of the process where we will start to form focus groups to work on specific areas/subjects that have been identified. If you are interested in getting involved with the process please contact me for a chat.

**Jack Lawtey**, GPNP Steering Committee Chair. **jacklawtey@btinternet.com** or **07576 111883**



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### MINIATURE TRACTION ENGINE

For those that saw us out with our miniature traction engine recently, I thought I would explain what it is and why. Grace is a 1/3 scale, working model of a Ruston and Proctor traction engine. The full size ones were built in Lincoln around 1905 and weighed 3 tons. Grace was made totally by me, apart from the boiler that has to be constructed by a certified welder. So I said at a rally, "make me one", so I did, over the following 3 years and started rallying her in 2015.

We usually spend our summer weekends at steam rallies, which are of course cancelled, so for our own sanity and to amuse our neighbours, we decided to have a trip out while the current boiler certificate is in date.

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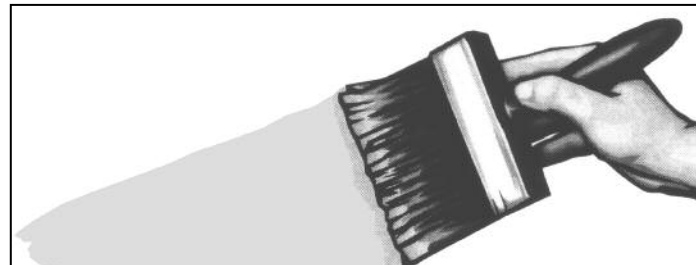


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## Update from National Grid River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project

By Steve Ellison, Lead Project Manager

**nationalgrid**

### Making progress

It is a challenging time that we all find ourselves in at the moment and we hope everyone in Goxhill and the surrounding villages are coping well. Like many organisations, we have a much-reduced team on site and wherever possible the essential work to replace the pipeline beneath the river is continuing with much of our team working from home. Over the last couple of months, I am nevertheless pleased to say we have made steady progress with preparations to push the five-kilometre pipeline through our tunnel under the Humber.

When that happens in the coming months, it will be a world record breaking achievement. The new pipeline here under the Humber will be the longest hydraulically inserted gas pipeline in the world! On completion, it will play a vital role providing up to a quarter of Britain's gas supplies.

To stay up to date with how our project is progressing, you can take a look at our website where we regularly post updates: <http://riverhumberpipeline.com/>

**Dealing with COVID-19** At a time when everyone is being asked to stay at home wherever possible, we understand it can be unnerving to see others going about their daily work. While many in our project team are home-based at the moment, there is essential work continuing with a much-reduced team on site.

Across the country, we have people working on sites in a huge variety of roles that just cannot be done at home to keep the lights on and the gas flowing. Whether it is construction work, maintenance, repairs or operating our control centres, it's important that our work continues where it's safe and appropriate to do so.

Where our people need to continue working on site, they are doing so under stringent health and safety measures, designed to protect not just themselves but also the local community and those measures will be regularly reviewed.

**Supporting Goxhill Bowls Club** Recently, we awarded Goxhill Bowls Club £4,500 after the club applied for funding for a new changing room for visiting teams through our Community Grant Programme. We think it looks rather good and we're delighted as a project team to see so many local initiatives benefitting from the Community Grant Programme while we are here replacing the gas pipeline beneath the river.

National Grid's Community Grant Programme is designed for community organisations and charities in areas where our operations or site activities are impacting local people. For more information on how to apply, please visit: [www.betl.nationalgrid.co.uk](http://www.betl.nationalgrid.co.uk)

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



### LIVES Update

*"These have certainly been challenging times for community First Responders with an ever-changing situation. The risks of us catching Covid-19 increased to such an extent that how we operated changed and continues to affect our operations."*

*"To start with, early in March, responders were not despatched to patients with breathing difficulties. Ambulance Control was screening all calls for symptoms of the Coronavirus as, at that stage, the Personal Protective Equipment that we used was inadequate. Then a decision was made to not use rescue breaths at cardiac arrests, because of the virus transmission risk; and shortly afterwards all responding was suspended. This gave time for additional training on infection control and the sourcing of appropriate PPE. From 7th April, once the training was completed and PPE was obtained, First Responders were able to be active again but could not carry out rescue that generated aerosol responding procedures and had to withdraw from the scene once an ambulance arrived as most responders only had level two PPE."*

*"A number of our local group's responders are active, as they are willing to help and have more time at present, but with the awareness to help only when it is safe for them to do so. The number of calls had fallen significantly with members of the public reluctant to call, as they did not want to go to A&E. This is gradually increasing and LIVES local members are still supporting 999 calls and the ambulance service."*


The above words come direct from one of Goxhill's First Responders – **John Noton** – and our thanks go to him and everyone else in the local Goxhill, Barrow & New Holland group at this difficult time. Whilst LIVES - Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service (registered charity no.1098364) – has suspended all training and community fundraising during the Covid-19 restrictions it still needs funds and will in due course be able to again train new volunteers. If you want to know more then please take a look at the charity's website <https://lives.org.uk/> or contact the local group's co-ordinator, **Damian Connolly**, on **07747499331** or **530656** or email [connolly.dam@gmail.com](mailto:connolly.dam@gmail.com).

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## BARROW HISTORY STUDY GROUP

Our last course with Paul Mann looked at Myths and Legends both local and national. We went through the calendar year highlighting well known myths as applied to each month, Ritual Year, Folklore, Sacred Places, Spirits, Ghosts, Angels, Witchcraft, Boggarts and Devils.

Member Dr. A. Palmer reviewed Halliwell Dale (medicinal well) sited off Ermine Street near Winterton much like our own Blow Wells off Cherry Lane.

**Some Omens and Superstitions are plentiful so here are examples using the alphabet.**

- A- In Japan there is a superstition that a glass containing medicine, when if knocked over it means a quick recovery.
- B- It is unlucky to go under a railway bridge either on foot or by car when a train is passing overhead.
- C- New clothes worn at the time of a full moon will be spoiled.
- D- Superstition summed up in verse about the effect of waking up – Lose a day, lose a friend. Gain a day, Gain a friend.
- E- If the right eye itches you will have good luck, If the left eye itches things are not so good.
- F- If a fisherman and his wife have a quarrel before he puts to sea, he will have a good catch.
- G- Never look through a piece of broken glass at anyone or you will be sure to have a quarrel with them.
- H- A whistling woman and a crowing hen is neither good for God or men.
- I- Monetary reward can be expected if your palms itch.
- J- If jackdaws are late settling at night it indicates bad weather.
- K- A knife made of iron is a good protector against witches and evil spirits.
- L- Superstition says that the luckiest things you can find are horseshoes, four leaf clovers and teeth.
- M- Married in the month of roses June, life will be one long honeymoon.
- N- A stiff neck is an omen you will be hanged at a later date.
- O- Never leave an oven empty, you will never have anything to put in it when you want to.
- P- Eating a pancake on Shrove Tuesday means good luck and you will never be short of food or money.
- Q- None found
- R- Rain at seven means fine at eleven.
- S- In several English Counties they still believe it is unlucky to burn string.
- T- Bad things happen in threes.
- U- It is unlucky to open an umbrella indoors.
- V- It is unlucky to wave off departing visitors until they are out of sight. It means they may never see each other again.
- W- Waiters have an apprehension of one- armed customers.
- X- None found
- Y- Covering the mouth when yawning denies the chance of evil spirits entering.
- Z- None found

**If any Reader can come up for examples for Q,X and Z it would be interesting.**

Our committee has one new member Mrs Anthea Foster from Barrow Haven. She replaces Dr A Palmer.

Our next course commences Monday October 15th at 07:30pm meeting as usual in the Vicar's Room. The Title is "The Manor of Healing" with Emma Lingard. We will look at this Country House and its development, including who lived there from Countess Brocklesby and the Portman family who still have properties in London.

This Course will be followed in February 2021 with Brickmaking at Barrow Heaven.

For more information contacts as usual **T Cherry 01652 653066** or  
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