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Summer 2021

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Is there a future for the Gander?

Is the Gander, Goxhill's village newsletter, still needed?

Is it relevant in today's social media world? Is there an alternative way?

If it is still of value, is anyone out there willing to help the small team who voluntarily edit and organise the Gander and its distribution to every household in the parish?

We need your help and new ideas.

Some of the current team have been involved for 22 years or more, doing a brilliant job but the team always need fresh blood and new ideas to keep the Gander up to date.

We have some brilliant people who supply fascinating articles on life and times in Goxhill. But we need more from young people, from new families to the village, new activities, special achievements to be shared as well.

The Gander is also a vital source of information on future events in and around the village and it is a window for advertisers to offer their services to residents. By using these businesses and individual trades people, we help keep our local economy turning.

Could you help with editing the Gander?

On a personal note, I turned 75 earlier this year and the topic of 'succession planning' was raised at our last team meeting. It is time for me to consider taking a back seat, if there is someone out there able to take over, or perhaps share the job or willing to work as an assistant to learn and to eventually take the reigns, please get in touch.

We really could do with someone to help take the Gander into the future!

I am into my twelfth year as editor of the Gander, having stepped forward after being begged to take over by the previous editor, Adam Ellis, as the Gander was in imminent danger of having to finish at that time. By the end of this year I will have edited 50 issues. I am very proud of that and how much the Gander has developed from 32 pages to sometimes over 48 pages now and evolved as a magazine that I hope the village continues to value.

We also need a new admin for our **Invoicing**, as Penny, who has done an amazing job, no longer lives in the village.

GANDER AGM - We will be holding our delayed **AGM on 21st July**. So if you have any suggestions on the future of the Gander or would like to talk about how you can help the team, then please make contact in advance of the meeting or just come to the AGM. You will be very welcome (see panel below for details).

TRIBUTE - There is a tribute on Page 9 to Pete Marshall of Newton Printers. I believe Pete had been printing the Gander since 2001 and his death could have caused a major problem to its printing in the future. But Zoe, Pete's wife, has been doing much of the production work on the Gander since it went to digital printing, and she intends to carry on, so the printing of the Gander is not a problem. We are very grateful to her continuing to provide Newton's fantastic local printing and stationery service and we wouldn't want to go any where else.

SHORT AWARD 2021 - As mentioned in the last issue, we have delayed the Short Award this year because of the pandemic and disruption to village life and activities. The Short Award is an annual award made to someone nominated for their outstanding services to the village. We intend to include nomination forms in the September issue of the Gander and on social media. The winner of the Award will be announced in the December issue.

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THE GANDER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 21st July 2021
at 7 pm. in the Parish Rooms**

All are welcome to come along and ask questions of the Gander team or make your views known. Any offers of help and suggestions of ideas for different articles or information in the Gander are always appreciated.

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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

Songs Round the Bonfire(nowhere else being possible)

It was dawn on Easter Day and the bats of Goxhill church were relaxing after a hectic night's activity – a bat's work is never done and Godfrey was particularly pleased with the positioning of a singularly large dropping on the seat of the chair which would be occupied by the vicar on Sunday. He smirked at the thought of future sport. Hubert, who was miffed at Godfrey having scored such a bullseye, sniffed disdainfully.

"No need to look so pleased with yourself", he remarked "where were you when some of us were working on the side aisles? I can't abide cherry-pickers".

Godfrey snorted. "What's the point of working on the side aisles?" he demanded. "They don't sit there, do they?"

Alfred, who had his eye on a spot on the lectern which would make reading a sticky business, chipped in, "Well they do sometimes, especially since this – er – bug's been around....." His voice tailed off as he recalled they'd agreed not to mention the bug since it appeared bats had been involved in starting it. He coughed, awkwardly. In fact, although the bats would never have admitted it, they'd been glad to see their old enemies return to the church. There was no fun in a one-sided battle.

Godfrey folded his wings over his ears and prepared to sleep the sleep of the self-satisfied, but Hubert observed, "Don't get too comfortable. Isn't this one of their Big Days? They'll be swarming all over the place soon and we won't get a minute's peace. At least they still aren't allowed to sing – I haven't recovered from Christmas 2019 yet. I have sensitive ears" he added, with a delicate shudder. Before anybody could reply, there was a flurry of wings and Humphrey arrived on the rafter. "Sorry I'm late", he puffed, "but there was an owl who looked a bit shifty hanging around and I wasn't going to taffle with him. You can never tell with owls. Anyway, do you realise that it might be dawn but there's a bunch of those human lunatics outside already – with a bonfire!"

There was a united groan from the bats.

"Why can't they keep civilised hours?" said Godfrey irascibly. "Thank goodness they're not allowed to si - ". Before he could finish, the bats were startled to hear a resounding chorus from the churchyard.

"Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!", sang their human adversaries, with enthusiasm.

"It appears they are, if it's outside", observed Humphrey

Hubert sighed gloomily. "Here comes the summer", he said, "Alleluia".

Rev. Liz Brown

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends

Well, my husband and I have joined the jolly band of those who have received their second vaccination, and what a joy that is! Once things re-open a bit more, we shall be free to enjoy them, unlike those people who for various reasons choose not to receive their vaccinations, and the reasons will be many and varied. So for those who can, have the courage to spread your wings once again – meet people, share in coffee and cake or a meal out – and come to chapel, either for the first time, or join with our regular worshippers. You are very welcome!

You will see elsewhere that at the Methodist chapel, we plan to do something special on the day that we re-open, July 4th, and that will be confirmed in due course.

In the meantime, many have received Newsletters, palm crosses, chocolate Freddos (in lieu of Easter Eggs), Lent bags, and other bits and bobs in order for me to keep in contact with our folk. If any others wish to receive my weekly Newsletter and Quiz, which comes with a Worship Sheet for use at home, Methodist news, and details for following a ZOOM service each week, please give me a call or send me an email.

*O LORD my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art*

Also a few weeks ago, we had a predicament with our noticeboard in front of the chapel. I learned about it late afternoon, so my husband (who admits to being no handy person) took up his tool box (which I rarely see), and we came up to Goxhill (we live in Barnetby) ready to do what we could. And what a lovely surprise! Someone had already dealt with it, and put some tape on the noticeboard to save it from flapping about in the wind, and knocking someone out! I want to say a massive thank you to that person, both on a personal note and on behalf of the chapel. Good citizenship at its best. I hope that by the time you read this we shall be well on the way to having it replaced.

I do hope you are enjoying the sun even if it is cold outside – being so bright lifts our spirits, doesn't it? And seeing nature come to life, as it does in these springtime months. It seems as though all of nature joins in with that lovely hymn, the words of which I leave you with.

Love and Prayers **Rev. Enid Knowles**



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If the Road Map goes to plan, we are planning to restart the **Pop In** on **Saturday 14th July** and the **Luncheon Club** on **Wednesday 21st July** the usual third Saturday's and third Wednesday's in the month.

If by any chance there are still distancing restrictions, we do have a plan. For the Pop In it would mean booking to come either between 10am – 11.am or 11.15am -12.15pm if this is the case to book ring **Sandra** on **530065**

For the Luncheon Club we may have to have two sittings. If this is the case book by ringing **Jane** on **530962**.

If things are still normal, or whatever the new normal is, we are hoping to hold a **Quiz Night** at either the end of September or early October, we have yet to confirm a date, so watch out for posters. We also plan to hold the **Christmas Bingo on Saturday 11th December**.

Other dates for your diaries:

- **Saturday 24th July Afternoon Tea** with a Strawberry flavour, at All Saints Church.
- **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December The Christmas Tree Festival** at All Saints Church.

As a result of the Pandemic, you may want to put a tree in Church in memory of a loved one, or come and place a memory on the Memory Tree.

We are hoping to organize a **Coffee Morning with book sale** but we can't give a definite date at the moment, so as you walk around the village look out for posters.

We all know how quickly things can change with the Covid virus, so all the above events are subject to any restrictions that may in place at the time. That said, we do hope that things will be able to go ahead as planned.

THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

I am sure many of you have had more time to take photographs during your daily walks, so just a reminder that the cut-off date for entries for the Calendar 2022 is the **25th September, 2021**.

For any further information on Churches Together events, please contact **Sandra** on **530065**.

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For more information please contact **Janet Shephardson 07784818212**.
Thank you once again in anticipation

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Following easing of restrictions, we are hoping to resume normal meetings as from July, possibly without a speaker owing to short notice, failing that Harvest Supper and Sale of Produce in September. Please look out for posters around the village for details of forthcoming speakers and activities.

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We are running a **Golf Day on 30 July at the luxury Laceby Manor resort**. If you are interested in supporting our fund-raising efforts and you would like to take part, please feel free to call us. It is promising to be a very enjoyable day. Our support for our **two local Hospices** is ongoing.

WINNING AWARDS - Driver Hire won the **Community Award** and Jayne O'Flynn won the **Tilletts Business Woman of the Year Award** at the Hull & Humber Chamber of Commerce Business Awards on 22 April 2021.

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NOTICE BOARD Part 2

Goxhill 200 Club – latest winners

February 2021 - Thanks to Max for this draw.

120	Martin Bowes	£19
154	Martin Cox	£19
204	Brian Raynes	£19

March 2021 - Thanks to Lillie for this draw.

126	Joyce Collingwood	£19
158	Bridget Jacques	£19
202	Joy Dickinson	£19

March Quarterly Jackpot

41	Debbie Challenger	£125
April 2021	49 Julian Butcher	£19
214	Christine Brace	£19
227	Lisa Portess	£19

The Goxhill 200 Club is open to anyone aged over 16 years interested in supporting the running of our Memorial Hall whilst having a bit of a flutter in a local lottery. Half the money from subscriptions funds monthly prizes with the other half donated to Goxhill Memorial Hall. The subscription is £10 a year and buys you 40 chances of winning.

If you would like to join the 200 Club then email goxhill.200club@gmail.com or telephone 530363 and we will arrange for one of our collectors to contact you when we collect for the next lottery year running from October to September inclusive. Payments by bank transfer are also possible.

Rosemarie Guggiari

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Adam Ellis

PETER ANDREW MARSHALL 11/4/1967-24/2/2021

It was a terrible shock to hear that Pete Marshall of Newton Printers had died. Not just that the last issue of the Gander was half way through being printed at the time! It obviously caused a big problem, however, Pete wasn't doing the printing, as he had been in hospital for several weeks before then. Zoe, his wife, was valiantly keeping the printing business going during lockdown, despite the dreadful added stress of Pete finally being put on a ventilator. Knowing how ill Pete was, we were amazed and so grateful that Zoe was keen to complete the printing of the Gander, even after Pete had so sadly died.



I worked with Newtons since 1982, and got to deal with Pete on print jobs after he started work there in 1983 as a print apprentice and he eventually bought the company in 2006. Pete was an amazing person, always friendly and obliging, nothing too much trouble, always solved problems and regularly got me out of trouble with unexpected jobs. The photograph sums him up, full of fun and time for a chat.

At his funeral, 'he would always help anyone' was a constant theme of the eulogy that told of his amazing life and character. The huge crowds who lined the street outside Winterton Church, burst into applause as the family left the funeral service, showing all their respect for him.

Pete will be hugely missed, especially by his wife, childhood sweetheart, Zoe, his son and daughter Declan and Nicole, and his whole family. And he will be missed by all that knew him, for Pete touched so many lives with his kindness and generosity. 'They really did break the mould when they made him'.

Jeff Teasdale, Editor

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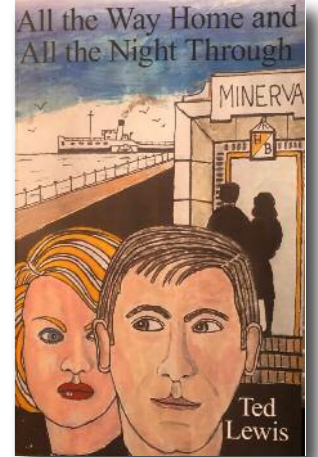
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NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment

Barton's Performance in the Park is Back!

Live theatre returns to Barton's Baysgarth Park this summer with the town's Tourism Partnership staging a full summer programme of family shows in Baysgarth Park. The performances begin on **Sunday 11 July** when **Quantum Theatre** presents a new adaption of the classic pirate adventure **Treasure Island**. This lively new adaption by Michael Whitmore is bursting with buccaneers, brouhaha and dastardly double dealings so expect an action-packed adventure for the whole family.

The following Sunday Bash Street Theatre make a welcome return with **The Cameraman**. In a playful homage to the film-noir genre, with voice over narration and live musical accompaniment, four performers play a multitude of characters. The Cameraman presents a comic and essentially optimistic commentary on the current crisis from a future point of view.



July's third performance on **Sunday, 25th**, sees open-air specialists **The Pantaloons** on a voyage to an enchanted island full of adventure, romance, magic and... monsters in Shakespeare's **The Tempest!** Expect music and mayhem, poetry and puppetry in the Bard's brilliant tale of shipwrecks, sorcerers and silly servants.

The **Pendle Storytellers Theatre** perform that all-time favourite **The Railway Children** on **Sunday August 8**. This enchanting tale follows the fortunes and adventures of Roberta, Peter and Phyllis after they move from London to a house near a railway line in the country.

Roberta reads an old newspaper and discovers where their father really is and all the children take part in an adventure of a lifetime.

The Pantaloons return on **August 22** with **Pride and Prejudice**, Jane Austen's witty and romantic masterpiece that is one of the best-loved stories of all time, this time in a delightfully innovative and hilarious new open-air adaptation.

The final performance is on **Monday, August 30** when **The Pantaloons** perform its own anarchic spin on Kenneth Grahame's classic caper involving **Mole, Ratty, Toad and Badger** on a wild adventure filled with motorcar madness, wicked weasels, exciting escapes and plenty of messing about in boats.

Funded by Barton Town Council and Barton Lions the shows take place in front of **Baysgarth House Museum** during **July and August** all starting at **2pm**. * Bring a chair or a rug, a picnic and a friend, just turn up and choose your spot on the grass and

enjoy the show. Although the shows are free, donations are always welcome as it helps us increase the number of shows we can put on. Parking is limited to disabled parking in the Museum car park but there is plenty of on road parking on Brigg Road and up at the Baysgarth Hub. * We are fully committed to putting on these shows if it is safe and legal for us to do so, complying with any guidance from the government at the point we are given the go ahead.

We look forward to seeing you all again in the open-air this summer!

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BARTON ARTS FESTIVAL 2021

Twenty five years since the Barton Arts charity staged its first celebration of arts the group has programmed a much reduced festival for this summer reflecting the current situation. The organising committee is however full of ideas and confident that next year will see a packed programme.

One of the stalwarts of the last 25 years has been the Illyria theatre company. Illyria performed Macbeth in the first year on an appropriately misty, drizzly evening on Baysgarth School Field. This year on **June 30**, hopefully minus the rain, they will perform **Much Ado about Nothing at Bardney Hall**. The show starts at 6.30pm and Bardney Hall will be offering refreshments including strawberries and cream, Pimms, Prosecco and Peroni. Tickets priced £8 are available from The Ropewalk.



A favourite feature every year is **Monday Night at the Movies** held at **Ropery Hall** featuring vintage classic films. This year **An Inspector Calls (U)** is being

screened. Dating from 1954 a young girl is found dead and an inspector is sent to investigate a prosperous Yorkshire household. Based upon the play **An Inspector Calls** by J.B. Priestley it stars Alistair Sim, Eileen Moore and Brian Worth. Tickets for the screening on **Monday 28 June** cost £4.



Also at **Ropery Hall** on **Thursday July 1** at 8pm, Radio 2 Folk Show, 6music and Glastonbury TV presenter **Mark Radcliffe** invites you to an intimate evening of his own songs and accompanying stories. Previous one-man shows have concentrated on meetings with the rich and famous during his relatively illustrious broadcasting career but this time he has chosen to concentrate on deeply personal material involving lost times, lost loves, lost friends, lost relatives and lost bets. Is he therefore the quintessential loser? Come and witness him alone on a bare stage to find out. Tickets cost £15
Full details of all events are available on our website www.bartonarts.co.uk
Liz Bennet - Managing Director, The Ropewalk



LINCSPIRATIONAL PLANTS EXHIBITION
Part of the Barton Arts Festival

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust is excited to be launching its Lincspirational Plants Exhibition in Barton-on-Humber this summer.

In this, the final year of the National Lottery Heritage Fund supported LoveLincsPlants project, the Lincspirational Plants Exhibition aims to celebrate and reflect on 30 Inspirational Plants chosen to signify the importance of plants in Lincolnshire. It also reminds us of the link between plants and creativity and how they symbolise the value and importance of our connection with the natural world.

Thirty artworks have been selected from more than 130 that were submitted from artists all over Lincolnshire and beyond, to represent the Inspirational Plants. They will be on show at Wilderspin Museum and in pop up form at various places around the town during the weekend of 26/27 June 2021.



The artworks cover plants ranging from Sir Isaac Newton's iconic apple tree from Woolsthorpe Manor in south Lincolnshire to field scabious and common poppy found on verges and meadows across the county.

All the artwork submitted will be available for purchase from an on-line exhibition/auction October 2021.

Eyecatching Ox-eye Daisy - Melanie Howlett

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It is now well over a year since the South Bank players were able to meet in person. We have continued to keep in touch via Zoom meetings but it's not quite the same.

We were very fortunate to be successful in applying for a grant from the Lincolnshire & North Lincolnshire COVID-19 Recovery Fund. We received £500 which we have used to replace our sound mixing desk which blew up not long before lockdown! A theatre without any music or sound effects would not be very good, so we are grateful for the funders for this money.

Our two radio plays **'Shelter from the Bombs'** and **'Arnold Parsons is Missing'** can be accessed via our YouTube channel - just search for **SB Players** and you should find them. Both plays have been broadcast a number of times on local radio.

As we can't currently perform, our finances have been somewhat dwindling. To try and raise a little bit of cash we have been selling DVDs of the video version of Shelter from the Bombs that we filmed in 2019 (in a real bomb

shelter). If you would like a copy of this award winning play, it will set you back just £5.

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

To purchase either the DVD of 'Shelter from the Bombs', or the Barton Ghost Walk (or both!) please visit our website www.sbplayers.co.uk and find the links on the home page.

We are hoping to get back to our weekly meetings at the Joseph Wight Hall on Queen Street in Barton in the next month or so. New members are always welcome - either in an acting capacity, or to help out backstage, and it only costs £5 year to join. If you would like to know more please contact **Liz Drury** on **07539 755531**

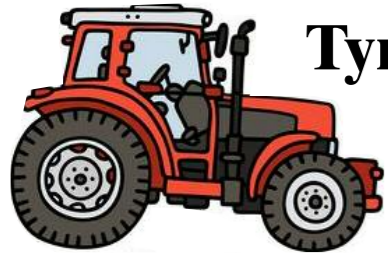
We also have a junior theatre group and we have some exciting activities planned for our youngsters as soon as restrictions are lifted. It costs just £1 per child per meeting to join the fun. Again we would welcome both children who want to act, but also those who might want to learn about other aspects of running a theatre.

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NOTICE BOARD - Goxhill Memorial Hall

As the plants and hedgerows burst into leaf again, most people are looking forward to warmer days and balmy nights. Down at the Memorial Hall however, it's the changes in lockdown restrictions that are occupying our thoughts, that and trying to work out when our regular users can return. Children's after-school activities started back in April, but adult exercise classes (Dance, Pilates and Tai Chi) and committee meetings can only take place after May 17th. We'll have to wait until June 21st for the buzz that comes with being in a larger gathering such as those enjoyed by the Pop-Up Pub, Coffee Mornings and Craft Fairs. I am sure it won't be long now!

In anticipation of these milestones, the calendar is filling up fast (see Events box below). Why don't you Google "Goxhill Memorial Hall" and check out the online Event Calendar for the dates and times of your favourite activity as well as the organiser's contact details. Hopefully most of the Coronavirus restrictions will be lifted by the end of summer, allowing us a greater freedom in putting on events.

After helping out at the **Craft Fair (Aug 8th)** I will be looking forward to the **bank holiday (Aug 27-30th)** when the **Scarecrow Trail** will be open, and the **Pop-Up Pub** and facilities at the Hall will provide a central point where the foot-sore can take their ease and slake their thirst.

We have also been in contact with **Age UK** who would like to offer two activities to broaden everyone's horizons: **1) Training in the use of Smart phones (Sept 10th 10am - phone 530635 to book)** and **2) Exchanging letters with Army Cadets.** Although Age UK generally target folks aged 50 and over, they tell me people of any age can take part. If you are interested please contact Linda Wood, Age UK, Old School House, Manor House Lane, Horncastle, Lincolnshire, giving just your age, address and general interests. This information will be passed on.

We have started the registration process of changing Goxhill Memorial Hall's status from a standard charity to a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation.** The process is being held up at the moment by a query with the charity commission regarding asset transfer. Once this is resolved will hold an open meeting / presentation day, to explain what we have planned for the future. In the next few months however, I can tell you that we'll have **new windows installed (May 10-13th)** and hopefully the **kitchen floor repaired (mid June) and new kitchen units fitted afterwards.** While the floor is being repaired the kitchen and ladies toilets will be under construction and hence out of bounds. We hope this won't present too much disruption to our regular hirers.

We are all looking forward to seeing you soon.

Ann Carter, Chair Goxhill Memorial Hall Committee.

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

SMART PHONE TRAINING

My name is Fiona and I'm a Community Engagement Officer for Age UK Lindsey. I want to let you know about some exciting news regarding our new mobile outreach project. I've enclosed a picture for you to see what our new mobile outreach looks like and that includes an outside seating area where we would love to chat with you. The mobile outreach will be spending time in different locations around our areas of North Lincolnshire, West Lindsey and East Lindsey to help our community with any digital queries or concerns you may have.

(If we get a lot of interest in the smart phone training, it can be held on the grass, or if it looks like rain, inside the hall - Ann).



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Mon: Parent and Toddlers (9-11:30am),
Tai Chi (2-3pm)
- Tues: Pilates (10-11am),
Martial Arts (4-8pm)
Dance Summer School **starts** July 27th (10-2pm)
- Wed: Roberts Theatre and Dance (4-7pm)
- Thurs: Pilates (10-11am),
Roberts Theatre and Dance (4-8pm)
- Fri: Short Mat Bowls (10-12am)

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (FOR 2021)

- Aug 8th (Sun) - GMH Summer Craft Fair (10-3pm)
- Aug 27th - 30th (Fri-Mon) - Bank Holiday Pop Up Pub
- Aug 28th - 30th (Sat - Mon) - Scarecrow Trail (10-5pm)
- Sept 19th - Age UK Smart Phone Training (10-12am)
- Oct 1st - 31st October - Fotofrolic Competition
- Nov 13th 7:30pm - Hilary James & Simon Mayor (LiveLincs Music)
- Nov 14th (Sun) - Remembrance Day Service (10-12am)
- Dec 4th (Sat) - Christmas Craft Fair (Men in Sheds)
- Dec 11th (Sat - Christmas Bingo (SS)
- Dec 31st - NYE Pop Up Pub
- (For FilmLincs and additional PUP's, see village adverts)

GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

As lockdown measures have been easing in recent weeks, we were allowed to open our bowling green in mid-April. Obviously, there are measures in place for cleaning, social distancing and NHS Test & Trace but at last our members have been able to start bowling again. If everything stays on track then the middle of May will mean larger groups can mix outdoors and our league matches (competing teams of 12 from each club) are scheduled to begin at that time. This season sees our Club competing in the Scunthorpe & District League for the first time after we joined it to fill the gap caused by the demise of the Humberside Triples League at the end of 2019. Visiting clubs will also be able to make use of the fine new visitors' chalet that we built ready for the ill-fated 2020 season. Our Club's dedicated Green Team have been looking after our bowling green, indeed the whole site - throughout last year and it is ready for action during the forthcoming season.

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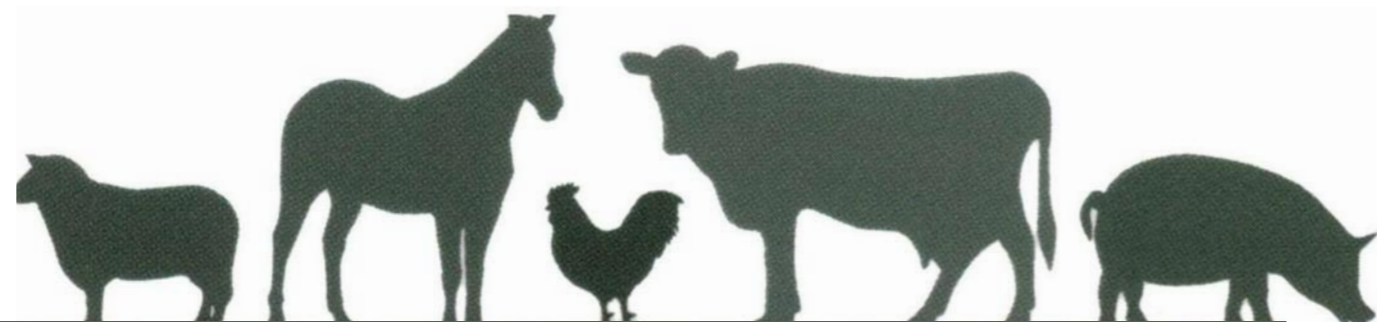
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With such an excellent green and viewing options for spectators, we are hoping to persuade more Goxhill residents to visit us, whether it is to play or simply to watch. For spectators we have seats spread around the green so there should be plenty of scope for social distancing where wanted, as we all come to terms with a return to normality. But ideally, we want to tempt you to try your hand at lawn bowling and even take it up as a regular activity.

Lawn bowling is an inexpensive Summer sport that most people can enjoy at pretty much any age so it's a great pastime for involving the whole family. Even if you have not been active in other sports in the past, you should find bowling well within your physical capabilities and very enjoyable. At Goxhill Bowling Club you can try out lawn bowling entirely free. With a pair of reasonably flat shoes, sandals or trainers that will not damage the green, you should be good to go. We can lend everything else required - all shared equipment being disinfected before/after use - with free coaching and support offered by experienced bowlers. Whilst some of the special measures currently in place feel a bit strange, and perhaps impinge on the traditional relaxed image of bowling, it will not be like that forever.

If you are taking a stroll around the village, particularly in the evening, then why not include Manor Lane on your route and check to see if there's a match on at the bowling green? You are very welcome to just wander in and watch; all we ask of spectators is that they support us in the same polite and sporting manner that we try to play our matches. If you find yourself wanting to know more than the scoreboards reveal, about what's going on, just ask another spectator; there will usually be somebody watching who can explain. If you stay around until the end of the match played - the scoreboard will show how many of the usual 21 ends have been played - then many of our players will be hanging around and happy to chat.

If you need to know any more then please get in touch by telephoning **530363** or contact us via our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com>

John Guggiari

GOXHILL'S COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Looking for Novel Entertainment?

Unfortunately, the relatively small area that Goxhill Community Library occupies within the Parish Rooms means that it is likely to be one of the last libraries to reopen within North Lincolnshire. However, keep your eyes open and the day will undoubtedly come when the "Library Open" signboard reappears outside. If you are a member of the Goxhill Grapevine page on Facebook it is likely that this event will be mentioned there a few days or more in advance.

Meantime, if you are able to go online then North Lincolnshire Libraries offer a host of options free-of-charge. BorrowBox is an e-book and e-audio service allowing you to borrow titles for 21 days. Newsbank offers over 7,000 newspapers and magazines. Or if you are looking for reference material then there are numerous sources of local history, national biography, dictionaries and encyclopaedias. All of these are available free using your library card number and its associated PIN.

If you want to borrow a book, then your library card still offers you access to one of the larger libraries in North Lincolnshire that's open or opening soon. And let's not forget all those donated books in the telephone boxes outside the Parish Rooms on Howe Lane and on North End just past the school.

If you are not already a library member or have lost your card, just contact library.enquiries@northlincs.gov.uk to have a new library card issued by the North Lincolnshire Central Libraries Team.

John Guggiari

Could you help to save LIVES?



Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service is a registered charity (number 1098364) training volunteer First Responders to attend 999 emergencies and offer medical help until an ambulance arrives. It has groups all over the historic Lincolnshire county and in our locality the group covers Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland. Whilst LIVES is following guidance from the government, NHS and WHO on Covid-19, medical emergencies do not stop and arguably our communities and emergency services are relying more than ever on the support and care that LIVES offers. We give our thanks to the Community First Responders who are still volunteering their time and attending those in need when they call 999.

Hopefully it will not be too much longer before LIVES is able to recommence formal training of volunteers. As we come out of lockdown measures new volunteers would be welcomed. Might one of those volunteers be you? It requires three things: a genuine desire to help people; use of a car; and a few spare hours each week to be on call. Whilst prior first aid experience would be great; it is not necessary as all training is provided. All equipment and comprehensive training in how to use it are provided at no cost to you.

Within the local LIVES group, experienced responders provide active help and support to their less-experienced colleagues. It's highly likely that you would start by accompanying another responder to calls until you feel ready to attend solo. Regular debriefing and refresher training ensure that issues encountered by your local colleagues are shared and lessons learned.

If you would like to find out more about perhaps becoming a First Responder, without any obligation at all, please contact **Damian Connolly** of the Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland group by telephoning **07747499331** or **530656** or emailing connolly.dam@gmail.com.

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GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Remote difficulties

This last year has been very difficult for everyone, whether it may be the ability to go out to work, school, or visit family or just the normality of life as we knew it. It has been extremely difficult for the Parish Council also to operate as efficiently as we always try to do. Face to face meetings have been impossible and the time limits of ZOOM have very much restricted the length of detailed discussions on every subject, and the ability for a public session prior to the meeting has been sadly very limited, this has appeared to some as unfair, but it has been unavoidable. As we know there has been many expensive items to cover this year that we didn't expect, one could say that these should have been anticipated, by any efficient organisation, but I firmly believe that it is impossible without the use of a Crystal ball. Nevertheless, the work that has been completed was the responsibility of the Parish Council on correct maintenance and safety grounds, and much of it certainly could not have been foreseen. We have also taken on the responsibility of maintenance of the verges and footpaths from North Lincs, and due to requests from members of the public extended these, both in distance and frequency of cutting. Thanks to our very capable contractors this work has been carried out extremely well, and everywhere is looking good.

I hope that this coming year will enable us to return to some normality. Most people on the Council try their very hardest to carry out their responsibilities for the village, and the only reason most of us give so much of our time is to ensure that the services and amenities of the village are in the best order possible. We do have many more facilities to take care of than most villages in this district and along with that comes the increased expenditure if things are accidentally or obviously intentionally, damaged, normal wear and the need of updating, also has to be considered. This year has also carried the expense of ensuring the correct ownership and protection of the Memorial Hall this is now in order and hopefully legally protected for the future as it was always intended, run by the very caring and able Memorial Hall committee.

We have entered the **Best Kept Village** competition again

this year and we will all be working on boxes tubs and green areas, making sure that the village is clean and tidy and as beautiful as ever. With many thanks to everyone who adds to this with their own plants and displays, after all it is very much a joint effort.

Playing Field

Mostly in good order, following more repairs to the MUGA carried out by members of the PC, for which we are grateful. The wooden framework is to be replaced around the Zip Wire as soon as possible; this should prevent the bark from being spread and also prevent trips. The rest of the equipment is in good order. Hopefully we will have no more arson around pick nick tables.

One of the bench seats is continually moved from its correct site to the Skate park area, this leaves metal fastenings exposed in the base, this can be a hazard. Please leave things where they are intended to be.

Millennium Green

Looking as beautiful as ever, the hedges have all been trimmed and the bridges have all been treated with preservative and any repairs needed have been carried out. Over 40 new trees have been planted by volunteers, three from the PC and one very able, willing friend. Maybe in the future these can be added to.



Library

LATEST NEWS!

The library 'may be' able to re-open at the beginning of June.

Cemetery

Very tidy now after the flooding earlier in the year. The tree surround at the back is maturing well and the rear side hedge is near completion. The rear border has been added to and this will continue. Topple testing of the grave stones is still to be completed but is very necessary and will be carried out as soon as possible.

Freda Dunkley

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL AGM

THURSDAY 29 APRIL 2021 at 19.30 ON ZOOM

The Chairman reported on the achievements this year, as follows;

The resurfacing of both MUGAs, renewing of the footpath across the Land at Chapel Street, new toddler swings, and of course the building of the long awaited and strived for Skate Park.

More benches have been provided by Lifestyle and these have been placed around the village. Planters have been repainted and continue to flourish.

Since taking over the maintenance of the Public Rights of Way and verges, the council listened to the parishioners and agreed to cut more frequently and included more verges in the cutting scheme.

Millennium green reported on the additional trees that have been planted.

The Cemetery is very well maintained and we frequently receive comments as to how beautiful it looks.

The Parish council continues to support local groups; Playgroup Scouts, Brownies, the local primary school and the local village hall. Speed watch has started and continues to run.

Both in 2019 and 2020 Goxhill has been awarded first in the Best Kept Village the last time this was achieved was 1966. Together with the best playing field and park, and the best tended Cemetery. We recognise the good work of all the contractors, councillors and volunteers. Goxhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan has started, although covid has delayed it.

Thanks were made to the Vice chair and all members of the Council for their work over the past 2 years.

Special thanks go to Ms. Vicky Haines, Proper Officer /RFO to the Council.

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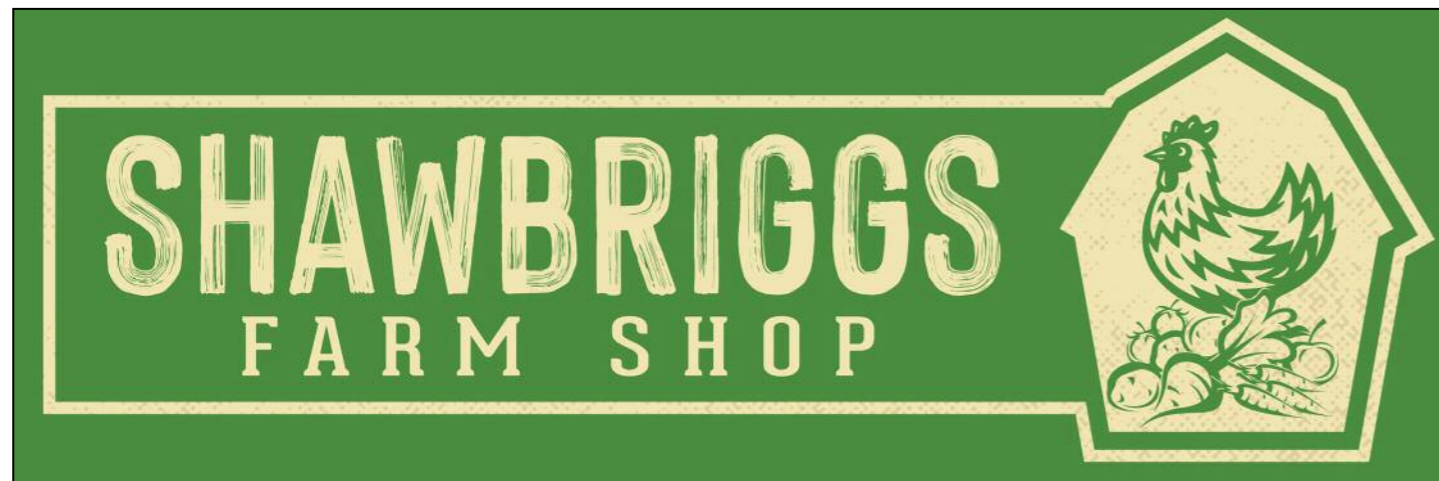
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A report was given by Mrs. Ann Carter re the Goxhill Memorial Hall, on behalf of the Charity Trustees. Thanking the Parish Council for the support and the help with the essential building costs. Listing all the activities that will be welcomed back when it is deemed safe.

A report was made on the necessary repairs needed, which will be carried out as soon as possible.

Also the change from a standard charity to a Charity Incorporated Organisation.

The serious matter of the heavy traffic along South End was highlighted by a member of the public, regarding the recent consultation. All the paperwork and returns on this have been sent to North Lincs. Highways and will be discussed again at the PC meeting in May.

There were concerns raised about the safety to horse riders on the Green Ramper. The surface is reported as impossible to ride on as there is rubbish left across the path from the dyke, this includes some broken glass and branches still in the ground. This is to be discussed at the PC meeting in May.

Concerns were raised by a member of the public regarding the precept, this has been discussed on many occasions prior to this and fully explained. All costs have been checked fully.

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GOXHILL'S HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY

THE HEDGEHOGS OF GOXHILL NEED OUR HELP!!!

There has been sightings of hedgehogs in Goxhill, which is very exciting as their numbers are in decline and they are now on the endangered species list. One of the most common reasons they are in decline is because they are having to cross roads which leads to collisions and fatal injuries.

So, I am encouraging residents of Goxhill to take part in the national initiative called 'The Hedgehog Highway' - which provides a different passage for hedgehogs to take, so they are able to walk the many miles hedgehogs need to walk in order to forage for their food so that they don't have to use the road.



HOW CAN I HELP?

All you have to do to create a hedgehog highway is to simply cut a small hole at the bottom of your fence (around 15x15cm) or remove a brick from your wall to allow the hedgehog a safe passage into your neighbour's garden. For more information, go online and search: hedgehogstreet.org



Encouraging hedgehogs into your garden is a great way to control the bugs in your garden, as hedgehogs' diets mostly consist of insects! Slug pellets and other pesticides are another contributing factor in hedgehog decline as the slugs eat the pellets, then

the hedgehogs eat the slugs which causes them to fall ill. Stop using them and let the hedgehogs do the work instead!

HOW WOULD I KNOW A HEDGEHOG HAS VISITED MY GARDEN?

A key thing to look for to tell if a hedgehog has visited your garden is droppings. Hedgehog droppings are about the size of a small cat poo but are more rounded at the top instead of pointy. Another way of knowing that a hedgehog has visited is by installing a trail camera. Trail cameras are a great way of looking into the secret life of your garden without being too intrusive.



WHAT SHOULD I FEED THE HEDGEHOGS?

Hedgehogs will relish meat-based dog and cat food (no fish). Place a shallow dish containing the food in a sheltered place in your garden at dusk with a dish of water. You can also buy hedgehog food from most garden centre or animal feed supplies. NEVER give a hedgehog bread or milk as this is harmful to them and will give them diarrhoea.



Add your hedgehog sightings to the map at: hedgehogstreet.org. To get a better picture of the hedgehog population in Goxhill you can also contact the Gander with your sightings and approximate location and I will collate the information and put it in a future edition of the Gander.

Thank you for reading, Finlay Hanson

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Bird And Wildlife Sightings by Steve Routledge

Winter's Pond, East Halton

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

11th April - A few niceties were seen and included 3 Ruff (2 Males and a Female) and 6 Wigeon still, hanging on at Winter's Pond. Also along the approach road to Winter's Pond, a lovely Barn Owl was watched hunting, a great sight to see. On the mitigation area, the best sighting's went to 5 Black-tailed Godwit, a Dunlin, 79 Teal and 57 precious Curlew.



Female Wheatear, East Halton Marshes Mitigation area

Migrant species around the 2 sites, included 2 Chiffchaff, a male White Wagtail and my first Wheatear of the year, a female, on the mitigation area.

I then headed to the Skitter where I saw another couple of Chiffs, 2 Oystercatcher, 75 Linnets, 18 shelduck and there were 2 Water Pipit still around the pools.

At Goxhill Haven, I flushed a Red-legged Partridge, now to some people that probably means nothing, but on my patch this species is pretty rare to be fair, so was notable all the same. I stopped in Dawson City for my lunch and some welcome sunshine and respite from the northerly wind and enjoyed my lunch as 3 male Blackcap sang around the reserve. Also on Dawson, were another 2 singing Chiffs and a singing male Cetti's Warbler.



Chiffchaff, East Halton

The walk between Dawson and East Halton Skitter saw another 2 Chiffchaff and a decent count for the time of year of 161 Curlew.

17th April - First goodie as I got out of the car, was that iconic sound of the spring, as a male Cuckoo sang

at the back of Winter's Pond. I eventually located him sat partially hidden in a Willow, but what a great sound and start to the day.

Also at Winter's Pond were 2 singing male Cetti's Warbler, 2 Chiffchaff and a lovely male Blackcap and along the sea wall towards the old seaplane jetty, 2 male Sparrowhawk sunbathed in the early morning sun.

A walk along the sea wall up to the Skitter, saw another addition to the year list and another spring migrant, a lovely Whimbrel. I watched as the bird fed along the rocky shore, giving some lovely scope views, but I could not get close enough to get any video unfortunately.



Badger, East Halton Marshes Mitigation area

The mitigation area held a few nice birds, which included 2 Wigeon, 39 Teal, Little Egret and a cracking male Yellow Wagtail. The latter was another first for the year and added a very welcome splash of colour to the day's sightings.

At 10.00am I was met up with a few friends to carry out a litter pick around the small copse at the Skitter and after 2 hours of graft, we managed to collect 300kg of rubbish. It really is a shame this has to be done, but there are so many people who just do not care about the environment and throw their litter out of their cars or just flytip it.

I headed over to the Goxhill Tillery area for a change.

By now the weather was lovely and a decent 15 degrees and the Butterflies certainly responded with me seeing my first Brimstone of the year, 3 Green-veined White, 11 Small Tortoiseshell and 3 Peacock Butterfly.

Another insect which seems to be doing well and is certainly spreading its range, is the Dark-edged Bee Fly and I managed to see at least 2 around the woodland area at Quebec.

Bird sightings around the area included 11 Common Buzzard, which included a group of 9 drifting high west up the estuary, 3 singing male Blackcap, 7 singing male Chiffchaff, another Whimbrel and Yellow Wagtail also passing over and the final newbie for the year, a singing male Willow Warbler near the Old Boatyard.



Buck Roe Deer, East Halton

A great couple of visits, but still no local Sedge or Reed Warbler, Whitethroat or Lesser Whitethroat or House martin. We really need some southerlies to bring the rest of the migrants in.

Another couple of brilliant visits to the local patch over this weekend, included a mammal encounter I will never forget and finally some better numbers of summer migrants arrive.

23rd April - As it was a lovely afternoon today, Tracey and I decided to go for a walk on the local patch at East Halton.

A couple of new species for the year were the first highlights of the visit, with both a singing male Whitethroat and Reed Warbler being seen and heard at Winter's Pond, a good start to the visit we thought.

As we began to walk along the seawall towards the Skitter, I spotted a Badger feeding on the mitigation area a very strange sighting for the time of

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day. But after thinking how dry the recent weather has been it is possibly just hungry, as dry weather means they cannot hunt for earth worms. It was a real privilege to see this cracking animal and it was our first for quite a while.

We carried on walking finding 2 stunning Whimbrel feeding along the shore, but they were the usual jumpy and shy birds



Pink-footed Goose, East Halton Skitter

this species more than often is, but lovely scope views were enjoyed.

A surprise sighting at the Skitter, was a single Pink-footed Goose and I thought it may be injured or something as the local wintering flock had moved on many

weeks ago, but it looked in fine condition.

A walk back along the mitigation area to the car revealed 3 Little Egret, 2 Black-tailed Godwit and the first Lapwing chick of the season, plus, unbelievably, the Badger was still feeding.

24th April - A dawn start today in fairly cold conditions again, had seen a decent arrival of migrants at Winter's Pond with 5 Whimbrel flying west, now 4 singing male Reed Warbler, 2 singing male Whitethroat, 3 singing male Blackcap and a new species for the year, in the form of 2 singing and displaying male Sedge Warblers. A party of 10 Oystercatcher, also flew north along the estuary from here, an unusual number at any time of the year.

The walk between Winter's Pond and the Skitter was productive also, with my first Common Sandpiper of the year along the shoreline and also a cracking male Cuckoo, which

gave a super close flyby.

Also on the mitigation area were 4 lovely Whimbrel before they headed off north.

At the Skitter, the highlights included another Sedge Warbler, Whitethroat and Common Sandpiper with the Pink-footed Goose also still here.

Breeding success for a pair of Greylags, saw 6 newly hatched goslings following their proud parents about.

Between the Skitter and Dawson City, more migrant arrivals featured, with another 9 singing male Sedge Warbler, 2 Whitethroat and 3 Reed Warbler being seen or heard and 4 singing male Cetti's Warbler were also logged, a good 6 recorded for the day, my most along here.

On the Humber, 3 Bar-tailed Godwit fed along with much smaller numbers of Curlew, than a week ago, as birds depart for their breeding grounds and over head a year tick Lesser Redpoll entered the notebook.

The mitigation area held 3 Little Egret again, with 2 Sand Martin and a couple of Swallow being seen and also another pair of Greylag with a brood of 6 goslings were noted.

Final good sighting of the visit, went to 2 Wheatear feeding along the fence posts on the mit site, the male certainly of the 'Greenland' race and the female probably also.

Steve Routledge. <https://brachytron.blogspot.com>



Male Swallow, Winter's Pond, East Halton

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Goxhill Open Gardens 2021



Back in January, when Jack Lawtey confirmed that he had indeed stepped down from the job in 2020, I offered to make a stab at organising Open Gardens. Nature abhors a vacuum and I seem to be of like mind – I feel a need to fill gaps in my garden and to step into (interesting) gaps elsewhere. Having helped Betty Plumtree and then Jack with some of the smaller organisational tasks over several years, I thought that I had a reasonable idea of what would be involved but, like everyone else, I had no way of knowing whether the pandemic would be in retreat or still raging by June and therefore whether or not we would be able to open any gardens.

'At the time of writing (1st May) we appear to be heading for further easing of lockdown restrictions by the middle of May. Though the Indian covid-19 variant could still put a stop to that and force plans to change.

In advance of the main Goxhill Open Gardens, we are planning to have at least four larger Goxhill gardens open for visitors on **May 23rd or 30th** to allow people to turn up at an open garden gate, without pre-booking, though booking will still be recommended for smaller gardens to avoid potential over crowding.

On **Sunday 4th July** our chapel will reopen, covid restrictions permitting (won't it be wonderful when we can stop using that phrase!), with a service in the morning and a strawberry tea in the afternoon. Also that afternoon, we hope to open a few gardens, maybe lots, to mark the occasion. There may not be as many bells and whistles as in pre-covid years, but we will have balloons marking the gardens (responsibly disposed of after the event) and hope that you will enjoy visiting a wide variety of gardens, large and small, and help to raise funds for our chapel and church.

Please look out for posters and Goxhill Grapevine posts for up to date news of Goxhill Open Gardens.

Anyone who would like to show off their covid lockdown gardening projects should contact me on **01469 532204**. We are always looking for new gardens to add to the itinerary - the more the merrier!

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

MEMORIES OF GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 was meant to be about SATs, getting ready for secondary school and preparing to say goodbye to friends, teachers and a school that has been a second home for the past 8 years. Instead due to the worldwide pandemic my final year has been spent in virtual classroom sessions, lockdowns and social distanced friendships.

We have all missed out on school trips, residential weeks and opportunities to sit our first real exams. All these things help us grow, gain valuable experiences and start us on the paths to becoming adults.

Although we have missed so much, we have still been able to keep in touch as a class through google classrooms and through the help of our teachers who have provided support and guidance over daily morning meetings and drop in-sessions.

This new world of virtual classrooms, which began over the second lockdown was a big improvement as it enabled us to have face to face communication with our friends and allowed us to work with each other when needed. Our teachers were available throughout the day for drop-in sessions. Another great idea, which has helped us still feel 'normal', was the continuation of school assemblies where we could still acknowledge each other's achievements.

The thought of leaving Goxhill School has made me sad as I am having to say goodbye to good friends that I have made and to teachers who have supported me along the way. Secondary school sounds so grown up and I feel nervous about September but with the support of my friends, family and teachers I know the step-up won't be too bad and I feel excited about the new opportunities that there will be for me.

The best memory I will take from Goxhill School was being voted as Head Girl in year six. I felt so honoured that students of the school gave me this opportunity and my year as head girl will always be remembered for the year that we didn't go to school...

One of the biggest honours was to lay a wreath at the Goxhill memorial on Sunday 8th November along with Finlay, Head Boy, for Remembrance Day. The event was very well attended, all socially distanced and wearing face masks but all still able to pay our respects.

Goxhill School has given me the opportunity to learn from amazing teachers and make lifelong friends that I know will always be there for me even though we are going to different secondary schools.

By Miley Joy Plant, Head Girl at Goxhill Primary School

Being well looked after will always be a special memory of my time at Goxhill Primary School; from Pre-school, Breakfast Club, After School Club and the school itself. I have always felt safe, happy and cared for (even during a global pandemic). All the staff members make Goxhill Primary School the best place to be. The teachers make learning enjoyable and challenging, the teaching assistants support my learning, the kitchen staff make the most

delicious lunches; not forgetting the amazing cooking club sessions which I never missed! The staff are always looking for ways to improve the school and I have benefited from

the fantastic outside play areas, the new ipads and the brilliant reading books and library.

Doing something different always sticks in my memory - trips like: The Rock Factory, Pantomimes, Museums, Robinwood and Flamingo Land. Activities like: gardening club, forest schools, discos and school productions were always the best of times.

Being in year 6 has been a great experience where I have the best teacher and the best of friends. My learning has come on in leaps and bounds and my successes are all down to the excellent way I have been taught.

I know Goxhill Primary School has prepared me well for my next step in education and my future. I will always look back with the fondest memories of my time here and would like to thank everyone for making it so special!

By Lucas Cox, Year 6

Going to Goxhill Primary School has been a great experience. All the staff have been brilliant all the way from foundation right up to year 6.

This is where I met my friends and we have such a great time both inside and outside of school.

We have a library with a large variety of books depending on what anyone likes or wants to read; there is a book for everyone in the library! Break times are loads of fun and me and my friends are always entertained by something. We enjoy every break time very much whether we are just running around or playing hide and seek, there is always something to do.

When I was in Year 3, I was once off for around a week and when I got back, we were doing tests and the teacher let me sit in her seat; I definitely felt like royalty for that entire week. My fifth year at school was amazing to say the least, the teacher was caring, and she was also very considerate. Year 6 has definitely taught me a lot and I feel comfortable at all times thanks to my teacher.

In year 4, I remember two personal achievements. One of these was winning an art competition where we had to draw a self-portrait - I somehow won! The prize was a picture of a Labrador and it now sits in a cabinet in my living room. To this day, I am still very proud of this achievement. The second achievement was running. I had a phase where I loved to run. I won medals in cross country at Goxhill and then also at Baysgarth when we went to compete against 3 or 4 other schools.

Goxhill school is very unique and we have excellent break times and it really has helped me to develop and prepare to go to secondary school in September. Some years definitely made me more confident speaking to people and others made me more confident with maths and English etc. Overall, I do think that I have learnt a lot about generally being a more confident person.

I would like to say thank you to the staff at Goxhill Primary for everything that they have done for all the children there.

By Anneka Milton, Year 6

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The first school I went to was a nursery school in Madrid, Spain. If I'm honest, I cannot remember much more about it other than eating biscuits, playing outside in the playground and having a siesta (nap) half way through the day. After that, we moved to Panama and there were a couple schools I attended. I seem to remember them being quite strict but quite fun. Also, we played a lot of football and the school was a Primary School, Secondary School and a Sixth form all together. Next, I came to live in Goxhill just before my 5th birthday. I can remember thinking 'why would I be going to a school, as I thought this was just a cool holiday'. That's when my family and I visited Goxhill Primary School and decided that I should come here. Once I arrived on my first day, in reception, everyone was very kind and welcoming. The students helped me a lot and the teachers were very nurturing and understanding. Additionally, I loved playing outside as there would always be something fun to play with and the teachers definitely made sure people were always enjoying the play equipment. When I got into year 2, I had to do my KS1 SATS. I passed my tests and proceeded into year 3 because I had achieved the KS1 standards. Being a part of Goxhill Primary School gave me the chance to go to a gardening club, Young Voices, cross country, day trips, sports days (A brilliant part of all of my years at

great idea to encourage hard working! I'm really excited to finish my KS2 SATS because we will be able to go on some fun trips like Cleethorpes and Scarborough Water Park! I have really enjoyed my time at Goxhill Primary School and it will undoubtedly be a major part of my childhood. Once I go to secondary school I will miss this school a lot but I'm curious to venture further.

By Matthew Albert Lammin, Year 6



Thinking back to my time at Goxhill Primary school I realised how much I have enjoyed it over the years. Starting from Goxhill pre-school all the way to Year 6 feels like time doesn't exist as it has passed by so quickly and helped me to feel grown-up.

I will have good memories of playing football with my friends and using the outside equipment (before Covid). I have enjoyed my learning and my favourite subjects are history and science. Exploring these lessons by ourselves to see

how things worked and changed over time. I will miss my friends and playing together in the playground, as I move up to secondary. I have enjoyed the many school trips and will particularly remember going to the Deep with my Dad helping and the rock factory with my Mum on my birthday and my Granny helping with the trip to the farm in Foundation. Thank you to all my teachers that have taught me and helped me learn and grow in confidence across these years. I feel my confidence has grown and I look forward to seeing how my sister will grow up at Goxhill Primary School.

By Ethan Cook, Year 6



Goxhill Primary), plays, which I really enjoyed being a part of and even Robin Wood! As well as all of these great activities, in Year 4, there was a period where we would go to swimming lessons at Baysgarth Leisure Centre which I found was a great addition to that year. As I was growing up, I was doing the work that was set and I was

learning quickly thanks to the teachers and people helping me. In year 5, I was voted for class council and I had to go for meetings with other class councils and a teacher. In these meetings, we would collaborate and think of ideas to help out the school. Year 5 was definitely full of happy memories. One of them was getting my bicycle proficiency! Now I am in year 6 and although quite a bit of the time has been in lockdown, Miss Twidale definitely did a great job and made an effort to encourage everyone to learn to the best of their ability. At the moment, we are preparing for our KS2 SATS before we go to secondary school. I also like the fact that we can earn a reward like playing cricket in the afternoon if we worked hard throughout the week. It's a


I started at Goxhill Primary School in Year 3, after moving here from Buckinghamshire. Everyone was very friendly and made me feel welcome. All of my teachers have been kind and really helpful. I have lots of great memories at Goxhill School including sports days, Christmas Fairs, cross country and all the activities we do when it's Easter and Christmas. I have made lots of friends and some best friends too. I am feeling quite nervous about leaving primary school and going to secondary school. I also feel excited though, as it is something new and some of my best friends are going to the same school as me, so I won't be on my own.

By Autumn Brown, Year 6

A PARENT'S VIEW OF HOME SCHOOLING DURING LOCKDOWN by Kirsty Hudson

Are you ready for this? How I felt about remote learning during lock-down.

Well where do I start? OK, so last year home schooling as well as the pandemic hit us all like a ton of bricks, the situation we were faced with was so unknown to us parents and teachers alike... But its OK, it won't last long, they'll be back in school soon... How wrong were we? Here's us parents 'yeah, it'll be OK' as we are dragging our minds back to our school days to help them, it shouldn't be too hard right? Oh my days! I have one just starting primary and one in the last year... It'll be OK, I'll help the eldest and the eldest can help the youngest... Now let's get on with Google classroom, yep I've set one up on the laptop the other through the PlayStation, not tech minded? I'm feeling pretty proud of myself at this point, trying to plan a home schooling day at home... We'll keep it the same routine as school. Start at 9; morning break; lunch; afternoon break;





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home-time at 3:30. Well this didn't take into account the time needed to re-teach myself the Industrial Revolution or the endless pit-stop breaks to the snack cupboard or the occasions where our stress levels were through the roof and mummy started teaching a new language. 'What country is that from mummy...?' Err-hmm, 'Go play fortnite with your friends for half an hour!', not always winning at parenting, but hey not all bad. The youngest learnt how to count to ten 'rev-ving' his brother.

Is it home schooling home-time yet...? Our poor teachers, they don't need an apple they need an apple based alcoholic drink to get them through. I usually only ever drink on special occasions but even I am really toying with opening that bottle of Bud light right now. Its OK, I'll get a break soon, when I go to work.



Am I alone? Hell no, speaking to other parents reaffirms that I'm doing OK, I am not alone, great, I'm not stupid after-all. Have I helped or hindered? Only time will tell.

Thank god we aren't allowed to see anyone, all this stress isn't helping my grey hairs and with the hairdressers shut it can't be fixed, no one will recognise me. But one plus is no one will see the state of the house with the washing pile mounding up, because no one can visit, phew!

There have been so many pros and cons to home schooling. Biggest pros - getting to spend time with my children in an unforeseen circumstance that will probably never happen again in our lifetimes (hopefully!). Not having to do my hair and make up and being able to sit in my dressing gown drinking my cup of tea still at 9am everyday, and nobody knew.

I have so much new found admiration for the teachers, being on hand to help us, I mean, our little cherubs, all 30ish of them, as well as their own to deal with! (when I struggle with just mine). Doing daily meeting calls from their own homes with the occasional pet or child photo-bombing the chat, me hiding in the background trying to listen in so I can understand what today's lessons are all about to help if needed and feeling like I'm relearning my school days. I remember a TV quiz programme 'Are you smarter than a 10 year old?' now I'm questioning my ability to win against my own child.

Yes, I'm polishing a medal for them, myself and all the others parents out there too. We have to look back at this point and be so proud of ourselves, our schools and mostly our children. We have proven we can all adapt and overcome, well done...!

Am I more knowledgeable? Yes, are they? God I hope so...!



News from Goxhill Methodist Chapel

In amongst the debacle of the proposed European Super League that made headlines a few weeks ago there was lots of talk about how football already doesn't serve the fans. Astronomical ticket prices keep people with modest incomes out of Premier League stadiums and if you want to watch all the TV coverage of a top team in the league and Europe, you are likely to need at least three subscriptions on top of your BBC licence fee. Sky obviously led the way (re)inventing football in 1992, with the most prominent tag line they have for their weekend programmes being 'Super Sunday'. For Sky Sports, every Sunday is Super Sunday, no matter who's playing, and that schedule has carried on this season even as fan-free matches have had a very different feel.

For those of us with faith and a tradition of attending worship as proud as those supporters of a football team, Sundays haven't been as special over the past 15 months or so. Even when services could take place in person, not being allowed to sing changed the atmosphere. Some friends are absent because they have to shield but others chose not to return because as Methodists we ask if it really is worship at all without music.

For those with the technology, there are Zoom services with music (and the circuit service done out of Brigg has been a lifeline to many) but everyone wants to get back to normal,

and for us our normal is Sunday mornings at 10.30 taking our place in the pews – and no matter who's preaching that makes for a super Sunday.

So it is with relief that we can now prepare to reopen full time from 4 July. Revd Enid Knowles will be leading us, an organist is booked, and to celebrate we will be serving a strawberry tea. Caroline Atkins is hoping to have a few gardens open and we'll see how that goes as another special event to celebrate and restore.

It will be a slow return to all the usual activities at the chapel – pop-in, lunches, whist drives – and we will be in touch with those groups, who before Covid regularly used the schoolroom, in the hope it won't be long before we can welcome back the singing group and martial arts classes among others.

And what is most special of all is that, unlike the ESL, this is no closed shop. All are welcome every first, third and fifth Sunday morning at 10.30, and to the social activities advertised on our noticeboard. For us, the chapel is the place to go to celebrate like we're fans of champions Man City or when we're as disheartened as a relegated Grimsby supporter.

All are welcome, not just the select few.

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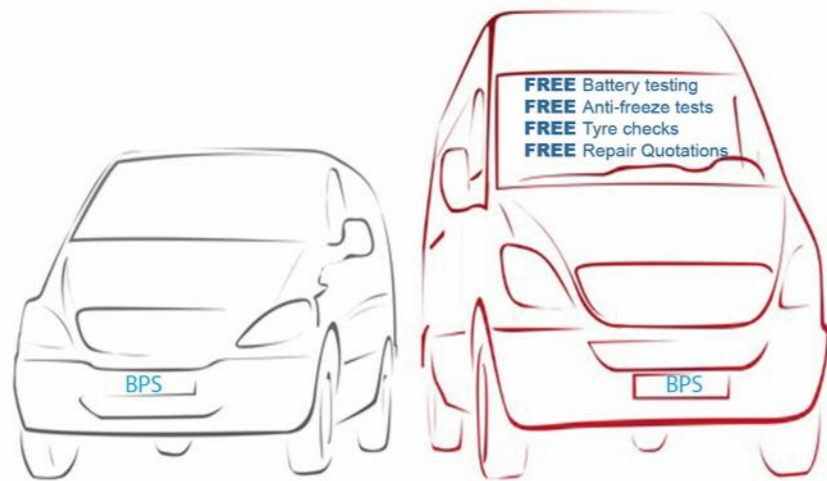
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"Nothing is ever settled until it is settled right." Rudyard Kipling.

Firstly, I do not think this article would be complete without mentioning the passing of HRH Prince Phillip. Whilst we were always aware of the many gaffs, he made it is only through documentaries since his death that we really saw into a truly great man who did much for the country and gave so much of himself to support our Queen. Whether you are a royalist or not he has to be admired as a man. Like most of the royals did much for the horse industry playing polo and partaking very hairy carriage driving. One cannot buy nerve or talent.

One Way System - In the last edition of The Gander we were asked for an opinion on the proposed one way system in a bid to relieve the traffic situation down South End. No solution has been found but I was mortified to find this problem has been going on for years with meetings taking place between Parish and Ward Councillors, North Lincs Council and MP Martin Vickers yet, most of the village including myself were quite oblivious of it. We are one village. The situation should never have been allowed to arise in the first place let alone escalate. A solution must be sought.

Best Kept Village - Organised by CPRE (Campaign for Protection of Rural England). Judging takes place at the end of July and since we won last year it poses even more of a challenge to defend our title. Especially as we only won by one point against Barrow, which always looks neat and tidy. We are so lucky in having super mowing teams in Barton Mowing on the playing field and Nettletons for all other areas. The difference this makes to the village is amazing. We should also commend the residents who mow outside their properties from JS Tyres onwards which makes a huge contribution to the look of the village.

Wildlife Conservation Area - Chapel Street - This is still going to happen, but much delay has been incurred because the trees were infected with Honey Fungus. Some trees have been removed. Others are still to be cut down and the trunks drilled out and disposed of correctly to avoid contamination. One tree, nearest the road, is over electricity cables so must be dealt with by the Electricity Board. We are on their list! Replacement trees will have to fill the following criteria: British, contribute to wildlife and be honey fungus resistant. A list of suitable varieties will be drawn up. An idea has been put forward for sponsorship whereby a person or group, pay for an appropriate tree and if they wish they may like to erect a plaque at the base whether it be a family, club or in memory of a loved one. This is a community project and the loss of the trees and an unexpected added expense. There are volunteers and we have had some donations, but we do not have an abundance of money. Fundraising has been impossible in the current climate, but we have started. We will be holding a yard sale so watch out for advertising.

Animal Welfare Bill - On the 28th April 2021 the Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Bill passed the last stage in the House of Lords and will become Law increasing sentences from 6 Months to 5 Years. This is the most significant change to animal welfare legislation since 2006. It has taken five years in total but shows there is strength in numbers when people

come together to fight for a cause.

Restricted Byways - Both Little Ramper and The Ramper have been the cause for complaints. These are restricted byways and as such it is actually a criminal offence under the 1985 Road Traffic Act to drive any motorised vehicle on them. There are plans to improve the surface and we will be asking for volunteers to clear litter from the area. There is also a National Project for community litter picking and publicity will be given nearer the time or you can contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Money Saving Tip - A tip for horse owners and those that have dogs aspiring to agility. Baby's potties, which are very inexpensive, can be used as an alternative to cavalletti's. They are portable and stackable when you want to increase height.

Horse Needs Calendar - We are now at the time of year for fly masks and sprays and the dreaded laminitis. It will also be an opportunity to take rugs in for washing and repair ready for next winter.

Just a reminder to those who are not aware please do not feed mown grass to horses. We know they love them but it can cause colic and prove fatal to a horse.

Environmental items - If you use GOOGLE or any other search engine to find things on the Internet, a way to help the environment, without it costing you anything, is to use ecosia instead. Downloaded free from the app store. It makes a contribution to planting trees each time it is used. See <https://www.ecosia.org> for more information.

The CPRE are asking for more signatures for their petition which is calling for the Government to fulfil the promise they made two years ago to implement a deposit return scheme on bottles. This cuts down on litter and pollution. At the time of writing 19,080 people have signed up and the target is to collect 25,000 signatures and it will actually be delivered in a bottle.

In the last edition I observed there was an increase in litter with face masks being discarded. These are flimsy and it helps to tie them in a knot before you put them in a bin as it prevents them being caught by the wind.

Any grass mowing's should not be disposed of by tipping them into a ditch. This is fly tipping. Put them in a compost bin, a waste bin or take them to the Recycling Centre.

Things are starting to return to normal and horse competitions are beginning to take place. Good luck to everyone entering and please let me know how you get on and what the event was like.

I am pleased that the only surviving local show is planning to take place at East Halton on 8th August. For those new to the village this is a brilliant day out not to be missed.

Thats all for this edition. Take care and ride safely.

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

Joseph Henry Maplethorpe was the son of George Croft Maplethorpe (1854-1929) who had been born in Habrough and Hannah Elizabeth Maplethorpe (1859-1935). Hannah Elizabeth Maplethorpe (nee Moody) had been born in Goxhill. At the 1861 census she is aged one year and listed living with her parents and brother close to the Royal Oak Inn which was on Westfield Road. On one side of the Moody family are the Roe family. Samuel Roe and his six year old son William were the future grandfather and father of Fred Roe (Gander Spring 2019). After the Roe and Moody families is William Evison and his wife Hannah. William was the brother of my three times great grandfather John Evison. Frances Martinson, a widow, is listed after William Evison and after Frances, John Dobson, Innkeeper and Farmer at the Royal Oak Inn. By the 1871 census the Moody family had moved to Ulceby.



The Royal Oak on Westfield Road, c1919.
It is the low building this side of the pub sign.

Joseph Henry Maplethorpe was born in Habrough on 4 May 1895. He was the ninth of George and Hannah's surviving ten children. The Goxhill Roll of Honour of 'those from this village who have answered the call of 'King and Country' records 'Maplethorpe J. H. 8th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment; Maplethorpe Wm. 133rd Battery, Royal Field Artillery and Maplethorpe G. 76th Battery Royal Field Artillery'.

now known as Khadki, which lies south east of Mumbai in western India. The 76th Battery were sent to Mesopotamia (present day Iraq) in November 1914. George didn't receive the 1914-1915 Star for this reason; it was awarded to those who served in any theatre of war against Germany between 5 August 1914 and 31st December 1915. He was awarded The British War and Victory Medals which were awarded for service in a theatre of war or service overseas between 5 August 1914 and 11 November 1918. I haven't been able to find any other record for George's service. What I do know is that he married Minnie Chapman of East Halton in 1922 and that he died in North Killingholme in 1936.

George and Hannah's third son, William, had been born in Bradley near Grimsby in 1889. William's medal record cards show that he was promoted from Gunner to Bombardier and that he was in receipt of all three victory medals. His date of disembarkation to France was given as 12 May 1915 and the theatre of war

specified as being against Germany. I have found it impossible to track William's service but I do know that he returned safely. He married Winifred Lowery in Hull in 1927. In the 1939 census William is recorded as a 'Bricklayer' and living in Hedon.

Joseph Henry Maplethorpe was the fourth of the five sons of George and Hannah Maplethorpe. By 1901 the family were recorded in Grimsby. George Croft Maplethorpe was described as a 'Rullyman'. A Rully was a four wheeled cart operated by manpower rather than horse. This was the only census when George's employment wasn't associated with farm work. The family's address, given for Joseph in the School Admission Register, was 39 Anderson Street, Grimsby. Anderson Street lies adjacent to the River Freshney and close to Freshney Place Shopping Centre in the centre of Grimsby.

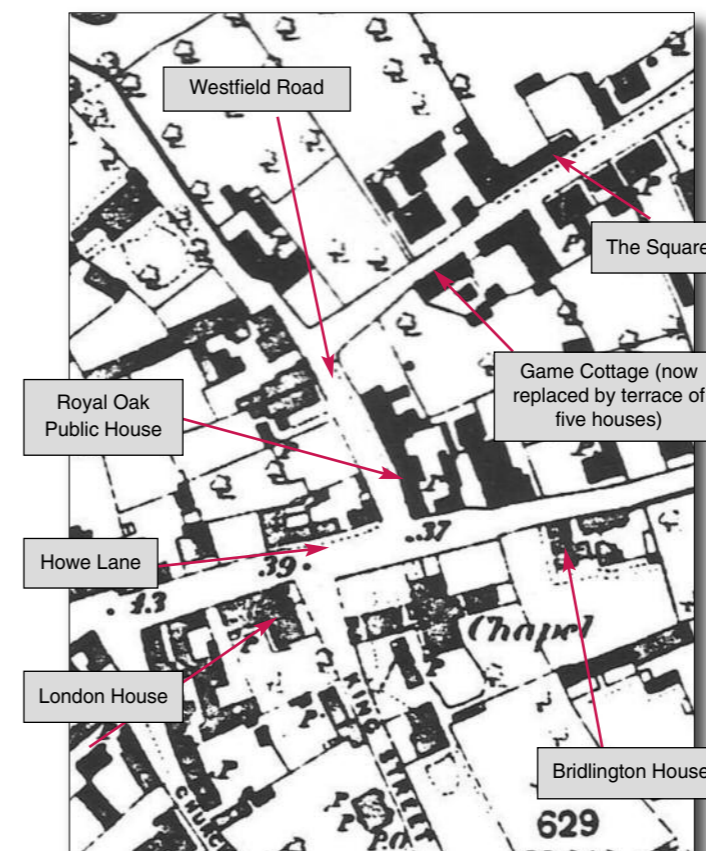
When Joseph enlisted into the 8th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment he gave his address as East Halton. The date of his disembarkation to France is given on his medal record as 10 September 1915. He landed at Boulogne after sailing from Folkestone in Kent.

The 8th Battalion arrived in France just two weeks before the Battle of Loos which was the biggest British attack to take place in 1915. The soldiers marched through the night, carrying their full equipment and camped during the day to reach the battlefield. The weather conditions were cold and wet and the 8th Battalion were inexperienced. By the end of their first battle they had lost 22 of their 24 officers and 471 other ranks were either killed, wounded or missing. The 8th Battalion went on to fight at Armentieres and then, between 1 and 13 July 1916, at Albert on The Somme. The Battalion suffered 214 casualties in this battle (all taken from online sources).

Joseph was declared Killed in Action on 3 July 1916. His record in the Register of Effects states that his death occurred sometime between the 1st and 3rd July. His body was not recovered for burial.



Thiepval Memorial



Map dated 1884 showing central area of the village

George and Hannah's oldest son had died in 1909. Their second son and the oldest of the three brothers who served, George Francis, had been born in Habrough in 1885. In the 1911 census a George Maplethorpe was recorded as a 'Gunner' serving in the 76th Battery, Royal Field Artillery who were based in Kirkee,

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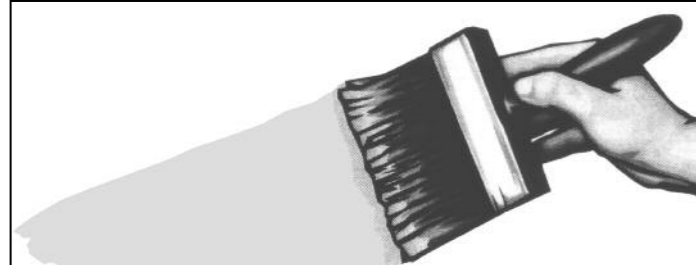


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He is remembered on The Thiepval Memorial on Panel 1C, the same memorial as Albert Butler Janney (Gander Autumn 2019) who was Killed in Action on 13 November 1916 and who is remembered on Panel 2C. Thiepval Memorial is north of the town of Albert.

Joseph Henry MAPLETHORPE, Private 12560, 8th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in Action 3 July 1916. Aged 21 years. Born 2nd quarter 1895 Habrough. Resident of Goxhill Marsh. Son of George Croft and Hannah Elizabeth Maplethorpe of Goxhill Marsh and later Church End, East Halton.



Joseph Henry Maplethorpe. Photo courtesy of Reverend Lee Gabel of Limber Church.



Fig. J. H. MAPLETHORPE. We regret to record that Mr and Mrs G. Maplethorpe, of Goxhill Marsh, have received the official notification from the War Office that their son, Private GREENE, who distinguished himself in Lincolnshire, was killed in action in France on 3 July 1916. He was a smart lad, a good soldier, and great company a fellow for the bereaved parents, who formerly resided at Habrough.

Hull Daily Mail 5 August 1916

Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial Panel 1C. Also commemorated at St Peter's church, Limber Magna.

The extract from the Hull Daily Mail of 5 August 1916 which states that Joseph's parents were residents of Goxhill Marsh is the only record of their living in Goxhill, all other records state their address as being Church End in East Halton. I felt a strong desire to provide a sense of place for Joseph in Goxhill.

William Newmarch was first recorded in Goxhill in 1851. His farm was listed after houses on the Salt Marsh (Ferry Road) and was the only residence identified at 'Neatgangs' (Neatgangs Lane off Ferry Road). William and his wife Mary had two children, a son named John Hart Newmarch (1829-1913) and a daughter Mary Hart Newmarch who had been born in Wootton in 1839.

The 1861 census shows the Newmarch farm and a second house on Neatgangs Lane which was occupied by William Dent, a farmer, who in the 1851 census had been listed a 'Coal Merchant, Farmer and Publican' at Ferry House, Goxhill Haven. The Newmarch and Dent families are followed on the 1871 census by John Parker at Beeton's Farm, identified in other census records as Willow Garth Farm. This, I believe, shows that the Newmarch family lived at the house now known as Orchard House and William Dent at the house now named Neatgangs Farm (Maps showing this area were published in my previous article - Spring 2021).

William Newmarch's wife Mary died in Goxhill in 1869 and the April 1871 census records the widowed William living with his son John Hart Newmarch and his newly married daughter, Mary Maplethorpe, who is their 'Housekeeper'. I cannot find any evidence for the whereabouts of Mary's husband William Maplethorpe who she had married in Goxhill on 16 February 1871. On 10 July 1871, three months after the census and six months after his sister's marriage, John Hart Newmarch

married Martha Lyell Bachelor (1848-1922) in Goole.

Martha Lyell Newmarch nee Bachelor's mother was Elizabeth Maria Bachelor nee Lyell (1803-1890). Elizabeth's younger sister, Hannah Lyell (1811-1869) married William Evison in Goxhill in 1839. This is the same William and Hannah Evison who were recorded living next to Hannah Elizabeth Moody (mother of John Henry Maplethorpe) and her family in the 1861 census. When Hannah Evison, wife of William died in 1869, her niece Frances Bachelor (1852-1878) who was Martha Newmarch's younger sister, became William Evison's housekeeper. Frances then married Frederick Martinson in Goxhill in 1872. Frederick and Frances Martinson were the parents of David Alexander Martinson (1874-1918) (Gander Winter 2018).

So how do we connect this back to Joseph Henry Maplethorpe? William Maplethorpe (1843-1915) who married Mary Hart Newmarch was the eldest brother of George Croft Maplethorpe (1854-1929) who was the father of Joseph Henry Maplethorpe. The 1911 census for Goxhill Marsh records John Hart Newmarch (Mary Maplethorpe's brother) living with his wife Martha (nee Bachelor) and two farm workers in Neatgangs Lane. John and Martha had no children. John Hart Newmarch died in Goxhill in 1913 and Martha in 1922. I wonder if Martha Newmarch continued at the farm after John's death with the support of her sister in law's husband's younger brother and his wife (George Croft and Hannah Elizabeth Maplethorpe) and that Joseph Henry Maplethorpe and his brothers' 'place' in Goxhill could be the Newmarch farm on Neatgangs Lane?

In an unrelated line of research I came across the records for **Sydney Ireson Blanshard**. Sydney served, like Joseph, with the 8th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. He disembarked in Boulogne on 29 November 1916 and died in France on the 25 April 1917 as the result of a gunshot wound to his neck. The Blanshard family had been living near Broughton. By 1923 when the Broughton war memorial was unveiled bearing Sydney's name, his mother Amelia's address is given as Neatgangs Farm, Haven Road, Goxhill. By the 1939 census Amelia Blanshard and her husband John are recorded living in North End, Goxhill, in the Elm Lane area. John died in Goxhill in 1942 and Amelia in East Halton in 1945. They are both buried in Goxhill. Sydney is buried in France at the Aubigny en Artois Communal Cemetery which lies to the west of Arras.

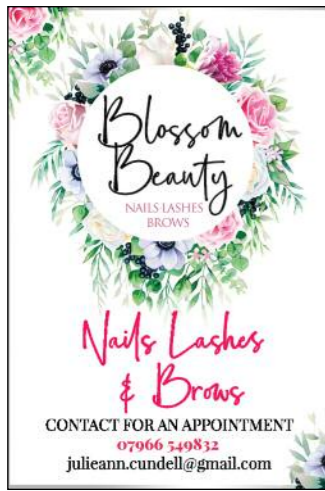


Sydney Ireson Blanshard (1897-1917). Photograph courtesy of Linda D Campbell.

Sidney Ireson Blanchard is not listed on the Goxhill WW1 Memorial Plaque. Elizabeth Fincham

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GOXHILL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN -UPDATE



As mentioned in the last edition of the Gander, progress with the Goxhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan (GPNP) has been limited since the start of the pandemic. However, with the prospect of most lockdown restrictions being lifted towards the end of June, it is time to get things moving again. The first action will be to hold a much delayed Annual General Meeting. This will be an opportunity to update parishioners on where we are so far with the plan, and what the next steps are.


The Steering Group is somewhat diminished in numbers at the moment. The issue of Parish Council representation was resolved when Sam England put his name forward at the March Parish Council meeting to be part of the Steering Group, and this was accepted. However new members from within the Parish are still needed. Ideally the Steering Group needs to be as diverse as possible, to reflect the population of the Parish, and encompass as many skills, and as much knowledge as possible. Another 4 or 5 new members would be ideal.

We know that when a particular issue arises, for example the proposed one-way system, parishioners can become very passionate about what is being proposed. We would like to harness some of that passion into the Steering Group to look at potential longer term solutions. Even if do not want to become fully involved, but have some knowledge or expertise in a specific area, such as, for example, drainage, we'd still like to hear from you. The AGM will provide an opportunity to ask questions, and find out exactly what is involved.

As soon as a date for the AGM can be arranged, details will be published on Social Media, including the Parish Council Website, the Parish Council notice boards, and in other prominent places around the village.

In the last issue we stated that the North Lincolnshire's Draft Local Plan was due to go out for final consultation in February. However it is currently running about 6 months late. It's still at the drafting stage, following the consultation that was held last year. It is estimated to be put forward for adoption by the council end of 2022 for the conclusion of the process. After that it's supposed to be used, together with any local plans that have been completed, to inform any planning decisions. **Paul Morgan, Vice-Chair.**

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 noise 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 queen can set up home. If this happens to be in your tree, on your fence or in part of your house it can be a nuisance and most people would prefer they weren't there!

If you have 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 insect as honey bees www.bbka.org.uk/swarm. It also includes a link to local swarm collectors in case you need their help.

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 move on after a few days. So please try to be patient with the bees. Remember while they are in your garden they will be pollinating the plants in your garden and are unlikely to harm you unless you cross their flight path.

Teresa Graham, Secretary, North Lincolnshire Beekeepers' District



Honeybees
There can be variation in the colour of the main body or abdomen of honeybees, from honey coloured Italian bees to very dark native Black honeybees but all will form a distinctive cluster when they have settled as a swarm. Honeybees have large hairy eyes, a furry chest or thorax and distinctive bent antennae.

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'GOXHILL GROWN' by Geoff Matthews

Arising from a recent telephone conversation with my daughter, I learned that one of your magazine correspondents became aware that I had worked at Hawthorne Gardens for a number of years in the late 1940s/early 1950s. I was contacted by letter and asked if I would write an article for the Goxhill Gander covering my personal experience of working there, and notes about the staff and the vast nature of the work carried out during my time. I readily agreed.

I was further inspired when I was provided with a large group photograph of all the staff of Hawthorne Gardens which marked the occasion of the golden wedding of a founder member Mr Herbert Tyson, and his wife, in 1951. This photograph accompanied by a very accurate list of every named individual including two members of the staff in Hull. (I am far right, top row).

It is now over 74 years since, as a young boy, I got my first job at Hawthorne Gardens. The photograph really helped to refresh my memory of not only my work, but of the very helpful and friendly people I met. I am pleased to say that over my period of service I knew and worked with all of those pictured. I realise that I write about many people who have since passed on, and I might remain as one of the few survivors.

I am unable to accurately recall some incidents and events in great detail, neither can I attempt to reliably sort specific events into chronological order, however, I can clearly remember little bits here-and-there in general terms and memories of my work mates on each occasion.

As was normal in those days one left school in the week of your 14th birthday, not at the end of term. So I left school in mid November 1946 and looked for a job. This was not easy in those post-war days as the whole country was in recovery and businesses etc were trying to re-establish. Very few opportunities arose for young people in North Lincolnshire;

farming was about the only area with occasional vacancies, which I did not fancy at all. I heard that 'Goxhill Gardens' took on young boys at times so as no one had telephones at that time, and to write to a firm took too long, I decided to cycle to Goxhill and find this place.

From New Holland one had to cycle almost to Barrow, then left down to Goxhill where I had never been before. Having asked directions, I finally reached Hawthorne Gardens at the far end of Howe Lane and turned right into the main entrance. From there I saw large packing sheds at the front, and further down there were a few greenhouses. I knocked on the door of the small office and I was greeted by a very nice gentleman who invited me in, but he seemed very busy. I had clearly arrived at the wrong time or the wrong day as it was a Friday; payday for the entire hourly paid staff.

I was only there for about 10 minutes in which time I was offered a job; I was so pleased! On my way home I struggled to recall some of the guidance given about good timekeeping, hard work, etc etc and I realised I had even forgotten to ask about the wages! It was in fact Mr Charles Tyson, one of the company directors, who had taken me on, starting three days later on the Monday morning.

On that day I excitedly cycled to work - a journey which I estimated to be approximately 4 miles. A local boy met me, showed me the cycle rack and told me to go into the large packing shed next to the office where I would be met. Almost immediately a young man came in and I think it was Kees van den Bos, the elder son of Mr Cornelius van den Bos; a senior director who ran most of the horticultural side of the business. It soon became clear that I would initially work alone for hour after hour in this big shed to clean and repair hundreds and hundreds of wooden tomato trays, all of which would be used during the next season.



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Mr & Mrs Tyson's Diamond Wedding 1951. Directors and Staff of Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd and H Tyson Ltd (Hull)
Photograph taken opposite the Memorial Hall entrance, alongside the wall of Spring Garth. (Courtesy of Ron Parker's Goxhill Bygoners)

Top Row			Cornelius (Kees) van den Bos	Arthur Birkett	Les Dunwell	John Bellamy	G Atkinson	Thomas Rigg	William Palmer	Cyril Jacklin	Edgar Thomas Kirk	Eric Birkett	Geoff Matthews	
Second Row Down		A Woods	S Woods	Fred Brumpton	Jack van den Bos	F Heaton	Ronald Ellis	German P of W	K Smith	A Armstrong	John van den Bos	Ken Sarjantson	Fred Mumby	
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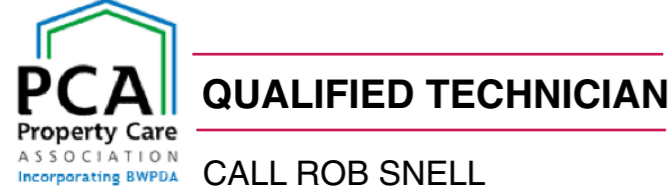
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So my first working day began. I was shown the tools and the standard of work needed. I had only really had time to look at the enormous task in front of me, when in came Mr Cornelius van den Bos himself, (otherwise known as 'Corny'). After the introduction he made sure I knew what was needed, then arranged for another person to show me around the garden and meet a few workers. Naively I thought this was the Gardens, I did not realise there was a much larger area across the road! That day I met quite a few people, everyone welcoming me, and I went home happy.

During my first day I learned that the normal working week for most of the seasons was a 7am start, 8.30 to 9am was an unpaid breakfast break, then work until 12 noon. After lunch it was then 1pm to 5pm five days a week, plus another four hours on Saturday mornings from 8am to noon. In total a 46.5 hour week! Therefore my working day was from leaving home at 6:30 am and arriving home about 5:30 pm. This proved to be an even more significant challenge during the record-breaking winter of 1946-47 when temperatures remained well below freezing and it snowed continually for about 13 weeks. The most direct route to work in that case was to follow the railway line from New Holland to Goxhill. The dyke where the track was had been filled by frozen snow so I was able to walk across several feet of snow to get to work and back.



Cornelius (Corny) van den Bos, younger brother of Jacob. Married to Annie Wilford, he built and lived at Westland Villa (named after the area of his birth in the Netherlands). He was father to Kees, John and Maartje. Photograph courtesy of Ron Parker's Goxhill Bygones.

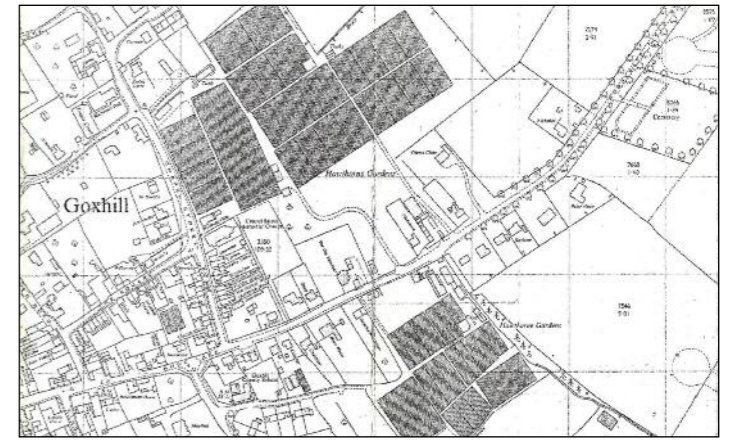
Here, with the help of the photograph, I share some names of people, their jobs, events, and specific incidents. I eventually worked with most of the people featured on the photograph either in the earlier or later years of my time.

The company had five directors in total. In Hull Mr Tyson and Jacob van den Bos (who incidentally came over from Holland in about 1913, and was in fact the purchaser of the 4 acres of land which became Hawthorne Gardens), and in Goxhill the two Tyson brothers Charles and Gilbert, together with Cornelius van den Bos who was the younger brother of Jacob, and was my real boss.

It was towards the end of the chrysanthemum season when I helped out in the packing shed opposite, which was where all the flowers grown during the year were packed and shipped to Hull market. Here I met Eric Birkett, son of Arthur Birkett, the latter who I remember as a member of older groups of men who did the heavier work on the land etc. Eric was partnered by Harry Gibbons, another expert packer and van driver when needed.

I also often worked with Ron Ellis who I believe was a charge-hand and lorry driver, the latter mainly. I must say that Ron had a serious side, always on top of the job, but the more you worked with him you became rather attached. He had a great rapport with us younger boys, mainly because, with a straight face, he would regularly tell us rare tales about outrageous things which he invented and tried to make out that it was the truth. I never knew for certain whether he had been in the Services but he regularly told a story about him being marooned in the desert with only one camel for company!!

I recall one particular day, shortly after the firm had obtained a new lorry, I accompanied Ron with a large consignment of tomatoes which were being taken by road to New Holland where it was unloaded onto small four-wheeled trucks and onto the ferry for Hull. We were late leaving, travelled through



Central Goxhill showing Hawthorne Gardens greenhouses. Map shows Amberlea next to Point Nook which was built by Graham Northen 65/66

a shower, but were making good time. On the road from Barrow to New Holland we got as far as the small junction on the left which was then Evison's West Hann farm and the lane opposite to East Hann, when we had an abrupt stop. We found ourselves surrounded by cow dung which had blocked the entire road! When we finally reached the pier we had the fastest unload ever onto the waiting British Rail trucks due to the disgusting state of our lorry! The loaded ferry departed, and the staff hurriedly changed the pier traffic lights in our favour for us to have a quick getaway back to Goxhill but of course via the 'danger zone'.

As I gained experience, I was frequently occupied in the packing and dispatch of whatever was in seasonal demand. For example, the build up towards Easter was intense, from greenhouse to dispatch, deadlines were often set to meet the demands from the Hull based wholesale office of H Tyson Ltd at 28 Humber Street. Merchants travelled from far and wide to Hull every day of the week to bargain for bulk purchases of both fruit and vegetables. It was a street of many local wholesalers, but their favourites in almost every case was anything which was labelled 'Goxhill Grown'. Daily, orders were received from Hull, either to meet urgent demands or requests for supplies for customers for the next day. It was our duty as packers and dispatchers to meet these demands and, if necessary, forego a few breaks.

Easter also saw the peak demand for every single rose available regardless of colour, all grown under glass. In addition, thousands of tulips were packed having also been grown from bulb boxes planted in a field, initially soil covered, then brought into gradually heated greenhouses, skilfully grown to meet market demands. I was still part of the team responsible for getting things to Hull. The ladies were the expert packers and include Vera Towle and, if I remember correctly, her sister Joan. I also recall Elsie Shearwood, Dorothy Twidale, and Jean Palmer, daughter of Bill Palmer. Similarly, over time, the job of preparing some of the tulips etc was done by Sidney Wood, Roy Peeps, Jerry Greenfield, Derek Staves and myself.

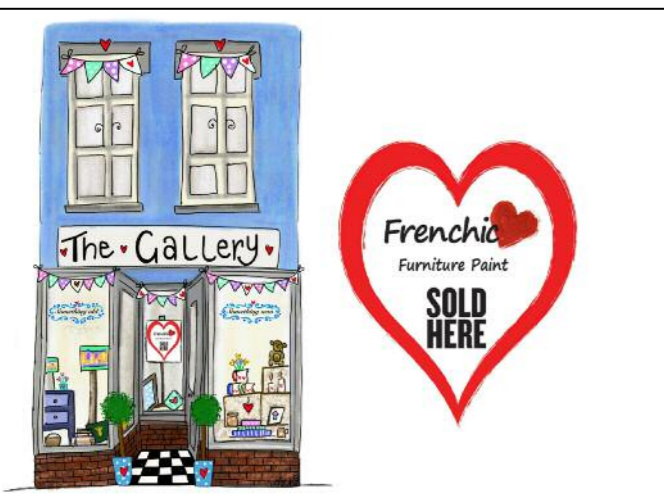
And so it went on annually throughout the year and depending on the season and demand levels. This included cauliflowers, lettuce, grapes and of course the intense period of tomato time, the latter I will mention in more detail.

The large shed in which I had repaired hundreds of tomato



Back row Not sure. Front row left to right Joan Towle, May Robinson, Vera Towle, Dorothy Twidale. Photograph courtesy of Bill Palmer's granddaughter Linda Campbell (Dorothy later married Bill Palmer).

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trays was where this enormous harvest was dealt with, and most of the time I was a key worker. The aim was for maximum high-quality produce from both sides of the garden complex and both the senior male workers and the aforementioned girls did all the hard work, carefully selecting and pulling baskets and baskets full of superb tomatoes. They worked under very hot conditions in the greenhouses in those times.



Back row left to right Ken Sarjantson, Bill Palmer, James Blackburn? Front row left to right Tom Rigg. Not known. Photograph courtesy of Bill Palmer's granddaughter Linda Campbell.

The tomatoes were carefully emptied into larger wooden boxes and loaded onto a trailer, then transported to the packing shed. This work was sometimes done by Ron Ellis or Tom Rigg. The shed had already been set out, with long rows of clean tomato trays laid out on long benches. The large boxes were very carefully tipped down into the small trays which held 12lb of tomatoes in each. This stage was generally personally supervised by Mr 'Corny' van den Bos. When a table area was full, each tray was personally handled by Corny, who made sure the tray was carefully weighed and the top tomatoes were facing the right way up. The tray was then handed over to such as myself to finish the tray off for market. My job was to place a cellophane cover over the top which enabled customers to view the produce. To make sure that none were lost or damaged in transit I then had to firmly fasten the cover down at each corner by a tacking machine.

Whenever we reached an economical load, it was picked up and taken to Goxhill station, then by train to New Holland pier, then ferry to Hull, where again the load was transported by the H Tyson lorry to the Humber Street warehouse where very often dealers from far and wide had agreed the price

and were already waiting to collect their order and set off for home. I did not know much about these arrangements at the time but would do later in my career. I know that Goxhill grown produce was daily going far afield, for example as far north as Durham and as far west as Liverpool.

There was no doubt that Hawthorne Gardens was the major grower in North Lincolnshire, with great expansion taking place to meet ever increasing demand and more new greenhouses being built. The tomato season stretched over about 4 to 5 months, and at peak periods often packed over a ton each time (equalling about 186 12lb boxes). Every load regardless of volume was always sold in advance at Hull before our lorry delivered via the ferry to meet daily demands.

I actually had a short break when I was about 16-17 years old as there was better scope for jobs for young people locally. Short-term, I took an easier job near home with much shorter working hours but this did not work out, and I soon re-joined Goxhill Gardens and settled into the familiar seasonal routines. I also became involved in a much wider range of work and with almost the same level of regular staff. However early in 1951, by which time I was 18, something arose which affected my immediate working future and which, looking back, had quite an influence on what I might do in the future...



L-R Roy Peeps, Don't know, Jim Naylor? Bill Palmer. Photograph courtesy of Bill Palmer's granddaughter Linda Campbell

The second part of Geoff Matthews' article will continue in the next issue of the Gander.

If you have any further information to add to the history of Hawthorne Gardens, please contact the editor on editor@goxhillgander.com

I would like to acknowledge the help that Charlie Guilliat has given in naming a number of people in the photographs.



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Although not allowed by Covid restrictions to meet in person, members of Barrow Rotary Club have continued to meet and communicate via Zoom and Whats App and it was via these media that one of our members, Laura, gave us information on a project she had initiated to raise money to buy hand creams for local key workers. She had learned from a friend that continued use of hand sanitisers had caused her hands to become sore - hence the reason for the hand cream. With the money she raised and a donation from our club funds she was able to purchase sufficient number of tubes of hand cream to supply the staff at Central Surgery in Barton (nominated by an on-line poll), the three care homes in Barrow and the staff at the Co-op stores in Goxhill and Barrow. It was felt this was one way of expressing our thanks for their hard work and equally as important to help soothe their sore hands after the continual use of sanitiser.

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