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*Special Platinum Jubilee edition
Summer 2022*



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able to celebrate a **Platinum Jubilee** before!!!

Goxhill has certainly risen to the occasion and have planned so many events to celebrate the Jubilee, over the special 4 day Bank Holiday week. **All organised by people of Goxhill, for the benefit of all the residents of Goxhill.**

There is something for everyone. From a whole host of activities and stalls, too numerous to list here, on the **Millennium Green** in the afternoon and the evening of Thursday, leading up to the **lighting of the beacon**. There are more things to enjoy on Friday - **Goxhill Bowls Club Open Day**, the famous **WI Teas** at the Memorial Hall, plus a special peel from the **Goxhill Bell Ringers**. On Sunday, a '**Big Lunch**' picnic, followed by a **Special Service**, both at All Saints Church, as well as a '**Picnic in the Paddock**' at Shawbriggs Farm Shop. A programme of events at the **Memorial Hall** is organised for the whole weekend, including **live music** on Friday and Saturday nights and a **Treasure Hunt** running over the 4 days.

This is just a summary of all that is going on and is a tribute to all the hard work in planning and organising, that is involved from all the volunteers. With support from **Goxhill Parish Council** and **North Lincolnshire Council**.

So I hope you can enjoy these events and get involved with the whole Jubilee celebration. If you can, please decorate your house, street and business (**there is a prize!**) and perhaps volunteer to help out at one of the events or stalls.

For the full details of all these events (correct at the time of going to print, so there is still time for other events to get added), see the **Jubilee centre page supplement** with a fiendish Jubilee Quiz, the **Memorial Hall article on page 15**, the **WI Teas on page 7 and 15** and the **Bowls Club Open Day for all, on page 19**.

There are also some fascinating memories of **Meeting the Queen** and of other Jubilees and Royal occasions, on **pages 33-35**. Plus there are a few fun things for the children to do on **page 31**.

But the Jubilee is not the only topic in this edition. There are all the usual news, entries and interesting articles for your information and entertainment, from our brilliant, greatly valued, regular contributors.

But special mentions must go to two young people of Goxhill, who have achieved absolutely amazing things, **pages 25-29**, and deserve our congratulations. **Very well done!** And don't miss the brilliant **Open Gardens page 11**.

All those people involved in contributing, in so many ways, to this edition, are the vital parts that make the Gander such a brilliant newsletter. We also thank all our regular advertisers for their loyal support to cover the production costs. Plus all our brilliant delivers who get the Ganders into the letterboxes of every house and business within the parish, come rain or shine. **On behalf of the village I thank you all. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!**

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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

Light up the fire....

The bats of Goxhill church were not happy. In fact, they were holding a council of war hanging strategically from a rafter just above the vicar's chair, thereby hitting their targets at the same time.

"I heard it distinctly", said Hubert, "The Warden chap said they were going to start burning incense because it would smoke us out! The nerve of it! It's bad enough having to listen to their croonings and the vicar's waffle, without being treated like kippers!"

The others nodded in agreement.

"It may never happen", said Cuthbert, peacefully. He'd just had lunch and would rather have liked a snooze.

"Harumph!" snorted Digby, "Just have a look down there".

The bats looked into the chancel and sure enough, there was a thurible hanging on a wooden stand.

"Seems they borrowed one to see what everybody thought", said Digby. A wicked gleam came into the eye of Hubert, in spite of his habitual gastric difficulties.

"Did they now?" he said. "Well in that case we'd better make sure that they think it was a big mistake. How fortunate that they left the lid off. All hands on deck – was it a very large lunch, Cuthbert? Follow me and aim carefully!".....

The following Sunday the bats watched proceedings with rather more interest than was their custom. The thurible was prominently displayed and was soon producing a gentle cloud of smoke. The bats clutched their sides with mirth as, instead of the fragrant aroma of roses, a pungent smell remarkably like – er – droppings began to fill the church. The congregation coughed and buried their faces in their handkerchiefs and the vicar looked decidedly baffled and was seen to check the label on the box containing the incense several times. As several people made for the door and some fresh air, a Warden advanced on the thurible with a glass of water and hastily extinguished the malodorous bonfire. The bats exchanged satisfied smirks as they regarded the retreating backs of the congregation.

"So who was it that was going to be smoked out?" asked Digby. "I think that little experiment is over. Well done, chaps". And just for good measure he delivered a neat missile to the lectern.

"Might as well get a head start for next week" he observed.

Rev. Liz

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends

On 6th February 2022 our Queen, Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to reign for seventy years and so celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. She is also the world's longest-serving current Head of State and the longest reigning queen in world history. That is quite an achievement in itself and Elizabeth II is remarkable for that reason alone.

But I believe that our Queen is remarkable for a more important reason. Throughout her reign she has worked tirelessly for the good of others. She has put the welfare of her country above her own needs and has served her people faithfully. Some people have called her "The Servant Queen".

Queen Elizabeth II is also a committed Christian and in everything she does she is inspired by the example of Jesus. Jesus too served others. He taught and healed people and eventually gave up his life for us all.

The Bible says of Jesus:

"he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:7-8)

Putting other people first like this is a sign of true greatness.

This year we celebrate the reign of an amazing queen. As we do so we can also follow her lead and be willing to do all we can to help other people in our local community and beyond.

I hope you all have wonderful jubilee celebrations.

Best wishes, Sally

DEADLINE FOR THE AUTUMN EDITION OF THE GANDER

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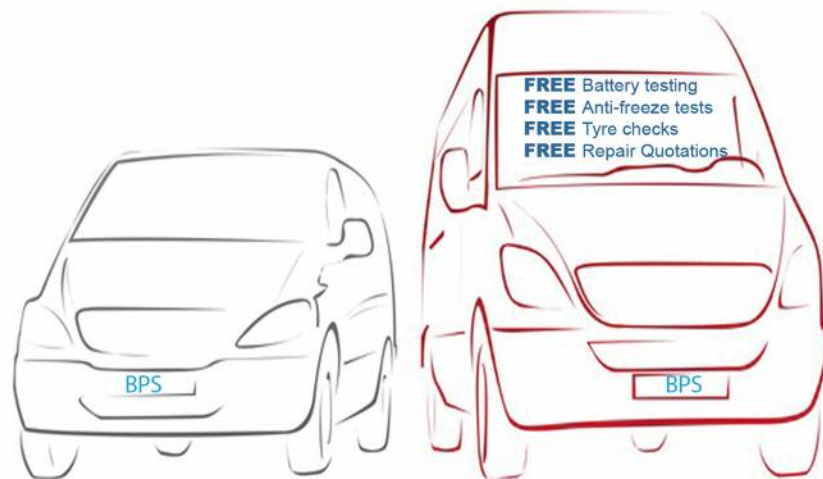
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CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

We managed to go ahead with the **Easter Bingo**. It was lovely to see families able to come out and have fun together. The joy for us was, all the positive comments we received afterwards.

THE POP IN is held (usually) the third Saturday in the month in the Chapel Schoolroom from 10am – 12noon. Bacon Butties and toasted teacakes are served. We also have some second-hand books. If you want to meet new people, come to the Pop In where you will find plenty of friendly people and a warm welcome.

Pop In dates

Saturday 21st May, which will be the **Big Breakfast** at which we serve a Full English Breakfast from **10am-2.30pm** to raise money for Christian Aid. We will also have maps for the **Open Gardens** weekend.

18th June, 16th July, 20th August, 17th Sept.

KNIT AND NATTER group meet on a **Thursday at 2pm** in the Chapel Schoolroom.

LUNCHEON CLUB is held at **12 noon** on the second Wednesday of every month. Contact **Jane Arnott** on **530962** to book a place.

Churches Together Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

We are looking forward to the Queen's Jubilee on the **Sunday** morning we will be having a service at **All Saints Church at 9.30am** to celebrate Pentecost

Following the National suggestion, we will be holding a **Big Picnic Lunch** from Midday in the Church Paddock (in the Church if raining). People in the surrounding area are invited to bring a picnic lunch, we will provide hot drinks and cordial, but if people wish to have something a bit stronger you can fetch your own alcohol.

At **2pm** there will be a Service in **All Saints Church** to celebrate the **Queens Jubilee**. We hope many will attend to celebrate this great achievement.

At some point in the afternoon we will be **planting a tree** to mark the Jubilee.

Come and have a wonderful celebration and fun with us.

FUTURE EVENTS

Open Gardens 25th and 26th June 1-5pm

Refreshments served in the Chapel Schoolroom.

There will also be a cake stall, tombola and raffle.

The Goxhill singers will be performing in the Chapel, but we haven't a definite time at the present, so please watch out for posters.

If anyone is able to bake a cake please contact **Jane 530962** or **Sandra 530065**.

Quiz Nights - We are planning on starting the Quiz Nights again. Our first one was held on Friday 20th May for Christian Aid Week. Watch out for future dates.

Community Cuppa - On Wednesday 21st September we are going to hold a Community Cuppa in the Chapel Schoolroom from 2-4pm. This will be a free event we invite you to come for tea and cake. A chance for people to have a get together. We are particularly in mind of those on their own who don't get much chance to meet other people.

Sandra 530065

Churches Together Friends Group

The Friends Group organise and staff a lot of the events that take place in the village. To name a few, monthly Pop Ins, Quiz Nights, Bingos, Open Gardens, Christmas Tree Festival and more.

We need your help!

Those of us in the group have been involved for many years. In my case thirty plus. None of us are getting any younger or fitter. As a result we are looking for people to join us so that we can continue to keep these events going.

To be a member of the Friends Group doesn't mean that you have to attend Church or even the monthly meetings, though you are welcome to do both, but to offer to help us when you can. If you feel able to help us **please call Sandra on 530065 or speak to any member of the Friends Group.**

Thank you. Sandra

CHURCHES TOGETHER

At their pop in on sat 19th March, it was decided to donate all funds made, to the Ukraine effort. We had a car load of items donated and raised **£708.58** in money, so a good mornings work and a thank you to all who so generously donated be it food, cakes, items, and of course the money.

GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Goxhill WI meets every 2nd Monday of the month (apart from August) at 7pm in Goxhill Memorial Hall. Visitors and potential new members are welcome to attend any of our advertised meetings. Please look out for posters around the village for information on our forthcoming events and come along for the following: -

June 13th - Honey bees, a talk by Kevin & Shelagh Seddon

July 11th - Sustainable Living, Amie Alissa Watson will tell us how small changes can help the planet.

Sept 12th - Harvest Supper & Sale of Produce

For further information please contact

Caroline Atkins, Secretary, on 01469 532204

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Goxhill WI invites you to a

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69	Phil Woodcock	£20
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130	Jessica Boff	£20
March Quarterly Jackpot		
81	Jo Powell	£130

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Thank you, **Tracy Russell**

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31st Oct - our annual honey show with cake and photography competition.

Our meetings are held at Broughton Village Hall, 59, High Street, Broughton DN20 0JX.

£1 Members - £2 Non members, which includes refreshments.

We will soon have dates confirmed for our 2023 beginners course which is held over a weekend at Scunthorpe Community Centre. Please keep an eye on our website for details.

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ANDREW SCARGALL

I would just like to thank my amazing neighbours, who through their kindness, offers of help, cards and flowers (some in my postbox with a cake) have helped me through my bereavement. My husband Andrew Scargall (very late of Goxhill Tileries) died on the 2nd of February 2022 after a very short illness. I appreciate this will be very late information especially to those I have not seen to inform and for that I am sorry. But my neighbour's kindness will remain with me forever. From Andy's widow **Jeanne**, ONE BIG THANK YOU!

GOXHILL COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2023

A gentle reminder that the next few weeks and months gives all you photographers splendid opportunities to display your talents in the next Community Calendar for 2023. The pictures or paintings should be of events / scenes within the village and its surroundings. The usual details apply. The closing date will be late September and all photographs and paintings will be displayed in October at All Saints Church, together with the usual refreshments. There will be prizes for the Front Cover entry and the Junior entry (under 14). More details will be announced in the next few months.

Penny Carnell for Churches Together in Goxhill

Relive your Memories at the Wilderspin Memory Cafe

The Wilderspin Museum is opening an exciting new service for older people over summer 2022. The Memory Café is a safe place where older people can delve into the past over a cup of tea or coffee, with objects from memory boxes filled with items from our store. They can share their memories with each other or visitors in the museum. We are keen to involve people living alone or who find it hard to get out, but who would benefit from some company and tea and chat. We are anticipating a small group of three or four people, and our volunteers will help as hosts. We can arrange for transport too.

We have a few dates to share with you – and the chat doesn't have to be confined to the themes we've chosen:

Sat 21 May 11am Remember, Remember Empire Day
Fri 3 June 2pm The Queen, Coronation and Jubilees
Thur 14 July 2pm Wartime childhood
Sat 16 July 11am Schooldays

In addition, the tables and memory boxes can be booked by families or small groups of friends to enjoy time together exploring memories and stories. Catering can range from drinks and cake to an afternoon tea – the Old School Canteen will help you with arrangements. It would be a great birthday celebration event for an family get together.

Part of the project includes special events with care home residents and children from local schools too.

We are grateful to the Humber Museums Partnership for funding this project.

*The project organiser is **Ali Bodley** and if you'd like to know more, or would like to help, or have someone in mind (yourself, a neighbour, someone in your family?) who might benefit from a visit to the museum but can't easily get here - please get in touch: (01652) 635172 or wilderspinschoolmuseum@gmail.com*



Goxhill Open Gardens 2022

Thursday 2nd June

2.30pm to 5.30pm

Plant and gardening bric-a-brac stall on the Millennium Green.

Proceeds will be divided 50/50 between Chapel & Church

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June

1pm – 5pm each day

A £5 ticket (ie. map) per adult will cover entry for two days - equivalent of £2.50 per day! (Unless you can only do one day, in which case it is £5 for one day).

Refreshments will be available in the chapel schoolroom on both days.

The theme for the flower arrangements in the chapel will be **'Royalty'**.

Some of the gardens will have a raffle and/or plant sales.

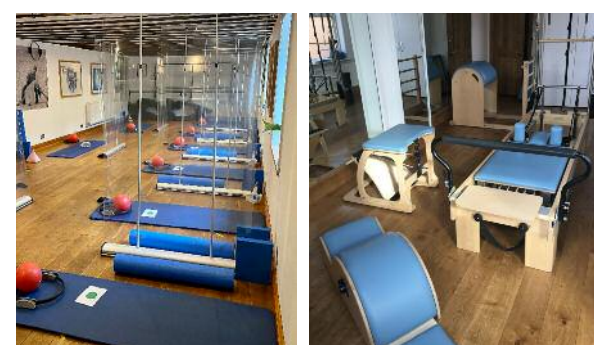
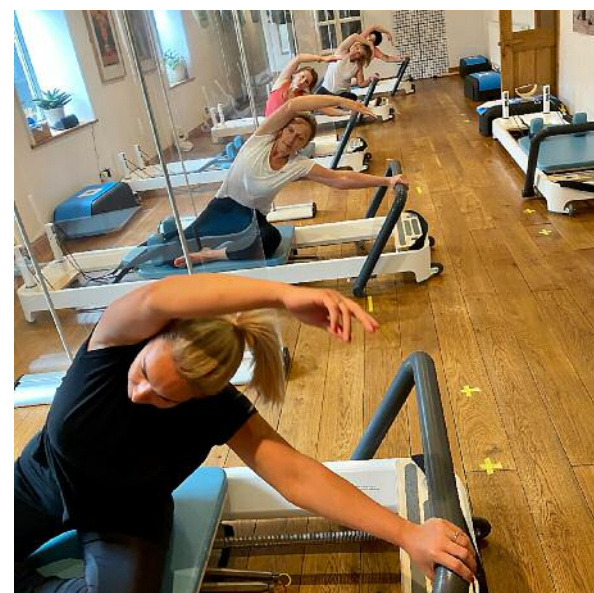
All proceeds will be divided 50/50 between Chapel & Church.

Any questions; offers of plants/bric-a-brac for the 2nd June stall; help of any sort; donations of cakes for the cake stall in the chapel; please contact me -

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Coup for the Centre

THE TED LEWIS CENTRE

Michael Caine put up for sale many of his artefacts including the designated chair he sat on during filming Get Carter in the North East. Author, Barton's Ted Lewis, was initially disappointed that it was not set in Scunthorpe and Barton which he originally wrote about, but soon came to terms with the very suitable gritty location. Supported by generous Crowdfunder patrons, Barton Town Council, other generous contributors and an



endowment grant, The Ted Lewis Centre was determined to buy this icon and bring it to Barton as a tribute to the town's iconic novelist.

Estimated sale price by Mayfair Auction House, Bonhams, was £1200, but it soon became clear that there

was national enthusiasm and when the price reached £4800, it appeared the lot was lost. One final bid of £5000, the limit of funding and a seeming

hour elapsed before another bid and the hammer coming down. "It's yours, sir" were to be the sweetest words heard by enthusiasts for all time.

On 20th March, Goxhill's racing enthusiast, Shirley Tull loaded the chair into a Get Carter style Sunbeam Alpine and after a traditional Lewis Style pub crawl, brought the chair to its rest in The Ted Lewis Exhibition Centre for all to see.



The Chair's Fairy Godmother and Godfather, Goxhill's Shirley Tull, with Centre Chairman, Tim Bartlett driving to the Centre with the Sunbeam Alpine's precious cargo.



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Ropewalk Open Art Exhibition

The Ropewalk's popular open art exhibition, Humber to the Wash, returns this summer for the first time since 2018.

June 11 - September 4 the exhibition is open to artists who work in any medium and who live in East Yorkshire, Hull, North and North East Lincolnshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk.

This year the guest selectors are one of The Ropewalk's studio artists, Linda Ingham, and Nick Miller, CEO of sponsors James Legal Solicitors of Hull and Beverley.

Entries, with a fee of £5 for each piece of work, will be accepted at The Ropewalk Friday, May 27 - Sunday, May 28 with the selection taking place on Tuesday, May 31.

Classic Car Day - on June 26th 11am - 3pm The Ropewalk is holding its first ever Classic Car Day. Sponsored by Dennis Vessey Classic Car Services this is sure to be a fun day out for all the family whether you are looking to reignite your passion for cars, finish a restoration project or just reminisce with family and friends over the beautiful completed classic cars on display.

The Ropewalk Promenade will be filled with dozens of vehicles from yesteryear with polished bodywork and gleaming chrome. Come along and say hello to their owners who will be only too willing to tell you all about their pride and joy. Plenty of polished bodywork and gleaming chrome is promised along with entertainment by Filey's **Gaslight Jazz Trio!**

Refreshments will also be available.



SOUTH BANK PLAYERS

The last Barton Ghost Walk of the season took

place at the end of March. Now that the lighter nights are here we're having a break from ghostly goings-on but if you've yet to experience the ghost walk, don't worry, we'll be starting again on Halloween. This is always a popular one so we recommend pre-booking your tickets at www.sbplayers.weebly.com/tickets

At the time of writing work is still on-going at the Joseph Wright Hall which has made it difficult for us to perform. However, we are hoping we may be able to put on a pantomime at the end of the year. Keep an eye out for further details. In the meantime we are working on a **Murder Mystery** to perform around a few venues in the autumn, including the **Nelthorpe Arms in South Ferriby** and possibly **East Halton village hall**.

For further information on forthcoming events, or if you'd like to join us, contact **Liz Drury** on **07539755531**. We are always looking for new members whether you want to act or help out behind the scenes.

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May is my favourite month of the year. Despite it bringing yet another unwanted birthday, it heralds the start of summer with its burgeoning hedgerows, early flowers, thickening tree canopies and warm breezes. I am sure many of you are ignoring all of that to plan that long-awaited family holiday. As you daydream of sultry beaches and sangria, don't forget the Memorial Hall has a range of events planned just for you.

May 21st Saturday, Dambusters Evening (Bellapple Boys music) Dambuster music and videos. Tickets (Adults £7, children £3) To book phone John G at 01469 530363

Jubilee Weekend (June 2-5th) A 4 day PUP, WI and Memorial Hall event celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with drinking, food, free music and family-based activities. (See Jubilee Schedule below)

July 9th Saturday evening, Folk Music (Folkclincs) A night of simple folk songs. Ticket prices tba. Phone John Guggiari at 01469 530363 to book.

July 24th Sunday, Goxhill Memorial Hall Open Day. Displays, talks and presentations to explain what has happened at the hall during the last few years and to garner opinions on what should happen in the future. Free teas, coffees and biscuits. Anyone interested in joining the committee will be able to talk to one of our trustees.

Aug 7th Local Artist's Art Exhibition (6 pieces £10, single item free). To book a space phone Ann C 01469530635

Aug 28th/29th Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday, Scarecrow Trail. – Theme – Heroes. Book your scarecrow onto our trail by phoning Ann Carter on 01469 530635

September 22nd Thursday Goxhill Memorial Hall AGM. Any Goxhill resident is welcome to attend the Memorial Hall's AGM. It will start at 7:15pm at the Memorial Hall, with an agenda publicised on Grapevine Sept 8th.

Oct 31st Fotofrolic Photography Competition. An online photography competition, with winning photos displayed on the Grapevine. Entries accepted during October. There are three age groups, (adult and 2 children's), with a prize for the winner of each of the following six categories in each age group. Town, Country, Coast, Bird, Animal and Insect.

Have fun out there. Ann Carter

PS. When next in the hall, do check out the colourful framed poster celebrating Jeff Teasdale's 50 issues, as Editor of the Goxhill Gander (out of 140 to date).



Memorial Hall trustee, Sam England, receiving a cheque from NL Council, to put towards the Memorial Hall's Platinum Jubilee entertainments.

Platinum Jubilee Events at the Memorial Hall- June 2nd - 4th

Thursday 2nd	12:00pm - 11:30pm	Goxhill Pop-up Pub
	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Family Hands - Jubilee Craft activities
	2:00pm through to 5.00pm on Sunday 5th	Memorial Hall Jubilee Treasure Hunt. Maps available from inside the Hall. All correct entries posted in the box before 5pm Sunday 5th, entered into a prize draw.
Friday 3rd	12:00pm - 11:30pm	Goxhill Pop-up Pub
	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Goxhill WI - Afternoon Cream Teas
	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Live Music in the Beer Garden (Joe Bayliss, Busker)
Saturday 4th	12:00pm - 11:30pm	Goxhill Pop-up Pub
	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Family Hands - Jubilee Craft,
	8:00pm - 11:00pm	Live Music on stage - Route 180

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

Monday:	Parent and Toddlers (9.15-11.30am) Tai Chi (2-3pm) Short Mat Bowls (7-9pm)	Wednesday:	Short Mat Bowls (7-9pm)
Tuesday:	Pilates (10-11am), Martial Arts (4-8pm)	Thursday:	Pilates (10-11am),
		Friday:	Short Mat Bowls (10-12am) Dog Training S&S (6:30 -8pm)
		Saturday	Taekwondo (11:30 -2pm)

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GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

A New Start

A new financial year and a new start for the Parish Council, and we have many things to do and to look forward to. The last financial year has been good and we stand in a more secure and balanced position to start the new one in May. We were hoping that monies could be spent on adding and improving where necessary, but immediately costs have been forced on us by yet more damage and vandalism, caused by some who find their enjoyment or thrills in absolute stupidity. This puts a cost on everyone.

Like all other towns and villages the Queens Jubilee is very much at the forefront of our minds, preparations are in hand for celebrations on the Millennium Green, an ideal location, the organisation of this is in the hands of a very busy group of volunteers, and I am sure all offers of assistance would be very welcome.

Once again we have entered the best kept village competition, this involves everyone, and in the past we have a good reputation, however recently we have just missed out on the awards by a very small margin. We can raise our standards again, there are many excellent gardens and gardeners in Goxhill and hanging baskets and beautiful front gardens add enormously to the appearance

of the village. The roadside boxes will be rejuvenated by all concerned and if we need a theme, and I don't for one minute think that you need a reminder, that Red White and Blue would be ideal!

Under the devolved powers, grass verges are now cut by our own contractors and I'm sure that we all agree over the last few years they have looked excellent, however, every frontage/verge cannot be done this way and additional residential care is always good.

One item I must mention, the old red telephone boxes, which are now book boxes, are an important bit of character in the village dating back a long way, had fallen into a poor state, these have now been completely repaired and redecorated by a very hard working volunteer, Mr Ruddy, grateful thanks to him. I'm sure that they will now stand safely and proudly for many years to come, and what a special year to do it in.

Playing Field. The playing field was recently seriously damaged by someone driving round in circles and ripping up the turf on a very large area, also ripping out the substantial corner post between the allotments and the field, in the process destroying a new wooden gate. This was not youngsters, who always seem to get the blame for any damage, but obviously an older brainless idiot who should know better, finding his enjoyment and thrills in wanton destruction. Also leaving behind the empty multiple beer boxes, one in the field and one opposite the entrance of the Green Ramper, which had been their route to the playing field and allotments.

The rest of the field is in good condition. The Basketball backboard has been replaced and the new swing seat is on order.

Allotments. The new gate has been fixed, and the fence has been repaired. There is a small waiting list for plots, but it is still worth putting your name down for future vacancies.

Library. The Library is still running smoothly. Open two days a week, thanks to our loyal volunteers.

Cemetery. The Cemetery is looking smart at present, still some damage to the turf, but as the grass gets mown regularly this will improve. New seats have been donated by Goxhill Lifestyle group and have been placed in the rear field, this gives visitors a relaxing place to walk and rest.

Millennium Green. New trees were planted as reported in the previous Gander edition, however, 11 of these were pulled up out of their protective tubes by vandals, some had "sniffer tubes" left in their place! I have now replaced these with new trees. A seat has been dragged into the rear area and badly damaged. Hopefully this can be repaired before the celebrations take place on the Green. Overall it looks quite beautiful at this time of the year.

Freda Dunkley

Best Kept Village Working Group

Would you be interested in joining the 'Best Kept Village' working group?

What are our aims?

The aim of the group is to involve local dedicated parishioners of Goxhill who are happy to work throughout the year in identifying improvements and assisting in areas of concern.

This is to.....

- ❖ Make Goxhill an even more pleasant place in which to live
- ❖ Enhance community spirit and stimulate pride in the village
- ❖ Be judged and awarded the 'Best Kept Village' once again

GOXHILL 2020 WINNERS!

What is Best Kept Village?

The 'Best Kept Village' is a competition organised by CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England). During the months of July and August each village / town is visited and judged based on overall tidiness, appropriateness, and community engagement; this is as well as the individual categories which are judged separately, these include:

- ❖ Best kept playground,
- ❖ Best kept churchyard,
- ❖ Best community planting,
- ❖ Best kept war memorial,
- ❖ Best kept cemetery
- ❖ Most innovative planting scheme.

If this is something you may be interested in joining or would like to find out some more information, please contact the Parish Clerk on: 07842 396827.
Or goxhillparishcouncil@gmail.com

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This year we are continuing to support Mental Health and will again be working with Fortis Therapy to deliver therapy to those who need it and are unable to pay for it themselves.

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On Monday 28th March 2022, the Chapel was absolutely packed to say goodbye to one of the legends of the village and a true gentleman.

Most of us remember Colin behind the counter of his shop on Westfield Road, that seemed to sell everything. He always had time for a chat and to pass on village gossip. Just as happy to sell in tiny quantities to a pensioner, and hand deliver it. As much as to sell penny sweets in a paper bag to a little child with their pocket money.

But there was so much more to Colin. He used to be a dairy farmer at Daffodil Farm, Thornton Road, where his family moved to from Nettleton when Colin was 9, before retiring to the shop at 49. So it was particularly appropriate that his grandson Flynn read the poem that Caroline chose, at his funeral.

He was also involved in many other village activities - the Memorial Hall, Chapel, Open Gardens, Snooker, Darts & Dominoes, Whist Drives, Quizzes, and the Wayfarers (who would have sung at his funeral but for ill health and holidays).

Christine, Paul, Caroline, Alison, Thomas, Jasmine, Chloe and Flynn would like to pass on their thanks to everyone for all the cards, flowers and kind thoughts. Christine said, "It has meant so much to us all as a family". She also thanked all those who attended the funeral as a testament to Colin. She was so grateful that Covid restrictions had been lifted, as it would have been awful to only have a dozen close relatives there, when so many others wanted to say goodbye to Colin.



JUST A DAIRY FARMER.

*Mud stuck on your fingers, straw strands in your hair.
Clothes are old and mucky, the cows don't seem to care.
Early morning milking whilst others are in bed,
and just around the corner, the calves wait to be fed.*

*Misty morning round ups just before the dawn.
Eyes still hardly open, mouth set in a yawn.
Steaming cows are gathered, cuddling as they wait,
and if you're lucky they'll all be by the gate.*

*Milk machines are started, pulsators set the pace.
Filters all connected; the first cows are in place.
Cow cake rattles downwards, tempting others in.
Gloves and aprons fitted, they're ready to begin.*

*Units gasping loudly waiting for warm milk.
Cups placed on the udders, their skin a soft as silk.
Milk starts gushing quickly, turning glass jars white.
Outside the sun is rising, but there's no one else in sight.*

*Udders washed and ready, teats dipped at the end.
First cows out and pushing slowly round the bend.
Bulk tanks now are filling, cooling all inside.
Yards washed down and finished, units cleaned and dried.*

*Cows turned out for grazing; the morning work is done.
Muck washed off the wellies, now drying in the sun.
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Welcome to our Platinum Jubilee Open Day

Come along and have some fun with lawn bowling

For our part in the village's celebrations to mark the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**, Goxhill Bowling Club is staging a family open day between the hours of **11am and 5pm** on the bank holiday **Friday 3rd June 2022**. Anyone looking for a bit of gently active fun is encouraged to come along to our green off Manor Lane.

We are arranging the bowling so that it will be great for mixed-age and family groups with the chance for some friendly fun competition and a great opportunity for youngsters to beat Mum & Dad or perhaps Nanna & Grandad. We have spent some generous donations on buying four sets of colourful junior size bowls - designed especially for use by children where a full-size bowl would be too large for them to handle. All we ask of players is that you have flat-soled shoes (no heels to dig into the green) or slippers; you could even take your shoes off if you prefer.

We will be running sessions continuously from 11am through to 5pm but it would make our lives a lot easier if you can book a time in advance, as well as reducing the risk that you might have to wait around if a lot of people turn up at the same time.

To book, just email jg.goxhill@btinternet.com or telephone 530363 or use the contact link on our website at **<http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com>**

Each group will receive a short teach-in about the basics of lawn bowling and to find out what size bowls suit them, followed by a variety of fun challenges. Think "crazy golf" but with lawn bowls and that's the kind of thing we have in mind. There will be skittles to knock down, bowling on to a target, bowling to stop nearest the edge of the green, bowling through a hoop and bowling into a box.

There will be refreshments available for those who want to sit and watch whilst waiting their turn or afterwards. We will keep a record of everyone's score and after the close of the day we will get in touch with those who managed the highest scores in a variety of age and group categories to win a prize.

Lawn bowling is easy to learn and suitable for all ages, abilities and fitness levels, even if you do not consider yourself a 'sporty' type of person. For those wanting to bowl regularly it is quite inexpensive, compared to most other sports, with full adult membership £40 and junior membership £10.

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News from Goxhill Methodist Chapel

I have seen people over the years in the Gander and online ask about the old building that sits on Howe Lane looking down Westfield Road. Set back from the road like the house either side, it looks tired and crestfallen despite evident signs that it has not been abandoned by whoever owns it now. I have read people wonder what it was, why it is there and who owns it; I have often wondered the same thing and have none of the answers about its current standing, but I have read about its glory days as a Methodist Chapel.

Despite being a Methodist my whole life and secretary of the chapel for many years, I have never stepped inside the village's former Wesleyan Chapel. Being a lover of old photos and enjoying a good time travel story in TV and film, I have from time to time had dreams in which I found myself in Goxhill a century or more ago. I have walked the imagined streets, subtly different from those I have known for 40 years; what I have never been able to visualise is the former Wesleyan Chapel engaged in worship. In the religious census of March 1851 it was said to host "Public Service twice every Sabbath always in the evening and alternatively morning and afternoon; the Chapel has 224 seats, of which 44 were free; the estimated attendance in the morning 65 with 94 Sunday Scholars and 70 at evening service." On the same Sunday, the Primitive Chape, the one that remains open to this day, had a congregation of 150.

In days gone by there were five chapels in the village as well as All Saints, but in my lifetime we have only had the one. I have some photos of the chapel being packed for major

services (one is attached) and memories of all the pews being filled for the funerals of important figures in the Chapel's ongoing story of faith and community work, like Kees van den Bos, Jack Elwood, and only this spring, Colin Creasey. But now we count ourselves fortunate if there are double figures in an ordinary Methodist Sunday service. Just as Goxhill's four chapels, even the one in the centre of our village, could not be sustained, we have to raise doubts about whether Goxhill Chapel has a long term future too.

I don't know what the community lost when those other chapels closed, but I do know what would be lost by this village if Goxhill Chapel also has to close its doors. The monthly lunches are over-subscribed by older members of the community and in recent times some have been delivered to the homes of elderly residents unable to come to the chapel because of their health. The pop-ins and quizzes are great for social interaction, the schoolroom hosts Knit and Natter, Kerrie Grantham's singing classes and the village singing group; too many children's birthday parties have been held there to count over the years. And too many sons and daughters of the village, who through the chapel dedicated themselves and their families to the people of Goxhill, have been remembered within those walls as we gathered to say a fond farewell to Colin in March. As the song goes, you don't know what you've got till it's gone.

We will stay open for as long as we can and continue to do our utmost to serve, but it is all or nothing on our activities. I hope we will see you over Open Gardens weekend at the end

of June. With the flower and other displays – this year of course themed around Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee –

I think Open Gardens always has the chapel looking its best. Even as a hive of activity, with people coming in several times for a drink and snack, it is a place of calm and spiritual refreshment too.

No matter how long you have lived in the village, you can think about how it has changed and what is important for the future. What are the key components of a thriving community with a heart to the youngest and oldest residents? We have been proud to have a Methodist presence in Goxhill since at least 1787, and of our work with our friends in the Church of England and the community. Open Gardens is the best demonstration of that in 2022. I hope it will not also be the last.

Adam Ellis



The Goxhill Brownies float in the parade through the village as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Silver Jubilee on June 7th 1977.

A decorated tractor and trailer also part of the parade.

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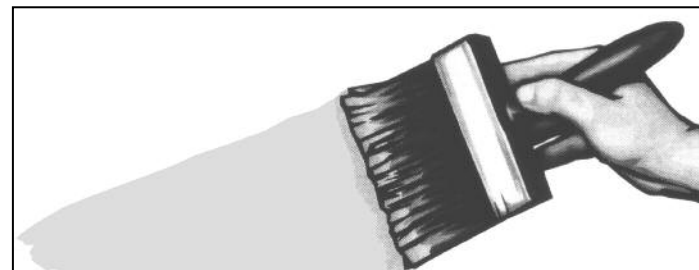


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Bird And Wildlife Sightings by Steve Routledge

Winter's Pond at Sunrise, East Halton

Migrants At Last! A compilation of three visits to the local patch at East Halton and Goxhill, with summer migrants arriving proper at last, with a total of 15 new species added to the local patch list, putting me on 125 species for the year to date.

13th April I started at Winter's Pond with a fresh westerly breeze, hoping some visible-migration might happen today. Chiffchaff with at least 5 singing males present and a non singing bird.

As I walked along the floodbank towards the chimney, 3 Barnacle Geese flew by south, probably back to their home at Cleethorpes boating lake.

The area south of the chimney is often good for migrant Warbler species, didn't disappoint today, with my first 2 Willow Warblers of the year, really smart little birds and that lovely song, always brings a smile to my face, plus 3 singing male Blackcap.

Back to the car park area, a Common Sandpiper feeding on the grassland in amongst the Wildfowl, another new arrival from Africa and a new species for the year.

Good birds continued on the edge of the mitigation area, as the lovely sight of a smart male Wheatear feeding from a fence post, and a female was seen in the same area. I wondered where these lovely migrants were heading, perhaps the Yorkshire Dales or the Peak District to raise their young.

Also observed on the mitigation area 36 Icelandic Black-tailed Godwits, 4 Roe Deer and 2 Brown Hare.

The Skitter area was also productive for migrants, with another 5 Wheatear together and my first 2 House Martins of the year flew north, along with 3 Sand Martin and a Swallow.

Walking along the floodbank towards Goxhill Haven, a Whimbrel called adding this long range migrant as another new species for the year.

Ruins Pond has been relatively devoid of birds in the past, but recently a flock of Tufted Ducks took up residence, 13 birds including 7 males and 6 females. It would be great if some stop to breed, as they are a rare breeding species on the local patch.

At Dawson City, a few birds were here including 3 male and a female Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaff and the pair of Mute Swans still nesting ok, so hopefully some cygnets soon.

A few insects here included Dark-edged Bee Fly and a queen Tree Bumble Bee.

Sunday 17th April Starting as usual at Winter's, to carry out my monthly WEBS count. The wind has swung around to the south east now and I hoped for some passage on the Humber, but it was dead. Around the bushes at the edge of the water, another migrant arrival, with my first Reed Warblers (2), Sedge Warbler and Whitethroats of the year, all singing away attempting to attract a mate, **it was beginning to feel like spring proper.**



Hoverfly sp. *Eristalis pertinax*, East Halton Skitter

Also 4 Chiffchaff, 6 Blackcap and 3 Willow Warblers, all singing males, as well as the 3 resident male Cetti's Warblers.

Next the mitigation area, with highlights - another male Wheatear, 2 more singing male Sedge Warblers, a Willow Warbler, and a nice surprise, a single Short-eared Owl.

At the Skitter area another singing male Whitethroat, plus a single Sand Martin, heading south and 5 Black-tailed Godwit were noted.

Between the Skitter and Dawson City provided some great sightings, including a singing male Grasshopper Warbler, a proper scarce species for my local patch. It used to be a regular feature of my summer birding here, but sadly not as regular these days.

Also here, our first Yellow Wagtail of the year, flew overhead behind the pig farm, 4 Ruff and 11 Black-tailed Godwit.

Other bits included another Willow Warbler, a Swallow, 44 Curlew still and 4 Roe Deer.

Approaching Dawson City, the rattle of a male Lesser Whitethroat was heard, my 6th new species for the year today, things were going great.

Dawson City held another singing male Willow Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Chiffchaff, 2 Blackcap and my first Speckled Wood of the year.

Back along the seawall to Winter's, saw a lovely Whimbrel fly by and as we reached the car a Little-ringed Plover became my first sighting of the species for the year, ending a cracking visit.

Monday 18th April With Ring Ouzels being reported around the country and along the coast, I finally find one when I flushed a female from the path bordering Winter's and the car storage area. It was seen in flight on two occasions, giving that metallic, tacking call that gives them away, a great addition to the year list.

Other species at Winter's today included another surprise, a single Jay, the 149th species I have seen on the site.

The 3 Cetti's Warblers were still in good voice along with single Whitethroat, Reed and Sedge Warblers, 3 Chiffchaff, 5 Blackcap and 2 Willow Warbler.

I walked up to the village along Station Road hoping to relocate the Rouzel or another, seeing a pair of Grey Partridge, always a bonus and great to see.

2 Doe Roe Deer and 5 Brown Hare provided some nice distraction from our avian friends and a few Butterflies included my first male Orange Tip of the season.

As I returned along Marsh lane a nice female Wheatear was seen along with 2 more singing male Whitethroat.

The usual suspects were recorded today on the marshes and included a single Whimbrel, male Wheatear again and superb views of the regular Dog Fox. The Skitter area was relatively quiet today, but was brightened by another pair of Grey Partridge.

Two more singing male Whitethroat along Skitter Road, completed a decent patch visit today, particularly the Ring Ouzel.

It is really great to have our summer visitors back.

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



The Humberside Tractor Run, starting in Goxhill, in aid of Lindsey Lodge Hospice. Photograph courtesy of Ian Neve.

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

The Spring term was very busy.
Before the Easter holidays, we took part in a sponsored walk. This was around the village and the whole school participated from years 1-6 (including some parents who we were very grateful to). There were some very creative bonnets and Easter themed costumes. Nursery and reception completed their walk in the school hall on a very wet day over and around additional obstacles and were all very proud of themselves for their efforts.

Our much loved Mrs Pinchbeck retired at Easter. The support, creativity and warmth that Mrs Pinchbeck has provided over the years to our federation is overwhelming. Mrs Pinchbeck is loved by all children and staff and her nurturing approach and positivity have

to be acknowledged and will be greatly missed. I am sure that Mrs Pinchbeck will have fond memories of us just as we do of her. We all wish her well for the next stage of her journey. As we say goodbye to Mrs Pinchbeck, we have welcomed back a much-loved face into our federation - Mrs Kirby - within the nursery stage. We are looking forward to some of our infamous summer events and finishing the term in style with our year 5 and 6 residential trips, sports days, our creative contribution to Goxhill Open Gardens and our transition events as we prepare for the next year ahead. As always we would like to thank the parents and the community for the contribution that they make to our school. **Miss Twidale, Deputy Head Teacher**

Martha Turgoose is in year 6 at Goxhill Primary School and we are very proud of her recent achievements. Martha is an inspiration to other children and sets a wonderful example of what can be achieved through heart, determination, effort and hard work. I asked Martha to put her journey into writing to inspire others to have dreams and to follow them. **Miss Twidale**

Crufts's story

I had always wanted a dog for as long as I can remember. Sadly, I couldn't get one due to my parents both working full-time but I still had that hope for a dog and knew when it was the right time, we would get our furry little friend.

The beginning - Cooper. Cooper was my mum's friend's cocker spaniel. He had a lovely inky black colour with white paws and chest markings. I adored Cooper. In the school holidays, we would go on camping trips with Cooper, his family and other friends too. This gave me a time when I could look after a dog, something I couldn't experience at home. During the Summer holidays of 2019, we went to the Winterton Agricultural show and Cooper's owners said there was a dog show happening shortly and I could enter a class with Cooper. I was buzzing at the thought of going into a dog show class. I knew nothing about dog shows but later that afternoon I went in the ring with little Cooper on the end of his lead. We entered a class called "owners that look most like their dog". I have very dark thick hair like Cooper, so it was the perfect class for us and I came out in second place. Even though it was a fun dog show, I believe this is what sparked my interest in dog showing. A year later, I went to another dog show while camping in the Cotswolds. We entered multiple classes, including another "dog that looks most like its owner", but this time we came out with first place. I couldn't believe it! I also came out with a second in the veteran dog (any dog over 7) so there was a lot of celebration when we returned to the campsite and Cooper received loads of treats as well. Winning that first, opened a whole new world for me. That is where my dog showing journey really began.

My first Crufts. For my ninth birthday, I asked to go to Crufts. I had watched it on the TV and read about it in the papers, but I had never actually been there. Luckily, my mum agreed to it, and we went to stay a night over at my cousins who live closer to the Crufts show in Birmingham. On the 'Best in Show' day, Sunday, we arrived at Crufts and I was completely blown away. There was so much to look at. We went to Discover dogs, a place where there is every single kennel club registered dog imaginable. There were French Bulldogs to the Chihuahua and the Bloodhounds to Beagles. Every dog breed was there. Eventually, my mum



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came across the **Lagotto Romagnolo**, a sturdy little gundog with lots of curly hair. We chatted to the breeders and found out more about the dog. They were just perfect for us: they don't shed, I have an allergy to animal hair; they are great with children; have a very loving and loyal personality and they can run which my dad wanted as he runs himself. That day we saw the therapy dogs, golden retriever display, emergency health dogs, guide dogs, flyball final, and the biggest of all the Best in show. I felt on the edge of my seat watching the handlers present their dogs beautifully to the judge. I knew I wanted to be in that ring one day with my own dog.

Lockdown and Bruno. Only a few weeks later, England went into lockdown, and as time went by it seemed everybody got a puppy. As my dad was working from home having a dog became possible and my parents started to consider us getting a dog. We weren't sure about what breed we would want. Border collies appealed to us but then my mum looked further into lagottos and we really felt they were the right dog for us. She got in contact with a breeder and after the covid restrictions calmed down we went to visit them. There were three lovely dogs: Brian, Peggy and Margo. Honestly, the dogs were lovely, but it was a very long waiting list for a puppy, so we kindly declined the breeder. Luckily, my mum then found a puppy on the Kennel Club website and called the breeder asking if there were any puppies left. My mum and dad filled in an application form and after a long conversation with the breeder were selected to have a puppy, a brown boy they called Bear. My parents kept it a secret from me and my brother for a while but eventually sat us down and showed us the images of a little brown puppy. I cried when I saw him and was very excited for when we would start owning him.

This was December of 2020 and we had arranged to pick him up after Christmas but after we found out that the breeder's area was going into tier 3 plans had to change. On the morning of the 23rd of December, I trudged downstairs half asleep to find my family packing up to go pick up our puppy. Later that day after a long 3hour drive we arrived in Norfolk and met him. We called him Bruno. The breeders told us they would like us to start showing Bruno. I was immediately up for the challenge and couldn't wait. Finally, my young childhood dream had come true.

In April 2021 I started going to ringcraft classes in Cleethorpes. At first, we weren't very good, Bruno wouldn't let anyone touch him and wouldn't stand still either! After a while, we started to progress and then Mum entered me in a small dog show in Scunthorpe. We continued practising in the garden and thanks to my brother and father we desensitised Bruno to a dog show environment. After a long day at school and work, me and my mum arrived at the dog show and after a nervous wait, we stepped into the ring. To my surprise, we won Gundog puppy, a massive accomplishment that can take years of practice to achieve. When all the other groups had been shown, Bruno and I went into the ring for Best in show puppy. Being in the ring with all the other much more experienced and older handlers I felt out of place. After I lined Bruno up for the final stand, I wasn't paying attention to the judge's movement so when I looked up I saw the judge walking toward me and placing Bruno with the reserved best puppy in show.

We continued doing regular ringcraft classes and dog shows, travelling as far as Malvern and up to Sunderland in the snow. Bruno qualified for Crufts in July 2021 at a Championship Show. I also joined the young kennel club (YKC) so I could compete against children my age. I competed in handling classes for children aged 6-11 and in January 2022 was invited by the YKC to compete at Crufts.

Crufts. When the day of Crufts arrived, I felt excited and confident but nervous too; especially because the day before my mum had been contacted by Channel 4 and asked if I would be interviewed about my journey in dog showing. We arrived at the NEC and there were 78 other lagottos from all over the UK, Italy, Netherlands, Finland and as far as Croatia.

It was very exciting when **Radzi Chinyanganya** arrived with a film crew at our bench. We began the interview and once I started speaking I felt confident. I'm still surprised to this day that Bruno didn't decide to leap off the crate! It was all surreal and I'm so grateful for the opportunity. After the interview, I only had a few minutes to prepare for my class so it was a bit of a rush getting everything ready but stepping onto that green carpet for the first time is a memory that every Crufts competitor will treasure forever. As expected, I was the only child in the class full of top Lagotto breeders from all over the world. Through my class, I looked up and saw a banner of Crufts. It hit me then. I was at the world's biggest dog show with my own dog – Something I would never have thought I would accomplish when I was taking Cooper round in a fun dog show ring. Sadly, I didn't place but even being at Crufts was an achievement and I came out of that ring exhausted but proud of my little curly-haired companion who I had trained by myself through tears, sweat and a lot of car miles - thanks Mum!

Next up was the Young Kennel Club, a completely different atmosphere to the breed classes. The classes are extremely competitive, and the children and their parents take them extremely seriously. I entered the ring first, a place which no dog shower wants to be. Bruno did exceptionally well at the mirroring which we had practised loads at home. Even though we placed 6th I was joyous to receive a rosette from the Judge as I just wanted to enjoy this class. Next year if I hopefully qualify again, I will enter the next age category which is the 12-17 full of older handlers.

I hope this article inspires more people to follow their dreams and to step out of their comfort zone. If we didn't get Bruno, I couldn't imagine what the past 15 months would have been. I promise you all it's worth everything and the moment of accomplishment that you feel after working on something for what feels like forever is so worth the effort. People reading this - try something new, sign yourself up for that dance class, go train for that triathlon, go buy yourself a dog and train it so you go to the world's biggest dog show. Just try it. Even though I was a complete amateur with my frantic mum and badly trimmed dog, we managed to have a weekend that is going to stay with me for a lifetime.

Martha and Bruno.



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GOXHILL PUPIL LOOKS TO THE FUTURE TO WIN NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION

14-year-old **Taya Brown** from Goxhill, has been selected as the **Yorkshire & Humber winner** in a national writing competition, and will see her futuristic story about the impact of lifestyle and climate change published in a brand-new book, released today, as part of Pearson's **My Twist on a Tale: Our Tomorrow writing competition**.

In autumn 2021, learning company Pearson empowered children and young people between the ages of 4–19 to put pen to paper and write their own stories and poems of the future, compiling the winning entries in a brand-new book: **My Twist on a Tale: Our Tomorrow**, alongside a collection of audio stories being launched today.



The **My Twist on a Tale: Our Tomorrow winners' book** and audio stories are being launched alongside new research, released today, which suggests fluent reading skills top the list of skills that Yorkshire and Humber teachers feel will give students the best chance of accessing a wide range of careers (75%), alongside spelling, grammar and



punctuation skills (60%) and adapting their writing for different audiences (53%).

Scooping the award in the Yorkshire category, Taya's work, *Winters of our Tomorrow*, was chosen alongside 16 other fantastic stories and poems written by children across the country.

Taya sets her story in a world that is bleak, where roads are flooded and people walk aimlessly around the streets. Children are attached to screens, their eyes glossy, questioning what life has become.

The storyteller describes a 'neglected hope', as the future of tomorrow has been damaged. Poison in the air, thick smoke, toxic water layered with bottles and plastic bags. A question arises: how can we change our tomorrow?

Taya's story finishes with her character stumbling into the park, where she finds frozen benches, hanging icicles and rusty swings. Out of the darkness grows one small flower, providing reassurance, and easing her troubles as it takes her hand and leads her to another world. 'Another world away from our tomorrow.'

Taya, who attends Baysgarth School in Barton-Upon-Humber, said: 'I can't believe I won! Finding out that my entry has been recognised and awarded felt so amazing and surreal and left me feeling on cloud nine. I only ever wanted to write the story with the hope that someone may read it and enjoy it. The thought that my writing has been appreciated has given me such a confidence boost and has convinced me that whatever I set my mind to, I can achieve.'

Over 1,200 school, sixth-form and college students entered the competition, unleashing their fortune-telling skills. 17 winning entries were picked across categories including KS1 through to KS5, and all regions in the UK. The resulting book, **My Twist on a Tale: Our Tomorrow**, is available to download on Pearson's website, with all budding authors receiving their very own hard copy as part of their prize. Audio versions of each story have also been made available too!

Lindsay Nadin, Director of Primary at Pearson, said: '*Taya should be extremely proud of the story she has written. Her creativity and writing skills make her a worthy winner, alongside the 16 other young authors whose stories and poems ranged from earthlings zipping around on hoverboards, to the need for new laws to keep people safe.*

'At Pearson, we are committed to empowering schools to give their students different opportunities to excel, and develop essential skills needed for their futures. *My Twist on a Tale* allows us to encourage and excite young children with writing, motivating them to create work that represents their own perspectives of the world in which we live, and find joy in the written word. Everyone who submitted a story should be very proud of their creation.'

Emma Braithwaite, Head of Skills and Development at The Reading Agency, who judged the Yorkshire category, said: '*I was so impressed with this story. Taya set the scene and made everything so atmospheric. She created a real sense of darkness and danger when setting out what our world may become in the future, but with the glimmer of hope that comes from nature. It made me think of how our future can be bright if we just take care of the world around us. Great job, Taya!*

Gillian Sach, Taya's teacher said: '*I'm absolutely over the moon for Taya, she is such a deserving winner; her story was beautiful! The way she used her words to convey such vivid images in her story was really carefully crafted. Taya is a talented writer who devours books, what a wonderful and happy event that she is now going to have her own story published. I am incredibly proud of her and hope that this will only instil the desire and confidence in her to write even more stories.*

The competition was supported by a range of partners including The Reading Agency, National Literacy Trust, Love Reading, Authors Aloud, Parentkind, Governor Cymru Services, Book Love, Bookmark, Gingerbread, Heady Mix and Coram Beanstalk.

To find out more about Pearson's **My Twist on a Tale: Our Tomorrow**, and to download a copy of the book, please visit go.pearson.com/OurTomorrow or follow us on Twitter @PearsonSchools, Facebook @PearsonUnitedKingdom and Instagram @pearsonprimaryuk

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Key Stage 3	Nathaniel Reed	Romeo & Juliet: Space edition
Key Stage 4	Emily Spratt	Our Tomorrow
Key Stage 5	Adrienn Baczur	Routine
Wales	Holly Thorpe	Audire
Scotland	Aidan Harris	Journey Log
Northern Ireland	Emma-Louise White	New Atlantis
East Midlands	Tanya Arion	Our Tomorrow
West Midlands	Jasmine Hussain	The Cave Men are Back
South East	Phoebe Harris	A Twist in the Tale
South West	Sophia Papasoulotis	A Mother's Plea
East Anglia	Jessica Smith	One Day in the Future
Yorkshire & Humber	Taya Brown	Winters of Our Tomorrow
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1st GOXHILL & BARROW SCOUTS

At the time of writing this update, we are all busy with preparations for **PrimJam IV**, a North Lincolnshire Scouts District camp, which is held at **Primrose Hill scout camp** just outside of Scunthorpe. Due to COVID it has been cancelled for two years running, so we are all really looking forward to getting under canvas again in a few weeks time. It promises to be a great weekend, we are taking 41 of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, with over 400 young people attending overall and loads of activities planned for them – all we need now is the weather.

I'm pleased to say that my previous article was very successful in recruiting two new adult Leaders who have volunteered to help run our Beaver and Scout sections. Their training has now started and they are both already attending weekly sessions helping make a difference to the lives of young people in our community. **I am still looking for a volunteer to help run our Explorer section**, so if you fancy helping young people aged 14 to 18 years discover the world on their own terms, trying things they'd never get the chance to do at home or at school - whether that's hiking up mountains for a DoE award or building a robot in our scout HQ just for fun – please get in touch with me. We have also attracted new young people to our group and all our sections are now



full (we are limited to numbers at weekly meetings in respect to the ratio of young people to adults), we now have a waiting list for those who are still applying to join. As a relatively small group serving Barton, Barrow, Goxhill, New Holland and the surrounding smaller communities, it's a great position to be in and I'm sure if we recruited more Leaders to help, we could do even more!

During the last few months our young people have:

Beavers – been working towards the outdoor challenge badge, camp craft, emergency aid and discussing what they could do about the environment.

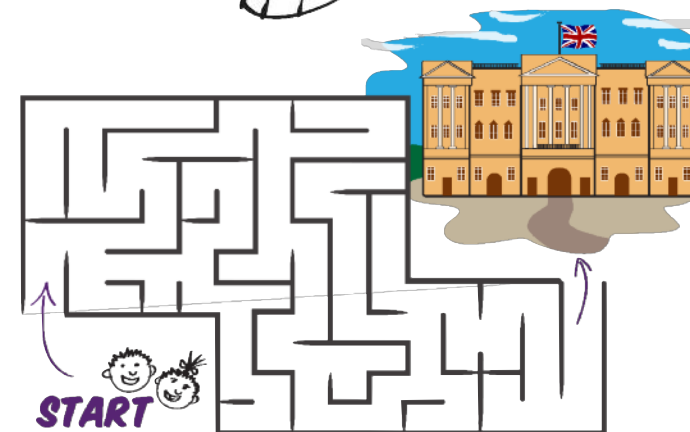
Cubs – have been learning about digital technology and how it supports everyday life, as well as creating digital graphics.

Scouts – learning about knots and lashings and the skill of pioneering (making structures out of wood and rope), mapping skills and hiking, fire lighting and cooking (sometimes using only a metal can and a candle!!!)

As a whole group we have participated in a number of litter picks around our villages and will be helping at events during the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

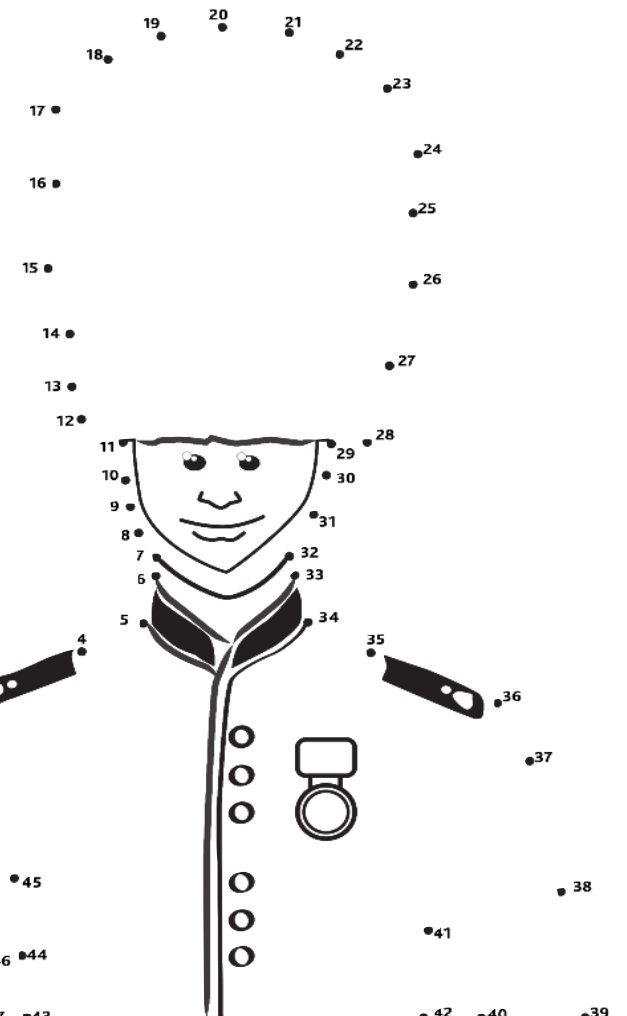
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Some of your Royal memories!

I asked - Have you ever met the Queen?

Do you have any interesting stories about you or your family and the Queen, or any memories linked to her realm?

Where were you when you heard she was to become Queen or where you saw the Coronation?

What did you do at the previous Jubilees?

National Costumes of the Commonwealth

I have to admit I remember the Coronation. I was at Bushfield Road Infants school in Scunthorpe. All the children had to dress up in the national costume of each of the Commonwealth countries. However I remember being very upset as I had to dress up as a Scots person and I thought the kilt was a skirt. My family watched the Coronation on television at a neighbours house as they were the only ones we knew with a TV. It was in black and white on a very small screen. But it was like magic to be able to watch it live.

Jeff Teasdale



Goxhill Marsh Coronation Party 1953

The party was organised by friends Mrs Short and Mrs Rayton on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. All the families came together in Mr Parkers field, Low Risby, East Marsh, Goxhill. They had children's sports and tea in the barn. The coronation cake was made by Mrs Marris, mother of Kathleen Proctor. After Tea, Mrs Nellie Foulston presented prizes to the winners of the competitions. Food and prizes were donated by the Marsh residents. It was a party to remember.

Pearl Peeps (nee Brown)



CORONATION TEA SET

This was my grandmas, bought for the Coronation and kept in the glass cabinet. It was brought out only for Jubilees, which is why its in such good condition. My gran was originally from Moorends. She was called Nellie Robinson. Her husband Arnall was a coal miner at Moorends Colliery. She was a Methodist and WI member. She also attended two garden parties at Buckingham Palace.

Samantha White O'Boyle - New Holland

My wife & I were fortunate to be invited to a Garden Party at the Palace on 20th July 2004. We were able to chat to the Queen and other members of the Royal family as they walked past our line up of wheelchairs on their way from the Tea Tent. Unfortunately cameras were not allowed in the Palace.

Jeff Teasdale



Mrs K Gladwin from Burnham, showing one of the shire horses bred there. One of the horses, Burnham Beauty, was modelled by Beswick after winning best in show.

Joanne Gladwin

If you have any more memories of the Queen, please let me have them and I will include them in the next issue of the Gander. Editor

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Memories of the Queen article continued from p33

1ST GOXHILL AND BARROW SCOUT GROUP IN 1986

Back in early 1986 an article in one of the National Papers, said that a strike by teachers working to rule and who were not doing any out of hours 'work', was causing a problem with the plans being made for the Queen's 60th Birthday Celebrations. The plan was to invite school children to Parade down the Mall and present the Queen with flowers and to sing to her. A special song had been written and children from schools were to be invited join in. The teachers strike however meant that no children from schools in the UK would be included.

I was Akela, at the time, at Goxhill and Barrow Scout Group, so I wrote to the contact named in the paper and asked if our Cubs Scouts could attend this event. I remember Steve telling me it was a waste of a postage stamp, but it was too late because the letter was already in the post.

I received a reply within a couple of weeks and things moved quickly from there. I wrote to the local Schools giving the names of the boys, who were members of our troop, at their schools, asking that the boys could have the day off, once they had received a letter from each parent asking permission for the son's day off.



It was arranged that Lincolnshire Road Car were to take us, and they turned up for us in a brand new Coach specially arranged for the day, with 2 Drivers, Bradley and Ken who worked at the Scunthorpe depot. Ken just happened to be a Scout leader from Brigg and his wife Mavis Parratt was going with us.

Roland Rat was in attendance at the start and when we entered through the palace gates a Scout Marshall took us to the front of the barrier, so the boys actually got to speak to the Queen. Each boy received a silver commemorative coin and a mug.

I asked some of the boys for their memories of the occasion.

Mog Mosey, "Was a mare of a bus ride I think! Did Ken drive?"

Mark Firth, "I remember speaking to the Queen and telling her that I was with Goxhill cubs and scouts. I can't remember if Dave or I refused to give our daffodil to her because we wanted to give it to Sarah Ferguson".

David Firth, "That was me Mark, she politely asked if they were for her and I told her no they are for Fergie".

Eileen Mosey - (Akela of 1st Goxhill & Barrow Scouts, at the time)



MEETING THE QUEEN AT NORMANBY PARK 2002

Hannah and Sean Guggiari were Junior Rangers at Normanby Hall Country Park when the Queen & Prince Philip visited as part of her Golden Jubilee tour of the UK on 31 July 2002. Whilst Rosemarie and I were amongst the crowd who watched the royal couple's car driving through the park, our children were invited to be among those who lined the Queen's route as she walked through the walled garden and other areas of the park that were closed to the public for the day. Like everyone else, we only saw the evidence of that when photographs subsequently appeared in the Scunthorpe Telegraph. As Junior Rangers Hannah and Sean attended every Saturday morning to keep the woods tidy by helping the Rangers with pruning, stacking logs and removing unwanted growth.



Hannah is on the left of the picture - the girl with the red hairband. Sean is on the right, unfortunately one of those with just the backs of their heads pictured. Photo courtesy of Grimsby Telegraph.

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OFF THE HOOF

"There are decades when nothing happens and there are weeks when decades happen" Lenin.

Considering the Ukraine:

This edition's quote, above, is certainly true at the present with the war in the Ukraine. It's very hard to believe that the world stands by watching and sometimes appearing to do nothing, fearing reprisals.

In our own way we try to help with fund raising in one form or another not only for the humans but also for the animals. The Ukrainian Equestrian Federation Charity Foundation website advises how help can be given www.helpukraine-horses.eu. Forage has been sent but is probably a drop in the ocean when looking at what is needed. One section of the equestrian community has sent two lorry loads of clothes, duvets and nappies and in excess of £48,000 has been raised via a 'Just Giving' page and the FEI (Federation Equestre Internationale) approved a donation of £820,000 which sounds a lot, but it is estimated there are over 100,000 horses in the Ukraine some of which have no shelter or care.

Closer to home donations of clothing etc. have been accepted at Palomino Lodge South End and Field Farm Feeds. I am sure there are even more fund raisers on the horizon.

Events at home:

J J Equestrian Services have been hosting an open day on 15th May with a whole host of interesting aspects of horse and rider welfare covered. Some of the proceeds are being donated to the Ukraine so hopefully a total will be available for the next issue.

On 2nd June (Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday) activities for all the family will be taking place on the Millennium Green. I will be having a stall with all proceeds going to the Ukraine, and I believe other stall holders are of the same mind set. Plants will also be sold which will be timely for Best Kept Village!

At some point I may have another yard sale at 'Shambles' with, once again, proceeds to the Ukraine. If anyone out there is interested in some good office furniture, please contact me.

Vandalism:

It seems unfair that young people of the age of 18 are staying in the Ukraine to fight for their country while here in Goxhill we have, once again, experienced mindless vandalism on the playing field and on the entrance to the allotment where a gate was driven through and destroyed. Not satisfied with that the perpetrator proceeded onto the field and tore up much of the turf. Both are now repaired but at a cost of your and my money. The Parish Council were very quick to respond but for me comparing the situation in the Ukraine to this wanton vandalism does not sit right. I sincerely hope those responsible will receive some comeuppance for their actions.

Buying a horse advice:

I was recently involved in helping two friends look for new horses. I feel like I have driven almost around the whole of the UK in this quest. One was quite simple but the second one proved to be a real eye opener. 'Caveat emptor' is Latin for let the buyer beware and when looking for a horse it is true! Several were not the height advertised. Two were obviously lame, one was certainly not traffic proof and quite dangerous. To cap it all most of them were in excess of £8000 with coloured horses commanding a very high price. It's a minefield and I'm pleased I am not looking for one

myself. If you are looking; do as many tests and ask as many questions as you can, ride in a school and in traffic and I recommend the highest level of vetting you can get. Knowing a horse needs some work is one thing. Getting it home and not being able to do what you want is completely different.

Horse care:

I cannot remember an April with so many sunny days. I know we will soon be exchanging winter rugs for fly rugs and fly masks. Try not to leave the cleaning of winter rugs until you need them. Brush as much mud and hair as you can off and take them early so, they are ready to go again next winter.

'Best Kept Village' preparation:

In the last edition I included the criteria for the 'Best Kept Village' competition, and I am pleased to have noticed several new pots around the village but there is still much to do to some of the existing areas and a few volunteers would be appreciated.

I volunteered to tidy the corner of the Chapel Street green area at the beginning of the Vicar's Bridge footpath. Which is proving very difficult owing to tree stumps. If anyone has a spare shrub to donate it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks go to Mr Ruddy who has worked hard to remove the ivy off the remaining trees. Jack Lawtey who sprang into action with his strimmer when myself and my niece were struggling to make any headway. Just a phone call for his advice and he was there! Big thanks also to my niece, Tina, who does not even live in the village but gets stuck in to help without question.

Wildlife:

Please remember to watch out for nesting birds before cutting hedges as they are very busy now. It is also near the time for hatching and when some of the fledglings fall out of their nest, which is nature taking its course. It is upsetting to see but please leave them. In a case where the bird has its feathers just monitor it but if stranded for a while and you are concerned, please give me a call as I know a lady in Barton who takes them in and rears them. On the subject of wildlife our iconic brown hare is under threat, and it is estimated that there are less than 500,000 in England. Laws are being enforced to stop hare coursing which is illegal, and the offenders can turn violent if challenged so if you suspect this is in progress, please call the police on 101. If you do not want to be identified, you can call 'Crime Stoppers' on 0800 555111.

Horse news:

Horse shows are back on the agenda following restrictions for covid although many have taken advantage of technology and competed online. Jo Burns-Firth is as busy as ever and competed at the winter championship at Hartpury at the beginning of April with Tempting Business and Cullentown Boy. Both went well but unfortunately neither were in the final line-up. Jo has nearly completed the first year of her post graduate course leading onto her master's which is hard work but thoroughly enjoyable. It does not seem that long since I first wrote about her starting it. How quickly time goes!

I think that's all for this edition.

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Two men commemorated at the Arras Memorial

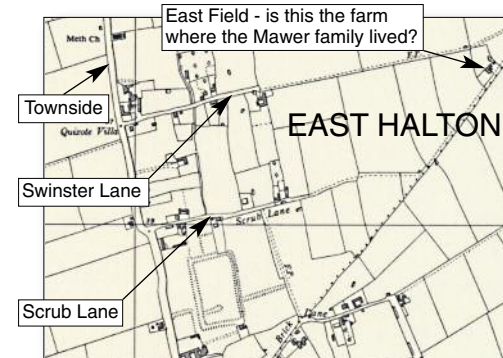
Henry (Harry) MAWER D.C.M., Private 201820, 1st/4th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment. Died of Wounds 23 April 1917. Aged 21 years. Born 6 August 1895 East Halton. Son of George and Emma Mawer of South Killingholme. No known grave. Commemorated in Bay 4 and 5 on Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Initially I was very concerned that I might not be able to identify Harry Mawer's connection to Goxhill.

Harry's father, George, had been born in South Kelsey in 1860 but I discovered that his maternal grandfather, James Parkinson, had been born in East Halton in 1790. George Mawer had married Emma Allison in North Kelsey in 1884 and Harry's older siblings had been born in Winterton, Searby, Somerby and Thornton Curtis. In the 1891 census the family were recorded living in 'Farrow's Cottage' Wootton, close-by Wootton church. After Wootton the census records show the family living in East Halton, Ulceby then Killingholme but I could find no reference to Goxhill.

Harry Mawer had been born in East Halton on 6 August 1895. He was one of ultimately nine children. George and Emma Mawer were, in the 1901 census living five of their seven children in the East Field in East Halton.

The East Field is a large area which lays between the main East Halton village roads of Townside and the Skitter Road and is separated from the Humber Bank by East Halton Marsh. Very limited information is provided on East Halton census records. My only option was to write out sections of a number of censuses, compare who had been recorded to try to find consistencies and use a variety of maps to try to analyse where the family had lived. I have come to the conclusion that the Mawer family lived at a farm which lay beyond the bottom of Scrub and Swinster Lanes off Townside in East Halton. The farm buildings are

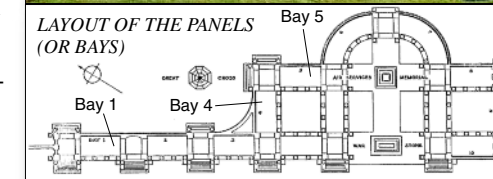


no longer there but would have stood on the south west edge of where the Hornsea Offshore Wind-farm Onshore Substation stands today. In the 1911 census George and Emma Mawer are recorded living in Ulceby along with their son Tom, daughter Mary Jane (and her husband and a daughter) and Harry, Robert and two younger sisters, Rose and Edith who had been born after the 1901 census. Oldest son Charles was by now married and working at the brickyard in East Halton, which is now better known as Winter's Pond.

By sheer chance I came across Harry's two youngest sisters when I was researching the family of George Henry Howson (Gander, Summer 2019). Kitty Howson had been admitted to Goxhill School on 14 April 1913. Two other girls were recorded with her on the same day, Rose (b. 1901) and Edith (b. 1903) Mawer, the younger sisters of Harry Mawer. The record indi-

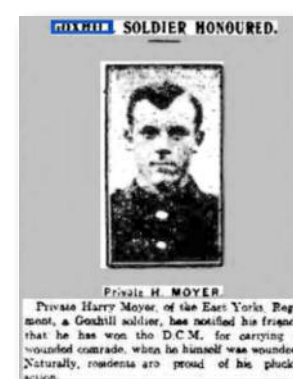
cates that the Mawer sisters had moved from Ulceby School and that the family lived in North End. Rose and Edith Mawer remained in Goxhill for just a year, leaving Goxhill School on 10 April 1914 and moving to Killingholme.

It appears that Harry remained in Goxhill when his father moved the family on from Goxhill to Killingholme. The Hull Daily Mail carried a report on 14 July 1914 stating that Harry had represented Goxhill at a Sports Day in Patrington, Yorkshire. I was initially concerned that this was Goxhill, Yorkshire however competitors from Barton and Killingholme are also named. The article reports that Harry won the half mile and one mile cycle races that day.



Arras Memorial Plan - Bay 4 and 5 contain the names of Harry Mawer and Dudley Stringer - both of East Yorkshire Regiment. Bay 1 contains the name of Joseph Dunn, 509th Field Company, Royal Engineers. Killed in Action 21 March 1918 (Gander Spring 2019).

I haven't been able to find Harry Mawer's enlistment papers. However he is recorded on the Goxhill Roll of Honour enlisting in the 3rd/4th Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment and other records state that when he enlisted he was a resident of Goxhill. The 3/4th Battalion were formed in Hull on 19 June 1915. At some point

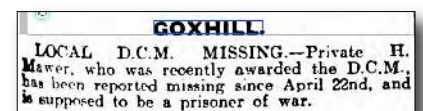


Extract from Hull Daily Mail dated 21 April 1917 reporting Harry Mawer's belief that he was to be awarded the D.C.M. (NB spelled incorrectly in the newspaper)

Harry transferred to the 1st/4th Battalion of the same regiment. On 21 April 1917 the Hull Daily Mail reported that Harry Mawer had notified his friends that he was to be awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M.). When the Hull Daily Mail reported, on 1 June 1917, that Harry was missing and perhaps a Prisoner of War reference was made again to a D.C.M. I have searched for other newspaper reports, looked through all his associated records, read through the citations for the D.C.M.s awarded to those in the East Yorkshire Regiment and

searched Commonwealth War Graves Commission records. It appears that although Harry and his family believed he was to be awarded the medal the award was never confirmed. Harry's death is recorded in the Register of Effects as 'on or since 23 April 1917. Death presumed'. On other documentation it is stated that he 'Died of Wounds'.

The 23rd April 1917 was the first day of the Second Battle of the Scarpe. The Scarpe is a river that runs through the town of Arras and the fighting that took place there, including between the 9th April and 16 June 1917, was known as the Battle of Arras.



Extract from Hull Daily Mail, 1 June 1917, reporting Harry Mawer missing.

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A contributor to an online discussion forum posted a direct report about that initial attack on that day stating that: *'A hundred yards distant from their own trenches the East Yorkshiremen ran into the British barrage, which was moving too slowly, and at once serious casualties were suffered. In the two flank Companies it was not long before every officer had been either killed or wounded, whilst many NCOs and other ranks had been hit. The enemy's machine gun fire also began to make itself felt. With every officer and nearly all their N.C.O. leaders gone, the flank Companies were in some confusion...'*

Harry's body was never found. His family remembered him on his older brother Charles's headstone which stands in Killingholme churchyard. Charles had died in Barton in 1915 after moving there from East Halton but he was buried in Killingholme. This headstone gives Harry's age at death as 22. This is possibly because it wasn't until nearly a year after his death that Harry's Register of Effects was documented. Harry Mawer's name is also remembered on the Arras Memorial in Bay 4 and 5. This memorial commemorates nearly 35,000 soldiers of the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand lost in battle. Most of those commemorated were killed during the Allied offensive of the Battles of Arras in April and May 1917.



Headstone in Killingholme churchyard for Charles Mawer and commemorating his brother Harry Mawer.

Dudley STRINGER, 2nd Lieutenant 10th Battalion; previously Company Sergeant Major 10/152, East Yorkshire Regiment. Killed in Action 3 May 1917. Aged 33 years. Born 1884 Hull. Son of late John Todd Stringer and Eleanor McGarr Stringer formerly of Goxhill. No known grave. Commemorated in Bay 4 and 5 on Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Another of those named in Bay 4 and 5 of the Arras Memorial alongside Harry Mawer and who served, like Harry, in the East Yorkshire Regiment, is Dudley Stringer. Dudley isn't named on **Goxhill's memorials** but he has a strong connection to the village.

Dudley Stringer was the eighth of the twelve children of John and Eleanor Stringer. Possibly five of these twelve children, didn't survive beyond infancy. John Stringer had been a Master Mariner on ships sailing out of Hull. The 1891 census showed him living with his family in Hull. His youngest child, a son named Gordon, was born shortly after the census was taken but died before the year was out.

The next record for the Stringer family is the marriage of John Stringer's eldest daughter, Eleanor (Nellie), in Goxhill on 13



Celebration for the marriage of Eleanor Stringer and Reverend William Seed. Photograph taken at West View, Goxhill on 13 September 1893 - courtesy of Janet Windebank.

September 1893. Eleanor married the Reverend William Seed, Vicar of Goxhill, who had been widowed five years previously. The wedding reception for William and Eleanor was held at her parent's home, West View. West View was at that

time one large house. Now two homes, one part of this house, a semi-detached home named The Fold is at the end of King Street and the other semi-detached home is accessed down Pidgeon Cote Lane from Church Side.

John Stringer, Dudley and Eleanor's father, died at West View on 2 December 1896. After her marriage Eleanor lived at The Vicarage on Howe Lane. Dudley Stringer is recorded in the 1901 census living with his widowed mother and three siblings at West View. He had joined the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway on 6 March 1899 working at Grimsby, Hull and then Chesterfield. He resigned from the railway on the 18 September 1903.

Dudley married in Hull on 29 December 1908. In the 1911 census his wife Bertha and their son are listed living with Bertha's parents in Cottingham, Hull. I haven't been able to find a record for Dudley but do know, from the address on Dudley's Medal Rolls Index Card that Bertha continued to live in Cottingham before moving later to live near Liverpool.



Extract from Hull Daily Mail dated 22 May 1917, reporting Dudley Stringer wounded and missing.

From a range of sources I've discovered that Dudley joined the East Yorkshire Regiment as part of the Hull Pals Battalions at the outbreak of the war. He attained the rank of Company Sergeant Major before being promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. His Medals Rolls Index Card shows that he served in Egypt at the end of 1915. The Hull Pals had been sent to Egypt to defend the Suez Canal. They then sailed from Port Said, Egypt on 1 March 1916 for Marseilles before travelling by train to Northern France.

On 3 May 1917 all four Hull Battalions were involved in heavy fighting at Oppy Wood, part of the Battle of Arras. The website <http://humber-firstworldwar.co.uk/1917/east-yorkshire-regiment-at-oppy-wood/> reports that this attack was known as the Third Battle of the Scarpe and that over 40% of those present on that day were killed or injured. Dudley lost his life ten days after Harry Mawer whilst fighting alongside his comrades in the trenches at Arras.

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Performance in the Park

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June 12, 2pm Free, Baysgarth Park.

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Barton Carnival

June 18 & 19

Barton Carnival returns to Baysgarth Park with a beach theme, all the fun of the seaside. Saturday - Dangerous Steve and Sunday - Little Nippers display team and a fun Dog Show. Also fairground rides, bouncy castles live music and performances and much more.

Barton Arts

June 23 – July 6

The 25th Barton Arts Festival highlights include The Unthanks, Nell Bryden, and Snake Davis with Barton Town Band, in a packed programme of theatre, open gardens, music and exhibitions. Full details on www.bartonarts.uk phone **01652 660380** or picking up the programme leaflet

Humber Half Marathon

June 26, 9am onwards

21st Humber Half Marathon sees more than 2,000 runners arriving in Barton at about 9.40am. They will run through the town before returning over the Bridge

Barton Bike Night

July 9, 4pm – 9pm

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Performance in the Park

Barton Community Band

July 17, 2pm Free - Baysgarth Park

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Wildlife Day

Sunday July 31, 10am – 4pm, £3 park donation

Water's Edge Visitors Centre.

A fun, educational day out for all the family with animal charity displays, activities and craft workshops and a wide variety of food and drink stalls. There's also birds of prey, beastie bugs from around the world and activities such as pond dipping, toad rescue and our popular nature trail.

Barton-upon-Humber Civic Society 2022 Programme of Talks

Friday 17 June, 7.30pm

The Horse, the Ambulance and the Wagoners' Special Reserve - Martin Watts, from the Wagoners' Museum at Sledmere, describes the importance of horses for the army in WW1, and the role of Wagoners' Special Reserve's veterinary hospitals and mobile veterinary units. The talk includes a special screening of a short new film of the Museum's own preserved ambulance.

Most activities require booking on the day.

Picnic in the Park

Sunday August 7, 12 noon – 4.00pm - Baysgarth Park. Organised by Barton Town Council, an afternoon of free entertainment for local families. Includes a variety of free children's events including races, interactive workshops, entertainers, demonstrations and music. Bring a picnic and enjoy the afternoon. All welcome

70th Barton Open Horticultural Show

Sat August 13 2.00pm – 4.00pm admission free

Lecture Hall, Trinity Methodist Church, Holydyke.

Anyone who grows or cooks from Barton and surrounding area is welcome to enter. Open, Novice and Children's sections in veg, fruit, flowers, plus Open and Children's in cookery. Tombola and Teas from 2.00pm. Details on what and how to enter from secretarybartonallotments@hotmail.com or Neil Jacques **01652 632438**.

Performance in the Park

The Pantaloons Theatre Company: War of the Worlds

August 14, 2pm Free - Baysgarth Park

The critically-acclaimed Pantaloons invade the stage in this funny yet faithful new open-air adaptation as they use musical instruments, puppetry and, um, enthusiasm to recreate deadly heat-rays, giant fighting-machines, squidgy tentacled Martians and interplanetary warfare on an epic scale. The chances of success? A million to one...

Performance in the Park

Illyria Theatre Company: Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie adapted by Oliver Gray

August 21, 2pm Free - Baysgarth Park

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Performance in the Park

Assembleth Theatre: The Shodyssey

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Heritage Without Walls – Heritage Open Days

Friday 9 – Sunday September 18

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Friday 15 July, 7.30pm

AGM followed by Baysgarth Park Update

Liz Bennet reviews the efforts of the local community, in partnership with North Lincolnshire Council and Barton Town Council, to care for the Park which now has a Green Flag Award recognising it as one of the UK's very best green spaces. The talk will commence at 8pm.

Wednesday 17 August

Annual Trip to Sledmere - Members and non-members are welcome to join our trip to East Yorkshire's "finest country house" and visit the Wagoners' Museum.



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Woottonstock this year will take place on Saturday 16th July, keep a note in your diary.

Up and coming events include -

Superb drag queen Tanya Minge on Friday 27th May. If you have not seen Tanya before you are missing a treat. Entry by ticket only. Tickets now on sale at £5 each.

Bike Night Wednesday 22nd June.

Wootton Darts Open commences Saturday 9th July, with a first prize of £200. For full details either ring or email us on 01469 588252, email Thenagshheadwootton@hotmail.com

ROTARY CLUB OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



Two days of collecting by members in the streets of Barton, to help the people of Ukraine raised a total of £2,695. Barton Rotary President, Graham Griffiths said that the people of Barton were so generous with their donations.

The national flower of Ukraine is the Sunflower and Ellie, daughter of Barton Rotary President Elect, David Blakey, sold packets of Sunflower seeds from her home in Barrow- raising over £160. Members in Barton have also been selling packets of Sunflower Seeds.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN

We are ten years old and on 2nd February we celebrated this landmark with a Charter Dinner at The Haven Inn - 2.2.22 had a certain ring to it. Representatives from other local clubs attended along with friends of our club and the event gave us the opportunity to award our first President **Peter Towle** with a **Paul Harris Fellowship Award**.

This is one of the highest honours Rotary can bestow on a person and is awarded in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary in placing "SERVICE ABOVE SELF". Well done Peter!

Ukraine Appeal

In response to the humanitarian tragedy in Ukraine, we organised a collection by placing Rotary collection buckets in various locations (including Goxhill) in the local area. We were overwhelmed by people's generosity and we raised **£1406.85** and this was further added to by **£330.62 from Humber Estuary Federation** (the primary schools of Goxhill, East Halton and New Holland). All of this money together with a further **£1000** from our charity account was sent to the Ukraine Appeal fund organised by Rotary District 1040. We are in Rotary District 1040, which consists of the Rotary clubs in Northern Lincolnshire and parts of Yorkshire. Several of the Rotary clubs in Yorkshire have long standing relationships with other Rotary clubs in Ukraine, Slovakia and Poland, thereby allowing them to communicate directly with them. This in effect means that any money raised goes straight to areas where it is most needed without any deductions for expenses, so you can therefore be assured that anything you give is used wisely.

Car Boot Sales

We shall be having our Car Boot sales at Barrow Playing fields on Monday 2nd May and Sunday 5 June so why don't you come along and look for a bargain, or failing that, to enjoy a delicious sausage or bacon buttie.

Jubilee weekend

We shall be present at the beacon lighting on the Millennium Green on Thursday 2nd June with our food stall, where we shall be selling burgers and bacon butties.

LIVES

At a recent club meeting we were given an interesting and informative presentation by two representatives of LIVES and were pleased to present them with a cheque for £500 to help them in their work. All LIVES personnel are volunteers and give their time for free and they have to raise their own funds for the purchase of their equipment.

TWAM (Tools with a mission)

We have had the third collection of used tools etc. made by the TWAM van to the central refurbishment centre at Coventry. Don't forget, as mentioned in a previous edition of The Gander, we are the local collection point for TWAM, so if you have tools, fabrics, sewing machines etc. that you no longer have use for, please do contact us to arrange collection.

Contact details as follows:

Telephone - John 07456 885125 or Peter 07736 058400 Email - barrowmeridianrotary@twam.uk

A reminder

We are a small vibrant inclusive club with members from all walks of life, with an age range of nineteen to eighty, who enjoy having fun and at the same time putting something back into our local communities. If you are similarly minded, then come along to one of our meetings when I know you will be made welcome.

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