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ANOTHER PACKED ISSUE OF THE GANDER FULL OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN GOXHILL

Perhaps the most important event to affect the village, at the moment, is the outcome of North Lincolnshire Council's proposals to solve the horrendous **HGV traffic problems** afflicting **South End**. A follow up **CONVERSATION EVENT** to discuss their recommendations, has been arranged for **Thursday 11th July** between **3:30pm and 5:30pm** in the **Memorial Hall**.

On a happier note there is to be another **Fete on the Millennium Green**. This time to celebrate **80 years** since the momentous **D-Day Landings** that lead to the end of WW2. **See page 9**, for more information, and look out for posters as the arrangements get finalised. If it is anything like as good as the Jubilee Fete in 2022, then it will be something to look forward to.

Then there is the next installment of **Goxhill Open Gardens**. The one day event in May was really well attended and very successful even after all the wet and cold weather leading up to it. So the 2 day **Open Gardens in June** should be even better. **See page 25** for details.

Another summer event that has become well established, is the **Goxhill Village Show**. It is held at the **Memorial Hall** on **July 28th** and shows off the creative talent in the village across a range of categories and age groups, so there is something for everyone. **See page 17** for more details.

The **New Kids on the Block** have supplied their first article, **see page 23**. And there are several other articles in this issue that include information about some amazing things that other young people in the village are doing, from go-karting to karate, even going to Borneo. I have received the excellent suggestion, to have a section to publish **old photographs of life in Goxhill**. So if you have any of your family, activities or places in Goxhill from years ago, please send them to me, with your contact details and information about the subject.

I have one apology to make. As there was so much to pack in to this issue, very sadly, there wasn't room to fit in Steve Routledge's fabulous **Nature article**. It will be back in the next issue, but you can see his blog at brachytron.blogspot.com

Ferne, our new assistant editor, is doing a great job handling so much of the work leading up to me producing the actual artwork. This is an enormous help to me. Thank you Ferne for coming forward to help.

New production software. To make it easier to hand over the reigns as editor to some one else, we have made a big change how the artwork is done. I have changed from using the highly complex, industry leading, publishing software, Quark Xpress, which costs a fortune to update, to a simpler to use software, called Swift Publisher. So far it seems capable of doing all that is needed to put together the complex artwork that makes up the 48 page of the Gander. It costs less than £20 and is better than Microsoft Publisher. **So there shouldn't be a barrier to someone else taking over from me. Please!**

Finally we will be holding our **Gander AGM**, see panel opposite. We would love to see you there to hear your comments.

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THE GANDER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 26th June 2024
at 7 pm. in the Parish Rooms**

All are welcome to come along and ask questions of the Gander team or make your views known.

Any offers of help and suggestions of ideas for different articles or information in the Gander are always appreciated.

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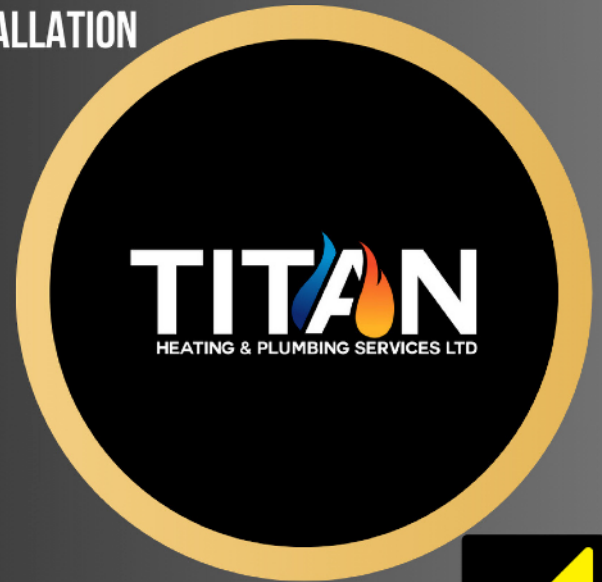
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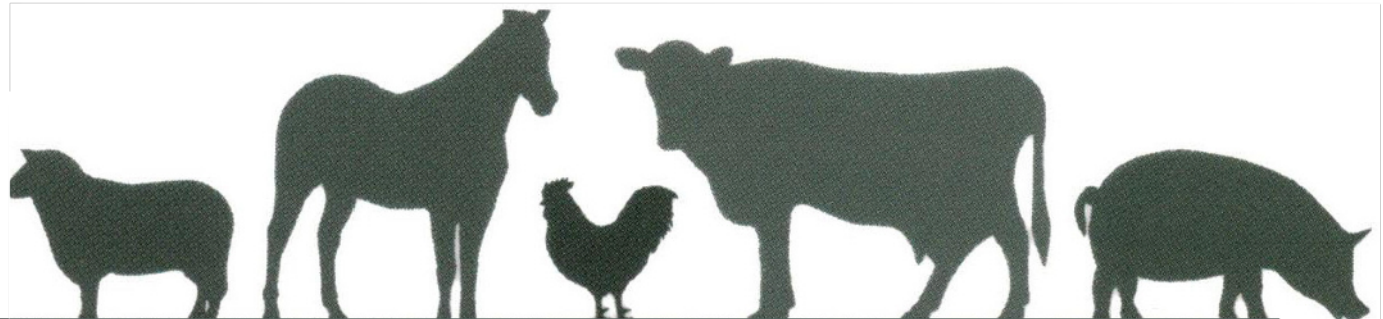
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LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends

Here is a puzzle for you: What do a clover leaf, the fleur-de-lis, a triangle and the Celtic knot have in common?

The answer is that all of them can be used as symbols of the Trinity. The Christian doctrine of the Trinity in its simplest form states that there is one God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christians celebrate Trinity Sunday every year. This year Trinity Sunday was on 26th May. The idea that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit has been around since the beginning of Christianity. But people have always found it difficult to understand and have asked a lot of questions about it. How can God be both one and three? Are all the persons of the Trinity equally God? If Jesus is really God, why does he pray? You can probably think of some more!

While the doctrine of the Trinity will always be mysterious it is helpful to have some ideas about how to imagine it. That's why Christian art sometimes includes the symbols I've listed above and other ones. Although no way of seeing or describing the Trinity is perfect, one I particularly like is to imagine that the Trinity is like a family. There are three people in this family who are collectively known as 'the Hodgkisons'. You have to agree that each member of the family is fully a Hodgkison. Mr Hodgkison is no more or less of a Hodgkison than his daughter. His wife, as Mrs Hodgkison, is also a full member of the family. And yet at the same time each of the Hodgkisons is a person in their own right, with their own personalities and roles in life. And of course, all three Hodgkisons talk to one another! It would be a strange family that never communicated.

Why is the doctrine of the Trinity so important to Christians? It is a unique way of expressing the nature of God, which sets Christianity apart from other faiths. It allows us to see God as a creator who continually cares for and is part of his creation. He knows what it is like to be human as he came to earth as a man at a particular time and place. And God, through the Holy Spirit, continues to be present with us today.

With best wishes. Sally.

Revd Liz apologises for not providing her Letter from the Church for this issue. Hoping the Bats will be back soon.

CHAPEL & SCHOOLROOM EVENTS

Goxhill Chapel **Easter Bonnet** competition was well attended, thank you to all who came along to support us at the Chapel. We had 12 entries over the 3 classes. 1st prizes of £5 Co-op vouchers went to Nicholas, Lilly & Yvonne. A special thanks to the judges. The winner of guess the name of the rabbit was Sally & the winner of guess the money in the Jar was Roy. A lovely afternoon once again. Thank you.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Chapel and Churches Together activities all in the Chapel / Chapel Schoolroom unless otherwise stated.

JUNE

- Luncheon Club** - Wednesday 12th June 12 - 2pm
- Bingo** - Friday 14th June 6.30pm
- Pop in** - Saturday 15th June 10 -12 noon
- Chapel service** - Sunday 16th June 10.30am
- Open Gardens** - Sat & Sun 22nd & 23rd June 12 - 5pm (see page 25 for details)
- Whist Drive** - Saturday 29th June 6.30pm
- Chapel Service** - Sunday 30th June 10.30am

JULY

- Cafe Church** - Sunday 7th July 10.30am
- Luncheon Club** - Wednesday 10th July 12 - 2pm
- Bingo** - Friday 12th July 6.30pm
- Pop in** - Saturday 20th July 10am-12 noon
- Chapel Service** - Sunday 21st July 10.30am
- Garden Party** - Saturday 20th July (see opposite)
- Whist Drive** - Saturday 20th July 6.30pm

AUGUST

- Cafe Church** - Sunday 4th August 10.30am
- Luncheon Club** - Not on in August
- Pop in** - Saturday 17th August 10-12 noon

Chapel Service - Sunday 18th August 10.30am

Cafe Church - Sunday 1st September 10.30am

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Wednesdays **Singing Group** 7-9pm Chapel Schoolroom
- Thursdays **Knit & Natter** 2-4pm
- Saturday **Pop In** 10am - 12 noon
- Sundays **Regular Chapel services**
First, third & fifth Sunday, 10.30am

Thank you all for your support at past events and continued support at future events. All to provide entertainment and to raise funds to keep the Chapel open.

For information or bookings please contact **Christine** on 07512 004942 or **Hazel** on 531664.

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15th June **20th July**
17th August

GOXHILL CHURCH EVENT GARDEN PARTY

The Friends of All Saints Church invite you to join them for a Garden Party on **Saturday 20th July from 2-5pm** at the home of Mr Trevor Bray, Haven Lodge, The Square, Goxhill. See posters for further details. Do come and join us.

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and CHAPEL EVENTS
are listed on the previous page.

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January 2024	42	Jill Kirby	£19
	89	Rebecca Noton	£19
	145	Andrew Green	£19
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	227	Lisa Portess	£19
March	159	Emma Tomlinson	£19
	180	Darren Portas	£19
	234	Ruth Whitmore	£19
March Quarterly Jackpot			
	108	John Guggiari	£120

All monthly draws took place at the Community Café in Goxhill Memorial Hall and were made by individuals unconnected with the 200 Club organisers.

Goxhill 200 Club is a Private Society Lottery and open to anyone aged over 16 years who is interested in supporting the running of our Memorial Hall whilst having a bit of a flutter. Half the money from subscriptions funds monthly and quarterly prizes whilst the other half is donated to Goxhill Memorial Hall.

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Rodney Atkin

The family of the late Rodney (Rod) Atkin would like to say thank you for all the cards, flowers and sympathy messages which they have received following his sad passing.

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Our WI programme for the next 3 months is:

June 10th Treasure Hunt – set by Carole Hussey

July 8th Something related to forensic science –
Speaker: Helen Pepper

No meeting in August

For further information, look out for posters & for details on the Grapevine or contact

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Please find details for entries to the 2025 calendar, also please note the new email addresses for submitting the photos and for voting online.

Are those cameras clicking? How about joining our calendar competition? Every entry is a joy and a hopeful winner in our next calendar.

Here are a few details to make your entry as easy as possible.

- 1 *Anyone can enter as long as the photo reflects aspects of life in Goxhill of times gone by or present day.*
- 2 *Photos to be in a landscape (horizontal) format.*
- 3 *All photos should be titled, with its location and the entrants name and if entering the junior category, can we have your age too please.*
- 4 *Up to four photos per entry please.*
- 5 *Prizes awarded for the junior under 14 winner and the front cover winner.*

You can start emailing your photos now!

The **last date** for photo entries is **24th August 2024** and to be e-mailed to:

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Online photo viewing can be done via the Goxhill Calendar Facebook page from **25th August until 31st August**.

Online voting from **25th August until 31st August** by emailing your nominations to:

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Your 13 photos to vote for are:

The front cover of the calendar, the junior entry and finally, your top eleven photos.

Viewing and voting in person will be at All Saints Church on **Saturday 31st August from 1pm – 4pm** along with refreshments.

GOXHILL D-DAY FETE - Saturday 8 June 2024 - 2.30 to 5.30pm

In celebration of D-Day, a village fete is being organised on the **Millennium Green**, on Saturday 8 June 2024. It is hoped to repeat the highly successful Queens Platinum Jubilee Fete in 2022, attended by over 500 people and pictured here.

The fete will once again consist of games and activities provided by the village for the village. The centre of attraction this year will be a **dog show** organised by **The Rally Rockers**, who will advertise their event shortly with details of the show. We already have a number of requests for stalls including the old favourites, Hook a Duck, Throw the Welly, Apple Dunking and Table Top Games from Joanne Cleghorn and her Team.



There are many more stalls already booked but too many to list in this post. **If you would like to book a stall please let me know**, there is plenty of room on the green.

At the last fete the tea and cake stall was organised by the Scissor Box ladies selling donated cake slices and tea, which was very, very successful. Trudie and Rob Snell have volunteered to provide a Barbecue to supplement your picnic, should you desire.

As with the fete in 2022, there will be a Millennium

Green Trust raffle to help pay to provide the necessary equipment and resources for the volunteers to carry out work on the green. **Donations of raffle prizes would be very welcome.**

There will be meetings to coordinate the event so **look out for posters and on facebook.**

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GOXHILL VILLAGE SHOW SUNDAY JULY 28th

Memorial Hall

See page 17 for full details

LiveLincs Show

Have you wondered about the heat gun that has appeared in your friend's kitchen or why there is so much popcorn on offer when you watch Strictly Come Dancing? And is it the up-and-down weather that means you can only feel really clean after a bath because the shower's no longer hacking it?

The chances are that somebody amongst your family and friends went to see **Set Menu: The Best of George Egg** at Goxhill Memorial Hall in April. Not only did we watch and listen to George as he prepared three recipes, along the way we picked up quite a few ideas (and practical jokes) relating to food.

George Egg most definitely lived up to his billing as a culinary Bill Bailey, with chopping boards instead of keyboards. The whole evening had a kind of organized chaos about it right from the moment when I tried to charge one of the early admissions for four children, only to discover after she had paid that two of them were not hers! It was a fun evening shared with a great audience and all profits went to the Goxhill Memorial Hall charity to help with running and maintaining our village hall.

The next LiveLincs show will not be until the autumn and, as long as the date and act are known in time, will be previewed in The Gander. In any event we will aim to publicise it via social media: @GoxhillEvents on Facebook & @Goxhill_Events on X (formerly Twitter). Thanks to everyone who supports us. **John Guggiari**

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DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8-Jun	2.30-5.30pm	Goxhill D-Day Fete	Millen/Green
10-Jun	7pm	WI - Treasure Hunt	Mem/Hall
12-Jun	12-2pm	Luncheon Club	Chapel S/Room
14-Jun	6.30pm	Bingo	Chapel S/Room
15-Jun	10-12 noon	Pop In	Chapel S/Room
22-Jun	12-5.00pm	Open Gardens	Chapel
23-Jun	12-5.00pm	Open Gardens	Chapel
26-Jun	7pm	Gander AGM	Parish Rooms
29-Jun	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/Room
8-Jul	7pm	WI - Forensic Science	Mem/Hall
10-Jul	12-2pm	Luncheon Club	Chapel S/Room
11-Jul	3.30-5.30	Traffic Conversation	Memorial Hall
12-Jul	6.30pm	Bingo	Chapel S/Room
20-Jul	10-12 noon	Pop In	Chapel S/Room
20-Jul	2 - 5pm	Garden Party, Haven Lodge, The Square	
20-Jul	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/Room
28-Jul	All Day	Goxhill Village Show	Memorial Hall
1-Aug		Copy Deadline for the Autumn Gander	
17-Aug	10-12 noon	Pop In	Chapel S/Room
24-Aug		Last day for entries to Calender Competition	
25-Aug	All Day	Scarecrow Trail	Around the Village
26-Aug	All Day	Scarecrow Trail	Around the Village
26-Aug		Car Boot Sale	Barrow P/F
31-Aug	1pm - 4pm	Calender Competition Voting	Church
1-Dec	10 - 3pm	Christmas Craft Fair	Memorial Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

Chapel

Regular Services	10.30am	1st, 3rd & 5th Sun
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Church

Regular Services	8.30am	1st Sun of the month
	9.30am	2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays

Chapel School Room

Singing Group	7pm-9pm	Wednesday
Luncheon Club	12-2pm	2nd Wed of every month
Knit & Natter	2pm-4pm	Thursday
Pop In	10-12 noon	3rd Sat of the month
Café Church	10.30am	1st Sun of every month

Memorial Hall

Baby & Toddlers	9.15am-11.30am	Monday
Womens Institute	7pm	Every 2nd Mon of the month
Pilates	10am-11am	Tuesday
Martial Arts	4pm-8pm	Tuesday
Gentle Yoga	1.30-2.30pm	Wednesday
Short Mat Bowls	7pm-9pm	Wednesday
Pilates	10am-11am	Thursday
Ladies Kickboxing	7pm-8pm	Thursday
Short Mat Bowls	10am-12 noon	Friday
Community Café	2pm-5pm	Friday
Dog Training	6.30pm-8pm	Friday
Taekwondo	11.30am-2pm	Saturday

Library

	2pm-6pm	Monday
	2pm-5pm	Wednesday
	3.30pm-6pm	Friday

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H & HJ Huteson & Sons are hosting a seminar to provide a better understanding of end-of-life matters and the choices available when arranging a funeral.

For many, death is a topic that is considered a taboo subject and avoided in everyday conversations. It's therefore, unsurprising that there are so many mistaken and inaccurate beliefs about funerals. In general conversation many people find it difficult to differentiate fact from fiction, some examples include:

- A funeral is required to have a religious element.
- You don't get your ashes back as more than one person at a time is cremated.
- When you die you have to be embalmed.
- The coffin you choose is not cremated and re-used at another funeral.
- Funerals must be traditional, sad, and expensive occasions.
- There are defined stages of grief and you're not normal if you don't experience these.

Local funeral directors, H & HJ Huteson & Sons are hosting a seminar aimed at dispelling the common myths and misconceptions surrounding death, funerals, and the choices available if you suffer a bereavement.

We have various dates available so please contact **Kerrie Newton** on **01652 660330** and we will find a date suitable for you.

The seminar is available to members of the public or people that work in hospitals, hospices or nursing homes and want to feel more confident or empowered when asked questions about undertakers or planning a funeral. Knowing what happens before, during and after a funeral helps bereaved families make informed choices and arrange an appropriate and fitting tribute for their loved one. Many families these days choose to pre-arrange the funeral to avoid having to make difficult and emotional decisions when the person passes away.

"We recognise the importance of being open and transparent about our services and how we care for a person that has died," explained Kerrie Newton, Business Leader "We want to use our extensive knowledge to provide the community with accurate information about death and what happens at the funeral home, cemetery or crematorium so anyone faced with arranging a funeral will not see it as such a daunting experience. For those that work in nursing homes or hospitals, we would also like to offer reassurance that we attend to the people in our care just as much as they did when the person was alive."

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For further information, please contact: **Kerrie Newton, Business Leader,**
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Saturday Field Trips - Meet at Ness End Farm* 9am start unless stated

Date	Start	Duration	Event Name
15 June	9:00am	Full day	Redhill/Saltfleetby Morning - Redhill and Afternoon - Saltfleetby. Red Hill is one of the best chalk down land meadows in Lincolnshire. Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe Dunes National Nature Reserve is open all year, Angela/Stuart Buckle (07592 213615)
20 July	9:00am	Full day	Millington Woods/Pocklington canal/Kiplingcotes The Wood is described as the richest botanical woodland in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Pocklington canal and/or Kiplingcotes. Kiplingcotes chalk meadow provides a haven for chalk-loving plant and animal species. Deborah Parry (07527 752863)

Wednesday Wanders meet at Ness End Farm for a 7.00pm start unless stated. 2 hour local evening walk.

12 June	7.30pm	2 hours	Wild flower walk and identification Far Ings Nature reserve looking at Wildflowers Simon Wellock (01652 634507)
3 July	7.00pm	2 hours	Wild flower walk and identification An evening walk around Hendale Woods Angela/Stuart Buckle (07592 213615)

Indoor Meetings to be held in the Visitor Centre, Far Ings Road
Contact: Vernon Chapman – 01652 660957 or 07939 347373

18 Sept	7.30pm	2 hours	Vine House Farm Bird Foods Talk by Nicholas Watts, MBE who researches and trials conservation ideas on his farm
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website - <https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/> (Barton Area Group)

*Ness End Farm, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber DN18 5RG. Visitor Centre also Far Ings Road, nearest postcode as Ness End Farm. Sign posted on Far Ings Rd.

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Barton's Queen Street Church School - 180 Year Ago

How times change. Imagine conceiving the idea for a school, building it, and having its doors open within nine months. Securing planning permissions would take that long today. The **Barton "Church School"** on Queen Street came about just like that, between April and December in 1844. The Curate of Barton, observed: "children of the poor are numerous and have scarcely any means of gratuitous education except that which is imparted to them on the Sabbath day." The committee agreed deciding: "A School being very much required ...".

The committee agreed: "to purchase Lot 5 of the late Mansion [Long's Mansion] site with the Stables and Coach-house thereon plus a piece of the adjoining garden on the North (15 yds wide x 38 yds deep) for £250." This was land that had been part of a mansion and its estate stretching west from where Marsh Lane is today, as far as Finkle Lane. The land was split up into plots with a road through the middle (initially called New Road, later Queen Street).

By December 1844, the school was up and running – only nine months after that first meeting in April! It cost £846 which is difficult to pin down as an equivalent value today but, depending on which measure you use, it could be anything between £65,000 and £85,000.

We are tracking the month by month progress of the school's construction in a display at the Wilderspin School Museum and we are also planning a more detailed exhibition as part of **Heritage Open Days in the autumn**.

Queen Street, formerly New Road, with the School built on plot 5. In the early 1800s this whole view would have been the parkland of an estate, with its mansion house off to the right, where Elm Tree House is today. The first plot to be used was for the Temperance Hall (left, now the Assembly Rooms), and in 1867, the Chapel was built using the adjacent plot.



The School is now a museum with lots of schooldays and childhood memories, and is open **Fridays - Saturdays 11am - 3pm (Sundays 11am -2pm)**. Children are free. The Adult Annual Ticket is £5. wilderspinschool.org.uk tel. (01652) 635172

Looking Ahead:

Saturday 1 June, 11am - 3pm: Museum Open Day: find out how to get involved helping to care for "one of the most important schools in England" and running the Museum, as well as other local heritage sites forming part of the Barton Heritage Project.

Friday 7 June – Sunday 30 June, 11am – 3pm: Brilliant Buildings pupils from Castledyke School exhibit models and poetry stimulated by their examination of Barton's historic buildings.

Friday 21 June, 7.30pm, Barton Civic Society lecture: Wicksteed, Warden & Dale - Heroes or Villains. Peter Claxton tells the story of the Hull's nineteenth century water supply.

Thursday 13 July, 7pm, Summer Quiz Evening
Friday 19 July, 8pm, Barton Civic Society lecture: St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church with Ursula Vickerton.

Saturday 17 August, 11am – 3pm: Seaside Special – seaside fun in the centre of Barton!

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SOUTH BANK PLAYERS

Our **Ghost Walk** season wrapped up at the end of March and was possibly the most successful season we've ever had, with around 200 people attending across the 5 events. The weather was kind to us which helped! The next season begins on **Halloween**, which is always a popular night, so if you want to come to that one we suggest you book early via our website below. The walk starts at **7.30pm** from **Baysgarth House Museum** and costs £5 per person (adults and children).

We would like to say a huge thank you to two of actors who have decided to hang up their Ghost Walk costumes after several years of sterling service. Richard Young from Barrow has been playing the part of James Aldridge, and Brian Wilcox from Barton has been our Undertaker. If anyone would like to take one of these roles please do let us know as we don't currently have anyone available to fill them (some of us are already multi-tasking!). James Aldridge is a speaking part but the Undertaker is not. We can always use extra pairs of hands so if anybody wants to get involved in moving props about, marshalling etc we would love to have you. It's good fun and we always end up in the pub!

Our next project is a 1920's themed **Murder Mystery** which we are performing at the **Barrow Haven Inn on 21st June** (sold out I believe), and at The **Nelthorpe Arms** in South Ferriby on **19th October** (contact the pub to book). We are also performing it for several WI groups. We don't have the capacity to do any more this year, but if you belong to a group that would like to book us for next year, do get in touch.

We can be contacted via the website www.sbplayers.co.uk or [email liz@lizdrury.co.uk](mailto:liz@lizdrury.co.uk)

A fun-filled summer is on the horizon in Barton upon Humber

With plenty to see and do in Barton this summer, you will want to be sure these dates are in your diaries.

The last weekend in June is a busy one, **Saturday June 29 and Sunday June 30** will see private gardens large and small open to the public in aid of charity. Tickets costing £4 are available to purchase from **The Ropewalk from June 1**.

Also taking place that weekend on **Sunday June 30** is **The Ropewalk Classic Car Day and Barton Street Boot**. A map of all participants will be posted ahead of the day over on the Barton Street Boot Facebook page.

During **July and August**, **Baysgarth Park and Barton Tourism Partnership** will yet again host a series of free **Performances in the Park**, with live theatre and music. Visit the Friends of Barton Parks Facebook page for more information.

The annual **Heritage Open Days festival** will take place across Barton in **September**, with many heritage sites open to the public and opportunities to learn more about the town's history. These events will take place between **September 7 and 15**, and information will be posted on the Historic Barton upon Humber Facebook page in due course.

To find out more about other events in Barton, visit www.barton-upon-humber.org.uk

Stubbs 300 Exhibition at The Ropewalk

The summer exhibition at The Ropewalk marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of painter George Stubbs as well as his connection with our area.

The Nelthorpe family, who at the time lived at their principal residence, Baysgarth House, were patrons of Liverpool born Stubbs and first commissioned a portrait of Sir Henry and his wife Elizabeth around 1845.

Around 1756 Stubbs returned to Barton to paint a portrait of Henry's son John and between then and 1758 he spent 18 months in Horkstow dissecting and studying horses which led to the publication of *The Anatomy of the Horse* in 1766.

Sir John continued to patronise George Stubbs throughout his life, as his mother had done before him. In 1776, he commissioned George Stubbs to paint a portrait of himself, at the age of 31, out shooting with his dogs, Hector and Tinker, in Barton Field.

The Ropewalk's exhibition features three contemporary artists who carry on the tradition of investigation and observation of the natural world.

York sculptor **Harold Gosney** taught at Grimsby Art School for many years and his life-sized *Horse and Rider*

can be seen on permanent display at Normanby Hall. The horse is a central theme in Harold's work, and he often uses mythical stories and historical events as inspiration.

Emma Rodgers is another artist who will be familiar to regular visitors to The Ropewalk as she has exhibited here since 2002. For this exhibition she has created work inspired by the paintings of Stubbs housed in the Walker Gallery and as he was born in Liverpool.

The third artist is Ropewalk Studio artist **Sally Beaumont**, a graduate of Hornsey College of Art and the Slade School, London.

This show of paintings and prints combines many current horse-related themes that apart from Stubbs

include work influenced by W.W.1 photos taken by her grandfather working in the A.V.C. in Mesopotamia.

There are further exhibitions and events this summer at Normanby Hall and Scawby Hall, home of the Nelthorpe family since the late 1780s.





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At last the days are getting longer and brighter. Today (May 1st) the temperature outside has reached the dizzy height of 20.5 deg C. Out the window the garden is silently staring at me, trying to remind me that I haven't been out there for more than half a year. The last six months have been nothing but day after day of cold winds and rain I think in my defence. But just as the weather is improving, my energy is drawn to the number of events I am supposed to be organising at the Memorial Hall this year.

Community Café Friday afternoons 2-5pm. We offer free drinks and snacks and normally see 30 - 40 visitors at the hall on a Friday afternoon, either playing Bridge or Scrabble (please join in if you are interested) or just enjoying a good chat. Anyone from the local towns and villages are welcome. Don't forget the café is closing during the summer holidays, from June 28th till Sept 6th. We hope to see you all again on Friday afternoons after the sunshine has faded, the days cool and the garden is once again left to its own devices.

Village Show Sunday July 28th. A week after the school closes for the summer, we will hold Goxhill's Village Show at the Memorial Hall. The categories etc will be very much like last years, but with ALL the entries submitted to the Hall on Sunday morning and with judging, viewing and prize-giving later on the same day. (see attached). As usual, photos of the prize winners will be posted on the Goxhill Grapevine. Get your entries ready early this year (leaving the baking to the last minute of course) as this could be your year to shine. As you can see there are 2 categories for children (10 and under, and 10-15yr olds) with over 15 years included with the adults. For the under 10 decorated cupcakes and biscuits, judged by appearance only, they can use any shop-bought biscuit/cup-cake as a starting point. The Garden in a Tray is an entry just for children, with adult advice of course. The Model entry (C4) from both adults and children can be made from any media; clay, paper, cardboard, wood, matchsticks, pipe cleaners, bottle tops etc. The same with the C5 Recycled and reused entries; peg bags from old jeans, rugs from old shirts, baked bean tins converted in pencil holders etc... We recycle and reuse all sorts of things in our daily lives, so let's see that creativity in your submissions.

Memorial Hall essential maintenance Aug 5th - 16th - The Hall will be closed for 7 days between Aug 5th and 16th for essential repairs and repainting. Regular users will be notified in advance.

Scarecrow Trail; Aug 25th - 26th Theme: Characters from the Movies. I am looking forward to seeing what Goxhill comes up with this year. I am torn between colourful characters from Kiss Ass or Kingsman, or the Red Baron from Captain America. It should be a hoot. Please contact me if you and your family want to join in the fun.

Christmas Craft Fair. Dec 1st 10am -3pm Stall holders are already asking if they can make provisional bookings for this event but nothing can happen if I don't apply for a temporary market licence from North Lincs Council in the next month or so. **Until next time.... Ann Carter - 01469 530635**

For Memorial Hall & Snooker Room booking see page 7

FUTURE EVENTS IN THE HALL

Community Café

Every Friday - 2-5pm

Goxhill Village Show - all day

Sunday July 28th

Scarecrow Trail

Sun & Mon 25/26 August 11-5pm

Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday December 1st 10am-3pm

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mon: Baby and Toddlers
9.15-11.30am

Tue: Pilates 10-11am
Martial Arts 4-8pm

Wed: Gentle Yoga 1.30-2.30pm
Short Mat Bowls 7-9pm

Thur: Pilates 10-11am
Martial Arts, Ladies Kickboxing
7-8pm

Fri: Short Mat Bowls 10-12am
Dog Training S&S 6:30-8pm

Sat: Taekwando 11:30-2pm

GOXHILL VILLAGE SHOW SUNDAY JULY 28th

Submit entries 10 - 12 am
Judging 12 - 2 pm
Viewing 2 - 4 pm
Award Prizes (Hall) 4 - 5 pm
Take home exhibits 5 - 6 pm

The show is open to all adults living in Goxhill, and any children attending New Holland, East Halton and Goxhill schools. Children and grandchildren of Goxhill residents are also eligible.

There are classes for **Adults** (16 and over), **15-10yr olds** and the **under 10's**, in classes listed in the table OPPOSITE.

The number of entries is limited to 2 per class with an adult entry fee of £1.00, and children (15 years and under), 50p.

Information leaflets and Entry Forms can be obtained from -

Memorial Hall Café - Friday 2-5pm

and **Goxhill Library** - Mondays 2 - 6pm,

Wednesdays 2pm - 5pm, Fridays 3.30pm - 6pm.

Main Category	Sub category
(F) Food Items	F1 - 3 decorated cupcakes
	F2 - Sponge cake
	F3 - Small fruit loaf/cake
	F4 - Scones
	F5 - 4 decorated biscuits/cookies
	F6 - Jam/Curd
	F7 - Pickles
(C) Craft and Writing	C1 - Knitted Items
	C2 - Crocheted Item
	C3 - Cross stitch or embroidery Items
	C4 - Any media (paper/card/pottery etc) model
	C5 - Recycled: Useful or Decorative Item
	C6 - Painting - any size
	C7 - Photograph 7"x 5" Local area last 12mths
W1 - Poetry 40 lines max	
(H) Horticulture entries	H1 - 3 home-grown identical flowers in vase
	H2 - Mini Garden in a tray (14 x 10ins max)
	H3 - Box (18x12ins max) of home-grown vegetables
	H4 - Basket (18x12ins max) of homegrown fruit
	H5 - Wonky / Funny/ Odd Vegetable



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GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Council's report for this edition of the Gander is a copy of the Chairman's report delivered at the **Annual Parish Meeting on the 17th April 2024**.

The last council year 2023/24 was a new beginning in many varied ways. The village elected 5 new Councillors to the Council, its biggest change of personnel in 15 years, the Council elected a new Chair and Vice-Chair and a new Village Lengthsman was appointed. In October our Parish Clerk for 5 years resigned and was replaced by Hannah Hepworth. With the appointment of a new Clerk the Council took the opportunity to review the clerk's terms and conditions which resulted in revised hours of working and office working times. We also agreed to sign up to an accounting system that will streamline and speed up our accounting system.

Earlier this year the village and Councillors were shocked to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of **Councillor Mike Gathercole** followed shortly afterwards by the death of **Mrs Freda Dunkley**.

Mike had been a Parish Councillor for 23 years and during that time had been Chairman of the Council for 16 years. As well as this he had been a governor at Goxhill Primary 19 years, been associated with Goxhill Allotments for 16 years, he had been Chair of the BCCRP for 16 years and served on the Goxhill Gander management team for 27 years.

Freda had served on the Parish Council for 13 years up until May 2023 and for a number of years she had been Vice Chair to Mike. Freda will be remembered for her work with the Cemetery committee which led to a number of Best Kept Village awards for the cemetery and for her tree planting on the Millennium Green. Both of them worked hard and diligently on behalf of the village and will be missed.

With nearly half the council new to the job it took a while for them to find their feet and gain a working understanding of the Council, but having attended a number of training courses I am pleased to say that they have become steadfast members of the team and we are moving forward with purpose.

With the loss of Cllr Gathercole it has been necessary to co-opt a replacement. We had four applicants apply for the position and at May's meeting we voted Mrs Katrina Favell onto the Council. Congratulations to Mrs Favell and thank you to the other applicants who were unsuccessful.

The amount of power and ability to make things happen is limited for a Parish Council so often our effectiveness comes as the result of our ability to work with and influence our **Ward Councillors at NLC**. Our three Ward Councillors attend our meetings, listen to the points we make, feed back information and decisions based on our reports and requests and give valued advice on a number of subjects. This year they have been involved in a review of the parking issues at North End by the school, pushing for pothole repairs and resurfacing in various areas of the village, looking at speed restrictions and street lighting options for Churchside, making changes to the road signs and markings at the Barrow Road/Thornton Road junction, providing a consultation for a bus shelter and, of course, the traffic issues in South End.

The problem of **HGV traffic through South End** has been an issue that has raised its head on numerous occasions. As Chairman of the Council I offered to chair a round table discussion between South End residents,

the Local Policing Team, NLC Officials and Councillors. From this meeting came suggestions and a positive statement from NLC that they would actively pursue an acceptable solution. A **Community Conversation** event followed where over 200 members of the public put their points of view to NLC Officials. Ms Lesley Potts, an NLC Director, took away all the information, comments and ideas. A **follow up Conversation Event** has been arranged by NLC on **Thursday 11th July** between **3:30pm and 5:30pm** in the **Memorial Hall**.

The **Millennium Green Trust** has been a major discussion point within the Council for over a year and we have finally reached a point where the Council, as Sole Trustee, is complying with Local Government legislation, Charity Commission rules and the terms of the original Trust Deed.

The land bordering **Horsegatefield Road** and the rear of **Hawthorn Gardens** is approaching a necessary start date for development and the Council were asked by Keigar Homes if we and the village had any suggestions for the use of the last parcel of land that had been mentioned as a possible community asset. Keith and Garry Whall attended a Council meeting and we asked the villages for ideas. These have been passed on to Keigar Homes and we await further communication from them.

In the last 12 months your Council have raised a number of issues with our Ward Councillors as I have previously mentioned. We are waiting for an answer to a request for a 30mph speed limit on Thorn Lane and round Churchside and for street lighting on Churchside. Hopefully these will be looked upon favourably. At long last the road signs and markings at the junction of Thornton Road, Barrow Road and Gatehouse Road have been upgraded which we hope will increase safety at this junction.

The **grass cutting contracts** for the Cemetery, Playing Field and Millennium Green were all renewed this year and, in some cases, resulted in a hike in costs to the Council. As we award contracts for a four year period to try and smooth the costs, an increase at renewal is rather inevitable, as anyone who has had to renew a mortgage agreement will have found. It has meant that we have had to increase the charges at the Cemetery but again these hadn't been reviewed for a number of years.

Finances are important to everyone and therefore the Council were keen to be as prudent as possible when we met to set the budget for 2024-25. Changes were made to the Clerks contracted hours, a new fixed contract was agreed with our gas, electric and phone suppliers, alterations have been made to the Parish Room lighting and heating controls all of which have enabled us to reduce the Councils overhead. We also managed to save some money from last year's budget which we used to offset the Precept requirement and the result was a reduction of 19% on last year's precept. But it isn't all about saving money, we still have a duty to maintain and improve facilities in the village where we can. Those of you who use the children's play area will have noticed that repairs have been carried out to the Zip Wire, the safety flooring round some of the equipment has been replaced and the Witches Hat has been painted. On Thornton Road the village sign and the cross road sign post have been restored by Mr Paul Weeks and a dedicated group of volunteer helpers, this work was funded by the Council.

And **so to our plans for this year**. We are looking at

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raising a Blue Plaque on the Parish Room recognising the fact that Mrs Mary Denness lived in the village for over 45 years. Mrs Denness was one of 4 ladies from Hull called the Headscarf Revolutionaries, who took radical action against the dangerous fishing conditions in Hull following the "Dark Winter" of 1968 when 3 trawlers perished and 58 men lost their lives in the space of 3 weeks. Their efforts led to significant changes to trawler operations and safety procedures saving thousands of lives at sea.

The Council has been awarded a grant to purchase perennial plants for the village which we will use to enhance the existing planters, planted areas and add some additional areas of colour. The aim is to make Goxhill look as good as possible for the **Best Kept Village awards**.

We have access to some funding from a building development in the village that is earmarked for playground equipment and the Council will be looking at the possibilities of adding to or replacing some of the play equipment in the park.

We are looking at how we communicate with the village, by that I mean how we advertise our meeting agendas, distribute the minutes of meetings, advise parishioners of events and important notices as well as how we can improve our interaction with parishioners. This should see increased use of Facebook pages linked to the Goxhill Grapevine, improved use of the Councils website, better layouts on the noticeboards and possibly

additional noticeboards. The Council have agreed to sponsor the Friday **Community Cafe at the Memorial Hall** on the 3rd Friday of each month for informal "meet your Councillor" sessions with the added benefit of a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

Communication is an important part of the Council's way of working. We are councillors appointed by yourselves, to serve the village and parishioners so it is very important that we know what you are thinking and you know what we are doing. Please take the opportunity to speak to Councillors when you can, come to the meetings and give us feedback, read the minutes and notices and come visit us at the Community Cafe.

Jack Lawtey - GPC Chairman

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ADDENDUM to the previous PC article. Add after the statement "thanks to Paul Weeks and his helpers", the following who contributed to the restoration of the Welcome to Goxhill sign: Tony Ruddy, Steve Schrivener, Rob Robertson, and Bruce Margetson. Without their help and expertise, the restoration would not of been possible. All credit due to everyone involved! Another community project successfully completed.

GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

During the break over the Autumn and Winter – though it has been tricky to identify where one finished and the other started, as it all seems to have been rain - our Club's dedicated team of volunteers have been busy renovating Goxhill's bowling green ready for the 2024 season. One problem in the absence of hard frosts and snow has been increased activity by crows burrowing into the surface in search of grubs. Fortunately a couple of scarecrows seem to have done their job in time to ensure that our head greenkeeper did not have a nervous breakdown.

With such an excellent green and comfortable facilities for spectators, we are hoping that Goxhill residents who came along to watch and support us last year will return and maybe bring a few friends along too. Ideally, we want to tempt you to try your hand at lawn bowling and perhaps take it up as a regular sport. If you think that might be of interest to you then right now is the best time to start as it will mean that you can get maximum value from your membership if you decide to join.

Lawn bowling is not an expensive sport and as the vast majority of people can enjoy it whatever their age, it is a great pastime for the whole family. Even if you have not been active in other sports in the past, you should find bowling well within your physical capabilities and very enjoyable. We currently have plans in hand with Baysgarth School to run lawn bowling taster sessions, free of charge, for a number of their pupils as part of their PE curriculum. We would be equally happy to do something similar for other clubs or groups, whether for children, adults, or a mix – just get in touch if you would like more details.

At Goxhill Bowling Club you can try out lawn bowling entirely free. All you will need is a pair of reasonably flat shoes, sandals or trainers that will not damage the green. We can lend everything else required, with free coaching and support offered by experienced bowlers. Lawn bowls are available to borrow without charge and when you want to buy your own bowls, a pre-owned set can usually be easily obtained and affordable if you do not want to buy new.

But just watching bowling can be a pleasant way to enjoy a summer evening and we are always happy to welcome spectators. There is no need to be a member or to pay anything at all to just watch. Bench seats (with cushions) in our pavilion and a viewing shelter provide good views and a bit of protection if a breeze blows up or there is an unexpected shower. Scoreboards show how games are progressing on each rink and if the scoring or rules are unclear then somebody who can explain what is happening will probably be watching. We aim to play our matches competitively but in a polite and sporting manner. All we ask of you as spectators is to support us in the same fashion.

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

John Guggiari

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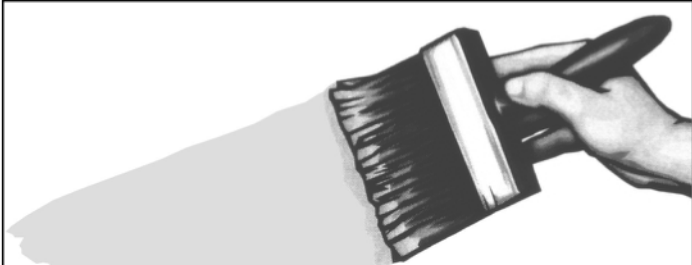


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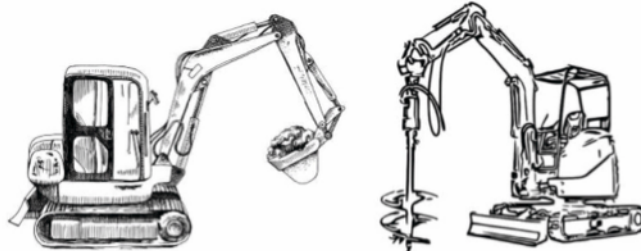
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Ski trip success!

During the February half term, a couple of kids from the village including myself went with our school to Sauze d'Oulx in northern Italy. The town is in the middle of the alps and gets heavy snow every year, creating a perfect environment for skiing. The trip had been in the planning for over a year prior, so we were all very excited to finally go.

On the first Saturday of the holiday, we took a coach from our school in Caistor. Apart from a quick stop in Cambridge, we drove nonstop to Dover, crossed the English Channel by ferry before landing at Calais and travelling the entirety of France down to the Italian border. Once the 21-hour trip was completed, we spent the first day at our hotel relaxing and getting our skis fitted. We were then treated to an Italian style dinner by the lovely people who ran the hotel.

The first morning was a day of new experiences. After another meal, we made our way to the ski lift. For many of us, this was our first time using one. We all managed to make it up the mountain, although some ski poles were lost along the way! We were then introduced to our instructors, who put us into groups based on ability. The group I was put into had two instructors, who were both called Matteo. We spent the first day on the slopes learning basic skiing information, such as how to turn, speed up and slow down. We ate lunch at a restaurant at the ski school, which, like the hotel, had unbelievably good food. We then took the ski lift back to the hotel and got some well-deserved sleep.

On the second day, we did a green run. While daunting at first, our instructors were experts at their job, and we all managed to get the down safely. The third and fourth days were spent further up the mountain, where we tried some blue runs. This was where we spent most of the week.

Some evenings, we took a different ski lift down the mountain, which took us into the town centre. This gave us opportunities to buy souvenirs, eat traditionally made pizza, and attend the silent disco. This gave me a chance to practice speaking Italian, after learning it for a few months prior.

By the fifth and final day in the resort, everyone in the group could confidently do blue runs, so we tried a red. While this was hard, it was fun and was a great way to conclude the trip. After the final ski down the mountain, we were given certificates specifying our level of skiing ability.

I was awarded level 2 elementary, which was just above the average. We said goodbye to our instructors and went down the mountain to the hotel. We showered, got changed and had a quick meal before getting back on the coach and repeating the journey home, this time boarding the ferry at Dunkirk.

James Dennett



My skiing certificate



Sauze d'Oulx in northern Italy.

GANDER GRANT SCHEME The Gander have approved 4 grants all for £250. We will donate towards -

The cost of poisoning and clearing the tree roots around the graves in the churchyard.

To Paul Weeks towards the cost of a replacement bench at the junction of Howe Lane and Thornton Road.

To the two young students from Baysgarth, below, towards their expedition to Borneo in 2025.

"I would like to thank the Goxhill Gander for their generous support with a grant towards my expedition to Borneo with Baysgarth School in July 2025.

My name is Sophie Cleghorn, I am 14 years old from Goxhill and I have been given the amazing opportunity by my school to represent them on a lifetime experience to Borneo next summer.

The expedition ethos is sustainability and experiencing the life and culture in the area you are visiting.

The expedition is not like a normal school trip, it is designed to challenge, transform and empower young people, giving students ownership and responsibility. It aids the development of life skills such as accountability, confidence and personal ownership, allowing each young person to discover abilities they never knew they had.

The expedition to Borneo is for 21 days and will involve working with animal sanctuaries to aid the rehabilitation of native animals and to reintegrate them back into a more natural setting, support the reforestation of the rainforest and to support and help with the coastal and marine life.

The expedition is self funded with each individual student having to raise the funds themselves, £4295 per student.

I have been very busy since being accepted onto the expedition raising in excess of £1600 so far, by working for family and friends, attending events and going to local craft fairs, the latest being the Goxhill spring fair. I am looking at other events I can hold over the year including quiz nights, so watch this space."

Sophie Cleghorn

"My name is Lucy Milnes and I reside in Goxhill. I have been given the opportunity to embark on "once in a lifetime" school expedition with Baysgarth School and Outlook Expeditions which will take place in the Summer of 2025, taking me to Borneo for 21 days. I will be working with Borneo's local people and environment to gain a unique perspective on some of the world's most critical issues. I will be able to grow in resilience and character as a result of this experience and I will be able to work with others to make the world more equal, sustainable and fair.

As you can anticipate, the total cost of the trip is over £4000. My team and I will need to raise this money by participating in events as a solo, pair or team. My efforts to date to raise money have included a Valentine's day bake sale, a sponsored 10 mile walk, a staff dinner night at Baysgarth, an Easter craft sale at Caistor Equestrian centre and at the Spire Hospital and a generous donation from the Goxhill Gander. All of these events have greatly assisted and supported me.

In an effort to generate the remaining funds, I have a number of activities and ideas planned including bake sales, car boots where I raid my dad's shed!, coffee mornings, raffles and more. Additionally, I have received a very nice offer to sell brownies at the Barton local market alongside the local company, Kassie's Cakes.

Once again, thank you so much for helping me reach my target!"

Lucy Milnes

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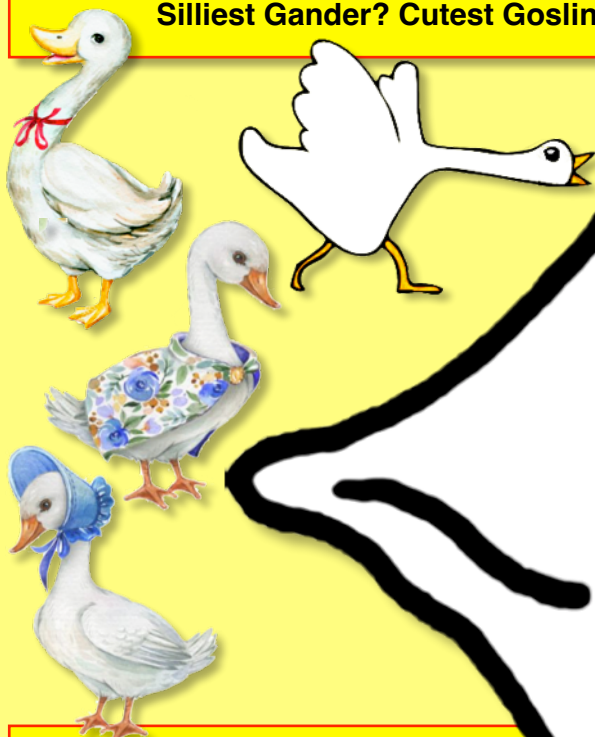
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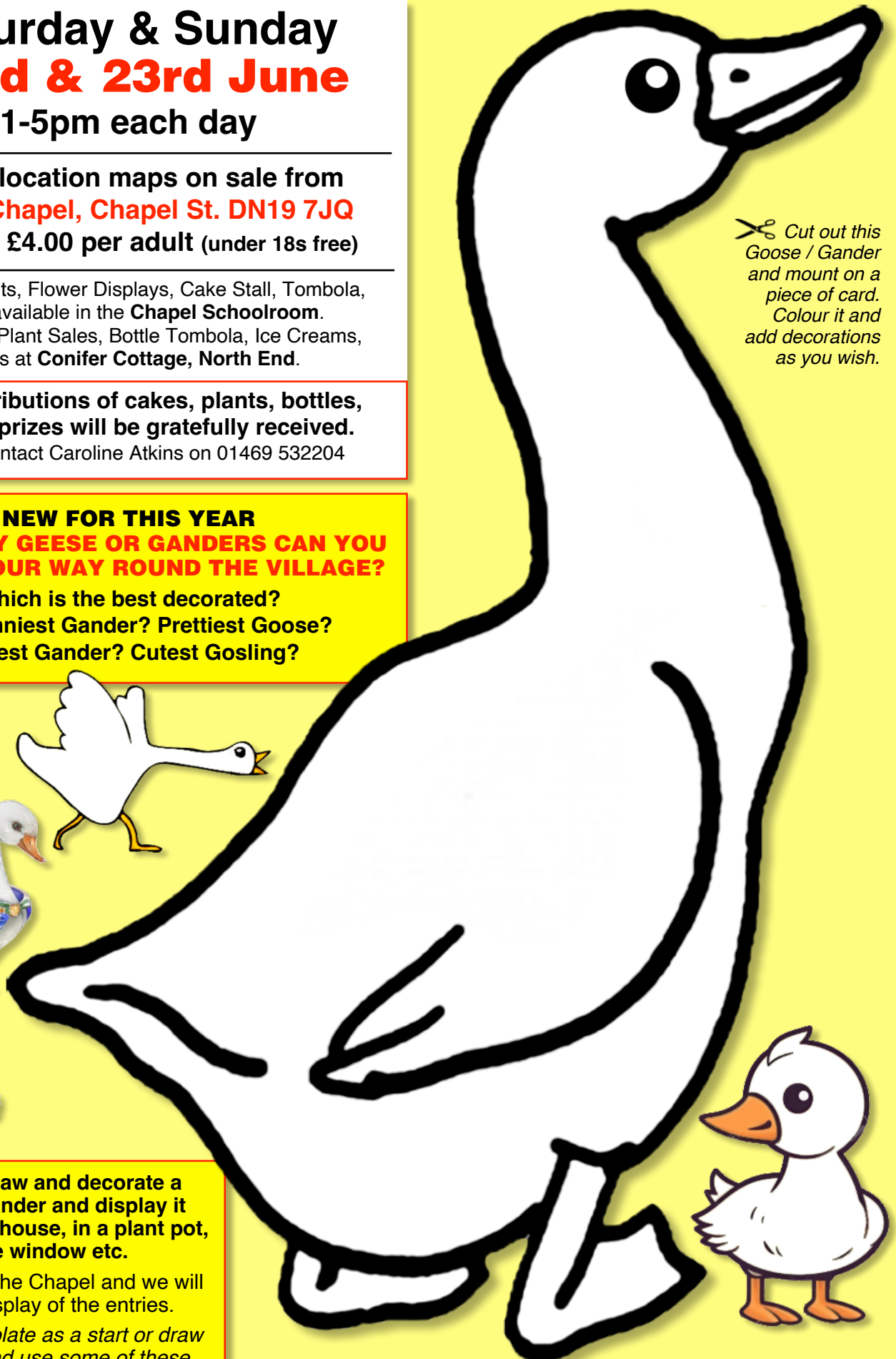


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As the warmer weather arrives, there are some exciting developments that we would like to share with parents/ carers and local community members. We are hoping to further develop our school site with the aim of making it even more enriching, inclusive and nurturing for the children.

School Sensory Garden

Our 'Environment ambassadors' and school council have been auditing our current school garden and considering how to make better use of this space whilst promoting the 'greener future' concept. An initial audit has been undertaken and the following plan has been produced that captures the ideas of our school community - children and staff!

The sensory garden will provide a shared space where children can tune into their five basic senses: sight, smell, sound, touch and taste. Children will be able to enjoy this shared space, interact, communicate and play together - it will be inclusive and accessible to all! It will provide connection to nature and allow children to be more aware of here and now: those principles of mindfulness which support emotional wellbeing. Imagine walking barefoot, textures between your toes, crushing fragrant herbs and releasing aromas, running your hands through soft and tactile grasses as the butterflies take flight around you. Time in our sensory garden can help to calm the mind, reduce stress and help children to feel ready and raring to learn. The garden will have the children and wider community at its heart and will greatly add to our outdoor space.

The garden will feature a winding colourful scented flower walk, a barefoot walk, a herb garden, long grasses, a box for shoes, light reflecting panels, sound panels, tactile panels, water feature, bean bags, seating and soft tactile grasses.

Amy Shephardson has kindly donated over £300 to get us started! Children will be actively involved in this project during school time but also as part of an after school garden club. We also have a parent

helper already lined up! Hopefully, in future years, we will be able to open our garden as part of the 'Goxhill Open Gardens' Weekend.

Additional Future Projects

- We are hoping to develop our sports court area at the rear of the playground into a more all-year round user friendly space, this may include astroturf or alternative flooring and surround/perimeter enclosure but will be an area that encourages and promotes activity and fitness.
- We are looking to develop a system for playing music outside to promote movement and dance and activity but hoping that this will also promote well being and positivity. A system with a microphone/ tannoy will also prove useful at our outdoor events such as sports days.
- We are looking to brighten up the front of school underneath our trees by planting bulbs to represent our vision, 'Looking Forward With Hope. Flourishing. Doing All of the Good We Can.'
- We are removing the fencing from our Forest School Area and we plan to turn this area into a sensory reading forest to enable our children to have quiet space to read and relax outdoors should they wish to - promoting a love of reading outdoors as well as in doors, will build on the work that we have been doing with Goxhill Library. We would like this to be a magical and creative space that can also be used for outdoor learning.
- We are still hoping to develop our 'trim trail' area which has been publicised through previous fundraising.

If you are looking to support any of our projects in any way, please contact the school via admin.goxhillprimary@northlincs.go.uk or directly through the school office (01469 530743).

Miss Hayley Twidale, Executive Head Teacher



School Sensory Garden scheme.



Goxhill Trim Trail proposal.

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New Warranted Leaders desperately needed!

It's early April and we have just started our Easter holiday break after a busy spring term. Our Group is bursting to capacity with young people eager to experience and enjoy scouting adventures and we have a significant number of names on our waiting lists. To grow as a Group we need further adult volunteers to help our established team across all our different sections, but particularly in Explorers, as we are still trying to find a new Leader. We are always looking for new Warranted Leaders to come and join us (we would particularly like to see some more younger adults in our team). If you're interested, please contact me on my email: andyoliver789@outlook.com Quickly reflecting on last year, we have had the opportunity through Scouting to change the lives and outlook of many young people in our communities; whether it was through the new skills they have learned and games they have enjoyed during weekly sessions, during local camps, District, County or International events, there will be something for everyone to remember for the rest of their lives.

We were recently successful in getting a small grant from the National Lottery, we will be using some of the money to promote our new hut project over the next few months and also employing a professional fund finder, who will assist us in developing various bids to raise the funds needed to rebuild the hut and develop our site at New Holland. Please keep an eye out for our advertisements in the coming months.

I am still keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in using our new facility when completed.

It doesn't have to be a youth base group, any community based activity is welcome (Knit and Natter, Men in Sheds, etc.) We do have a number of local groups already using the site but still have availability, especially during the day time, so if you have an established group or are thinking of setting one up and are looking for somewhere local to meet please get in touch with me so we can discuss.

A unique feature of our Scout HQ in New Holland is that we have our own **outside play area and campsite**, that we maintain ourselves, but recently our lawnmower broke down and needs replacing. We were successful in

obtaining a £1000 grant from Barton Town Council and Barrow Parish Council and also nominated by Barton Lions to receive a £500 donation from them. All of this money will be used to buy a replacement lawnmower. Thank you so much.

Additionally **Goxhill Parish Council** supported us with a grant of £500 towards updating and replacing our camping equipment. Thank you.

So what have our young people been doing over the last few months?

Beavers - have been working towards their Disability Awareness badge and seeing how they can help in the community. They have also been learning about Mexico for their International badge and also learning about Chinese New Year. They have also recently participated in a sleepover at the Deep in Hull – sleeping with the fishes around the big tanks.

Cubs – The Cubs have been waiting patiently for the better weather and the clocks to change to get back outside. In the meantime they have been working on their Personal Safety badges. This has included learning about an awareness concerning such things as safety around, railway lines, roads, rivers and water- ways. With being outside in mind, the Cub have started looking at Ordnance Survey maps, and learning about landmarks and grid references, this has led to using a compass and looking forward to trying these new skills outside. We have started to work towards our Local Knowledge badge, and this will put the knowledge of maps to good use, to find local and historic landmarks. To help with any future camping, Cubs have been learning about tents and safety on a campsite, and with being outside soon, they will be again able to practice these skills and be able to learn new skills.

Scouts – The Scouts have been working on the International badge learning about different cultures, their games, food, art and customs. We have also been doing the Survival badge learning how to source fresh water, making and lighting fires, cooking outside and making shelters. This culminated in a survival camp weekend where the scouts put all the learning into practice, where they made their own bivouacs and fended for themselves – under supervision of course!

Andy Oliver - Group Scout Leader

UPDATE ON GOXHILL SOUTH END TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

A meeting about NLC's responses to the Community Conversation on 25th January 2024, has been arranged.

A follow up CONVERSATION EVENT has been arranged for Thursday 11th July between 3:30pm and 5:30pm in the Memorial

So we await to see what proposals NLC have come up with to solve this terrible problem that really afflicts the residents of South End and has done so for several years. It has been made worse by the increased volume of HGVs to and from Salfina's depot on the airfield. This could also be made worse if the proposed construction of a second pipeline under the Humber, to transport CO2 and Hydrogen, is to be accessed via Goxhill again.

I have witnessed the horrendous HGV congestion down South End for myself and it is a nightmare. A permanent, effective, solution to the problem at South End, is essential.

I hope NLC have worked out that solution. **Jeff Teasdale**

An apology from the editor. My report in the last Gander on the Community Conversation in January was not correct on a number of points. The proposed one way system has not been withdrawn, it is being considered with any other ideas, by NLC. Martin Vickers was not in attendance at the January Conversation. The residents of South End are the ones who are facing the intolerable situation and this has to be solved once and for all.



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Exciting news from our neck of the woods! Resilience Martial Arts Club is kicking it up a notch, and we couldn't wait to share the scoop with all of you.

First things first, drumroll please... We've officially become a **Community Interest Company (CIC)**! Yep, that's right, we're stepping up our game to serve our community even better. Being a CIC means we're fully committed to making a positive impact right here in our beloved village. It's all about giving back and making sure everyone has access to the incredible benefits of martial arts and other community events we would like to offer!

Now, a little bit about our recent event: The **Free Community Road Safety for Kids event**. We teamed up with the fantastic folks from Humberside Police and Safer Roads Humber to teach our students and the wider community about staying safe on the roads. There was a little **Stranger Danger** thrown in for good measure too! It was a blast, and the kids learned some valuable skills that'll stick with them for life. Big shoutout to everyone who came along and made it such a success, including our local Beaver group who also came along to support the event. We hope to host a similar event in the near future, so please do keep a look out.

But wait, there's more! We also dipped our toes into the **world of competition**, and guess what? We nailed it! Seven of our talented students took to the mats for the first time, showing absolute commitment to their art and a courageous spirit.



Everybody did a fantastic job of representing Resilience against some very tough competition and big categories and Logan even managed to get our very first club medal too! He rocked the house in the traditional kata category, beginner belts, for the 7 and 8-year-olds. Way to go, Logan, you've made us all proud, as have all the students who stepped up to the challenge!



Let's not forget about our **fierce ladies in kickboxing**. They've been putting in the

work, and it's paying off big time. We have had students hitting major milestones, with some earning their first red belts and others levelling up to yellow. Some of these ladies didn't believe they would ever be able to grade. Seriously, these ladies are unstoppable! It's amazing to see our ladies grow in confidence, believe in themselves and achieve greatness!



So, there you have it, folks - Resilience Martial Arts Club is on fire, and we're just getting started. With our new CIC status, community events like our Road Safety for Kids, and the success of our students in competitions and class, we're proving that when we come together, there's nothing we can't accomplish.



Thinking of starting your own Martial Arts journey? What are you waiting for? Whether you're a seasoned pro or a total newbie, there's a place for you at Resilience Martial Arts Club. Come join us as we grow together, building not just stronger bodies, but stronger minds too and new friendships that last the test of time.



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HISTORY OF HORTICULTURE IN GOXHILL - Article 9

Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd-1

With contributions by Geoff Matthews, who worked at Hawthorne Gardens, Goxhill and at Herbert Tyson's (Fruit Merchant), Hull (Gander Summer and Autumn 2021); from the families of Bill Palmer, May Robinson, and Alf Howson, who had all been employed at Hawthorne Gardens; and my subsequent eight articles about the history of horticulturalists in Goxhill I can now tell, in greater detail, the history of, and the families who ran, Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd.

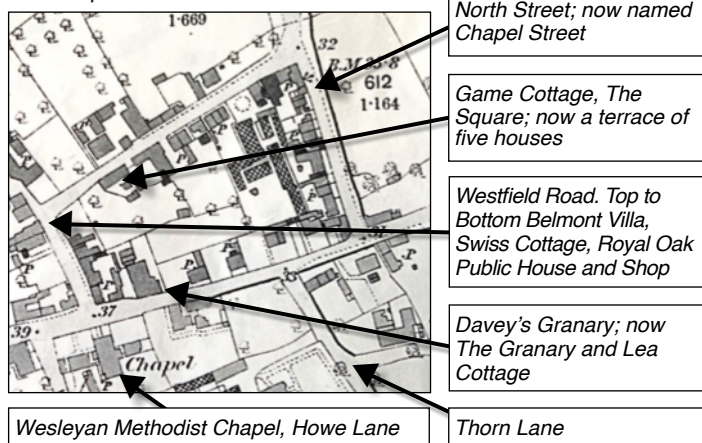
Today there is very little evidence of the horticultural enterprise which had covered a huge area of land reaching across the centre of the village. 'The Gardens' was, at one time, the largest employer in the village and alongside farming and the brick and tile works was the village's life blood. Workers arrived for work on their bikes from multiple directions within and beyond the village and Goxhill was alive with excitement and anticipation when picking started, of the new season's tomatoes. I remember clearly Kees van den Bos walking the length of our shop at London House, with a huge grin on his face, to personally hand over to dad our first, freshly picked box of that season's 'Garden's' tomatoes. The Dutch 'connection' was felt so strongly, in the village, that in 1988 Goxhill Parish Council explored the possibility of twinning Goxhill with 'a similar sized agricultural village in Holland'.

When mum and dad had become engaged, dad took her to be introduced to Kees's parents, Mr and Mrs Corny van den Bos who lived at Westland Villa in Chapel Street. Corny van den Bos was a Director of, and the Foreman for, Hawthorne Gardens and Mrs Corny van den Bos was known in our family as Auntie Annie. Corny suggested that dad take mum to see the glasshouses in Chapel Street. Mum remembers vividly seeing for the first-time row upon row of the beautiful single headed chrysanthemums grown there.

CORNELIS (Corny) VAN DEN BOS: Corny, had been born on 3 July 1900 in Monster in the municipality of Westland in the Netherlands. Corny's brother, Jacob had come over from Holland in 1913 to work for Herbert Tyson at Herbert's fruit merchant's business in Hull. Jacob married Herbert's daughter Florrie in 1916. Jacob and Florrie lived in Nut Villa near the Old Vicarage on Howe Lane (I will tell Jacob's story in later articles).

In 'Goxhill Methodist Church: Window Dedications and Memories' Corny's daughter Maartje states that Corny arrived in Goxhill in 1919 when he started to 'transform acres of land into a market garden'. The first four acres was the land acquired with Nut Villa, which had a long-

1887 map of the centre of Goxhill



established history of market gardening (Gander Summer and Autumn 2022). From 1925 the market garden business was known as Hawthorne Gardens (taken from North East Lincolnshire Archive, Grimsby). The plan was to grow the produce that would be sold by Herbert Tyson at his fruit merchants on Humber Street in Hull.

Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd was incorporated on 25 November 1927. The Directors were named as Herbert Tyson, Herbert's son Charles, his son in law Jacob van den Bos, and Jacob's brother Cornelis (Corny).

Nut Villa is recorded as Corny's residence on 18 May 1926 when he married Annie Wilford at Goxhill Wesleyan Methodist Chapel on Howe Lane. Their witnesses were Corny's brother Jacob and Nellie Fidell (b. 3 Aug 1905).

WILFORD FAMILY: Annie, who had been born on 13 January 1905 was the youngest of the four children of John William and Emma Wilford. John William and Emma Wilford had met when they were both employed as servants at Cadney near Brigg. They married in Cadney in 1883 and lived then near to Thornton Abbey where their two sons John Robert and Henry William were born. I can't be specific about where the Wilford family had lived first in Goxhill but the census infers that it was in area of the village around Pidgeon Cote Lane, behind the Church. A daughter, Harriet, was born in the village in 1892.

In the 1895, 1897 and 1901 Glanford Brigg Union Valuation Lists for Goxhill John William Wilford is recorded living with his family in a cottage and garden owned by John Davey's Representatives. In the 1901 census the family is recorded specifically living on The Square, in the thatched cottage, now demolished, known as Game Cottage. A terrace

of five houses stands on the same position today. Annie Wilford was born at either Game Cottage or Belmont Villa on Westfield Road, which is where the family were living in the 1911 census.

Annie is recorded with her parents and her older brother Henry William, who was

known as Harry, and who was a 'Boot and Shoemaker' working at home. Annie's older brother John was employed as a groom at a large farm in Barnetby and her older sister Harriet, known as Hetty, was working as a domestic servant for Arthur Montague Holmes who farmed at North End Farm on Ferry Road, Goxhill.

Annie was living at Belmont Villa with her parents in the 1921 census. She was employed by Mrs Tom Raby at Hope House on Howe Lane; close to Nut Villa. Working with Annie, at Hope House, was Charlie Guillatt's maternal aunt, Daisy Beswick. Daisy went on to marry Harold Scarborough, whose parents farmed at Daffodil Farm on Thornton Road. Harold's brother Charles had served in the Royal Engineers in WW1 but died in France, on 9 Feb 1916, of Spinal Meningitis. Charles Scarborough is buried in the Saint Sever cemetery in Rouen, France.



Rear of Game Cottage, The Square. Lady identified as Emma Wilford by her grandson Kees van den Bos. The Wilford family were recorded living here in the 1890s and early 1900s. By 1911 they were living at Belmont Villa on Westfield Road.

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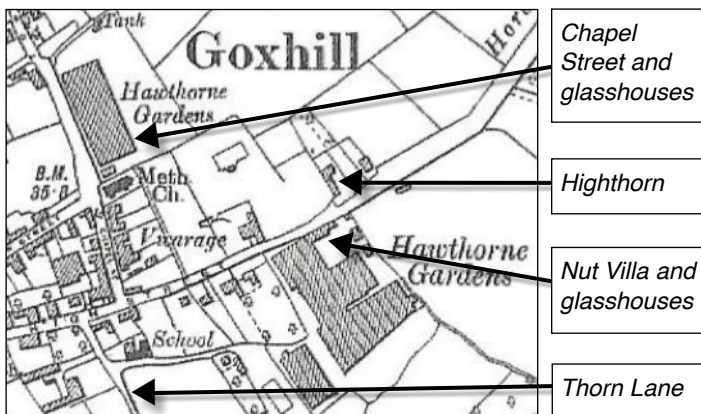
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Daisy Beswick's sister Eva, Charlie's mother, was in this same census working for John and Selina Foulston at Glebe Farm on Horsegate Field Road. John and Selina's son John William had died of Broncho Pneumonia in France, whilst on active service, on 26 October 1918 and is buried in the Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, France (Gander Autumn 2020). Eva and Daisy Guilliat's older brother Arthur Beswick died of wounds received in action in France on 23 March 1918. Arthur is buried in the Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, France (Gander Spring 2020). At the time of his death, Arthur Beswick's family was living at Game Cottage on The Square; where the Wilford family had been recorded living in 1901.

Henry (Harry) William Wilford, Annie Wilford's brother also served. He married in 1914. His wife, Ada Fidell, was the daughter of James Fidell who farmed at Shawbriggs Farm on Barrow Road. Their marriage was a catalyst for future connections between the Wilford, Fidell, van den Bos and Foulston families in the village.

- Ada Fidell's older brother Harold took over from his father James, farming at Shawbriggs; Harold's daughter Brenda went on to marry Les Dunwell and they lived at Shawbriggs. Les worked at Hawthorne Gardens.
- Ada Fidell's older sister Emma married Thomas Kirk. Thomas Kirk's first wife Lucy was Herbert Tyson's sister and Florrie van den Bos (nee Tyson)'s aunt. Lucy Kirk died in 1925 in Grimsby. In April 1932 Thomas Kirk married Emma Fidell in Goxhill. They were recorded, in the 1939 census, living at Highthorn, a bungalow which sits opposite Nut Villa. I believe that Highthorn was built for them.
- Emma Fidell (later Kirk)'s daughter Nellie Fidell married Frank Foulston (son of John and Selina Foulston of Glebe Farm), also in April 1932. Nellie had been Annie van den Bos's witness when she had married in 1926.
- Minutes of a meeting of Hawthorne Gardens Directors dated 1 April 1937 record the desire to 'secure a right of way across J Foulston's property to connect two gardens'. Hawthorne Gardens had expanded into land on Chapel Street, and the Directors were purchasing a block of more land to expand further back from Chapel Street and between The Old Vicarage and Highthorn on Howe Lane. This right of way would allow easy access between the two sites. Agreement was reached later between John Foulston and Gilbert Tyson.
- Emma Kirk died at Highthorn in 1938 and Thomas Kirk 'at Hawthorne Gardens', living at Highthorn in 1945.



1933 map of Goxhill showing expansion of Hawthorne Gardens from Nut Villa into North (later Chapel) Street

John and Selina Foulston then moved out of Glebe Farm and into Highthorn, living there until their deaths in 1948 (John) and 1951 (Selina). Frank and Nellie Foulston lived at Glebe Farm until Nellie's death in 1965 and Frank's in 1973.

Harry Wilford enlisted into the 1st Household Battalion of the Coldstream Guards on 9 December 1915. He was sent to France, embarking from Southampton on 23 October 1917 and serving until March 1918. He returned home due to health issues and was discharged from service on 18 February 1919. In the 1921 census Harry is recorded being a 'Boot and Shoemaker and Dealer' 'at home'. I believe that Harry and Ada were living at the house known now as Rhombus, The Square. By 1939 Harry was running his business from a small shop that sat on the corner of Westfield Road and Howe Lane. He is recorded now as being a 'Grocer' with his son, also named Harry, assisting him in the shop. Shoe repairs continued to be carried out though. Charlie Guilliat's older brother Fred's first job was working for Harry, first polishing repaired shoes then later repairing the shoe heels for the servicemen based at Goxhill airfield.

Harry served as a Special Constable alongside my grandfather Percy Giles during WW2 and lived in the village until his death in 1958. In my next article I will continue with Corny's role in the development of Hawthorne Gardens and his and Annie van den Bos's story after their marriage.



We are lucky to have a range of Goxhill views and residents taken by George Henry Parker (senior) who was a Blacksmith on The Square. One photograph exists which specifically identifies George Henry's father Young Parker.

Young Parker (b.1836-1916) can be seen on the left of this photograph. I believe that this photograph was taken around 1910. I would like to suggest that the young man wearing the apron, next to Young Parker, is Henry William (Harry) Wilford (b. 1888) and that the young girl in front is Harry's sister Annie Wilford (b.1905).

The next, senior gentleman appears to be older than Young Parker. Alfred Dee (b. 1843), a farmer, was living at Rose Villa (out of picture on the right), in the 1911 census. The lady next to Alfred Dee may be Harry and Annie Wilford's mother, Emma (b. 1863); she has a similar stance to the Game Cottage photograph.

William Stamp (b.1868) was the Saddler and Publican at the Royal Oak (standing in the doorway?). Perhaps the other lady in the photograph is his wife Sarah (b.1867) and the boy is his son Arthur (b. 1898)? I don't know who the gentleman with the walking stick could be.

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More Goxhill residents who served and survived WW1

I have written previously about Percy and Harry Farrow (Gander Winter 2021); Dick Cammack (Autumn 2022) and Pa Wharton (Gander Winter 2022) who fought in World War 1 and survived. Harry Farrow and Dick Cammack feature strongly in my childhood memories as does another Goxhill gentleman, Eric Cook.

ERIC VICTOR COOK (1898-1996)



George Henry Parker junior (of Avalon and then Ashfield, The Square) photographed with Eric Cook of Ingleside, Ferry Road, in the Toc H room on The Square (known now as 'Little House') Goxhill Gander Archive

There are many photographs of Goxhill events which include Eric Cook. He was Chair of the Toc H; he was the Clerk to the Parish Council for thirty years, including serving on the Trees Committee; he was involved in the fund raising for the construction of the Memorial Hall and served as its President and Treasurer. Eric played Bowls at Goxhill Bowling Club and he was a lifelong Methodist.



Goxhill Bowling Club: Suggested date late 1950s/early 1960s. Please correct any mis-identified people. Back row left to right: Arthur Dobbs, Fred Turner, Darwin Thompson, Tom Lamming, Joe Barrick. Front row left to right: Eric Cook, Sidney Elliott, Arthur Lamming, not known, Eric Lacey, Les Dunwell, Corny van den Bos, Henry John Welton? Goxhill Gander Archive

Eric was first recorded living in Goxhill in 1903 (in his own recollections he stated that he had moved to the village, with his parents, aged 5). His father, Thomas, was the Gatekeeper at the Gatehouse Road railway crossing. As the second youngest child, he was living at the Gatehouse Road crossing house with his parents and just two of his five brothers, Frank and Stanley, in the 1911 census. Many of Eric's older siblings had been born in New Holland; the family had lived at 11 Manchester Square before living in Cleethorpes where Eric



Thomas Cook, Eric's father, standing at the Gatehouse Road railway crossing. Photograph scanned from Goxhill Bygones (with permission of Michael Parker)

had been born, and then Goxhill.

On 30 December 1912 Eric was placed on a period of probation for work in Hull, as a Clerk, working for the Good's Accounts Office for the Railway.

His referees were Reverend Andrew of Goxhill Parish Church and John Blackburn, an Artist, who in 1911 was living at 'Woodbine House' in Goxhill. I believe that this is the house now called 'Birchington' on Howe Lane between the railway station and Thornton Road. Eric successfully completed his probation and was appointed into the role of Clerk on 8 April 1913. He was sixteen and a half years old.

His enlistment records aren't available. However, I know that he served in the 7th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment (Service Number 41043) as a Private and that he was awarded the British War and Victory medals. An article detailing an interview given by Mr Cook, which was published in the Grimsby Telegraph on 27 January 1992, states that he was aged just 19, and had undertaken a period of intense army training, before arriving at Ypres, France. He was about to be embroiled in the 3rd Battle of Ypres (July -November 1917), which is often called Passchendaele. Passchendaele was the name of the village which was the objective for Allied forces and which lies to the northeast of the town of Ypres. The Imperial War Museum website states that this engagement 'was synonymous with mud, blood and futility'. Eric recounted that he had waited, along with fellow soldiers, near the destroyed village of Poelcapelle. On 4 October 1917 the German forces started their attack and the South Staffordshires were ordered to advance. He stated...



Eric Cook, Private 41043 7th Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment

'The stench was unbearable and all you could hear were screams and shouts. Soldiers were falling all around and some were slipping underneath the mud. Stretcher bearers were pulling limbs from the mud then (were) blown up themselves...It is a wicked memory, words can't describe how terrible it was...I try to dispel it from my mind, but at the same time I try to read everything I can about it all, all the articles and poems. The language and portrayal in the poems is so poignant. I can't write about it like that but some could'.



Exhausted stretcher bearers at Passchendaele. Photograph dated 11 October 1917, copied from Long, long, trail website.

The British loss, during the Battle of Passchendaele, is now estimated at 275,000 casualties (CWGC). The Menin Gate Memorial, in the town of Ypres, bears the names of more than 54,000 Commonwealth casualties killed in the Ypres conflict before 16 August 1917 and the Tyne Cot Memorial which lies closer to Passchendaele, bears the names of nearly 35,000 Officers and Men whose graves are similarly unknown.

Eric suffered a gunshot wound behind his right knee, was

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hospitalised, and sent to convalesce in Boulogne, France. After recovering he returned to Goxhill. A newspaper report stated that he and all five of his brothers had served. His younger brother Stanley was, in the 1921 census, serving as a Private, a Motor Driver in the Army Service Corps based in Ambala, India. I can find no other evidence for Stanley after 1921. Neither have I been able to find definitive evidence for the service of Eric's brothers Frank, William or John. Eric's older brother Robert (who was known as Bob) was recorded in Goxhill in the 1911 census, working for Thomas West, a Blacksmith. Thomas West and Bob were living at the house now named Clifton House, next to John Blackburn on Station Road. This is the same John Blackburn who had acted as a referee for Eric when he started working for the railway.

The West Family: Thomas West was living, in the 1911 census, in the now named Parkinson's Cottage which stands opposite the Parish Room on Howe Lane; his forge was where the unused garage stands today, between Parkinson's and Well Cottages. Thomas was shown first in Goxhill in 1878 with the birth of his third child, a son, Fred. Thomas West's son Harry was married and living on Westfield Road at the now named Swiss Cottage (see Market Gardening article) in this same 1911 census. Harry was a Blacksmith but acted also as a Cycle Agent working from the small shop opposite the forge which was later extended and became a Hardware Store, then a Hairdressers called Penny Lane and is now being converted into a private house. After his father Thomas's death, in 1912, Harry West took over the business and lived in Clifton House on Howe Lane. Harry's son Ron took over later, from Harry, and built the bungalow named Ashcroft which stands on Howe Lane, adjacent to Greengate Lane.



Howe Lane: Left: Birkett's and Parkinson's Cottages, West's Forge and Garage, Well Cottage then King's Well (Butcher's Cottage and Shop). Right: Parish Room, Atkin's Shop (previously run by Harry West), London House warehouse buildings, yard and shop. Goxhill Gander Archive

Thomas West's youngest son, Harry's brother Albert, who had been born in Goxhill, served in the Royal Army Service Corps. Albert died on 31 May 1921 of Tuberculosis which was attributed to his war service. He is buried in the cemetery in Barton. His grave is marked by the CWGC headstone.

Robert (Bob) Hampson Cook: Bob Cook enlisted into the Lincolnshire Imperial Yeomanry (Private, Service Number 1859). He entered the Theatre of War on 21 November 1915 for which he was awarded the 1915 Star. His medal record card states that his Theatre of War was '(3)', indicating that he fought in Egypt. He transferred to the Machine Gun Corps (Corporal, Service Number 161074) and achieved the rank of Acting Sergeant. Bob was also awarded the British War and Victory Medals. An 'R. Cook' is listed on the Committee of the Goxhill Memorial Hall Building Fund whose first meeting had been held on 14 January 1919.

In the 1921 census Bob, Eric and their brother Frank, are recorded living with their parents at the house named

Hadfield which stands in Church Street. Thomas Cook had retired and, perhaps, their new home was named after Hadfield in Derbyshire which is where Thomas and his wife Martha were living when their first child was born?

Bob Cook married in 1924. His wife was Mary Ward of New Holland. In the 1939 census Bob and Mary were recorded living in Church Street, with Bob working still as a Blacksmith. He was using the forge which stood between Willow Lane and the Generous Briton public house (now known as Briton Lodge), in North End. In her Gander article (Autumn 2010), Ramona Percy said that Bob was the



The Cottage, Blacksmith's Forge and Generous Briton public house, North End. Goxhill Gander Archive

Village Blacksmith who 'shoed horses, made and repaired farm implements'. He worked later, as a plumber, for builder Fred Hepworth. Bob's death was recorded on 2 February 1982 and his address given as Hadfield House, Church Street, the house that had been his parents' home.

Eric Cook was very involved in village life. The Trustees of the Memorial Hall tasked him, at their meeting of 25 February 1925, with taking charge of selling the tickets for the concert which was held after the official opening of the Memorial Hall which took place on 7 March 1925. Two months later, on 9 May 1925, Eric married Lilian Rogerson in Goxhill Parish Church. Lilian was first recorded living in the village in the 1921 census; the Rogerson family lived at, I believe, Laurel Cottage on Gatehouse Road, close to the railway crossing gatehouse. After their marriage Eric and Lilian lived at Ingleside, Ferry Road. The 1939 census records that Eric continued to be employed as a 'Clerk for the Railway'. I understand that his job was a 'Railway Detective'. I have tried, with difficulty, to establish what this role would involve. Does anyone know? He and Lilian had two children, Gladys Rosemary and Russell. Russell went on to study History at the University of Hull and completed a piece of academic research entitled 'The Making of Modern Goxhill'. He published 'Sparras and Fomards: Glimpses of Old Goxhill' in 2004 and, alongside Michael Border published 'Goxhill Lincolnshire: It's Early History' in 2007.

On 23 February 1951 the Grimsby Daily Telegraph reported that more than 400 Toc H members from all over North Lincolnshire had gathered in Goxhill Church to hear the Bishop of Lincoln speak. The value, of the Toc H members, he said, was in their character and in their devotion and service. Eric was a quiet, smartly dressed and dignified man who devoted his life to the village. He continued to audit the Memorial Hall accounts until aged 92. He died in Grimsby General Hospital on 2 January 1996; just 15 months short of his 100th birthday. His funeral was held in a packed Methodist Church in Chapel Street, His family paid particular thanks to Lorraine Wilson, who had been his neighbour living at Braemar on Ferry Road and Clara Elliott, who led the Women's Institute in the village and who was married to Sidney, a fellow Bowling Club friend. Eric was a well known and much loved Goxhillian; he had lived his life whilst managing memories of the unimaginable horrors of war that he had witnessed.

Can anyone add any personal memories or anecdotes about Eric's life in Goxhill?

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Farming struggles

At the time of writing rain is heavily beating down saturating the ground and making normal tasks for gardeners' hard work.

On a larger scale the farming community have been hit hard with so many fields under water. Normally cattle are all out but not yet this year as it is much too wet. The weather has not been beneficial for grass growing and the farmers are having to feed reserves of hay and we are now in May. This could have a knock on effect into how much hay they will be able to obtain from the fields for the coming Winter. Some have not been able to fertilise the land and while this is expensive it may also reduce hay production by not enabling a 'second cut'.

It is probably worth mentioning that historically grass verges were cut by farmers and taken for hay. This is no longer the case on some as the verges are outside the 30 MPH area and dog owners do not pick up, which renders the grass unsuitable for consumption.

Traffic situation

As far as I am aware there have not been any progress on suggestions to resolve the HGV traffic issues at both North End and South End. Following the 'Conversation' held in the Memorial Hall, which was attended by representatives of North Lincs Council (NLC) and residents, a consultation has not yet taken place. It was believed that the consultation would happen after around six weeks and as we are now long past this time period I am hopeful that it will soon be arranged and appropriately advertised so that more residents can attend. (See page 29 for details).

Disused railway track

Perhaps now is the time to ask for the disused railway track to be opened as a permissive bridleway again? I have tried many times before and at my last attempt 'Economic Development' put a stop to it. A permissive bridleway means that there would be an agreement allowing the owners to take it back by providing a specified notice period. While it is being used as a bridleway it's upkeep is the responsibility of the contractor given the task.

Previously I had negotiated assistance with this through the BHS (British Horse Society) and NLC. I am well aware that it is currently blocked off but am also sure that this could easily be resolved. The safe leisure access that it would provide to horse and pony riders would be invaluable.

Best Kept Village competition

This competition will be taking place shortly. I have written to North Lincs Highways Department for permission to tidy the Ferry Road end of Manor Lane. At the moment it is a mess but once cleared would be an ideal place for a seat. People walking to and from the train station would be able to take advantage of it. Please let me know if you are willing to help with the clearing or the provision of a seat.

Celebrating Goxhill youth

Nine year old **Harry Favell** started to take part in go-karting 2 years ago and is now making his mark. I was amazed to learn that children can start go-karting from being 'Bambinos' 5 to 8 years and 'Cadets' 8 to 12 years and 'Junior Cadets' 12 to 16 years. I asked Harry what



made it so interesting and what his goals were and received a very adult answer from a charming and well mannered young man. He is trying to be the best that he can be and wherever they go he is making friends with people who have the same ambitions and they are all pulling together. The competitions are a real family affair and are run over three days. Harry is taking part in three championships this year including the British Championship which races over 4 different tracks over 4 weekends. Friday is the practice run, with Saturday and Sunday races generating points and the points are accumulated to discover the winner.

At the time of writing Harry is doing very well and was eager to show me all of his trophies. There is no doubt his parents, Mark and Katrina, and his grandparents, are very proud of him. They are also very grateful for the sponsors. His coach, John Holtby, plays a large part in teaching Harry techniques for driving in difficult conditions. This sport is not without danger and Harry has had his fair share of accidents. His parents take the precaution of fitting him with a very substantial neck brace to prevent whiplash and I was shocked to learn that these are not compulsory. I dread to think what injuries may have happened without this safety equipment. These Go-karts can travel at 60 mph and it is worth remembering that Lewis Hamilton (the Formula 1 driver) started his career driving Go-Karts and look where it has taken him! I know the family are also grateful to the support Harry receives from Miss Twidale (Headteacher of Goxhill Primary). Sometimes a practical lesson in life is just as valuable as academic lessons.

Another young person with ambitions on two fronts is **Anja Clapson**, aged 12. I mentioned Anja in the Spring Edition of the Gander. She qualified at Cheltenham representing Koku-Ryu Martial Arts (KRMA) to compete for Team England Karate Bo Staff in the Czech Republic. On the horse riding side of things Anja is waiting to compete for the second round of 'Trail Blazers' for Dressage and she has also represented the Brocklesby Pony Club at Derby College in the Horse and Pony Care Team. In the face of stiff competition, while they did not win, they held their own and everyone involved was very proud of how the team performed. This competition is going to be repeated next year and preparations are already being made.

We sometimes complain about the actions of the youth of Goxhill but these two dedicated local youngsters are participating in high risk activities and are constantly trying to improve. They need all the encouragement that

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they can get so others can also see them as aspirational young people. Both have supportive families but everything comes at a cost so if there are any possible sponsors that could help them to succeed, please contact me so that I can pass your details on.

UK horse breeds

We are exceptionally lucky in the UK as we have 14 native breeds of horses and ponies. Sadly, some of them are still on the endangered or 'at risk' list. The priority breeds on the list include: Cleveland Bay, Eriskay Pony, Suffolk Punch, Welsh Section B, Hackney horse and pony, Dartmoor, Exmoor and the New Forest. I am not sure if breeders have reduced, or stopped breeding because they cannot sell them or if there is another reason they have fallen out of favour.

Certainly the trend for coloured ponies has increased and they can command a lot of money. In the past these were not popular as riding ponies. During the first world war a lot of horses were sent overseas, as depicted in 'War Horse', coloured horses were not wanted as the white on them made them easier to spot in the dark. This meant that there was an increase in the breeding of coloureds so that they still existed for carriages and farming needs. I doubt that selected breeding for confirmation and bloodlines were taken into account at that time. Coloured horses have now branched out on their own and things have improved both in showing and performance. There are some striking coloureds about.

If you have a mare in foal new fact sheets for equine breeders are now available and free to download. These provide guidance for breeders on issues and good practice. They have been developed by the Rare Breeds Survival

Trust and are available from www.rbst.org.

Horse care

It is the time of year when fresh grass is coming through and our equine friends are at a greater risk of colic. Horse owners need to be aware of the risks, take precautions and have a plan of action should the symptoms appear. There is no question as to if a vet should be called, just do it. Colic will not be resolved on its own and can be fatal. The BHS and Nottingham University have been running a 'Colic Awareness Campaign' and have produced a handy guide www.bhs.org.uk/colic. This includes a poster that can be printed with information about the signs, and I would suggest it is put up in a feedroom, etc.

It is also the time of year when the risk of laminitis is high, particularly in ponies. If any heat is detected when you are picking out hooves please take immediate action. This is a very painful condition and once it has been found it usually reoccurs. Gone are the days when the pony was shut in a stable and starved. A vet should be called as they will carry out blood tests to confirm the diagnosis & treatment required. Other numerous diseases are becoming more prevalent. Too numerous to mention here. Many are spread by midges so don't hold back on the fly spray, fly masks and rugs!

Just a reminder to always wear HiViz, even when walking a horse or pony in hand. You should always walk in the same direction as the traffic and the horse or pony should be on your left. If involved in an accident and these rules have not been adhered to, the leader of the animal will be deemed at fault. This may impact on any insurance claims and the rules are there because it is the safest course of action.

Take care. Ride safely.

Aileen Hanlon-Bennett 01469 530643

Goxhill Bells

Rather than writing about our exploits, I thought that I ought to explain how we do things. For safety's sake we have to leave the bells with their mouth pointing downwards but to ring them we need to have the opposite. Church bells are heavy old things so it's not an instant change it has to be done a little bit at a time and the process is called ringing up. The dongs are quite close together at first, but the more the bell swings the gap between dongs grows. Ringing up can be tiring because of the effort needed to pull the rope. Our largest bell weighs half a ton while Barrow's is even heavier at 16cwt so not for the faint hearted!

Ringling just involves pulling the rope. Pulling hard enough for the bell to travel full circle, possibly 358° or so instead of the full 360°, and not so hard that it goes any further. This is where our training takes place as we teach people to do this in a series of small and safe steps. As the bell travels through this arc the bell sounds once. This means there is always a gap between the dongs from each bell and is why we can't play music on tower bells. Luckily we hardly ever ring a single bell so the gaps are filled by the dongs from the other bells. The lightest bell has the highest note and the largest has the lowest.

We can change the overall sound by making the bells change place in the row, for example if we were to ring 4 bells it would look like this. The bells moving to the right need to ring a little later and those moving to the left a little sooner. The starting arrangement is called rounds.

This is a method called **Plain Hunt** and it sounds easy, which, just like riding a bike, is easy when you know how. This is a simple method, most methods are complicated and some are horribly complicated but all come back to rounds eventually.

The joy of learning with us is that we can take you from knowing nothing to ringing methods as complicated as you want. ***If we had some Goxhill ringers we could ring for Sunday Service.***

Pat Donnelly, Tower Captain, All Saints

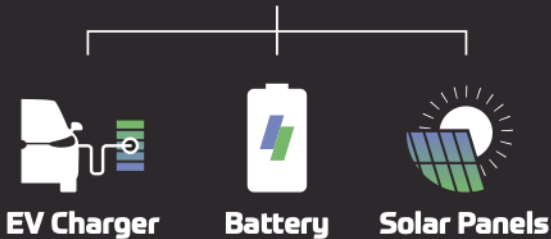
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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN

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Humber Rescue is an independent charity that supplies fast response search and rescue operations on the Humber estuary covering approximately 540 square miles of water including the river Hull, the Trent and the Ouse. They are crewed by 30 volunteers who were called out 129 times in 2023, their activities being funded entirely by donations and receive no financial support from the Government and are independent of the RNLI. We were pleased to support them and paid them a visit to their boathouse on Hessle foreshore to see at close hand their facilities and to make a cheque presentation.



Visit and cheque presentation to Humber Rescue at Hessle foreshore

Their chairman, Dave Roberts, came to one of our club meetings and gave us a very interesting and informative talk along with a few amusing anecdotes.

Bengal Village One of our social activities was an evening at The Bengal Village when we were invited to have a look “behind the scenes” in the restaurant kitchen. We were then tested on our own culinary skills when after being given a demonstration accompanied by instructions we then made our own onion bhajis, some of us with better results than others!! The finished articles were then cooked by the chef and accompanied our meal, which followed. An interesting and fun evening.



Fun night at The Bengal Village

St. Andrew’s Hospice – Andy’s At one of our February meetings we had as our guest Tina Doyley from St. Andrew’s Hospice who gave us an insight into the tremendous work the hospice do. She was able to tell us about the many services that the hospice offer and we were pleased to present her with a cheque for £1000.



Cheque presentation to St. Andrew’s Hospice

Lions on the Line. On a Friday evening in March some of our members joined up with Barton Lions on their “Lions on the Line” train trip in their continuing support of Friends of the Barton Line.

Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance (LNAA) We held a curry night at The Bengal Village restaurant to raise funds for the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air

Ambulance (LNAA) when we raised, with donations, a magnificent £1640 which we made up to £2000 from our charity account. Our thanks to all who supported the event and especially Faz and his staff. The LNAA covers an area of 3500 square miles across Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire and are on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days a year and last year was the busiest in their history having responded to 1771 incidents. The three major trauma centres which cover our area are at Nottingham, Sheffield and Hull. Their yellow helicopter can often be seen overhead en route to Hull as there is no helipad at Nottingham so that any casualty being taken there has to complete the final stage of their journey by road. LNAA receive no direct Government funding and rely entirely on donations and, they need £10million each year to keep the service operational. Three of our members were able to visit their headquarters at Waddington and see and learn details of how the operation works and hand over the £2000.



LNAA cheque presentation at their Waddington HQ

The Greenpower Project. We continued to follow this project at Baysgarth School and after a further visit to see how it has progressed since our last visit we agreed to support them with a donation.

TWAM (Tools with a Mission). Our storage container is slowly filling up ready for the next collection by the TWAM van from the refurbishment centre at Rugby. If you have any tools which you no longer use, sewing/knitting machines, fabric or computers let us know and we will be pleased to arrange collection. We can be contacted either by email at barrowmeridianrotary@twam.uk or by telephone to either John on 07456 885125, Peter on 07736 058400 or Stuart on 07751 018453

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