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Our Church is desperately in need of funds to continue the repair work to its roof after the theft of the lead. The Chapel have a similar battle to make ends meet to survive. Their respective officials, congregations and supporters are doing all they can to overcome the challenges. Both are vital parts of our village life. Even if we do not use them regularly, we should all do everything we can to support them (see page 27 for more info).

The Memorial Hall committee are doing a huge amount to encourage use of the hall and they organise many events for the benefit of the village; fairs, films, plays, auctions, dances etc. Any shortfall in its maintenance budget has to be met by the village through our rates. So it is in all our interests to use it as much as possible. It is a great venue, suitable for a whole host of occasions and uses, it is enormously adaptable as shown in the last issue of the Gander, so the more we all use it the more cost effective it is and it can continue as a vital village facility (see page 15 for the latest activities).

Similarly with the Brock. You may not have been a regular in the past, for personal reasons or because of the poor state it was in over the last few years. But a village this size needs a social venue for meeting friends, for family meals, for special occasions and celebrations. The Brock was exactly that in the past and 'the Friends of the Brock' are doing everything they can to save it from the developers and turn it into a Community owned, family pub to be proud of (see page 23 for news of the Share Offer).

NB the closing deadline for the Share Offer has been extended to the end of February to give residents more time to decide and make arrangements to buy shares. But if you are interested in becoming a shareholder in your village pub, then the earlier they get the money in the better, in order to secure the grants and additional funding that depends on the contributions from the village.

Many locals love to reminisce about the happy times and events they have enjoyed at all these community locations. They don't have to be only in the past. They should all be a vital part of our lives now and in the future.

Even the school have similar problems with budget constraints, despite the increasing numbers of children, because of its success, but this brings its own problems of staffing and accommodation. One of the more obvious down sides of this, is the horrendous parking problems on North End at the start and end of school, posing an increasing risk to child safety. This is resulting in new parking restrictions being imposed by North Lincolnshire Council (see page 19). Surely it is better to walk with your children to school, if you live within reasonable distance. It is more sociable and certainly healthier. I know we are all busy but it is a far better use of family time, and avoids the problems of the traffic congestion around the school, forcing you to park further and further away. Some village institutions have gone by the wayside because of lack of support, such as the Comforts Fund, that raised much needed money for villagers suffering from ill health, loneliness etc. One that I am pleased to say, looks as though it may be resurrected, is the Short Award, which was awarded annually to a resident who had done something special for the community or for worthy causes. There are still many people in our village who gualify for this kind of recognition. An exciting new venture that is being discussed, is to build a stronger connection between Goxhill and Virginia Beach in America, now the home of the Goxhill Airfield Control Tower, to cement the bond created during WW2, that still lasts to

this day (as in the article in the last issue of the Gander and on page 33).

Finally, the greatest threat to the peace and tranquility of our village, is the new Humber Pipeline. I know it is a vital national infrastructure and the National Grid have every intention of trying to work with the village and to do everything possible to minimise the bad effects on us. But it is going to cast a blight on our roads for 3 years or more. However I believe they are working hard to keep us on side. Jeff Teasdale - Editor

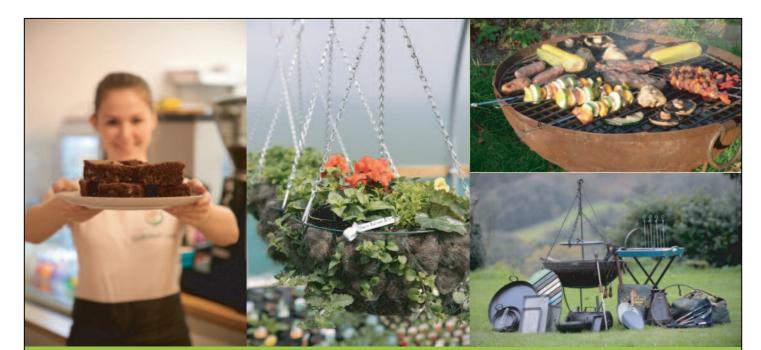
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### LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Paul Hewson is an Irish singer-songwriter, musician, businessman, and philanthropist. He is best known by his stage name 'Bono' as the lead vocalist of the legendary rock band U2..

What many who admire his work may not know is that he is also a man of deep Christian faith. In a biographical book? he describes how his faith is based upon the person of Jesus Christ who taught that 'God is love' and if God so loved the world that he would send his Son into it in such a way, then by allowing that same love to transform us individually is the basis of Bono's faith.

As Christmas draws close once again and for many of us the time and money consumed in repeating the familiar (and generally well loved) rituals of the festive season can mask the real basis of what we are celebrating. I would be the first to admit that 'Theology' (the systematic study of the things of God) can be a very complicated and challenging subject, taxing the minds of eminent scholars down through the ages. The basis of what Christians believe can, however, be discerned in a very simple and dramatic image - that of a new born baby lying in a feeding trough in a stable. Allowing that belief to have some practical outworking in our lives is another matter. For Bono it has resulted in various charitable enterprises, including the famous 'Live Aid ' event. Each one of us, whatever our station in life is, has the potential to be challenged by the concept of a God who enters the world in such vulnerability in order to transform it. Christmas as an event is soon over, quickly followed by New Year and the impetus to make resolutions for the future. Many (if not most of these) are geared around making things better for ourselves. Wouldn't it be a change to resolve to allow the transforming love of God to help us make a difference for others?

#### Christmas Services in All Saints Church (& elsewhere)

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Friday	16th	December	7.30pm	Service of Carols
Sunday	18th	December	6.00pm	Christingle Servi
Saturday	24th	December	4.00pm	at Goxhill Meth
Saturday	24th	December	11.30pm	at Holy Trinity,
Sunday	25th	December	10.00am	Christmas Day C

### LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

From the new Methodist Minister who serves Goxhill, Barrow and Barton (and is Superintendent of the Barton and Brigg Methodist Circuit)

**WAR AND PEACE?** We live in a world where great powers often oppress little ones, leading to huge conflicts against which we can feel very helpless, with rebellions and upheavals galore splashed across the media. The Christian message is 'Don't get them out of proportion. Keep alert. Walk peaceably. Do not stoke the fires of hatred anywhere. And don't ever presume that all this apparent unrest means that God is not in ultimate control!' God is with us and one beautiful sign is that little baby in a manger in war-torn Bethlehem, living under a ruthless occupation.

Just consider – there have been many times in history when wild powers seem to be on the rampage. In the fourth century vast hordes marched in from the East to overthrow the Roman Empire and sack the greatest city on earth – Rome. It seemed like the end of the world but people were told by their leaders to keep their nerve and hold onto their faith. The world changed but God didn't. God was as ever the father of Jesus Christ whose birth we shall soon be celebrating - for the Lord of the universe and the galaxies beyond was once that little baby in the manger.

And when Vikings came again and again, ravaging the coastlands, destroying churches, ransacking villages, killing people and wreaking havoc, the Christian message was the same – never despair. Remember the baby in the manger and know that God is with us working patiently for justice and for good.

So too, this Christmas, we try not to be swamped by the terror of conflicts and wars. Neither are we carried away by the selfish and shallow consumerism of our age, as if that were a sensible answer to the world's needs! Instead we take a long, wondering look at that baby nestled in the animals' feeding trough, with a poor teenage mother and a hard-working father for protection and like the hard-pressed shepherds and the exotic visitors from the far east, we kneel in amazement and joy and quietly thank God for this gift beyond price. **Revd Nichola Jones** 

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### **United Carol Service**

Friday 16th December 7.30pm All Saints Church Join us for Seasonal refreshments after the service

**Christingle Service** 

Sunday 18th December 6pm All Saints Church

### Crib Service

Saturday 24th December 4pm Goxhill Chapel. Children may come dressed as Nativity Characters and join in the service.

### **Christmas Bingo**

Friday 9th December 7.30pm Goxhill Memorial Hall. All Welcome

### Quiz Night

Friday 17th February 7.30pm Chapel Schoolroom £5 per person which includes supper. To book a team ring Jane 530962 or Sandra 530065

### Pancake Dav

Tuesday 28th February 11am - 1.30pm in The Chapel Schoolroom Come and join us for a Pancake or two!

### Pop In

The Pop In takes a rest in December, but restarts on Saturday 21st January. Join us to meet new people and make new friends. Bacon Butties, toasted teacakes, Traidcraft stall, secondhand books.

If you are new to the village or someone who would like to meet people for a chat then give the Pop In and Knit and Natter a go.

For any further information, contact Sandra Smith on 530065

PLUS...A SPECIAL DATE FOR ALL ELVIS FANS! Friday 2nd December

7.30am at Holy Trinity, Barrow Steve Caprice presents

### The Elvis Christmas Gospel Tribute!

A must for all fans of the 'King' as we prepare to celebrate the birthday of the 'King of Kings! Ticket details to follow - see church magazine & posters!



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Our next three months meetings are:

December No meeting January 30th AGM and prizegiving. February 27th Paul Horton - Bee Inspector

Unless stated otherwise our meetings start at

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

Kevin Seddon, Secretary, North Lincolnshire Beekeepers District Tel 01469 531285 email - kevinbeeseddon@gmail.com website - www.northlincsbeekeepers.org.uk www.facebook.com/groups/northlincsbeekeepers/

### **CENTRAL SURGERY** PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Central Surgery's patient participation group consists of ten patients who meet bi-monthly to discuss issues and events going on within the practice. They are in place to act as an advocate for patients and to ask those all important questions that need asking!

If you would like to make contact with the patient forum please write to Ursula Vickerton (Chairperson) C/O Central Surgery. Ursula will then raise any matters on your behalf. Speaking on behalf of the forum; "we look forward to hearing from you!"

### **GOXHILL ART CIRCLE**

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

### THE LUNCHEON CLUB

Meets at the Chapel at 12 noon on the second Wednesday of every month. If you would like to come along and share an excellent two-course meal and conversation, phone Jane Arnott on 530962 to book your place.



Just to let everyone know who hasn't heard, the grand total raised after any expenses at the strawberry tea this year for L.I.V.E.S is £1535 !! An amazing amount which even topples last years tremendous success!!!! Thank you to everyone who attended, and also to the L.I.V.E.S attendees who helped clear tables and

wash up, you were a massive help! Here's to another amazing day next year! **Stuart and Diana Cooke** 

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The Barton supporter Group for the Lindsey Lodge Hospice are holding HOSPICE their annual Tree of Lights Service for those who have lost a loved one recently or many years ago.

The Service is at St Marv's Church. Burgate. Barton upon Humber.

It starts at 4pm on the **11th December**.

### **1st GOXHILL & BARROW SCOUTS** - Cubs section

### A plea for help –

We are in urgent need of a leader and adult helpers to assist in running the cubs



section of 1st Goxhill & Barrow Scouts.

Could you spare 2 hours a week to help us continue our thriving group on a Thursday evening?

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Home Visits

### SYLVIA LINA GUILLIATT

Charlie Guilliatt would like to thank all those who kindly donated in memory of his late wife. The magnificent sum of £590 was raised for MacMillan Cancer Support.

### **BARROW LOCAL HISTORY GROUP DORA BORRILL'S JOTTING'S**

The above mentioned Jotting's Book has recently been launched. In 1981 Dora purchased at Auction in Colchester the Manorial Rights of Barrow making her Lord of the Manor, a responsibility she took seriously. On her death the Manorial Rights passed to her nephew in North Yorkshire. Late last year he contacted me with a view to selling the Manorial Records, subsequently my wife and myself purchased them. This meant that they were kept in the Borrill/Cherry family. Dora's mother and my grandfather were brother and sister hence our interest, thereby, bringing the Manorial records back to Barrow as well the records being kept in the family. Within this documentation we discovered numerous jottings about the locality including Goxhill. The Barrow History Group of which I am the chairman took these on board and added further research to each subject.

The outcome of which is the publication of Dora's jottings. This book is now in circulation and interested Goxhill residents can purchase the book for £8, available at Mr. Creasey's shop in the village just in time for the Christmas Season. Contact telephone number for further information about the evening class group is 01652 653066.

> Trevor Cherry, Chairman. Lord of the Manor.

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### The **Ropewalk** WINTER PROGRAMME

Old friends and new faces will be playing Barton upon Humber's Ropery Hall in the next few months as the Maltkiln Road venue's winter programme takes shape.

Always a favourite with Ropery Hall audiences, Snake Davis will be appearing in two of his guises -Burden of Paradise in January and the Snake Davis Classic Sax show in April.

In between Snake and Ropery Hall have combined forces to deliver a season of new shows on the first Sunday of the month featuring Snake and invited guest. So far the guest list reads like a who's-who of musical greats including Simon Goulding, Helen Watson and Paul Birchall.

Followers of Mark Thomas did not have to wait too long before his return to Barton with two shows of The Red Shed in March while the European Arts Company returns with a hugely entertaining collection of classic one-act farces by Anton Chekhov.

The Barnstormers Comedy Club continues with its monthly slot as does the end of the month Folk Night which this season sees Sean Lakeman playing alongside his wife Katherine Roberts.

Visit www.roperyhall.co.uk to view the full winter programme.

### **TED LEWIS EXHIBITION**

His Life Times and Art. Wilderspin National School. Queen Street, Barton 5th January to 4th February 2017 10am to 4 pm Thursday to Sunday. Enjoy home made refreshments at The Old Canteen.

## **LiVeLincs, FilmLincs and other events**

For recent live events at the Memorial Hall it is fair to say that the bands have ranged from good to great and the audience response has been fantastic. Unfortunately our audience numbers have been so low - especially for a village of some 2,500 - that it has forced a rethink about future shows.

We asked what types of show people preferred on what days. The runaway choice was live music on a Saturday night. But when award-winning duo Blackheart Orchestra offered just that, an audience of 15 people (4 from Scunthorpe) meant we made a loss of almost £150. I mention this, not in search of sympathy, but simply to put in context why similar events may not be possible in the future. Plans to join the tour dates for the Steptoe & Son show have been shelved and we cannot expect LiveLincs to continue subsidizing our shows if other venues can deliver better audience numbers.

On a more positive note the Canadian trio Red Moon Road delivered a wonderful show in October. Every song was introduced with the story behind it which, far from breaking things up, gave the lyrics an intensity of meaning that drew the audience in. The musicianship was first rate and the sound of the applause for an encore at the end belied the fact that there were only 19 of us in the audience. It was a highlight of my year for certain. Also in October the younger members of our village were out in force at Goxhill Primary School for Little Frankenstein the one-man puppet show by Daniel, the eponymous creator of Lempen Puppet Theatre. As well as being a success with its audience, this show raised a significant sum for the school's fund for extracurricular activities.

Our participation in the FilmLincs programme has continued apace. 'Our Kind of Traitor' was a well-plotted and acted film with all the qualities you expect of a Le Carré adaptation and, by the time you read this, we should also have shown 'Shaun the Sheep: the Movie'. Look out for another film before Xmas on posters and online @Goxhill Events for Twitter and Facebook. John Guggiari



### SOUTH BANK **PLAYERS NEWS**

Harry the Miller's Son isn't the sharpest tool in the box, but thanks to his

clever cat he finds fame, fortune and even a princess. Unfortunately an Ogre stands between him and his destiny....How will Puss solve this ugly problem so that Harry can marry Princess Lil?

Join the South Bank Players for their annual pantomime, 'Puss in Boots' which will be performed at the Goxhill Memorial Hall on Friday 13th January (7.30pm) and Saturday 14th January (2.30 & 7.30pm).

Tickets cost just £6 for adults and £5 for children. To book contact Dennis on 01469 531003 or email Liz HYPERLINK "mailto:liz@drury.org.uk"liz@drury.org.uk

The Barton Ghost Walk Season is now underway. If you dare to walk the streets of Barton with only spirits to guide you, then come along! Actors in period costume bring the past to life and you'll learn a few spooky stories about bygone Barton. The walk starts from Baysgarth Museum at 7.30pm prompt and costs £4 for adults and £3 for children. Wrap up warm, bring a torch and a friend! To book in advance contact Dennis on 01469 531003 or come and join us on the night. If you are bringing a large group please let us know. The remaining dates this season are Wednesdays 30th November, 25th January, 22nd January and 22nd March.

The South Bank Players meet on Sunday evenings. 7.30pm at Barrow Squash Club (upstairs). New members are always welcome - even if you don't want to act we are always looking for people who want to help out backstage or front of house.



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### Sunday 21st May 2017 10am start

Items to be delivered to the Memorial Hall on Saturday 20th May 10am-1pm (Sat viewing 4-5 p.m. only, Sun viewing from 8.30am). All proceeds to Memorial Hall maintenance funds.

This time, as we don't have a huge warehouse to store items in, we are asking for donations of small furniture pieces (individual chairs, coffee tables, etc) which can be delivered to the hall on Saturday 20th May 10am - 1pm (Sat viewing 4 - 5 p.m. only) for the Sunday viewing/auction. Following the furniture auction we are hoping to have a plant auction and are looking forward to seeing what our village gardening enthusiasts can produce with all their cutting, dividing and seed-sowing skills. Last year's furniture and plant auctions were enjoyed by all, so let's hope the generosity of those donating is matched by those buying and we can all have a great time raising cash for our village hall. Any questions? Phone: Ann Carter 530635

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The first half term at Goxhill Primary School has been a busy one, packed full of many changes, developments and activities...

### **Democracy at Goxhill Primary School**

At the beginning of the new school year, each class discusses the need for rules and values and decide what these should be and how these should operate within their own surroundings on a daily basis. In order to make the school a fair and happy environment for all and ensure that all voices are heard, each class annually appoints two class councillors to form part of the school council. This year, there are many new faces on the school council (each child receives a special badge so that they can be easily recognised by other children, staff and visitors to the school), council meetings are being held regularly and we feel that the pupil voice within our school is strong.



Goxhill School Class Councillors

In September, the whole school were part of an anonymous ballot to appoint a new

head girl and head boy to represent the school and work collaboratively with the team of class councillors. All children within year 6 have the opportunity to nominate themselves for this role. Each candidate prepares their own speech, in their own time, which they then rehearse and deliver to the entire school before anonymous votes are cast.

All candidates rose to the challenge, producing speeches of a high standard. It was very difficult choosing between them as each one of them was unique and could



Goxhill School Head Girl and Head Boy

contribute something different to the life of the school. For some candidates, standing in front of such a large audience to speak was an accomplishment in itself; pupils and staff were very supportive and proud to be part of such a strong, caring school community.

Once all votes were collected and tallied, we were left with two successful candidates: Neve Spencer and Max Snell are our head girl and boy for 2016-2017. We expect great things from them and we are sure that they will represent the student body and the school very well.

### Neve Spencer, Head Girl (2016-17)

Good morning boys and girls, poet Henry Thoreau one wrote, "I cannot make my days longer so I must strive to

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make them better." I have written a poem to persuade vou to vote for me.

It's that time of year when you must all decide, To choose a worthy girl and boy in whom you can confide.

So let me tell you why I think you should pick me, I'm happy and I'm helpful and as smiley as can be.

My behaviour is impeccable - I've never been on the line.

I'll always try to please you and keep the teachers off the wine,

A head girl's role is important, I'll be an example to the school,

I'll meet with many visitors and show them that we are cool.

So go ahead and pick me, I've told you what to do, I'll always try to do my best And ALWAYS stand by you!

In closing, my aim is to make mine and your days at Goxhill Primary School better, be the friend you wish to have and be the change you want to see.

#### Harvest Festival

The whole school came together for our 'Harvest Festival' celebrations. Each class performed either a song, poem or reading and many of the children presented art work linked to work completed within lessons throughout the weeks prior to the celebration to demonstrate what they had learnt about 'Harvest Festival' as a team. Singing at the celebration was beautiful, a result of the effort that the children and staff

put into hymn practises leading up to such events. A display has been produced within school linked to our harvest festival celebrations. May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and generosity, we received many food donations which were gratefully received.

#### **Development of Our Outdoor** Learning Environment

During the summer term and into the current one, we have been developing the outdoor environment for children at Goxhill. The aim of this is to make the whole school day a positive and enjoyable experience.

Year 6 playground leaders have been trained to run



Harvest Festival Celebrations



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Harvest Festival contributions

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These sessions will take place with small numbers of dinnertime games for all ages: games such as 'What's children. The aim is to provide extended opportunities the time Mr Wolf', 'Head-catch', and 'tiggy-scarecrow' for children to develop team work skills, build selfare but a few. The children lead the planning, resourcing confidence and self-esteem, problem solve and apply and delivery of the sessions. They are free to choose logical thinking outside of the classroom. We believe all which activities to run and when to change them based of these skills will enhance the happiness and success on how popular the sessions are. So far, it has been of our pupils on whatever path they choose to follow in extremely successful; we have had large numbers of life. Once fully established, we hope to allow every child children engaging in them. This has created a more to have experienced two blocks of Forest School engaging and purposeful atmosphere on the sessions (6-8 sessions per block) during their time at playground, less children are bored and it offers all Goxhill. As we do not have a fully established woodland children the opportunity to engage with their peers. In on site, any twigs, branches, logs or such donations addition to this, we now use the wooden pagoda to host would be gratefully received; they would be used for 'The Crafty Hut'. Children who want to read, colour or either craft activities or as fuel for fires. More information complete craft activities can do so inside the hut. We are on Forest School can be found at: hoping to extend the hours for this hut so that during http://www.forestschoolassociation.org/ playtimes children may be able to read in there if it is Hayley Twidale and Steve Fox, Assistant Head their scheduled slot. Again, this is led by older children. Teachers, Goxhill and East Halton Schools' Federation

### Your Local Councillors representing Ferry Ward

We, as your Ferry Ward members would like to take this opportunity to once again update you in the latest issue of the Goxhill Gander.

As we approach the winter months, and the darker nights and mornings are upon us, road safety becomes a much more important concern. We are always looking at ways to make our roads safer for everyone, so, if you have seen a 'near miss', please take the time to tell us about it. You can report these occurrences at the following link:

http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roadsafety/driving-and-riding/report-a-near-miss-on-our-roads/

Also, if you have any potholes or street lights for example, that you feel need attention, you can also report these on our website by accessing the following link:

parking problems and get your day off to a healthier start. http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-The Council has recently seen Simon Driver, Chief highways-and-pavements/reporting-highway-Executive step down after 20 years with the authority. In a issues/report-a-problem-with-our-roads/ major review of the Council's executive management structure, which is expected to save around £850.000 Many residents in Goxhill have contacted us recently over the next four years, the four most senior positions about parking concerns along North End. We are pleased will be deleted and the two new roles of Executive to report that the council is to implement a new Traffic Director - People and Transformation and a Commercial Regulation Order which will see double yellow lines put in Director created. Denise Hyde, has taken up the role of place along North End outside Goxhill Primary School. Executive Director, People and Transformation, having New 'school keep clear' signage will also be put up previously held the Director of People post. outside the school to prevent stopping between 8am and 5pm on weekdays. As always please do not hesitate to contact me or my

The new parking restrictions will help prevent inconsiderate and often dangerous parking outside the primary school and encourage more families to choose healthier ways of getting to school. By leaving the car at home and walking to school, you can help alleviate

### **Our Forest School Initiative**

In the first few weeks of the new term, Mr Fox and Miss Gibbs embarked on exciting new training to gain a level 3 qualification in Forest School Leadership. The first pilot groups are currently being set up with a view to start the activities shortly after half term. Activities are child-led, but some of the options that will be available are:

- Den/shelter building
- Wood craft
- Making controlled fires
- Learning about the woodland environment
- Cooking outdoors (including hygiene)

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ward colleagues, we're here to help and look forward to hearing from you.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the very best for the Festive Season.

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Did you know ....

- 1. In A.D. 350, Pope Julius I, Bishop of Rome, proclaimed December 25 to be the official celebration date for the birthday of Christ. Many theologians, however, estimate that Jesus wasn't born on December 25 but sometime in September, between 6BC and 30AD. The date was chosen simply to coincide with the pagan Roman celebrations honouring Saturnus (the harvest god) and Mithras (the ancient god of light), a form of sun worship. These celebrations came on or just after the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere, to announce that winter is not forever, that life continues, and an invitation to stay in good spirit.
- 2. Christmas was only declared an official holiday in the composers and poets of the day to deliver the United States on June 26, 1870, although Christmas music. Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas in 1836. Because they **6.** Christmas stockings allegedly evolved from three viewed Christmas as a decadent Catholic holiday. sisters who were too poor to afford a marriage the Massachusetts Puritans in America banned all dowry and were, therefore, doomed to a life of Christmas celebrations from 1659-1681 with a prostitution. They were saved, however, when the penalty of five shillings for each offence. Some wealthy Bishop Saint Nicholas of Smyrna (the Puritan leaders condemned those who favoured precursor to Santa Claus) crept down their chimney Christmas as enemies of Christianity. In 1907, and generously filled their stockings with gold coins. Oklahoma became the last US state to declare **7**. The first person to decorate a Christmas tree was Christmas a legal holiday. Year by year, countries all reportedly the Protestant reformer Martin Luther over the world started to recognize Christmas as the (1483-1546). According to legend, he was so day for celebrating the birth of Jesus. moved by the beauty of the stars shining between the branches of a fir tree, he brought home an 3. Santa Claus is based on a real evergreen tree and decorated it with candles to person, St. Nikolas share the image with his children.
  - of Myra (also known as Nikolaos the Wonderworker. **Bishop Saint** Nicholas of Smyrna, and Nikolaos of Bari), who lived during the fourth century. Born in Patara (in modernday Turkey), he is the world's most popular non-Biblical saint, and artists have portrayed him more often than any



other saint except Mary. He is the patron saint of banking, pawn-broking, pirating, butchery, sailing, thievery, orphans, royalty, and New York City.

4. Puritan Oliver Cromwell outlawed Christmas celebrations and carols in England from 1649-1660. As they were regarded as 'Popish' and pagan. The only celebrations allowed were sermons and prayers.



S. The singing of carols began as an old English custom called 'wassailing',



toasting neighbours to a long life. Wassail is from the Old Norse ves heill, meaning "good health," and celebrations to bless apple orchards still take place in Lincolnshire each January. One of the earliest known Christmas songs is from the 4th Century, 'Jesus refulsit omnium', composed by St. Hilary of Poitiers. During the 12th Century, St Francis of Assisi formally introduced Christmas carols to church services. As patron of the arts, he inspired

- 8. The word 'Christmas' is a contraction of "Christ's Mass," which is derived from the Old English 'Cristes mæsse' (first recorded in 1038). The letter "X" in Greek is the first letter of Christ, and "Xmas" has been used as an abbreviation for Christmas since the mid 1500s.
- 9. In several European countries (Greece, Italy, Spain and Germany,) and other countries throughout the world, workers receive a Christmas bonus of one month's salary (by law).

10.In 1834, Britain's Queen Victoria brought her German husband. Prince Albert. into Windsor Castle, thus introducing the tradition of the Christmas tree and carols (that were already being held in Europe) to the British Empire.

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The original closing date for the share offer in Goxhill Community Pub Ltd was set as 1st December. However, a number of subscribers have told us that they need to move savings around to release the money they wish to invest, and so prefer to wait until the price for the Brock has been agreed with Keigar Homes Ltd. So it has been decided to extend the deadline to the end of February 2017. This extension enables us to take advantage of this issue of the Gander for additional publicity to everyone in the village.

Now you could even buy Shares in the Brock as a Christmas present for your parents or for the younger people, the future customers of the Brock. If you feel the minimum price is a bit steep, you can always club together as a family.

With Bank interest and investment rates at an all time low and shares vulnerable, what better than an investment in your village's future. Plus, it is investing in bricks and mortar, so its a pretty safe place for your money.

But Saving the Brock is not to be seen as a money making scheme, it is social investment to safeguard the Social Heart of our village, for the future.

However research has shown that villages with pubs attract higher house prices than those that don't, so it could increase the value of your bricks and mortar.

Our village is growing and it will need investment in its facilities to meet the demand. The Coop are not moving to Goxhill for nothing.

### SO GIVE IT SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT!

This is such an important thing we can all do for the future of our village.



The Brock possibly around 192

- Accessed funding only available for community projects like ours, subject to raising sufficient funds from the village.
- Conducted market research that confirms the Brock can be a viable going concern and that the demand is there to make it a success.
- Signed up many as Friends of the Brock to confirm the size of the customer base for the future.
- Made plans to refurbish the pub to meet the needs of the village, as shown in the market research, to make it a real family pub to be proud of.
- Produced a Business Plan that covers every aspect to be a sound working document.
- Negotiations with the property developer are at a critical stage. Face to face meetings have taken place with them and Richard Hannigan, one of our Ward Councillors, who is actively supporting our case with North Lincolnshire Council.



Design concepts of how the refurbished Brock could look in the future

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### **GOXHILL OPEN GARDENS 2017**



A few weeks ago I was given a folder which had details of all the Goxhill Open Garden Days going back to the start of the tradition in 1990. Over a period of twenty seven years, a total of sixty different gardens have been opened to the public and six of them have been open on at least fifteen occasions. Houlton Lodge in North End and Mr Thompson's wild flower garden hold the record with 20 openings each. There are eleven gardens that have formed the backbone of the Open Gardens event with 165 openings over the 27 years, unfortunately at least five are not likely to be available going forward so there is an opportunity for some of the other gardeners to take up the trowel and become a regular contributor. I would be interested to hear from any gardener who has opened their garden recently but didn't continue, was there something that discouraged you from doing it again, something we

may be able to change to make the experience better for you. I am hoping to get round a number of the gardens in the spring to talk to the owners. We realise that with a village as large as Goxhill, getting round all the locations in an afternoon is a challenge especially if they are spread out from North End to South End to Thornton Road. It is pleasing to see more people using bicycles to get round, combining gardens



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and exercise. But this isn't an option open to all so we are looking at the possibility of grouping gardens in clusters, park the car and walk round 3-4 gardens before moving on to the next location. But we need gardens to make this work so please could you let me know if you are likely to be open in 2017.

A number of people have asked what is expected of them if they open their garden; do they have to provide refreshments/toilets/items for sale and do they have to meet and greet the visitors. Well the easy answer is no to all of them, however, some people do but that is purely their choice. If you have a surplus of seedlings or

plants that you would like to sell (proceeds to the Open Gardens fund) that isn't a problem. If you have outside toilet facilities that can be made available to visitors, they are always welcome. Meeting and greeting is really down to personal choice, I like to interact with my visitors but not everyone is comfortable with talking to strangers, however, it is nice to have someone in the garden keeping an eye on things. We



may be able to find a volunteer to "garden sit" on the day if you don't or can't be there yourself.

The Open Gardens event is a fund raiser for the Methodist Chapel and helps them to continue their support of the Goxhill community. Organisations that benefit from this support include The Luncheon Club; Knit & Natter; Potty Panto Players to name a few. On the day, refreshments are available in the Chapel rooms as well as a floral display in the Chapel itself. The display has a central theme which in the past has included Nursery Rhymes, Diamond Jubilee, Transport, Colourful Countries. If you want to help but don't want to open your garden, you may consider a flower arrangement or helping with the teas more in keeping with your skills. Please contact me or Betty Plumtree if you want to help. We mentioned in the last article that there would be increased publicity for the 2017 Open Gardens. This will take many forms, posters; leaflets; radio; internet and hopefully, an exciting visual display that will lead you round the village and the gardens - more to follow in the next Goxhill Gander.

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### **CHURCH & CHAPEL NEWS**

**Goxhill Chapel** has a new service schedule of meeting only on the first, third and (when they occur) fifth Sundays of the month. What's more, we're going to make a virtue of it by using the occasions when there is a fifth Sunday (usually around four times a year) to explore new ways of learning about and worshipping God. And we are going to do so in the hope that these fresh expressions will be services to which we can invite our neighbours, those people who come on weekday afternoons and evenings to the many other activities that go on there, like luncheon club, art group, knit-and-natter etc.

The fifth Sundays of the month will be opportunities for testing out alternative styles: we are inviting interested local preachers to do whatever they feel called to do, so long as it's innovative (for Goxhill). Sue Brumpton is leading the first of these services in January, Kate Marr has already committed to the next, in April. It will still be at 10.30am, but might be in the schoolroom, might be outside the chapel facing the street; it might just be fun!

Most of all, we want it to be approachable. We're using that bit of newfound time and energy to try something new; we're tapping into the enthusiasm of our new superintendent, Rev Nichola Jones. If as a preacher you have any ideas of a type of service you'd like to lead, let me know. But as a potential member of the congregation, you're important too: tell me what you'd like to see happen at Goxhill Chapel, or come along on 29th January or on 30th April and see what we're up to, join in. All are welcome! Adam Ellis

### Church Wardens report on repairs to All Saints Church (Stage One)



The steel should look the same but have no value to thieves. The Church continues to be open for Sunday services and access is still via the main door but if you need to access in the week please be cautious as plastic sheeting is laid down to protect the floor from the builders muddy feet!

Many thanks to all the team who continue to keep the Church clean of dust and debris week by week, we love you all.

We would like to say a huge, personal thank you to Dave Carnell for his unceasing determination and hard work in securing funding and for wading through the piles of application forms, and to those, too numerous to mention, that have so generously donated to our roof appeal, without you all this project would not have been possible.

**Stage Two,** The lead on the South Aisle was also stolen but that side has been felted to give us some breathing space, however this is only a temporary measure and the work will start again to raise the funds to re-roof that side as well!

Thank you again for your support in helping to preserve this lovely building. Janet Shephardson and David Hutson x



Those of you that have walked by the Church will have noticed that work is now progressing on the North Aisle roof. We are pleased to be able to report that the builders have been able to salvage a good fifty percent of the timber that we had expected to be replaced and the damage to the stone work was not as extensive as we had at first been led to believe. All the repairs to the roof are now complete and we hope that by the time you read this, the Terne coated stainless steel covering will have started to go on. We have rejected the suggestion of replacing 'like for like' i.e, putting lead back on for obvious reasons.

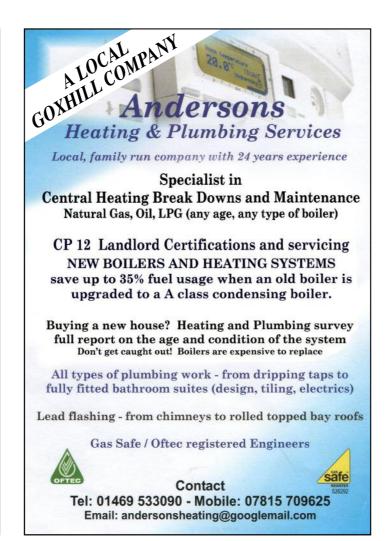
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### The Cucumber Straightener and the Rotary Knife Cleaner

Shortly after we came to live at Goxhill many years ago I found a strange object in the Green house. It was a glass cylinder shaped like a bottle but without a bottom so that it was a tube with a narrow neck. The neck end was damaged and for a long time I did not know what it was that I had found. I suspected that this was somehow associated with gardening and eventually I discovered that it was a Cucumber Straightener.

This was not an instrument to straighten bent cucumbers but was used to ensure that cucumbers grew straight. It had nothing to do with banana edicts from Europe but was an invention of an age when prevention of error was preferred to a later cure. It is said that in or about the year 1850 Mr George Stephenson (who invented the Steam Engine)



decided that he would like his cucumbers to be straight so he told his factory to make some glass cylinders into which his gardener placed tiny cucumbers as they developed behind the flower thus constraining them so that they could only grow straight.

A Cucumber Straightener is not an object that might be found in any back garden it required a Greenhouse in which to grow the cucumbers and someone with knowledge and training to enable them to do it. This was a tool of the garden of a big house. Mr William Hewitt who built the Greenhouse must have been a very knowledgeable gardener the plants in the garden and the design of the greenhouse all show this. The Cucumber Straightener probably cost about two shillings.

My cucumber plants were growing unusually well this year and so I felt tempted to try the straightener myself. Unfortunately, the Knop, that is the rim at the top which was used to suspend it from the greenhouse roof was missing so I had to devise another method of fixing it in place. It is made of thick greenish glass and is very heavy. On the second attempt I managed to get the little cucumber in place with the flower undamaged. The experiment was very successful but I have to say that modern cucumber varieties if allowed to hang freely will grow fairly straight.

Another object that would not be found in a Goxhill family home is the Rotary Knife Cleaner, this was invented about 1845 and it was a domestic gadget but it had the capacity to clean knives so quickly that only a large establishment would have enough cutlery for it to be economically. It was to be found below stairs in a big house. It was not used for the silver or plated cutlery of the dining room but for the steel knives and carving knives used in the domestic quarters.

Everyone used steel knives and forks and when a black deposit had developed from contact with acid food these were cleaned at home by hand with a damp cloth and abrasive powder. The Rotary Knife Cleaner had a cylindrical wooden case in which were two circular brushes which revolved as the handle was turned it also contained some Emery powder. Two openings at the top allowed two knives to be inserted between the brushes whilst a larger opening at the side was provided for Carving knives. . With regular use a few turns were all that was needed to brighten the blades.

The label with the word Guarantee does not refer to the machine itself but to a repair

that was made to the cast iron frame upon which the cleaner was mounted The machine is quite heavy and was probably dropped breaking off one of the feet. A Bell & Co Ltd. of Gold St Northampton, forged a

replacement foot which was hot riveted to the casting. A very neat job guaranteed for one year.

The use of mild steel cutlery declined during the 1930s as Sheffield Plate and Stainless Steel took their place.

I believe that my uncle bought the Rotary Knife Cleaner at an auction at about that time.

But now the washing



machine has stopped spinning and it is time for tea so while I take out the washing I shall switch on the Electric kettle and put a couple of slices of bread in the Electric toaster. Maurice Brawn

### DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING EDITION OF THE GANDER

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### Changes

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A few years ago the serious tidal flooding caused distress to many people in our village, and to the surrounding area, that justified and brought about changes and improvements to the drainage systems, hopefully preventing any reoccurrence.

At present we have new developments causing disruption to the centre of the village, one adding to our facilities, and one we sincerely hope, not causing the loss of a valued social meeting place.

But of all these, the one which we have no control Three plots are still available, get fit and feed yourself but, maybe a little "persuasion", is the new Humber in good company. pipeline construction. There is no alternative, we are Cemetery in its path and we have to bear the disruption it Work still progressing at the rear, slow but sure, but inevitably brings with it. We are assured that the site still a way to go. traffic will be well controlled and the one way system Librarv will be in place soon, but the size of the work will also Quite a lot of interest in the media recently with necessitate workers driving to and from work at the regard to community libraries, let's not forget we were site, through the village increasing the traffic flow one of the very first. Let's keep it successful. immensely. A few years ago I used to joke that if I was MUGA on the Playing Fields late arriving anywhere after an early morning start, Great that the North Lincolnshire Street Scene came that I had been held up by horse traffic, as riders took along on Monday evenings, over 30 children at one their early morning exercise, as we experienced little time, enjoyed themselves. Great idea, and many of the traffic rush that others experience, to use as an thanks to the organisers and volunteers. excuse. All this will change during the next two years, **Planters** but I do seriously hope that the site drivers respect These will soon be in place, but we still need and take great care with regard to our equestrian sponsors, any offers would be greatly received, pursuits, the two do not mix easily, on country roads. please contact any Parish Councillor, if you can help. We have been assured by the site operators that all Millennium Green consideration will be given and I have no doubt that Some very good clearance work has been carried out considering the difficulty and size of the undertaking by young volunteers to the footpaths for which we that they will do all that they can, it is also up to us all say, a big thanks. **Freda Dunkley** to be patient and if we have a problem, to ensure we

### It was the Twelfth Day of September

It was a beautiful sunny day, the sky was blue with white fluffy clouds and I had spent the morning in the garden. It had been a busy morning and I sat down in a chair by the door to recover from my efforts before getting my lunch. I became aware of the sound of birds, lots of birds twittering and screaming in the air above me. I looked up and there were swallows or swifts possibly both for I cannot distinguish between them when they are flying, a whole flock of birds circling and weaving twisting and diving above my head. There had not been many swallows and swifts to be seen in the sky above us this year and suddenly here were more of them than I had seen for years.

I sat and watched in amazement, I thought that there must have been a massive cloud of flies to have attracted so many birds to one place but that was not so. Suddenly just as they had come they began to disappear. They were flying off towards the river and the coast all

don't lay the blame for every speeding truck or every bit of disturbance at their door. Better to get the facts first, then we will be helping all parties.

Looking to the future we must ensure that the beauty of our village is restored, and replace and repair anything lost or destroyed, it is better to look forward and make plans, rather than be sad or defeatist.

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going in the same direction. They were heading East towards Spurn. I latter found out that there was a Migration Festival at the Spurn Bird

Sanctuary so perhaps the birds had seen the posters.



It took a while for me to realise what I had seen. This was the gathering together of the birds before they set off on their flight to Africa. Birds from a wide area joining in a flock to fly the thousands of miles that would take them to their winter home. Forget the beginning of the Tour of Yorkshire and the Tour de France here in Goxhill at a quarter to twelve in the morning I had been present to see "Le Grand Depart" the start of a journey that out distances them both. I do hope that they will complete their journey successfully Maurice Brawn and return to us again in spring.

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### Changes Again

I only come to Goxhill occasionally now; having left there fifty years ago. We only intended to stay in Barton for two years, to help us with the transport for education of our two children, Kevin and Wendy. Well the good intensions never came to fruition; two more children arrived in our family; and we made Barton our home. They are "Bartonians", which I am told I never will be! Well I am a country person at heart and Goxhill became my home when I married my late husband Dennis. I shall always treasure my memories of the village; the village with a real community spirit, having plenty of community events to help us to meet people and make friends; shops were plentiful; we need not go out of the village to obtain most of our needs. Of course we could go by train or 'bus to Grimsby, Barton or use the Ferry to visit Hull.



At Goxhill Station, late 1890 ot 1900, taking their wares to Hull

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Two services were held in memory of Goxhill residents lost in the two World Wars and conflicts since. The Memorial Hall was packed in the morning and a large crowd gathered at the Airfield Memorial in the afternoon. Both services were conducted by Rev John Girtchen, with guest Rev W/Cdr David Norfield of the RAF.

At the Propeller Memorial, proceedings commenced with a fly past by a Piper Cub, followed by a message to the kind folks of Goxhill on the occasion of the Airfield Remembrance Day ceremony, from 94 year old "Mac" MacAllister who was one of the first Americans to arrive at Goxhill's air base once it was loaned to the US in 1942.

"May I extend greetings and felicitations to the citizens and council of Goxhill from the 71st Fighter Squadron, First Fighter Group. We descended on your community in early summer of 1942, and remember with gratitude your



kindness and affability. We began our combat forays in the late, great war while stationed in Goxhill. We are grateful for the lessons taught and the advice Goxhill began to lose shops as did many villages and local Public Houses disappeared. It became a necessity to travel out of the village to



J. Davey & Son Corn Merchants

find the shops we needed. It is regrettable that the rise of supermarkets brought the closure of village shops; where one could meet friends whilst shopping. It has helped to destroy the community spirit.

So recently when I saw the new Co-op shop, well on the way to being opened; and that great efforts are being made to restore the' Brock' pub as we called it. I knew that the people were trying to restore the character of the village; making it more than a 'dormitory' village.

I attended a craft fair recently in the Memorial Hall; what a transformation there, a splendid Hall now! Although I no longer live in Goxhill, it cheered me to see the friendliness there. With the passage of time most of the people I knew have gone; but the new generation seem to be working to build up the community spirit, that was always there. I always come to the Village pharmacy, and surgery at Goxhill, what a difference that has made to the village. I hope this village, where I spent happy times, continues to thrive.

#### **Ramona Percy**

given us as we approached our encounters with the Luftwaffe, and admired the stoic resolve and the courage of the Goxhill folks.

Although our 71st Squadron membership is down to a handful of men, we speak I'm sure for the entire Group who shared the same gratitude for our time with you. We were also glad to share an occasional pint of beer, learned the ubiquity and



versatility of the bicycle; you also converted us to breaks each morning for tea, and taught us in the evening how to throw darts. We were encouraged by your record, and our objectives were mutual. Britain's courage was important to young men, never before away from home, unsure of what the future held yet fully aware of the deadly business we were about to conduct. You were more than hosts. In retrospect, you were really our partners and none of us who were there has forgotten his stint at Goxhill or the people who characterized the community.

So on this occasion of tribute, please know you are still remembered by those you hosted so many years ago."

P.E. MacAllister Once Captain USAF



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### **ROTARY CLUB OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER**



A free Christmas Concert for Senior Citizens will be staged at Trinity Methodist Church on Sunday December 18th at 4.00pm, featuring The Positive Notes Choir providing seasonal entertainment, plus festive music to "sing-along" to. Barton Rotary Club members will be

serving refreshments at around

5.00. Please phone David Witter on 01652 632675 to arrange free transport for you to the hall from Goxhill. Thanks to Trinity Church for allowing us to stage the event

Christmas Lunches. The now traditional way for Barton Rotarians to spend Christmas Day morning, is to cook and deliver around 50 Christmas Lunches to elderly people who are on their own. This is a full Christmas Dinner, including Turkey with all

### **ERADICATING POLIO**

Hello again from the volunteers of the Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian. As the days turn into weeks, and the weeks into months, we notice how quickly time is passing.

Rotarians are conscious of how each club is a small cog in the big wheel that is Rotary International, and as we celebrate our Rotary Foundation centenary we are having a big push once and for all to complete the task we started in 1985 - the eradication of polio throughout the world.

As The Rotary Foundation moves towards its centenary year and with the chance to eradicate polio now closer than ever before thanks to the efforts of Rotarians across the world, it is important we keep fighting and finish the job. This means continuing our support now and for at least three years after the last case of polio is reported, in order for the world to officially be declared polio free.

The first major programme now sitting within the Purple4Polio campaign is the enhancement of the mass crocus corm planting for November 2016 and the exciting development of links with the Royal Horticultural Society. The purple crocus is a symbol of Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio, with its colour representing the purple dye used to mark the finger of a child who has



been immunised. Polio is a dreadful disease which attacks children. and a disease for which there



the trimmings, a trifle, mince pie and fruit. To arrange this, please phone David Witter on 01652 632675 by Friday Dec 9th and a member will call round to make the delivery arrangements to the Goxhill area.

#### Stamp Collection

When you receive your Christmas Cards, please save your used stamps.



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### **ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN**

is no known cure, although immunisation has been shown to prevent it. In 1988 Polio was endemic in 125 countries across the world and 350,000 children contacted Polio every year. This year Polio exists in three countries in the world, Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan, last year there were 74 cases of polio reported, to August this year only 23 cases.



Several schools in our area have expressed an interest in, and support for, our campaign, and it was a delight to be able to present the junior gardeners at Goxhill Primary School with 200 giant purple crocus corms for their garden. These corms are not available anywhere else other than through a Rotary Club. We have been invited back in the Spring to see the results. If you would like your own purple crocus corms, please contact Rotarian Stuart Leyland on 07751 018 453.

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### "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." Babe Ruth

It seems a year has flown by yet again. The clocks have up, the speed which some of these lorries go is way gone back confusing the dogs and horses as for a couple above 30MPH. Anyone living in North End will have witnessed, almost daily, lorries being stuck as they have of days they think their feed is late. no room to pass. Neither driver wants to back up or give The dark nights are upon us and as we enter November way and some quite heated moments have ensued.

already, fireworks have been going off for the past three nights. No doubt it will continue before and after Guy I will point out though it is not just the lorries speeding. Fawkes Night. I do wish people would inform neighbours Drivers of cars and tractors seem to think they can do as if they are going to randomly let off rockets. The first they like as the roads are straight until they get to the night the pony came galloping into the yard and nearly sharp bend of North Ferry. slipped over as she shot into her stable. The following I have repeatedly asked for more 30MPH signs, but morning I found the cows had broken the post and rail have been told this is not possible, which I find fencing and were where they shouldn't be. Whether this ridiculous. The council say that in previous speed traps was coincidence or not I will never know but it could it catches more local residents that anyone else so have had a serious outcome. I am sure cat and dog please, please, slow down. owners would ensure their beloved pets were in if they It is more important than ever to report Accidents or knew the whizzes, bangs, screeches and pops followed by Near Misses on the BHS web site. If there is a marked an explosion of bright lights were going to take place. increase they can back us in a request for safer riding Already I have picked up bits of remains from rockets. and more signage, etc. . I urge riders to join the BHS for They could have hit one of my animals so please be whatever their discipline is; you not only have the third aware and take responsibility, communicate with your party insurance but many other benefits. neighbours, especially if you know they have animals.

Recently I have had cause to contact BHS Legal helpline, I have been asked to respond to a reader who wanted to on more than one occasion and they have been a know why they saw the same people regularly riding out tremendous help and put my mind at rest. Their quarterly without a safety helmet. Basically, in my opinion, magazine is superb with lots of information and offers. they're idiots. Unfortunately it comes under freedom of There seems to be an increase of "driven ponies" in the choice, it is not illegal. I totally agree with our readers area. If you have a pony which is outgrown yet you don't email about them being irresponsible. This same reader want to part with it, this could be the solution. I commented on other riders possibly going overboard recommend that you look at www.poacherhc.org . The with florescent and imitation police gear. I believe that Poachers driving club are a small, friendly, local club vou can't have too much Hi-Viz. The Hi-Viz which looks which welcome more like minded people. Looking at like the police came in about six years ago and at the their web site it tells you a bit about their origins and what time I remember there being a controversy as to if they they do. They stress they are not teachers, but can offer should be banned. The first ones were designed by an advice from their wealth of experience. They have fun ex-policewoman who gained a letter of approval from days and dressage competitions, sometimes with music. her super-intendent, as there was no conflict of interest. They are looking to stage an afternoon for those who Strangely enough the police do not have a patent on the chequered design of the tape used on these. The would be interested in getting started, but do not know wording can vary to "POLITE - Please smile you're on how. A talk will be given on the type of pony, harness camera", "POLITE - Please slow down", "POLTIE and carriages plus health & safety. The plan is to follow Pass wide and slow". I thought there would be a up with a demonstration and even to let people have a "POLITE - Young horse" but as far as I know, taste of driving. surprisingly, there isn't. For more information the web Hopefully the next edition should have a date and site www.equisafety.co.uk has been set up. For me, venue confirmed or just keep checking their web site. anything which slows drivers down has to be good. How fit are you? Could you cycle 350 miles? How about I can remember, many years ago now, the Scarecrow 700 miles? No – neither could I! One plucky, determined young lady is about to do just that!

Trail. Someone down Thornton Road had created a scarecrow in police uniform with its hand up in the "STOP" pose. Did the traffic slow down! Even if you were within the limits it still had an effect. It fooled me every time, but it made me smile.

On the subject of road safety, the BHS (British Horse Society) are in negotiations to expand and revise the Highway Code in regards to 'How to pass horses'. That has to be a good thing.

If you walk or ride down Thornton and Ferry Road you cannot not notice the increase in big lorries. It is really horrendous and expected to get worse once the works really start. I think it works out a lorry, extra to what was normal every six minutes. Despite signs being put

Julie Donald cycled 350 miles from Paris to Geneva earlier this year and in two years has raised £4000 for Breast Cancer.

In September 2017 she is cycling 700 miles! Paris to Geneva and then on to Nice. So far she has raised £370 and is hoping to raise £1500, which is her goal. I am sure if you read her story you will support her and hopefully help her exceed this amount. I doubt if many would be dedicated enough to get the fitness level required to do this but we can all dig deep into our pockets and support her. All the money raised will go to the Alzheimers Society. She is paying all her own expenses.

We are all living much longer and I think we all know



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someone who's suffered from Alzheimers, dementia or Parkinsons. They are all brain conditions of which little is known. Hopefully, whilst Julie is supporting Alzheimers the scientist just may find something to help the other conditions on the way. I know "Scissorbox" are taking donations, otherwise go to www.justgiving.com and search Julie Donald for the full details.

Much has been written about buying the pub and I really hope this come to fruition. One comment I heard Traditionally Jo Burns-Firth, has organised a ride through alarmed me. It was suggested the name be changed to the village just after Christmas in aid of the Lincolnshire "The Brock" as this is what most people call it. A brock Air Ambulance. This has grown over the past few years is a badger. Brockelsby Hunt is the local hunt to this and looks great fun. The atmosphere is friendly and some area and the hounds are the oldest and purest bloodline dress their mounts and themselves in various festive in the country. Traditionally they had a "meet" at the costumes. There is a small charge for a very worthy cause, pub each season and it was a lovely sight to see. Its part so keep your ears open for the date or ask Jo. of country life and since they no longer chase foxes, whether you are for or against it is part of our heritage Talking of the Air Ambulance, if you have an accident and we should be proud of it. No – Keep "The Brock" you are far better to ring 112 if you have an emergency as a form of endearment and show you are a local but as they have the technology to pin point your exact please let the name remain "The Brockelsby Hunt". location from your mobile phone. Very handy if you are

down the marsh with a dog or a horse!

We cannot escape Christmas, though I only have two suggestions for presents. Jilly Cooper has a new book out with all the familiar characters from her previous ones. "Leading Fire", which is set in the flat racing world £20.

Another gift is Monopoly with a difference. Instead of the normal one it is set around Newmarket and instead of

### **INTRODUCING A NEW LOCAL AUTHOR**

An interview with Rob Ashman, a local author from Barrow, about his debut novel titled 'Those That Remain'.

Why don't you start by introducing yourself?

My name is Rob Ashman I'm 55 years of age, married to Karen with two grown up daughters. I am originally from South Wales and after moving around with work we settled in Barrow where we've spent the last twenty-two years.

Tell us a little about the book?

Those That Remain is about a serial killer, codenamed Mechanic, and is based in Florida. Mechanic has been presumed dead for three years but surfaces again and the ritual sadistic killings continue. Lucas is a police lieutenant coasting towards retirement when Mechanic lands on his patch. Lucas is constantly wrong-footed by the killer and is forced to operate outside the law with devastating consequences. It's a story where nothing is as it seems - it's one to keep you guessing.

#### What made you start writing?

I've always had Those That Remain stuck in my head. It took me twenty-four years to write - and yes, I know after all that time you'd expect it to be better! I plaved around with it for years and only got serious about writing when my dad got cancer. It was an aggressive illness and I gave up work for three months to look after him and my mum. Writing Those That Remain was my coping mechanism. After I wrote the book my family read it and said 'You have to do something with this, and besides its not finished.' So not being one for half measures I got myself made redundant, went selfplaying for money it's horses and yards, so far more exciting.

Are you prepared for winter and are your rugs ready to go? If you are not riding clean your tack and check all stitching, particularly stirrup leathers. If necessary get the repairs done while the items are not in use. Keep your bridle in a cotton pillow case and wrap leather saddles in a duvet cover to keep mould at bay.

Did you know conkers are supposed to deter spiders. So if you pop a few under your sofa or your bed it may work. I had so much more I wanted to write about but alas, space does not allow.

That only leaves me to wish you a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year

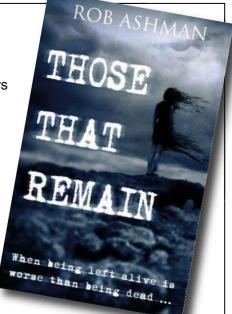
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employed so I could devote more time to writing and four years later the Mechanic Trilogy is the result.

Where does your inspiration come from?

It's probably not the best thing to admit but the inspiration to write comes from the voices in mv head. I can just picture my friends exchanging



knowing glances at this point. My characters talk to me incessantly. They compete for my attention – they row, they laugh, they fight, and of course try to murder each other. We met a woman on holiday who was interested in the books and Karen what they were about. After Karen finished describing them the woman screwed her face up and Karen said 'I know, it's worrying to think that goes on in his head.' What do you have planned next?

My immediate plans are to publish the next one in the series called In Your Name.

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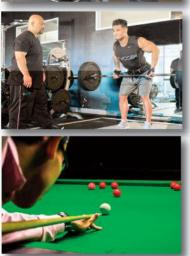
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### **GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB**

My forecast in the previous Gander that our club was "... unlikely to be amongst the top teams ..." for the 2016 season was only partially correct. Although it was not apparent



along the way, once all the results came in, we had not done too badly.

- Grimsby & District League is the most prestigious of the three leagues we belong to and is always keenly fought. We were therefore not displeased with our 3rd place finish amongst the 9 teams in its Premier Division.
- Barnetby & District League has just a single division of 11 teams and here we finished runnersup. This made it 30 times that our club has been 1st or 2nd over the league's 80 year existence: twice as good as statistics might predict.
- Humberside Open Triples League saw us 5th out of



**THE BELLS** I am sure you will have noticed that the Church Bells have not been peeling out as usual, recently. I am advised that the Bell Ringers have resigned for personal reasons. I can only hope this situation will be resolved as soon as possible, and that once again we will have the pleasure of such a wonderful sound echoing around our village, especially at this Festive time. EDITOR



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6 teams but it was enough to keep us up after promotion last year. Only two points separated 4th to 6th. However it was not just about league results because, throughout the

season, our club runs its own members competitions playing as singles, pairs or triples - drawn at random. Whilst not all our bowlers live in Goxhill, here are mentions for those who won one or more club competitions and who are also village residents:

Gerry Burns, Nigel Davies, Harold Dixon, Rosemarie Guggiari, Dorothy Jerrison, Christine Thomas, Roger Thomas and Bernard Wilson.

Congratulations one and all.

If you would like to try bowling next season then it's never too early to let us know so that we can keep you informed of when the green will be open. Just contact me by emailing Goxhill-Bowls @mybtinternet.com or telephoning 530363. John Guggiari

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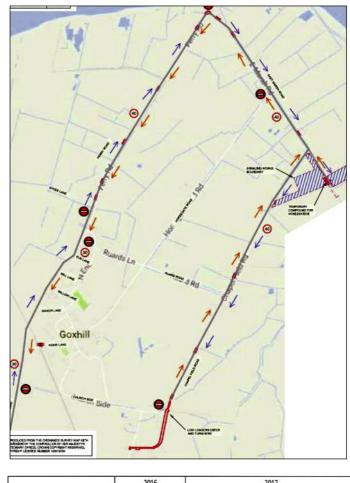
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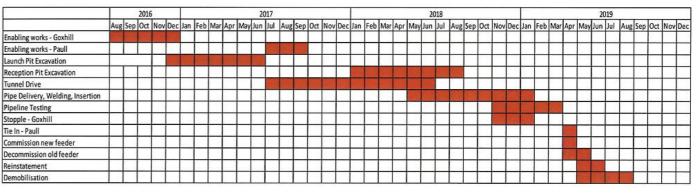


### UPDATE ON THE HUMBER PIPELINE PROJECT

## National Grid are very keen to maintain good relations with the village and minimise the impact as much as possible.

However anyone living on the route to and from the Humber Pipeline works, will already know the impact it is going to have on our village for the next 3 years. There was intended to be a one way system to reduce the number of journeys on each road and thus reduce congestion and lessen the impact. However the map below of the current traffic routes shows 2 way traffic on all the access roads, so heavy vehicles passing on the narrower sections of road are going to cause disruption. Future traffic is planned to have 2 way traffic on Thornton Road and Ferry Road, but one way on Chapel Field Road away from the site. But I believe very heavy loads cannot go over the Soff Lane Level Crossing, so will all the extracted spoil be coming back up the main village roads, as well as all the plant and pipe components going the other way? Will those most populated areas of the route have to





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take the brunt of the traffic problems?

Down on the marsh it will be even worse on one way lanes, never designed for such volumes of heavy traffic.

The road surface on Ferry Road is already cracking and residents complaining of the vibration in their houses as well as the regular noise of the passing traffic and the speed of some. Who knows what damage this will cause to some of



the properties by the route, especially the older ones. I hope the railway bridge can stand the strain too. At least South End has got a temporary bypass to alleviate the problems there. It is a pity the planners did not take up the suggestions from the village of making the bypass permanent and upgrading the whole of Chapel Field Road into a new 2 way road, giving better access to the industrial units on Soff Lane and the airfield, avoiding the village altogether. The national importance of the pipeline tunnel replacement has overridden the consideration of its impact on our village.

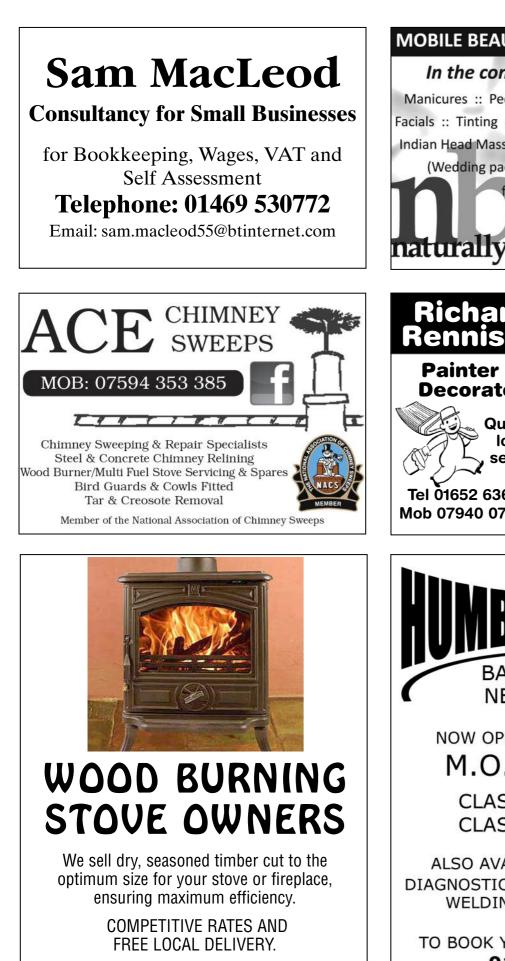
But it is happening! It is going to be fun trying to get in and out of the village at rush hour times. It is bad enough already along Thornton Road.

The forecast of completion of the initial work on the traffic routes is -

Passing Places - end of November 2016 Soff Lane Diversion - end January 2017 The overall timetable for the whole project is on the chart below. EDITOR

### Humber Pipeline Contacts

Anyone having a problem or anything to report re. the pipeline can contact the site as follows. Project web site **www.riverhumberpipeline.com Freepost National Grid R H Pipeline Project** Community Relations Freephone **0800 988 9144** Lines are open 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday



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### **Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service (LIVES)**

Having supported the LIVES scheme for many years, initially as a first responder and subsequently with local publicity. I found myself seeing it from a different direction this year. LIVES First Responders were there to assist my mother when she was found collapsed at home and stayed with her until the ambulance arrived some time later. It was further south in Lincolnshire but I know she would have been in safe hands and my brother, who had to call out the police to gain entry, certainly sounded all the calmer for their presence when we spoke on the telephone. In rural locations it can be quite a while before the ambulance turns up and even if only very basic medical assistance is needed or possible the First Responders are delivering an invaluable service simply by being there with patients.

Our local branch of LIVES covers Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland. If you are the type of person who wants to help others, have a car and are able to spare a few hours a week then perhaps you could be a First Responder? There is always a need for new recruits as existing responders move away or their circumstances change so that they are unable to continue. To find out more about helping LIVES, as a first responder or otherwise, please contact Damian Connolly, branch co-ordinator. Contact 530656 or 07747499331 by phone or connolly.dam@gmail.com by email.

LIVES is registered charity number 1098364.

### **GNeWs from Goxhill Neighbourhood Watch**

### FUNDS TO THE CHURCH ROOF FUND

In the previous issue of The Gander we mentioned our plans to donate most of our funds to the roof fund of All Saints Church. Whilst another cause was proposed it was not taken up because, whilst deserving, it had not arisen as a result of crime. **10% DISCOUNT ON BUILDING & CONTENTS** 

INSURANCE Until the end of 2016, Co-operative Insurance are offering 10% discount to neighbourhood watch areas for buildings &/or contents insurance policies. Goxhill has been a neighbourhood watch village for the past 20 years so that discount is available to you for a new policy. I'm gritting my teeth as I type this since Co-op are already our insurer. (Sorry for the short notice but this offer was relayed in October via Facebook and to those already on our email bulletins.)

### HOUSE FIRES CAUSED BY ELECTRICAL FAULTS

Alongside the above offer was news of a large jump recently in claims for house fires caused by electrical faults. Traditional culprits have always been electric blankets or items left running overnight like tumble dryers or washing machines. However, the current rise is being laid at the door of smaller battery operated appliances using chargers. Fires are being caused by mobile phones, tablets and laptops being

### "All Along The Control Tower" Volume Two

A new book featuring control towers on old wartime airfields in Britain, including information on Goxhill's control tower, its demolition and rebuilding in America, has just come out. Published by Barten & Barten Narwal Editors http://www.narwal.eu info@narwal.eu

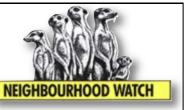


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left on to charge. So, ironically, e-cigarettes are not only competing with tobacco cigarettes



as a source of nicotine but also as a cause of fires. Such problems are frequently linked to using the wrong or counterfeit chargers when the original is lost or broken.

### Tips for reducing fire risks in the home are:

- **DO** use genuine/original chargers from a reputable source with British or European safety marks.
- **DON'T** leave an appliance charging unsupervised for a long time.
- **DON'T** charge a damaged or dropped battery.
- **DON'T** cover an item being charged as they emit heat.
- **DON'T** leave large household appliances on overnight.
- **DON'T** overload extension cables with multiple appliances.
- DO ensure you have a smoke alarm fitted and working.

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