



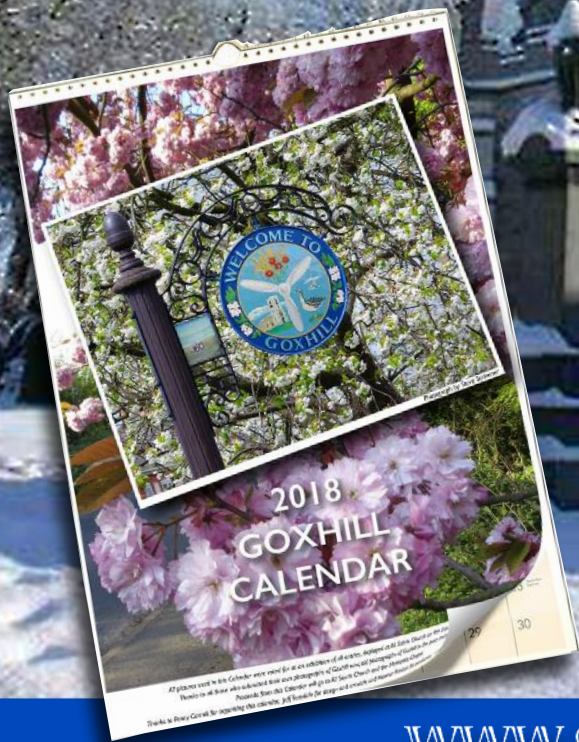
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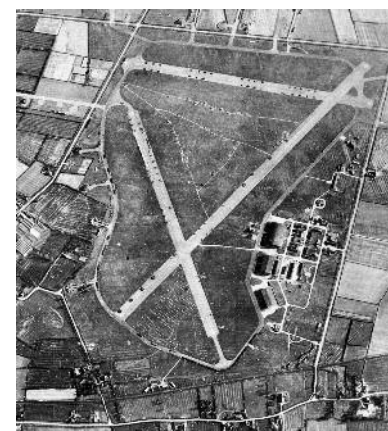
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A few years after we moved to Goxhill, we were persuaded to take in a Cleethorpes' donkey for the winter and so 'Jacko' came to stay. He was quite happy in our barn, or on the lawn or any other grass we could put him on. My daughter even got a few free rides. However, in January we were going away for a week and Richard Faulding said we could bring Jacko to him where he had several Cleethorpes donkeys in a field on the south east corner of the airfield.



So my wife and I and our two children set off along one of the main runways. It was freezing with a bitterly cold wind howling from the north and we were literally dragging Jacko behind us. The runway was surprisingly wide and it rises up in the middle where the two main runways crossed, so you couldn't see to the other side. It was quite spooky because we imagined that a plane could suddenly appear from over this incline, landing or taking off, and we would have been right in its path. We felt very vulnerable in the vast scale of the runway and could sense the history of the place and imagine all the planes landing and taking off during the war, and the accidents. Eventually we reached the highest point of the runway and could see the hangers on the other side.

Now Jacko must have got a wiff of donkeys, because he suddenly started 'eeyore-ing' (if that describes the extraordinary noise donkeys can make). The other donkeys replied and suddenly we were hanging onto Jacko for dear life as he pulled us towards his friends. The second half of the journey was much quicker. Jacko had a lovely week's holiday with his friends.

We were privileged to really 'experience' the sense of history of the airfield, we could feel what a huge role it must have played in the life of Goxhill during WW2 and the impact on the American Servicemen who passed through training at Goxhill, before going on to face the war fronts in Europe.

It made us realise the importance of all the work done, particularly by the late Ron Parker, to document the history & build close links with Americans based at Goxhill, including the Propeller Tribute, and culminating in the transporting of the Goxhill Control Tower to be rebuilt at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach, USA.

So it is brilliant that the Parish Council are working towards twinning Goxhill with Virginia Beach, to further cement this important link. If you would like to be involved with this, see details on Page 27.

My donkey story may be a very tenuous link to the real story of Christmas, but it leads me nicely to wish all our helpers, deliverers, contributors, advertisers and of course all our readers, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from all the Gander Team.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear friends. Research tells us that 52% of people in the UK don't think Christmas has any religious meaning or significance! Wow! That means that Christians are on the back foot when it comes to explaining why we love Christmas - despite all the frivolous trappings - because at the heart of Christ-mas is a baby nestling in an animals' feeding trough (of all things) in whom we perceive God most clearly.

Determined to have a manger scene all lit up in lights, instead of nodding reindeer or Santa coming down the chimney, I have searched garden centres the length and breadth of the county and embarrassed numerous assistants by asking, "I am looking for baby Jesus. Do you have him please? Lit up or nodding, large or small, preferably with Mary and Joseph?" When they say they haven't any call for that sort of thing, I raise my eyebrows in astonishment and say that there are lots in USA for sale and if they got them here, there would be a massive market for them. That halts them in their tracks cos then some other shopper draws close and agrees with me!

Imagine if every chapel and church in the land had a fantastic nativity scene outside with baby Jesus in the manger and Mary and Joseph looking on plus a shepherd and three wise men? Goodness! Folk would realise the church is alive and putting the baby back into Christmas!

Imagine if we never bought Christmas cards with twinkly-eyed robins or ice skating penguins on but insisted we would only send nativity scenes which focussed on a baby in a manger?

And instead of telling each other how tired we are that Christmas seems to start in September, let's rejoice in the good news of God becoming a baby, born to a teenage mother and an unwed fiancé, struggling miles on a donkey and about to go into labour - goodness - there are so many shocking parts to the nativity it should rock at school assemblies! And carol services in the open air at the village square or singing to shoppers at Tesco/Lidl/ even at M and S - time for us Christians to get out of the box of church and be visible again and joyful with it!

Let's breathe and talk and sing the splendour and marvel of it all; let's shout with joy that Immanuel means God is with us and all lonely, desperate, sorrowing people can find truth and hope, joy and love for ever and all arrogant, complacent and self satisfied people can be challenged to live differently, share their wealth and time, change one little part of the world for good.

Let's worship, let's kneel before the infant and adore. Let it be wonder- full and life-changing, for the King of kings is coming to stay and change us through and through - if we let him! May Christ be real for you this Christmas. **Blessings Nichola**

Come to Goxhill Methodist Chapel for worship on first, third and fifth Sundays in the month at 10.30am All welcome!

And Saturday Specials to help raise money for the beautiful new windows are held on:-

Saturday 9th December with cake sale, bacon and mushroom butties, chocolate stall from 10am to 12 noon!

Saturday 13th January coffee and stalls for un needed Xmas Pressies! 10-12 noon with bacon butties and tea cakes.

Sunday 21st January United Covenant service at Goxhill Methodist Chapel at 10.30am

Christmas Services are listed on Page 7

LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

"The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." (Psalm 19 vs. 1)

I've has a lifelong interest in astronomy and can recall as a teenager sitting on the roof of our shed and pondering the vastness of the night sky. Living on the very edge of a city meant that light pollution was not a great problem in observing the stars. Saying that, there was only so much that my naked eye (aided by my Dad's binoculars) could make out. Much of my knowledge of the heavens was gained through books. One planet that always fascinated me was Saturn: a gas 'giant' millions of miles away from us but uniquely beautiful because of the rings that surround its equator. Until August this year my knowledge of Saturn was purely second hand but while on holiday in Whitby all this changed. One evening the local Astronomical Society had set up several of their telescopes on the sea front and were inviting the curious to have a look. The telescopes were all pointing to a tiny, unremarkable speck of light to the south west. Upon looking through the telescope this speck of light was revealed to be the planet Saturn: I was thrilled to see first hand the tiny, but perfect, image of something I had known about but never seen.

As Christmas approaches once more and the old familiar stories are heard once again, we will hear of how some other stargazers came to the conclusion that something dramatic had happened miles away from where they lived. The awareness of this somehow compelled them to make the effort to investigate and to personally experience the events, which they believed their astronomical observations had revealed. Their knowledge thus became first hand - they saw, and they believed. In the fields around Bethlehem the shepherds were initially terrified when an angelic choir descended from heaven proclaiming 'glory to God in the highest'.

The glory of God is still, I believe, proclaimed through the beauty, majesty and complexity of his creation. We too are part of God's creation and we have the opportunity to glorify our maker not just with our words but with our actions, indeed with our whole lives.

The shepherds and the wise men returned to their normal lives after their first hand experiences of that first Christmas. Were they changed? We don't know, but it's hard to imagine their lives would ever have been the same again.

Should Christmas change us? Definitely. Sadly many would define this change as increased stress experienced (especially in attempting to orchestrate the 'perfect' family celebration, whatever that might be!) Others will resign themselves to increased expenditure, which they may well be ill equipped to afford. Sadly, others will find relationships under strain and it's a sobering fact that divorce rates rise after a Christmas in which fragile relationships finally give way amidst all the pressure, which seems unavoidable.

Maybe if we were really to take the message of the angels to heart and strive to make peace on earth (at least to our little bit of it) a reality and to express goodwill to all people, then the glory of God really would shine forth this Christmas.

Have a good one! **Rev. John Girtchen**

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Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th December
10am in the Chapel Schoolroom.
To raise money for new windows in the Chapel.
Come in from the cold. Bacon butties. Chocolate
raffle. Come and join us.

Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 13th December
We invite you to join us, call Jane 530962. Priority
will be given to our regular members so call early to
avoid disappointment.

Memorial Christmas Tree

There will be a memorial Christmas Tree in All
Saints Church from the 3rd December.
There will be stars placed on the table by the tree,
on which you can leave messages in memory of
loved ones. You can come and join us at a service,
or join us for coffee or tea after a service to fill in
and place a star on the tree.

Sunday Morning services are;

Sunday 3rd December 8.30am
Holy Communion (no refreshments after this)
Sunday 10th December 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 17th December 9.30am
Holy Communion
Also at the Christmas services;
Carol Service 15th December 7.30pm
Christingle service 17th December 6pm
Or you may get the key from the Spar shop.

Dates for your diary in 2018:

Quiz Night

Friday 2nd February
7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.
If you enjoy quizzing come and join us either with a
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To book contact Jane 530962 or Sandra 530065

Pancake Day

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11th Dec - Christmas party
8th Jan - Fascinator Workshop with Anne Lawtey
12th Feb - Geoff Bryant - Giving an insight into Dr.
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	62	Jenny Logan	£10.00

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Christmas Services (at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

Friday	15th	December	7.30pm	Service of Readings, Carols and Music followed by mince pies & mulled wine
Sunday	17th	December	2.00pm	United Carol Service at Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Sunday	17th	December	6.00pm	Christingle Service
Sunday	24th	December	4.00pm	Crib Service at Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Sunday	24th	December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity
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Mon 29 Jan AGM and Prizegiving

Mon 26 Feb Paul Horton - Local Bee Inspector

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SINGING GROUP

Goxhill Singing Group has been going since March and we have enjoyed singing an eclectic mix of songs! We meet every **Wednesday evening 7-9pm** at the Chapel School Rooms. It's only £1 a time. We only sing for fun so it is important we are all relaxed and enjoying ourselves whilst trying all-sorts of songs; old and new. We are hoping to hold at least one **Christmas Carol concert in the Chapel!** Everyone welcome and all proceeds to the Chapel. A really good sing along! Come for as long or as little as you like. Best wishes, **Jodi Shanahan 07731361339**

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Saturday 9th December 2017

DIARY OF EVENTS

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7 Dec	5.30-7.30pm	Christmas Fair	Goxhill School
9 Dec	10.04 & 11.32	Santa's Trains	Station
9 Dec	10-12	Coffee Morning	Chapel S/R
11 Dec	7.00pm	WI Christmas Party	Mem/Hall
13 Dec	12noon	Luncheon Club	Chapel S/R
8 Jan	7.00pm	WI Fascinator Workshop	M/Hall
13 Jan	10-12	Saturday Special	Chapel S/R
29 Jan	7.30pm	Beekeepers AGM	Broughton
31 Jan	7.30pm	Ghost Walk	B/Museum
1 Feb		Copy Deadline for the Gander	
2 Feb	7.30pm	Quiz Night	Chapel S/R
10 Feb	7.30pm	Valentine's Dance	Mem/Hall
12 Feb	7.00pm	WI Dr Kirk's Diaries	Mem/Hall
13 Feb	TBA	Pancake Day	Chapel S/R
24 Feb	10.30am	Jewellery Workshop	Ropewalk
26 Feb	7.30pm	Beekeepers	Broughton
28 Feb	7.30pm	Ghost Walk	B/Museum
18 Mar	7.00pm	Live Lincs-Jango Starr	Mem/Hall
21 Mar	7.30pm	Ghost Walk	B/Museum
25 Mar	10-3pm	Spring Fair	Mem/Hall
22 Apr	7.30pm	Live Lincs - ShooShoo	Mem/Hall
16 Jun		Open Gardens	
17 Jun		Open Gardens	

For Church Services see page 7

REGULAR EVENTS

Chapel School Room			
Art Circle	2-4pm	Wednesdays	
Luncheon Club	12 noon	2nd Wed of the month	
Knit & Natter	2-4pm	Thursdays	
Singing Group	7pm	Wednesdays	
Memorial Hall			
Parent & Toddlers	9.15-11.45am	Mondays	
T'ai Chi	2-3pm	Mondays	
Pilates	10-11am	Tuesday & Thursday	
Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm	Monday	
	7-9pm	Wednesday	
	10-12pm	Friday	
Tennis	10-12pm	Saturday	
	Sunday	by arrangement	
WI	7pm	2nd Mon of the month	
Library			
	3.30-7pm	Monday	
	2-5pm	Wednesday	
	3-6pm	Friday	
Bowling Club			
	2pm	from late April - Tuesday	
Broughton Village Hall			
Beekeepers	7.30pm	Last Monday of the month	

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MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

It's been very quiet over the summer. Even our regular weekly events slowed to a crawl during the holidays. It was fortunate we had a number of **Live Lincs events** planned, Arrival (Film -May) Finest Hour (Film- Oct) and Agent of Influence (Play-Oct), and Irish Harp and Guitar (Music - Nov).

During September there was the **Scarecrow trail**, which was so enjoyed by participants and trailers, we intend to hold another one next summer with more Scarecrows in wildly inappropriate positions.

Other events planned for 2018 include a **Valentine's Day Dance (Feb 10th)**, a **Spring Fair (10-3.0pm, March 25th)**, an **Art Exhibition (April - Sat and Sunday)**, a **Plant and Furniture Auction (10:00-2:00pm May 20th)** and a **Table Top/Car Boot Sale June 24th**. See opposite for details of the first two events in 2018.

So far the booked **Live Lincs events** are **Jango Starr: One Man Show (7:00pm Sun 18-Mar)** and **ShooShoo Baby: The Great Cabaret Safari (7:30pm Sun 22-Apr)**. Keep an eye out for the advertising posters.

The two day **Art Exhibition** will include 2 demonstrations and 2 painting classes for all ages and abilities. Artists will be able to submit a maximum of 3 paintings or sculptures (at £2/item) to the exhibition, where they will be displayed and available for sale. There is a £5 fee for each painting or sculpture sold through the exhibition. We hope everyone will enjoy this event by perusing the creations, watching the artists at work, buying a special that creation of your own or trying your hand at one of the classes. Until then, may we wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Merry 2018.

Ann Carter – Secretary Tel 530635

We have created a new website for the hall, showcasing hire facilities and upcoming events.

<https://ann24239.wixsite.com/goxhillmemorialhall>

There is a link on the Gander website, with regular postings on the Goxhill Grapevine.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

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The Ropewalk

Welcome in 2018 by learning a new skill! At The Ropewalk in Barton we have a regular programme of day workshops that are intended to enrich your creative flair ranging from jewellery making to working with willow. Winterton jeweller Alastair Scargall will be leading a workshop on February 24 that will result in a Cabochon stone set in a stack ring.

During the six hour workshop that starts at 10.30am participants will design and make a sterling silver stacking ring set with a Cabochon cut stone. There will be a number of 6mm diameter Cabochon cut gemstones to choose from including hematite, amethyst, malachite, black onyx, blue lace agate and carnelian although those taking part are free to bring their own stone to set in the ring but it should be round and not less than 6mm or greater than 8mm in diameter.

The cost of the workshop is £60 or £55 if you are a Ropewalk Member. Materials included. During 2018 there will be a number of opportunities to bring out the creative writer in you with sessions presented by Fathom Writers led by local author and tutor Sue Wilsea. We also host patchwork and china painting classes, our tenants Twisted Thread, Lucy Valentine and Jane White have a whole range of soft furnishing and dressmaking classes. It's not just your creativity you can exercise at The Ropewalk as we also have weekly sessions of yoga and Tai Chi too.

Details of all workshops at The Ropewalk can be found at <https://www.theropewalk.co.uk/workshops/> while details of Fathom Writers sessions are on <https://www.theropewalk.co.uk/fathomwrites>



The SB Players are continuing to rehearse and perform at the Joseph Wright Hall on Queen Street in Barton (the former Salvation Army Citadel). Rehearsals are on Sunday nights from 7-9pm, either in the community room or upstairs on the stage depending on what we're working on.

Ghost Walk season is now in full swing. In total around 300 people came to our walks during 2016-17 and if you've never experienced the Barton Ghost Walk, the next one will be on Wed 29th November at 7.30pm, starting from Baysgarth Museum. Tickets cost £5 adults and £3 concessions and can be booked in advance on 01469 531003. Subsequent dates (all Wednesdays) will be 31st Jan, 28th Feb and 21st March. Bring a friend and a torch for a little spooky fun!

Anyone interested in joining us in any capacity is encouraged to get in touch, either by ringing **Dennis** on **01469 531003**, emailing **Liz** on **liz@drury.org.uk** or by visiting the SBPlayers Facebook page or our website **www.sbplayers.co.uk**

Look out for details of our productions on social media and posters.

POTTY PANTO PLAYERS

After the success of the recent Potty Panto' Players "The Best of British Comedy" we were able to donate £500 to the Lindsey Lodge Hospice. Thanks to all who supported this event.

Moving forward.....we are frequently asked "are you doing another Vicar Of Dibley"? We were astonished at how well received it was and were delighted to play to two full houses, again,,THANK YOU !

We wouldn't be in this game if we didn't enjoy performing and because of that several of our members are committed to other am dram groups at the start of the new year and so our next performance as the Potty Panto' Players will be late summer/ early autumn. AND YES it will be another outing by The Vicar of Dibley and her friends. I am busy putting together a script and sorting out how to stage it but we are all eager to perform those colourful characters again.

Meanwhile 4 members of the Potty lot are rehearsing for FRIENDS AT BARTON (FAB) production of The Snow Queen, and are also going to be involved in Singing in the Rain (again FAB) both going to be performed at THE JOSEPH WRIGHT HALL (the old salvation army citadel). Look out for posters with more info.

That pretty much brings us up to date so on behalf of The Potty Lot.....I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year 2018
Lynne Brocklesby

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Recently we enjoyed some marvellous one-woman theatre with 'Agent of Influence: The Secret Life of Pamela More'. If you missed it then you lost out on quality entertainment. Next up at the time of writing is a Harp and Guitar concert by Máire Ni Chathasaigh and Chris Newman in November. We are very fortunate to enjoy such shows at a fraction of their full cost, courtesy of the LiveLincs Rural Touring Scheme. We have more events for 2018 so please come along to enjoy some local, inexpensive, professional shows.

• 7pm Sunday 18th March, Jango Starr: One Man Shoe. When the headline act fails to show up, Jango, a bumbling theatre caretaker, is suddenly thrust into the limelight and embarks on a hilarious journey of highly crafted and heart-felt silent comedy. This is comedy for all the family so we have brought the start time forwards (one hour, no interval). Apart from being pumped up by laughing, your children can still be ready for bed at a reasonable time!

• 7.30pm Sunday 22nd April, ShooShoo Baby: Great Cabaret Safari. Join this 'effortlessly funny', musical double act and their pianist as they embark on their great cabaret safari. Indulge in some watertight close harmony singing of much-loved songs from composers as diverse as Verdi, The Proclaimers, Cole Porter and Queen. Expect to hear some of their acclaimed, original, 'razor-sharp song writing wit'. Gentle humour without bad language make this show suitable for ages 9+. Advance tickets: £6 adults (£8 on door) and £3 children (ages under 14). Both shows are at Goxhill Memorial Hall which receives all profits to help with running the hall.

FilmLincs screenings should continue about once a month and cost £3 adults or £2 children, payable on the door. Watch out on social media and for posters on poles around the village advertising the next film title. As with LiveLincs any profits go to the venue hosting the screening.

For updates, web-links and more details about films and live acts please check out the **Goxhill Events** page on Facebook or follow **@Goxhill_Events** on Twitter. Book and buy your tickets about a month in advance by emailing **Goxhill-events@mybtinternet.com** or telephoning **530363**.

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Sue Girtchen

It was with great sadness that we gathered to say goodbye to Sue Girtchen, wife of the Rev John Girtchen.

Sue was known to many in Goxhill, Barrow, New Holland and further afield. She loved children and the children loved her, my grandson being one of many. For many years Sue, worked tirelessly in Scouting, especially with the Beavers. Many young people will have benefited for her commitment to this.

Sue was very active in the life of the church and supported John in his ministry, they were a real team.

As someone who was larger than life with a vibrant personality, Sue will be missed by many. As well as her many practical skills, Sue was a great Prayer Warrior. Anyone in need could be assured of her prayers, and Sue initiating the prayers of others.

A bright light has gone out. We pray that Sue will rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Please hold John in your prayers.

Sandra Smith

Don Faulding

It was no surprise that the Church was packed in honour of the passing of one of the village's great characters from one of the oldest families in Goxhill. The Fauldings first started farming around here in 1560.

Don was a country man, a farmer through and through and a great supporter of country life. He loved riding and was a striking figure in the red coat of the Brocklesby Hunt, who were always welcome to ride across his land during the season.

It was very fitting that the stirring tribute by his daughter Ruth was ended with the haunting sounds of the hunting horn.

Even in retirement Don could be seen around the village on his electric scooter, often having to be rescued from far away when the battery ran out. He visited me on a number of occasions with interesting and amusing stories for the Gander.

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70 years later they have celebrated their platinum wedding anniversary with the three generations of their family. Ruby had recently arrived in Barton, moving from the Isle of Man with her family and Cliff meanwhile lived in Goxhill where he had grown up. On September 20, 1947, the couple married at St Mary's Church in Barton, celebrating with a small wedding reception at Ruby's parents' house in Dam Road. Although it rained on their wedding day, the sun has shone on them over the years and their 70 years of marriage have been good to them.

They have three daughters; Valerie born in 1948, Susanne in 1952 and in 1955 Jillian arrived. Since then their family has grown with the addition of 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren to create an impressive dynasty.

The couple have lived for the past 40 years in North End, Goxhill where they have many friends.

Gemma Bell



STRAWBERRY TEAS

We would like to thank everyone who made our Strawberry day a success. The fantastic sum of **£1838** was donated to LIVES.

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Stuart and Diana Cooke

Jane Arnott and I had a Charity Event on Tuesday 15th August at the Chapel.

It was to raise money for Scunthorpe Hospital Health Tree Foundation and a donation to Goxhill School. The event was a great success and in total we managed to raise **£755**.

Many thanks to all who donated and bought refreshments. A special thank-you to Goxhill Co-op and Mark the Fishman (Jack's Catch) for their generous donations.

Also thank you to Goxhill School for all the support they gave us throughout my spell in hospital.

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

I was so looking forward to coming back to school after the long summer break; looking forward to another busy year and welcoming the children and all of our staff (especially those who had their babies in the last academic year), back. We had a really good first week and it was nice to see how eager and enthusiastic the children were in coming into school.

I have been saying for quite a while how very overdue our next Ofsted inspection was when on the Tuesday of the second week I get a phone call from Sophie at Ofsted informing me that Goxhill would be having a visit from an Ofsted inspector the very next day..... Mrs Rajinder Harrison came early on Wednesday morning and commenced what she described would be a very 'demanding' day! By mid-morning having met the staff, carried out a 'Learning Walk', scrutinized our assessment detail; looked at all of the records we retain and keep on each of the children's progress, we were all starting to relax in her company. There's something good about being challenged and given the opportunity to show all of the things we think we do well. It is also good to be given advice, which is constructive and aimed at improving things which can be done better. Mrs Harrison was very fair and myself, and all of our management team, certainly learned a lot from her experience and expertise. Her words on parting were that it was 'a pleasure to work with such a keen and interested team who were passionate about the children' in our care.

Dear Miss Breslin

Short inspection of Goxhill Primary School

Following my visit to the school on 13 September 2017, I write on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills to report the inspection findings. The visit was the first short inspection carried out since the school was judged to be good in November 2012.

This school continues to be good.

The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection.

You, and your staff and governors, have high aspirations for the pupils in your care and you clearly want the best for them. Along with your passion to help pupils achieve well, you take good care of them and ensure that school improvement priorities are met effectively. Parents and pupils value the supportive and protective culture that permeates the school. Pupils feel safe and secure at school and thrive as a result, in both their learning and personal development. At the end of Year 6, when they leave your school, pupils are well prepared for secondary school and have the personal attributes to be good citizens in the future.

We were all so pleased and relieved that our long awaited Ofsted came out so positively! The whole Ofsted report is on our school's website.

As many of you know, Mr Travis has been back with us covering Mrs Trafford's maternity leave. He has made a very significant contribution to our school and I am happy to say that he has agreed to continue to help us out both here and at East Halton over the next few

terms. I asked Mr Travis to write about his recollections of the school when he first knew it and was involved with it and draw some comparisons of how it has changed over the years. Here is his contribution. **C Breslin**

I have known Goxhill Primary school since 1990 when as a "young" teacher at a nearby school, we would play sporting fixtures regularly and I remember always coming second to Goxhill whether it was football, netball or cross country! 27 years have passed and having attended discos, bingo evenings, shared residential visits and fayres, I was asked to work at the school from last January to cover a teacher who was on maternity leave. What a pleasurable 10 months it has been. Having started teaching the fantastic pupils in current Year 5, then moving to East Halton to teach Year 1 and 2 and then finally back to Goxhill to work with Year 3 – it is time to hang up my pen again! I would like to thank the fantastic headteacher, staff and pupils at both schools for their warmth, support and kindness. The school has changed considerably over the years, both in the buildings and the facilities. Generations of pupils come and go, having been given a fantastic start to their formal education at the school. The recent Ofsted celebrated the significance of the leaders in the school and the high expectations of all the staff – how true and accurate this is. What I also saw was how the care and guidance of the staff enables pupils to flourish and develop into fantastic ambassadors being proud of their school, their community and their achievements. As one pupil mentioned in the celebration assembly "It was a dream come true for me when I got full marks in the times table Rock stars test!"

Pupils enjoy and feel safe in their school. They have an important voice in the future of their education and what a great job class councillors and some of the older pupils do in helping with certain tasks in school. They proudly talk about their school, are involved in promoting good playtime behaviour through leading games and activities, resolving conflicts where possible, helping at lunchtime in the hall to promote good manners and an enjoyment of their food (fantastically cooked by Angie and her team). They help new pupils settle quickly and give a warm welcome to the many visitors who call into the school. Recently I asked Year 3 pupils, who was the most important person in the school? How refreshing that most of them knew that it was themselves (sorry to all the other important people!).

Pupils' achievements are valued and celebrated across the school and shown through the displays throughout the learning areas both in and around the school. The school has great facilities and an area currently being developed is an outdoor learning classroom akin to a Forest School. Children learn outdoor skills taught by enthusiastic and highly skilled staff. Additionally, the school utilises staff specialisms by employing curriculum experts in Science, music, PE and Technology to name just a few. This is unusual for a primary school as it is often seen as a Secondary School model of organisation. Children start school in the Nursery and Foundation unit, which is extremely well equipped and a stimulating environment to develop a love of learning. Throughout the classes in KS1 and KS2, staff value and encourage the pupils to grow and learn in a safe and

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secure environment and the school is full of lively and enquiring minds. As parents, please support the school in every way you can whether it be attending progress meetings, help with homework and reading, watching plays and helping with fund raising etc. Whatever you do, trust the school and know that they want the best for every pupil. Whatever skills or talents your child may have, staff are always seeking to nurture these and to help the children to flourish in order to ensure your child is well prepared to face the ever-increasing challenges which face them every day in education.

Best wishes in the next 27 years!

Alan Travis

A note from Mrs Davies (nee Gibbs) about some of our early years experiences.....

Our youngest children have had a busy and fun first half



term! Within the Foundation Stage Unit, we have enjoyed learning about Autumn and exploring the changes that are happening around us. We went on an Autumn walk and we were very excited to find so many conkers. The children have also used nature within their artwork by using leaves to decorate hedgehog templates and they have also created clay hedgehogs, using sticks for the hedgehog spikes. Photos



of these can

be found on the school website. We have also learnt all about people who help us. Thank you so much PC Garbutt for visiting us and talking to us about how the police keep us safe. We loved looking at your police car!

The school councillors have been elected and they are now busy listening to their peers to decide how we can make our school an even happier place and thinking about what our aims for this year should be. The school council have many upcoming events to organise, meaning lots of rewarding work over the course of the term.

Mrs Davies

GOXHILL OPEN GARDENS 2018

As the nights draw in and the weather becomes wet and windy, gardeners thoughts turn to planning for next year – what needs replacing; what looked good this year; where can we add something new.

The Open Gardens "team" have been doing exactly the same at a meeting on the 10th October in the Chapel School Room. Invitations had been sent out to over twenty interested gardeners and supporters, and 14 people attended the meeting.

The Reverend Nicola thanked the gardeners for their excellent work in raising £1300 for the Chapel Community funds and stated that Goxhill Methodist Chapel will continue to support the gardeners efforts and look forward to a successful 2018 Open Gardens.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the planning for 2018 and it was agreed that, subject to sufficient gardens being open, we would open for two days in 2018, **Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June 2018**. At this time we are not sure how many gardens will be open but we are aiming for at least eight on each day, some of which may only be open for one day. The ladies from the Chapel will be providing tea and cake on both days and the flower festival will be open for the whole weekend.

We are also hoping to turn the weekend into an extended Village Fete with activities such as Tombola, Hook-a-Duck, Bat-a-Rat, plant stall, cake stall, raffles, etc in different gardens. We are looking for volunteers to run these activities in host gardens on a 50/50 fund raising basis, if you are interested please give me a call.

As usual I am always looking for interested gardeners to add to my list. I shall be speaking to the ones who were unable to attend the meeting as well as knocking on doors where I see an interesting garden that I feel deserves to be noticed by others.

Please give me a call or drop me a mail if you want to get involved in any way, show off your garden, help the tea ladies, assist with the fete activities or promote your community group – every little helps!

Jack Lawtey – 01469532015 or jacklawtey@btinternet.com

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Holy Stones

During the summer, some of you have played a game with pretty stones, painting them and hiding them about the village so that they could be found. When



someone found a stone, they moved it to a new hiding place perhaps adding more colour for someone else to find. I wonder if during your search you noticed the Holy Stones that there are in the village. You will not find them in the Church Yard but they

are everywhere scattered about amongst the houses and the gardens. Go out and look and you can find evidence of the story of the English reformation amongst the stones which lie in our gardens.

The story begins back in the days of King Henry V111. The king needed a male heir but after some years of marriage to Queen Catherine of Aragon there was no male heir so Henry asked the Pope to annul the marriage so that he could have a new queen. The Pope refused to do this so Henry decided to establish a new church in England of which he would be the head and then he could grant his own wishes. Some people were quite happy with this but others were not and in 1536/7 an uprising began in Lincolnshire at Louth. The rebels marched from Louth to Caistor and then to Lincoln. The rebels were defeated and dispersed. Other uprisings and rebel marches in Yorkshire, Cumberland and Westmoreland followed, they became known as the Pilgrimage of Grace and were suppressed with great violence.

Henry and his Chief Minister Thomas Cromwell realised that the Abbeys and Monasteries were the centres of the dissent and required them to give assent to his becoming the head of the church. This many of them would not do and so soldiers were sent to destroy them. The Abbot and



An 1832 engraving of the Gatehouse of Thornton Abbey, pretty much still the same today.

his Cannons at Thornton had seen the result of the uprising and its suppression at Lincoln and decided to give their assent to Henry's wishes. They believed that Henry did not wish to change the religious beliefs, customs and worship of the Catholic Church only its leader. The Abbey was not destroyed and Henry with his new Queen Ann Boleyn visited and stayed at the Abbey which he renamed

as a college. Several monasteries became colleges but unfortunately their catholic beliefs and Henry's requirements were incompatible and they were closed and the buildings were sold. The memory of the college remains with us in the names College Road and College Bridge.

After the Abbey site and the buildings were sold they were owned by several people but unfortunately none of them found a profitable use for them. There was one very inconvenient fact and that was, that to build with stone you need skilled stone masons. There were no stone masons within travelling distance of the site and so the Abbey and the surrounding buildings became a quarry for building materials which could be sold and carried away to make buildings elsewhere. Some of the stone was used in the building of the sluice at South Ferriby and after the site was bought by Charles the 1st Baron Yarborough, Newsom bridge was built with Abbey stone.

The Abbey was not constructed solely from solid blocks of stone basically the buildings consisted of an inside and an outside layer of dressed blocks with the space between



them filled with small stones, off cuts and rubble. Whilst the stone blocks could be sold the small stuff was left on site but this became very useful locally because it is excellent for making the foundations of roads and farm yards and the floors of houses and other buildings. Local people either bought or obtained permission to take cart loads of this broken stone. However, once this had begun people from the surrounding villages began to take the stone for themselves and larger pieces found their way onto the carts for use in floors and foundations. Large quantities of stone were taken. In order to stop this from happening Lord Yarborough appointed a man to live with his family in a cottage close to the abbey grounds as a care taker.

In 1938 the fifth Earl of Yarborough passed the care of the remains of the abbey to His Majesty's Office of Works. The site is now in the care of English Heritage and is open to the public. English Heritage has done a great deal of work to make the Abbey and the Gatehouse easily accessible. Archaeological work is carried out during the summer months by Sheffield University. A visit to the site is an interesting and pleasant experience. It is however sad to reflect that there are probably more Holy Stones in the houses and gardens of the surrounding villages than there are at present on the Abbey site.

Maurice Brawn



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Update from National Grid River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project

By Steve Ellison, project manager

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TUNNEL BORING MACHINE DELIVERY

Winter is an exciting time on the project as we are getting close to the start of tunnelling under the River Humber.

In early December we will take delivery of our Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) at our site in Goxhill. The TBM is a highly specialised machine and it is essential to our project as it will construct our five kilometre long tunnel under the River Humber. It's also a big and heavy piece of equipment – over 180 metres long when fully assembled!

For the journey from the factory in Germany where it has been built, to Rotterdam then across to Immingham and here to Goxhill, the TBM has been disassembled and will be shipped in pieces. When all the parts arrive at Goxhill it will be re-assembled ready for its year-long journey excavating the tunnel beneath the Humber to Paull on the north side.

The four largest sections of the TBM will be delivered to our site in two separate deliveries on **Tuesday 5th December and Wednesday 6th December**. The deliveries will be moving through Goxhill between **10am – 3pm**. As the vehicles are slow-moving, we would like to give advance notice that there will be some delays to motorists during this time. The delivery vehicles will then leave Goxhill between **5pm – 8pm** via the same route.

The four largest sections of the TBM will travel from Immingham Docks to Goxhill along the A15 and B1206 via Barrow upon Humber. **They will then progress along College Road, entering Goxhill via Thornton Road and on to our site via Ferry Road and East Marsh Road.** This route has been carefully planned and agreed with the highway authorities and the police to ensure it is safe and suitable for the transportation of the TBM. No parking will be permitted on the route. The delivery vehicles will also be escorted by Police officers.

Keeping in touch. We will be writing to local residents in advance of the delivery to provide further information, including confirmation of timings.

If you need to get in touch with a member of our community relations team, then please contact them via email at nationalgrid@riverhumberpipeline.com or telephone on **0800 988 9144**. You can also keep up to date with project news by visiting www.riverhumberpipeline.com

1st GOXHILL BROWNIES

1st Goxhill Brownies have had another busy term so far and we may well have finished for Christmas by the time you read this! Highlights for this term have included a special chocolate themed night with a chocolate quiz, chocolate lollipops and chocolate truffles. Yummy!

We have invited a Squadron Sergeant Major from The Royal Engineers in to talk to us about Remembrance Day and the Brownies did us proud as usual on parade. Our Christmas party was kept a surprise from the girls but hopefully we would have had fun!

HELP NEEDED

On another note, both Brown Owl and I have been involved with Girl Guiding for many years (nearly 30 years between us!) and the time is starting to approach whereby we will be looking at this time coming to an end. Having already sadly lost the Rainbow Unit in the village, we desperately don't want Brownies to close so would like to invite anybody who may be interested in helping or becoming a Leader to contact either Sarah or myself to find out more.

1st Goxhill Brownies meet every Tuesday during term time at the Integrated Services building at Goxhill Primary School. We meet from 6:00-7:30pm.

Many thanks, Jane Macleod (Tawny Owl)



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We've been here before!
 This week I have had a feeling of 'de j vu', I met with an engineer and colleagues at the playing field, as I was walking across the field, I remembered the young people who we met at that time nearly two years ago, we discussed with them their choice for an ideal Skate park, they must think by now that we didn't care, and that we weren't serious with our promises to develop their very sensible and well thought out ideas. We did try very hard at that time, but things like this, no matter how hard we try, or how much we do to prove or justify our aims, do not always work out, so here we are again. Colleagues, a new engineer, a representative from the School, and a group of excited young people with their ideas, a brand new design and a new position.

It is understandable that some residents are wary of this type of project, with the belief that they attract problems and unsociable behaviour, but one could attach the same objections to any outside gathering, or any facility provided for any outside sporting activity. But anti-social behaviour, together with damage to property is, and has, already taken place on the Playing field, and other public spaces, on a regular basis, if no one sees this, or if they do, do not report it, sadly it will continue. We should never let this minority spoil it for everyone else, months of hard work has already gone into this project and I hope that this time it will mean success. From raising the funds through grant applications, and adding this to the finance already held ready in the youth fund, the cost should be fully covered.

I think that it is most important to provide local facilities for outside exercise and enjoyment for the young of our village, this way they do not have to find transport to use facilities provided in other areas; they can be active near to home, surely that is exactly what the Playing field is for. But it is equally important that we take into account the many different views, and it is with this in mind that we have sourced a new design which together with the re siting should reduce any noise created, we have also reconsidered the access to give a good clear route for the safety of users.

Allotments - Getting towards the end of a good productive year, although the winter veg supplies will still be building up, too early to pick and cook the sprouts, but I'm sure that they will be ready for Christmas. The paving slabs from the playing field, where the old football hut stood, have been lifted and moved to the allotments and I hope that there they can be useful. Don't forget that there are still vacant plots; this is a good time to acquire an allotment, with plenty of time to prepare the soil for spring.

Cemetery - Work has been carried out recently to the main avenue, complete resurfacing was needed and because of this, sadly, the Lavender had to be removed. It was quite woody and as any gardener knows it will not recover if trimmed back into the old stems, as much as possible has been replanted in the rear area and I hope that it will survive. Also some of the small rose bushes have been transplanted to try to save as much as possible. An alternative will be found to give some beauty back to the avenue as soon as possible.

Library - Running as efficiently as ever thanks to the volunteers, it is always a good place to take children, get them used to borrowing books, that way they can have the latest ones, at present there are some great childrens authors. There's always help and advice at hand.

Memorial Hall - Just as busy and successful, and is preparing for the Christmas season. If you need exercise check on line, there is something always going on.

Street Planters - These are growing in number and hopefully by next spring most will have settled down and been planted, we hope that this will brighten the roads in the village. Some boxes have been sponsored by local trades, for which we are grateful, and others are planted independently. However done, they are all very welcome. If you wish to sponsor or supply a planter, or plants, please contact any member of the Parish Council.

Freda Dunkley

GOXHILL 6m x 36m

FEATURES
 1. Quarterpipe 1.2m
 2. Quarterpipe 1.5m
 3. Jump box 1.3m
 4. Wallride
 5. Rooftop grindrail

HEIGHTS
 6. Rooftop driveway 0.4m
 7. Hubba ledge
 8. Flatbank 0.4m
 9. Descending banked hubba
 10. Mini jumpbox 0.7m

11. Kicker to kicker gap 0.6m
12. Quarterpipe 0.8m
13. Quarterpipe 1.2m
14. Camel hump rollover
15. Quarterpipe 1.2m

Proposal for a Twinning Association between Goxhill and Virginia Beach

Further to the recent articles about the Aviation Museum in America and continuing close links since the Goxhill Airfield Control Tower was re-located there, it has been proposed to create a twinning association with Virginia Beach. The Mayor of North Lincolnshire, Peter Clark, has already said he will give his support to Goxhill's application and has made the initial contact with the office of Ms Ruth Fraser mayor of Virginia Beach.

It is because of these strong ties between Goxhill and Virginia Beach, first started and maintained by the late Ron Parker, that a twinning or as the Americans term it, sister-cities, is being explored (not that Goxhill is a city, yet...?)

If anybody is interested in being part of the group to take on this proposal, please can they give their details to any member of the Parish Council.

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OFF THE HOOF

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" Eleanor Roosevelt

By the time this goes to press and is delivered by the lovely volunteers, Christmas will be upon us and many will have posted cards and even wrapped presents! For those who are last minute people a few suggestions.

Thomas Bell will have an open weekend on 1st, 2nd and 3rd December with 10% off everything in store. If you miss that they will be holding a sale of clothing and footwear on the 27th December. Did you know that if you can't get to the store on discount days you can ring and pay by card to collect later? Well you do now!

Another suggestion is a hamper with everything Yorkshire inside. You may give a price to work to or choose what goes in it, if you know what the recipient will appreciate most. Some of the items available are quite novel and beautifully presented. Have a look on their website

www.yorkshiresfinesthampers.com and if you decide to order don't forget to mention 'the Goxhill Gander' so you can get 10% off.

Another idea for an equine friend is a massage from Donna Barker, Equine Therapist and Rehabilitation. Telephone **07739 416781** or search for her on Facebook. Again if you mention the Goxhill Gander you'll get 10% off. Mine love it!

In September the Poacher Harness Club held a demonstration on carriage driving with much more information, including a massage demonstration from Donna Barker. While the footfall was disappointingly low those that did attend found it extremely rewarding and interesting. If you would like to know more please visit their web site. So watch out for posters or go to their web site www.poacherhc.org.

The British Horse Society have introduced a 'Ride Safe Award'. By my understanding it is an updated version of the 'Riding and Road Safety'. There is a new book of instructions of which a complimentary copy is given to anyone signing up to the Ride Safe Award assessment. They have also published 'Complete Horsemanship' volumes 1, 2 and 3 which I guess is an updated version of the 'Manual of Horsemanship'. The web site states that they provide "A great foundation for any aspiring equestrian providing safe, modern and current practice. Filled with practical knowledge in riding, care and stable management". All can be ordered from www.britishhorse.com/sections/bhs-assessments.html

It is with great sadness I report that Dan Faulding passed away at the age of 89. He was a lovely man, well known in the horse fraternity and by the Brocklesby Hunt. To the horse-riding communities of both Goxhill and East Halton he was very respected and not only because he let us ride through his farm and was always pleased to stop and chat. He will not be forgotten.

Can anyone remember riding along bridleways that are no longer accessible? I believe we lost some at the outset of foot and mouth. People stopped riding some bridleways out of respect for the farmers and it is possible that they did not get opened again. As new people move in to the village they are unaware of their existence. I do mean a proper bridleway, not access through farm land with the land owner's permission. It is time to try to resurrect them as the BHS has a campaign, but unless they know where they are they cannot do anything to assist us.

The tack sale held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 28th October was organised Val Gorbitt and was a great success.

All the tables were full and there were plenty of buyers. As usual I bought more than I sold. The refreshments of tea, coffee and cake were excellent and served by Hazel Altoft and Ann Carter. A raffle was held and raised £60 for the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. It is hoped to hold another sale in February so watch out for the date. You may have seen posters at various points for "Tack Appeal on Behalf of the Gambian Horse and Donkey Trust". I handed some out to stall holders. At the end of the sale I was absolutely blown away by the generosity of some of them. Having read the flyers about the donkeys and horses in Gambia I gained three bits, eleven head collars, a pair of rubber bit rings and promises of more! Time is now running out so please sort out what you no longer use, but is still in a working condition. If we miss this trip they can be saved for the next one. Like in so many countries this is an ongoing problem so a big thankyou to everyone in advance.

In the last edition of "The Gander" I mentioned the speed of some vehicles down Thornton and Ferry Road and Skanska had promised us at least one set of flashing speed lights to make people more aware. The edition was three months ago and the promise at least two months prior to that. Yet still nothing. I have phoned Jonathon Compton and left messages to no avail. The Parish Council are now going to chase him up for a response. It has often been complained there is a lack of footpaths on Ferry Road. Just last week I reported three street lights out, so much potential for a serious accident to happen.

Jo Burns-Firth reports that two of the girls she had as apprentices, Lauren Jackson and Jade Hills, have both passed their Level 3 and have now gained full time employment. So congratulations to them both. Jo now has another apprentice to train. Tempting Business and Miss Sixpence have qualified for National Amateur Championship Show Jumping at Aintree and, much to Jo's surprise, Tempting Business attained a second at the Regional Championship in Dressage. For those not aware Jo is pure Show Jumping, but owing to an injury on Tempting Business the lad was not allowed to jump so they tried Dressage instead, obviously very well!

In the last edition I also mentioned Julie Donald was on a challenge to ride a bike 700 miles from Paris to Geneva. Well she did it and has now raised just over £5,600 for Alzheimer's. Well done Julie. This amazing amount is still short of what Julie was hoping to achieve. If you would like to donate please find her on the www.justgiving.com website.

If you have visitors over the Christmas period it is well worth considering a visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park near Doncaster Airport, which aspires to be the best in Europe. Tickets can be booked in advance to qualify for a reduced admittance. Picnics can be left in the car and your hand will be stamped so you can get out and back in with your food. Scheduled talks are given if you wish to learn more about the animals. Take a look on their web site. My sister said "Where else can you go to see a polar bear playing with a hard hat." I replied "Had she missed the exciting bit and what had happened to the chap who had been wearing the hat!"

Finally, this editions give away - for the first two people to ring and ask, I have two fully elasticated surcingle's to give away.

Take care - Ride safely and have a great Christmas

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On the Humber Bank

As I look out over the Humber Estuary in Goxhill I see no barges or other traffic on the water as we were used to watching years ago. So I read the piece written by my late husband and thought you might like to read it too.

Things I remember seeing on the Humber Bank in the 1930's

We watched barges plying up and down the river; one barge with an engine would be towing 2 or 3 more; they were loaded and so low in the water, we were surprised they did not sink



Trawler fleet in Hull Docks

We could see the trawlers going out of Hull, probably up to 10 at a time if the tide was right. One day while watching them steam down river towards Spurn Point with black smoke coming out of their funnels, we



A Windjammer

spotted a Tea Clipper or a 'windjammer' coming up the river. An old man nearby told us to look at all that smoke and think of the dirt it made; then he said look at the windjammer, which had sailed from India, using wind power.

I remember about this time The Danish 'Butter boats' that would come several times a week bringing butter and bacon from Denmark.

One day while passing Salt End Jetty one of them sank; we could see masts and funnel sticking out of the water at low tide.

Eventually barrels of butter and sides of bacon were washed up on our side of the river. Police and Customs officers visited our houses to ask if we had found anything. We were warned that if we did we must report it. In the end the ship was blown up as it was a hazard to shipping. Every day dredgers could be heard dredging across at the docks. At high tide the dredgers would come out into the river, anchoring in different places. At highest tide they all sounded their sirens and unload into the



A Humber Keel Race

river. I was told it was done then because the tide would start running out and any mud held in suspension would be swilled down with the outgoing tide.

If you go onto the Humber Bank at Goxhill Haven and turn right to where there is a bend in the river, a lot of stone can be seen at low tide. We used to search amongst it and find tools such as hammers, pincers etc. Looking back this was an interesting time of my life.

The school I attended in Goxhill was at the junction of Howe Lane and Thorn Lane (it still stands today, but is no longer a school).

Thorn Lane was at that time only the width of one vehicle. A row of cottages faced onto Howe Lane. These were demolished shortly after the war and the road widened. When I was about ten years old (1937), I remember returning to school after the holidays, to find



Wesleyan Day School and Master's House

the road widened, and our playground reduced in size.

I also remember walking home down Middle Marsh Road, where trees were being planted. I was pleased when one of the men stopped me and allowed me to help plant one of the trees. I still remember that 'my tree' was the third one from Green Lane entrance on the right hand side going towards the village. The Tree planting could have been in commemoration of either the Jubilee of King George V, or more likely the Coronation of George VI.

By Dennis Percy

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SHOPS IN GOXHILL etc - part 3

Further research collated by Elizabeth Fincham following the article on Shops in Goxhill in the Spring 2017 issue of the Gander, collated in response to memories provided by her Dad, Bryan Giles.

One photograph, in the initial article 'Shops in Goxhill' (Spring 2017), in particular sparked a raft of memories for my Dad; the Wardle family, pictured in front of their business in Chapel Street.



T. K. Wardle, the butcher, was Thomas Kirkby Wardle. He had been born in Bonby, as a young man had worked as a Waggoner on a farm at Melton Ross, but in the summer of 1908 had married Alice Naylor of Goxhill. At the 1911 census he is listed working as a Ship Plate Riveter and living in Goxhill with Alice and their two small children Vera and Frank. *In the photograph Thomas is standing, wearing the hat, with Alice by his side. Frank is by the van door and the small boy with him is Thomas and Alice's youngest child, Wilf.* Wilf was born in 1922, some twelve years after his older brother Frank.

Thomas Wardle was in direct competition with another butcher, Tommy Thompson, who ran his business from the premises opposite London House, now called King's Well, and previously mentioned as owned by the Raby family. Tommy too was a farmer and butcher. Dad recollects that Tommy Thompson was so successful that Thomas Wardle couldn't sustain his business against the competition. Thomas Wardle, he says, closed his shop and went to work for Tommy. The Wardle family ultimately lived at Rosegarth, The Square, Thomas died in 1936 when his youngest son, Wilf, was only 13 years old.

Tommy Thompson married his housekeeper and when he died his wife became Mrs Wharton (her second husband was called Ray). They lived in a house past Creasey's shop on the corner of Stothard's Lane. I always remember it because they had a high, opaque glass fence and an aviary in the garden. They later had a bungalow built opposite, in Stothard's Lane. Dad also remembers a Tom Plumtree working in the butcher's shop. Ray Wharton worked occasionally in the shop but it was run by Jim and Mary Sobey who lived in the house attached to the business. I remember Uncle Jim and Auntie Mary being very involved in the Royal British Legion; the Remembrance Day parade to the

British Legion Parade, late 1940s early 50s. Francis Nottingham leading, Mr Stubbs carrying flag, Jim Austin in light coloured jacket, Albert Giles two behind Jim Austin? If you can identify others, please contact the editor.

church started from King's Well.

To return to the Wardle family. Frank went on to own and run car showroom and repair shops in Barrow and on Howe Lane in Goxhill. The Goxhill premises was sold to Ron Parker and Fred Hilton (father of Margaret Hedley who used to live in the village). They then sold on to Nigel Green and it is now run by Andy Holtby. Frank married Vera Moore of Goxhill and they had two children, Rosalie who I remember being a Theatre Sister at Scunthorpe hospital and John who ran the car business, started by his father, in Barrow. At some point, Dad remembers, Frank built a house on land which backs onto the butcher's business but standing on Howe Lane. It is called Torridon and named, he believes, in memory of a crash, on 14 March 1951, in a remote area near the town of Torridon in the highlands of Scotland. The plane involved was a Type B.III Lancaster bomber modified for maritime reconnaissance purposes. I will return to this later, to explain the significance. The Wardle's eventually lived at New Hall on Howe Lane. My biggest memory of this house is a huge fete held during the mid '60s held in the field, in front of the house, now St Michael's Court, where the guest of honour was Pat Phoenix (Elsie Tanner of Coronation Street) see opposite. I presented a bouquet to her on that day.



Vera, Frank's older sister, married Jack Mellers (who initially ran a Petrol Station at the Howe Lane/Thorn Lane junction). I remember them living at Mayfield (the previously mentioned John Davey's house). Jack also had the garage opposite St Michael's Court, with land adjacent where the Coop now stands. I think he also went on to own West's garage on Howe Lane. Nigel Green later owned this business, next to Well House. Mr and Mrs Mellers built a bungalow on their land next to Mayfield which now houses the village surgery. One of their daughters, Enid, married Doug Wright who later ran the garage opposite St Michael's Court. Their eldest son James lives in the old school on Thorn Lane, opposite Mayfield, his maternal grandparents' home.

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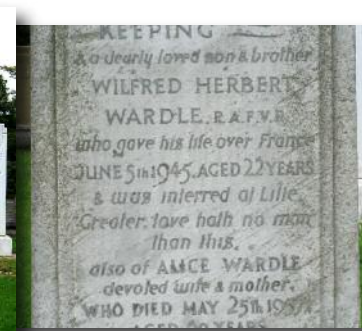
I would like at this point, being shortly after Remembrance Day, to return to Wilf Wardle. His name is listed on the World War 2 plaque at the Memorial Hall and also on his parents' headstone in Goxhill cemetery.

1475510 Leading Aircraftman Wilf Wardle served in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. He was attached to Bomber Command 149 Squadron servicing, towards the end of World War 2, Avro Lancaster B.I and B.III bombers. Research on the RAF's own website reveals that the Command's last bombing mission had been 22nd April 1945 and their last mission before VE Day was on 7th May 1945 when twenty four Lancaster Bombers dropped food supplies to the Dutch at Goudank. So why, I wondered was Wilf in the air over France on 5th June 1945? A Google search explains that it was the day of the signing of The Berlin Declaration, by the United States of America, USSR, France and Britain, confirming the legal dissolution of Nazi Germany. Also on Google, an RAF Forum discussion thread reveals further information:

'At 2000ft the aircraft suddenly went into a steep dive but pilot was able to flatten this out before the starboard outer wing and engine fractured and broke away from the aircraft, which then crashed into the ground, burst into flames and was destroyed. The accident is thought to have been caused by a failure of the auto pilot. There was one survivor from the 11 on board'.

A further thread reveals:

'Wilfred was not aircrew at all. He was a ground crew, and for the PoWs repatriation flights, No. 149 Squadron



despatched a few ground crews at Juvincourt airfield, in France, where they refuelled the Lancasters and checked everything was right. From mid-1940 onwards, all aircrews were at least Sergeant. He was a Leading Aircraftman, so not aircrew. When the PoWs repatriation flights

ended, Lancasters were sent there to retrieve the ground crews and bring them back to Mildenhall. This is how Wilfred unfortunately lost his life, when the Lancaster in which he was a passenger crashed not very far from Vitry-en-Artois airfield. The only survivor of the 11 men onboard was another ground crew, John E. FARLEY, who had swapped position with the regular rear gunner after take-off.'

In the thread a responder, who states that he is Wilf's great, great nephew, explains that he has been told that Wilf had been the rear gunner and had volunteered for the flight.

A tragic end of the life of a young man at the end of the war in Europe. Dad believes that Frank named the house he built 'Torridon' because there was some connection between Wilf and the eight men killed on that crash in 1951. Wilf is buried in the Lille Southern Cemetery, Northern France.

Elizabeth Fincham



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It costs several thousand pounds a year to run each group. This includes affiliation to LIVES for accreditation, renewal of medical equipment, replacement of medical consumables as they are used, oxygen supplies and the mobile phone bill. The local group is very grateful to everyone who provides a donation or raises funds for it, whether through organized events like Mr & Mrs Cooke's strawberry teas, individual donations or loose change in a collection box.

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- 4 London's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree is traditionally given by which country?
- 5 In the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', '...my true love brought to me nine...' what?
- 6 Name the original eight reindeer from the 'Twas the night Before Christmas' poem.
- 7 Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics '...To save us all from Satan's power, when we were gone astray..'??
- 8 The character Jack Skellington appears in which 1993 Tim Burton film?
- 9 What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
- 10 In the inspirational 1946 film, 'It's a Wonderful Life', what's the name of George Bailey's guardian angel?
- 11 What are the names of the three wise men said to have brought gifts to the baby Jesus?
- 12 What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?
- 13 What Christmas item was invented by London baker and wedding-cake specialist Tom Smith in 1847?
- 14 In what year was the original Band-Aid's 'Do They Know It's Christmas' the UK Christmas chart-topping record?
- 15 In which modern country is St Nicholas's birthplace and hometown?
- 16 Who wrote 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'?
- 17 From which country does the poinsettia plant originate?
- 18 Who is officially credited as the author of Auld Lang Syne?
- 19 How many points does a snowflake have?
- 20 What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?
- 21 Who was crowned King of England on Christmas Day in 1066?
- 22 In which Christmas themed movie does Hugh Grant star as a British Prime Minister?
- 23 Can you unscramble the following word to reveal a type of Christmas tree: CPERSU?
- 24 Which character from the first Harry Potter novel said, 'One can never have enough socks. Another Christmas has come and gone and I didn't get a single pair. People will insist on giving me books.'?
- 25 What is the name of the Grinch's dog?
- 26 In which C.S. Lewis novel was it 'always winter but never Christmas'?
- 27 What type of red wine is typically made with spices and served warm during the festive season?
- 28 Can you name the singer and title of the song that begins with, 'So this is Xmas, And what have you done'?
- 29 Who is the lead singer of Slade?
- 30 In which movie does Tom Hanks quote, 'Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see.'?
- 31 Who sang 'Let it Go' for the Disney movie Frozen?
- 32 Which department store released a Xmas TV advertisement in 2015 featuring a young girl looking at the moon through a telescope?
- 33 What famous carol is called 'Stille Nacht' in German?
- 34 Which female singer released a Christmas song in 2013 called 'One More Sleep'?

Kevin Guy



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The outdoor bowling season ended in September so it will be late next April before things start up again. This meant that when several people asked me recently about lawn bowling, the most I could do was discuss it. Some wanted to learn to bowl and others to watch matches on warm summer evenings. In the hope and expectation that a few Gander readers may be similarly interested, here's what I told them. Lawn bowling is suitable for all ages, abilities and fitness levels - at Goxhill our oldest regular player is in his late eighties. Most of the time we play in triples (teams of three players) so newcomers have the support of more experienced bowlers. League matches normally involve 3 or 4 triples from each club, start at 6.30pm and last about two hours. Upcoming matches are listed in the pavilion window for you to walk in and read; typically one to three each week will be home matches.

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They concluded that students are well cared for in the school, remarking that 'The school provides strong support for pupils' mental and emotional health and well-being ... Pupils say they feel safe and that bullying is dealt with well.'

In terms of student achievement, Ofsted reported that 'Overall progress was in the top 10% nationally ... [and] current pupils are making strong progress in all year groups.' In addition, pupils made 'outstanding' progress in English, strong progress in Science and good progress in Maths, with the most able students making particularly strong progress.

In the Sixth Form, they noted that in 2017 all students achieved their target grade or above and that 'current students feel well supported for the next step in their careers.'

Inspectors praised the staff as they 'demonstrate a shared commitment to meeting your high aspirations' and the students who they said are 'serious about their learning ... proud of their new school building ... [and] motivated to strive for success.'

In conclusion, Ofsted said school leaders were 'implementing strategically a well-articulated long-term plan to make the school outstanding'. The school has 'high aspirations, clear vision, strong drive and incisive actions ... [which have] raised standards of attainment and accelerated pupils' progress.'

The whole report is available to view and download from the Ofsted website <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

In addition to this, we are very proud to announce that Baysgarth once again tops the comparison league tables for exam performance in the local area.

The government has released the latest set of exam results data and these can be viewed by following the link to www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables or by simply typing in 'compare schools' into your internet browser.

You can search by school or by local authority. We are proud that North Lincolnshire as an authority has done better than our 11 closest statistically similar authorities, and this means the quality of secondary education in

North Lincolnshire is very good.

In this climate of good schools it is nice to know that Baysgarth has maintained its position near the top of the schools in the local authority for the second year running. In terms of the national picture, the government is clear on the comparison website that "there is no better performing similar school within 75 miles of Baysgarth".

In our corner of North Lincolnshire, Baysgarth once again heads the league tables. The government uses Progress 8 as the headline figure for school performance, as this is the most accurate judgement of how effective a school is at making progress with every student from the time they start at the school to the time they leave the school.

The table below shows the Progress 8 scores for all the secondary schools close to Baysgarth and once again we have demonstrated that there is no school in the local area where students make more progress with their learning and exam success:

School	Provisional Progress 8 Score	2017
Baysgarth School	+0.37	
Hessle High School	+0.31	
Sir John Nelthorpe School	+0.15	
Vale Academy	+0.12	
Winterton Academy	-0.23	
Oasis Academy Immingham	-0.48	

Head Teacher, Richard Briggs, said, 'Last half term saw the Grand Opening of the new school and a hugely successful Open Evening where we were bulging at the seams. The publication of the performance league tables that show Baysgarth is the highest performing school in our part of North Lincolnshire and in the government's own words from this website, "there is no better performing similar school within 75 miles of Baysgarth". And now Ofsted have confirmed that Baysgarth is well on the way to becoming an Outstanding school. We are very proud of our achievements - we set out to be the first choice school for all the families in our community and now we are full in Year 7 and will be oversubscribed for every year group from now on. We draw our students from a fantastic community - they put their faith in us to deliver the best start in life for their sons and daughters and we are repaying that faith and support with excellent care and excellent outcomes'.

Chair of Governors, Peter Swann, said 'the Ofsted report is obviously very pleasing, which demonstrates that Baysgarth has met our first aim which was to give our community the very best standards locally. However, we do not rest on our laurels. This is just the first part of our journey. We will become an outstanding school to which others turn for advice. We will achieve this whilst providing a truly comprehensive education open to all. Congratulations to pupils and all staff - this report has been achieved through their sustained hard work'.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



Barton Christmas Festival

Barton Rotary Club's Christmas events start off with the annual **Photos With Santa** to be held in the Methodist Church Lecture Hall, on **Saturday November 25th** from 2.00pm until 4.30pm. The cost of £4.00 includes a photo and a present.



Trinity Church members will also be serving refreshments and holding a "Soft Toys Tombola". There will also be face painting. Senior Citizens from Barton and the surrounding villages, are

invited to a free **Afternoon Tea** at Trinity Methodist Church, on **December 10th** at 3.30. This will be followed at 5.00pm by the Big Sing, which includes Christmas Carols and entertainment by local schoolchildren.

Please phone David Witter on 01652 632675, by December 3rd, if you need transport to the event.

Barton Rotary Club can deliver free **Christmas Day Dinners** to senior citizens who may be on their own or have difficulty preparing a meal. Please contact us and we will deliver one to your home on Christmas Day - Turkey and all the trimmings. Barrow, Goxhill, New Holland plus the Low Villages are included in the delivery area.

Just phone David Witter on 01652 632675 by December 10th, so that a member can contact you to make the delivery arrangements.

Shelterkits

To help the people of the devastated Caribbean Islands, Barton Rotary Club paid £600 for 17 ShelterKits to help people repair their homes or provide temporary shelter. The kits, plus other aid, were sent by Rotary partner charity Shelterbox within days of the hurricanes.



The kits include tarpaulins, tools and rope and are part of the regular help to Shelterbox by the Rotary Club over many years.

Barton Rotary Club - doing great things in Barton and the surround- ing villages since 1977



ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN



"Our amazing Halloween Party, at the President's home, raised on the night £893.80, for Headway – Brain Injury Association, <https://www.headway.org.uk/> Rotary members kindly agreed to bump that up to £1000. Some of our wonderful community came together to decorate the venue; create the atmosphere and give so generously of their time, monies and laughter for this event. Massive thanks to all who joined us; donated and took part."



Rotary offers a great way to meet new people; have fun and make lasting friendships. Share your skills with like-minded people; grow your experience in project planning and managing; learn from other members. Our group has guest speakers come chat to us about many different vocations. Members make connections with other business people and expand their professional network. If you come along, you will be joining one of the world's largest and most successful global membership service organisations. Not only is it a wonderful community, but there are opportunities to visit other welcoming Rotarians groups across the world too. The Rotarians are always looking for new ways to connect with others. If you have a group; or charity event you wish to run, get in touch. Rotarians are keen to help you; not only do we offer funds, but our group can facilitate your fundraisers; provide skills and knowledge to your event; make connections for you with other groups in a chosen area; or simply offer support

and extra sets of hands. Why wait, go on Just ask?

Plus don't forget Santa will be out & about with his brilliant helpers. Please watch our facebook page and listen out for the sleigh bells and Christmas Music from **December 1st – 3rd**, he'll begin.

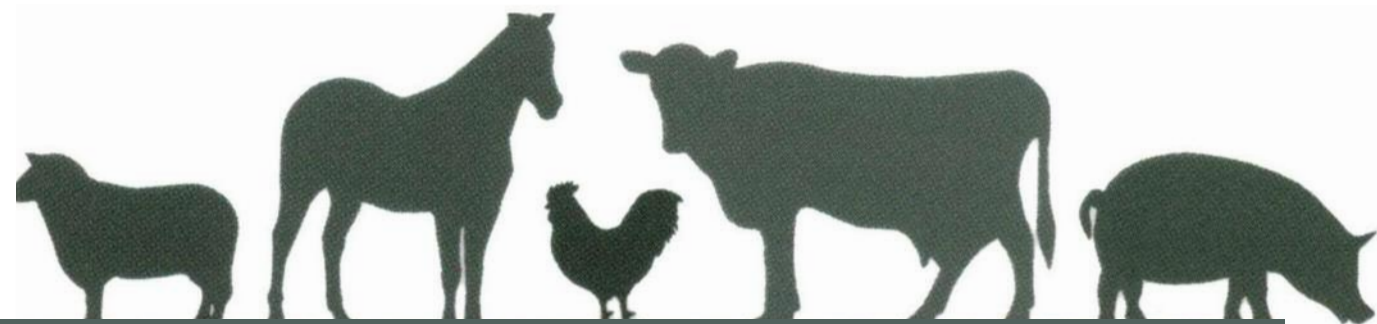
DATES FOR THE DIARY –

Annual Christmas Fair December 9th in Barrow Market Square. - Nothing beats the lights, a sing song, mulled wine and visit to Santa in his Grotto. Pop this date in your diary.

January 2018 - The Rotary Club are celebrating their birthday – watch out for posters and notices in boards for details of how you can join in. Or send us your ideas for ways to celebrate.

Pop along and meet us first and third Wednesday's in each month at Barrow Sport's and Fitness Centre, Thorngarth Lane, Barrow upon Humber or drop us an email at info@barrowmeridianrotaryclub.co.uk. We would love to see you.

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THE VILLAGE LET DOWN BY NORTH Lincs COUNCIL - FAILING TO PREVENT KEIGAR DEVELOPING THE BROCK!

Friends of the Brock, which became Goxhill Community Pub Limited (GCPL), have gone through two Complaint stages against North Lincolnshire Council because GCPL believe the Council failed to use the powers it had at its disposal to support its own stated wish for the Brock to be sold back to the community.

Complaint to the Ombudsman

Having failed to get any satisfaction from the Complaints process, GCPL have now taken it to the next stage which is to complain to the Local Government Ombudsman. A detailed submission with all the facts and what we, as a village, did to save the Brock, was submitted. But the complaint is particularly that it was North Lincs Council's Planning Committee that made the S106 agreement with Keigar to enable the village to buy the Brock back from Keigar, but failed to make it enforceable. The village did more than anyone could have expected to raise the funds to buy it back and have plans in place for a full refurbishment as a family pub with restaurant. But in the end Keigar simply said it was no longer for sale. There was nothing the village, or apparently North Lincs Council, could do about it.

The complaint to the Ombudsman has resulted in an

investigator being appointed to carry out an extensive investigation of what the Council did or didn't do as their part of this sad process which has left Goxhill without its pub, a registered Community Asset. The Ombudsman has said they will be in contact again in 20 working days, which would bring it to November 28th. So keep your fingers and everything else crossed, that they will agree with our complaint and force North Lincolnshire Council to take action to compensate the village.

Goxhill Community Pub Limited is still alive

Most of the original shareholders have retained a share in the company so that they are in a better position to act if the opportunity to get a family pub back in the village, arises in the future.



Five months after being withdrawn from sale, the Brock is left as an even worse eyesore. A constant reminder to the village of the loss of its pub.



One of several Home Guard photographs, from the Ron Parker Collection, rescued from the Brocklesby Hunt before it was stripped out by Keigar.

From left - right, Albert Bennett, Arthur Drinkall, Ernie Robinson, Harry Wilford, Dick Roper, Jim Naylor, Bun Johnson, Jack Parkin.

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Answers to the Christmas Quiz

1. 26th December. 2. Jacob Marley. 3. Holiday Inn. 4. Norway. 5. Ladies dancing. 6. Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner, Blitzen. 7. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen. 8. The Nightmare before Christmas. 9. White. 10. Clarence (Oddbody). 11. Balthasar, Melchior, Caspar (or Gaspar). 12. Hogmanay. 13. Christmas cracker. 14. 1984. 15. Turkey. 16. Dr Seuss. 17. Mexico. 18. Robert Burns. 19. Six. 20. Panettone. 21. William the Conqueror. 22. Love Actually. 23. Spruce. 24. Professor Dumbledore. 25. Max. 26. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. 27. Mulled wine. 28. Happy Xmas (War Is Over) by John Lennon. 29. Noddy Holder. 30. The Polar Express. 31. Idina Menzel. 32. John Lewis. 33. Silent Night. 34. Leona Lewis.

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