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Winter 2018



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What an amazing year it has been!

On a personal note, I won the Short Award, my daughter got married and my son and his wife had a baby boy. It can't get much better than that!

For the village there have been lots of good things going on. The Pop-up Pub has been hugely successful and just shows how much Goxhill desperately needs a good Pub at the social heart of the village.

The new Goxhill Calendar with photographs of our village at its best, clearly demonstrates what a wonderful place it is and why we want to live here. And why so many of the village want to preserve this character and way of life and not allow it to be over run with inappropriate housing developments. See page 11 for details of how you can get copies of the Calendar.

The Chapel has got beautiful new windows, all in memory of village families. It was a seemingly impossible task to raise such a large amount of money, but it was achieved with the drive and determination of Rev Nichola Jones and her helpers, with contributions from villagers and the Parish Council.

The Church has a new Vicar, Revd Liz Brown and the Gander team welcome her to the village, and I am sure she too will become a vital part of the life of Goxhill.

The Memorial Hall is still at the centre of so many things, particularly in November performing its original function as the focal point for remembering the dead of the two World Wars, especially on the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

But the Memorial Hall is also a source of fun and recreation with all the clubs, events, entertainments, and family functions that go on there.

The Airfield Tribute too has played an important role this year as the focal point of the village's RAF100 celebrations and commemoration of the 19 American Airmen who lost their lives whilst based at Goxhill during WW2. Combined with the School's hospitality and Autumn Fair, it was an event for Goxhill to be proud of. The annual service at the Propeller Memorial for Remembrance Day continues Goxhill's unique link with America, ever since the USAAF 8th Air Force Fighter Training Group came to Goxhill in June 1942, the first American air base in England.

It was good to see Democracy at work in Goxhill, with the first election for a Parish Councillor for a long time. Congratulations to Marion Stancer on her election. It was good to see three candidates standing for this one vacant position and I hope there will be a similar competition for places at the full Parish Council Elections on May 2nd next year. The Parish Council do a great deal of work on our behalf and we should give them our support and encouragement. See page 9 for more information.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a great opportunity for members of the Parish Council to work with other interested parties from the village to develop a plan to establish guidelines for the future development of the village. The results of GRAG's village survey is a great starting point for establishing what people want for their village.

On a sad note, the village has lost too many of its residents and characters this year. Goxhill is a poorer place without them.

However, it is Christmas, so the Gander Team wish all our readers, contributors, advertisers and deliverers a very good Christmas and a happy New Year!

Jeff Teasdale - Editor

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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

As soon as we get to November none of us can fail to be reminded that Christmas is coming – fast! Most families have some special Christmas traditions. My own children are all in their thirties now but they still remember the annual hunt for the Christmas Mouse -a particular little bauble we always hung on our tree. Traditions are good things and they make us feel linked to other people and to our past. All the same, Christmas is also the time to welcome the unexpected. As we remember the birth of Jesus we might also call to mind that such an inauspicious beginning – birth in a cowshed and a sleeping trough for a makeshift cradle – actually set in motion events that would change history. Regardless of what we make of religious faith, the impact on our culture in terms of law, ethics, art, literature and so on of centuries of at least a notionally Christian ethos has been enormous. Nobody would have expected so much from one emergency delivery, long before the days of “Call the Midwife”. Enjoying our Christmas traditions is a good thing, but we should also remember that Christmas is about the present as well as the past. The world changes, whether we like it or not, and the Christmas message of love has to be spoken in ways which make sense in the 21st century. In this village I've sensed a real feeling of community and mutual care and support, and I'm very happy to be working for the church here and in Barrow. It's in that mutual care that we can still hear the message of the angels, “Peace on earth and good will to all people”. Whatever our religious beliefs, that has to be something worth working for in the present, just as it has been since the animals in the stable found themselves playing host to some unexpected guests. **Rev. Liz Brown**

Christmas Services (at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

1st-2nd	December 10-2pm Sat, 2-5pm Sunday	Christmas Tree festival with stalls and refreshments	- All Saints Church
7th	December 7.00 pm	Christmas Bingo	- Chapel Schoolroom
16th	December 6.00 pm	Christingle	- All Saints Church
21st	December 7.30 pm	Carol Service followed by seasonal refreshments	- All Saints Church
23rd	December 3.00pm	Carol Service	- Methodist Chapel
24th	December 4.00 pm	Crib Service (children may come dressed as a Nativity character)	- Methodist Chapel
24th	December 11.30 pm	First Communion of Christmas	- Holy Trinity, Barrow
25th	Christmas Day 10.00 am	Holy Communion	- All Saints Church

See Page 7 for other Church and Chapel events

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends. It's started already with the theme for Christmas celebrations being dominated by the market: "Spend on this, spend on that. Feed well. Give umpteen presents: make them even better than last year. Make sure you spend more than last year too!"

The Church has a very different emphasis - in her worship and her life, she wants to say - "At Christmas let's delight in the absolutely fabulous news about the sort of God who does indeed run this world. Three cheers for the gospel at the heart of this wonderful season!"

After all, there are many times when God seems far away, up in some remote heaven, detached from our day-to-day lives. NOT SO! God is closer to us than our own heartbeats.

There are some times when we feel deeply soiled by life, by our frail bodies, by the common muck of much mundane existence. THAT NEED NOT BE! For the God we believe in is wrapped up in the ordinary, the grittiness, the muddles that are our lot. God comes to us through a smelly manger in the backyard of a pub. God is gloriously close to us, caught up with us, in love with us.

But ah- the television news last night. What a ghastly long sequence of one desperate situation after another; umpteen crimes here, there, everywhere; tragedies galore; with chaos in the nation's politics. It seems grim and wretched. And there are so many apparently hopeless situations. "NOT SO," says the Church.

Built into the total life of the whole wide world is the most profound hope of all, the plain clear Word from God - that Word says that a better world can be possible and speaks of a very lively, involved God who always does good things and sends a little tiny helpless baby as the greatest imaginable sign and whispers, "Look, Christ is here! Look up! Look out! Here is really good news!"

My goodness, what news there is to delight in!

So have a good Christmas by revelling in that baby sent by God and think of all that Christ grows up to do for us and the whole vast and wonderful world.

Happy Christ's mass indeed. Blessings and joy.

Rev. Nichola Jones

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CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

Christmas Tree Festival

All Saints Church
Saturday 1st December 10am – 2pm
Sunday 2nd December 2pm – 5pm
Lots of trees to view. There will also be a memory tree on which you can place a written memory for a loved one.

Refreshments will be available on both days and there will be a cake stall and tombola.

Also, the Community Calendar will be on sale.

Christmas Bingo

Friday 7th December Eyes down 7pm
in the Chapel Schoolroom

Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner

12 midday Wednesday 12th December - £6
If you would like to join us please
ring Jane 530962 or Sandra 530065

Pop In

19th January & 16th February
10-12 noon in the Chapel Schoolroom

Quiz night

Friday 8th February 7.30pm
in the Chapel Schoolroom.
Come and join us for an evening of fun, as well as exercising those little grey cells.
£5 - including supper. To book your team
ring Jane 530962 or Sandra 530065.

GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The W.I. meet every 2nd Monday of the month throughout the year except for August, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

New members and visitors, including gentlemen, are welcome at any of the meetings. For further information Contact Mrs. Alyson O'Leary, President, on 01469 531568.

Our future programme includes:

10th December - Christmas Party
14th January 2019 - Medieval Birth & Baptism by Geoff Bryant

14th February is Members' Night
11th March will be our Annual Meeting followed by 'All things Chocolate'

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Goxhill W.I. Ladies and their Friends would like to thank all those who supported them. A wonderful £660.26 was raised and this has been passed to MacMillan Cancer Support.

Women's Refuge Collection

The W.I. Ladies would also like to thank all those who contributed articles/items for the Women's Refuge in Grimsby. A van load was safely despatched.

Thank you one and all for your generosity.

Goxhill Memorial Hall 200 Club

We would like to thank all the collectors for the '200 club'. Sadly we have lost a number of members but they have managed to replace some of them. Unfortunately this drop in membership leaves a shortage in the prize money and equally reduces the contribution towards the maintenance of the Memorial Hall.

As from the September draw the first prize is now £27.50, the second £20.00, leaving the third and fourth prize at £10.00 each. The favourite prize of £100.00 per quarter is to remain the same.

WISHING YOU ALL GOOD LUCK - Penny and Iris

The winners of the 200 club are for -
August drawn at the Saturday drop-in.

57	Miss H Sinden	£30.00
40	Mr L J Barrick	£20.00
16	Adam Ellis	£15.00
246	Karen Snell	£10.00

September drawn at the Saturday drop-in

214	Christine Brace	£100.00
256	Peter Dickinson	£27.50
106	J. Atkin (first time member)	£20.00
219	Kim Miraut	£10.00
55	Jeannette Ellam	£10.00

October draw was done at Knit and Natter.

79	Brian Warr	£27.50
151	Chris Ryder	£20.00
210	Mary Parker	£10.00
154	Helen Margetson	£10.00

METHODIST CHURCH EVENTS

Carols at CO-OP

Wednesday 12th December 5pm - 6pm
Proceeds to Action for Children - Child Carers.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 15th December 10am - 12 noon
Cake Stall - Pudding Stall - Chocolate Tombola -
prize every time and more.
Proceeds towards short fall for windows.

Singing Group - Christmas Concert

Wednesday 20th December - 7pm

Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December - 3pm followed by refreshments.

Crib Service

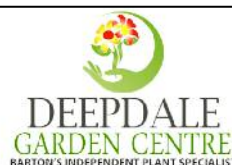
Monday 24th December - 4pm led by Sandra Smith

In Advance - Easter Garden displays

Sunday 14th and Sat 20th April 2019

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December No meeting
Mon Jan 28 AGM
Mon Feb 25 Beekeeping Equipment Auction

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For more information about these friendly informal meetings please call:
The Carers Support Service on 01652 650585.

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GOXHILL SINGING GROUP

The singing group have lots on over the next couple of months! We are singing at the following@

Saturday and Sunday 1st/2nd December
Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church (1pm on the Saturday and 3pm on the Sunday)

Wednesday 12th December
Christmas Carols at the Coop - 5pm

Thursday 20th December
Goxhill Singing Group Christmas Concert Goxhill Methodist Chapel - 7pm

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Thursday 2nd May 2019

If you are interested in putting your name forward for this, Nomination Packs will be available from Feb 2019. Contact Goxhill Parish Council at www.goxhillparishcouncil.co.uk or at www.northlincs.gov.uk
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GOXHILL CALENDAR 2019

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Afternoon Tea at All Saints Church on 6th October and took time to vote for your favourite photo for entry in the 2019 calendar.

The winner of the Junior section is Toby Beaton and the Front Cover is Kevin Seddon. To see the other winners for each page, you will have to buy a Calendar. Congratulations to the two main winners and to all the others with the most votes to be included. And thank you for all the other entrants that made a wonderful display in the church and the quality of the photographs made it very difficult

to choose the winners.

The result is a stunning full colour Calendar portraying many aspects of life in Goxhill. It is a hanging calendar in A4 size (29.7 x 21cm), at a price of £5 each. All proceeds go to All Saints Church and Goxhill Methodist Chapel.

To order copies of the calendar please contact Penny Carnell on 01469 530138, email - scrimmager@live.com or look out for them at various locations around the village.

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DIARY OF EVENTS

29 Nov-16 Dec	11-3pm	Dickensian Extravaganze	Wilderspin
30-Nov	7.30pm	Elvis Christmas Show	Barrow
30-Nov to 2 Dec		Pop-up Pub	Mem/Hall
01-Dec	10-2pm	Christmas Tree Festival	All Saints
02-Dec	2-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	All Saints
6-8 Dec	7.30pm	Snow White & 6 1/2 Dwarves	Wilderspin
07-Dec	7.00pm	Christmas Bingo	Chapel S/R
08-Dec		Rotary Christmas Fair	Barrow
09-Dec	9.00am	Beverley Christmas Market	
10-Dec	7.00pm	WI Christmas Party	Mem/Hall
12-Dec	12noon	Luncheon Club Christmas	Chapel S/R
12-Dec	5-6.00pm	Christmas Carols	Co-op
15-Dec	10-12noon	Coffee Morning	Chapel S/R
16-Dec	6.00pm	Christingle Service	All Saints
16-Dec	7.30pm	Christmas with Steptoe & Son	Wilderspin
20-Dec	7.00pm	Goxhill Singers Concert	Chapel
21-Dec	7.30pm	Carol Service	All Saints
21-Dec	5-11.30pm	Pop-up Pub	Mem/Hall
22-Dec	2-11.30pm	Pop-up Pub	Mem/Hall
23-Dec	2-11.30pm	Pop-up Pub	Mem/Hall
23-Dec	3.00pm	Carol Service	Chapel
24-Dec	4-11.30pm	Pop-up Pub	Mem/Hall
24-Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service	Chapel
24-Dec	11.30pm	First Communion	Holy Trinity
25-Dec	11-4.00pm	Pop-up Pub	Mem/Hall
25-Dec	10.00am	Communion Service	All Saints
28-Dec	5-11.30pm	Pop-up Pub	Mem/Hall
29-Dec	2-11.30pm	Pop-up Pub	Mem/Hall
30-Dec	2-11.30pm	Pop-up Pub	Mem/Hall
31-Dec	7-1.00am	Pop-up Pub	Mem/Hall
14-Jan	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
19-Jan	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel S/R
28-Jan	7.30pm	Beekeepers	Broughton
01-Feb		Copy Deadline for Spring Gander	
08-Feb	7.30pm	Quiz Night	Chapel S/R
14-Feb	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
16-Feb	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel S/R
25-Feb	7.30pm	Beekeepers	Broughton
11-Mar	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
14-Apr		Easter Garden Displays	Chapel
20-Apr		Easter Garden Displays	Chapel
09-May	7.30pm	Diyet and the Love Soldiers	Mem/Hall
19-May		Plant & Household Auction	Mem/Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

Chapel School Room

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
	10-12 noon	Friday
Tennis	10-12 noon	Saturday
	Sunday by arrangement	

WI

Library	7pm	2nd Mon of the month
	3.30-7pm	Monday
	2-5pm	Wednesday
	3-6pm	Friday

Bowling Club	2pm	- Tuesdays from late April
Broughton Village Hall		
Beekeepers	7.30pm	Last Monday of month

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MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

A great deal has happened at the Memorial Hall since we last wrote. **The Pop-Up Pub**, expertly presented by Sam and his team of volunteers was held over three weekends in August. The live music, karaoke and quizzes were enjoyed by all who attended. The Pub raised a **massive £4972**. While some of this is earmarked for future purchases of stock and equipment, the remainder will be a massive shot in the arm for the Hall's maintenance funds. The committee would like to thank Sam and his helpers for all their hard work and enthusiasm. We all look forward to the November and December's Pop-up Pubs with eager anticipation. We would just like to point out that the Pub will be open for a few hours on Christmas Day and the **New Years Eve opening will be a TICKETED event**.

Putting the money to good use, you may notice the stage has been painted and the snooker tables refurbished. We are also getting quotes for levelling the side entrance floor and widening the door to the hall, to improve electric chair access.

If enough interest is shown in the Christmas Fair (November 18th), we will be offering another **Craft Fair in April**.

We are also planning our regular **Plant and Household Goods Auction on the 19th May 2019**. Anyone wishing to donate any unwanted furniture, garden or household items for this auction, please contact me on **01469 53635**, to arrange collection.

Lastly, on behalf of the Memorial Hall sub-committee, may I wish all our wonderful Memorial Hall supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2019. Ann Carter

POP-UP PUB

The October Pop-Up Pub went very well again with great support from the village and surrounding areas. The turn out for each of the 3 nights was exceptional, I would like to thank the volunteers who make the Pop-Up Pub possible and all the people who come and support it. With continued support the Pub will continue to run into 2019.

Nov 30 - Dec 2 usual opening times

Dec 21 5.00-11.30

Dec 22 2.00-11.30 entertainment TBC

Dec 23 2.00-11.30 with a Big Fat Family Christmas Quiz at 8pm

Christmas Eve 4.00-11.30

Christmas Day 11.00-4.00

Dec 28 5.00-11.30

Dec 29 2.00-11.30 Acoustic session from the Rizlas, from 8.30

Dec 30 2.00 to 11.30 Family Fun Quiz from 8pm

New Years Eve 7.00-1.00am **Ticketed Event**, details to follow. The Pop-Up Pub will then close until Feb 2019. **Sam England**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

SHORT MAT BOWLING - Irene, 531321 irene@ballam.eu

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TAI CHI - Janet, phone 01482 492513

DOG TRAINING - Chris, phone 01469 532356

WI - Alyson, phone 01469 531568.

PILATES - Sue, phone 01652 408577

SNOOKER - Sam England, phone 01469 531097

PARENTS & TODDLERS - Holleigh 650496 or 07597048941 email holleighharris@yahoo.co.uk

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LiveLincs Firstly, let us get the bad news out of the way. There is no sign of North Lincolnshire Council reviving FilmLincs any time soon. Grant funding applications have faltered and so everything remains on hold for the foreseeable future.

By the time you read this, the LiveLincs Rural Touring autumn event will have taken place in November. That was the Oscar Wilde play "The Picture of Dorian Gray" with an original interpretation and performance by the award-winning theatre group Box Tale Soup. Hopefully many of you were in the audience and enjoyed that show.

The next LiveLincs event coming to Goxhill Memorial Hall is several months away. The band featuring in this concert certainly sound good listened to online and I'm assured by somebody who saw them on stage in Canada that they are a step change better than that when performing live. But let's not take their word for it - come along to see and hear them for yourself.

Diyet and the Love Soldiers - 7.30pm Thursday 9th May at Goxhill Memorial Hall

Diyet and the Love Soldiers comprise Diyet herself, her husband and collaborator, Robert van Lieshout, on guitar plus foot percussion and talented multi-instrumentalist, Bob Hamilton.

Diyet was born and raised in Canada's Yukon Territory. With Tutchone, Japanese, Tlingit and Scottish roots it is perhaps hardly surprising that her musical presence is equally diverse and unique. Her melodies and lyrics tell stories of a northern reality: hard, raw and ready to break you if it can, but simultaneously beautiful, gentle, strange and intensely alive.

With a concert suitable for all ages, tickets will be £7 adults and £3 children aged 14 or under. All profits go towards running Goxhill Memorial Hall.

Please see the Goxhill Events page on Facebook or follow @Goxhill_Events on Twitter for updates, web-links and details of shows and events in or local to our village (or message to provide details to promote your own event).

John Guggiari



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The Ropewalk

Christmas at The Ropewalk

Staff at The Ropewalk in Barton upon Humber are gearing up for the festive period throughout the quarter-mile long building.

In the Craft Gallery there are plenty of ideas for a Christmas gift that cannot be found on the High Street. Browse through our displays of jewellery, ceramics, prints, leather goods, textiles, glass and cards at prices to suit all pockets. For a not-so-ordinary gift we are reprising our **Cheese-Making kits** that proved so popular last year.

The Ropery Coffee Shop will be adding a **Christmas Menu** on Friday Night Food for the first three Fridays in December.

In addition the same menu will be available for groups of 10 or more on Saturday 8th, Saturday 15th and Saturday 22nd December. Each guest will receive a free glass of Buck's Fizz on arrival. **For more details call 01652 660380 or email events@the-ropewalk.co.uk**

At Ropery Hall we say farewell to 2018 in the company of **Snake Davis** who is reprising his first-ever soul band **Alligator Shoes** on **Saturday, December 29**. Tickets for this cost £19 and are sure to be sold out well in advance of the gig.

Father Christmas drops in to The Ropewalk

Ho! Ho! Ho! There's nothing more exciting for young people (and the grown-ups too) to meet Father Christmas who will be taking time off from his busy pre-Christmas schedule to drop into The Ropewalk on selected dates in December.

Pre-schoolers will have the chance to share their Christmas gift list with the man himself on Wednesdays, December 5, 12 and 19 between 1.30pm and 3pm and again on Friday, December 21, Saturday, December 22 and Sunday, December 23 at 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm for any age group.

It costs just £10 to see Santa and that includes a craft activity, a story and present giving. Remember to bring your camera - there is no additional charge!

Booking is essential contact The Ropewalk on 01652 660380



Ghost Walk Season is upon us again. If you've never walked the streets

of Barton after dark with only spirits to guide you, then pull on a thick jumper, grab your torch (and a friend) and join us on one of our spooky strolls though the town. Even if you've been before, why not come again - we're always adding new stories and other bits and pieces to make you jump! All walks start from Baysgarth House Museum at 7.30pm on Wednesdays Nov 28th, Jan 30th, Feb 28th and March 27th. Tickets cost £5/£3 and can be booked in advance on **01469 531003**, or come along on the night.

It's Panto time! Oh yes it is! This year we're performing **'Snow White and the Six and a Half Dwarves'** at the Joseph Wright Hall on **6th - 8th December** with 2 shows on the Saturday. Tickets cost £8/£5 and can be booked online at

www.sbplayers.co.uk or through the Wilderspin School Museum on **01652 635172**. If there are any youth organisations (e.g Brownies, Cubs) that would like to come as a group, we can offer a special rate of £4 for all tickets on the Thursday night. This needs to be booked through **Jeanine Guy on 07879 777267**. If there are any aspiring actors out there who would like to join us, we're always open to new members (for both the youth group and the adult group), and if you're more of a behind the scenes person then we'd love to have you too! Contact **Jeanine** on the number above. **Liz Drury**

Wilderspin National School presented with the Queen's Award for Volunteering



John Walker, Chair of the Queen Street School Preservation Trust, receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service on behalf of volunteers at the Wilderspin National School, from Lincolnshire's Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Toby Dennis. The Lord-Lieutenant is the Queen's personal representative in each county of the United Kingdom.

Then, between **Thursday 29 November and Sunday 16 December** the words and books of Charles Dickens will transform the whole museum into a **Dickensian Extravaganza** creating a feast of magical, Victorian life as described in Nicholas Nickleby, A Christmas Carol, and David Copperfield, and many more. The museum will be open between **11am and 3pm** and the adult price during this period will be £5. Children and concessions £2.50.

We've **TWO Christmas shows** in the Joseph Wright Hall first floor auditorium for all the family: **Snow White & the 6 ½ Dwarfs**, a new pantomime by the South Bank Players to put you in the Christmas spirit! Show time is on **6 December to 8 December** when there's a matinee and an evening performance. Tickets are on sale now (£5) from the Wilderspin School Museum.

This is followed on **Sunday 16 December** by the return of **Hambledon Productions** with their new performance of **Christmas with Steptoe and Son**. Following their hilarious appearance earlier this year we were asked to get them back and they are bringing with them original Ray Galton and Alan Simpson "Steptoe" sketches including some material "lost" for over fifty years. Albert and Harold - united by blood, divided over everything else - seem doomed to spend Christmas in each other's company. But Harold has his flights of fancy... including a flight he fancies abroad or to throw the biggest Christmas party London's ever had to offer! Albert, of course, has other ideas... Who wouldn't want to spend Christmas as Mrs. Clifford's B&B in Bognor Regis anyway? Tickets are £8 in advance or £10 otd otd - booking advisable by phone (**01652**) 635172 or at the **Wilderspin School Museum** between 10am and 4pm on Thursdays - Sundays, or visit **www.hambledonproductions.com**

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

KS2 SATs Results

In May 2018, the year 6 children took external SATs testing. Our pupils always approach these tests with the right attitude. They have worked hard during the previous 6 years and this is their chance to show what they can do. Whilst we acknowledge that the SATs tests are important, we constantly train our children that all we expect from them is 100% effort. If this is shown during the year, we are extremely happy with them. This year's results were the best for many years. At Goxhill, 91% of children achieved the expected standard in all three subjects (reading, writing and maths). This rose to 97% in maths and 94% in reading and writing as independent subjects. Progress was also the highest it has been in recent years. At East Halton, 78% of children reached the standard across all three subjects with 89% reaching the subject in maths alone. Both schools are above national and local averages. We are so proud of all our children's achievements and wish them all the best in their new secondary schools. Keep in touch!

Year 5 Residential

On September 21st, Year 5 from Goxhill and East Halton Schools descended on Robin Wood Activity Centre, based at Dobroyd Castle in Todmorden for their annual residential visit. During the course of the weekend, the children experienced a huge range of activities. These included zip wires, climbing wall, kayaking, team activities, trapeze and giant swing to name a few. The main focus of the visit is team building and giving the children chance to step outside their comfort zone.

Upon arrival, the children are split into four groups before a short (but very steep) hike up to Dobroyd Castle. From there they are shown their rooms and have to make their beds - always entertaining for the onlooking adults. After that, a quick lunch then the activities start. It is all systems go: the children are straight into activities, which last until around 8pm. It really is great for school staff to see the children in a different setting. So many of them overcome huge fears, as well as coping with being away from home for two nights. The staff at Robin Wood are amazing. They know exactly how to get the best from them whilst pushing their boundaries.

One of the most infamous activities is the Piranha Pool. Children must solve problems on one side of the 'pool', which eventually ends with all children being on the other side. Towards the end, they must travel back across the water on a slippery pole without falling into the water! If they do, there is a chance the hungry piranhas could be released to nibble on them. Never fear though, they



are sprayed with 'anti-piranha spray' before entering, although I'm not sure the children believed this based on their reaction during the activity. Thankfully, all children completed the activity and no limbs were lost or even tasted by those ravenous fish. This was just one of many superb activities put on during the visit.

Children from both schools were amazing. Their behaviour was fantastic: this was reflected in the comments by the activity centre staff. We were really proud of them all.

Charity Non-Uniform Day
On Friday 19th October, we held a non-uniform day and a cake sale to raise money for The Fire Fighter's Charity, across both schools. Thank you to all cake donations and parents who contributed money for the children's non-uniform. We raised £686.30 for this fantastic cause.

OPAL Playtimes

At Goxhill we have been developing our playtimes to provide a much more stimulating and engaging environment for the children. After much planning and risk assessing, this was launched in May 2018. Children now have full access to all fields at every break time, even during the winter. There is a loose parts area, where children can build dens, make towers or whatever else takes their fancy! There is a mud kitchen, stage section and many social areas created with tyres, which the children use to either climb on or sit and chat to their friends. In addition, we have a section of the garage full of tubes, sheets, fancy dress, toys etc. These come out most dinner times (dependent on weather). So far, the children have loved the new playtimes. Behaviour issues and accidents have decreased dramatically. It really is fantastic to see the children playing together in such ways. More pictures and videos can be found on the school website. More information on OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) can be found at www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk.

OPAL Playtimes

If any local people or businesses have large (or small) items to donate which they think have play value, please contact the school office. We currently are seeking electric cable reels - of any size including the huge wooden ones!

Steve Fox, Assistant Headteacher

SCRAP FOR SCHOOL SKIP

Having raised **£747.20** for Aaron's Battle during the summer, the skip is back to raising funds for our schools. The total raised for Goxhill & East Halton Schools to date is a staggering **£3301.65**

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Editor

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Goxhill Speaks Out

As the year draws to a close, you're possibly wondering where the months have gone. Time flies when you're having fun (and working hard!). It's been a busy few months

for GRAG and since I last wrote we have analysed the results from our 'Your Village, Your Voice' survey.

We felt it was incredibly important to ascertain what Goxhill's residents WANT for our lovely village and we were delighted that a total of 340 people responded. This equates to more than one third of all households. Our sincere thanks to everyone who took part and a big thank you to The Gander team who helped distribute the paper copies of the survey. The results can be seen in the box below.

What else have we done?

We have written to our Ward Councillors with the survey results and received a response from Cllr Richard Hannigan. He said he has been impressed with the work we've done and has arranged a meeting with the leader of North Lincolnshire Council to discuss the situation Goxhill finds itself in. We have also written to our MP Martin Vickers who has pledged his support. Mr Vickers attended our recent public meeting and praised the group's foresight, pointing out that most residents' groups are formed after a planning application has been submitted.

At the Parish Council meeting on 11 October, GRAG asked councillors to consider investing in the services of a planning consultant who could help the village fight the Hawthorne Gds/Howe Lane planning application. This is something other parish councils have done and with our survey results we hoped this idea would be considered. Some councillors opposed the idea, other were not sure. It was pointed out by a member of the public and GRAG that the application is a significant one, likely a turning point in the village's history. If it is approved, it will set a precedent and possibly pave the way for many more large-scale developments.

Cllr Val Gorbett suggested a donation of £500 to GRAG so that we could secure the services of an expert. The motion was carried with six voting in favour and three voting against. We are very grateful for this generous donation and we will continue to fundraise to fight those developments that will ultimately change the character of our peaceful village forever.

GRAG's future plans

Working together, our committee and the group's members will continue to do all we can to save the village from unsustainable, large-scale development. Some of you may have read our objection to the outline planning application for the Hawthorne Gds/Howe Lane site which sets out our views on why we have serious misgivings about the potential of 85+ new houses next to the playing fields.

We will continue to seek information to help us in our fight and will grow our campaign using all available resources. We have contacted Rural Means Rural for more ideas, along with many other organisations that provide invaluable information and support.

We will be making our campaign more visible over the coming months with professional banners and other

campaign materials. We believe this is a must-have for any strong campaign because it keeps the issues we're facing in the foreground. If you would be happy to display a PVC banner on your fence or in your garden or a poster in your window, please contact us.

The forthcoming Planning Committee that decides the fate of the Hawthorne Gds/Howe Lane site will be an important day for Goxhill as it will be at this meeting that the outline application will be either approved or rejected. We hope we will be sharing positive news in the next edition of The Gander but whatever the outcome there is still more positive work to be done...

The Neighbourhood Plan

You may already be aware that Goxhill has embarked on the journey to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. This will take a few years to implement but it will be an incredibly important piece of work. With careful planning and guidance, the village can come together to produce a legal document that the Council's planning department will have to refer to and consider when it comes to planning decisions. For this process to be successful every stakeholder – residents, landowners, community groups, businesses, service providers etc – must be consulted and those views and ideas will count.

If you would like to know more about this process, or be involved in GRAG's work in any way, then please don't hesitate to contact us.

The survey results

- 67% of respondents objected outright to the proposed development on the Hawthorne Gds/Howe Lane site.
- 24% were undecided when they completed the survey.
- 9% said they supported it.
- 89% said the village's facilities/infrastructure could not cope with the added development. 5% said it could and 4% said they didn't know either way.
- 56% object outright to general large-scale development in the village.
- 26% object but recognise that some housing is needed. Together, this group totals 82%.
- If large-scale development goes ahead, the top issues that give residents greatest cause for concern are: Drainage/sewerage/flooding; health services/GP; road congestion/traffic; road safety; school admissions/resources; and loss of character/peacefulness.
- If Goxhill is developed, the additional facilities/improvements villagers would like to see are: Improved drainage & sewerage; improved roads (e.g. surfacing, traffic calming, signage); Post Office; improved communications services (networks); green space/wildlife area/landscaped park; and school expansion.

The full results can be viewed here:
www.goxhillresidentsactiongroup.co.uk/news-events
Thank you to everyone who took part!

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and the best of love, health and fortune for 2019!

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New Windows at Goxhill Methodist Church

A Huge Thank You to the generosity of so many people, and our Parish Council.

When Rev Nichola suggested we raise money for new windows – at a cost of about £36,000, I admit I thought - she has high hopes but no chance of getting it! I was wrong. What an insight Rev Nichola had. As we have come to expect from Rev Nichola, when she sets the wheels (or in this case windows) in motion she does what she sets out to do and finishes the job properly. Encouraging us and the villagers together, and WOW what a result.



The Dedication Service was an inspiration and seeing such a large congregation, was itself rewarding, bringing people to see the results of their gifts, donations and fund raising achievements is fantastic, and whilst we thank everyone who gave time, money and effort to make it work, the biggest thanks has to go to Rev Nichola who never faltered in her belief that we could and would manage to replace so many huge windows. Which are wonderfully engraved with sponsors names and for who they are remembering with them.

But it didn't stop at replacing rotten window frames and grotty glass, oh no new frames and stained glass in the vestry and then we moved to do even more in the inner porch, with 4 stained glass panels and 2 stained

glass header panes too. And still we are not finished – well all the glass is in but the project extended to a book of remembrance for all the people whose families sponsored – panes of glass or full windows, we hope to have this finished for March 2019. The book will have its own Dedication Service, but of course it's at a cost, much more than a reading book from off the shelf. We plan also to have some paper back copies for people to purchase so they can share in everyone's memories. Goxhill is definitely back on the MAP.

If you didn't get to the Dedication service for the widows, you missed a fantastic service and some really good food with express service!! Hope to see you at the Service for the book next year.

Please bear with us folk, the windows are beautiful and all fitted – we do have a short fall of cash and you will still see the odd fund raiser for them, we do have quite a way to go.

Eileen Mosey.



Goxhill Singing Group

Perhaps you like singing - whether it's in the shower or while doing jobs around the house or garden - but karaoke is not really your thing? Or maybe you sing in church or enjoyed singing when you were at school but have not done much since? Why not come along to Goxhill Singing Group one Wednesday evening and see if it's for you?

GSG is not so much about how good a singing voice you have as it is about enjoyment and participation. We just sing along as a group with songs for which both the lyrics and backing tracks are provided. There are bound to be songs you know, others that are new to you, some songs you love and maybe even some you don't. We give everything the same treatment: all-in enthusiasm (except Christmas carols out-of-season!).

Come along any Wednesday evening to the schoolroom at the rear of the Methodist Chapel on Chapel Street. GSG runs from 7pm until about 9pm with a tea break somewhere in the middle. The cost is just £1 which goes towards room hire and printing lyrics sheets. If you have any questions or need more details then check out the GSG page on Facebook or contact Sally Salmon on 07810207902.

John Guggiari

Steve Cook

Mum, myself and the rest of Steve's family would like to thank everyone who has given mum so much support during Steve's illness and since his passing. All the cards and flowers she has received are greatly appreciated. Without her friends in Goxhill and the surrounding area mum would not have coped as well as she has. I am pleased to say that donations in Steve's memory have raised over £300 for Goxhill Chapel and McMillan Cancer Support. Once again thank you to everyone for your support.

Edward Arnott

Graham Dyson

Tina Dyson and her family would like to thank everyone for their love and support following the untimely death of her husband Graham. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Thank you also for all donations received which totalled an amazing £505.70. This will be sent to Ward 50 at Hull Royal Infirmary.

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Goxhill commemorate 100 years of the RAF

A unique occasion, bringing together the RAF and American Airforce personnel, took place at Goxhill in a special event at base 345 of the US 8th Airforce, on Saturday 22nd Sept.

RAF Goxhill was built in 1941, but was unsuitable as planned as a base for a squadron of Wellington bombers, and became the first air base in Britain to be officially handed over to the Americans, on June 10th 1942. The Americans wanted an acclimatisation base to prepare its fighter units for the European war conditions. And so Goxhill witnessed a constant stream of young American airmen and support staff before they moved onto the battle front.

Goxhill's place in the hearts of many of these Americans is very strong and continues today. Particularly with the amazing work done by the late Ron Parker to maintain links in the Control Tower from RAF Goxhill being dismantled brick by brick and rebuilt at the Military Aircraft Museum at Virginia Beach, USA.

Ron's son, Mick Parker, continues his father's links with the Americans and maintains the Propeller Memorial at the airfield and organises the Remembrance Day service there. This is why it was so important for the American Airforce to be a part of Goxhill's RAF100 celebrations.

The Day was hosted by Goxhill School, who delayed their usual Summer Fair to the Autumn to combine it with the RAF100 event.

The war time theme was seen with lots of men in uniform and ladies in 40's style dresses and a range of vintage cars. Plus Police, Fire and Humber Rescue vehicles and staff with wonderful background music performed by the 866 Squadron Air Cadets Band. There were lots of fun stalls for children and grown ups and tea and cakes served to wartime songs from the Goxhill Singing Group.



For the official Service, the event moved to the Propeller Memorial at the airfield, lead by the cadets' band followed by the National Standard RAFNSA, USA Airforce personnel, 866 Squ Air Cadets, East Halton British Legion and Parade Marshall Flt. Sgt Price RAFAC.

The service started with the Cadets building the Drum Head Altar and an introduction by Cllr John Briggs, Mayor of North Lincolnshire, followed by the Act of Remembrance lead by Sandra Smith. The Exhortation was by Terry Marsden RAFNSA and the Last Post and Reveille were played by Mr Nigel Davies.

Then the 19 names of the US Airmen who lost their lives serving at Goxhill during WW2 were read out, while children from Goxhill School laid crosses with all the names on.

Wreaths were laid by Mr Alex Baxter JP, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, on behalf of the Queen; Martin Vickers MP on behalf of the Government; Cllr John Briggs, Mayor on behalf of the people of North Lincolnshire; Col. Lee Wingfield USAF on behalf of the United States of America; Air Commodore Neil Gammon RAF (rtd) on behalf



of the Royal Air Force; Mr Peter Douse, Chairman on behalf of RAFNSA (Lincolnshire Branch); Ms Lynn Hamill on behalf of WRAF/RAF(W) Assoc. East Halton Branch on behalf of the British Legion; Cllr David Wells on behalf of Ferry Ward; Cllr Sam England on behalf of Goxhill Parish Council; Mrs Pat Horton on behalf of the North Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Group; finally wreaths and crosses were laid by Members of the Public.

Amazing Grace was played by Piper Martin Ellis. 'High Flight' by John Magee Jnr, was read by SSgt Shredl USAF.

The USA Flag Folding Ceremony was carried out by USA Navy Officer i/c Petty Officer Katie Harmon and the flag was presented to the Mayor of North Lincolnshire. It was subsequently presented to Mrs Ron Parker in recognition of all the work her late husband, Ron Parker, had done to preserve the history of the Americans' time at Goxhill.

Goxhill Brownies did a reading, followed by the closing prayers and the Epitaph by Terry Marsden RAFNSA.

The 866 Squ Air Cadets Band closed the service by playing the USA National Anthem and the British National Anthem.

This was followed by an impressive fly past of 8 aircraft organised by the North Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Group. Sadly the iconic Mustang was not able to come.

The whole Memorial event was very moving and a real tribute to the RAF in their 100th year and the Americans based at Goxhill during WW2. Thanks must go to Lorraine Gibbins for all her hard work organising the event, on behalf of the village and North Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage. She would also like to thank everyone for their support who made the day such a success.

It was then back to Goxhill School for more fun and refreshments. I was on the BBQ and we sold out of burgers and hot dogs but Caroline Breslin, Head Teacher, managed to feed 3 very hungry American airmen.



A good time was had by all and vital funds were raised for the Goxhill and East Halton Schools' Federation. A huge thank you too to all the staff and parents of Goxhill, East Halton and New Holland schools who gave so much of their time organising the school's part of this event and manning the stalls, and to all who came to mark such an important event.

Jeff Teasdale

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Cycling from Venice to Rome for Alzheimer's



Last year, I cycled 700 miles from Paris to Nice for Alzheimer's Society, so I knew this year's cycle ride for the same charity would have to be something extra special. After a summer of cycle training from Goxhill through many villages trying to navigate to include as many hills as possible (Elsham, Dannels Hill, Saxby, Piggery to name a few), I was ready for my latest charity cycling challenge; to cycle over 420 miles in 5 days from Venice to Rome to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer's Society. By mid September, after packing my

cycle into a bike box, which always gets many a look and question, including "is it a musical instrument?", I was all prepared to fly out to Venice. My husband was supporting my cycle challenge and had set off a few days before me on his motorbike. He journeyed from Hull to Zeebrugge, then through France, with a detour around Switzerland, before our reunion in Venice.

Finally, it was the start of the challenge. With a sense of anticipation combined with excitement, I set off from Venice on a mainly flat route, but a long day, through many small Italian villages and crossing over the River Po before the day's halfway mark. After 112 miles of cycling it was a relief to reach the hotel stop in the ancient town of Ravenna. The second day of cycling was a tough 98 miles with the landscape changing from the flat farmland to the National Park with wooded hills to steep gradients and twisting hair-pin bends. Any descents were hazardous with the potholes on UK roads seemingly insignificant compared to the crumbling surfaces on the Italian roads, caused by freezing conditions, given the altitude many are covered by snow for several winter months. After a night in the historic town of Arezzo, the rolling hills and cycling through Tuscany awaited. An exhausting ascent, made worse by

temperatures nearing 30C, was rewarded by the picturesque village of Lucignano, then more climbing and a final but welcome descent to arrive in the ancient town of Orvieto after conquering another 90 miles. Orvieto is famous for its white wine, so this was a welcome nights stop. By the fourth day of cycling from Orvieto to Lake Bracciano, the changing landscape and tastes in the classic Italian meals were becoming more noticeable. Some of the roads cycled were busy and the standard of driving questionable to say the least, especially the truck drivers. As the fifth and final day of cycling started, the sun was already burning through, and this promised to be an enjoyable ride. The route taken was a cycle path along the River Tiber, avoiding the busy roads into Rome and to within a stone's throw of the



famous Rome sights. After battling with the Italian traffic and making slow progress on the last few miles, including a slow puncture, realisation hit as the final corner was turned... the amazing Colosseum. Over 420

miles cycled from Venice and I had completed this years cycling challenge; I took a moment to reflect on the daily challenge for those living with Alzheimer's and Dementia. I have raised almost £7000 for Alzheimer's Society charity and all donations are still very much appreciated.

Planning for next year's challenge and continued charity fundraising has already started; Lands End to John O'Groats, the length of England and Scotland,

around 1000 miles. Hoping for good UK weather!

More photos are available on my just giving page and if anyone would to donate then please visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/julie-donald>

Dr Julie Donald



VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE

Did you know that Humber & Wolds Rural Action delivers a Voluntary Car Service across Northern Lincolnshire, which helps people with genuine transport difficulties get to important appointments such as doctors, hospitals, dentists, clinics, support groups, local shops etc.

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Humber & Wolds Rural Action urgently needs more volunteer drivers, therefore if you have some time to spare, please get in touch with **Carole Foster on 01652 637700**. Drivers must hold a valid driving licence and own their own car. All expenses are reimbursed.

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- Driving too slowly** - Despite there being no minimum speed limit on the majority of UK roads, you can still be fined for driving too slowly, as it can be a hazard to other road users. If pulled over by police, a simple verbal warning could be given or you could face a fine of up to £5,000 and 9 penalty points on your licence.
- Eating at the wheel** - If you're in a hurry and feeling hungry, you may be tempted to eat whilst driving. However, this could cost you 3-9 penalty points and a fine of up to £100. Although eating whilst driving isn't illegal in itself, it can be classed as careless driving if your attention isn't solely on the road.
- Splashing pedestrians** - Sometimes it's hard to avoid puddles in the road... especially in the wet British weather. Yet if you are caught splashing a pedestrian with a puddle it could result in 3 points on your licence.
- Using your mobile phone as a sat nav** - Penalties for using your phone whilst driving have been extended to the use of mobiles as sat navs. Although it's not illegal to use navigation apps, you could be given a £200 fine and up to 6 penalty points, if you touch the handset while driving. To avoid this penalty, make sure your mobile phone is fixed to your dashboard and ensure your route is programmed before you set off.
- Using your phone to pay at a drive-through** - Many fast food drive-throughs now offer contactless payment, but paying for your food with your mobile phone, with Apps such as Google or Apple Pay is against the law. Instead, stick to your contactless bankcard and avoid the £200 fine and up to 6 penalty points.
- Swearing or making rude hand gestures** to other road users - When frustrated or annoyed behind the wheel, it's easy to lose your cool. But taking your frustration out on other drivers is classed as disorderly behaviour and can lead to a fine of 75% of your weekly income.
- Forgetting to put headlights on when it's dark** - You must always use your headlights when it's dark (the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise), so that you can clearly see where you are going and are visible to others on the road. If you forget to switch your lights on, you could face a £50 fine.
- Making a profit from giving someone a lift** - There is nothing wrong with helping out a friend if they're

stranded or need a lift – they can even chip in for petrol. However, if you make a profit from this unofficial taxi service without the right documents to hand, you could face a hefty penalty: up to £5,000 fine and 6 points on your licence.

- Allowing a passenger to cradle a baby** in their arms while driving can attract a fine of £100. New child seat laws were introduced in 2017 which saw radical new guidelines for parents travelling with their children in the car.
- Allowing dirt to obscure your number plate** can see you land an on the spot fine of £100. The maximum penalty for this offence is £1,000 and it can even make you fail your MOT.
- Failing to clear snow from your car roof** attracts a £60 fine and three penalty points. This is because snow and ice can obscure a driver's view and/or fall off and obstruct the view of other drivers.

- Failing to declare medical conditions** including DHD, caesarian section and vertigo can cost you up to £1,000 in fines.

15. Resting on the hard shoulder is strictly not permitted and can end up landing you a £100 fine and three penalty points on your licence.

16. Driving in the fast lane when you have a trailer/caravan is extremely dangerous. Caravans can cause snaking causing a driver to lose control, especially at higher speeds. Being caught doing so also has the potential for a £2,500 fine and three penalty points.

17. Hogging the middle lane of the motorway is one of the biggest bugbears of drivers. It's an inconsiderate act that contravenes rule 264 of the Highway Code. Offenders can receive a £100 fine and three penalty points but being such a hard thing to monitor, it is unlikely a driver will be charged.

18. Playing aggressively loud music from your car is not the most severe offence on the list and that is reflected in the punishment. Drivers can receive a verbal warning however if this is ignored, then the driver's car can be seized.

19. Number Plates - You can't rearrange letters or numbers, or alter them so that they're hard to read. The fine for driving a car with an unreadable number plate is up to £1,000. In addition, it is enough of an offence for a car to fail its MOT. A DVLA spokesman explained the rules in a statement Mail: "There is a specific offence under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 of obscuring or allowing a registration mark to be not easily distinguishable."

20. Child seats - All children who are under 12 years old or less than 4ft 5in tall (135 cm) will be required to travel in a child car seat. Once the child is older than 12 or reaches the height guideline, then they will be allowed to travel in the regular adult car seats. Only EU approved seats can be used in the UK.

(Although taken from reliable sources these have not been independently verified, but they are believed to be accurate)

Kevin Guy

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By Steve Ellison, project manager

Assembling the gas pipeline

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Currently these 'strings', each over 600 metres in length, are stored in our 'stringing field' at our Goxhill site. Once the tunnel under the River Humber is complete, each segment will be pushed through it by extremely powerful hydraulic thrusters positioned behind the launch shaft of the tunnel. As this happens, each of the eight pipe strings will be welded together to form a single, continuous pipeline from our site in Goxhill in North Lincolnshire, to Paull in East Yorkshire.

Tunnelling

Tunnelling is well underway with Mary, our tunnel boring machine, reaching the third-way mark in mid-autumn. We expect to complete the tunnel in summer 2019, but you can keep up-to-date with our progress via our tracker on our website at www.riverhumber-pipeline.com/home/project-progress-tracker.

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Currently, the arising coming from our tunnelling works are classed as inert waste, so the quarry is able to use it

to help restore the original land profile. As an added benefit, the quarry is located near to our Goxhill site, helping reduce the potential impact of lorry movements and reduce our carbon footprint.

Keeping in touch

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**.



A pipe 'string' stored on our Goxhill stringing field

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GOXHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As you may have been aware, Neighbourhood Watch reported to the Parish Council at the monthly meetings. Any updates will now be put on GNeW-Goxhill, so villagers will get more regular updates. If you don't have internet access, please ring me and I can put you on the database and I will ring you, to give you any important updates.

We are still providing security items if you require them. There will have to be a donation unless you have been a victim of crime, elderly or vulnerable then the items will be free.

If you have any concerns in the village, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will try and resolve them.

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We really endeavour to provide a varied and interesting variety of badges that will educate and inspire our young people. We also encourage them to show us their own skills and hobbies and badges can be awarded for this.

Community wise, we have assisted with planting a small garden in New Holland, been litter picking and of course, will be attending the memorial service in November and laying a poppy wreath. We have also been supporting the food bank, following a visit this year. We endeavour to attend and support local events and instil a sense of community and citizenship to our young people.

Trips out have included several camps using our new tents which were kindly donated by the Humber Pipeline Project. We attended the annual district PrimJam when, for the first time that we can remember, a sunhat and sunscreen was required!! PGL is always another highlight of the year when our adults give up their weekend to take approximately 30 children to an activity centre which they all love.

Within the hut we have had first aid training, teamwork challenges and even winter Olympics!

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John, Susan, Titty and Roger, mother, the baby Bridget, Nancy and Peggy?

One of the greatest difficulties in writing for the village magazine is to ensure that what you report as fact is really true. Stories that come by word of mouth are always suspect not that there is no truth in them but that in order to impress, embellishments have been added. A puddle becomes a flood and a little youthful foolishness becomes an act of evil. Our present-day methods of communication and social interconnection encourage this but we are aware that we live in a world of fake news. This has not always been so, as a boy I believed what I heard on the radio, we trusted the BBC news but by the time that I was twelve years old things had started to change. Of course, we did not know this was happening but there was a reason why. We were at war and the first thing that we all learned was that we must keep all information secret and disclose nothing to the enemy. We were told to be like Dad and keep Mum! Yes, that was printed in the newspapers.

The first big fabrication that I know about was spread by the media on behalf of the government. The purpose was to prevent the enemy from becoming aware that we had invented a system of detecting aeroplanes at night that enabled our air force to attack them before they reached our towns. It was called radar and was very successful. In order to hide the truth, the wonderful discovery was announced that eating carrots enabled people to see in the dark. Eating carrots helped you to find your way in the darkness of the blackout. Requests for supplies were circulated, gardeners planted large quantities and this provided a boost to the Dig for Victory campaign to provide home grown food. Now the amazing thing about that was that most of the people believed it, not only then but for many years afterwards

and still today some are eating carrots to help them see in the dark.

Wartime requirements ensured that fabricated information became a part of everyday life. It was in no way iniquitous to help the war effort in this way and all statesmen including Winston Churchill were part of the campaign. Unfortunately, when hostilities ceased the financial possibilities caused the use of fabricated and improved news to continue in the media.

There has always been a rather loose relationship between history and fiction. Romantic writing particularly in Victorian times often blended with and employed historic stories. People writing of the past filled in gaps in their knowledge with what might have been. You did not have to write to be part of this, much local history began by the fireside in the time before radio and television.

Sometimes there is a lot of truth found in fiction, stories set in real places can tell us about them, as we see through the eyes of characters the places in which they live. One of the people whose work enables us to understand this is Arthur Ransom, who wrote the Swallows and Amazons series of children's books. The places where the children live whether in the Lake District, in Essex or at sea, are absolutely real. After reading Swallows and Amazons, go to Lake Windermere and you can find for yourself the lake, the islands, the landing place, the camp site and see the steam boat upon which Mr Blackett lived. This and his other books will make a wonderful present for Father Christmas to bring down the chimney in a few weeks' time.

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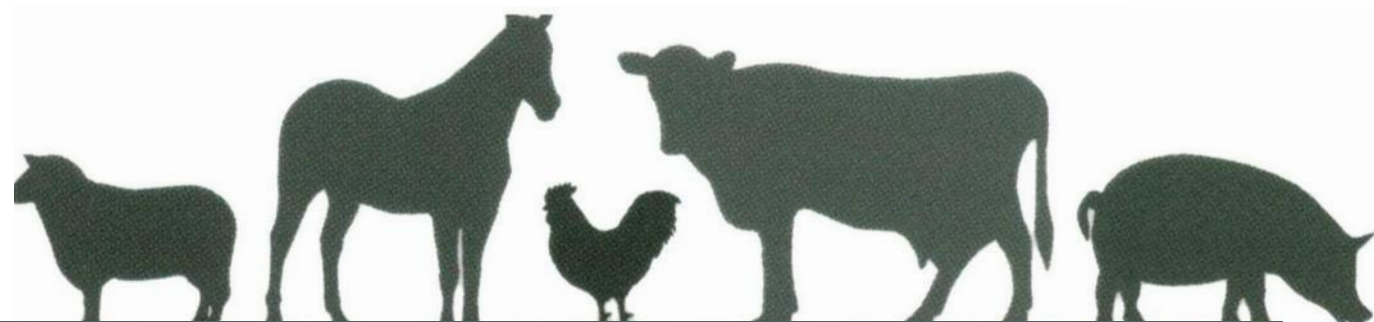
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ROBERTS FAMILY - WE WILL REMEMBER THEM - HENRY ROBERTS

In my last article I mentioned Olive Roberts, who was recorded in the 1901 census living with George and Betsy Drinkall at White Cottage on Howe Lane. Her name 'rang a bell' with me and I wasn't sure why, so looked further into the family. The Roberts family name has a long history in Goxhill.

Olive's grandfather, John Roberts and his wife Sarah are recorded on the 1841 census, at Hallands Field. The census appears to start at College Road, and records Lark Hall, Hallands, Mill Field, Mill and down Ferry Road into the Salt Marsh. Hallands Field was one of the four fields of open land in the village. The field system enabled the best use of the land available to farmers and didn't include the salt marsh closer to the Humber Bank. Hallands Field sat south of Barrow Road, as far as College Road and covered the land to the east of Thornton Road and across to South End as far south as Soff Lane and the village boundary with East Halton and Thornton Curtis. Three homes that I was initially aware of identify as being in Hallands Field. Hallenfield, a bungalow that replaced the farmhouse at the end of Churchside; Hallands Field Farm is down the track opposite the Gatehouse Road crossing house and Hallandsfield is a farm about half way down Gatehouse Road where I remember the Lamming family living.

This first full census, in 1841, also records four sons of John and Sarah Roberts; William, Charles, George and Joseph. All four boys were born in Goxhill between 1813 and 1826. There may be other siblings that I haven't researched. The oldest brother William spent many years in Barton where his only son John William was born. The second son, Charles, married Ellen Martinson (daughter of William, Sue Sharpe's three times great grandfather). Charles and Ellen lived and died in Goxhill. In 1841 Ellen is recorded, with her parents in the adjacent residence to the Roberts family (between Lark Hall and Hallands and before Mill Field). Charles is listed along with George and their parents, farming next to the South End Gatehouse in 1851. Charles married Ellen in 1853; John (his father) died in 1860 and in 1861 the listing of the farm is next to Laurel Cottage, a house built in 1852 and still standing on Gatehouse Road. This appears to provide a stronger clue as to the whereabouts of the farm; possibly Hallands Field Farm. This is the same for the 1871 census, they are listed on Hallands Field with South End Road in brackets afterwards.

The fourth and youngest son, Joseph and his wife Hannah (nee Williamson) had two children Joshua and Sarah (who died in infancy) before Joseph's early death aged around 32 years. Hannah then lived as housekeeper to the third brother George taking Joshua with her (1861 census). The enumerator on this census has recorded Barrow Road, Hallands Road and King Street Road. King Street Road is the old name for College Road and there are five homes recorded on Hallands Road, perhaps the section of Thornton Road between College Road and Barrow Road. By 1871 George and Hannah had had two children of their own (Thomas and Annie Elizabeth), apparently in the same house. George and his older brother Charles are living in the same area and farming 50 acres and 8 acres respectively.

By 1881 George and Hannah are recorded in Hallands Field but George is now farming 79 acres and employing two labourers; they are similarly recorded there in 1891.

George's death is registered in 1894 and at the 1901 census his widow Hannah is recorded in Barrow. The farm appears to have been taken over by John William Roberts; the only son of the eldest son of John and Sarah, William. His housekeeper is recorded as Amelia, who was the widow of Hiram Roberts, John William's cousin and son of second son Charles and his wife Ellen. John William and Amelia went on to marry and at the 1939 census are recorded at Hallands. An Alfred Roberts is living with his family, wife Jane and children Geoffrey and Mary, close-by. His occupation is recorded as helping his cousin on the farm. He is, I believe, the son of another Alfred who was, in turn, the oldest son of Charles and Ellen. In his article in the Spring 2011 Gander, Maurice Brawn recorded Colin Creasey's list of Goxhill Milk Producers 1935/50 which identifies W. Roberts and A. Roberts of Hallands Farm, College Road which I had forgotten about in my initial research and sits right on the Goxhill and Barrow boundary line. John William Roberts was finally recorded living, at his death in 1950, at 'The Hollies' on Howe Lane in Goxhill; Amelia died in 1951 and her headstone stands in Goxhill cemetery. I haven't been able to definitively trace Alfred but the third son of Charles and Ellen and older brother of Hiram, Frederick William, was a Draper's Assistant who, in 1891, purchased my parent's home, Mahonia Cottage on Churchside. He was later a corn miller and died in 1939 and recorded living in Marsh Road, Goxhill.

I would like to return to John and Sarah's fourth son, Joseph. His surviving son, Joshua married Martha Nicholson in Goxhill in 1875. They were recorded living on Thornton Road, with Joshua an agricultural labourer at the 1891 census. They had a total of ten children, between 1875 and 1898; including Olive, who was at White Cottage in 1901.

When I looked more specifically at Olive Roberts I discovered that she had married Percy Chappell who was a cousin of my paternal great grandmother, which was why I recollected the name. Olive and Percy had married in Barton in 1906 where Olive gave birth to her first child, a son later that year. They had a total of five children (Charles Reginald 1906; Norah Roberts 1908; Sarah Ellen 1910; Harry 1914 and Lily 1916). I already knew where this story ended. Percy was Killed in Action in France on 23 Oct 1916, serving in 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, less than four months after Lily's birth. Olive went on to re-marry, to John William Gouldthorpe, in 1924 in Barton. He had also served in the Lincolnshire Regiment and had lost two brothers, both Killed in Action in 1916 and 1918.

However the story doesn't end there. I researched Olive's siblings as far as I could. Joshua, her father, had died in 1899 aged 49 and I initially couldn't find any evidence of Martha, his wife and Olive's mother, after their youngest child, Alice's birth in 1898. In 1901 five of the ten children, including a son named Harry, were living in Barrow with their paternal grandmother, the previously mentioned Hannah. Some siblings went similarly into service and apprenticeship as



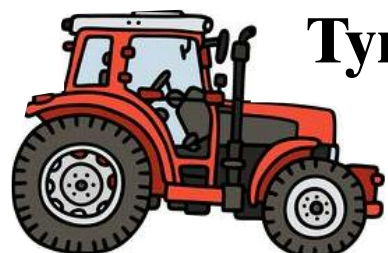
Percy Chappell, killed in action in France, is remembered on his sister's head stone in Barton

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Olive; an older brother, also named Joseph had, by 1911 married, was living in Barrow and had the two youngest siblings Harry and Alice living with his family. It was on this 1911 census that I first saw Harry's full name, Henry Herbert Roberts. It was when I put all this information together that I found his death, Killed in Action on 9 August 1915, serving in 6th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment in Gallipoli, Turkey. The register of soldier's effects states that he was killed 'on or about' 9 August (my interpretation of the file) and that his death is presumed, meaning a body was never recovered. It was here that I found evidence of his mother. She had remarried in 1909 and was living in Broughton with her second husband.

Henry had been living in Ashby at the outbreak of war and enlisted in Grimsby. Lincolnshire Regiment records show that the 6th (Service) Battalion mobilised for war and embarked for Gallipoli from Liverpool via Alexandria and Mudros on 1 July 1915. Between 20 and 30 July 1915 they were at Cape

Helles and on 7 August 1915 they landed at Suvla Bay where they engaged with enemy forces. Troops evacuated from Gallipoli, due to heavy losses from combat, disease and severe weather conditions on 21 December 1915.

Henry is commemorated on the Helles Memorial which holds nearly 21,000 names. It was then that I looked on local memorials and again at an article in the Summer 2014 Gander about the men listed on the World War 1 memorial plaque in Goxhill. A Henry Roberts is listed, but at that time no more information was available. It would seem a strong possibility that this is Henry Herbert Roberts. It would appear that his family in Goxhill wanted to ensure that he was not forgotten.

Henry (Henry Herbert 'Harry') ROBERTS, Private 13547, 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in Action 9 August 1915. Aged 23 years. Born 1892 in Barrow, enlisted in Grimsby, resident of Ashby. Son of late Joshua Roberts and Martha Bower (formerly Roberts). No known grave. Commemorated on HELLES MEMORIAL, Gallipoli, Canakkale, Turkey. In a further twist I was aware of a headstone in Goxhill churchyard which stands to the right as you walk up to church. It commemorates Fanny Martinson (1852-1878), her husband Frederick (1849-1881) and their son David. Frederick Martinson was the son of another David (1819-1896) and this David was the half-brother of Ellen Roberts, nee Martinson, wife of Charles Roberts. David, Frederick and Fanny's son was named after both his



Fanny, Frederick and David Martinson head stone in Goxhill churchyard

grandfathers, his full name being David Alexander. He was an only child, born in 1874. He was aged three when his mother died and six at his father's death. He went on to live with a maternal aunt in Goole where he became a fishmonger. I have found an advert in the Hull Daily Mail in 1908 for the sale of a 'sweet toned mandolin in a leather case' with applications to be made to Martinson, Fish Shop, Newland Avenue, Hull and in the 1911 census he is recorded in Hull, a fish merchant and married with a young daughter. David Alexander Martinson, as

his headstone records, died on 1 May 1918, of the wounds he received fighting in France. He served as a Gunner in the B/150 Brigade Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery. He is buried at Vignacourt British cemetery which is near Amiens in the Somme, France. He is described in the army records as the son of Frederick and Fanny Martinson

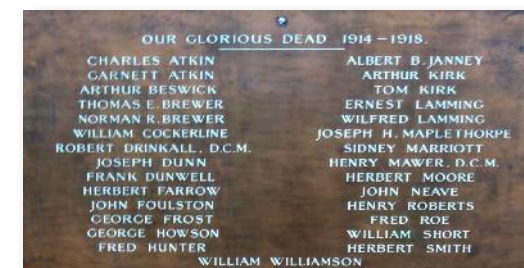
of Goxhill. His army effects and his will both list his maternal aunt, Ann Dinsdale, as his sole executor. His wife and their, now three young children, continued living in Hull where she, in 1920, re-married and went on to have four more children with her second husband. Two of David Alexander's paternal uncles, George and Joseph lived in Goxhill but they were both significant

businessmen in Hull, George a solicitor and Joseph a corn merchant. It seems possible that it was they who added David's memorial to his parent's headstone. Indeed it was George Martinson who went much further than that, gifting the magnificent stained glass window in Goxhill church in the memory of the men of Goxhill who fell in the war. The window was unveiled in January 1920 just two weeks before George's death at his home, New Hall, on Howe Lane.

Elizabeth Fincham



Gunner David Martinson - buried at Vignacourt cemetery



WW1 commemorate plaque at Goxhill Memorial Hall



Stained glass window in All Saints Church, in memory of those from Goxhill who died in WW1, gifted by George Martinson

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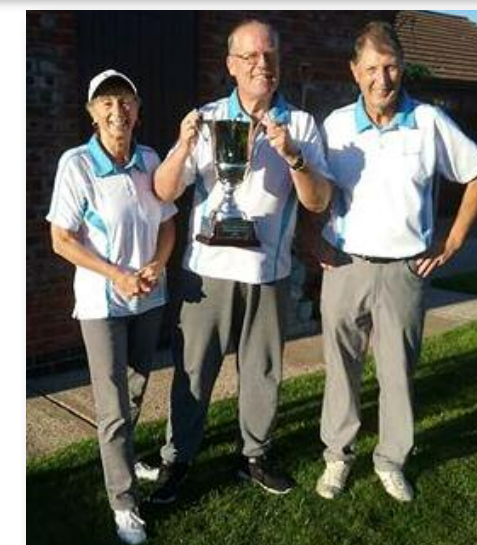
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Stuart and Diana Cooke and Friends would like to thank everyone who came to our Strawberry Tea in August and made it a great success once again. Many thanks also to those who helped or donated in any way. We made a total of **£1765** for Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland LIVES.

We found a Ladies jacket left at the end of the day. Anyone who thinks it might be theirs please ring us on 531038.

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OFF THE HOOF

"What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more." Dr Seuss. How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

It's that time of year again when we start panicking about Christmas.

There are lots of useful things for both horse and rider at:

- Killingholme Animal Feeds, who also have a section with scented candles and unusual gifts.
- Field Farm Feeds are expecting new stock in and don't forget their new upstairs showroom.
- Thomas Bell in Brigg have 10% off from 7th – 10th December and have a vast range of gifts and clothing for everyone.
- If all else fails a gift voucher is always acceptable.

If you are thinking about a Christmas present for your canine friend I urge you to look on the Goxhill Grapevine site which was drawn to my attention. Tess Walsh (dated 19th December 2017) wrote about the white hide dog chews and treats. Reading it I was horrified that in the process of whitening the hide poisons are used. After reading it you might decide to buy your pooch a new collar or ID tag or better still something Hi-Viz.

The importance of Hi-Viz and ID while hacking out has again been highlighted by emergency services, perhaps you have a friend who rides, or walks their dog, who would benefit from something along this line in their Christmas stocking.

After the success of requesting donations for the donkeys in the Gambia I am now on another quest.

Under the arches in Brixton, London there is a riding club called 'Ebony Horse Club' of which the Duchess of Cornwall is the president - www.ebonyhorseclub.org.uk/ It was originally set up using a life size plastic horse to give underprivileged children the opportunity to do something different and learn about horse care. It has now expanded and they have a riding school and take part in a variety of equestrian ventures which otherwise they could not do. The whole scheme is potentially life changing for these inner city youths, but as we know riding clothes are expensive and children out grow them quickly.

I am asking for donations of any out grown boots, jodhpurs' and jackets, or even those discarded because you've got new ones for Christmas! The boots and jodhpurs will be kept by the children but jackets are retained and borrowed on the days of competitions. They buy hats new so it is only the three items I am asking for although, I am sure that, ties and gloves would be useful. Please have a root around and either drop things into me or ring and I will collect.

Congratulations to Kate Jones, nee Johnson, who combined with her horse, Gabriella NG, qualified for the MCI European Dressage Championships and was selected as part of the team to represent GB. At the Iberian Dressage Masters European Championship Kate played her part well and the team attained a silver medal.

Congratulations also to Ros Canter and her horse, Allstar B, who helped secure the individual and team gold for Great Britain at the World Equestrian Games held in Tyron USA in September. Good luck for the 2020 Tokyo

Olympics!

Dog owners will be pleased to hear another 'poo bin' has been requested to be sited at the end of the bridleway on Ruards Lane and it is hoped this will soon be in situ.

Still on the subject of dogs I was pleased to hear laws have been changed and, as I understand it, anyone selling pups for profit is deemed a breeder and is liable to all the rules and regulations as such. Also both parents of the pups must be shown to the buyer. Hopefully it will deter puppy farming.

Just a reminder that all equines must now be micro chipped or face a fine if caught without one.

Having made enquiries with Race Veterinary Surgeons this could be done on a zone visit day, Monday's, at the cost of £21, to be paid when booking. Please note an up to date passport in your name of ownership has to be produced. I have asked about an 'Open Gate Day' where it would be possible to pop in whilst on a hack and have it done for £10. Please ring me to show an interest otherwise it is not worth organising and would be a waste of the vets time.

It is with regret I have to report the passing of Cracker (Irish Cracker). Most local riders will have known him from his competing day's show jumping, working hunter classes, eventing and hunting. A true family horse taking first Sarah and then Catrina Raby and he always gave his best whatever he was asked to do. The type of horse we would all like to own. A glass was raised in true Raby style to toast him with all the family present. He will be sadly missed.

Technology has certainly caught up with the equine industry. Synchronicity is a system which helps develop the partnership between horse and rider. The system technically measures rhythm, contact, consistency and balance. It is too scientific to go into here but it looks absolutely amazing. See www.avansce.com for more information. Did you know that you can now get online courses with an equestrian theme?

<https://academy.nsbts.com/> is a site where you can register and take on line courses such as bit fitting, which is useful to fully understand the workings and especially if a career is involved.

If anyone is interested in Country Music they will have heard of Darren Busby who is the top UK Country artist with 147 awards to his credit and has again been voted artist of the year and album of the year. He has had his photo taken in western dress with my dun mare (Fenimore Golden Gem), wearing an appropriate bridle and this will be the cover of his next album. Obviously I'm over the moon about it.

Following on from my last article, myself and the BHS bridleways officer are trying to organise a meeting with Keigars to discuss the possibility of a bridleway on their new development. So far Keigars have not responded to our request for some dates.

That's all for this edition. *Only leaves me to wish you a good Christmas and a Happy New Year*

Take care – Ride safely. Aileen. 01469 530643

DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING EDITION OF THE GANDER

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LOOKING ON THE POSITIVE SIDE.

As autumn takes over it always reminds me of vegetables and the warmth of casseroles, homemade soups, and the taste and smell of jacket potatoes, simple, basic things, but I think good fresh food reminds you of people, friends and family who you have shared these things with. There's nothing quite like the taste of a small fresh carrot, pulled from the ground to allow the others to develop, washed with whatever clean water is available and eat it there and then in the garden, sweet and crunchy and fresh, picking the last of the runner beans, before removing the plants, popping the first peas from the pod, tastier than any from a packet, or tin. Once I start thinking the list comes flooding back, I learnt so many things in the vegetable patch, as a child, at a time when you really don't realise that you're learning, you do what you are shown at the right time and it becomes natural and enjoyable, and as you later learn, quite rewarding.

We are all concerned, at present about the future of the village, the possible development and what might be lost or destroyed in the future by it, but for a moment look at what we have, and make use of it. I am rambling on about the allotments, we are one of the few local areas who are lucky enough to have this facility and we should appreciate them, and use them. Every year a group of holders, keen gardeners, grow their own supplies of vegetables and fruit, that is not only the best food available but one of the best forms of exercise, fresh air, a good workout, and instead of costing a large monetary figure for membership at the Gym, you pay a small fee, get a smaller figure, clothes size, and very large rewards.

Each year there are vacancies at the allotment site, located not far from the rear of the school, just off the Ramper, the plots can be divided into two, not so large as to be intimidating, but plenty of room to grow a good supply from. For people who have never grown their own vegetables there will always be experienced gardeners around to offer advice. Why not make this a New Year project and make

use of the benefits of living here, take the children along and teach them in a fun and practical way, where their food comes from. Surely it is a more positive use of energy, and a good way of appreciating, and using one of the opportunities that our village offers, not forever decrying it.

Playing field Some wind damage to the trees alongside the dyke, but not dangerous, the pruning carried out earlier in the year prevented any serious problems.

It would be nice if people would keep their dogs under control, but a minority seem to think that the signs do not apply to them.

Cemetery Sadly we have lost our very capable contractor, due to illness, we wish him well, and thank him sincerely for all his help and hard work during the clearing, and first maintenance of the rear land, after the new layout. A temporary arrangement has been put in place and a new contractor will be appointed as soon as possible.

Library Still going strong thanks to our valued volunteers, if anyone wants to help just contact any member of the Parish Council. You would be very welcome and it can be rewarding.

Millennium Green The green is looking fantastic at present, and it's great to see so many people using it. In the future it would be nice to have one or two more seats, but let's wait and see if the ones we still have survive the odd vandal. How anyone gets enjoyment out of destruction in these days, I'll never understand, I thought, and hoped that the days of idiotic behaviour had long gone.

Memorial Hall Swinging at the moment, in the nicest possible way! It is very busy with shows, regular activities, and the popular Pop Up Pub. A great amount of effort has been put in to the organisation and it has been good to see the support.

Freda Dunkley

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Having more volunteers not only allows the provision of better coverage but spreads the load and makes it easier for people to fit being a responder into their own personal circumstances.

LIVES estimates that on average 60 people a day are attended by its volunteers and that 1 in 6 people of Lincolnshire have been helped since the year 2000. Find out more from the website <https://lives.org.uk/> or contact Damian Connolly, branch co-ordinator; email connolly.dam@gmail.com or telephone 530656 or 07802710065.

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Please phone **David Witter on 01652 632675**, or **Peter Kipling on 01652 633683** 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** or **Peter Kipling on 01652 633683** by December 11th, so that a member can contact you to make the delivery arrangements.

Around 110 vintage motorcycles,

with their riders dressed for the part, set off from the Old Tile Works in Barton, taking part in the **Distinguished Gentleman's Ride**, which finished at City Square in Hull. The event was organised by Hull Rotary Club, assisted by Barton Rotary Club and was raising awareness of Prostate Cancer and mens mental wellbeing. Riders toured around Barton before crossing the Humber Bridge to the North Bank

One hundred thousand riders took part, throughout the world, in 98 countries, on the same day, which also raised money for Prostate Cancer research through sponsorship. £8834.00 was raised locally.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN

Hello Again, it's been a while since you heard from Barrow Meridian Rotary Club, but we are still here, giving service and raising funds for charities, both local, national and international.

We have now said goodbye to outgoing President Jayne Finnis 2017 /2018. Thank you for your leadership and hard work over your year, as President. Jayne chose Headway [the Brain Injury Association] for her year. She raised funds with Husband Colin, hosting a party at their home for

Halloween, with family, friends and Rotarians. And pulled off an act of daring, with friend Helen, leaping from a plane at Hibaldstow Skydive, from which Headway benefitted from a healthy donation, in excess of £3000 in total.

We welcome Paul Shuker, President for 2018 /2019. Paul has chosen for his charity of choice, Aaron's Battle. Sadly, as some will know Aaron lost his fight against an aggressive

cancer but Paul will continue to focus his efforts on fundraising for Aaron's Legacy, over his coming year.

The club in general receives requests for funding support and throughout the Rotary year, volunteer, plan, action and host various projects which raises the funds required. The club have gifted many donations some of which are local; ie Andy's Hospice, Grimsby; Goxhill Primary School; Goxhill Memorial Hall; Goxhill Playgroup, Barrow Village

Hall and Aaron's Battle to list a few. The members agree at meetings, who or where the money raised goes to. They agreed this year to donate for a shelter box for disasters, they also sponsor five children into schooling and supported a village to the tune of £500 to Days for Girls. These three pledges being overseas.

Barrow Meridian Rotary Club has had three successful car boot sales in 2018, due to the fine weather and hard work of Rotarians and friends; an Easter Egg hunt [new event]; Humber Bridge Walk; Wobbly Wheelers event and are looking forward to Santa's Sleigh outings and the Rotary Christmas Fair 2018, December 8th.

Please remember the Barrow Meridian Rotary Club is serving the villages of Barrow upon Humber and Barrow Haven; Goxhill; East Halton; New Holland; Thornton Curtis; Wootton. The club members are always happy to welcome new people to their group especially from villages, other than Barrow.

So if you're interested please pop along and meet us, the third Wednesday's in each month at Barrow Sport's and Fitness Centre, Thorngarth Lane, Barrow upon Humber or you can facebook message us.

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubBarrowMeridian/>
We would love to see you.

Calendar of Events for year 2018/2019

2nd December Santa Sleigh outings, school/group visits [for a period of two weeks, see postings on our facebook page]

8th December Christmas Fair - Barrow Market Square

TBC April Easter Egg Hunt

5th May Car boot

26th May Car boot

14th July Wobbly Wheelers

25th August Car boot

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Squash club night

Saturday 4pm

Just turn up and play. Beginners welcome

Quiz Night every Sunday 9pm start

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