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Why is there a GOLDEN GOOSE on the front cover?

Is it the Golden anniversary of the Gander? Not quite, it is in its 35th year. Is it because it is the 138th issue of the Gander? Really? Actually it is because this is my 50th issue editing the Gander!!!!!!

Despite all the pleas for help to edit the Gander, I am still here. I will keep going as long as I can, but without someone else in the wings, able to step up and take over if I cannot continue, then that could be the end of the Gander! Is that what you want? The Gander is a highly successful village newsletter. But that is not down to me, it is because, long before I became editor, it was established as a vital village voice. I quote from this extract written by Alan Gould, one of the founding pioneers, printed in the 20th anniversary issue.

"How THE GANDER was born.

In the Spring of 1987, Goxhill was abuzz with speculation, residents were looking forward to being able to vote for the first time in 12 years, at their Parish Council Election, with no less than 18 candidates to choose from, many would become new Councillors if elected.

Interest in the election had been heightened by the distribution to every household of a joint manifesto for all candidates, arranged by Pip Teasdale. That historic sheet, carried a short statement by each candidate. It also had an invitation to anyone interested in forming a regular village newsletter to attend a meeting in the Parish Rooms. The election statement had the dual effect of attracting a record number of votes for the new Parish Council, and just as importantly resulted in the formation of the Goxhill Community Newsletter Group with responsibility to produce Goxhill's own newspaper.

Their first task was to find a name for the publication. Eventually 'THE GANDER' was chosen at Alan Gould's suggestion, based on his entirely erroneous belief that the word 'Goxhill' had evolved from an earlier name of 'Goose Hill'. Later it was pointed out that an early Saxon name for this village had been 'Gouzle', but by then the paper had been named 'THE GANDER'.

A number of cardinal principles were laid down for THE GANDER. It was to be a quarterly newsletter; it would be delivered free to every dwelling in the parish; it would be financed by the advertisements it carried; it would be open for any resident or voluntary group to participate in; it would be owned by the village residents; it would be free and independent of any financial, political or statutory bodies and it would hold AGMs; these principles have held to this day and have served THE GANDER well.

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By September of 1987, the Gander Group were ready to issue the first edition of Goxhill's own newspaper. At that time the Editor was Laurence Boxer, Carol Thornton was advertising manager and Alan Gould was Secretary, Michael O'Leary followed shortly as Treasurer. Ten A4 pages were typed onto duplicator wax skins and 600 copies were rolled off on Alan's ancient Roneo duplicator, and manually collated and assembled by a whole team of helpers.

A squawking chick had been hatched, to grow and to thrive and to serve us all."

35 years later, with my 50th edition, Goxhill can rightly be proud of its journalistic achievement. The advertisers, the authors of articles, the deliverers, and the various selfless group workers have all made their individual and collective contributions. So many have been contributing to the Gander for many more years than I have. They are all what makes it continue to be so successful. The Gander has grown from that original 10 pages to 32 when I became editor and is now a huge 48 pages. Not so much a newsletter as a magazine. This village is a better place for that, and long may it continue. Thank goodness computer technology makes putting together all those pages a much more profes-

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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

Joy to the world – including bats!

Christmas was coming and the bats of Goxhill church were as excited at the prospect as anybody else. A group of them were hanging around one evening, discussing the important subject of Presents. The younger bats were particularly excited about them, although Hubert's perpetually gippy tummy was playing up again and he wasn't feeling exactly cheerful.

"Cheer up, Hubert", said Arthur, "you've increased production no end this week. I'll bet the vicar will have a lovely surprise when she sees the state of the pulpit. Fancy a chocolate?"

Hubert groaned and the results were not pleasant.

"It's always cold in here" said Digby. "What I'd like in my Christmas stocking is a nice warm bobble hat".

"Oh very useful!" said Humphrey, caustically. "Just what what's needed for a person who spends most of their life upside down"

Digby looked deflated but mutinous. "It could have an elastic chin strap", he said.

"Well, according to the bunch of humans who make free in our home every week, Christmas isn't supposed to be just about presents", remarked Felix. "it seems it's about that crib thing down there."

"Rubbish!" scoffed Humphrey, "There's nobody in it for a start".

"Ah, but that's the point. There will be Somebody in it on Christmas Eve and it's only because of Him that we give presents because He was God's present to the world".

The bats surveyed the waiting crib with renewed interest.

"Well," said Digby, "he must be pretty special if he can even make humans try to be kind to each other for a few days every year. Pity they always sing when they're happy though", he added, remembering previous enthusiastic contributions at carol services.

Arthur grinned

"Just for once the humans may have a point", he said. "If the Baby due to be in the crib is a good reason for them to give presents, there's no reason why bats should be left out. Let's join in. Come on Hubert. Life isn't all bad. What would you like for Christmas?"

At that moment, Hubert's stomach gave a particularly convulsive twist, with a most unfortunate consequence. Hubert spluttered and shook his head.

"Ear plugs" he said, morosely.

The congregation and the bats at All Saints wish everybody a very merry Christmas. There will be a carol service at 7pm on Friday 17th December and a Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. Please do feel free to come and sing as loudly as you like – whatever the bats may say about it.

Revd. Liz

Christmas	Sunday	12th	December	6pm	Christingle	at All Saints Church.
Services	Friday	17th	December	7pm	Carol Service	at All Saints Church, followed by seasonal refreshments.
2021200	Sunday	19th	December	3pm	Carol Service	at Goxhill Methodist Church.
	Friday	24th	December	4pm	Crib Service	at the Methodist Church
	Friday	24th	December	11.30pm	Midnight Servi	ce at All Saints Church.
	Christmas Day 10am		Holy Communi	on at Holy Trinity Barrow		

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends

I wonder when you started preparing for Christmas this year? I know that Christmas preparations seem to start earlier and earlier each year and certainly in the business world preparations for the next Christmas begin as soon as the previous one is over. For myself, I try to be in denial for as long as possible but even I do have to start preparing for Christmas eventually!

In the Christian Calendar we have a special time of preparation for Christmas known as Advent. This begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and is often marked in church services by lighting a different candle in an Advent Ring each week, culminating on Christmas Day when the white centre candle, symbolising the birth of Jesus, is lit. The four candles in the ring remind us of two things: first of all, that God prepared for Christmas over many centuries. The various books of the Bible were written to tell people about God's love for the world and to give them his laws. Over the centuries God sent different men called prophets to remind people how he wanted them to live. Nearer to the time when Jesus was born John the Baptist was sent to call people to change their lives so that they would be ready for Jesus. Finally, God prepared a young woman called Mary to be the mother of his Son.

But Advent is also a time for us to prepare ourselves so that we are ready to welcome Jesus as well. This may mean taking some time out of a busy day to think about things that are really important to us. Maybe some time to reflect on the things that we can change about our lives to make them better. Possibly time to think about what we can do to help other people, particularly those who are vulnerable or lonely.

I hope your Christmas preparations go well and that you find Advent this year especially meaningful. Best wishes, Sally





NOTICE BOARD

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

I think at this time last year we were all hoping that this Christmas we would be back to normal. Sadly, we are not quite there yet. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Quiz Night as teams had to pull out for Covid related reasons. As I write this Covid is still on the rise and there are rumblings about the Government's plan B being brought into place. With all this in mind we have made the decision to cancel the Christmas Bingo. We know this will be disappointing to many of you, but with the number of people who come to the bingo we feel it wouldn't be sensible to go ahead. Our hope is that we will be able to hold the Easter Egg Bingo next year.

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December 1pm -3.30pm There will be a Cake stall, Tombola, a Knit and Natter craft stall and Refreshments. As well as Christmas Trees from various companies and organisations, there will be our usual memory tree on which you can leave memories of your loved one. Admission is free

Christmas Services

Christingle Sunday 12th December 6pm at All Saints Church. Friday 17th December 7pm at **Carol Service**

All Saints Church, followed by

seasonal refreshments. Sunday 19th December 3pm

Carol Service Carol Service at Goxhill

Methodist Church.

Friday 24th December 4pm at **Crib Service** Goxhill Methodist Church.

Midnight Service 24th December 11.30pm at

All Saints Church.

Holy Communion Christmas Day 10am at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow.

Pop In

Our first Pop In of the New Year will be on Saturday 15th of January 10am to 12 noon in the Chapel Schoolroom.

Saturday 19th Feb and on the third Sunday of the month. (Occasionally we do have to change the date, so see the notice boards).

Needless to say that all events are subject to any Covid restrictions.

On behalf of Churches Together in Goxhill we would like to wish you all the Joy and Peace of the Christmas Śeason and a Happy New Year.

Sandra 530065

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Thank you

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Goxhill WI would like to thank all villagers who contributed to

the wonderful baking displayed and consumed at our

Macmillan Coffee morning. Also, a big thankyou if you attended and for your generous donations It was a great success, raising £801.50, a significant increase on last year.



Women's Aid

The buzz of conversation, the clattering of cups and saucers, the display of gorgeous cakes – another WI event. This time for the benefit of Women's Aid.



As usual Goxhill villagers turned up to support with bags and boxes of clothing, bric a brac and loads of toys (some ticking!)

It was a happy occasion and will result in a large

donation for one of our favourite causes.

Thankyou everyone

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Since the previous issue of the Gander our winners (drawn at the AGM of Goxhill SMB Club in Goxhill Memorial Hall) were:

August 2021

Rosemarie Guggiari	£19
Marjorie Frobisher	£19
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Michael Parker	£19
Geoffrey Altoft	£19
erly Jackpot	
Kim Parker	£125
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The first of the next series of draws will be included in the next issue.

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

A Goxhill 200 Club subscription is £10 a year, running from October to September inclusive. That buys you 40 chances of winning in the form of 3 prizes every month plus quarterly jackpots.

If you would like to join the 200 Club then email goxhill.200club@gmail.com or telephone 530363 and we will arrange to contact you when we are beginning a fresh lottery year. Payments by cash, cheque or bank transfer are all possible.

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Rosemarie Guggiari

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A massive THANK YOU to every entrant to next years calendar. We could not produce this without your interest and support.

Once again the voting proved difficult as there were so many photos of high standard.

A shame we could not use more than those required for the calendar but hope you like those that were voted for.

The Goxhill Calendar would not be possible without the input of Jeff Teasdale's professional approach to detail and Ferne Carmichael's administrative work. Huge thanks to you both. We are pleased to announce the

winner of the Front Cover is

Dominique Driver with her painting of Goxhill Railway Station

and the Junior prize goes to Albie Shephardson for his photo of a butterfly.

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This issue has come too early to summarize our last course, "The Manor of Healing" in October/November. I will write a follow up in the next Missing Link/Goxhill Gander. Looking ahead, commencing on 24th January 2022, the next course will be "Brick and Tile Making" at Barrow Haven with Philip Foster as our speaker. This will be followed in September with the "Diary of Mary Jane Dannatt" 1858 to 1866, a young girl from Barrow Haven and a wellknown local family. As always, the group will meet in the Vicar's Room at 7.30 pm each night.

The Group is receiving sales monies from the recent publication of "More Barrow Jottings". Following the recent closure of Humberside Clock Repair Shop, "Goosemans" have kindly taken over as the local outlet for sales of this book as well as the previous "Dora Borrills Jottings". The books are also available at Waters Edge in Barton and the Brigg Tourist Office. Other than that, you may contact any member of the team/Group should you wish to add them to your Christmas list.

Should anyone be interested in any course they can contact myself on 01652 653066, a committee member or turn up on the first evening. I will continue to publish reviews via Missing Link/Goxhill Gander. It just leaves me to thank the Missing Link/Goxhill Gander, current and future members for their support. Finally could we hope for a near normal Christmas for which I extend the Groups good wishes to all readers and contributors. Any queries can be answered by contacting Secretary Neil Wilkyn on 01652 688741 or myself on 01652 653066.

Trevor Cherry (Chairman)

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Poppy Appeal coffee morning and raising £340 for the charity. Appreciation is sent to the ladies of the Friends of All Saints Church and the Methodist Chapel for all their help in achieving this successful amount. Penny Carnell and Heather Dobinson.

(See the article on the Poppy Appeal on page 21)





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NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment

Autumn at Ropery Hall

What better way to start the New Year than at Barton's Ropery Hall that is putting on a packed programme of music, comedy and

Returning to the Maltkiln Road venue are favourites such as Martin Joseph, lain Matthews of Matthews Southern Comfort, and Toyah Wilcox. Some, such as songstress Chantal McGregor, have been rescheduled due to Covid while others, including Peggy Seeger, the undisputed queen of folk and political song, and folk group Mishra, are appearing for the first time.

Comedy is here in abundance including former Humberside police cop turned comedian Alfie Moore with his brand new hilarious, interactive preview ahead of recording the seventh series of his critically

acclaimed BBC Radio 4 comedy show 'It's a Fair Cop'.

There's also the return of Simon Evans and the end of the month Barnstormers Comedy Club which sees up-and-coming comedians provide an evening of top flight comedy and hone their craft.

Theatre lovers are well provided for in the winter programme with shows that includes Frankie Howerd coming under the spotlight in Mark Farrelly's Howerd's **End**. Mark has also directed another production. Testament of Yootha, that sees actor/writer Caroline **Burns Cooke** bring to life glamorous sitcom legend Yootha Joyce from her birth on Wandsworth Common through her theatrical and sitcom career to her alcoholism and death at the age of 53.

Although all restrictions have been lifted Ropery Hall is still operating a cautious approach and advising patrons to wear a mask in congested areas. A new air-circulation system has been installed and audience numbers are kept below normal capacity.



Ghost Walk

If you missed the Halloween Ghost Walk, don't worry - there are 4 more dates this season! Join us on the last

Friday of November, January, February or March - if you dare! There are new characters and new spooky effects this year, so even if you've been before you'll see something new if you come again. All walks start from Baysgarth House Museum at 7.30pm prompt and all tickets cost £5 per person. The walk lasts approximately 75 minutes and we recommend you wear stout shoes and bring a friend! Tickets can be bought in advance from our website www.sbplayers.co.uk or on the night. We recommend booking in advance as we will be limiting numbers to 50 people per walk this year.

Pantomime

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our proposed pantomime due to our venue undergoing renovations. We hope to return to performing there as soon as possible, but at present we are not sure when this will be. **Murder Mystery**

In the meantime we plan to work on a Murder Mystery that we can take to various venues. If you're looking for a fun fundraising event perhaps we could come and perform it for you - get in touch if you would like to book us.

Junior Group

We are keen to get our Junior group going again and our first project will be the Walking Nativity trial in Barton on **27th November** (time TBC). We would love to hear from any children who would like to get involved in this.

New members

New members are always welcome - we need people who would like to help out backstage or front of house, as well as actors! Contact us via our website

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dressed Elvis HELLO HELLO with Rene and cast from the café and escape plot

AL CAPRAWN with the mob/gangsters/ Bonnie & Clyde/Ma Baker

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NOTICE BOARD - Goxhill Memorial Hall

Another three months have flown by since the last issue of the Gander and as the nights draw in, the committee is busy working on the hall's activities for next year, hoping that COVID will play a much reduced role in the events we have planned.

The weekly physical activities held at the hall, and proving so popular with our residents, include Tai Chi, Pilates, Martial Arts and Short Mat Bowls. These will be joined by Yoga in December. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, activities that range from gentle exercise for older joints to martial arts for tiny tots, check out the times and contact details on our events calendar web page.

https://ann24239.wixsite.com/goxhillmemorialhall/event-calendar

After the 4th December's (Saturday) Craft Fair and the Christmas Pop Up Pubs (see posters for details) the vear culminates with our booked-out New Years Eve pub night with Scrap Yard Dogs. (collect tickets from PUP table at Craft Fair).

The tiling in the kitchen and the fitting of new carpets in the hall's side wings should be finished before the end of January 2022, completing a full year of repairs and replacements that will hopefully see the Memorial Hall set fair for a good few years to come.

We expect the Spring Craft Fair (Sunday Mar 27th) to be followed by the deferred VE day celebrations (Apr 29th to May 2nd, Fri- Mon). The PUP will be open over these four days, but the highlight of the weekend will be a 10 piece Swing Band playing its heart out on Saturday night (Apr 30th). Profits for the British Legion.

The 2022 Platinum Jubilee Celebration starts on the evening of Thursday June 2nd with bonfires being lit all around the country. The PUP will be open over that long weekend, with the WI putting on a Tea Dance on the Saturday (4th June) and the PUP holding a Royal Quiz on the Sunday (5th June).

We are also planning several **Live Lincs** performances during the next 8 months, including musical performances and plays (see Goxhill Grapevine and posters for dates and times).

As an aside, we are also considering setting up a Film Club, so do contact us and let us know what films you would like us to put on (see below for separate article on the proposed Film Club).

Ann Carter, Chair Goxhill Memorial Hall Committee, Phone 530635 or email goxhillmemorialhall@gmail.com

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

Parent and Toddlers (9-11.30am)

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Tues: Pilates (10-11am), Martial Arts (4-8pm)

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Yoga, which starts Dec 9th (7-8pm)

Short Mat Bowls (10-12am) Fri:

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

Dec 4th (Saturday) - Christmas Craft Fair

Dec 31st (Friday) -NYE Pop Up Pub Mar 27th (Sunday) - Spring Craft Fair

Apr 29 - May 2nd (Fri-Mon) -PUP VE Day Celebrations

Apr 30th (Saturday) -Swing Band PUP

June 2nd - June 5th (Thurs-Mon) - Platinum Jubilee PUP

June 4th (Saturday) - WI Tea Dance

Update for Goxhill Film Fans

Many of you may remember fondly when we were screening films at Goxhill Memorial Hall (GMH). We showed 16 films over an 18 months period under the FilmLincs scheme of North Lincolnshire Council. Unfortunately that ended in March 2018 with the Death

of Stalin (the film, not the dictator, who died in March 1953). Without National Lottery funding and with NLC reducing its budget for arts development, FilmLincs sadly came to an abrupt end.

At that time I looked into various alternatives, including paying NLC for hire of their equipment and buying the film licences directly. Unfortunately the economics would

not work without at least doubling our average audience. When I discovered NLC had simply put their cinema equipment into storage, I tried persuading them to let us store it (and use for free) in Goxhill but that stalled after their Arts Development Officer left for another job.

So why mention this now? Well, a couple of things have happened. NLC have appointed a new Arts Development Officer and there seems a possibility that funding may become available to re-launch FilmLincs next year. At the same time, through another contact, we have an offer of a back-projector, and possibly some

other cinema equipment, that has been in storage after a similar rural cinema scheme in another area ceased some years back. There's bound to be some up-front investment needed for missing, worn or damaged items but cinema in Goxhill is currently looking more of a

possibility.

If the NLC FilmLincs scheme is revived, and runs on a similar subsidized basis to previously, we would be able to advertise and screen films with the audience just turning up and paying on the night. If we have to go it alone then the licensing for each film would become more of an issue as screening licences cost £100 per film

even running on a non-profit basis. One suggestion to provide a financial foundation for cinema is to set up a Film Club with an annual membership fee which would allow members to see all the films shown that year (say

Would that be of interest to you? How much would you be happy to pay? Any other suggestions about how it could work? We are open to ideas and help so it would be great to hear from you by emailing gmh.cio@btinternet.com or contacting a GMH trustee. Thanks in advance. John Guggiari

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Our recent summer season of lawn bowling turned out to be pleasingly similar to previous years despite our initial fears. The leagues began a few weeks late, with matches consequently compressed into fewer weeks, but overall it was an oasis of normality. We missed out on running all of our Club competitions but managed to fit a few in during the first ten days of September when the weather took a turn for the better after a poor August.

Our first season in the Scunthorpe & District Bowls League meant we joined their lowest Division 4 which we won and thus gain promotion for next year. We were pleased to also win that league's Eland Trophy, especially as it is competed for by teams from all four divisions. In the Premier Division of the Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Bowls League we achieved 4th place but were only one point behind 3rd and five points behind 2nd place. We took 4th spot in the Barnetby & District Bowling League too but had the consolation of winning that league's Shield knockout competition.

Next season will see us joining the mixed league of North Lincolnshire Bowls Triples Leagues. They bowl a variant that follows very slightly different rules and brings different demands on bowlers. It often appeals to new bowlers, as you get to use an extra bowl, but that means there are 18 bowls, instead of 12, in play on each rink. By adding the extra matches for another league it is our intention to attract and retain more bowlers so that the Club can thrive for many years to come. Thanks to everyone who has come along to watch us bowling in Goxhill this year and we trust that you have enjoyed our facilities for spectators at a time when socializing indoors has been rather difficult. We welcome both new bowlers and spectators and hope to see more of you during the 2022 season.

To try lawn bowling for yourself next year, just get in touch via our website at http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com or call me on 530363. It is suitable for all ages, abilities and fitness levels. All you need to start is a pair of flat-soled shoes that will not damage the green (still less than £25 on Amazon or eBay for a basic pair). Everything else is available to borrow free from the Club for a current annual adult subscription of £20 for social bowling or £40 for league bowling too.

John Guggiari



News from Goxhill Methodist Chapel

Across Methodism over the past few years there have been discussions of deep subjects under the heading God in Love Unites Us. The main issue at stake was whether chapels should make themselves available for same-sex weddings. There are very strong opinions, with people on both sides of the debate believing they have Biblical authority for their position. The subject came before Goxhill Methodist's church council in September and I was – still am – delighted to say we unanimously voted to apply for a licence to host same-sex weddings. The message that came out loud and clear was that everybody is welcome at the chapel.

The message from our members is that nobody will be turned away because of race, sexuality or background, and that's for a Sunday service, a baptism, wedding, funeral, or any of the services and events we host. I can especially encourage you to pop in on the third Saturday morning of each month for a bacon sandwich and a cup of tea, as our

declaration that we are united by so much more than sets us apart covers everything we do.

The most uniting time for every man, woman and child is, of course, Christmas. For the last few years we have worked with our Anglican friends to make sure there are services that everyone is able to attend at this most important time of year. Knowing that many of you might not feel able to attend the church's carol service on the evening of Friday 17 December, we host ours at 3pm on Sunday 19 December, led by new superintendent minister Revd Sally Long. Come and join with us to sing favourite Christmas carols. And we are really pleased the Christmas Eve Crib Service led by Sandra Smith returns after a year off due to the pandemic. A real multi-generation family occasion, the Crib Service is a highlight of Christmas for all there at 4pm when the shopping is done and we can celebrate together the real reason for the season.

Adam Ellis

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GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Protecting Our Assets

During recent years the village has seen several new developments, both large and small, and as we know there are several more on the way. New residents are always very welcome, but each time we have a new build we of course lose a small part of our nature. It is very important, therefore, that we try to keep a balance either by protecting what we have, or replacing. Both these options come with enormous difficulties.

I have written about our tree lined roads on several occasions and our village is known for its beautiful spring show, regularly we see people stop their cars and get out with their cameras, however, we have already had so many losses and if care is not taken, we will lose more. North Lincolnshire Highways "own" the verges and therefor have

taken ownership, and complete control of the trees, which as we know were donated to the village many years ago by very generous residents. Surely we have a serious responsibility to protect them. North Lincolnshire council are adamant that we cannot do anything. In these days when we are encouraged by environmentalists to plant more trees, some no more than 2ft high. In fact in recent years we have planted well over two hundred trees, large and small, in different parts of the village, and there will be more. It is surely criminal to destroy mature trees, nature balances old against new and planting can adequately deal

with this, but unnecessary destruction should not be allowed. We have been holding discussions with Highways but without their agreement we have little hope of protecting anything. A couple of years ago I temporarily prevented the felling of trees by standing in the way of the workers who had been instructed to do the job, I made a nuisance of myself and they went away, but early the next day they returned, and the job was done before mid-morning. On enquiry I was told that they were diseased, on inspection of the trunks there was no problem to be found. I believe that everyone should be aware of what is happening and how very difficult it is to do anything about it. Pressure should be put on North Lincolnshire Council, Highways and on the Planning Department to protect what is there, or if removal is absolutely necessary, add new planting to all new developements. They have taken the responsibility, therefore, they should now use it properly.

In the centre of Scunthorpe, outside the Council offices a large area has been redesigned and planted, it is beautiful,

there is no doubt, but all we need is a small proportion of what they have done, or spent there.

On a different and more positive note, it is hoped that soon new speed signs will be erected on the approach roads into the village, and that when they are, "some" drivers will be more considerate. This is a good result after all the efforts of the Speed Watch team.

Playing field Two swings have had to be removed to await new seats. These were tied back for safety reasons but continually and irresponsibly cut free, so there was no alternative. The obstacle trail has been repaired and is now complete again. We are still waiting for the contractors to repair the small cracks in the surface of the Skate park, but this is being chased up.

The bench seats have been re fixed in position, they are fixed for safety reasons, and hopefully this time they will be left in position. Vandalism costs money. Your money.

Cemetery. Repairs are needed to the small building, some roof slates have slipped, and the wooden door needs either serious repairs, or renewal. Two sections of the footpath need levelling to prevent trips. All these items should be dealt with before December.

Library. Open two days a week, Monday
3.30pm-6pm and Wednesday 2pm-5pm, with a
great selection of books. If you can't find what
you are looking for you can request it. Children
are of course always welcome and it is a good

idea to get them used to using libraries, at an early age. Christmas; closed 23rd December and re-opening on 5th January 2022.

Millennium Green In very good order, the new planting is alive and well and will be added to in the very near future. It is great to see the Green so well used, I thought that the increase may have been due to the pandemic, but it has continued. One of the seats has been moved to the rear tree area, and has been damaged, if people want seating in a different spot ok, but don't damage It, or move it so that others cannot use it. It's either selfish or plain vandalism.

Freda Dunkley

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GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL BYE ELECTION on Thursday 2nd December 2021

A bye-election has been requested for the vacant Parish Councillor position. This is done by a parishioner in Goxhill, gathering 10 signatures and making a formal request to North Lincolnshire Council. It appears that there are three people, to date, who have put themselves forward for the position. However we won't have names until after the deadline, so we are unable to publish any information about the candidates.

The election will be held on Thursday 2nd December 2021, 7am to 10pm in the Memorial Hall.

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The Tommy at the Howe Lane junction and one of many poppies organised by Sean Ashton.

Poppy Appeal I took over from Linda Broughton who had done a great job. I simply wanted to inject some new energy into the Poppy Appeal in Goxhill and I wanted to engage the community further with the Poppy Appeal & what it is all about. Especially as this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Poppy Appeal.

I have run the Poppy Appeal in Barton for 5 years & the amount that has been collected there has doubled, which is amazing.

The council paid for a portion of the lamppost poppies in Barton & the community paid for the rest. They were initially for the 75th anniversary of VE Day but proved very popular. They raised around £500 alone.

I also ordered 3 Tommy silhouettes for Barton expecting an easy path the leave them up, but it took 2 years to finally get planning permission. The silhouettes were paid for by Huteson's, the planning permission paid for by Keigar & Barton Town council did all the paperwork.

Goxhill parish council members had seen them in Barton & expressed an interest in the Tommies, but sadly they didn't have the funds. So I went out to the community & so far, they have raised £400 for the RBL with a single donation of £100 from Field Farm Feeds.

I have placed a Tommy silhouette on Howe Lane which I hope can stay there permanently, but that is up to the local parish council, if they want to keep him there. He is not in the best of condition as he has been weather damaged but I think the local community enjoy seeing him. The lamp post poppies look great, which I hope you agree with.

The current total for the Poppy Appeal for Goxhill & New Holland stands at £2243.58 which is a record for the area. This includes £413 contributed by residents for the lamp post poppies

Thank you for your support. Sean Ashton - Poppy Appeal organiser for Barton, Goxhill & New Holland

GOXHILL

Another Tommy at the Doctor's Surgery and a welcome to Goxhill organised by Aileen Hanlon-Bennett.

It is good to see so many houses in the village with their own Remembrance tributes to our fallen heroes.

The WINNER of the Short Award 2021.

Sadly there was a low number of responses to this year's Goxhill's Community Award, sponsored by the Gander. Nomination forms were collected from the School, Library, Co-op, Scissor Box, Shawbriggs, the Chippie and online. At their Meeting on 16th November, the Gander Committee reviewed the entries.



Sam with volunteer helper Peter Cain.

The villager/s with the most nominations and glowing praises from the nominators, are Sam & Lucy England. 'Their dedication and initiative to set up the Pop up Pub. What a great event to bring the community together. Just what the village needs. The Pop up Pub is fabulous & much needed in Goxhill.' were some of the reasons given.

Through the Pop up Pub they have raised over £17k for the Memorial Hall, plus over £2k for other charities.

Sam said that "We are very flattered to be nominated for the Short Award. But we are only the face of the Pop up Pub and couldn't do it without the ongoing support of the Memorial Hall Trustees, all the volunteers who help behind the bar, collect glasses, wash up etc. above all, the many villagers

and families who come along to enjoy it. We are also very grateful for the support from so many of the local businesses". Sam added, "It shows how much Goxhill should have it's own pub back".

They will be presented with a £50 gift voucher and a certificate of thanks, plus their names will be added to the distinguished list in the Memorial Hall.

It was a very close contest with Aileen Hanlon-Bennett and Alyson O'Leary a very close joint second place. The other residents nominated were (in no particular order) - Ann Carter, Stuart & Diana Cooke, Jack Lawtey, Craig Mason, Sheila Robinson, Tony Ruddy, Janet Shephardson and Christine Waldron. All would have been worthy winners in their own way, perhaps they will be in the future. Thank you to all who do good things for the village, however large or small.

Thank you to those who made nominations, but please make sure more of you do next year. It is important to show how much you appreciate these contributions to our community life.







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Winter's Pond, East Halton

My first ever Two-barred Warbler

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A compilation of the last few visits to the local patch, with some great birding. The following are the highlights.

Sunday 19th September Good counts included large numbers of Mallard, Greylags, Icelandic Black-tailed Godwits, Gadwall, Wigeon, Tufted Duck and the 2 Great-crested Grebes still present. A watch from the floodbank, in front of Winter's, saw further large numbers of Gulls including Black-headed Gulls. In amongst these were 2 smart 1st Winter Med Gulls. Others seen from my vantage point included Common Scoter and a flock of Pintail moving north along the estuary.

On the nearby fields, the sight of a Doe Roe Deer and her 2 fawns made for lovely viewing.

Saturday 25th September A cracking visit today in nice weather resulted in some great birds seen, including my first Pink-footed Geese of the autumn. To say I was pleased to see the Pinks was an understatement and I look forward to the coming months watching these beautiful Geese. In all a total of 2206 birds were noted during the day including a flock of at least 500 birds feeding on stubble adjacent to the mitigation area.

Winter's had some welcome variety, with another first autumn record, a single female/juvenile Goldeneye, which had tagged onto the Tuftie flock. Other species on here included Greylag, Pintail, Mallard, Shoveler, Little Grebe and 2 Little Egret. In the bushes, the best went to a Chiffie and a singing male Cetti's Warbler.

A walk along the Humber bank to the Skitter, saw a gorgeous juvenile Whimbrel, with a Wheatear, another singing male Cetti's Warbler, Chiffchaff and 65 Goldfinch.

The Skitter area was also fairly productive today, with a single Common Sandpiper, 4 Little Egrets, 2 Avocet and another Chiffie being noted along with Icelandic Black-tailed Godwits.

As I walked towards Ruins Pond, I saw a juvenile Hobby hawking Dragonflies. Getting anywhere near its perch was another matter, but in flight it showed superbly. Also along this section up to Dawson City, were Golden Plover, another 2 singing male Cetti's Warbler and a male Roe Deer.

At Dawson City I spent an hour watching and not 1, but 2 juvenile Hobby were hawking insects here, giving some breath-taking views as they caught mainly Common Darters, but also Craneflies, what a species these heautiful Falcons are

what a species these beautiful Falcons are.
Also in the Dawson area were 2 more singing male Cetti's

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Red Fox, on the Humber Bank, Goxhill

Warbler, making an excellent 7 for the day, 2 Common Buzzard and a nice year tick of a Bittern, watched as it flew right across the reserve and landed in the strip of water nearest the floodbank. The best non-bird sighting went to a gorgeous Fox along the bank.

Monday 27th September A very wet and blustery start to the day today, so I watched the Humber, on the rising tide, from the shelter of the car at the Skitter. The weather was pretty perfect for seabirds, to start with a howling south easterly and banks of

showers pushing birds up the estuary. Highlights were my first Gannets for the patch year list, 3 juveniles and a lovely 3rd

calendar year bird. Also seen were a single Juvenile Dark Morph Arctic Skua, Guillemot and 2 Arctic Terns.

The 'Good' conditions were short lived as the wind swung round to the south west and the sun came out, so I drove around to Winter's. Here the grassland was covered with at least 1700 Black-tailed Godwits, including 7 colourringed birds, 5 had been ringed at Welwick Saltmarsh on the Yorkshire side of the estuary,

1 ringed in France, which I have seen on two other occasions this autumn and one ringed at Harty on the Swale Estuary in Kent in 2018. Other goodies included, unbelievably, 2 Bitterns together, at the bottom of the lake near Jean's cottage. After no

records all year, 3 birds in 2 visits was pretty good. Wildfowl on Winter's included at least 68 Wigeon and 2 lovely Pintail. The only other notables today, were the lovely juvenile Whimbrel still along the floodbank, a NFY Grey Wagtail along the beck and a gorgeous winter adult plumaged



Bittern, Winter's Pond, East Halton

Spotted Redshank, in amongst the Black-tailed Godwits. *Well what a cracking few weeks on the patch, I wonder*

what other goodies the autumn is going to bring.

Saturday 2nd October An early arriving at Winter's for first

light, heading along to the Humber bank, as the weather looked promising for seabirds on the Estuary. It was quiet to start with, the best sighting's an eclipse drake Pochard, a single Pintail, a few skeins of Pinks overhead and a hunting female Sparrowhawk.

The best highlights of a scan from the floodbank, a Peregrine that crossed from Lincolnshire into Yorkshire and 2 Marsh Harriers, a female and juvenile passing over in the opposite direction. A Bittern showed brilliantly along the edge of the small reedbed in the south west corner of the lake. I turned

around to see 9 adult Whooper Swans dropping in onto the lake. . . . a nice flurry of activity! The Whoopers had a quick feed and bathe and started trumpeting to each other and then were off again, a beautiful sight.

As the forecast was for rain from lunchtime onwards, I headed to the Skitter, along the mitigation site. There was more water on here than my last visit and a few ducks as well, which included Wigeon, Mallard and Teal. The Skitter was covered

pretty well as usual, such a rewarding area, and I saw the best bird of the day. . . . a juvenile Long-tailed Skua! The Skua was picked up at half distance across the Estuary on show for at least 20 minutes. It was a dark juvenile and I watched as it flew along having a half



asian Wigeon, Winter's Pond

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

The first half term back at school has been a busy one but it has been lovely to see the children in school and enjoying their learning but also all of the additional enrichment that we have provided. The staff have enjoyed the activities as much as the children and it has been a very positive start to the school year.

Cross-country

KS2 children participated in a cross country route around the school park. The run was a mile and it was very wet and muddy but the children demonstrated great resilience and determination. We were proud of each child not only for their



own performances but for the way that they supported and encouraged one another. All children pushed themselves to their limits and challenged themselves to go 'that bit further' and persevered to reach the finish line. They particularly enjoyed the reward of juice and a home-made biscuit which they shared in the hall afterwards during the presentation assembly.

Our P.E leader has organised for years 5 and 6 to challenge themselves further through attending a cross-country competition held at Baysgarth school. We are looking forward to additional opportunities to develop confidence, self-esteem, perseverance and skill. Such opportunities also strengthen the ongoing transition between primary and secondary school.

Year 1 and 2 have been invited to Baysgarth School to take part in a sports festival event, as part of their PE/Sports curriculum. Immersing the younger children in these opportunities early in their school lives will encourage a love of sport but again challenge the children to step outside of their comfort zones and enjoy something new.

Yoga and well-being

Children from Reception to Year 5 took part in a yoga session provided by 'Yoga for Schools'. The aim of the session was to train our staff in yoga to provide all children with an increased range of physical activity and an alternative way to encourage confidence and emotional wellbeing. The children themselves loved learning a sequence, playing yoga games

and engaging in a relaxation activity. The session supported our school values, encouraging children to be respectful and kind to each other and themselves. This followed on from a parent workshop which we held in school to promote strategies to deal with child anxiety. This workshop was very well attended and feedback has been very positive.

Halloween Themed School Day

We were very excited to bring Halloween to Goxhill this year for a day. Lots of children have missed out on Halloween-based experiences over the past couple of years so they were very keen to participate in the activities available. We all enjoyed a Halloween-themed

lunch – hotdogs cut into the shape of fingers, green slime custard and cakes containing eyeballs were amongst the delights on the menu. The hall and all class-



rooms were all decorated for our spooky, fun-filled day! **Nursery and reception** read 'Room on the Broom' and acted out key parts, made spells and potions that included pipettes and colour mixing and took part in pumpkin carving.

Year 1 made pasta skeletons, played pin the ears on Dracula and made chocolate apples covered in sprinkles.

Year 2 made spider cupcakes, ghost decorations and decorated chocolate-covered apples.

Year 3 wrote their own spells and instructions and then made their spells. The children were very keen when it came to the making part.

Year 4 carved pumpkins, made spider buns and Halloween masks.

Year 5 made chocolate apples,

pumpkin hanging lanterns and participated in a mathematics Halloween challenge. They also created Halloween artwork based on the work of *Paul Klee*. **Year 6** carved pumpkins and completed Halloween activities in a specially prepared booklet containing mathematical, English and creative challenges.

The Halloween school disco was very popular. Lots of children attended and the school raised over £470 through this event and the parental support that we received, so thank you again for your efforts.

Parent Reading Workshop

This event, which was very well attended, gave parents/grandparents the opportunity to work alongside their child on a range of book related activities. The children started the morning by listening to the story 'My



Mum and Dad Make me Laugh'. They then participated in a range of activities including fine motor activities such as using tweezers to put spots and stripes onto



pictures, number games involving counting, craft activities such as making bookmarks

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and puppets, plus everyone's favourite decorating biscuits!

This workshop and the others that we plan to host throughout the year are to develop a love of reading and raise the profile of it, within our school and the wider community. It is a vital life skill that should be shared and developed.

We are looking forward to the rest of the half term which will include an additional parent reading workshop, a sponsored walk, a Remembrance assembly, led by



year 6, a wear it red day for Remembrance, a non-uniform day for Children in Deed day, the Christmas Fair and lots of other plays, performances and Christmas parties.

It is always nice seeing the children respond to the additional activities and enrichment that we organise, that help us to provide the children with a variety of experiences and develop them as well-rounded young people. Education extends far beyond the curriculum and the classroom.

Hayley Twidale (Deputy Head Teacher)

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hearted chase after a Black-headed Gull, which in turn chased it. They just don't look as powerful as their aggressive cousins the Arctics, with a much more buoyant small Gull like flight. A few Gannets were heading towards Saltend and as I headed

back to the car to take shelter before the rain, a lovely male Stonechat was flycatching along the edge of the Haven, my first of the autumn.

I drove around to the Skitter and got in position along the floodbank and just about on cue the rain arrived. Over the next 3 hours this was my watchpoint and it was pretty productive with hightlights including 31 Gannets north and 25 south, 3 Med. Gulls (2 Adults and a first winter), a single Guillemot and a Redbreasted Merganser, all these birds pushing up the estuary to escape the rough weather conditions at sea. I also saw a single Rock Pipit (the first of the autumn/winter period) and the lovely juvenile Whimbrel was still here.

Saturday 9th October I managed to see a Pintail, male Ruff and 3 Chiffchaff around Winter's, but amazingly none of the 5 Yellow-browed Warblers seen by an observer the day before. I want some of what he is smoking!!!!.

A couple more decent visits to the local patch along the banks of the Humber at East Halton/Goxhill, with a few more additions to the patch year list putting me on 149 species with 2 and a bit months to go.

Saturday 16th October A good visit today starting as usual at Winter's Pond first thing, with some Mammalian sightings, 2 Foxes, 1 on Winter's itself and another hunting Voles in the stubble field near the car park. Two Roe Deer were also seen at the entrance to the Mitigation site, always great to see these. It was quiet on the ponds first thing, no doubt due to the continued shooting activities by a couple of idiots out of the village, but the 2 Great-crested Grebe were still present and also a female Goldeneye.

I then made it onto the floodbank to scan the Humber, seeing 8 adult Whooper Swans on the mud towards the old Seaplane Jetty. As I walked towards them, they were off and flew towards Killinghome Haven. Pink-footed Geese were heading in all directions and haven't settled into any pattern yet regarding feeding flocks. It doesn't help when they are being shot at either,

I wish these idiots would just leave them alone!

As I walked back to Jean's cottage, 2 Siskin flew over, a new species for the patch year list. I then walked along the mitigation area, seeing a lovely adult female Marsh Harrier hunting, followed by a lone male Stonechat and more Pink flocks. At the Skitter area I flushed out an adult Water Rail and there were also 15

Snipe and 5 Rock Pipits around the pools/haven area. The resident pair of Mute Swans from the Beck, were here today, with their now fledged 9 cygnets and also 22 Avocet were feeding out on the estuary, my first decent sized flock for some time. Now the gas pipeline has been completed, I decided to walk down past there and cover the fields/pig farm area as it looks really good for Buntings and Finches. My hunch came true with 2 Corn Bunting seen with a flock of 14 Yellowhammers, the latter a rare bird on the patch. Also in the area were 55 Linnet, 5 Tree Sparrow and a lone Lesser Redpoll. Along the rest of East Marsh Road the sight and sound of 100+ Rooks at the rookery. was great to see.

A flock of 173 Pinks were feeding in a stubble field near to Goxhill Haven and a cracking count of 154 Turnstone along the shore, was my largest here for a long time. The sunflower field between the Haven and Dawson City was really productive last winter and again it is shaping up to be productive with 45 Greenfinch and 78 Linnet. Hopefully it will have the desired affect and attract something rarer like a Little Bunting. The area between Dawson and the Skitter, saw a pair of

flycatching Stonechats, a Jay in the Long Wood and in the Ruins Pond area, a flock of 14 'Pinging' Bearded Tit and my first Water Pipit of the autumn/winter. The latter flew into a field, which slurry had been pumped onto, at the rear of the pig farm and was attracting a flock of 30 Black-tailed Godwit and 3 Ruff.

Saturday 23rd October A good visit again, unfortunately in south or south westerly winds, produced a bit of vis-mig (Visible Migration), with another year tick, a Brambling in the little copse near the car park, at dawn, with those distinct 'Eeep' calls, before it flew north west towards The Grange. These lovely Scandinavian breeding Finches are almost annual here and are a joy to see and hear.

Also here was an unbelievable 37 Coot, a record count for the patch. This might not sound exciting to some, but the previous visit had only yielded 4 birds and just goes to show how these birds migrate.

Also on the ponds were the 2 resident Cetti's Warblers blasting away that distinctive song, 2 Pintail, 198 Mallard, 46 Gadwall and large flocks of Pink-footed Geese, heading south west. From the floodbank, I saw a single eclipse drake Goldeneye on the Humber, a single Rock Pipit over north and a flock of 14 Whooper Swans heading south. A Grey Seal provided some welcome interest away from the birds.

A walk along the Mit site saw nothing out of the ordinary, but 33 Skylark, 87 Goldfinch and 14 Reed Bunting provided a bit of interest.

As I didn't want to walk too far today, I wandered to the Skitter and spent a while covering the area. This proved productive, with

> 2 lovely Twite flushed to start with, from the shoreline, they then settled on the track down to the Humber from the floodbank. I watched these gorgeous little Moorland Finches from distance and then all of a sudden, they were off and flew towards Goxhill Marsh, dropping back in about 500 metres away.

The Twite were my 149th species on the patch this year, not a bad total considering autumn migration hasn't been the best so far. Other niceties included a single Water Pipit

around the pools and a lovely Redhead Red-breasted Merganser which flew towards Killingholme along the tide edge and also another flock of Whooper Swans, with 13 this time heading in the same direction as the Merg.

A walk along Skitter Road/Marsh Lane saw a couple of roving Jay's and a flock of at least 350 Wood Pigeon.

A lovely couple of visits to the patch, just great to get out and about on my little part of Lincolnshire.

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OFF THE HOOF

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller.

It seems this year has gone flying by again and with COVID ever present our lives are still not the same as they once were. We cannot and must not become complacent. Masks and sanitation of hands are still high priority although, as with the decision to have the vaccine or not, it is down to the freedom of individual choice. Whether we agree with it or not we still have a duty of care towards each other. We now have more choices over everything than ever before, which is sometimes very confusing.

Sharing the Road

Traffic speed is a problem everywhere and it is encouraging to see the flashing speed lights on Barrow Road, which helps to slow vehicles down on approach to the crossroad. All we need at the crossroad with Gatehouse Road and Thornton Road is a clear STOP sign. Hopefully it would encourage drivers to look both ways before pulling out into the traffic that is often overtaking parked vehicles.

The large notices for riders and cyclists to dress bright and be seen, I believe, remind riders of their own responsibility to make sure they are visible while also, subtly, making drivers aware there may be horses ahead. They are definitely a 'share the road' sign.

Pass Wide and Slow

A 'Pass Wide and Slow' awareness ride took place on 19th September with pony and traps and ridden horses setting off from 7 Acres on Ferry Road, with others joining on route. The purpose of this countrywide event was to encourage drivers to pass horses and cyclist wide and slow. At least one metre away and 15 MPH maximum.

It was organised by Di Saether-Williamson and Carol Wood, who runs the Poacher Harness Club. Di and Carol can be contacted if anyone is interested in, either taking part or helping, with the Poacher Harness Club.







Huge thanks go to Shelia Robinson, who helped put the direction arrows out on Saturday afternoon, Tina Scattergood who produced safety posters and put them out on the day along the route and helped collect everything back in at the end of the event. Both also marshalled along with Justin Atkin, Jack Lawtey, Val Gorbutt and myself. Without them this ride could not have happened.

All participants who left from the field received a goody bag containing high viz tabard, courtesy of Safer Roads Humber, on which I had printed "Pass wide and slow", a car sticker, information from BHS about how to report an accident or near miss and a bag of treats for their equine friend. Those who joined the ride on route please contact me if you wish to claim

On the way back they stopped at **Shawbriggs** for an ice-cream courtesy of Mel and Matt who gave a warm welcome and lightened the proceedings.

What I will say is that I was disgusted with the police for their lack of response to four telephone calls and numerous emails, in which I requested their advice/involvement or the loan of a few 'POLICE SLOW' signs. This was well in advance of the event but, it has been reported in Horse and Hound, that others organising and participating in this event in other areas of the country, had the same experience from their local force.

Towing Test to be scrapped?

Changes are afoot in Autumn to scrap the towing test introduced in 1997 for the towing of trailers. Newly qualified drivers will again be allowed to use a vehicle to tow up to 3.5 tons. This has sparked off much concern in certain quarters so it may all change again. The scrapping of the towing test is an idea to allow more HGV tests to be taken to fill the gap we currently have in transporting goods.

In the Village

Tuesday 5th October saw The Gander AGM, which was well attended by the public.

One point raised by a paramedic was the difficulty in finding addresses in Goxhill. Most houses have names, but hedges are overgrown obscuring name plates, or the lighting is bad. If an ambulance is called, obviously minutes matter. Please check to see if your house sign can be clearly seen from the road in case of emergency and consider a lit-up name plate or solar light to make it more visible at night. As a minimum clear any shrubbery which may be

This could be a good idea for a Christmas gift. There are plenty of solar lights online and they are not particularly expensive. If a few people have them then perhaps the paramedics could get a handle on how the street numbers and house names are

> assigned. It's worth a thought anyway. **Best Kept Village** A report in the last edition of The Gander on Best Kept Village voiced disappointment at not achieving a better result. I, personally, question if the majority of the Continued on p31



Steve and Di Saether-Williamson and Jill Fisher

Setting off from Seven Acres



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village knew it was taking place and certainly do not think they knew what was expected of each householder. Hopefully, a full criteria will be published for next year.

Whilst we have had an abundance of signs for the now finished gas tunnel it would have been hard for the judges to ignore them. They have now been removed but what seems ever present is building sites and builders bags on the front of properties. All is not lost as Spring in Bloom is coming up and the chance to make the village vibrant and alive by each resident setting a few bulbs.

The face of Goxhill is certainly changing at a pace and will soon be unrecognisable as our village. Change is inevitable but how this is achieved or controlled is largely up to National Planning regulations and North Lincolnshire Council's new Area Plan (see article below for information on how this Plan may affect Goxhill). Hopefully our voices will be heard through the Goxhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan committee, who have been stalled by COVID, but hope to be back on track to continue developing Goxhill's Neighbourhood Plan.

Horse Health and Care

Important Open Space

Plavina Fields

Laminitis is a condition that strikes fear into any horse owner as it can be a killer. Previously a condition associated with little fat ponies, the old remedy was basically to semi starve, which in part worked. We now know more about it and it is almost like diabetes where insulin levels fluctuate. It may take something simple to trigger it off such as stress, after foaling or simply a change in diet. It has come to the fore again recently as fit competition horses have suddenly been

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afflicted.

Laminitis itself is a condition that can be a symptom of something else. If a horse starts 'pottering' in front or standing like a rocking horse, a classic visual sign, please get blood tests to have a truer picture of the whole condition and the right effective treatment may commence, but it should also be recognised there may be no visible signs at all.

Bedding options

The horse and associated industries are big money makers. Fashionable clothing and footwear for the rider and rugs and paraphernalia for the horses are changed as regular as on the Paris catwalk.

The same applies to bedding for horses. Small bales of straw are hard to come by, as it seems the big bales are quicker to process and sell on. After a recommendation, from a friend, I have just changed over to Raviera bedding, which is 100% pure rape straw, chopped and dust extracted. It is very absorbent and easy to muck out. The bales are wrapped and easy to store and handle. The thicker the bed the more economical it is, and I average a bale a week. It is also suitable for other animals. The nearest stockists are Field Farm Feeds and Thomas Bell, Brigg; although a home delivery service per pallet is available direct from the supplier. One bale is up for grabs to the first person to phone me and claim it. For further details visit www.cavierabedding.co.uk

As Christmas is fast approaching, it only leaves me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Take care and ride safely. Aileen. 01469 530643

GOXHILL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE

As a result of Covid restrictions the steering group has not been able to sit for a long period. North Lincolnshire Council's new Local Plan, which includes plans for Goxhill, has been similarly delayed and the next stage of this plan has only just been completed.

GOXHILL PARISH
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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This is the Publication draft version based upon responses from the previous round of consultation and has been out for a further consultation period ending on 26th November 2021. The final Local Plan will then be prepared and submitted to the Government for ratification prior to being approved and adopted. This is likely to be in 2023 and the plan covers the time period to 2038.

at Barton & Ulceby and studied the proposals.

Goxhill has been classified as a Large Service Centre, based on its point's score of facilities and services. The plan has allocated Goxhill 1.6% of the new housing allocation for the county, which equates to 115 new dwellings. (By comparison, Barrow has been allocated 2.4% 178 dwellings, Ulceby 1.8% 131 dwellings, Barton, as a principal town 8% 583 dwellings).

Members of the GPNP steering group attended consultation events

This is the proposed development map for Goxhill, showing the revised building line and the new building areas. In reality, the building areas shown in brown (dark grey) and marked with HIC numbers, take up the total of the proposed new housing allocation. All these sites have already had outline planning approval. This means that there should not be any further building developments in Goxhill during the period of this plan, unless new proposals can prove a justifiable reason for being allowed.

Incidentally, on a supporting Evidence Base document, two or three other large sites, shown in detail on an Assessment of Suitable Sites, have not got onto the plan, which could have resulted in 200 or more new dwellings. Also on a Discounted Sites list, a further 17 sites of various sizes have been rejected. Is this a cause for concern? In conclusion, Goxhill seems to have been treated pretty fairly under this plan, with no further developments planned, having taken into accounts all the know problems in Goxhill of poor access roads, restricted roads within the village, inadequate infrastructure, drainage issues, lack of capacity at the school and surgery, etc.

But this plan has not been finalised and approved yet!

Jeff Teasdale

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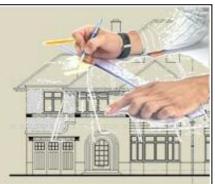
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Two sets of Brothers in Arms and one remembered on the Goxhill Memorial WW1 plaque.

Harry and Percy Farrow

I concluded my last article by explaining that I believe that the family of Robert Drinkall D.C.M. lived at Cottage Farm on Ferry Road in North End. Arthur Drinkall, one of Robert's brothers, married Mabel Northen. Mabel was the daughter of Joseph and Catherine Northen who lived at the house now named Carinya further down Ferry Road. Mabel's sister, Olive Gilliatt Northen, like her sister, married a returning serviceman. Olive married a man who I remember well and who was what my dad used to term one of Goxhill's 'City Fathers'. William Henry Farrow was known to everyone as Harry or 'Leggy'. Harry and his brother Percy both served in World War 1 and both returned safely home to their family on completion of their service.

At the heart of so much of village life and a gentle, generous and affable man, Harry had been born in Goxhill on 26 June 1894. He was the son of Tom and Emily Farrow. Tom, who I have mentioned in previous articles, brought his family to Goxhill from Keelby between his oldest son Percy's birth on 4 August 1891 and Harry's birth, in Goxhill. The family lived initially in Rachel Row, in Church Street, where Tom had his shop. He lived later further down this street towards the Church. I discussed Percy briefly in the Gander Autumn 2019 edition but can now add more detail to their story.



Harry Farrow standing in front of the 1st prize winning entry. Possibly the 22 June 1911 Coronation Celebration for George V and Queen Mary. Photograph courtesy of Pat Finch nee Farrow.

Harry had, in the 1911 census, been recorded a 'Corn Merchant's Clerk'. His School Admission Entry shows that he left school on 14 August 1908 aged 14, to work as a Clerk. He was employed by the Davey family working at their Granary on

Howe Lane. Harry enlisted for service in Hull on 8 October 1914 as a Private in the 2nd Line Regiment of 1st East Riding Yorkshire Yeomanry, a mounted regiment. Percy, Harry's brother who was a Bootmaker working for their father, enlisted on 1 November 1915, again into the East Riding Yorkshire Yeomanry. Under the heading 'Brothers in arms', in an excellent website, www.eastridingmuseums.co.uk/museumsonline/yeomanry researchers state that a 'notable feature of the ERY's early recruitment ... was the large number of fathers and sons or brothers who joined up... at least fifty instances have been identified where close relatives were in the ERY

The service records for the Farrow brothers are categorised as 'burnt records' and difficult to read having been damaged during the bombing of World War 2. However it is possible to piece together the story of their service. Harry was appointed Lance Corporal on 22 May 1915 and then promoted to the rank of Corporal on 18 December 1915. The East Riding Museum's website explains that many men in the Yeomanry never served overseas but some were transferred to other regiments as the war progressed. Harry and Percy were transferred to the 2nd Battalion King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment (KORLR) and served as Transport Drivers. Again, the King's Own has an informative website www.kingsownmuseum.com and a museum in Lancaster, but sadly this is closed currently.

Abadly damaged page in Harry's service record, a casualty form, is actually Percy's and states that Percy sailed from Devonport on 20 September 1916, having left Withernsea the previous day. Percy disembarked at Salonika on 3 October 1916. Salonika is now named Thessaloniki and is situated in Macedonia, in Greece. Harry's papers state that he too sailed from Devonport on 20 September 1916. He appears to have sailed with his brother. By the time Harry and Percy disembarked at Salonika, the 2nd Battalion had been there for more than nine months.

The website https://www.nam.ac.uk/explore/salonika*campaign* provides information and photographs about the campaign against Bulgarian forces and the difficulties encountered by the ultimately 200,000 service personnel who served in the Balkans. The British troops worked to protect the areas held from incursion by Bulgarian and Turkish troops and the website explains that conditions, particularly the heat of the summer, were brutal and that malaria was rife. The campaign was, it states, 'one of the forgotten 'side-shows' of the war'.



Officer's Baskanti.

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Percy served in the Mediterranean Theatre of War for 2 Years and 149 days, until 17 February 1919 when he commenced his 'Voyage home'. Harry's badly damaged papers appear to record that on 3 March 1919 he too commenced his 'Voyage home' having served 2 years and 163 days in the Mediterranean Theatre of War. During this time he achieved promotion to Sergeant. On his return from service Harry resumed working at the Granary for John Davey (1878-1923), the third generation of the family so named. Harry married Olive Northen in Goxhill on 10 July 1921 and they lived in Greengate Lane, then named Workhouse Lane, at Holme Lea, a house now named The Briars. Later Riseholme at the bottom of Greengate Lane was built for them and they lived there with their two daughters. Harry eventually ran the business

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together'. Pat Finch nee Farroy Article continues on p35

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Davey & Sons, Corn Merchants, the Granary on Howe Lane Photograph from the Gander archive.

on Howe Lane and went on, in World War 2, to lead the Home Guard in the village.

In my mind's eye, as I walk down Howe Lane, I can still see him standing in the Granary's office looking out of the window that faced up the street towards London House. He was a lovely



man, a much loved father and grandfather and a stalwart of village life.

William Henry Farrow and his wife Olive. Photograph courtesy of Pat Finch nee

Frank and Herbert Dunwell

Living close to Olive Farrow nee Northen's childhood home in North End was Elizabeth Mary Dunwell. Elizabeth was the daughter of the first John Davey (1816-1893) who established the Granary on Howe Lane in 1846. She was the sister of the second generation John Davey (1845-1910) who ran the Granary alongside his father and who then took over the reins on his father's death. The second John Davey was then followed by the third generation, his son also named John (1878-1923) who was Harry Farrow's employer.

Elizabeth Dunwell nee Davey's husband Samuel had died on 17 January 1911 and his memorial in Goxhill churchyard states that he was of 'Norfolk House, North End, Goxhill'. Samuel had been born in Goxhill on 25 November 1846. His paternal

grandparents were William Dunwell (1779-1856) and Mary (1775-?). Mary's maiden name was Norfolk. I believe that Mary's father was Roger Norfolk, the man who gave his name to the family farm now named Norfolk House in North End. A Roger Norfolk was allocated a block of land off Ruard Road just west of



Norfolk House, North End. Photograph by Elizabeth Fincham.

Langley Farm in the 1775 Field Enclosure. Elizabeth Davey had been born in Goxhill on 4 May 1847.

Samuel Dunwell and Elizabeth Davey married in Goxhill on 7 May 1874. However tragedy stuck them seventeen months later when their first child, aged just eight months, died after slipping out of her mother's arms when Samuel and Elizabeth were travelling out of the village by pony and trap. They had subsequently six more children, a son born in Barrow six months after the accident, then five more children, another born in Barrow on Humber and four at Ulceby. In the 1901 census they were recorded living on

the High Street, Ulceby but had by 1911 moved back to Goxhill. Elizabeth Dunwell nee Davey's youngest child, Frank Gilliatt Dunwell, had been born on 29 October 1882. His middle name reflects the maiden name of his paternal grandmother, another Elizabeth Dunwell, This Elizabeth Dunwell nee Gilliatt (1815-1880) was the sister of Thomas Gilliatt (1813-1898). Thomas married Magdaline Flint on 15 August 1866 and on 26 August 1867 their daughter Catherine was born. Catherine married Joseph Northen and they were the parents of Olive Gilliatt Northen who married Harry Farrow.

At his enlistment Frank Gilliatt Dunwell was living at 77 Winteringham Road in Grimsby. He enlisted to serve on 9 April 1916 into the Lincolnshire Regiment. Frank was described as a 'Carter' and was posted to the 9th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment on 11 April 1916. His records appear to state that on 14 August 1916 he was received into the 'Segregation Camp'at Etaples. Etaples, which lies south of Boulogne on the French side of the Channel, is described in an online blog as 'the British Expeditionary Force's main infantry base...where (troops) were 'toughened up' while waiting dispatch to the front'. The blog reports that the WW1 poet Wilfred Owen described the camp as the 'bull ring' because of the brutality of the instructors. Frank was declared to have been Killed in Action on 23 October 1916 just two months after arriving in France and whilst serving with the 2nd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. His memorial on his parent's grave in Goxhill Churchyard states that he was 'Missing (Presumed Killed in Action)' at Givenchy, France. He was officially declared deceased on 7 August 1917. The 2nd Battalion lost a large number of men on 23 October 1916 in an attack on the Zenith Trench. Another man lost on the same day whilst serving in the same Battalion was Percy Chappell of Barton. Percy's wife was Olive Roberts of Goxhill who was the sister of Henry Roberts. Henry is also remembered in Goxhill (Gander Winter 2018).

On the confirmation of his death Frank Dunwell's family were asked to complete a form. The letter forwarding this form stated that this information was required in order that the authorities could 'dispose of' (the authorities words but meaning 'forward') the plaque and scroll commemorating his service to the appropriate next of kin. The form, which was completed in February 1919, details that Frank's brother Herbert is a patient on 14/1 Ward, C Block, Wharncliffe War Hospital, Sheffield. Herbert served as a Private in the 2nd/4th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was discharged from the service on 8 October 1919. In the 1939 census Herbert is recorded living in North

End, Goxhill and 'Incapacitated'. For a long time I tried unsuccessfully to work out this section of the census. I couldn't make it 'add up'. Then Charlie Guilliatt told me that there had been two wooden caravans in North End, one close to where Sunnybank now stands on the corner of North End and Ferry Road and another on the opposite side of the road just before Rudsdale.

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House now named Carinya-home of Joseph and Catherine Northen and their family including daughters Mabel (later Drinkall) and Olive (later Farrow) Norfolk Cottage Farm ome of Drinka Ferry Nan Brigham Lane

Section of 1930 map of Ferry Road, North End



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Dunwell family grave, Goxhill churchvard

I remember my dad telling me that as a little boy his hair was cut by a gentleman who lived in a wooden caravan in North End. Herbert Dunwell lived in one of the caravans (possibly the

Sunnybank side close to Norfolk House) which means that Charles Harper would have been on the Rudsdale side. Charles Harper had at one time been the landlord at the Generous Briton public house in North End. From what I've learned

about the other residents on the census it would appear that the house identified as 'V'(vacant?) immediately after Herbert, is Norfolk House; Elizabeth Dunwell had died there on 7 November 1929 and is remembered in Goxhill churchyard.

Frank Gilliatt DUNWELL, Private 22634, 2nd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in Action

23 October 1916. Aged 33 years. Born 29 October 1882 Ulceby. Son of late Samuel and Elizabeth Mary Dunwell of Norfolk House, North End, Goxhill. Commemorated on Panel 3, Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium and on his parent's headstone in Goxhill Churchyard.

Elizabeth Fincham

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It is good to report that we are getting back to normal and have been able to hold various activities. In August we had two successful Car boot sales, helped once again in no small way by the generosity of those potential buyers who made donations. As a result of these two events we were able to donate £1000 to St. Andrew's Hospice (Andy's), at Grimsby, who we have been regularly supporting for the last nine years. We made the cheque presentation at the hospice followed by fish and chips at Steels restaurant.

Also in August, we held a 10 mile sponsored cycle ride "Wobbly Wheelers" (many of the riders in fancy dress), with our friends from Barton Lions, starting off from Barton through to Barrow and back along the Humber Bank to Barton. This resulted in just short of £2200 being raised for Lindsey Lodge Hospice.

Our appeal for used tools for TWAM (tools with a mission) has been met by a great reception from people in Goxhill and the surrounding area, and as a result we have agreed to be an official collection point for TWAM.



Wobbly wheelers setting off from Barton

In conjunction with The Andrew Clark Trust, we continue with our sponsorship of the education of five children in a village in Myanmar. We receive regular up-dates on their progress, so we know how our money is being spent. The end of June normally means the end of the Rotary year, when the President changes and a new team take over for the following year. However, due to the interruptions to "normal" life, because of Covid, the club voted to continue with the same team, for the forthcoming year. So to mark the event, instead of having the traditional handover, we had a **President's Day** in September, when members were joined by family and friends. The day comprised of a trip to Lincoln to the escape rooms, followed by a party at my house in Barrow. We took the opportunity to present a Rotary Certificate of Recognition to Falu Kabir (Faz) of The Bengal Village for all his help and generosity over the past years, especially during lockdown, with our curry takeaway nights. Faz also prepared, cooked and served the food at the President's day, and excellent it was too.

Our up-coming events include a Christmas Fair in Barrow Market Place on Saturday 11 December, also during the month of December, we shall be touring around the villages with Santa's Sleigh. You will be able to find details of dates etc. on our Facebook page.

Reminder

We are a small inclusive group of people from all walks of life, young and old who enjoy having fun and at the same time putting something back into our communities. If you are similarly minded, why not come and join us. I know that you will be made welcome. We normally meet twice a month on the first and third Wednesday at Simon Weightman (President) simon.weightman@outlook.com Barrow Squash Club.





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Goxhill Open Gardens 2021

Once again we were able to enjoy two successful Open Gardens events, due to the organisational skills of Caroline Atkins, to whom we owe our thanks. In addition, we held a Table Top plant sale for 2 weeks in June, which raised £100 for L.I.V.E.S, so thanks to all who gave so generously.

Let us hope that next year, the shackles will be off and we can enjoy these events with the freedom we expect. Lynne & Martyn Taylor, Lynmar Cottage, Mill Lane.

Goxhill Open Gardens 2022

Now, in late October, the nights are getting longer and the days are already far too short for my liking, but some of the bulbs which will flower in the spring have started to push their leaves up and many others will soon do the same. As winter approaches we are assured that spring will come. Some plants seem to think that spring is already here, due to

the (periodically) unusually warm weather, but they will cotton-on soon and still do their thing in earnest in a few months' time. We hope.

With a new gardening year ahead, broad beans and peas to be sown now for an early harvest, more bulbs to be planted, seeds to be ordered and gardening plans to be made, indoors for the nesh or outside for the hardy, it is a good time to think about Goxhill Open Gardens 2022.

At the moment, we are planning two garden open days, one in May and one in June or July, each day having teas served in the Chapel Schoolroom. Some of our garden openers would like to turn each opening day into an open weekend - one lot of effort for two days of fundraising per weekend – but the potential and details have yet to be discussed, never mind agreed. I intend to call a meeting, in mid to late January, of people interested in opening their gardens in 2022, because

we need to agree a game plan for 2022 before the spring edition of The Gander is compiled, early in February 2022.

We live in a large village. A single garden open in one part of the village might not attract many visitors, particularly if the visitors are determined to see as many gardens as possible on the list - outliers, perhaps requiring a car journey, will be least likely to be visited and their owners consequently disappointed. Might you have a garden in South End/Littleworth or Churchside which you might like to open, or one along North End or in Greenfields? Or anywhere else – we are looking for a variety of gardens, large or small, natural or manicured, in the early stages of a transformation or very mature.

If you might be interested in opening your garden, please get in touch with me before the end of the 2nd week of January, so that I can let you know the date of the meeting. Fret not, additions to the list of opening gardens will be possible after the January meeting but it would help to have an idea of potential garden numbers and preferred opening dates before then. Many thanks. Caroline Atkins. 01469 532204. Caroline.rhombus@btinternet.com



AMERICAN FAMILY VISIT THE GOXHILL PROPELLER TRIBUTE, IN MEMORY OF THEIR COUSIN'S FATHER

David Duarte Gowan (holding the plague) who lives at Humberston, was presented with the plaque in honour of his American father, by his American cousins. They were over here for a special visit, that had been delayed 2 years due to Covid. It was timed to be able to attend the Goxhill Remembrance Day service at the Propeller Tribute to American servicemen stationed here during WW2.

David's father, Tony Duarte, was stationed at Goxhill Airfield with the USAAF, as Ground Support 1943-45.

Visiting were David's cousins, Susie Duarte Petrancosta, her sister Mary Chavez. another cousin Angie Duarte (wife of Harvey Duarte) and her daughter Anita Duarte Lomeli, all from California. David's son, Lee and his wife, were also with the group. The cousins told me how proud and moved

they all were, by being able to visit Goxhill and attend the service with their cousin, to make their own special presentation to David

and to lay wreaths at the Memorial. And how much they had enjoyed meeting their English family and being shown around so well. Jeff Teasdale



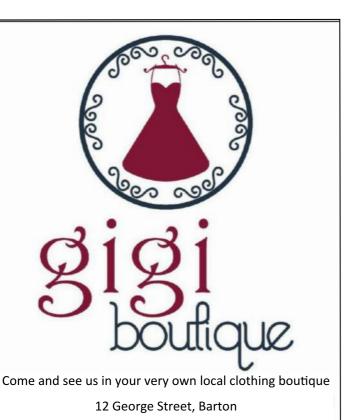
Others attending the Remembrance service were David & Vivien Sewell with their shire horse Gemma.



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MORE MEMORIES CONCERNING HAWTHORNE GARDENS

Following on from articles concerning Hawthorne Gardens, Gander Editor Jeff Teasdale was contacted by Bruce Robinson. Bruce forwarded a photograph of his aunt May Robinson who is pictured alongside fellow workers at the Gardens. Bruce stated that he didn't know the names of the women standing alongside his aunt. I recognised immediately some of those pictured and knew that I had them on my family tree. I could remember others but not their names so turned to villagers who I thought would be able to help.

May Robinson had been born on 3 September 1905 in Goxhill. Her parents, Arthur and Phoebe had married in Barrow in 1904 and at the birth of May, who was their oldest child, they

were living at Field Farm on Chapelfield Road in the village. Arthur was a farmer and his farm had previously been farmed by Hewson Border (1834-1894). At the 1901 census a Farm Foreman was running the farm and Hewson's widow, Mary was living with her brother in law, Edmund Border at another farm in the village, which was also named Field Farm; this farm is at the bottom of Westfield Road. The naming of Field Farm on Chapelfield Road and Field House Farm which lies further towards South End on the same road is confusing too, perhaps that is why the house at the original Field Farm on Chapelfield Road has been re-named Chapelfield House. Arthur Robinson farmed at Field Farm until his death on 23 February 1930. Many will remember that the next

incumbent of Field Farm was Alf Dent. Alf's first wife May was my paternal grandmother's cousin. After May's death Alf married Margaret Percy who had lived with her widowed mother at Field Farm Cottage, which sits on Chapelfield Road. Field Farm Cottage was a tied cottage; Margaret's brothers Harry and Frank were recorded in the 1939 census working for Alf on the farm. Many will remember that Harry was later the coalman for Barrick's and he lived with his wife Olive and their children at Cornhill Cottage on Church Street. I was at school with Alf and Margaret's daughter Janet and Harry and Olive's son Michael.

Arthur Robinson had served on the Brigg Rural District Council and was the Dyke Reeve, 'an officer who superintends the dikes and drains in marshes', for Goxhill (Incidentally this role was later taken on by Harry Farrow who I write about in another part of this edition of the Gander). At Arthur's funeral in Goxhill mourners were led by his widow, Phoebe, his son Alan and daughters May and Barbara. Alan Robinson married in 1932 and was the father of Thelma, Derek who many will remember as a keen bird watcher and naturalist and Bruce (the owner of the photograph). Alan was a Market Gardener who lived with his family at Staveley House on Ruards Road, in sight of Field Farm. The brick chimney associated with the Glasshouses can still be seen standing at Staveley House. The house had to be re-built during WW2 after two parachute mines fell just to the north of Ruards Road. One 'fell to the rear of Mr Robinson's house, damaging it beyond repair. The property was demolished and rebuilt



married in Barrow in 1904 and at the birth From the left – Mary Breese, Betty Border, perhaps Janet?, Lizzie Border, Edna Green May Robinson. In front – Lil Bailey. Photo courtesy of Derek Robinson.

after the war' (taken from 'Goxhill at War: USAAF Fighter Training Base No 345' by Len Dixon and Ron Parker). I understand from Charlie Guilliatt that the Robinsons lived temporarily in North End whilst their home was being rebuilt. Charlie believes that their temporary home was Cottage Farm on Ferry Road which, if you have read my last WW1 Gander Article, was where, I believe, the parents of Robert Drinkall had lived.

Arthur Robinson's widow Phoebe and her daughters May and Barbara were, by 1939, living at the bungalow named Thorneycroft on Barrow Road. Bruce believes that the bungalow had been built for them. May is described in this census as undertaking 'Unpaid domestic duties'. May's sister Barbara was a Schoolteacher at Barrow School. Phoebe Robinson died in Goxhill on 2 April 1946. Bruce told me that his Aunt May went to work at Hawthorne Gardens after the end of WW2 and she lived later at the terraced house now named Lynden on The Square.

Standing at May Robinson's right shoulder in the photograph is Edna Green. Edna came to the village with her parents in the mid-1920s. Her birth had been registered in Horncastle in 1922, her younger brother Kenneth's birth registered in the Glanford Brigg district in 1926. Edna's father Ernest was the Crossing Keeper at the Gatehouse Road crossing and they lived in the house there, which has been demolished recently. One of Edna's sisters, Agnes, married John Bilton of Barrow. Agnes and John were Charlie Guilliatt's mother and father in law, parents of Lina. Also an older brother, named Ernest like his father, but known as Freddy, married Mabel Rowbotham of New Holland. Mabel's parents were, in the 1939 census, living on Thornton Road, Goxhill at the house now named Rushmere. In this same 1939 census Edna was described as a 'Land Girl'. She was later to live with her two children at No 1 Gatehouse Road in the village.

The diminutive lady standing in front of Edna Green is **Lil Bailey**. Lil was recognised immediately by a number of people who helped with identification of those in the photograph. Lil had lived in Barrow at Meadow House, which stands between the College Road crossroads and the Goxhill turning on New Holland Road. She lived with her parents, mother Laura and father James Godfrey and nine siblings, nine girls and a boy. *I have spoken to Lil's*





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great niece who would be very keen to hear any stories about her family from anyone living in the area who knew them. She is particularly interested in hearing about her grandfather, Walter Thompson who was Laura's son who came to Barrow with her from Grimsby. Walter is recorded living in New Holland in the 1939 census and he worked at one of the tile yards in the area. If anyone has any information could they please make contact through the Gander.

Charlie Guilliatt remembers Lil Bailey living with her husband Eric who also worked at the Gardens at the house named Lindum on Horse Gate Field Road. This house is nearly opposite the Hawthorne Gardens Howe Lane entrance. Tom Rigg who also worked at the Gardens had lived there previously to Eric and Lil. Tom had, in the 1939 census, been recorded living at 14 Gatehouse Road, four homes away from Edna Green, her parents and siblings. Tom lived later in one of the bungalows, which stand on the right hand side of Horse Gate Field Road before the cemetery.

If you cast your eyes to the far left of the photograph you will see Mary Breese. Mary was married to Stan, who worked at the Gardens too. Stan was in a photograph in the Autumn 2021 edition of the Gander in the second part of Geoff Matthews' article. Stan and Mary lived, if I remember correctly, in Abbeygarth Villas. Stan had lived at North Killingholme before his marriage, employed as a 'Shunter at Cement Works'. He met and married Mary who was from Bridgend in Wales in 1944. I remember their two children, Alan and Marilyn.

The identity of the young woman standing third from the left in the photograph has proved to be quite elusive. Perhaps someone reading this article will be able to help to identify her? From Charlie Guilliatt's enquiries it seems that she was named Janet but so far we know no more. Can anyone help?

Now we come to two ladies who I remember very well. recognising them immediately as I'm sure others reading this will too. The lady second from the left is Betty Border and the lady fourth from the left is Lizzie Border.

Lizzie Border was born in Goxhill on 29 January 1906. She was the oldest daughter of Albert Robert Border (1872-1956) and Hannah Mary Border nee Jackson (1879-1938). Hannah had, in 1901, been living in Goxhill Marsh. Her stepfather was a Brickyard Labourer and she had two children in 1897 and 1900 before her marriage. Albert Robert Border lived close-by in the Marsh working

for his father, a farmer. Albert and Hannah married in Hull in 1902. Their eldest son Albert Victor was born on 21 November 1902. Albert Victor Border married Esther Allison in 1940. Esther was the daughter of George Frederick Allison, who was the third generation of Wheelwrights to live in the village. I believe that Esther had been brought up at the house now named Roselyn, which sits on the corner of Chapel Street and The Square. Esther's father George was commemorated at the time of his death in 1938 for having been the Wesleyan Chapel organist for 40 years. Albert and Esther Border had two sons. Their eldest, Michael, was born in 1940 and a keen historian. He produced 'A Social and Economic History of the Parish of Goxhill 1660-1790' published by the University of Hull and was the joint author of two books 'Goxhill, Lincolnshire: Its Early History' and 'Sparras & Fomards: Glimpses of Old Goxhill'. Michael's

resume states that his family can be traced living in Goxhill back to 1726. I have them back to 1752 and his 4 x great grandfather; there's a bit more work to do. Interestingly I stated that the Border family had farmed at two of the Field Farms in the village. I cannot currently find any connection between these Borders and Michael's family so another thing to keep working on. Albert and Esther Border lived in Church Street. Does anyone recollect where?



towards Westfield Road. Demolished in 1920. Photograph from Gander Archive.

Albert's younger sister Lizzie was named Ivy Elizabeth May and in the 1911 census she, her older brother Albert and their mother's two older daughters were living in The Square. From the order of the census they appear to be living in the

thatched cottage, which stood in The Square and was demolished in the 1920s. Their father Albert Robert Border is recorded as a 'Farm Labourer'. The oldest of Albert and Lizzie's older sisters, Doris Lilian Jackson had been born in East Halton on 1 March 1897; Doris married David Jacklin in Goxhill in the third quarter of 1916. Doris and David Jacklin's oldest son was Arthur David Jacklin who was born the following year. Arthur David Jacklin's oldest child is Tony Jacklin who won the 1969 British Golf Championship, the 1970 US Open Golf Championship and who was the successful Ryder Cup Captain between 1983 and 1989.

Albert junior and Lizzie's younger brother Thomas Ernest Border was born in Goxhill on 10 July 1914. Thomas married Annie Elizabeth

Malcolm Forde, Betty's son,

standing at the front door of

Photo courtesy of Heather

the now named Luibeg

House in South End.

Jacques.



View of Middle Cottage, King Street. Original postcard dated 11 April 1914 courtesy of Elizabeth Finchal

Cavalier in 1937 and in the 1939 they were living at Middle Cottage on King Street. In this same census Lizzie is living with her now widowed father at a farm. which stood on the corner of Churchside and the lane formerly known as Fish Dyke Lane. This lane, known now as part of Churchside, is the section of road that runs

from Thorn Lane past the Millennium Green around the back of the Church and as far as where Ivy Farmhouse stands. The original farmhouse of the Border's farm, which is opposite Ivy Farmhouse and another Hallandsfield Farm, has been replaced by a modern bungalow. Lizzie's father, is recorded as a 'General Labourer and Sexton (of Goxhill Church 'who would have looked after the church and churchyard, typically acting as bellringer and gravedigger') and is listed with his son Albert, a Market Gardener, daughter Lizzie who is his 'Housekeeper' and Betty Border whose birth is listed as 1920 though it is possible that she had been born in 1921 and this is an incorrect entry. Betty Border is recorded as engaged in 'Household Duties'.



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Thomas Ernest Border, the brother who had lived in Middle Cottage died a young man, in 1949. His probate states that he was now 'of South End, Goxhill' and his executor was his older sister Lizzie. In trying to identify those in the photograph I contacted Heather Jacques nee van den Bos. Heather's mum Beryl told me that she and Sam bought the farm where they set up Luibeg Nursery and that it had been purchased from Lizzie Border on 19 October 1953. There is much that I haven't been able to work out. What I do know is that Betty married John Forde who may have been an American serviceman and had a son named Malcolm John Forde later that year. She later married George Atkinson and lived finally at 14 Greenfields in the village. I remember Lizzie Border as a very gentle, softly spoken lady and Betty as a more outgoing lady who teased my dad relentlessly.

Can anyone provide any more information that would add to the stories of these village ladies?



Lizzie Border at the rear of the now named Luibeg House, South End with The Barns in the background. Photo courtesy of Heather Jacques.

Article researched and compiled by Elizabeth Fincham with information supplied by Charlie Guilliatt, Barbara Giles, Ronwyn Atkin, Kay Smith nee Broughton, Heather Jacques nee van den Bos and Beryl van den Bos



As we approach the festive season, I cannot help but wonder where this year has gone!

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