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But there are many community groups and activities organised regularly at the Church, Chapel, Schoolroom, Memorial Hall, etc. and are listed in the pages of the Gander. You are more than welcome to attend these for the activity or for just a cup of tea and a chat with others.

Churches Together have a long list of sociable activities and the **Chapel** are adding to events there in order to keep the threat of closure at bay. Highlights are the Pop In (not to be confused with the Pop up Pub), Knit & Natter, Luncheon Club, Prize Bingo, Whist Drives, Goxhill Singers. Full details on **page 7**.

GOXHILL PARISH

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MONDAYS

Goxhill Library | 3:30pm to 6pm Howe Lane (next to the Parish Rooms)

TUESDAYS

Parish Rooms | Howe Lane 9:30pm to 12pm

WEDNESDAYS

Goxhill Library | 2pm to 5pm

THURSDAYS

Parish Rooms | 9:30pm to 12pm

FRIDAYS



Goxhill Library | 2pm to 5pm Howe Lane (next to the Parish Rooms)

TBC: Community Cafe, Memorial Hall

More community spaces will be open for local events and gatherings. Please see The Gander for a full listing of what's going on and keep a look out for more updates. Should winter temperatures drop low and demand for additional warm spaces rises, the Parish Rooms and other spaces might open more frequently. These extra opening sessions will be organised by the Parish Council and kind volunteers.

For further information, please phone Cllr Jack Lawtey: 07576 111883.

Of course, you are very welcome to attend the **Church and Chapel services** over Christmas and throughout the year, **pages 5 & 21**.

The WI always welcome new members and have interesting guest speakers and of course are crucially involved in so many celebrations and fundraising activities in the village, page 9.

The Memorial Hall always have a range of regular activities and is the home of the hugely successful

Pop up Pub, see page 15 for more details.

I'm sure **Shawbriggs** on the Barrow Road, would welcome you to enjoy the delights of their cafe.

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And I hope the **Goxhill community spirit** will continue to look out for our friends and neighbours who may need a regular friendly face and a cuppa.

Talking about community spirit. It is needed in other ways too, in helping local groups. **The Library** are in need of additional volunteers to run it on the 3 days a week it is open, see **page 27** for their article.

The Scouts are faced with a huge bill to rebuild the Scout Hut at New Holland, which is as popular as ever for young people from Goxhill and Barrow, so are in need of funds. Plus they are looking for a new leader of the Explorers Group to add to the team looking after Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, see page 43.

I hope there is something for every one in these pages of the Gander, to make this winter a little better.

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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

Coming Round Again (not a reference to the morning after the office party...)

I know not everybody feels the same, but in our house the day the Christmas decorations are packed away is probably the most miserable day of the whole year. I freely admit to being somebody who gets the tree up as soon as I possibly can, and we keep the trimmings up till the very last minute. Christmas is just too good to cut short. On that grim day in January this year, just as I'd shut the door on the poor old tree and pushed the last bauble back into the box, under the fairly lights, I noticed one little bauble I'd missed, lying on the floor. Unable to face opening up the big box again, I hung it on the key of my writing box, and there it's been ever since. As the year has passed the way I've felt about it has changed. At first it was just a sad reminder that Christmas was over for another year. Then it seemed an odd thing to have around as we turned towards Lent and Easter. During the extremely hot summer, I remembered the colder weather of Christmas with outright nostalgia, and now, with the arrival of autumn, cooler weather (and the Christmas adverts), suddenly that little bauble represents future happy times again.

2022 has had more than its share of bad press. The death of the Queen, the war in the Ukraine, total farce in Downing Street, rising prices, as well as any personal problems we may have experienced may make us feel it's a year we'll happily see the back of. The little bauble on my writing box has reminded me though that good things come round again, even if at times they seem to be absolutely out of reach. However bad things may be, they won't always be like that and there'll be happy times to come. Perhaps that's something for all of us to hang on to as we head into winter and 2023. Most of all, we should never feel that God doesn't care when things are tough. Christmas is a reminder that he cared enough to be born on earth and experience all that gritty mixture of human life for himself. Whatever your plans for the festive season, on behalf of everyone at All Saints, I wish you joy, peace and happiness, and if for whatever reason, this Christmas isn't a happy one for you, remember it will come round again and next time could be as joyful as we could ever hope for.

Every good wish for Christmas and the New Year

Revd. Liz

Christmas Services Saturday 17th December 6pm Christingle service at All Saints Church Sunday 18th December 2pm Chapel Carol Service

Friday 23rd December 7pm All Saints Carol Service followed by seasonal refreshments.

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib service at the Chapel, children are welcome to come

dressed as the nativity characters.

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight service Holy Trinity Church Barrow

Christmas Day 10am All Saints Church

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends

When I lived in Cornwall, I often travelled to Hartlepool to see my best friend who lived there. It was a very long journey. If I drove it took eight and a half hours and if I went by train, it was at least nine and a half hours and on one occasion it took me eleven hours – the same length of time that it takes to fly from the UK to California! But I kept on making that difficult journey out of love for the friend that lived there.

The story of Jesus' birth is about long journeys. There is the journey that Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem and there's the journey that the wise men made from their own country to visit the baby Jesus. Those are literal journeys but there is also a metaphorical journey; the one that we sing about in lines from a well-known Christmas carol:

'He came down to earth from heaven

Who is God and Lord of all.'

Although none of us today believe that heaven is a place 'up there' the traditional language reminds us that there is a vast distance between us and God. He is great, all powerful and perfectly good. We by contrast are small and insignificant in the grand scheme of things. We are weak and often mess up. Yet by being born as a tiny baby in Bethlehem all those years ago God overcame the distance between us out of love for us all.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas as you remember how much God loves you.

Best wishes, Sally

See page 21 for an article by Rev Sally on the regular Chapel and Church services.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

Community Cuppa

After the positive feedback from the 'The Community Cuppa' held in the Chapel Schoolroom in September, we are pleased to say that, from Friday 25th November this will be a monthly event. We will now be holding it in Memorial Hall on the fourth Friday of every month from 2-4pm. This is a FREE event, come along for tea/coffee and cake. A chance to meet people and have chat. We do hope you will come along and join us, especially if you are new to the village and want to meet new people.

Dates for your diary

- 3rd & 4th December Christmas Tree Festival 3-6pm All Saints Church
- Friday 9th December Christmas Bingo 7pm in Memorial Hall

Christmas services

- Saturdav17th December 6pm Christingle service at All Saints Church
- Sunday 18th December 2pm Chapel Carol Service
- Friday 23rd December 7pm All Saints Carol **Service** followed by seasonal refreshments.
- Christmas Eve 4pm Crib service at the Chapel, children are welcome to come dressed as the nativity characters.
- Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight service Holy Trinity Church Barrow
- Christmas Day 10am All Saints Church

Pop In

is usually the third Saturday in month 10am - 12md on the Chapel Schoolroom.

but we don't have one in December.

2023 21st January 18th February

> 18th March 15th April

For any further information on any of these events please call Sandra on 530065.

THE LUNCHEON CLUB

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CHAPEL & SCHOOLROOM EVENTS

The article by Revd Sally Long on page 21 shows how close our Methodist Chapel came to closure. So there is a new drive to encourage more events and involvement in the Chapel, to secure its future.

Chapel Services are held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month starting at 10.30am. An informal Café Church is held on the 1st Sunday in the Schoolroom with refreshments. The other two Sundays, normal services are in the Chapel.

Children's Area - An area has been created, specially for children's activities, including a Tee Pee, a colouring area and books.

THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM is an ideal location for many smaller social and group events. Some of the events organised by Churches Together listed opposite, are held in the Schoolroom.

New and old activities have already taken place and others are planned. All are very welcome.

The Autumn Fair on 14th October was very well attended with various stalls from the Chapel, the Church, 2nd Hand Toys, Crafts and Cakes and Knit & Natter. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated items & helped on the day, your generosity helped raise much needed funds

Goxhill Singing Group Concert on 9th Nov was a great success. Thank you to the singers and all who

A MacMillan Coffee Morning, in conjunction with the Church, Chapel and WI, was held on 12th November. A big thank you to all who came to help raise funds for this vital cause. And a big thank you to those who provided an amazing array of cakes to choose from and the wonderful hospitality.

A Whist Drive was held in October and was so popular it is now a regular event.

Prize Bingo sessions are planned in the Chapel School Room (look out for future dates). The Churches Together Prize Bingo is held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 9th December 7pm and again at Easter

Goxhill Singing Group meet Wednesdays 7-9pm. Knit & Natter, Luncheon Club and Pop Ins see Churches Together information opposite.

December Events at the Chapel

Café Church 4th December Luncheon Club 14th December at 12 noon Carol Service Sunday 18th December at 2pm Crib Service 24th December 4pm

Events planned in 2023

Café Church 1st January 10.30am Whist Drive 7th January 6.30pm Prize Bingo 27th January 6.30pm Whist Drive 28th January 6.30pm Café Church 5th February 10.30am Whist Drive 25th February 6.30pm Spring Favre March (date to be confirmed)

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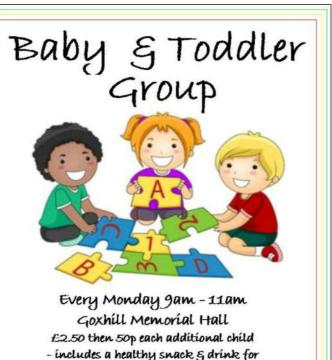
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	72	John Nadin	£20

Sept Quarterly Jackpot

Sean Hickson

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A year's subscription to the Goxhill 200 Club costs just £10 and runs from October to September inclusive. That buys you 40 chances of winning in the form of 3 prizes each month plus quarterly jackpots. If you would like to join, email goxhill.200club@gmail.com or telephone 530363 and we will arrange to contact you for the next lottery year. Payments of your subscription can be by cash, cheque or Rosemarie Guggiari



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welcome to attend any of our advertised meetings. Please look out for posters around the village for information on our forthcoming events.

Our WI programme for the next 3 months is -

December 12th-Christmas party for members & friends only

Members' Night for members only January 9th -February 13th - Ceramics Workshop led by Alex

Hallowes (limited spaces so if

interested contact Caroline)

For further information please contact Caroline Atkins, Secretary, on 01469 532204

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The Singing Group has a concert coming up and will be at the Christmas Tree Festival at the Church, Shawbriggs Farm Shop & the Co-Op for carolling too!

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE BEEKEEPERS

Another packed year has drawn to a close for our district. The penultimate meeting of the year was our annual honey show with entrants of all ages form across North Lincolnshire. Our year drew to a close with our final meeting, another fascinating talk from Beecraft's Richard Rickett.

We already have a full schedule for 2023:

February - 27th Andy Curzons (BBKA Training Modules)

March - 27th Lymfa Davies (Varroa

Management - Zoom Meeting)

April - 24th Eddie Gadd (Queen Rearing)

Full details of our meeting, held at Broughton village hall, 7:30pm, can be found here:

www.northlincsbeekeepers.org.uk/calendar We are also please to announce that we will be holding another Beekeeping Basics Beginners'

Course at Scunthorpe Community Centre on the 25th and 26th March 2023. Further details can be found at www.northlincsbeekeepers.org.uk/ beginners-course

That just leaves me to thank our committee and volunteers for all their hard work in another successful year.

Jacob Stillyards - District Secretary northlincolnshireapiary@outlook.com

BARTON AREA FOOD BANK



Barton Area Food Bank is now coming to the end of the 11th operational year. The demand for food and toiletries has steadily increased as the UK and the

rest of Europe feels the knock-on effect of international events. Prices have increased and people are possibly finding it harder to donate to our collection bins in Tesco, Heron and the Coop in Barton and several villages including Goxhill, and also in the churches, some schools and many of the communities surrounding Barton. We are so grateful for everything anyone can spare and have seen such kindness in our communities, especially at the moment when many schools and churches are donating their Harvest Thanksgiving gifts to us.

The collection of surplus fresh food from Tesco on Monday and Thursday evenings continues. We are now collecting fresh baguettes and sometimes pizzas from the Bakkavor factory off Falklands Way. So as not to waste any surplus. Bakkavor has kindly bought

us a large freezer, which we hope to place in our new store once it is built.

Planning continues on our new store, but it does take time to get the requirements right and fit for purpose. It will take several thousand pounds to build and install the electrics and security fencing. This will not affect our regular funds which we use to top up the gaps in our food and toiletries stocks, sometimes now up to £300 per week. This building money will be ringfenced and we are hoping to approach some local companies for help. Any Gift Aid receipts (i.e. the additional 25% we are able to claim) from monetary donations are also going towards this fund.

Please support us at Tesco between the 1st and 3rd of December, when once again we shall be having a Tesco in-store Collection Day. Thank you for your continued support.

The Foodbank is open at The Salvation Army on Toffs Road, Barton, Tuesday and Friday 2 - 3.30pm For further details please contact us on **07526** 472683 or email bartonareafoodbank@gmail.com

What is Barrow Ladies Probus Group?

We are a small group of Ladies who meet once a month for lunch.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
25-Nov	2-4pm	Community Cuppa	Mem/Hall
03-Dec	9am	Lincs Wildlife Trust	Cleethorpes
3-4 Dec	3-6pm	Christmas Tree Festival	All Saints
04-Dec	10.30am	Café Church	Chapel
04-Dec	10-3pm	Christmas Fair	Mem/Hall
09-Dec	7pm	Christmas Bingo	Mem/Hall
10-Dec	5pm	Pop up Pub Ticketed Eve	
11-Dec	6.30pm	Pop up Pub Ticketed Eve	ent Mem/Hall
12-Dec	7.00pm	WI - Christmas Party	Mem/Hall
17-Dec	6pm	Christingle Service	All Saints
17-Dec	12.30-3.30p	m Santa Craft Fayre	Immingham
18-Dec	2pm	Carol Service	Chapel
22-Dec	2-11pm	Pop up Pub	Mem/Hall
23-Dec	2-4pm	Community Cuppa	Mem/Hall
23 Dec	5-12.30am	Pop up Pub	Mem/Hall
23-Dec	7pm	Carol Service	All Saints
24-Dec	4pm	Crib Service	Chapel
24 Dec	12.30-12.30		Mem/Hall
24-Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Service	Holy Trinit
25-Dec	11.30-4p	m Pop up Pub	Mem/Hal
26-Dec	2pm-11.30p	m Pop up Pub	Mem/Hal
01-Jan	10.30am	Café Church	Chapel
07-Jan	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/R
09-Jan	7.00pm	WI - Members' Night	Mem/Hall
21-Jan	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel S/R
21-Jan	1pm	Lincs Wildlife Trust	S. Ferriby
26-Jan	7.30pm	Open Gardens meeting	Chapel S/R
27-Jan	2-4pm	Community Cuppa	Mem/Hall
27-Jan	6.30pm	Prize Bingo	Chapel S/R
27-Jan	7.30pm	Ghost Walk	Barton
28-Jan	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/R
05-Feb	10.30am	Café Church	Chapel
13-Feb	7.00pm	WI - Ceramics Workshop	
18-Feb	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel S/R
18-Feb	9am	Lincs Wildlife Trust	Top Hill Low
24-Feb	7.30pm	Ghost Walk	Barton
24-Feb	2-4pm	Community Cuppa	Mem/Hall
25-Feb	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/R
27-Feb	7.30pm	Beekeepers	Broughton
05-Mar	10.30am	Café Church	Chapel
17-Mar	7.30pm	Ghost Walk	Barton
March T	BC	Spring Fayre	Chapel S/R
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REGULAR EVENTS

Chapel School Room

Luncheon Club	12 noon	2nd Wed of the month
Knit & Natter	2-4pm	Thursdays
Singing Group	7-9pm	Wednesdays
Memorial Hall		
Baby & Toddlers	9-12am	Mondays
T'ai Chi	2-3pm	Mondays
Pilates	10-11am	Tuesday & Thursday
Martial Arts	4-8pm	Tuesdays
Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm	Wednesday
	10-12 noon	Friday
Dog Training	6.30-8pm	Friday
Taekwando	11.30-2pm	Saturday
WI	7pm	2nd Mon of the month
Library	3.30-6pm	Monday
-	2-5pm	Wednesday
	3.30-6pm	Monday
Bowling Club	2pm	Tuesday

If you want any events entering here, please contact me at: editor@goxhillgander.com or 07774 671175 E&OE

NOTICE BOARD Part 4

Goxhill Open Gardens 2023

We had hoped to be able to start 2023 with a good idea of how Goxhill Open Gardens would be organised in future but the death of Queen Elizabeth II meant that the Open Gardeners' Garden Party planned for 10th September had to be cancelled.

We now hope that anyone who has ever opened their gardens in Goxhill, or who might be interested in doing so in future, will attend a meeting to discuss future events and how they will be organised.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.

Please do come to the meeting, even if it is only to tell us what not to do! If you would like to have your say but cannot get to the meeting, please let me know –

caroline.rhombus@btinternet.com 01469 532204. Many thanks Caroline Atkins

BARTON UPON HUMBER AREA GROUP Invites you



to come and join us and learn more about our local area and the wildlife in it. You do not have to be a member of the Trust to attend any of our events and its free! For any information please contact Vernon Chapman or Maureen Douglass as below. Look forward to seeing you!

Saturday Field Trips - 2022 / 23

Date	Start 11mi	Duration	Event name
3 Dec	9:00 am	Half Day	Cleethorpes/Tetney Marshes
	Annual tri the Humb		winter waders & Snow Bunting on Leader - Vernon Chapman
21 Jan	1:00 pm	Half Day	South Ferriby and Bonby
	Birdwatch	ing on the H	umber bank at South Ferriby

18 Feb 9:00 am Full Day Top Hill Low

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Leader - Vernon Chapman

Leader - Vernon Chapman

For further information contact

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website - https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/ (Barton Area Group)

NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment

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Christmas at The Ropewalk Craft Gallery

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In addition The Ropewalk also has an on-line presence that can be found at https://www.the-

ropewalk.co.uk/shop/ and includes a section devoted to Barton's heritage as well as jewellery, textiles, ceramics, prints.

Pop into the Craft Gallery in the run-up to Christmas and see what is on offer.



SOUTH BANK PLAYERS

After a successful start to the **Ghost Walk** season on Halloween, the

South Bank Players have a further 4 walks to perform. The dates for these are all Fridays - 25th November, 27th January, 24th February and 17th March. The walk starts from Baysgarth House Museum at 7.30pm and we recommend you wear sensible footwear for walking and wrap up warm. All tickets cost £5 and can be booked in advance on www.sbplayers.weebly.com or bought on the night.

Unbelievably Barton Ghost Walk is now 20 years old!

If you haven't been yet, maybe this is the year to try it out! Even if you've been before you might hear a new story or spot a new spooky effect as we are always adding things in. Our Ghost Walk is quite different to many others as we don't just have one person leading the group around town, there are a number of actors who come out along the way to tell tales about long-dead Barton residents. Last month we performed a murder mystery, 'Body of the Play' at the Nelthorpe Arms in South Ferriby. It was great fun and the audience enjoyed trying to work out 'whodunnit'. We would welcome the opportunity to perform this again so if you know of a venue, or a group that might like us to put on a murder mystery evening for them let us know.

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NOTICE BOARD - Goxhill Memorial Hall

I've just started taking bookings for the Christmas Fair (Dec 4th, 10-3pm). Being reminded of wreaths, bath bombs and fragrant candles brought a smile to my lips. At the same time, the promise of Christmas cupcakes and mince pies had me salivating in anticipation. I love this time of the year with its dark nights and flickering fairy lights, the glossy shine of holly leaves and the smell of burning wood. Enough of day-dreaming however, I've got lots to tell you. Oh...in the last issue, I forgot to mention that David Marsh from Goxhill was also one of the nine local artists at our August Art Exhibition. Sorry for missing you out David.

October saw a large selection of sparkling photos sent in for the Fotofrolic Competition. All submissions and winners were posted on the Grapevine. This month also saw us cutting down the conifer branches overhanging the tennis court (see photo). Our neighbour has kindly promised, should those trees get in the way of tennis playing in the future, he will top them off. Without branches to perch on, the pigeons whose corrosive poop has been eating into the playing surface, hopefully will now go elsewhere and annoy someone else.

November will see us plant our Jubilee Canopy cherry tree on the grass near the car park entrance. There will be a plaque in front of the tree serving as a Memorial to Colin Creasey in appreciation for all the work he had done for the Memorial Hall over

the years. I am hoping to have a large meeting this month to plan next year's Village Show (July/August?). Although we have a fair-sized village hall, a proper Village Show with all its competitive vegetable, fruit, flowers, preserves, baking, sewing, knitting and craft entries, will need more space than we have at the Hall and more people organising it. One suggestion has been to use the chapel for the baking and preserve entries, the church for flowers and vegetables with the Hall dedicated to sewing, knitting, crafts and photos/artwork. If you are interested in helping us organise this event, please contact me at 530635.

Besides the Christmas Fair, December sees the Pop Up Pub opening over the Christmas period (see PUP adverts below and on the Grapevine). As in past years they also intend putting on a **New Year's Eve "do"**.

Along with our hirers, we know the New Year will bring many challenges, not least the oft-publicised increase in energy costs. Although we haven't put up our fees for many years, the threat of higher heating bills is forcing our hand. From Jan 1st 2023, our regular hirers (weekly/monthly) will find fees increased by £1 to £12/hour. Our irregular hirers (private parties, evening meetings etc) will find their fees increased from £11 to £15/hour. We will also be looking at ways to decrease our energy consumption, especially in areas we rarely use.

We had hoped to be able to report more progress with the Fareshare Scheme, but we have been informed that pressure on the scheme has meant our involvement has been delayed until at least Jan 2023. We would like to

thank all those who have volunteered to help the Hall run this scheme. We are still hopeful, so please be patient. Information on this scheme can be found at

faresharehullhumber.org.uk

You may notice we are gradually replacing the covers of the Hall **chairs**. The new funky fabric is from Boyes in Barton. We are averaging 5 chairs a week, so anticipate it will take 30 weeks to recover all 150 chairs. Phew.

Back to work then. Until next time... Ann Carter. Charity No 119365

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

Mon: Parent and Toddlers (9.15-11.30am) Wed: Short Mat Bowls (7-9pm) Tai Chi (2-3pm) Thurs: Pilates (10-11am),

Short Mat Bowls (7-9pm) Short Mat Bowls (10-12am)

Tues: Pilates (10-11am), Dog Training S&S (6:30-8pm) Martial Arts (4-8pm)

Sat: Taekwando (11:30-2pm)

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Sam England tel: 01469 531097 email: goxhillmemorialhall@gmail.com

10th December at 17:00

Festive Fun at the Goxmas Gathering a ticketed event with Route 180 (the band)

11th December at 18:30

A December to Remember Christmas Showcase

An evening of pop, musical theatre and christmas solo/group songs performed by Kerrie Anne Vocal Coach & Performers. Also a ticketed event.

Following that we are open over Christmas for the first time since 2019!

22nd December 2 - 11.30pm

23rd December 12.30pm - 12.30am

with the Community Cuppa in the afternoon and

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GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Swings and Roundabouts

It is always difficult at this time of the year to see exactly what has been achieved, and what has been promised but not completed. We all have our aims, dreams etc., that we would like to complete for the benefit of the village, but it is not always practical or possible, affordable or indeed agreed to by all. Several times this year we thought that an agreement had been reached on a particular matter, when a month later it was questioned and reversed. It is always disheartening when this happen as no progress can be made whatsoever. It is hoped that although it is good to have differing opinions and ideas around a table, an agreement which suits everyone, can be found, not for the glory of any particular one, but for the good of all, and I firmly believe this to be very, very important.

Footpath 62 that runs from Chapel Street to Vicars bridge, leading to the playing field, has now been resurfaced, It had been delayed for quite some time due to practical discussions, but thankfully the work has been completed. This gives the children a safe route to school, something we have been striving for, for some time. Obtaining the road finings from the recent highway works, for resurfacing, has made the task a little more cost effective. I believe that this is also a welcome improvement for everyone, especially before the wet winter weather.

It has again been a difficult year financially and will certainly continue to be so, as it is for all of us privately. However, it is important to ensure that we keep things up to standard and where ever possible improve. If we do nothing but wait and hold off, the cost of any work we delay will most certainly be higher in the future, so it makes more sense to do what we can while we can.

One good thing that has occurred is the forming of a banking hub. We were contacted by Barton upon Humber Town Council in this regard, for our input and support, as the only remaining bank was soon to close, leaving the area with no face to face facilities whatsoever. A justification letter was put forward, pointing out the difficulties faced by many people in Goxhill, who for instance did not bank on line, or did not have the use of private transport, etc. We have been informed that a shared banking hub has been implemented in Barton and preparations will be made in the coming months. Excellent news.

Cemetery

I hope you are aware that we were awarded the prize for the best kept Cemetery again this year in the Best Kept Village competition. We narrowly missed out last year, but of course won it the year before. I was proud to attend the awards evening, together with our very able contractor, and to accept the prize on behalf of Goxhill. At the ceremony I was told that our cemetery was a delight to visit, not a bad comment, I thought. We now have set a high standard to keep up, and I'm sure that we will.

Two Walnut trees were donated recently by a kind resident, who had grown them herself, and I have planted them in the rear field, where they have plenty of room to develop.

A further tree will be purchased with the prize token as soon as it is available.

Playing Field

Seven trees around six meters tall growing on the boundary, had been partly sawn off at the base and pushed over further onto the playing field, these have had to be urgently removed for safety reasons. They have now been completely removed from site, and the area around them made safe.

Playground inspections have been made and as usual I find I have a lot of keen volunteers from the children playing there at the time, always willing to demonstrate for me. It makes the job a delight. Some pieces of play equipment will need removing and replacing in the near future, one or two of them firm favourites, but because of age there may be no alternative, this is being closely monitored.

Library

Volunteers are urgently required, if you have the time to spare, please call in, you will be made very welcome. We are lucky to have it and we need to keep it. See article on page 27.

Allotments

The administration of the allotments is to be changed. It will in the future be run by the Parish Clerk, Proper Officer and RFO. Agreements will be signed yearly as previously, by the tenants. Payment will be paid at that time as normal. A list of conditions of tenancy will be given out. All existing tenants will be advised.

If you wish to apply for an allotment please contact the Parish council

Millennium Green

A small tree has been removed from alongside the footbridge and the roots excavated, it had been cut down previously but had regrown from roots remaining, and was lifting the bridge to a dangerous slope.

A clear up is needed in the rear area to take away all the plastic tubes that were used when the trees were planted several years ago, soon after the Parish Council took over the care of the Green as sole trustees. Those trees planted by Parish Councillors at that time, and residents, all willing volunteers, have made a beautiful woodland, which with care, will develop further. I am sure that the tubes will be removed, yet again by the same volunteers. It is hoped that the trees, donated, and planted this year will recover now that we have had some rain, they have been suffering as have all of our gardens, from the very dry summer that we have all enjoyed.

NB. It is very sad that once again I have to report that many of the new trees on the Green, were vandalised shortly after planting, Sniffing tubes were placed in some tree protectors. Several of these trees have been replaced, but we did not have enough to make up for all of them. We will wait for the spring and replace them, along with the ones that have died through drought.

Freda Dunklev

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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 very pleased to announce that the winner of the front cover is our very own Jeff Teasdale with his photograph of the Goxhill beacon and the Junior prize goes to - Luke Vessey aged 13 for his stunning photo of sunset on the Humber. Congratulations to you both and to all others who were voted onto the other pages.

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2023 Calendar

GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

In our previous article for The Gander I mentioned that our Club had no cup finals in prospect but was looking well-placed for some success in at least a couple of the four leagues that we compete in. Well, unexpectedly, we did end up winning a 'cup final' after being invited to join Barton Park Bowls and Barrow Bowls in an idiosyncratic 3-way play-off for a trophy called the **Dewey Cup** - originally set up when Barton had three bowls clubs. But overall the season was about league success and near-misses.

Equalling our best ever finish in the **Premier Division of Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Bowls Association**, we came within a whisker of greater glory. Atop the division with one match to play we slipped up to finish as runners-up behind (perennial champions) Clee Bowls – finishing just 2 points behind their 79 points. It was particularly galling given that we defeated them both home & away and lost fewer games. They simply outscored us in our respective wins against other opponents.

By contrast we won the **Barnetby & District Bowling League** by a single point when the third placed team deprived second placed Barrow Bowls of the victory that they needed to overhaul us from their final match of the season.

At the end of our second season in the **Scunthorpe & District Bowls League** we finished as **3rd Division champions** with our 163 points putting us 42 points clear of runners-up Cemex Bowls, who had followed us up from the 4th Division the previous year. Obviously, it will get tougher as we move up the divisions but you play the teams put out against you and do your best.

Even in the **North Lincolnshire mixed triples Division 3**, which we use for bringing on newer bowlers, we achieved a solid mid-table 4th out of 7 teams.

What has been very satisfying this year has been the number of bowlers who have joined us, some completely new to the sport and others having moved into the area. Several have taken part in league matches whilst others have preferred to stick to social bowling and friendlies for their first season. And to prove that age is never a factor – there was a difference of 54 years between the ages of our youngest and oldest recruits.

Lawn bowling is easy to learn and suitable for all ages, abilities and fitness levels. It is quite inexpensive too, compared to most other sports. If you would like to try your hand in 2023 then email **jg.goxhill@btinternet.com** or use the contact link on our website at **http://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com** or telephone **530363**. We can have a chat about what is on offer and then get back in touch with you around April, just before the new outdoor season starts, to begin some coaching so that you will be ready to make the most of the summer.

John Guggiari





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Goxhill Methodist Chapel saved from the brink!

As most people in Goxhill are aware, the Methodist Church was on the brink of closure. Since then, the amount of support we've had from people in the village has been amazing. It's been great that so many people have come to fundraising and social events. The Sunday congregation is also growing. So thank you all very much!

All this underlines the fact that any church is more than its building. Whether we're talking about our lovely chapel or our beautiful parish church both need people in them to keep them open and a valuable part of our village. Sometimes, though, what goes on in church on a Sunday seems mysterious and people are uncertain how they 'join in' and become part of the church. And more people in Goxhill are now asking how they can become part of our village churches.

The first step is easy – come along on Sunday and join us for worship.

Services in the Parish All Saints Church are at 8.30am on the first Sunday of the month, which is a service with traditional language and no hymns, and at 9.30am on all

other Sundays with modern language and hymn singing. Most services include communion.

The Methodist Church meets at 10.30 on the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. The first Sunday of the month is an informal Café Church, held in the schoolroom, and includes refreshments and a variety of activities to take part in. We have communion once a month.

You will get a warm welcome from both congregations.

If people want to take things further and make a commitment and take a full part in the life of the church they have to be confirmed. This will involve finding out more about the Christian faith and the responsibilities that Christians have. The Confirmation Service is led by a Bishop in the Parish Church and by the local minister in the Methodist Church.

Rev Liz Brown 01652 634855, Sandra Smith 01469 **530065** or myself, Revd Sally Long 01652 781115, are

very happy to talk with anyone and to answer any questions that you may have about our churches or the Christian faith. Sally Long.



On May 18th 2022, our record three terms of office as **Mayor** and Mayoress of North Lincolnshire, came to an end. Myself and my wife Carol, the Mayoress, thoroughly enjoyed being the ambassadors for North Lincolnshire and promoting the County.

We met some wonderful people during our terms of office and attended some memorable events.

Due to the pandemic, fund raising was a bit restricted, but over my 3 terms of office we raised just over £100,000 for my chosen

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The Scott John family won the domestic dwelling prize with their traditional bunting decorated 'Old Schoolroom' on Chapel Street.

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Jack Lawtey

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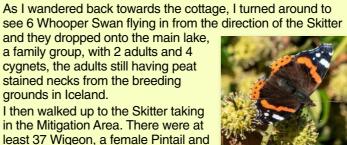
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Saturday 8th October An early start at Winter's Pond as

(2 Drakes and a female), 18 Tufted Duck and a Kingfisher.

The bushes revealed at least 5 Chiffchaff, a singing male

A guick scan of the main lake revealed a good count of 22 Ruff,

the most I've had here to date, 14 Dunlin, 90 Shoveler, 3 Pintail

An un-ringed Great-white Egret was feeding on the rear pond.

always today, for another visit to this cracking area.

Cetti's Warbler and 2 Great-spotted Woodpecker.

a family group, with 2 adults and 4

cygnets, the adults still having peat

105 Mallard in the channels which

are slowly filling with water again.

stained necks from the breeding

grounds in Iceland.

A few insects seen in the now warm sunshine included a Small White, Speckled Wood, Comma, a lovely Painted Lady and 2 Red Admirals.

On returning to Winter's before heading for home, it was great to see the Whooper family still here, all huddled together sleeping.

Saturday 15th October A nice start to proceedings on today's visit as I approached Winter's, was a lovely Barn Owl hunting along Marsh Lane, the first I've seen for a while.

On the grassland I saw a pair of Egyptian Geese grazing, not the most inspiring of species to start the day, but a NFY species and only the second time I've seen the species for the patch.

A walk around to the rear pond I saw my first local Redwing of the autumn, 2 Chiffchaff and a Kingfisher flying along the floodbank, it really is turning out to be a good year for the latter. I have been looking through the Shoveler every weekend since we started getting bigger than normal numbers here this year. Today it paid off, as I picked up a bird in amongst them with a striking white loral spot, dark eyestripe and pale eye lids forming a broken eye ring.....this had to be a Blue-winged Teal!!!!!.

First sighting of a Blue-winged Teal at Winter's Pond

I carried on watching the Teal, as of course I hadn't seen the blue forewing or the birds legs to check for any unwanted bling, thankfully the legs were clear, it then proceeded to go to sleep out of view. A really good pointer for picking the bird out when it was asleep, was the fact it showed the striking white eye-lids

when it would open and close its eyes, a great feature for future reference on picking them out of dozing flocks of Wildfowl.

It was then flushed along with the rest of the flock by a passing Marsh Harrier and we seized the chance to get closer as it settled down again and I got some decent digiscoped shots and video of the open wing and also noted another good feature....its dull vellowish legs.



Fast Halton

While watching this cracker, several flocks of Gulls had come and gone and 2 separate Med Gulls a lovely 2nd Winter bird and a First Winter.....what a place this is!.

Sunday 16th October The obvious destination this morning, bright and early, was Winter's to see if the female Blue-winged Teal was still in residence.

After it got light, an initial scan of the main lake didn't reveal our American visitor, but then a Marsh Harrier passed by and

flushed all the birds off the rear pond and sure enough it had done the trick and there she was with her Shoveler cousins.

Also on the main lake were a cracking count of 22 Ruff roosting as they have in previous visits, before dispersing for the day onto the fields with the Lapwings and Black-tails.

Also present were the Egyptian Geese pair still, a female Pintail and a single Little Egret.

Sunday 23rd October A pretty mixed up Buck Muntiac. Winter's Pond day today, due to heavy rain from 9ish until

2pm, saw me having a quick scout around Winter's first and last thing in between the rain. There was an autumn/winter period first local Goldeneye, a female on the main lake, along with 10 Ruff and 4 Pintail.

A cracking old type adult male Marsh Harrier put in a few appearances, which was great to see.

In the bushes, an obvious increase in passerines included 13 Robins, Fieldfare, Lesser Redpoll and Grey Wag over, Chiffchaff and a handful of Redwing.

During a period of heavy rain I watched from the car at the Skitter, parked on the floodbank, with the highlight being a duo of Dark-bellied Brent Geese which flew north along the estuary

and were my first records of the year here. I also saw a single Great-crested Grebe floating out on the falling tide, 18 Avocet and a Harbour Porpoise.

Before I left for home after the deluge, at the Mit Site, a few nice sightings included a Fox, Barn Owl, 3 Stonechat (Male and 2 females), 450 Pinks, 63 Curlew, 105 Mallard, 67 Wigeon, a juvenile Marsh Harrier and 6 Roe Deer.

Well what a great few visits again and I really enjoyed finding the

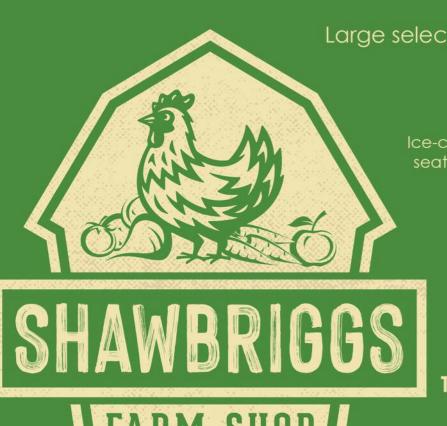
Blue-winged Teal, as it was not only a first for the local patch. but also a self find tick and the 12th record for Lincolnshire. The patch year list now stands at 156 species.

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Since returning to school in September, we have been working hard to increase the variety of extra-curricular clubs that we offer to the children. Staff have been working tirelessly to ensure that children are receiving a curriculum beyond the classroom that challenges, engages and develops them in a full and rounded way. These clubs have been very popular and I would like to thank the staff, children and parents for their support in making them so successful.

Years 1-6 Engineering Club

This term, our engineering club have been using their engineering skills across a range of different construction materials. We all started off with 'meccano', honing our skills of leadership and teamwork. Helping our partners to build and construct various different models, from helicopters to motorbikes and cars to robots.

As we have advanced each week, we have been able to finish our constructions and move on to geomagnets and knex products. It has been wonderful to see the children working together, remaining positive despite the difficulties of tiny pieces and larger fingers! It has also been lovely to see the children supporting each other across year groups and between key stages.



Mrs Odette Nelson and Mr Liam Stott

Years 1 and 2 Arts and Crafts Club

We have been trying to engage the children in reading for enjoyment through linking the arts to high quality texts and immersing the children in practical-related tasks. Our first week of art club saw the children outside, collecting leaves for their art. We discussed autumn and what type of leaf might work well to make a hedgehog. The children coloured in paper plates, selecting the colour based on them becoming hedgehogs. They glued along the top edge and selected their leaves to stick on as spikes. They then placed eyes on to bring them to life. While they dried, we listened to the story "Don't Hog the Hedge". Using 'Funnybones', we made our own skeletons by carefully cutting around a head template, sticking cotton buds for the body and using chalk on black paper to create our own backdrop. The children also enjoyed a dance to the skeleton song! "The foot bone's connected to the leg bone......". We watched an animation of the story 'The Rainbow Fish'. We then used collage materials to create our own rainbow fish. We finished them off with some sparkly scales. The children worked really hard to cut the

fish out carefully. 'The Smartest Giant in Town' provided inspiration to make our own smart giants. We had to cut the giant out carefully before using the collage materials to make him look as smart as possible. Through the story 'commotion in the ocean', we explored being sea creatures in the 'ocean' (big field) and made our own sea creatures. The children did an excellent job gluing and sticking, counting out 'legs' and sticking on googly eyes.

Mrs Kelly Wailes and Mrs Marie Jinks

Years 3-6 arts and crafts club

This week was our first Key Stage 2 Arts and Crafts club and we spent the session planning for our exciting project: our very own carnival masks. To start with, we looked at different examples of existing carnival masks and then used pic collage to collect examples of designs we liked. Once we had found some designs we liked, we started to design our own masks. We drew three different designs and listed what resources and equipment we



may need to create them. We also brought in some materials we may need to decorate our masks. In our third week of arts and crafts club, some of us started to create our paper mache masks. We started by blowing up a balloon to roughly the size of our heads and then worked in pairs to use wallpaper paste and strips of newspaper to start layering paper for the mask. These are currently drying but were very sticky and messy. Not all of us enjoyed the feel of the wallpaper paste and we found it really hard to hold the balloon still but it was excellent fun.

Mrs Heather Smith and Miss Billie Elliott



Our Imagination Library Book Club

We are very proud of this club through which we celebrate literature and encourage a true love of reading. Our children are fully immersed in creative tasks linked to the texts and even have the opportunity to take home a special story sack to share with their families. This club brings stories to life through a wide variety of texts, genres, themes and characters. This half term the children have explored books about space, aliens and the moon and great fun has certainly been had. 'Mungo & the spiders from space' by Timothy Knapman & Adam Stower, You Choose in Space, Here Come the Aliens, Aliens in Underpants Save the World, Ping

and The Man on the Moon have all inspired the children. For further information, please see this link: www.goxhillschool.com/phonics reading/imagination library book club.html Mrs Anna Bowskin In addition to all of the above clubs, we also offer sports clubs such as gymnastics, dance, tag rugby and boxercise.

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It reopened on 4th April 2011, with a small team manning it three afternoons a week.

It offers all the services you would expect of a library. As the article in the Gander Summer 2011 said "You can borrow books for free. order books not stocked for free, use the internet for free and have a colour printer to use. All within the village."

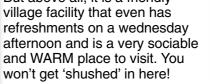
Services have come on even further since then - see the panel.

There is a lovely children's space stocked with a

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But above all, it is a friendly village facility that even has refreshments on a wednesday and WARM place to visit. You



There is a book reading group on a Friday, but it is currently full and not taking new members.



We are currently down to just 3 volunteers, with the long term illness of stalwart Alyson O'Leary. So we are desperately in need of more helpers to give as much or as little time as they feel able. Full training will be given. We have a rota, so people can add their names for the session/s when they are available.

Our current team of brilliant volunteers OPENING TIMES are Linda Gilbert, Mick Harris and recently recruited Isabelle Heward.

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The WINNER of the Short Award 2022...

There was a really good response to this year's Goxhill's Community Award, sponsored by the Gander. At their Meeting on 16th November, the Gander Committee counted all the entries.

The villager with by far the most nominations and glowing praises is ALYSON O'LEARY.

These quotes sum up why Alvson is so deserving of the Short Award. "Through her work with and beyond the WI, she has dedicated a significant amount of her time over the years to ensuring that Goxhill has a real sense of community. Nothing is a problem and she always greets everyone with warmth and kindness."

"Alyson has been a library volunteer since it's inception, barely missing until ill health prevented her from attending. She was also instrumental in creating the 2 book boxes that are used freely by villagers."

Alyson said she was very surprised and delighted by the award. "When we moved here in 1991 we found that we were immediately accepted into the Goxhill Community. So it was just natural to do things for the community". "As well as the Library and the WI, I really enjoyed the extra fundraising activities the WI got involved in helping, particularly the Women's Refuge at Grimsby, MacMillan Nurses, and so many of the special occasions we have helped the village celebrate over the years".

Alyson will be presented with a £50 gift voucher and a certificate of thanks, plus her name will be added to the distinguished list in the Memorial Hall. It was a very close contest with Martyn & Lynne Taylor, David Todd, Janet Shephardson, Jack Lawtey, Aileen Hanlon Bennett, Ann Carter, Caroline Atkins, Tony Ruddy, Sheila Robinson and Rosemarie Guggiari, all receiving a great deal of recognition for their contributions to village life in Goxhill.



Alyson O'Leary at the opening of the volunteer run Goxhill Library in 2011

All would have been worthy winners in their own way, perhaps they will be in the future.

Thank you to those who do good things in the village and thank you to all who voted. It is so important to show how much you appreciate these contributions to our community life! **Editor**



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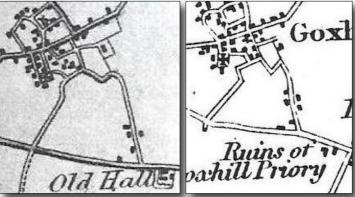
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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LOPHAMS TO MARKET GARDENING IN GOXHILL

The aim of this series of articles is to explain the depth of history of Market Gardening in the village and the subsequent development of Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd. Lophams, a property found off Thorn Lane, just after Abbeygarth Villas, has a history of Market Gardening. The property was purchased by the van den Bos family, in the 1950s for this purpose. However in researching the property some interesting facts emerged.

In the chapter 'Agriculture in Later Times' in Sparras & Fomards: Glimpses of Old Goxhill, Russell Cook details the allocations of land in the Enclosure Award of 1775. Thomas Burman was allocated 107 acres of land which included 'Ancient Lanes'. In his footnotes Mr Cook explains that these are the Lopham and Hobhoust Lanes. Notes in Kees van den Bos's papers about the 'Ancient roads in Goxhill' include reference to Lopham and Hobhurst Lane but note that they 'disappeared as public roads at the time of enclosure'. The possible whereabouts of these lanes needs further investigation.



1828 Bryant's map of Goxhill. Copied History (Cook and Border)

1834 Greenwood's map of Goxhill.

The 1828 Bryants' and 1834 Greenwood maps show the village as it once was though the maps are not to scale. Old newspaper articles dated the early and mid-1930s which report the memories of Goxhill's oldest residents, record that many of the village's original homes had been demolished and replaced within the living memory of these individuals. A section of the 1852 Tithes (a tax of one tenth of produce paid by a landowner) map shows the layout of the field system at that time and provides landowner's names. The Tithes map shows that the

present day School Lane, off Thorn Lane, appears to have been a route which continued on much further than that of the present day, and appears to join up with a lane. into the fields. from around Nut Villa. This mavbe the present day access to the old Hawthorne Gardens sheds or is it the access

1852 Section of Tithes map showing Lopholmes. Goxhill Gander Archive.

Land owned by Nut Villa, Howe Lane (Built 1851 by Horace Mr Richard Young Hildyard) and land owned by 'Mr Hildyard' 1887 Ordnance Survey map showing Land owned by Land owned by Trinity House

Lopholmes. Goxhill Gander Archive.

to the field behind the old office; between the office and the more recently built bungalows leading towards the cemetery? When laid alongside the 1887 village map a good comparison of fields and property can be made.

The 1887 map shows the field system and their dimensions. Field number 628, adjacent to Thorn Lane and owned by Trinity House, is where, initially the two 'new' Trinity House cottages were built, at the first bend towards South End, before the construction of Abbeygarth Villas commenced in the 1950s. This map shows the original Trinity House property which stood down School Lane, as well as Nut Villa and Lophams. I've been gifted copies of some of the Glanford Brigg Valuation Books for the late 1800s. This information lists property residents and their ownership. The books also record the land in acres, roods and perches (there are four roods to an acre and 40 perches to a rood). This information led me to consider whether it was the area of the village rather than a particular house that was known locally as Lophams.

The Valuation Books reveal that In 1894, Mary Eve Elletson (Gander Spring 2022), as well as the house, outbuildings and garden at Nut Villa together with land owned by Horace Hildyard (was this some of Field 623?) used land at Lopholmes which was owned by her brother Job Elletson. When Walter Goodwin took over from her (1897 and 1901 valuations) he gave up Horace Hildyard's land using then just over four acres. Is this the first four acres in Cornelis van den Bos's business, started at Nut Villa in 1913? (Taken from Ron Parker's Goxhill Bygones).

The 1894 and 1897 Valuation Books record too that Robert Woodall Bust farmed 5 acres 1 rood and 25 perches of land at Lopholmes. Also farming 3 acres and 8 perches of land at Lopholmes was Henry Spencer who lived on Horsegate Field Road. Both these men were farming land owned by 'Mrs Ashton's Representatives'. The Tithes map has a shaded area numbered 4 which is field 651 on the 1887 map. No 4 represents, a separate table discloses, land owned by William Ashton which is described as 'Little Close'. Fields 621 and 652 on the 1887 map are also owned by 'Mr W Ashton'.

Records show John Hewitt farming in excess of five acres at Lopholmes. He lived, I believe, at the property, now demolished, that stood down School Lane, the original Trinity House property. Isaac Sewell too is recorded at Lopholmes in the same valuation records. Isaac had land

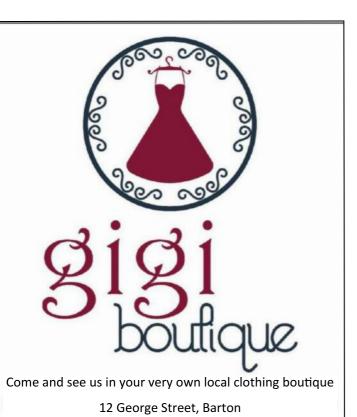
totalling, by 1901, 5 and a quarter acres. This is the present day Lophams, the property and orchard standing on field 621 on the 1887 map and owned, on the Tithes map by Trinity House and Mr Richard Young. Feeling a little out of my depth I asked Archaeologist **Caroline Atkins** for guidance on the Article continues on p31



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possible origin of the name 'Lophams'. Her response was fascinating. A 10m contour, describing a roughly circular shape, is bisected (she explained) by the driveway up to the present day Lophams house. This low hill lies to the south-west of the house; perhaps the edge of the Trinity House field on the Tithes map, and encompasses part of the three fields owned by William Ashton, including 'Little Close'.

Caroline remarked '...there is an interesting thing - a small hill (another possible Old English origin of the 'Lop' part of the name) within the pre-Enclosure area of

Lophams. The small hill, 10m plus above Ordnance Datum...Of further interest is the fact that of the three pre-Domesday manor sites in Goxhill, two stand above the 10m contour and the third, Goxhill Hall, stands on a small 8m plus 'promontory'...the fact that Lophams straddles the only 10m plus island in the parish (other than the main block of land on which the centre of the settlement stands) is significant... I believe (she stated) Lophams to be an Anglo-Saxon settlement (or an earlier one renamed), named either for a chap called Loppa or, more likely, for the small hill. The position of the Lophams hill would be ideal for settlement...given its position so close to much lower-lying ground...the marsh and maybe the estuary, where natural resources would have been rich'.

When I put this information to Melanie van den Bos, who moved to Lophams with her parents, she commented, 'The hill concept was interesting and fits in with my Dad recalling working the front field to reduce its steepness and also the drive'.

Who were the occupants of Lophams in its more recent past?

Eliza Green (1819-1891): Eliza Green was shown in the 1851 census living with her husband Richard, an Agricultural Labourer, and their three children. The census records Richard Green, followed by Oswald Marriott at the original, now Old Vicarage and then Job Elletson at Nut Villa. In the following 1861 census Eliza. now widowed, is a 'Cottager' of 8 acres. A Cottager is a term meaning that Eliza's home is a 'tied' cottage with land. The 1861 census is difficult to interpret but Eliza is recorded just before the Schoolmaster at the old Wesleyan Day School and at 'Lopholmes'.

Thomas Convers (1816-1891): The next, 1871 census. doesn't refer specifically to Lopholmes. However, individual's names act as placeholders in this and following census records. Robert Fulstow is recorded at Goxhill Priory in South End. Richard Rose follows, then George Catley and Edward Marris. George Catley and Edward Marris are the final entries for South End and at. I believe, the Elm and Haddon Farms. The next entry in the census is for Thomas Convers who is recorded as an

Agricultural Labourer or Farm Bailiff. Thomas is followed by William Burkinshaw at Church Farm, which stood on the block of land bounded by Thorn Lane, Church Side and Pidgeoncote Lane. Thomas Conyers wife died in the village in 1876 and in the next census Thomas is recorded in Scotter. The 1881 census has John Sarjantson, a Master Gardener and listed specifically at 'Lopholmes' with his wife and two young children.

I will return to John Sarjantson in greater detail in my next article.



Map showing 10m contour line at Lophams. OS Explorer 1:25000 scale. Crown copyright 2019.

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cally identified but is unoccupied. Isaac Sewell (1840-1918): Isaac Sewell, originally of Winteringham, was first recorded in Goxhill, a Market Gardener, in the 1901 census. He was living at 'Lopholmes' with his wife Mary and Mary's niece Kate Harris. In Kelly's Directory of 1896 and 1899 he is listed a Market

Gardener and in 1900 and 1905 as a Market Gardener and Carrier. Was he transporting produce to the market in Hull and to markets in North Lincolnshire? The 1911 census shows Isaac, Mary and Kate

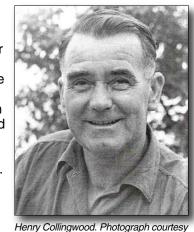
In the 1891 census Lopholmes is specifi-

with Mary and Kate there still in the newly released 1921 census. Isaac had died in 1918 and Mary in 1926. Kate Harris married widower James Parritt of Ivy Farm in 1928.

'working in the (Market Gardens) business

Henry Collingwood (1911-1972) and George Collingwood (1916-1954): The next owner was Charles Collingwood. Charles Collingwood was a Carpenter and the father of Henry and George. Charles had been born at Barrow Haven where his father was a Brickmaker. Charles lived later in Barton where he trained as a Joiner but then worked as a Greengrocer. His granddaughter, Sally van den Bos (nee Collingwood) told me that he worked then as a Butcher in Hull, where her father Ralph

was born. Ralph's older sister Laura died in Hull in 1927 and the family, comprising Ralph, his older sister Rita and two older brothers Henry and George and their parents moved subsequently to Goxhill. In the 1939 census Henry and George, were recorded as Market Gardeners on their 'Own Account' at Lophams. Henry married Ivy Donner of Goxhill in the final guarter of 1939 and they built and lived at the bungalow on Bridge Hill.



of Ron Parker's Goxhill Bygones.

George married Ethel Hamilton of Barton in 1951. George and Ethel lived at Strathdee on Barrow Road before George's early death in 1954. Ethel Collingwood and her daughter Jane (now Arnott) moved then into Laburnum Cottage on Church Street and Ethel was, for many years, the Secretary at Goxhill School.

Bos Brothers: Melanie van den Bos, explained to me that her grandfather, Cornelis van den Bos (of Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd), purchased Lophams from Charles Collingwood in order to set up a separate business to be run by his sons Kees and John (Melanie's father) and

> named Bos Brothers. Kees and his wife Elsie married in 1953 and moved into Lophams. When Kees and Elsie built and moved to Cover's Close (on Horsegate Field Road), John, his wife Lorna and their family moved from their home at Treresta on King Street and into Lophams. Melanie 'stated that, 'When Grandpa died in 1966 Kees managed Hawthorne Gardens full time so Dad bought him (Kees) out of Lophams to run it as Thorn Lane Nurseries which he continued to do until 1979.'

Elizabeth Fincham

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Humber Low Carbon Pipelines project

I attended the Stage Two Consultation event for this new project at East Halton, held 3rd November 2022. It was good to see our

North Lines Councillors Peter Clark and David Wells and Sam England of the Parish Council, there too, plus other Goxhill residents. Hopefully many others attended.

This consultation stage

lasted from 31st October to 29th November, so unfortunately, it will have finished by the time you read this.

What is the Humber Low Carbon Pipeline project?

This extremely important project for the decarbonisation of the region, by creating a network of twin underground pipelines to transport 1. captured carbon dioxide from the region's industrial emitters for safe storage and 2. low carbon hydrogen to replace fossil fuels.

The pipelines would connect major industrial emitters and power stations in the Humber region, such as Drax, Keadby, British Steel, Killingholme power station and the proposed H2H Saltend, thus accelerating their decarbonisation.

It is the backbone of Zero Carbon Humber, which together with Net Zero Teesside, forms the East Coast Cluster. In October 2021, the East Coast Cluster was selected by the Government as one of the UK's first two carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS) clusters.

It is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). The construction process is proposed to run for 21/2 years from 2025-2027.

What happened at the First Stage Consultation?

The first stage was to review the alternatives for the most appropriate route to connect the industrial locations listed above and resulted in the corridor shown on the map. It decided. just as the previous National Grid Gas Pipeline did, that a tunnel under the Humber is the most practical route to take it to the North Bank and on to the Easington Pumping Facility for safe, long term storage of the carbon dioxide under the North Sea.

What is the impact on Goxhill?

So I can imagine that you're now thinking, 'here we go again! More huge disruption all over again, so soon after they have finished restoring the area back to its original state after the first tunnel was built for the gas pipeline'.

That was indeed the original intention and that was the proposal first put to me at the consultation day, by one of the engineers present!

Fortunately, Aleksei Lugovoi, principal transport planner from consultants Arcadis, working with National Grid, stepped in to explain that they have recognised all the problems of access to the tunnel site via Goxhill, and are now looking at a completely different access route.

The new proposal for access to the tunnel site.

The new route for the tunnel construction is proposed to be off the A160 at Immingham and along a new temporary road

to the tunnel construction site.

So if this proposed new access route to the tunnel construction site is approved by the Planning Inspectorate, Goxhill will escape the massive traffic problems and disruption again. Perfect!

BUT if it doesn't get approved then we could be back to square one. Watch this space.

Why build another tunnel?

I had to ask this question. 'Why not put the new pipelines in the existing tunnel?' It seems the obvious solution to me. But I am not a scientist or a safety expert. The answer is that as



The proposed corridor option

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the gas pipeline is now a live pipeline, it would be potentially very dangerous trying to fit more pipes in along side it. So I asked, 'Why didn't they do it at the construction stage

of the first tunnel, at the same time as the gas pipe insertion, before it became live and

sealed off?'

Apparently they did propose it, back in 2012, as part of the 'White Rose Project', but the Government pulled the plug on the funding for this project in 2015. So their short sighted decision will add vast expense and greater disruption to this project, as it requires a second tunnel parallel to the first.

Will the installation of the pipelines affect Goxhill?

The work to install the twin pipelines is a massive task in its own right, meandering from Drax to Easington via all the industrial sites on the way. The section leading to the new tunnel, will have some impact on Goxhill, as it passes between Thornton Abbey, South End and East

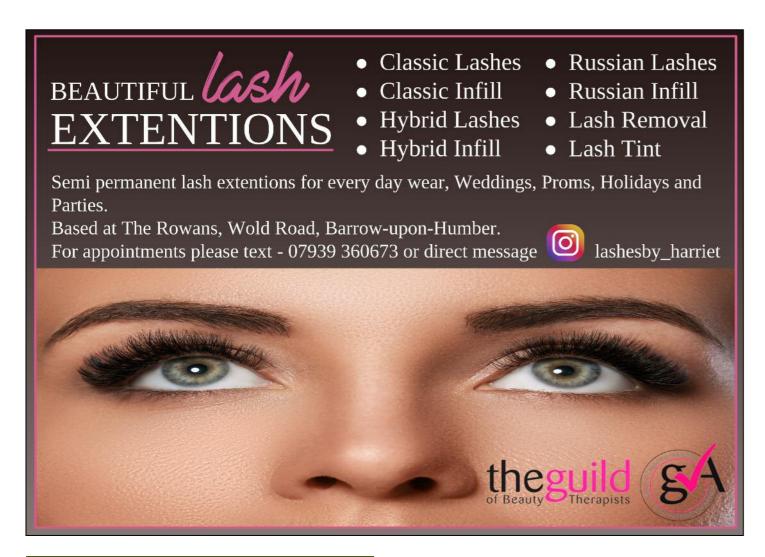
Halton, on the way to North Killingholme Power

Station. But this is a relatively small part of this huge construction project, proposed to take around 21/2 months. Access is to be from the A15, via Barrow and College Road. so may have some effect on South End for a short time.

The proposed acces to the tunnel construction site is from the A160, not thro' Goxhill. The proximity of the pipeline route to South End is shown here.

Further information on the Humber Low Carbon Pipeline Website: nationalgrid.com/humberpipelines Email: HumberLowCarbon@nationalgrid.com

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OFF THE HOOF

Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do - John Wooden

Looking back though the autumn edition of The Gander it highlights how quickly things can change. We had all the preparations and celebrations for HRH Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. The build-up and the way the village pulled together to support and enjoy the days of activities was wonderful. Our Queen saw in a new Prime Minister in Liz Truss, which was one of her last official duties before her death on the 8th September. We then had the solemn event of the State Funeral. Liz Truss resigned, and Rishi Sunak succeeded her as Prime Minister. We are now looking to celebrate on Saturday 6th May 2023 when Charles will be crowned King Charles III, and Camilla Queen Consort in a historic ceremony. Everyone must agree, whether royalist or not, there is no other country which excels at the pomp and pageantry which we British do. While one can acknowledge it will cost a lot of money to put on, particularly in the current economic climate, it also brings in a huge amount of revenue. I would hope British manufacturers will take advantage of the situation. Amongst the many Union Jack flags I have, they are all made in China!

Best Kept Village - Despite the Parish Council deciding to do nothing for the Best Kept Village competition this year, although they had entered us, we were fortunate to win best kept cemetery again. I was pleased to read in the last edition of The Gander a special mention to Nettleton's Mowers for their expert mowing which contributed greatly to this achievement. I have seen the sheet of markings and results and while not wanting to take anything away from those that do a fantastic job caring for our cemetery, I think the judges were extremely generous in their markings for our village. Having said all that I know the Parish Council have asked for volunteers in preparation for next year, but I am not privy to how well the uptake has been so far. Should they decide to enter again I will continue to do what I have in previous years and reinstate the planters under the lane signs on Ferry Road, provided I can get volunteers to water the ones on Mill Lane, Willow Lane and Farrows Pond. Three individuals who are willing to take on that responsibility for me would make a huge difference. Equipment will be provided - OK, it's a recycled four litre milk bottle!

Spring in Bloom - Prior to Best Kept Village there is the Spring in Bloom competition. Any takers to plant a few bulbs to brighten up the village? Do it this year and they should remain for years to come.

At this point I would like to acknowledge the new contractors for grass cutting who have much improved since starting. It must be difficult in the beginning to get used to different areas, so they are doing very well.

Humber Low Carbon Pipeline - Something we do not have any control over is the Humber Low Carbon Pipeline Project which is going though consultation at the moment. By the time this edition is on your doorstep there will have been a meeting in East Halton, I'm sure someone from the village will go. It will definitely have some impact on Goxhill again (see article on page33).

Autumn Warning - It's the time of year when a panoramic

view of trees out in the country can be breath taking in their autumn colours. It is also time they shed their leaves and the Sycamore trees release their seeds. Please be aware of these helicopter type of double winged seeds which are poisonous to horses. They cause a condition called atypical myopathy that can be fatal. Horses shouldn't eat them unless there is a shortage of grass. They cannot help but consume them when they are on the ground with very short grazing. Where possible rake up the leaves and hopefully the majority of seeds will be picked up with them.

The clocks have gone back so we should have gained an extra hour sleep. Unfortunately animals do not recognise this custom, so it did not work to my advantage at all. It takes me a while to get used to it let alone my mare, who is always keen for her breakfast.

If you anticipate taking rubbish to the recycling centre (AKA The dump) try to remember, before getting loaded up, that the opening times always change on the 1st November. The hours are now 10:00 to 16:00 and they are always closed on Wednesday and Thursday.

I hope everyone has had their horse rugs washed and proofed for rain in preparation for when it gets colder. At the moment the weather is so changeable it is difficult to know how to dress ourselves let alone our equine friends.

Fireworks - As I write that dreaded time of year is fast approaching. November 5th firework night. It all starts a week earlier and continues a week after. Then its not long till New Years eve and a repeat performance of unexpected whizz, bangs and pops. Please have a thought for animals and if you are going to set some off inform your neighbours in plenty of time so they can make appropriate preparations. Should any form of injury or fear affect your horse please report it on <a href="https://www.bhs.org.uk/go-night-nig

riding/report-an-incident/incident-report-form/ as they are keeping a record. The BHS site also has recommendations for preparing your horse for this time of year. If you have struggled it may give you some ideas for this New Year and 2023.

Pass Wide and Slow - Last year Goxhill was involved in a national 'Pass Wide and Slow' awareness event from Seven Acres, Ferry Road. The event involved both ridden and driven horses and was well supported. Unfortunately it was not able to be repeated locally this year although nationally 200 awareness rides took place, which is fantastic. Thankfully they had support from the police this year, which was severely lacking previously and did made things more difficult.

The Current Climate - No one can deny things financially are getting hard. I thought I would dig out my Smart Meter display unit and see what it said. Golly, its already gone over my weekly budget. I couldn't believe it. I didn't think I had used as much as it said. I ran round switching plugs off in the sockets I wasn't using and turned the TV off, which I keep on for the dogs. They can have it on when I'm out. I'm definitely thinking more about what I am using. I always donate to the food bank, usually a jar of jam, multipack of baked beans and a box of cornflakes, which

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amounts to around £4. It's sad that in this day and age some families rely on these parcels, and it has been reported that in some areas they are running out of stock. I know there is a detailed article in this edition about a Barton area Food Bank and if you require more details or are interested in helping. Janet Shephardson on 07784 818212 would love to hear from you (see article on page 11). Meanwhile the nearest donation point is the Co-op. Or if you have any toiletries surplus to your requirements, shampoos, shower gel, toothpaste etc., I will collect them and pass them on. Every day I get at least two begging letters and some with raffle tickets to sell. One sent £30 worth of tickets! I cannot give to all of them, and I am sure there are many people in the village experiencing the same. Then I thought what if

Home take used stamps but I'm not sure who collects them locally, and I think the stamps have to have a margin around them. I also believe there is someone in the village taking milk bottle tops, but again I don't know who. If either one of you can please contact me. Meantime we could all start saving and if there is anyone else that saves something, which would normally be thrown out, please let me know. Crisp packets, raffle/cloakroom tickets and ring pulls off soft drinks are all items I used to save and give to people for various charities, but I haven't seen them since Covid and do not know if these items are still of use. If you save them, I would like to hear about it.

That's it for this addition only leaves for me to say **Happy** Christmas and Happy New Year.

Take care. Ride safely.

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WILL YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Have you ever wondered

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'Why does that happen?'

'Can we have this in Goxhill?'

'Who's responsible for that?'

Are you frustrated that writing on Facebook generates lots of comments but very little action? Have you ever felt that you could make a difference if only you knew how?

Sound familiar? If so, have you ever thought about standing as a Goxhill Parish Councillor?

'Oh no!' you say, 'That's not for me! I'm too busy/too shy/don't know how to do it/wouldn't know what to say!' Well, my response would be: 'You can do it!' regardless of your age, gender, background and how long you've lived in the parish.

Council elections on 4th May 2023 (maybe!)

In May 2023, Council elections across North Lincolnshire are due to take place. But! Goxhill Parish Council is comprised of 11 councillors. And if there are 11 or fewer people putting themselves forward to become parish councillors, each candidate will automatically become a parish councillor, without an election. This will mean that there will be no opportunity to vote for your preferred candidate(s)! However, if there are more than 11 candidates, then all eligible parishioners will have the chance to vote for the person or persons who best represent their local interests.

Will you stand for the Parish council?

To stand as a candidate all you need to do is complete a form, get a couple of people to sign it for you and submit it to North Lincolnshire Council. You then sit back and wait for election day. Or you can go one or two steps further and deliver an election leaflet to every household in Goxhill, introducing yourself and explaining why they should vote for you.

Again, voting only takes place if more than 11 parishioners put themselves forward as a candidate. Whether you win, or whether you lose, it's important that we are all given a choice of candidates to represent us, and get the chance to choose those who will speak up on the issues that matter to us.

Now, being a councillor isn't something you decide to do at the drop of a hat or on a whim. It's a role that involves certain duties and there will be a bit of a learning curve as to how things are done. But training is provided on a

range of subjects, from 'being a good Councillor' through to 'planning' and 'finance and budgeting'. You will not be expected to know everything straight away.

The best way to learn initially is to attend the monthly council meetings as a member of the public and simply observe. You can speak to a councillor, ask questions, get them to explain what their individual input is and how it works for them.

The Clerk to the Council can also explain aspects of how the council is run and why.

Change and improvements don't happen overnight, and making good things happen can sometimes be frustratingly slow. But councillors can and do make very real differences to the place we live in. That's why I'm so keen to share more about becoming a councillor!

Getting involved, making a difference

Being interested in what happens in our village and trying to make a difference is something that we all should endeavour to do, whether we put ourselves forward as parish council candidates or not. So, if standing for election isn't for you, please consider other ways getting involved:

- Make sure you cast your vote in May 2023 (should there be one!)
- Speak to a councillor or write to the Clerk if there is an issue you feel strongly
- Come to a parish council meeting whether there's an issue you feel strongly about or not!
- Get involved in local village organisations, there are plenty to choose from as you'll see in this edition of the Gander. Local groups do a lot of good work in the village but they need support. Helping as a volunteer, sponsoring, or attending their events and supporting activities. Too often we don't realise they were there until they have gone!

Finally, this message isn't aimed at any one group or section of the village, it is relevant to everyone young and old; non gender specific; North End/South End/The Marshes/ and everywhere in between.

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Further connections between WW1 soldiers and their Goxhill families

My last article about Robert Parker and Charles Atkin, who had lived at the two East Marsh Farms, provoked for me an unexpected and personal response. I have tried to work out why. I

think that it is possibly because I, like many villagers, have a tangible connection to a generation, Mr Bill Parker, Mr Dick Cammack and Harry Farrow (Gander Winter 2021), who knew the fallen or who had fought and survived. I decided to expand my research into these families.



Farm. Photograph courtesy of his granddaughter

Two East Marsh Farms: I have lasting memories of the two East Marsh farms. Throughout my childhood I visited both regularly, to deliver groceries with my dad. They were two houses that I was allowed to go into. I will return to the Parritt family of East Marsh (Witters) Farm in a later article but I remember, with great affection, Mrs Bill Parker (Kitty) of East



Aerial view of East Marsh (Premier Equine) Farm. Photograph courtesy of Sally van den Bos.

Marsh (Premier Equine) Farm. Mrs Parker knitted me a pram set when I was given my doll's pram. She kept a menagerie of wildfowl in the yard which we had to be careful not to run over, particularly the guinea fowl, who seemed magnetically attracted to our van's wheels. Her husband Bill was a

nephew of Robert Parker. Bill would have been just about to celebrate his tenth birthday when news of his uncle's death reached the family.

Bill Parker and his brother George, who he farmed alongside at East Marsh Farm, bought the next farm along the East Marsh Road, Low Risby, in about 1936 (taken from Ron Parker's Goxhill Bygones). The Low Risby farm buildings are now part of Lynton Stud and the bungalow which was once the house to the farm, is now named Fir Tree Farm bungalow. This bungalow was once a two storey house but, an article in Ron Parker's Goxhill Bygones reported that, during the depression in the 1920s the house suffered a fire and the upper storey was destroyed.

Looking back to the earlier history of Low Risby, the 1901 census records John and Jane Holmes there, together with Jane's nieces Florence and Ida Butters. In the following 1911 census John and Jane Holmes were living at, I believe, Garners Hill Farm and Jane's sister Charlotte was living with her husband John Henry Parr Holmes in South End (sisters Jane and Charlotte both married men named Holmes). Jane and Charlotte's niece, Florence Butters went on to marry Dick Cammack, whose brother Harold Cammack had been killed on 1 July 1916 alongside Robert Parker (Gander Autumn

2022), all three men serving in the 10th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment.

Florence Cammack nee Butters' cousin, Harold Holmes, son of Charlotte and John Henry Parr Holmes, went on to marry Elsie Howson. Harold and Elsie Holmes lived later at what had been Elsie's parents' home at No 6 Church Street. Elsie Holmes nee Howson was the older sister of George Henry Howson and a niece of William Williamson (both Gander Summer 2019).

Pa Wharton: A sister of Elsie and George Henry Howson, Kitty, married Don Twidale and they lived later at the bungalow now named Nightingales which is on Howe Lane, opposite New Hall. When Kitty and Don Twidale lived there Nightingales was known as Howe Rise. Howe Rise had been built for a gentleman who I had not known but had often seen in village photographs. He was known as 'Pa' Wharton. I remembered a Mrs Wharton living at Southolm on Churchside. She kept chickens on the land where The Chatelet stands today. Charlie Guilliat explained that Pa Wharton was in charge of the Humber Ferry Workshops at New Holland and that he had lived at Bridlington House after WW2. The Mrs Wharton I remembered was his sister in law. 'Pa' was Charles Richard Wharton who had been born in Grimsby. Pa's brother, Grimsby soldier Walter was also a member of the 10th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment and he was killed on 1 July 1916 alongside Robert Parker and Harold Cammack. Walter's service number, 73, indicates that he enlisted on 17 September 1914. This is the same day that Dick and Harold Cammack had enlisted and also the date that Pa Wharton's brother in law Fred Roe (Gander Spring 2019) had enlisted. Pa had married Emily Ann Roe, Fred's older sister, in Goxhill in 1907.

Carpenters on The Square: Siblings Fred Roe and Emily Wharton nee Roe, had been brought up and almost certainly born at Belmont House which stands on The Square. 'Little House' which stands between Belmont House and Avalon was once a Carpenter's Workshop. Emily and Fred Roe's father William and their older brothers Samuel and Harry were Carpenters as was William Roe's father, who was also named Samuel. Samuel senior is recorded living in the house now named Rhombus in the 1891 census, next to Belmont House where William was living. I believe it's probable that the Roe family built these houses. John William Shearwood who was

also a Carpenter lived at Belmont House after the Roe family. John William Shearwood died in 1924. The Carpenter's Workshop (Little House) became the village's Toc Hroom.



The Square looking toward the Chapel. Toc H room immediately right followed by Roe home, Belmont House. Photo Goxhill Gander archive.

the WW1 soldier's nickname for Talbot House which had stood in Poperinge in Belgium, just a few miles back from the trenches at Ypres. Summarising information available on a number of websites, I learned that Talbot House had been a hop merchant's house. It was procured by Neville Talbot, Senior Chaplain to 6th Division, opened on 11 December 1915 and run by army chaplain Reverend Phillip Clayton. It was named in memory of Neville Talbot's brother Gilbert Talbot, a Lieutenant in the Rifle

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Brigade, who had been Killed in Action earlier that year. Talbot House was an 'Everyman's House', open to men and officers alike and performing multiple functions to aid the fighting men's rest and recuperation away from the front. Immediately after the war Reverend Clayton built on the fellowship engendered at Talbot House establishing premises in London, where men seeking work in the city could stay. In return, many of these men offered community service in the immediate area. This rapidly developed into service within their home communities which, after a period of probation, resulted in local branches being formed. The radio signallers' jargon for the original Talbot House, which had become known as TH, was 'Toc H', and this name was adopted with the aims, known as the 'Four Points of the Compass', of Friendship, Service, Fairmindedness and The Kingdom of God. The female membership was known initially as 'The League of Women Helpers', then Toc H (Women's Section) before total integration took place.

Chad Varah (of Barton) was a Toc H padre. He went on to set up The Samaritans charity. Some readers will remember Chad's brother Hugh who was, for many years, a teacher at Beretun Secondary School (now Baysgarth).

Arthur Kirk (Gander Spring 2021) is buried in Ypres Reservoir Cemetery which lies to the east of Poperinge and Garnet Atkin



Internal view of Talbot House, Poperinge, Belgium. Photo copied from Discovering Belgium website.

(Gander Spring 2019) is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge. I wonder if these two young men ever sought respite, from fighting in the trenches, at Talbot House? Afinal coinci-

dence. In researching the newly released 1921 census I discovered that the parents of Garnet Atkin, William and Maria Atkin had, by 1921, moved from Greengate Lane to a new home, Thorpe Villa, on Thornton Road. Their neighbours were Dick and Florence Cammack (nee Butters) who had moved from Grimsby to live at, I believe, Ayton Villa. Dick is listed as a



Toc H Pensioner's car ride (late 1950s?)

Left to right back row: George Henry Parker junr, Mrs Eric Cook, Not known car, Not known, Not known, One face unclear, Mr R Foster, Head teacher Goxhill School. Lance Barrick

Left to right front row: Not known, Pa Wharton, Reverend Charles Henry Evison, Vicar of Goxhill, Mrs Sarah Ann (Granny) Towle, car, Dick Cammack? Eric Cook, Florence and Arthur Lamming.

Kneeling: Not known, Mrs George Henry Parker junr. Joe Barrick in car? Photo courtesy of Howard Lamming

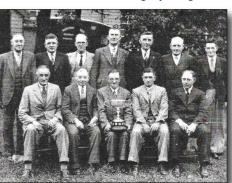
'Railway Goods Clerk, Immingham Dock' and their second child, a son named Richard, was born in Goxhill in 1923. By the 1939 census the Cammack family were again recorded living in Grimsby but returned again to Goxhill, living in their retirement at Durley House on Howe Lane, opposite Harry Farrow's Granary.

Howard Lamming sent me a photograph, which Kees van den Bos had identified previously as 'Toc H Pensioner's Car Ride'. Arthur and Florence Lamming who are in the photograph are Howard's grandparents and Pa Wharton and possibly Dick Cammack are shown too.

Charlie Guilliatt gave me the photograph of Goxhill Bowling Club, Tom Lamming, who was Arthur Lamming's younger

brother is on this photograph, as is Pa Wharton.
Arthur and Tom's older brother Fred and their younger brother Ernest are the third set of brothers commemorated on the Goxhill memorial plaque.

Lamming family: Fred and Ernest Lamming's parents William (b. 1855, Saxby) and Fanny (b. 1858, Wootton)



Goxhill Bowling Club (early 1950s?)
Left to right back row: Not known, Albert Giles,
Pa Wharton, Harry Wilford, Arthur Barrick, Tom
Lamming, Arthur Dobbs
Left to right front row: Harry Farrow, Darwin

d Fanny
Vootton

Left to right front row: Harry Farrow, Darwin
Thompson, Percy Farrow, George Birkett, Eric
Lacey

(nee Whitehead) married in 1879. William Lamming had farmed at Melton Ross but by 1912 he was living in Goxhill. A daughter Mary married Henry John Welton, in Goxhill on 3 August 1912. William and Fanny lived in part of Westgate House, next to the railway station on Howe Lane.

William Lamming's younger brother Thomas (b. 1862, Limber) was recorded living at Field Farm at the bottom of Westfield Road, with his wife Elizabeth in the 1911 census. At his death, in 1938, he was living at The Pines in North End, where, I believe, his widow Elizabeth was recorded in the 1939 census.

Athird sibling, Thomas and William's younger brother, George (b. 1864, Limber) was known to have been living in Goxhill in 1916 together with his wife Kate. Initially a 'Smallholder'George was later recorded in the newly released 1921 census as a 'Coal Loader'. This may be



explained by his daughter in law Ellen being the daughter of Charles Fanthorpe of North End. Charles Fanthorpe was a Coal Merchant.

I will start to tell the Lamming story in more detail in my next article.

If you have any additional information to add to these stories of Goxhill families, please get in touch. Elizabeth Fincham





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1st GOXHILL & BARROW SCOUTS



During the summer holidays some of our scouts young people and leaders from the group enioved organised scouting activities such as sailing, scuba diving and camping. We are now back into our regular weekly

sessions and we have already held a "Space Camp" for Beavers and younger Cubs and at the end of October we will be holding a "Survival Camp" for older Cubs and Scouts.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to provide some history about Goxhill and Barrow Scout Group, where we see ourselves in the coming years, and finally make an appeal to help us achieve our goals.

Here's a bit of our history:

October 1972 - The original group was formed and registered as 1st Goxhill Scout Group. We had 18 cub scouts and three scouts. The group was led by Kenneth Davey and met at Goxhill Youth Club premises.

1983 - The current group came into existence with a name change to 1st Goxhill and Barrow Scout Group reflecting its main catchment villages. Over the years the group moved from the Youth Club to the old Sea Scouts huts on the riverbank at New Holland. In the early 1990s, following the redevelopment of New Holland Docks and the demolition of the Sea Scout huts, the group returned to Goxhill Youth Club.

1991 - A 30-year lease was acquired from the Diocese of Lincoln on an abandoned and near derelict hut on Barrow Road in New Holland. (Photo 1)

The hut has an amazing history going back to the 1940s when it was used as a tuberculosis hospital. To this day there are still "Patient's Toilets" and "Matrons Office" signs above some of the doors. It was also used as a dance hall and a village hall before becoming the site of the New Holland Youth Člub for many years eventually being vacated and abandoned. An ambitious project called "The making of a scout hut" was

started by the group, co-ordinated by Roland 'Chalky' White. I have a file which records the transformation of the derelict hut into a Scouting HQ which I have used as a reference for this article. (Photo 2)

Fundraising activities to help pay for the refurbishment was undertaken by the Cubs and Scouts themselves comprising sponsored walks, dances, sunflower growing competitions and 'Bob-a-Job Week'. There were also donations of money, materials and manpower from numerous local businesses, farmers, and members of the local communities. (Photo 3)

October 1992 - The group won third prize in the Humberside Village Ventures competition adding £300 to funds. (Photo 4) 1993 - The hut was formally completed but was being used as a Scouting HQ for regular scouting sessions much earlier. Since then it has continued to act as a place where young people from Goxhill, Barrow, New Holland, Wootton, Ulceby, Thornton Curtis, Kirmington, Barnetby, and more recently Barton along with the smaller hamlets in-between have been able to enjoy scouting activities in a safe and secure

environment. (Photo 5)

Over time, as well as routine maintenance the hut has had a new roof, a new boiler and central heating system, all the electrics updated to include emergency lighting and fire sensors and a new kitchen (courtesy of Wren). We also purchased adjoining farmland and converted it into a dedicated camp site with an air rifle shooting range and climbing wall. We now have 55 young people, aged 6 to 17 in our Beavers, Cubs. Scouts, and Young Leaders, attending weekly meetings and engaging in meaningful and rewarding scouting activities. I have been personally involved in Scouting with the group for over 20 years and have seen a generation or two of young people progress through the movement and move into adult life.

I often bump into people who I knew as youngsters in our scout













group and enjoy catching up on what they are doing today. Invariably they share great memories of their time in scouting, and I like to think we provided the opportunity to develop life skills that helped make positive contributions in their lives.

To secure the future of the hut as our Scouting HQ we recently re-negotiated a new 30-year lease with the Diocese of Lincoln. However, it is still a wooden hut built over 80 years ago and sadly, is starting to show its age.

A couple of years ago we noticed movement between the hut walls and the floor which we began to monitor. The Covid pandemic put a hold on further investigations for a while, but specialist builders have now inspected the building and determined the floor is okay, but the actual framework of the building is compacting and deteriorating due to dry rot (wood worm) and wet rot (damp). They concluded it is not economically viable to repair the wooden structure of the building and suggest we demolish the hut and rebuild. (Photo 6)

So, we now have an ambitious project to rebuild our scout hut.

Although very early days, we have gained approval from the Diocese of Lincoln and have recently instructed an architect from Lincoln (who attended our group as a Beaver, Cub, and Scout himself) to design a new hut using modern building materials but with a sympathetic eye to its history and look.

REBUILDING FUND APPEAL

And now to my appeal! We currently have a small reserve fund set aside which was to cover the cost of fixing the floor. However, we never anticipated a complete rebuild of our hut. We don't yet have a final cost to demolish the hut. remove material from site which includes some asbestos, prepare the ground, and rebuild but we are informed by our architect it will be in the region of £186,000 so we are now starting to fundraise to ensure we have a hut for future generations.

We have set up a crowd funding page;

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andrew-oliver-2 and if you are able to support us with a donation, however small, it would be gratefully received.

Thank you, Andy Oliver. Group Scout Leader

P.S I'm still trying to recruit a new leader for our Explorers. If you're interested, please contact me on 07772 068583 or andyoliver789@btinternet.com





ROTARY CLUB OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

Barton Rotary Club is again cooking and delivering free Christmas Day dinners to Senior Citizens who may be on their own or have difficulty preparing a meal. Please contact us and we will deliver one to your home on Christmas Day. Just phone Ted Treasure on 01469 531117 with your name and address and telephone number by Sunday 11th December, so that a club member can contact you to make the delivery arrangements.

As well as Barton, our area includes surrounding villages, Including Barrow, Goxhill and New Holland

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN

Our last Car Boot sale of the year at the end of August was, as usual, well supported but due to the rain we had to finish early. Nevertheless we were able to raise in excess of £1000. See you again next year starting in May.

Wobbly Wheelers. Due to the death of the Queen we had to cancel this event - apologies for any inconvenience. This is a joint venture with Barton Lions and we have re-arranged it for June next year. It was planned to donate the proceeds to Prostate Cancer UK and as September was Prostate Cancer Aware month, we donated £1000 from our charity account.

A past president of our club, Colin Finnis, organised a charity fishing match in aid of the Pulmonary Fibrosis Fund at Castle Hill Hospital and we were pleased to donate £250.

You will have seen the devastation of floods in Bangladesh and Pakistan. In response we funded a Shelterbox at a cost of £590. It contains a tent, cooking utensils, tools, water purification tablets etc. Also with Barton Lions and other friends we held a curry night at The Bengal Village restaurant. Faz and his staff who all have family in Bangladesh provided us with an excellent meal and raised over £2000 for The Flood Appeal.

Happy Hogs Hedgehog Rescue a small charity based at Wootton, rescue ill and injured hedgehogs, and treat them. We were happy to make a donation to further assist them.

TWAM (Tools with a mission) continues to go well and we had our fifth van collection from the TWAM refurbishment centre at Rugby. TWAM have shipped 8 x 20 ft containers to Uganda this year and a 40ft container to Tanzania. If you have any unused tools, sewing machines, laptops etc., please contact John 07456 885125 or Peter 07736 058400 or by email barrowmeridian@twam.uk to arrange collection/

We are grateful to Keyo Agricultural Services of Brigg in particular three members of their engineering staff Scott Greeves, Dave Norris (Goxhill residents) and Les Hough

Whelpton, who refurbished our trailer. The trailer is essential and enables us to hold our car boot sales, Christmas fair and other fund raising events. It looks like a new trailer now.

Four of our members attended our Rotary District 1040 Centenary Conference at Scarborough in October. One of the speakers was a young Ukrainian lady called Kateryna Mushchenko who, prior to the war in Ukraine, had been accepted on a post graduate course run and funded by Rotary International & the UN at Bradford University. She spoke for 30 minutes and showed photographs of her family (many of whom are directly involved in the conflict) and what remains of her home town of Mariupol. She had escaped from Ukraine by car, with her mother and was adamant that once she had graduated as a **Peace Scholar** she was determined to return to Ukraine and work with the UN to try to resolve the conflict peacefully.

Several of our members accompanied Barton Lions on their Lions on the Line in support of Friends of the Barton Line. on a train from Barton, stopping off at Stallingborough, Habrough and Ulceby for refreshments.

I am pleased to say that two new members, Chris and Geoff have joined us. If you would like to know more about Rotary and get involved with fund raising activities, community projects and have fun doing so, come to one of our meetings. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Barrow Squash Club.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Santa's Sleigh - Santa and his elves will be going round the villages throughout December, itinerary and dates will be on our Facebook page.

Annual Christmas Fair Barrow Market Place Sat 10 December We continue to support our local village communities, so if you are aware of anybody/organisation you think that may benefit from our support then please let us know.

President - Stuart Leyland sleyland13@gmail.com

What a year it's been so far, the months have flown by, the heat of summer seems like a distant memory and now the nights have drawn in there's a definite chill in the air, and the trees are losing

their leaves. Winter is coming!



Throughout the year we have supported numerous Fundraisers and Responders to raise money for LIVES, from taking to the skies for our very first Wing Walk, walking the **Humber Bridge**, to running the iconic **London** Marathon for Team LIVES, which the lovely Charlotte did in September:

"Dad was always a keen runner and I now realise from my training he was pretty good too. As a child I always wanted to do what Dad was doing, I used to try running with him and when I couldn't keep up, I would hop on my bike and follow him round. One of his life ambitions was to run the London Marathon. You had to be 18 to run so I convinced him to wait until I was old enough so we could do it together. Unfortunately, my dad passed away when I was 16 as the result of a car accident. I ran to raise money for LIVES because it was LIVES responders that were there with him after his accident,

and I am grateful for everything that they did IT TAKES A TEAM for him that day to try and save him". TO SAVE A LIFE

If you would like to host a fundraiser in aid of LIVES or take part in an event, the fundraising team would love to hear from you. You can get in touch by emailing them at

fundraising@LIVES.org.uk In Spring we were invited to take part in **Biker Breakfast**, which was hosted by the **Road Safety Partnership**. A few weeks ago,

we attended the launch of the **Biker Down** initiative run by **Fire** and Rescue to educate bikers on what to do should they come

across an accident. LIVES is collaborating with other Emergency Services Colleagues to deliver a module of this course, which covers bystander CPR and much more. You can find out more details via our Facebook page. Winter is only around the corner,

and we are extremely excited to

launch our Christmas campaign, "A Christmas to Remember". Stay tuned to our Social Media channels in the coming weeks to find out all the details!

If you would like to know more about LIVES or about becoming a responder yourself, you can find us anytime at LIVES.org.uk.

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