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AN ASSISTANT EDITOR HAS COME FORWARD !

I am pleased to tell you that Ferne Carmichael has volunteered to become assistant to the editor of the Gander!

She will start on the next issue and take away as much of the admin side of the task as possible, sending out reminders of copy deadlines, checking all items sent in for inclusion and compiling all the contents of the next Gander ready for the artwork to be done as usual. Ferne is also keen to learn to help out with design too.

I am very grateful for Ferne's offer of assistance and I am sure she will do a great job and be a brilliant help for me.

MORE GOOD NEWS - Two young people from the village have also offered their help. They are going to try to set up a section in the Gander, dedicated to things of interest to the younger readers. So watch out for their contributions in the future.

THE NOT SO GOOD NEWS - it means that we may still need someone with the **Design and Computer skills** to help with the main task of doing the artwork of the 48 page magazine. Initially to share the work load and perhaps take it on all together in the future. I am getting too old for it all plus I am working on an ageing mac computer. **Both need replacing urgently before they won't work any more.**

If you are interested and want to know more about what is entailed, please get in touch with me by phone, email or come to see me. **My contact details are below.**

NOW IT'S TIME TO LOOK AT WHAT'S IN THIS COPY OF THE GANDER.

The winner of the **SHORT AWARD** is announced on **page 35**. It couldnt go to a more deserving person. But there are so many others doing so many good things for the village, often behind the scenes, who all deserve our thanks and recognition.

Interestingly the origin of the **Short Award** will be explained in the Market Gardeners article on the Short family in the next edition of the Gander.

There are so many activities and events going on, in and around Goxhill, that there must be something for everyone. The Noticeboard pages are just as packed than ever and the **Diary of Events** on **page 12** compiles a list of them all to make it easier to see what's on and when. We are very fortunate that so many people are prepared to give up their time to organise so much for us.

There are two articles on major projects for the benefit of the village, that need financial, time and physical help to progress. See the **Churchyard Working Group** article, on **pages 24-25** and the **Goxhill & Barrow Scouts** report, on **page 19**, for more information.

There are more fascinating articles on village history and its families, plus reports from various groups and organisations. I am so grateful for all those who do so much work to fill the pages of the Gander every issue. Finally the Gander are launching a new **Grant Scheme** to help small groups or individuals in Goxhill, with projects to achieve their objective. **See page 35** for more information.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends

I wonder what your day usually looks like? Mine usually starts around 8am when I log onto my emails and see if anything new has come in. Next, I'll check my diary for the day and send emails and make any phone calls to people I need to arrange visits with. I may prepare prayers for meetings I'm chairing or read through Bible passages to begin thinking about next Sunday's sermon. If it's a good day I may even get to leave my desk behind and get out and about to chapel events or visiting people in their homes!

All in all, my day consists of following a familiar routine and getting on with whatever needs doing. I guess it could be the same for many of you. It was certainly the same for a group of shepherds who had gathered on a hillside near Bethlehem. They had turned up for the night shift watching over a flock of sheep. They would have followed a familiar routine making sure that the sheep had food and water and that each one was accounted for and safely in the sheep fold for the night. They may have lit a fire to keep warm and to deter any predator which might fancy a nice, juicy lamb for its supper! Then they settled down for a long, tedious night of watching sheep. The same as usual.

But that night turned out to be far from ordinary. Suddenly an angel appeared to them, telling them to go to Bethlehem to find a new born baby. It seemed as though the whole sky was filled with the glorious sound of angel voices singing praises to God. I don't know how you and I would have reacted. Maybe we would have rubbed our eyes and thought that we were imagining everything. But the shepherds did what the angel told them. They left the sheep and hurried to Bethlehem where they found Mary and Joseph and the new born baby, Jesus, lying in a manger.

The Christmas story reminds us that God breaks into our ordinary lives with his extraordinary good news. The word 'angel' means 'messenger'. Sometimes in the Bible the messenger is a heavenly being but often it is an ordinary person. The Bible makes no distinction. Perhaps this Christmas time someone will be an angel to you, touching your life with the wonder and love of God. Perhaps, though, you can be an angel to someone else, interrupting their ordinary and maybe challenging life with some good news. Someone cares about them and God loves them!

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Best wishes, Sally.

Christmas Services	Date	Time	Location
	Saturday 16th December	6pm	Christingle service at All Saints Church
	Sunday 17th December	2pm	Chapel Carol Service
	Friday 22nd 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 All Saints Church Goxhill
	Christmas Day	10am	Holy Trinity Barrow

LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

All Wrapped Up

Should you wander into All Saints' church during the week, you may be surprised to see the altar cross wrapped in a plastic bag. Unlike the changing colours of church vestments and hangings, this has no liturgical significance at all, but is a consequence of our on-going tussle with the bats. Their little "messages" have begun to corrode the brass, so this is our latest attempt to outsmart them. If past experience is anything to go by, they'll have found a way through before Christmas!

The first time the wrappings were spotted, a member of our congregation observed that we seemed to be keeping Jesus in a bag. It's just as well we weren't because one thing we do know is that he wouldn't let us. In fact, if the bats are keen to get in, he's just a keen to get out.

This year we've seen human tragedy on a grand scale. Wars, natural disasters and violence have made the news depressing, and shown us once again how easily we resort to aggression when we want something.

Christmas is traditionally a time of goodwill to all people, and let's hope we can all find some, but Christmas is also the time when we remember that we can't keep God nice and safely wrapped up, and just dust him off for a polish on Sundays. At Christmas our carols are of a God who was born in dirt and squalor, to a couple in an occupied land, and who came into the world to join human beings in all their pain, because of the depth of his love.

One of the hymns we sing in Goxhill has the line "And when human hearts are aching under sorrow's iron rod, then we find the self-same aching deep within the heart of God". Christmas is a wonderful time, but it doesn't and shouldn't ignore pain and grief, because God doesn't either. What it does is remind us that love is always stronger than death. That's well worth pulling a cracker or two.

Meanwhile, we continue our efforts to share the church with the bats (I think they're winning the territory tussle), and to dust the pews carefully before we sit on them. On behalf of everybody at All Saints - and indeed the bats - I wish you all a very peaceful, but also a Merry Christmas.

Revd. Liz

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CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

Christmas Tree Festival

Our Christmas Tree Festival this year is on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December from 3-6pm, in All Saints Church.

As well as the Christmas trees there will be a Cake stall, Tombola and Refreshments.

The Goxhill Singing Group will be singing each afternoon at 3.30pm

Christmas Bingo Friday 8th December 7pm in the Memorial Hall

Christmas services

- Christingle service Saturday 16th December 6pm at All Saints Church
- Sunday 17th December Chapel Carol Service 2pm
- All Saints Carol Service Friday 22nd December at 7pm followed by seasonal refreshments.
- Crib service Christmas Eve 4pm at the Chapel, children are welcome to come dressed as the nativity characters.
- Midnight service 11.30pm All Saints Goxhill
- Christmas Day 10am Holy Trinity Barrow

Pop In – is usually the third Saturday in month 10am - 12md in the Chapel Schoolroom, but we don't have one in December.

2024	20th January	17th February
	16th March	20th April

Luncheon Club is the 2nd Wednesday in the month. For the present time, contact Sandra to book, on 530065

Knit and Natter – every Thursday 2pm in the Chapel Schoolroom

2024 Dates for your diary

Quiz Night - Friday 23rd February 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.

Gardeners Question Time with Doug Stewart, Friday 1st March, 7pm in All Saints Church

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

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I would like to thank everyone for their support at the **Harvest Supper**. It was a lovely evening & raised much needed funds for the Chapel. I thank all who came along for a lovely 2 course meal.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES all in the Chapel Schoolroom Also see Churches Together activities opposite.

Cafe Church - Sunday 3rd December 10.30am

Christmas Bingo - Friday 8th December, Churches together, Goxhill Memorial Hall. Eyes down 7pm

Luncheon Club - Christmas lunch, Wednesday 13th December

Goxhill singers - Saturday 16th December 6.30pm Goxhill singing group Concert

Carol service - Sunday 17th December 2pm Rev Sally Long

Crib service - Sunday 24th December 4pm see opposite

Whist Drive - Saturday 6th January 6.30pm

Cafe Church - Sunday 7th January 10.30am

Bingo - Friday 12th January. eyes down 6.30pm

Pop in - Saturday 20th January 10am - 12 md

Chapel Service - Sunday 21st January 10.30am

Whist Drive - Saturday 27th January 6.30pm

Cafe Church - Sunday 4th Feb 10.30am

Bingo - Friday 16th Feb, eyes down 6.30pm

Pop in - Saturday 17th February 10-12mid day

Chapel Service - Sunday 18th February 10.30am

Quiz - Friday 23rd February 7.30pm

Whist Drive - Saturday 24th February 6.30pm

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday **Singing Group** 7-9pm
Chapel Schoolroom

Thursdays **Knit & Natter** 2-4pm

Saturday **Pop In** 10am - 12 noon
Dates on Churches Together list

Sundays **Regular Chapel services**
First, third & fifth Sunday, 10.30am

Thank you all for your support at past events and continued support at future events. All to provide entertainment and to raise funds to keep the Chapel open.
Hazel 531664

THE LUNCHEON CLUB

Meets at the Chapel at 12 noon on the second Wednesday of every month. If you would like to come along and share an excellent two-course meal and conversation.

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August	72	John Nadin	£20
	173	Amanda Portas	£20
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September	77	Shirley Tull	£20
	135	Peter Smith	£20
	258	Janie Harris	£20
September Quarterly Jackpot	268	Keith Brown	£125

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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Our WI programme for the next 3 months is -

Dec 11th Christmas Meeting

Jan 8th Medical Implants & Procedures – Speaker: Heather Jaques

Feb 12th Flawless Photography? – Speaker: James Revitt

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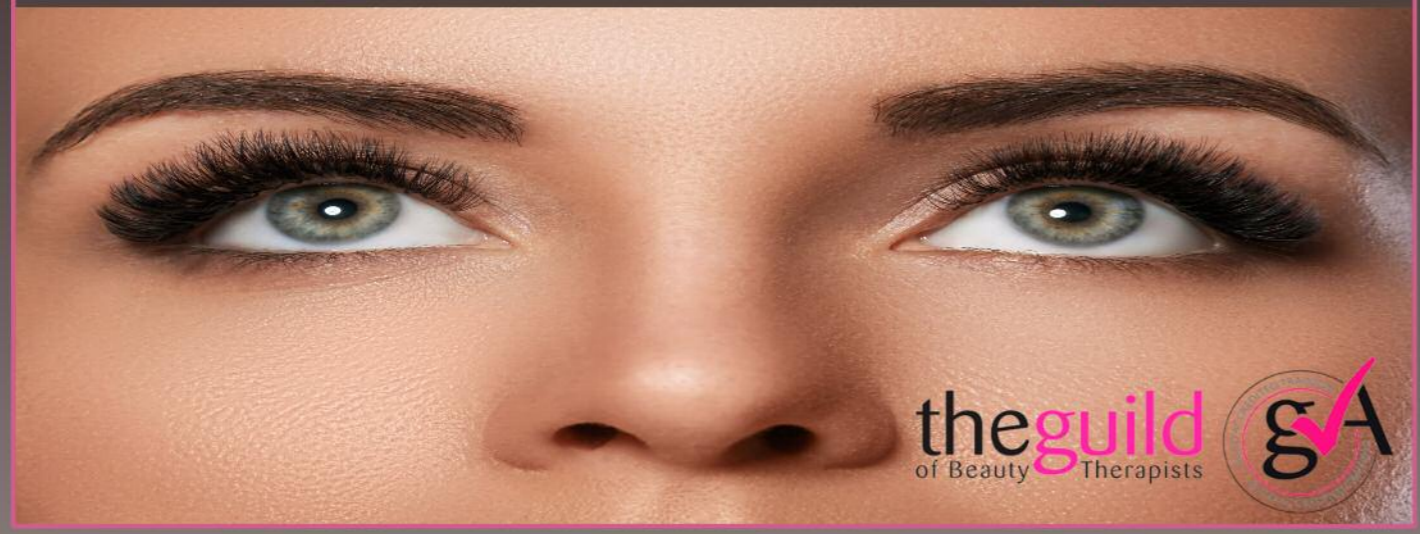
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Date	Start	Duration	Event Name
16 Dec	9:00am	Half day	Cleethorpes Annual trip to look for winter waders and Snow Buntings along the Humber coast. Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)
20 Jan	9:00am	Half day	New Holland A trip to the foreshore for winter waders & wildfowl including Whooper Swan. Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)
17 Feb	9:00am	Half Day	Novartis Ings/Pyewipe area First visit for our group. Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)

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DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
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03-Dec	10.30am	Café Church	Chapel S/R
03-Dec	10am-3pm	Christmas Fair	Mem/Hall
08-Dec	7pm	Christmas Bingo	Mem/Hall
11-Dec	7.00pm	WI - Christmas Meeting	Mem/Hall
13-Dec	12noon	Luncheon Club	Chapel S/R
15-Dec	2-5pm	Café hosted by PC	Mem/Hall
16-Dec	6pm	Christingle Service	Church
16-Dec	6.30pm	Goxhill Singing Group Concert	Chapel
16-Dec	9.50am	Santa Special train Barton-Cleethorpes	
16-Dec	10.54am	Santa Special train Cleethorpes-Barton	
17-Dec	2pm	Chapel Carol Service	Chapel
20-Dec	2-5pm	Library closes for Christmas	Library
22-Dec	7pm	Church Carol Service	Church
22-26 Dec	Pop up	Pub see page 11 for details	Mem/Hall
24-Dec	4pm	Crib Service	Chapel
24-Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Service	Church
25-Dec	10am	Christmas Day Service	Holy Trinity
03-Jan	2-5pm	Library re opens	Library
06-Jan	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/R
07-Jan	10.30am	Café Church	Chapel S/R
08-Jan	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
10-Jan	12noon	Luncheon Club	Chapel S/R
12-Jan	7pm	Bingo	Chapel S/R
20-Jan	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel S/R
21-Jan	10.30am	Chapel Service	Chapel
26-Jan	7.30pm	Barton Ghost Walk	Baysgarth Pk
27-Jan	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/R
04-Feb	10.30am	Café Church	Chapel S/R
12-Feb	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
14-Feb	12noon	Luncheon Club	Chapel S/R
16-Feb	7pm	Bingo	Chapel S/R
17-Feb	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel S/R
18-Feb	10.30am	Chapel Service	Chapel
23-Feb	7.30pm	Quiz Night	Chapel S/R
23-Feb	7.30pm	Barton Ghost Walk	Baysgarth Pk
24-Feb	6.30pm	Whist Drive	Chapel S/R
01-Mar	7pm	Gardeners Question Time	Church

REGULAR EVENTS

Chapel School Room			
Luncheon Club	12 noon	2nd Wed of the month	
Singing Group	7-9pm	Wednesdays	
Knit & Natter	2-4pm	Thursdays	
Pop in	10am-12noon	3rd Sat of the month	
Memorial Hall			
Baby & Toddlers	9.15-11.30am	Monday	
Short Mat Bowls	2-4pm	Monday	
	7-9pm	Wednesday	
	10-12 noon	Friday	
Pilates	10-11am	Tuesday & Thursday	
Martial Arts	4-8pm	Tuesday	
Ladies Kickboxing	7-8pm	Thursday	
Messy Play	10am-2pm	Wednesday	
Community Cafe	2-5pm	Friday	
Dog Training	6.30-8pm	Friday	
Taekwando	11.30-2pm	Saturday	
Library			
	3.30-6pm (2-6pm in 2024)	Monday	
	2-5pm	Wednesday	
	3.30-6pm	Friday	

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

NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment

Wilderspin & National School Museum

We are thrilled that our Memory Café Project, launched in 2022, has been awarded a Marsh Award for Museum Learning by the British Museum and the Marsh Charitable Trust.



The project was prompted by a successful reminiscence session in our Wartime Classroom which involved children and adults talking together. Museum volunteers later visited the Living Later Life Well group at Trinity to pilot a selection of objects from our collection and to see how they prompted discussion and recollections. Memory Boxes were then put together for museum visitors to chat about over a cup of tea, and they were used with residents from Eagle House as part of an intergenerational session with children from Barton St. Peter's School. A Chatty Café team has taken the project forward organising monthly drop-ins focussing on a theme for discussion and reminiscence. All of this built on work our volunteers had done in previous years collecting childhood and school memories to create our Reminiscence Classroom.

The 'Volunteers for Museum Learning' award forms part of a

programme of awards presented by the Marsh Charitable Trust in the fields of science, ecology, conservation, heritage, literature and volunteering. The aim is to recognise those volunteers who engage directly with museum visitors in any capacity.

The Museum was the winner for the East Midlands region which involved some of our volunteers attending an award ceremony at the British Museum. Although the Museum is closed over the winter period as an energy saving measure our volunteers will be organising Open Days during which the Chatty Café will be operating along with other special family activities.

WINTER WARMERS AT WILDERSPIN Open Days

Fridays, 11am - 3pm
15 December
19 January
16 February

More details and bookings: Tel 01652 635172 or email

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SOUTH BANK PLAYERS

The Ghost Walk season is now in full swing. If you missed our ever-popular Halloween Walk don't worry because the next one is just around the corner on Friday 24th November. We then take a break for Christmas and return on Friday 26th January, with a further two walks on Friday 23rd of February and Friday 22nd of March. All walks start at 7.30pm prompt from Baysgarth House museum. The route is just over a mile and takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes to complete (slightly longer for larger groups). We recommend you dress warmly and wear sensible shoes! After the walks you can usually find the cast (including the skeleton dog) in The George! Tickets can be booked in advance from our website www.sbplayers.co.uk or purchased on the night, and all tickets are £5.

Our Murder Mystery 'A Silent But Deadly Auction' has been performed twice now, at the Nelthorpe Arms in South Ferriby (which was sold out weeks in advance), and for Goxhill WI. We are hoping to do a repeat performance in the New Year at The Haven Inn at Barrow Haven but dates have not yet been confirmed. We've also had enquiries from other WI groups as well. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for details of future events.

Anyone interested in joining the group to help out in any capacity will be welcomed! Contact Liz Drury at liz@lizdrury.co.uk for details.



Christmas at The Ropewalk

The first weekend in December (December 2 and 3) will once again see The Ropewalk's Christmas Art Market putting the spotlight on craftspeople from our area.

Around 40 craft-makers will be lining the corridors with plenty of gift ideas, not seen in the shops, for the festive season. From jewellery and ceramics through to glass and textiles – and an awful lot in between – these craftspeople will have for sale pieces not seen on the High Street. The Art Market will also see the return of the festive tombola and cake stalls.

The first day of the Art Market coincides with the opening of the annual Studio Artists' Show in the Artspace and the Craft Gallery taking over Gallery One for the Christmas period with selected gift ideas.

The Christmas Art Market is open on both days between 10am and 4pm and admission is free while the Studio Artists' Show runs until January 7 and the Christmas Craft Show ends on New Year's Eve.

DEADLINE FOR THE GANDER SPRING EDITION

Please have submissions in by Thurs 1st February for distribution beginning of March (for all date sensitive information)
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NOTICE BOARD - Goxhill Memorial Hall Charity No 119365

The last three months have been exceptionally busy at the Memorial Hall. While the number of daily hours booked have increased slightly, it's the weekends that have seen increased activity with most Saturdays and Sundays booked till Christmas. This is good news, as John Noton, our treasurer has warned us that our heating and electric bills next year will cost us an extra £2500. With the new premises license, we can only hope improved weekend hires will provide the extra income we need, otherwise we will have to raise our hire fees.

Hall's Primary Role: The committee feels that while the Hall is certainly available to hire for private events at weekends, its primary role is to provide a community space for exercise, education and entertainment. This would include our Martial Arts, Pilates, Taekwando and Short Mat Bowling sessions, for people of all ages, our Live Lincs music evenings, the WI talks, Parent and Toddler sessions and Dog training etc, etc. The Friday afternoon cafes have also proven popular as a community meeting venue, either to just sit and chat with friends or to get together with other like-minded individuals to play Bridge, dominoes, scrabble, or to just sit and knit or paint. Nov 24th marks the one-year anniversary of the Co-op's, 4th Friday of the month sponsorship of the Community Café. I am sure I speak for everyone when I thank them for their valued continuing support of this event. The Hall sponsors all the other Fridays, and assuming the numbers stay reasonably high (30+), we will keep the café going for the foreseeable future, even though the cold winter weather may prove something of a challenge for our less mobile patrons.

Community Larder: The call for organisers and volunteers to run a Community Larder scheme at the Hall, made in the last Gander, sadly garnered ZERO response. Before giving up however, we posted a similar call to arms on the Goxhill Grapevine. This prompted two lovely ladies to offer their assistance as volunteers. Unfortunately, neither felt able to take on the heavy responsibility of running this scheme. Since then, the trustees have reluctantly agreed to shelve this idea and concentrate on other community-serving activities.

Premises License Approval: Although the Hall now has a Premise Licence, we only provide the license, the building and a suitable bar area to operate in. It is up to the hirer to get someone with a personal license to oversee the alcohol sales, and hopefully to stock and equip the bar. All alcohol sales need to comply with the 4 basic principles of the Licensing Act 2003, namely; prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. They also need to hold an appropriate level of Public Liability insurance. **Contact our booking secretary** and DPS (Designated Premises Supervisor), **Sam England** on **531097** for further details.

Repairs: We have recently completed major repairs to the Hall's external brickwork, targeted on the walls outside the kitchen. Our contractor has done a marvellous job with everything now neat and watertight. We also take this opportunity to thank our hirers and neighbours for their forbearance while this essential noisy, dusty work was undertaken.

Contemplative Garden: We are planning a small contemplation garden in the corner of the grass area at the side of the Hall. It will have seating and planting areas with plaques commemorating the fallen from the two World Wars and those from more recent campaigns/engagements. If there are any old soldiers, or families of old soldiers out there who would like to get involved in this, please contact **Mike Jones 533036**.

Many thanks, **Ann Carter - 530635**

WINNERS OF THE FOTOFROLIC COMPETITION

Full results on the Memorial Hall website



TOWN - Sky Hook Bridge, Glenda Kocon



COUNTRY - Frosting, David Gammon



COAST - Low Tide, Glenda Kocon



BIRD - Line Up, David Gammon



ANIMAL - Lost in Thought, Sally Last



FAMILY - Humber Family Sunset, Sally Last

FUTURE EVENTS IN THE HALL

- Community Café**
Every Friday- 2-5pm (free snacks/drinks)
- Christmas Fair**
Dec 3rd - Sunday 10-3pm
- Christmas Pop Up Pub**
Dec 22nd - 26th, Fri to Tues -
- 2024 Spring Craft Fair**
Mar 24th - Sunday

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

- Mon: Baby and Toddlers (9.15-11.30am)
Short Mat Bowls (2-4pm)
- Tues: Pilates (10-11am),
Martial Arts (4-8pm)
- Wed: Messy Play (10am-2pm)
Short Mat Bowls (7-9pm)
- Thurs: Pilates (10-11am)
Martial Arts, Ladies Kickboxing (7-8pm)
- Fri: Short Mat Bowls (10-12am)
Dog Training S&S (6:30-8pm)
- Sat: Taekwando (11:30-2pm)

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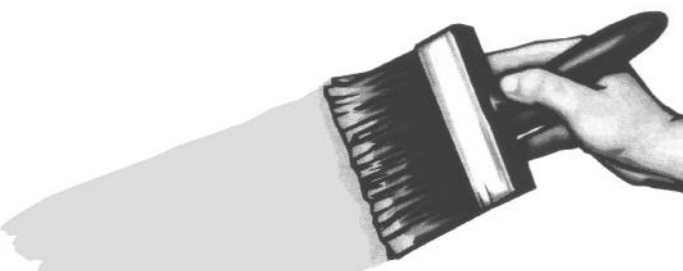
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The chosen winner of the front cover is **Heather Dobinson** and the Junior prize goes to **Beatrice Nettleton** for her calf in a field. Congratulations to them both.

By now you should be able to obtain a copy of the 2024 calendar. These beautiful Calendars are full colour throughout, A4 size, one month per page. The price remains the same at £7. All the profits from the sale is divided between the Church of All Saints and Goxhill Methodist Chapel.

Sales outlets for the calendar are; Goxhill Co-op; Scissor Box; Perfect Pilates; Shawbrigg's Farm shop and Penny at Conifer Cottage, North End, opposite The Close. Or you can order by phone - 01469 530138 or email to scrimmager80@gmail.com

A perfect Christmas present that reflects our beautiful village!

Penny Carnell - On behalf of friends of All Saints



An Amazing Fundraising do at the Memorial Hall

Instead of a birthday party, John Raby decided to hold a do at the Memorial Hall, for family and friends. It was held on 2nd September, with an all vinyl Motown & Soul Disco and the bar run by Sam & Lucy.


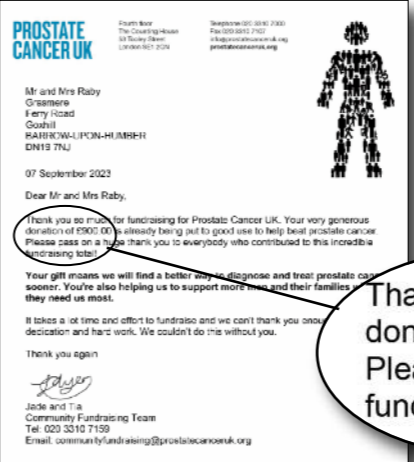
At the end of the evening, Jack Lawtey, acting as an independent adjudicator, counted all the donations received. When added to donations from others unable to attend, **it amounted to a staggering £1800 !!!**

John was totally amazed by the generosity of so many people and overwhelmed by the support from the village. John split the money equally between **The Lincolnshire Air Ambulance**, who had saved his life a few years ago when he was trapped under a tractor on the Humber Bank, and **Prostate Cancer UK**.

To maximise the funding to these charities, that are so important to John, he covered all the costs of the evening himself, so all the donations went to charity.

John wishes to thank all those who attended the evening and all who donated so generously. He also thanks the disco and especially Sam and Lucy, who did a fantastic job and made his life so much easier, especially on the night. It was such a successful evening that John is being encouraged to organise another one. But which Charities next time?

Jeff Teasdale, Editor

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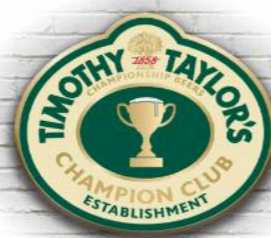
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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

Just like 2022, our season was a mixture of success on some fronts and rather too many cases of “might have been”.

Our biggest success was a third successive promotion in the Scunthorpe & District Bowls League where we finished as 2nd Division champions with 133 points and 18 points clear of runners-up Kirton Lindsey. Next year we will find out how we can fare against the established teams in that league’s top division. In the Premier Division of Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Bowls Association, we slipped a place to 3rd compared to the previous year and we dropped one place in the Barnetby & District Bowling League to finish runners-up. In the North Lincolnshire Mixed Triples, which we use for development of newer bowlers, we were a solid mid-table 5th out of 9 teams in the 2nd Division. We entered a few more knockout competitions this year and they provided some interesting moments although only one trophy – the Barnetby League Shield.

Early in the year we undertook a lot of renovation work inside the Club Pavilion. By the time you read this, that should have been rounded off with installation of non-slip flooring – funded by a Community Grant from North Lincolnshire - which it was impractical to do before. We are also very grateful to Blakemore Foundation, Rugby Group Benevolent Fund and Wren Kitchens for their grants and donations that helped fund much of the other renovation. As always, we remain indebted to our regular advertisers with boards around the bowling green - too numerous to mention here, which is how we like it, although there’s space for a few more!

Lawn bowling is easy to learn and suitable for all ages, abilities and fitness levels as well as being inexpensive compared to many other sports. If you think you might like to try it in 2024, 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 get back in touch with you next April ready for the 2024 outdoor bowling season.

John Guggiari



1st GOXHILL & BARROW SCOUTS

Our funding application to the National Lottery for the rebuild of our new hut has now moved onto the next stage. We have been advised that, to ensure maximum funding is obtained we should seek other community groups in the area to join us in using the new facility.

So, a shout out to any community group seeking a place to meet or use, please get in touch with me and let’s see if we can work together.

Over the holidays we enjoyed a great weekend camp for Cubs and Scouts at Primrose Hill, there loads of activities to do; such as shooting, archery, axe throwing, pioneering and Go Carting. AS well as the usual fire-lighting and just messing around in the woods. The weather was really good and apparently the food was the best ever!

We also assisted Barrow Meridian Rotary Club set up and take down their marquee for the afternoon tea event in Barrow Market Place

Since returning to weekly sessions after the summer holidays the;

Beavers - Have been working on designing a model which they will then go onto build from scratch. Working towards their Communication and Fitness badges. As

well as attending a District Beaver campfire evening and later in the year a Christmas party (is it too early to mention Christmas?)

Cubs - Have been working on their craft skills by making gifts from felting and soap. Completing their Money Skills badge which includes having a surprise guest speaker – who?? They also have a couple of night hikes planned. And best of all – they will be visiting Lab Cocoa in Lacey to learn how to make chocolate and make some of their own chocolate creations.

Scouts - Have been taking part in a Master Chef Soup and bread making competition. Making Warhammer models as part of their Model making badge. Taking part in a ‘Scout Got Talent’ night and also going on a night hike along the Humber bank. The’ll also be doing their First Aid badge with LIVES getting them up to DoE standard.

Explorers - Have starting planning the refurbishment of our shooting range incorporating bespoke artwork and murals. They participated in a District Top Awards event in meal planning and cooking on Trangia stoves and I’m confident there will also be hikes and map reading to come too.

Andy Oliver - Group Scout Leader
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Within the LIVES community, experienced responders actively help and support their less-experienced colleagues. New volunteers are paired up with a mentor and a buddy until they are signed off to attend emergencies solo. Regular debriefing and ongoing training ensure that any issues encountered are shared with your colleagues.

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GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

After a period of six years working for Goxhill Council our Clerk, **Vicky Haines**, has decided to move on to new pastures. We have watched Vicky take on the role of Parish Clerk and grow with the job as she gained experience and training. We wish her every success in her new position at Barrow Parish Council. The Council has been busy recruiting a new Clerk during October/November and hopefully will have someone in the role by the time the Gander is delivered.

Best Kept Village

Results for each category of the CPRE best kept village award are listed below for 2023. Goxhill was awarded best kept cemetery and highly commended for a large village. Well done everyone.

Category	Max	Mark	Comments
Churchyard	50	47	Well-trimmed yew trees line the path to the door. The grass is reasonably well-cut and neat around headstones. Clearance was underway in the southeast corner of the churchyard, which will enhance the generally tidy appearance of the whole site.
Cemetery	50	50	Superbly maintained, it is a real pleasure to visit this very well set out cemetery. The paths are very clean and tidy, the hedges well-trimmed and the grass well-cut, especially around the headstones. The extension to the rear has a lovely shrub and flower border along the west edge.
Playground	50	49	This well-maintained playground occupies a large, grassed area, with a good range of equipment that is well spaced out. The area is fenced and includes a good number of benches and picnic tables. There was no litter on the site. The large playing field also contains a skate park and 2 MUGAs.
War Memorial	50	48	Set in a very well-maintained and tidy area, the memorial is a propeller blade from a P38 lightning aircraft, mounted on a rough-hewn stone plinth, surrounded by a low curving stone wall. The site includes 2 benches and 4 flower planters and an informative Aviation Heritage Board.
Community Planting Scheme	50	48	There is good community planting at various locations around the village. Most planters and flower beds were well stocked but some needed attention. What was impressive was the amount of planting, which must involve a great deal of planning and commitment.

The consensus is that Goxhill is a very nice village, but we are lacking that "WOW" factor that wins The Best Kept Village award. In 2024 we will continue to ensure that our contractors keep the village and council areas as neat and tidy as usual, **but we are looking for volunteers willing to take specific areas and create Goxhill's "WOW" factor. If you are interested, please contact a Councillor or the Clerk** when a new one is appointed.

Millennium Green

The Charity Commission have directed that the Parish Council, as Sole Trustee of the Millennium Green Trust, is to establish a Committee of Councillors, to manage the Trust, in accordance with the Trust Governing Document. Some of the objects of the Trust are to make a substantial contribution to the community, be able to be enjoyed by people of all ages and physical abilities, include an area suitable for community events and celebrations and be an attractive place for people of all ages to take air and exercise, meet others and pursue leisure activities. The Trust is now able to raise charity funding to make necessary improvements to the green. The Committee will call a meeting soon to get your views of the improvements required.

Open Space off Chapel Street

Following an enquiry from Keigar Homes Ltd, the Council invited Gary and Keith Whall to speak at a council meeting about the land bordered by the playing field, footpath 62 and the open space of Chapel Street. This land belongs to Keigar and was originally mentioned regarding a community project when planning permission was granted for the adjoining land. Mr. Whall told Councillors and parishioners at the meeting that they were looking to do something with the land and were still interested in the idea of a community project but were looking for ideas and input from the Council and the village. No decisions were made at the meeting and **the Council is still open to suggestions from the village** that we can put to Keigar. Please get in touch with a Councillor if you want to contribute.

Speed Limit

Discussions are still ongoing with NLC to try and reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 30mph on Church Side. This has been an ongoing issue for over 12 months and a meeting is being arranged with NLC and the police.

Memorial Hall Café

On **Friday 15th December** the Parish Council will host the Memorial Hall Café from 2pm until 5pm. Please come along and have a cup of tea and cake and meet some of your councillors.

Mike Jones

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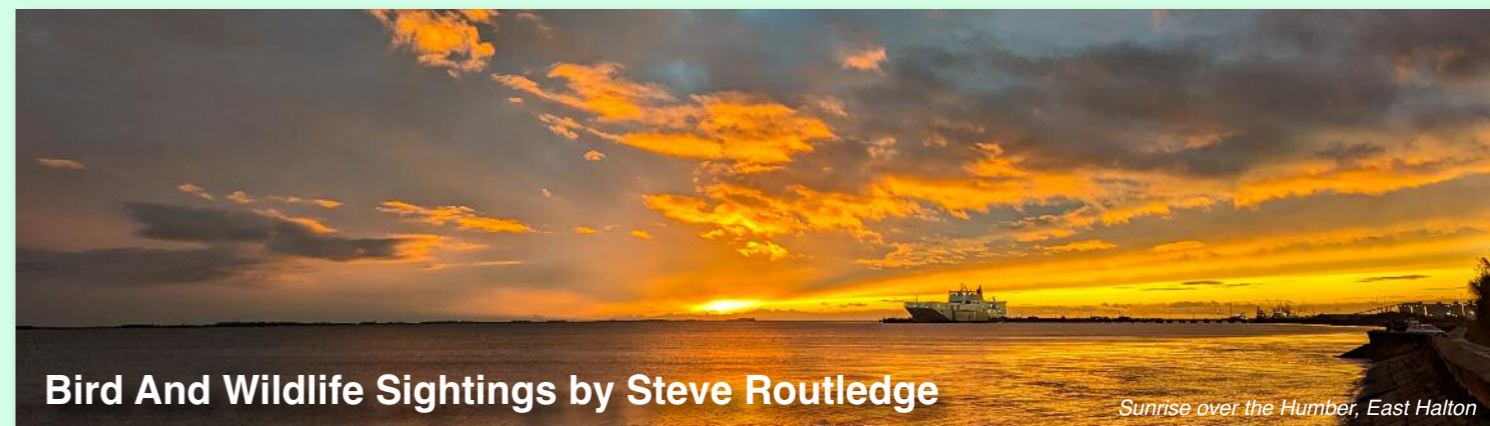
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Bird And Wildlife Sightings by Steve Routledge

Sunrise over the Humber, East Halton

More superb visits to the local patch at East Halton over these three days, seeing some great birds.

Friday 20th October - Perfect conditions today for pushing seabirds up the estuary, saw me stuck at work until 1.30pm! I headed straight for the patch to see what I could find in the torrential rain and south easterly blast. I parked up at the Skitter and positioned the car so the rain didn't come in through the window.

First birds I saw were, incredibly, 2 juvenile Long-tailed Skuas sat together on the Humber off the Skitter. They drifted along on the tide before I lost sight of them in the gloom, an amazing start!

Then it was the turn of Little Gulls to entertain, as birds headed both north and south along the estuary, passing close by, with stunning views of this cracking little species.

Next into the notebook were at least 6 Kittiwakes, with 2 juveniles heading south along the estuary and a juvenile and 3 adults heading north, a typical species to be encountered at this time of year and in these conditions.

A couple of Arctic Skuas then seen, followed by 2 juvenile and a 2nd calendar year Gannet. The adult Gannets are the first I have seen on the patch for a long while, as adults rarely get blown up the estuary.



Continental Coal Tit, East Halton

Other interesting sightings, apart from seabirds, were a cracking Little Stint seen with a flock of Dunlin and a single Dark-bellied Brent Goose.

A very productive few hours, sadly cut short as the weather deteriorated.

Sunday 22nd October - WEBS day today, meeting up with Jon and seeing some great birds.

We started at Winter's, which was fairly quiet again, best of the sightings were 5 Goldeneye (1st W drake and 4 females) and 16 little Grebe.

The marshes were alive with birds this morning though, with the water levels building nicely and it wasn't long before I picked out a flock of Russian White-fronts. There were 4 birds, 2 adults and 2 juveniles and it made me think about the birds last winter and the outside possibility that these two adults may have visited us before. They gave some lovely views as they fed unconcernedly, loosely associating with the Greylag flock.



Juvenile Baird's Sandpiper, East Halton Marshes

Also on here were 3 Ruff, 6 Pintail, a Short-eared Owl, which was flushed by a passing Marsh Harrier, and the now resident 3 Cattle Egret were still following the cattle around. Good counts of

Wildfowl and Waders here included 520 Wigeon, 280 Teal, 180 Lapwing, 46 Black-tailed Godwit, 153 Curlew and 24 Redshank making for great viewing.

After the marshes we wandered up to the Skitter, seeing a hunting Peregrine over the marshes, putting all the feeding waders and ducks up, the usual mayhem that they cause.



Cattle Egrets, East Halton Marshes

We then walked along Skitter Road and back to Winter's which proved a good decision as the first nice bird was a single Crossbill, followed by a Little Owl and Jay nearby and a Green Sand in a flooded field near The Grange.

Arriving back at Winter's before sundown, saw lovely afternoon light, great conditions for seeing Owls, but none materialised sadly. All was not lost though, as the lovely White-front family were still present with the 2 Barnacle Geese and a first winter Med. Gull flew onto the Humber to roost.

A pretty decent count of 87 species recorded today. Just goes to show how good this patch is.

Sunday 29th October - A dawn start at Winter's saw a spectacular burning orange sunrise. Then it was down to



Bar-tailed Godwit, East Halton Marshes

looking for our feathered friends and as on my last visit Winter's was fairly quiet, but the marshes were again alive with birds. The best sightings went to the 3 Cattle

Egret still in residence, 9 Ruff, 5 Pintail, a Kingfisher, 2 Stonechat and a single Brambling.

Wildfowl and Waders included 246 Wigeon, 161 Curlew, 47 Dunlin, 51 Redshank and 132 Black-tailed Godwit.

As the tide dropped off, I wandered up to the Skitter, watching the feeding waders and getting some cracking video of both Bar-tailed Godwit and Knot at close range. The latter two species were in pretty good numbers today with 11 of the former and 19 of the latter. Also there were a Peregrine, 134 Avocet and 3 Water Rail.

A walk along Skitter Road, a Jay was seen again at The Grange and a whopping flock of at least 700 Wood Pigeon in the area making an impressive sight.

On return to the marshes the 2 Barnies were still around and the 3 Cattle Egret were roosting in the wood at Winter's.

Steve Routledge. <https://brachytron.blogspot.com>

CHURCHYARD WORKING GROUP UPDATE

All Saint's Church was founded in the 13th Century and designated a Grade 1 listed building in November 1967. The first recorded burial in Goxhill Churchyard was in 1667 and the last in 2007. The Churchyard was eventually designated a Closed Churchyard by The Court of St James on 30th October 1985. The Church and Churchyard remains the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), but is maintained by the local authority. Humberside County Council (HCC) was formed in 1974, and assumed responsibility for maintaining the Churchyard. With agreement by all parties concerned, HCC and possibly Glanford Borough Council before them, decided to create a conservation area in the southern part of the Churchyard, presumably to save money and all funding for maintaining that part of the Churchyard was removed.

Following a discussion with parishioners and veterans, it was decided to form a working group, to clear the Churchyard, given it was in a shameful condition and was disrespectful to the veterans and parishioners buried there. Following a discussion with the Church Wardens, they confirmed permission was required from the Church Diocese in Lincoln and by North Lincolnshire Council (NLC), who retained responsibility for managing open spaces, before work could be undertaken.



All Saints Church seen from Churchside near where the Millennium Green is now, showing the uninterrupted view through the churchyard. Photograph dated around 1960 from Clare Giles.



The photograph on the left is from the same position as of the Church above and shows how overgrown it had become. The photograph above shows how much has been cleared to be able to see the church through the self set trees and undergrowth.



More and more gravestones are revealed as undergrowth and saplings are cleared.

In October 2021, permission was granted, and a working group was formed.

Clearing the Churchyard became a community project with the aim of improving the

appearance of the village and removing the disgraceful and neglected conserved area. The large lvy bed, along footpath 67 had become overgrown during the past fifty years and the conserved area was almost impenetrable and in a dreadful and shameful condition. Overtaken by a thicket of saplings, brambles, bushes, and ash saplings of all sizes, covering the one hundred graves, including veterans buried in that area.

There were many fallen trees and thirty-one growing out of graves that have decimated many of the headstones. Its location on the edge of the village has allowed its dreadful condition to be hidden and long forgotten. A working group of over fifty volunteers have spent the last two years clearing the area, at their own expense. However, it is not possible for the working group to cut the trees that are growing in the graves as they are too high and will require a trained arborist to remove them. The conserved area had also encroached into gardens located beside the Churchyard. Half of the garden of Pidgeon Cote House had become overgrown and the fence had

become dangerous and had collapsed. The owner of the New Bungalow had serious concerns that the trees nearest the bungalow would fall onto his property in high wind. The owners of both properties paid arborists to remove the trees and cleared the area and replaced the fence. As we cleared the Churchyard a lady arrived in tears, she explained it was the first time she had viewed her parents grave in thirty-four years.

I wrote to the Leader of NLC in February 2022, to appraise him of the situation with the trees and received a visit from the Ward Councillors, the NLC tree officer, and the NLC officer responsible for open spaces. They informed that when NLC took over responsibility for the Churchyard in 1996, the conserved area had already been in place for many years, and they had no responsibility or budget to do any work in that area. The tree officer did confirm the trees are infected with ash die back. By law NLC retain responsibility for cutting the grassed area surrounding the Church, maintaining the trees in that area, cutting the hedge along the



So many graves have self set trees growing up through them it is a nightmare task to remove them sympathetically.



the hedge along the bridgeway and for maintaining fences. NLC did not have sufficient funding or the capacity to remove the trees, given differing priorities, but would help if possible. However, they

would install a new fence at the rear of the Churchyard.

The result of a decision taken nearly fifty years ago has created a problem of unforeseen and unintended consequences, many years later that will cost £4000 + VAT to remove. The trees cannot be left in their current location indefinitely, given they are all infected and will eventually fall, creating a worse situation. The recent Best Kept Village competition commented: "Clearance was underway in the southeast corner of the Churchyard, which will enhance the tidy appearance of the entire site". The Ward Councillors have recommended applying for community welfare grants but removing trees from a Churchyard does not meet the criteria for any grant.

A request for funding to remove the trees was put before Goxhill Parish Council at its November meeting, inviting them to use their powers under the Local Government Act 1972 section 215, which provides authority for a Parish Council to assist with the maintenance of a Closed Churchyard. Unfortunately, the Parish Council would not support the request and voted against the motion.


Although disheartened, we are not deterred, and the Churchyard Working Group will continue working towards establishing a managed wildlife area and provide a more respectful and pleasant place.






Flattened gravestones were overgrown with ivy and once cleared have made a lovely view through to the church from the path to Pidgeon Cote Lane.

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Yours sincerely, Mike Jones, on behalf of the Goxhill Churchyard Working Group



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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Autumn Term at Goxhill Primary School

We always share the additional enrichment that we provide for our children through our newsletters and gander articles. We do an awful lot to develop our children as fully rounded individuals and are very proud of the learning experiences we offer. This time, through the gander article, we wanted you to hear the voices of all of our teachers and give you an insight into the learning that takes place through the delivery of the National Curriculum within lessons. The curriculum at our school is taught in a practical, fun and engaging way and we work hard to help the children to 'know more' and 'remember more'.

We are always looking for visitors to come into school to talk to the children about their careers and help the children to make links between their careers and the subjects that they learn in school. Visitors talk to the children in assemblies but also do workshops within the classrooms linked to what is being learnt in the subjects or about careers. Some community members even host stalls at our annual Careers Fayre! We would welcome any contribution that the community is able to make to raise the aspirations and ambitions of our children.

This year, we have teamed up with Goxhill library to promote it to families but also to encourage our children to have a love of reading and books.

Learning at Goxhill Primary School: Autumn Term

Nursery and Reception - We've really enjoyed finding out all about our school, who works there and what they do - we really enjoyed walking around and taking photos of everyone to put on our school map in the classroom. We have been busy drawing and painting pictures of ourselves and our families and talking about all of the fun things we do. Just before the half term we found out all about how the garden had changed since the summer, we used the fallen leaves to make leaf people pictures. As part of our work about Harvest we read 'The Little Red Hen' and made our own bread which we turned into healthy sandwiches. It has been a very busy half term and new school year.

Mrs Marie Jinks

Year 1 children have settled in brilliantly and should be so proud of themselves - it is a huge step moving from Reception to Year 1. They all come to school so eagerly and they all work so hard.

We had a very busy first half term getting used to new routines and learning lots of new things.

In English we wrote a recount of Beegu's first day on Earth after crash landing her spaceship. We used words such as Yesterday, First, After that and Finally to sequence each event.

In Maths we have explored place value within ten. This involved recognising numbers in figures and in words, finding one more and one less, comparing numbers and using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols.

In History we explored how significant women such as Greta Thunberg, Rosa Parks and Malala Yousafzai have helped to shape our world today. We explored gender and race inequalities in history and understand that these are protected characteristics.

In Art we have explored the primary colours and painted in the style of the artist Piet Mondrian.



One of our favourite highlights was meeting the world's tallest basketball player, Paul Sturgess. He was inspirational and made us believe that we can be anything we want to be!

Mrs Lisa Redfearn

Year 2 - It has been a jam-packed start to Year 2 and we have loved every minute! One of our favourite moments was our successful trip to the local Library and we enjoyed choosing a book to take home and took part in some brilliant Halloween activities that included chalk; skeletons and large books. We also took an amazing trip to the Baths Hall to meet the Illustrator Nick Sharratt and he taught us how to draw a range of interesting animals including an 'octgomingo!'

We have loved our History lessons this half-term and have had a real thirst for finding out as much as we could about the Space Race. We have ordered the significant events that occurred throughout the Space Race, researched important people that had a huge impact on space travel and watched lots of videos showing the successes and failures over the years.

Science had us all very excited, as we took part in a Plant Experiment! We each planted a seed and gave each plant different conditions e.g. sun and water, sun and no water, water but no sun and finally no sun and no water. We made simple predictions using our knowledge on plants and enjoyed watching the results week after week. We have all settled into Year 2 extremely well and are enjoying the challenge it has brought and we are looking forward to the next half-term to begin.

Miss Anna Peters

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the new school year. The year began with a basketball workshop, hosted by ex-professional basketball player Paul Sturgess.

Year 3 also enjoyed several other workshops throughout the first half term including a body image workshop to help the students consider how best to develop a positive body image - both mentally and physically. The class also experienced an importance of sleep workshop and a black history month workshop.

In Year 3, there has been a focus on History and Science this half term. In history they explored life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age and looked at how it has impacted our life today.

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In Science, they studied animals including humans. They investigated skeletons and muscles in various animals, and they experimented to see if a human's muscle and skeleton size can affect their ability to complete actions. For example, they investigated if humans with longer legs can run faster. Year 3 also researched animal types such as vertebrate and invertebrate, they looked at the similarities and differences between each classification and even grouped some animals themselves.

In Art, they learnt pencil drawing techniques and used them to sketch botanical themed drawings, inspired by Charles Darwin. They used techniques such as shading to create their artwork.

In English this half term, Year 3 wrote their own short story. They began by bolstering their vocabulary and then developing this into a well written piece of work. In Maths, Year 3 started very strongly learning about place value, from ones through to thousands. As the half term came to an end, Year 3 had begun adding and subtracting two numbers, using their number bonds knowledge to support them.

Mr Benjamin Vine

Year 4 have had a wonderful start to the year and we have settled in well. One of our favourite moments was exploring electricity in science. We got to make our own circuits! We particularly enjoyed making a circuit to make the buzzers go off (I don't think our ears have recovered though). As scientists, we have learnt all about electrical components and drawn scientific diagrams.

During History, we have been learning all about the Vikings! We used maps and atlases to locate where they came from. We also used sources of evidence to infer lots of information about the Vikings. We were able to watch a real life video of a Viking grave - spooky. Did you know that some Vikings were buried with their possessions?

In English, we created our own stories. We generated ambitious vocabulary to describe settings and characters. We have been really trying hard to focus on the effect of our vocabulary and why we chose particular words or phrases. We loved creating different settings and learning so many new words. Here is a short snippet of one of our pieces of work:

"Waves crashed on the icy land of the freezing cold area of white snow. Small white snowflakes fell across the vast open area, it all empty, except the endless ocean and the tall pillars made out of sapphire ice. The sun was nowhere to be seen as grey clouds flew across the sky. A tiny, wooden boat filled with snow and ice floated sadly in the dark, murky ocean. This was the Arctic, the most coldest place ever known, nobody could live here. Or could they?"

In Maths, we have been learning all about place value. In our rounding lessons, we remembered a rounding rhyme to help us round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We have been trying incredibly hard to learn how to explain our Maths and use problem solving and reasoning skills. Our most memorable moment was battling it out on TT rockstars in our tournaments - boys versus girls.

Riykena Gathercole and Sinead Fallen

Year 5 have done a fantastic job at settling into their new classroom and are proving to be very good role models as they become some of the oldest children in the school.

In maths, the children have been focusing on place value using numbers up to 1,000,000 and have been comparing, ordering and rounding these. At the start of the unit, we did some work on Roman numerals, which the children became very excited about so feel free to test them on this at home!

In English, the children have been focusing on short story writing and by the end of the half term had written their own third person narrative.

In history, the children have been very active in their role of being mini historians and have been exploring a variety of artifacts and sources to give them indications as to what life was like during the Ancient Greek period and how some of these things have impacted on our world today. They especially enjoyed their role play of famous Greek myths and legends!

In science, we have been able to do some very active learning and the children have taken part in, observed and collected data from many mini experiments for our properties and changes of materials unit.

In art, we are continuing to explore an art movement called 'retrofuturism' and so far the children have chosen an existing piece of art and had a go at replicating this using four different art mediums. A big part of this artistic style is texture, so we have also been trialing our own ways to collagraph.

Miss Louise White

Year 6 - We have been very busy in Y6 familiarising ourselves with the new expectations and challenges that come with being in the final year of primary school.

In English, we have written our own first person suspense narratives and have also enjoyed researching different real life news stories and writing our own news reports.

Science has seen us taking on the role of electricians: we have designed and created our own circuits; tested and fixed different existing circuits and carried out experiments into the volume of a buzzer and the brightness of a bulb.

We have loved learning about the Industrial Revolution in history and have created some lovely double page spreads to present our work on how the Industrial Revolution was a significant turning point in British history.

Another highlight has been when a team from our school won a hockey tournament against a number of other local schools. We have worked hard to practise our hockey skills all term so it is great to see that our hard work has paid off!



Mrs Melissa Martin

We are very proud of the staff and all that they offer to our children. Everybody works extremely hard and does all they can to provide the best education possible for our children. We are very lucky to have such committed and dedicated staff. We are also very lucky to have such a welcoming and supportive community.

Thank you everybody. I am looking forward to the year ahead.

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HISTORY OF HORTICULTURE IN GOXHILL - Article 7

The Short Family - The last Goxhill man killed on the field of battle and his brother the Market Gardener Part 1 of 2

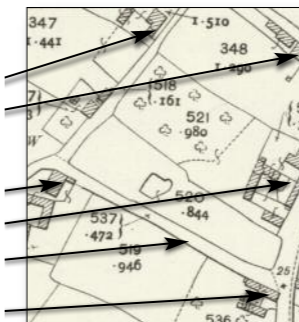
My next two articles tell the story of the Short family. William Short (b. 27 September 1894, Scunthorpe) is the final man on the village World War 1 memorial plaque, whose story I would like to share. William is also the older brother of Charles Short (b. 14 March 1898, Thornton Curtis). Charles was a Market Gardener who lived at Homefield in Mill Lane, North End. I will come on to William and Charles Short's story in the second part of this article in Spring 2024 because the Short brothers were the third generation of their family to live in Goxhill.

First generation of the Short family in Goxhill.

William and Charles Short's grandfather, who was also named William married in Goxhill on 22 November 1865. William (b. 1843) had been born in Bonby. His bride was Mary Selina Howson (known as Selina). William and Selina lived initially in Hallandsfield which is the area of the village between College Road and the Barrow and Gatehouse Roads and into South End. They lived then in Littleworth, which is part of South End. In 1891 census, William and Selina were one of three families recorded living in Brooks Lane in North End. Brooks Lane is known now as Mill Lane.

1908 field map of Goxhill:

- Homefield
- May Cottage, The Bridleway, alongside Farrow's Pond. Once a Blacksmith's Forge
- Mill Farm
- Simons' Farm
- Mill Lane formerly known as Brooks Lane
- Chestnut View



The Brooks family owned farms and a large acreage in Goxhill over a number of generations. Lot 1 of a farm sale involving the Brooks family, held in Goxhill on 30 June 1882, comprised Mill Farmhouse (in Mill Lane) together with surrounding land.

The Glanford Brigg Valuation Lists for 1894, 1897 and 1901 state that William Short (grandfather) owned a 'House, Outbuildings and Garden' and 'Land' in North End. These records don't specify that William Short was living in Brooks Lane like the 1891 census did, just that he was in North End. What I do know, from the 1891 and 1901 census records is that the house had more than four rooms (a house of four rooms or fewer would be identified in the census). The 1911 census states that the now widowed William Short (Selina died in 1908) was living in three rooms and that his newly married daughter Eliza was living in the next household which also comprised three rooms. I have surmised from this that father and daughter are sharing one house. This arrangement, in sharing a larger house, wasn't unusual, particularly for newly-weds. The 1921 census states that William Short was living in five rooms; I don't know if this is the same house but it is recorded in this same area of North End. William Short 'of North End, Goxhill' died in 1930.

Second generation of the Short family in Goxhill.

William and Selina Short had seven children. Their fourth child died in infancy. They had four daughters. The story of three of their daughters Fanny (b. 1868), Annie (b. 1879) and Eliza (b. 1881) is intertwined with the Dunn family. Fanny, Annie and Eliza married three Dunn brothers.

The Dunn family.

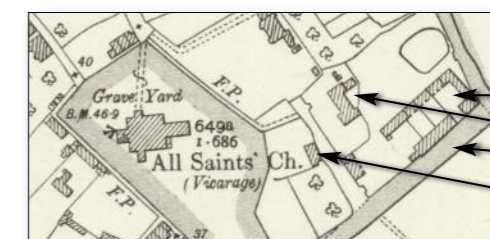
George Thompson Dunn and his wife Mary were the parents of seven sons. Their seventh and youngest son, Thomas (b. 1884) is shown in the 1921 census working as a Gardener to Joseph Martinson who lived at New Hall on Howe Lane. Thomas was living with his widowed mother Mary in Church Street. Thomas Dunn married the following year and his mother Mary died in Goxhill in 1926. Thomas and his wife Nellie were recorded living in Church Street in the 1939 census, alongside their daughter Mary. The Dunns lived, I believe, in part of the house now named Longcroft. George and Mary Dunn's sixth son, Joseph (b. 1881) was Killed in Action on 21 March 1918 (Gander, Spring 2019) and is commemorated on the village war memorials.

Their fifth son Charles (b. 1878) married in Goxhill in 1905. His bride was Ethel Bellamy (b. 1887, Wootton). Charles Dunn, a 'Jobbing Gardener' and Ethel are recorded in the 1911 census with four children and living in one of the cottages, now demolished, which stood in Pidgeon Cote Lane on Church Side.

A fifth child was born to Charles and Ethel Dunn in Barrow (1914) and a sixth child in East Halton (1916). Tragically Charles Dunn and his oldest daughter Phyllis both died in the Glanford Brigg



View taken from Goxhill churchyard of the cottages which stood on Pidgeon Cote Lane off Church Side. Church Farm is shown in the background. The cottages, I believe, is where Charles and Ethel Dunn (nee Bellamy) were living at the time of the 1911 census. Goxhill Gander Archive.



1908 field map of Goxhill:
Church Farm barns
Church farmhouse
Church Side
Pidgeon Cote Lane cottages

Union Workhouse on 21 December 1918 (nine months to the day after his brother Joseph had been Killed in Action). The Workhouse was where (pre NHS) those who were sick would have sought medical care. Joseph and his daughter Phyllis were buried in Goxhill on 24 December 1918.

The fourth, third and second sons were George (b. 1876), Alfred (b. 1873) and Frederick (b. 1871), and they married the three daughters, Fanny, Annie and Eliza, of William and Selina Short.

George Dunn married Eliza Short (b. 1881) in 1904 and it is George and Eliza who were living in three rooms in North End next to Eliza's widowed father William Short in the 1911 census. George and Eliza Dunn's daughter, Mildred married Bill Palmer in 1928. The Dunn and Palmer families lived at 8 Council Villas on Thornton Road: The Dunn family were recorded living here in the

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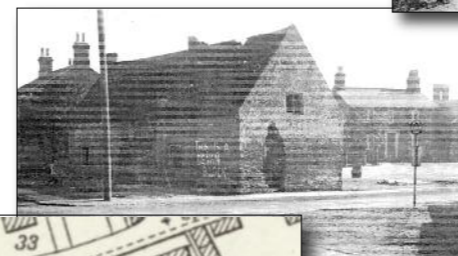
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1921 census. George Dunn died in 1931 and his daughter Mildred Palmer (nee Dunn) in 1933. Bill Palmer worked at Hawthorne Gardens (Goxhill) Ltd, for the Tyson and van den Bos families and was supported by his mother in law Eliza Dunn (nee Short) to bring up his two daughters.

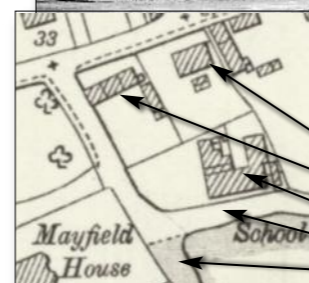
Alfred Dunn married Annie Short (b. 1879) in 1899. It is Alfred Dunn who is photographed alongside his father in law William Short, repairing the thatch on Game Cottage in The Square.

Repairs at Game Cottage, The Square, demolished around 1922, where a row of houses including Conifers and The Cottage stand today. William Short (1843) is second on the right and his son in law Alfred Dunn (b. 1873) is first on the right (identified to Kees van den Bos by Frank Thompson).

Far left is George Allison (1846-1919) and second left is his son George Frederick Allison (b. 1873) Scanned from Sparras & Fomards: Glimpses of Old Goxhill (with permission of Michael Parker)



Three cottages which stood on the corner of Howe Lane and Thorn Lane, next to the old School. Alfred and Annie Dunn (nee Short) were living in the closest cottage at the time of the 1901 census before they



moved into Chapel Street.

1908 field map of Goxhill:

Northolme
3 Thorn Lane/Howe Lane Cottages
Old School
School Lane
Thorn Lane

Alfred and Annie Dunn lived initially in one of the three cottages, which stood on the corner of Howe Lane and Thorn Lane; he was employed as a 'Groom and Gardener'. In the 1911 and 1921 census records Alfred and Annie are living in the first house in Chapel Street, now named Eastholme Cottage, with Alfred described as a 'Jobbing Gardener' the same as his younger brother Charles. After more than fourteen years of marriage their only child Florence was born. Florence married in Goxhill in 1933 and her father Alfred Dunn died in 1934. In the 1939 census Florence is shown living with her husband and her mother Annie Dunn (nee Short) at Eastholme Cottage in Chapel Street. Annie died in Goxhill in 1959.

Frederick Dunn married Fanny Short (b. 1868) in 1895. It is unclear, in the 1901 census, where they were living, but Frederick is recorded as a 'Market Gardener' at Perran Cottage in Willow Lane (1911 until 1926). Fanny Dunn (nee Short) died in Goxhill in 1928 and Frederick is recorded in the 1939 census living on Churchside and a 'Jobbing Gardener'. His only child, also named Fanny, was now married and living in Grimsby. Frederick died in hospital in Louth in 1951.

The oldest of the Dunn's seven sons, William Marris Dunn is recorded in 1891 at Goxhill Hall (Priory) as a farm servant and working alongside Charles Short (b. 1870) who was the oldest son of William and Selina Short and brother of Fanny, Annie and Eliza Short who married William Marris

Dunn's three brothers. William married in Hull in 1901 and continued living on the north bank of the river.

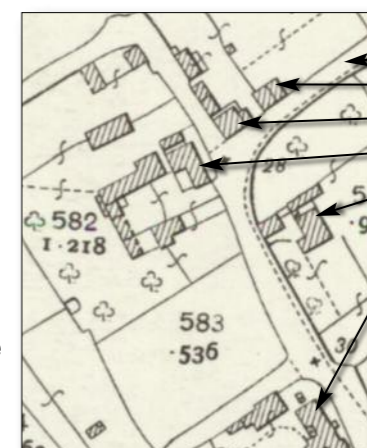
So to return to the Short family.

William and Selina Short's seventh child and youngest son, **John William Short** (b. 1885) married in Barrow in 1908. In the 1911 census he is recorded living with his wife Mary and young daughter, who was named Mary Selina (like her grandmother), in North End. They are recorded living next to Charles Fanthorpe. Charles was a Coal Merchant, who lived in a house which stood on the corner of Manor Lane and North End. Listed immediately after Charles Fanthorpe, who was living in five rooms and John William Short, who was living in three rooms is Hiram George Shearwood (b. 1882). Hiram George Shearwood was living with his wife Louisa and their daughter Clara. Louisa Shearwood (nee Bellamy) was the sister of Ethel Bellamy who had married Charles Dunn (b. 1878).

The Fanthorpe and Dunn/Shearwood cottages have, over time, been demolished but if you look carefully at the garden wall at the start of North End just after Mount Pleasant and Manor Lane you might be able to make out the bricked up doorway of the first cottage.

On 15 August 1915 John William Short died after a period of illness. His widow Mary married Will Atkin of Goxhill on 6 February 1916; Will Atkin worked for Thomas Cavill at Manor Farm and he was the brother of Garnett Atkin (*Gander Spring 2019*). Days after their marriage Mary Atkin (formerly Short) died. Her inquest identified that she had suffered from a blood clot on her brain.

John William Short and Mary Atkin (formerly Short's) only child, **Mary Selina** (b. 1908), who I believe was known as Lena, was adopted by her paternal aunt, John William's oldest sister Elizabeth Mary Taylor (nee Short) (b. 1866) who brought her up alongside her own daughter Elsie May (b. 1901). Elizabeth Mary and her husband James Taylor lived at, I believe, the house now named Jasmine Cottage but known, previously, as Woodbine Cottage in North End. Elizabeth Mary Taylor continued to live in Goxhill until her death on 14 April 1946.



1908 field map of Goxhill:

North End
Short/Shearwood cottage
Fanthorpe's cottage
Mount Pleasant
Spring Garth
Rosemarkie



Second cottage which stood in North End just after Manor Lane; the home, I believe of John William and Mary Short and their daughter Mary Selina at the time of the 1911 census. Goxhill Gander Archive.

John William Short's older surviving brother, **Charles Short**, who was working alongside William Marris Dunn at Goxhill Hall in the 1891 census, was the father of William Short (who died in World War 1) and Charles Short (Market Gardener).

I will continue the Short family story in my next article.

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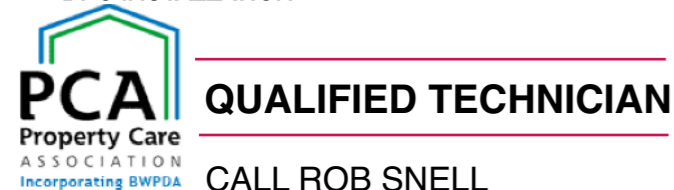
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The WINNER of the Short Award 2023...

There was a really good response to this year's Goxhill's Community Award, sponsored by the Gander. At their Meeting on 14th November, the Gander Committee counted all the votes and nominations.

The villager with by far the most nominations and glowing praises is ... **JANET SHEPHARDSON.**

These quotes sum up why she is such a worthy winner - "Janet is the person you always turn to, she is always there, with that beaming smile, nothing is a chore, she is one of Goxhill's main, if not the main king pin, to a wonderful community. And a wonderful lady."

"Janet is one of the most selfless and kind hearted people I know, who is always willing to help anyone."

"Janet does so much for the village...through the Parish Church, Churches Together, the Food Bank. However her influence spreads far and wide... she spends a lot of personal time making sure that individuals are well, sitting with them and talking to them. She has a kindness, empathy and compassion that leaves you with a feeling of well being and at peace with the world."

"Janet is so selfless in everything she does, be it with the church, pop ins, luncheon club, home visits and hospital runs for people that need it, and much more. She has 100% my vote."

Janet 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.

All the others nominated - Caroline Atkins, Ann & Paul Carter, Penny & Nigel Davies, Aileen Hanlon-Bennett, Sheila Leadley, Hayley McPhun, John Raby, Tony Ruddy, Paul & Angela Weeks and Mick Parker, all deserve recognition for their contributions to village life in Goxhill.

All would be worthy winners in their own way, perhaps they will be in the future. I hope so.

Thank you to those who do so many 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!

Thank you also to the Co-op, Library, Chippie and the School for taking a Short Award ballot box, as well as the online voting.



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Goxhill Gander Grant Scheme

Over the last few years, the Gander has helped with the printing costs for the Goxhill Community Calendar and also for publicity material and maps for Goxhill Open Gardens.

It has been decided to make this grant scheme available to anyone in Goxhill.

Who will it be open to?

Any Goxhill resident or group over the age of 13 years (with their parents permission) and any other person over the age of 18 years. The award of a grant will not take into account gender, race, disability etc.

The scheme is aimed mainly at persons (not exclusive to) who do not have the chance of applying to other grant organisation. The maximum grant will be £500.

The grant will need evidence of how it will be spent and how deliverable the award will be achieved by

the applicant. All records of the expenditure must be shown to the Gander Team and the Team reserve the right to ask for repayment should it be felt necessary.

The application to the fund can only be made on the official grant application form by the applicant. If the person is under 18yrs old then the application should be counter signed by a responsible person ie parent, guardian etc.

An applicant must be aware, under General Data Protection Regulation legislation, their application will be stored on a computer for a duration as determined necessary by the Gander Team.

Who decides on the awarding of the grant?

Members of Goxhill Gander Editorial Team will decide whether to agree the application and their decision will be final.

HOW TO APPLY

For full details of the Goxhill Gander Grant Scheme and an application form, please contact - Mike Gathercole on 07775 775853 or mikegathercole@aol.com

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OFF THE HOOF

"A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference." Eeyore

At the time of writing:

The clocks have gone back heralding the beginning of winter. The weather has been horrendous with high winds and never-ending rain, but we must be thankful that we have not had it as bad as some parts of the country.

Farmers have battled hard to get the hay in and this coincided with the harvest and is to be rapidly followed with potato picking. In the great scheme of things climate change affects us all.

Armistice Day will have been and gone when you read this. I note a good show of poppies throughout the village attached to lamp posts. More lone soldiers are in evidence and flags are on display. All a tribute to recognising and remembering the soldiers and animals that served or gave their all in conflict and protecting our freedom.

The 'Knit and Natter Group' have excelled at producing a range of memorabilia situated on post boxes. I think they are brilliant. The clever ladies responsible for producing these gems are Christine Creasey, Delie Simons, Lynn Smith and Linda Garrett. Other ladies were also involved in the knitted poppies. The 'Knit and Natter Group' meet every Thursday at 2pm -4pm in the Chapel School Room. New members will be made welcome.



Some other countries look to us as somewhere with opportunities and wealth and people will risk their lives to come here to find this is not the case. They end up waiting to be moved to heaven

knows where. We have always been considered a generous and giving country and it is sad to hear the news each day.

Christmas is just around the corner and for some it will be very bleak as the economy seems to get worse. I never thought, as a child, that the general public would talk about world events and finances as they do. We have grown very materialistic and it is going to take a long time to escape the 'throw away' culture that we have developed. It is good to hear that manufacturers are now being tasked with creating things that can be repaired instead of making it easier to 'just get a new one'.

I have no real suggestions of what one may buy as presents, only to say that a good torch is a must for any motorist or winter dog walker. It goes without saying that Hi-Viz is also a must for anyone who may find themselves

near roads when the light is deteriorating. There is a full range available for horses including rugs and fetlock bands. For the rider there are hat bands, jackets and tabards. These could also be used by dog walkers and cyclists. For the dogs you can get flashing collars and leads. These may sound a little practical and boring for Christmas presents, but they can be a life saver and there are many different variations out there.

Village News – Goxhill Show

It has been a few years since Goxhill Show ceased and all assets were disposed of. Several people are keen to start it up again, which is a huge challenge. I am sure, as a village, we can all help and support them in one way or another. A lot will depend on good will.

Starting from scratch for the first year will mean that trophies will need to be found, especially as some of the old trophies were not returned.

Sponsorship for prizes will also have to be sought. Local businesses will be approached but please do not wait to be asked, even if you are not a business.

A large number of volunteers will also be required closer to the day and at the actual event. Anyone who could provide a few hours would be so valuable.

They are still at the planning stage at the moment. July has been mentioned as a possible month. Anyone interested in helping out should contact **Val Gorbitt at Field Farm Foods on Thornton Road, telephone: 07714 735761 or 01469 532923.**

Equine Information:

Jo Burns-Firth is retiring her competition horse from show jumping, but will keep him exercised and may do a bit of dressage on

him. Her young horse, Gerry, is recovering from the injury of a nail in his hoof, but only time will tell if he will remain sound. Jo's course is going well, but taking up a lot of her time so she will not be organising her regular Christmas Ride for the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance this year. This event has been enjoyed by many and raised a phenomenal amount. However, keep an eye on social media as there may still be something organised to fill the gap.

We have had a shortage of horse vets in this area. Rase Vets from Market Rasen have been around for years and now have many practices throughout Lincolnshire. An equine operating theatre was on site at Market Rasen, but this, and the equine based facilities have now moved to Norrie's (the boss) home.

Nick Bowen is another equine vet who has been around for many years. He is now looking forward to retirement and the practice has been taken over by the young and enthusiastic Rowan Wright. At present Nick is still working beside Rowan and shortly another vet will be joining the team allowing Nick to bow out at an appropriate time. To see what this practice can offer you, see Launch of Thornton Wright Equine Vets - Thornton-Wright Equine

Horse and pony owners have the responsibility for taking extra care and precautions in winter.

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Off the Hoof article continued from p37

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With the ground being so wet hooves can suffer producing Thrush. This causes lameness and can take time and care to cure.

Remember horses drink between 8 to 10 gallons of water each day, so when it is freezing you may need to break the ice. Putting a floating ball in the water trough may help to keep the water accessible. If your horse is permanently out over the winter period, they will need to be checked on daily.

Trivia:

Just a little piece of trivia that I learnt recently. We all know that things can sometimes be a nightmare, but do you realise where the word 'nightmare' originates from?

In the days of horse drawn coach travel it was mainly mares that pulled the coaches. These horses were always required to travel at speed and often became lame. Many people would know about horse care, spot a lame horse and complain to the coach companies if one was identified. If a horse became lame they would be transferred to the night run so less people would notice. They became known as the night mares. So something that you wouldn't want to see during the day became a 'nightmare'.

Wishing you all a good Christmas and good wishes for 2024. Take care. Ride safely. Aileen 01469 530643

Do you feel lucky? Some statistics behind GOXHILL 200 CLUB

I am not entirely sure how long the Goxhill 200 Club has been running – I think I was signed up as a member by Denny Coppack in 1995, when it was already well-established. It was £10 subscription then, just as it is today; that alone is an interesting statistic in these days of inflation. Over the years the promoters have aimed to recruit more members in preference to increasing the subscription which is why, despite the "200" in the name, there are more than 200 members today. What is undeniable is that the scheme has been supporting Goxhill Memorial Hall for more than a quarter of a century. If anyone can pin down the original year it began then that would be good to know if only as a matter of village history (see main article for contact details).

My wife Rosemarie has been the registered promoter of the Goxhill 200 Club for the past 4 years so this seemed like a good time to look back at how the luck has been shared out over that time. There have been 160 chances of winning and, whilst the good fortune has been predictably widespread, it really is a case of "the luck of the draw". Our average membership has been 240, and we have had 133 different winning numbers, so over half of the numbers (55%) have won during those 4 years.

Nevertheless some have been extra lucky:

- 96 numbers have won a monthly prize
- 21 numbers have won 2 monthly prizes
- 1 number has won 3 monthly prizes
- 11 numbers have won a quarterly jackpot
- 3 numbers have won both a quarterly jackpot and a monthly prize
- 1 number has won 2 quarterly jackpots.

Best of all, whether you have been a winner or not, your subscription to Goxhill 200 Club has gone towards the £3,633 that has been donated during the past 4 years to help maintain our Memorial Hall. Please stay with us and, with a bit of luck, you too will be among the winners in the months to come. **John Guggiari**

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This photograph was supplied to me by Gerard Burns, who had attempted to identify all present. Additional information has been supplied by Elizabeth Fincham.

But if you can confirm these or add any further information, please contact the editor.

Left to right:

Ken Dring, Len's younger brother
Ron Clayton

Brothers William Northen
and Clifford Northen

Next, it's definitely not Don Foulston. It could be a Lamming? It might be Alan Girdham which makes sense to Elizabeth. Can anyone help?

Len Dring
Arthur Dring, Len and Ken's father

Photograph taken by David Lee at the George Hotel in Barton December 1966

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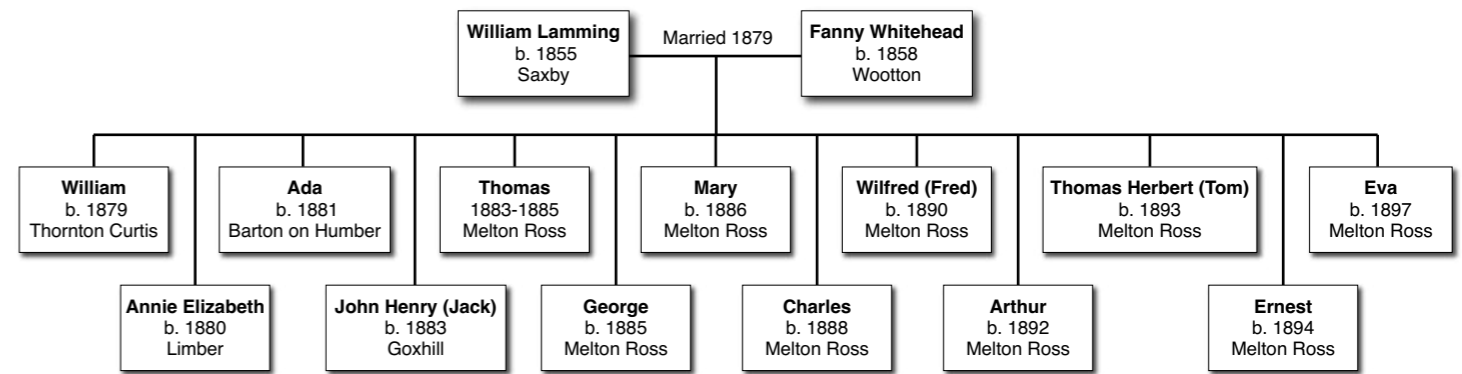
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One Family's War: The Lamming Family Story - Part 4 of 4



I concluded my last article about the Lamming family with the death of Ernest, the ninth and youngest son of William and Fanny Lamming, who was Killed in Action close to the French and Belgium border on 20 June 1917. I have, so far, recounted a small part of the story of eight of their thirteen children. In this final article I will conclude the story of the remaining five children.

Fred Rusling, the husband of **Annie Elizabeth Rusling** (nee Lamming), William and Fanny's daughter, served in France from the end of 1916. There is no further evidence for Fred's service except for a covering document transferring his papers from Longmoor Camp (where he had trained), which are dated 13 January 1919. The 1921 census records him living at 94 Peel Street in Hull with Annie Elizabeth and their two sons Wilfred (b. 1906) and Henry (b. 1908). Fred Rusling had returned from war service to work on the railways.

The 1939 census for Hull, taken on 5 October 1939, shows Fred and Annie Elizabeth Rusling living at 1 Nelson Avenue, Well Lane. They moved out of this house and into 1 Collingwood Avenue, Fenchurch Street, Hull.

On the night of 11 July 1941 a bombing raid over Hull killed nineteen people, eight of them on Fenchurch Street.



Bombing aftermath in Hull July 1941 copied from dailymail.co.uk

Amongst the dead were Fred and Annie Elizabeth Rusling. Their bodies were brought to Goxhill for burial. Their names are recorded along with hundreds of other civilian deaths in Hull during World War 2.

Their older son Wilfred had married and was living in Sheffield. Their younger son Henry had married Edith Taylor who had

RUSLING, ANNIE ELIZABETH, age 61; of 1 Collingwood Avenue, Fenchurch Street. Wife of Fred Rusling. 11 July 1941, at 1 Collingwood Avenue.

RUSLING, FRED, age 60; of 1 Collingwood Avenue, Fenchurch Street. Husband of Annie Elizabeth Rusling. 11 July 1941, at 1 Collingwood Avenue.

Extract from record of UK Civilian Deaths in World War 2 1939-1945 - Fred and Annie Elizabeth Rusling (nee Lamming).

lived at 1 Perseverance Terrace on Oxmarsh Lane in New Holland and they were living at 106 Bean Street in Hull at the start of World War 2.

The youngest of the Lamming children, **Eva Lamming**, married **Eddie Plumtree** (b. 1892 Goxhill) on 16 May 1921. In the 1921 census they were shown living on Chapel Street in the house next to Market Gardener John Edward Sarjantson junior (Gander Spring 2023), now part of the house named Golse Croft. Eddie was the younger brother of Frances Moore (nee Plumtree) whose husband Herbert is commemorated on the village memorial (Gander Winter 2019). Eddie was a Boatman who, on 21 December 1916, had volunteered for the Royal Navy. He served on HMS Crescent and later on HMS Attentive II which was a shore base for the Dover patrol in Kent. Eddie and Eva went on to have four children; their oldest son married Margaret Bows whose parents farmed at Mill Farm on Mill Lane in North End, and Eddie and Eva lived later at Rose Villa on Westfield Road in the middle of the village.

It is at Rose Villa that Eva's mother Fanny Lamming died on 19 June 1936. Fanny had continued to live up until her death at Westgate and it was at Westgate that Fanny's husband, William



Above - Map of Hull 1938. Below a section of a bombing map from rhaywood.karoo.net



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Lamming, had died on 18 December 1931. William and Fanny Lamming had both lived to see their two sons' names commemorated in Goxhill Parish Church and on the memorial plaque at the Memorial Hall.

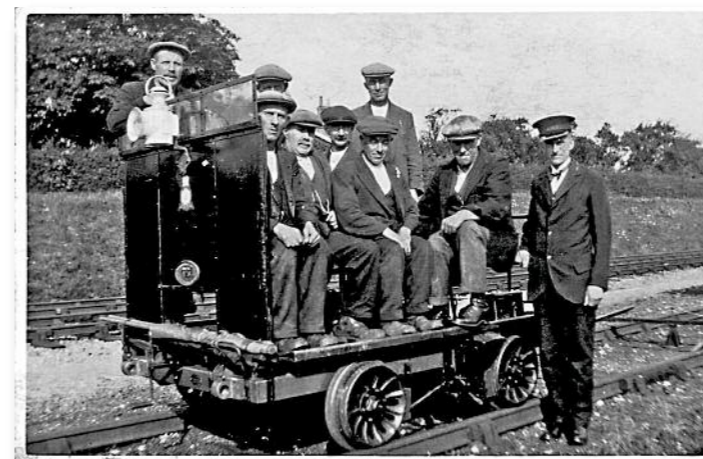
The oldest of the Lamming children, **William Lamming**, who had been recalled to serve in the Lincolnshire Regiment during World War 1 but was unfit for overseas service is recorded, in the 1921 census, living with his wife Elizabeth in Wakefield where their two sons Harry (b. 1906) and Frank (b. 1910) were born. William Lamming was employed as a 'Porter and Disinfecter in a Fever Hospital'. The family lived in the north of the city and close to where Pinderfields Hospital stands today. Elizabeth died in 1938 and William was recorded working in the Fever Hospital in 1939. He died in Wakefield in 1950.

William's younger brother **John Henry Lamming**, who was known as Jack, was also in Wakefield at the time of the 1921 census. Jack was employed as a 'Railway Service Engine Driver'; he and his wife Nina lived with their daughter Edna (b. 1909) in Newton in the north of Wakefield. By 1925 Jack and Nina had moved to Doncaster, I presume due to Jack's work on the Railways. Nina continues to be recorded living there until 1947 but, I believe, Jack had found work in Grimsby and, in 1939 was recorded boarding and working as a 'Fish Porter' on the docks.

Jack and Nina moved back to Goxhill and lived at Willow Cottage, which stands on the corner of Willow Lane. Jack's death was recorded in the village on 26 August 1948. He died at Mill Farm in North End, the Bows' farm, with Nina present. Nina continued living in the village at Willow Cottage until her death on 13 August 1956. Nina's sister in law, Eva Plumtree (nee Lamming) also died in Goxhill, just over a month later, on 17 September 1956. Eva's husband Eddie lived later in Cleethorpes but continued to be a regular visitor to Goxhill.

I started the Lamming family story with the service, in World War 1 of **Charles Lamming**. Charles served until April 1919. He married Florence Hodgson Usher in Bridlington on 16 July 1919 and Charles and Florence lived in Goxhill. On 22 August 1920 a son, Ernest Wilfred was born and in the 1921 census Charles, Florence and Ernest are recorded living on Howe Lane near the railway station in part of Westgate House. The family were living in what is now the Goxhill Chippie. They had two more sons, Kenneth Charles (b. 1924), who lived later in Barton and Norman (b. 1930), who lived later in East Halton. Charles continued to work as a Plate Layer on the railways.

Charles Lamming's son, Ernest, collaborated with **Ron Parker** in writing '**Goxhill at War**', about the USAAF at Goxhill during World War 2.



Charles Lamming next to Fred Booley, Stationmaster at Goxhill Station, with the 'Railway Gang' including Charlie Dixon, Bill Douglas (Ganger), Aaron Spittlehouse, Jack? Spittlehouse, Park Clayton, Herbert Dent. Photograph courtesy of Steve Boulton, Fred Booley's grandson.

Ernest recounted that the Station Porter was Sid Gall: '(He) would have a mug of tea with Signal Man Joe Rowbotham and later (with Railway Signalmen) Harry Addinall and Albert Holloway... and spend time in conversation with Plater Layers Jack Burgesss, Charlie Lamming, Aaron Spittlehouse and Albert Farrow who would congregate in the waiting room waiting for work.

Punctually at eight o'clock along would come... Alf Howson (Gander Autumn 2021) bringing hundreds of boxes of tomatoes and crates of lettuce from Hawthorne Gardens... In 1946 Sid moved back to Grimsby to higher things, but Goxhill never returned to its pre-war activities, nor ever will, due in the main to the demise of the railways... No more hundreds of boxes of tomatoes, and Mr and Mrs Charles Short going on Friday to market...'

The article adds that, '(On) Sunday 11:00 am, September 3rd 1939, Charlie Lamming, who lived adjacent to the Station, shouted out to the men in the signal box, "War has been declared"'

A series of articles, of the stories of those commemorated on the World War 2 memorial plaque, will follow after the conclusion of the story of William Short, the last man to be remembered on the World War 1 plaque.

Charles and Florence Lamming moved out of Westgate house (I remember it best, later, as Mr Shatford's shoe and boot repair business) and into 5 Council Villas on Thornton Road. Charles died in Scunthorpe Memorial Hospital in 1957. Florence continued to live in the village, living with her son Ernest at his bungalow named Evenstar, just after Prospect House in North End, until her death in 1975.



Opening ceremony of Goxhill Memorial Hall held on 7 March 1925. Left to right: Reverend Andrew, Charles Lamming (brother of Wilfred and Ernest Lamming), Sir Berkeley Sheffield, Charles Short (brother of William Short) and a young girl, Vera Moore (daughter of Herbert Moore).

At the opening of Goxhill Memorial Hall on 7 March 1925, Sir Berkley Sheffield is flanked, on his right by Charles Lamming, oldest brother of Wilfred and Ernest Lamming. The child standing to the front is Vera Moore (later Wardle). Vera's father Herbert Moore is commemorated on the memorial. Vera's mother, Frances Bernice Moore (nee Plumtree), the sister in law of Eva Plumtree (nee Lamming), Wilfred and Ernest Lamming's younger sister.

To the left of Sir Berkley Sheffield is Charles Short who had lost his eldest brother William Short. William Short is the final man, named on the Goxhill war memorial plaque.

I will tell William Short's story, alongside that of his brother Charles, in the first of two articles about the Short family in a combined World War 1 Memorial and History of Horticulture article (see page 31).

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Since the last edition of The Gander we have continued to be busy with a variety of fund raising, community and social events.

Car Boot Sale - We held the last of this year's car boot sales on August Bank Holiday Monday at the playing field at Barrow when the weather was once again kind to us. The event was a success financially and we are grateful for your continuing support not least for your generous donations on the entry gates. Thank you.



Afternoon tea - In early September on a lovely late summer's afternoon we held an afternoon tea in our marquee in Barrow Market Place accompanied by the excellent Barrow Band. This was the first time that we have held this

event and involved a lot of hard work but the favourable reports which we received from those who attended made it worthwhile as it was considered a success especially as a community event.



Thornton Curtis Bike Festival - We were asked to help at this festival, which was held to raise funds for Care After Combat and we were pleased to support them when we cooked and served food. The charity does vital work helping our Armed Forces Veterans when they are most in need.

TWAM - Tools with a Mission - We continue to collect unwanted tools (garden, electrical, hand and power) fabrics, sewing and knitting machines, computers. So if you have any of these which you no longer have need of we shall be pleased to arrange a collection from you. You can contact us either by email on barrowmeridianrotary@twam.uk or by telephone to either John 07456 885125, Peter 07736 058400 or Stuart 07751 018453.

The earthquake in Morocco in early September devastated the country killing over 3000 people and affecting a further six and a half million. As a Rotary Club we contributed enough to buy a Shelterbox. Shelterbox provides a wide range of survival equipment in areas where there has been

a natural disaster, e.g. floods and earthquakes. Tents displaying the Rotary logo can frequently be seen on news items in the media reporting from the scenes of these disasters.

Lions on the Line - Some of our members accompanied Barton Lions in their continuing support of Friends of the Barton Line, when we enjoyed the hospitality at venues between Barton and Stallingborough.



Visit to the Houses of Parliament - We were finally able to make our much delayed (due mainly to Covid) visit to the Houses of Parliament. The wait was well worthwhile as we had a guided tour which, thanks to our guide, was both informative and extremely interesting. We were able to see Westminster Hall, the place where our monarchs have laid in state prior to their funeral, the chambers of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. We were also able to visit the famous Brick Lane and enjoyed an excellent curry at a restaurant with a name familiar to us - The Bengal Village.

Christmas events - Santa, accompanied by his elves, will be out on his sleigh around the villages starting in the first week in December. We will post on our Facebook page the nights when he will be in your area.

We shall be holding our annual Christmas Fair in Barrow Market Place on Saturday 16th December, when we look forward to seeing you there.

We welcome new members and if you feel that you would like to get involved in fund raising activities, community projects and activities and at same time have fun why not come and join us?

We normally meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7pm at **Barrow Sports and Fitness Centre**. If you are interested give me a call.

John Giddings - President. Phone 07456 885125 or email gidds1955@hotmail.com

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On **Sunday December 10th** in **Trinity Church Lecture Hall**, at 3.00pm, Barton Rotary Club is once again providing a free **Christmas Afternoon Tea** with entertainment by the **Barton Ukulele Band** and others There will be a raffle and the free event is **open to all senior citizens, including from Goxhill**.

If you require transport to this event, please phone **Ted Treasure** on 01469 531117

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