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Winter 2019

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In 2012, the Humber overflowed its banks and then only a few years after the last 100 year flood, parts of the village and surrounding farm land were suffering again. Thankfully not quite as bad as last time, perhaps the lock gates onto the Humber were working this time. Others have suffered much worse this time.

The Parish Council are asking for details of all flooding issues and photographs, if possible, so they can develop a plan of the full impact on the village this time.

This is a major problem, not just locally, and the solution is going to be very expensive and no doubt take forever. We are in the hands of the experts.

Some problems are more within our ability to solve. They may seem much less important than your home or land being threatened by flooding, but some parts of the way of life in our village are at stake.

The WI (Women's Institute) has been a stalwart of the village for years, old photographs show them packing out the Memorial Hall. Their numbers may be sadly reduced but they still do an amazing job of organising, as well as providing tea and fantastic cakes, for major village events, at a packed Memorial Hall, even now. They have an interesting programme of events and some fascinating speakers. They even invited me once and I had a few offers for page 3 girls. So they know how to have fun too. See their article on **page 25** and their entry on the Noticeboard **page 7** to see what amazing things they do. They would welcome new members and helpers.

Goxhill's Library was threatened with closure a number of years ago and it was only saved by the village stepping up and taking on the responsibility for running it. But it relies on a team of volunteers and for various reasons they are down to a small number and are struggling to cover the 3 afternoons a week it is open. So if you could spare a few hours in an afternoon, not necessarily every week, then please contact the library. It also needs more people to use the library, not just for books, but for its computers, internet and printer. See article on **page 37**.

The future of Goxhill is also at the heart of developing the **Goxhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan**. Everyone in the village can play a vital part in this by giving their opinions, in the survey, available soon. See the article on **page 31**.

I conclude by wishing a merry Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year, from the Gander Team, to all our readers, our fantastic contributors that make the Gander such an interesting read, our team of deliverers who get your copy to you come rain or shine and all our advertisers, whose support enables the Gander to continue.

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*Photographs of flooding by
Helen Faulding and Debbie
Challender*

GENERAL ELECTION POLLING DAY

Thurs 12th December 2019
7.00am - 10.00pm in the
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7pm, after a showing of the film ELF at 5pm.
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receive a present. Price £3.

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LETTER FROM THE CHURCH

Perfect? Not quite.....

I'm writing this at the end of October and last week I saw the first house with all its Christmas trimmings up. It was rather nice, actually. I was out on a long and chilly early morning run and the sight of a six foot tree and a room full of fairy lights was a welcome diversion. Perhaps that's because I love Christmas. The saddest day of the year is the day we have to take the decorations down – and I start looking forward to them going back up the day after that!

However you decide to mark the season – full-on Winter Wonderland in the garden or a holly twig in a pot – this is the time of year which always encourages us to look forward. It's not just the Christmas presents and the ever-elusive "perfect Christmas" either. Hot on the heels of the celebrations come the bills, the unwelcome message from the scales and the resolution that next year will be the one in which we transform ourselves and ditch our bad habits. Well good luck with that – I'll meet you in the chippy for a consoling snack when we've all failed again.

Perfection is something modern advertising encourages us to think is possible and anything less is a disappointment. Advertisers have their job to do, so let's not be hard on them, but equally, let's not be taken in. We don't need a perfect Christmas to have a really good time, we just need a good enough Christmas. The table probably won't look as marvellous as the one in the magazines – but unlike that one there'll be room for the actual food instead of three triple candlesticks and a heap of fake holly. The chances are it won't snow, but that means we won't trudge back to work through the sludge. Our family may not gather round a roaring log fire, singing carols and looking delighted at our imaginative and fabulously wrapped gifts – but so what? The gifts we wrap up frantically ten minutes before the recipients tear the paper off again are given out of love, and central heating keeps us as warm as the log fire and doesn't need poking every few minutes. Once we get to grips with the aftermath (and the scales), whatever resolutions we make, we don't need perfect bodies either. - which is just as well because we won't get them. At Christmas as at any other special time, it's natural to work hard to make it as good as it can be, but let's leave perfection to the fairy stories and adverts. Whether we see Christmas as a time of thanksgiving for the birth of Jesus or a time to spend with family and relax at the end of a busy year, let's not waste it while we chase the impossible. However you spend Christmas, may it be filled with love and gloriously imperfect! Time to open the Quality Street yet....?

Revd. Liz Brown

Christmas Services	Sunday	15th December	6pm	Christingle service at All Saints Church
	Friday	20th December	7pm	Carol Service at All Saints Church. The service will be followed with seasonal refreshments.
	Sunday	22nd December	3pm	Carol Service at the Methodist Church. The service will be followed with tea and mince pies.
	Tuesday	24th December	4pm	Crib Service at the Methodist Church.
	Tuesday	24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Service at All Saints Church
	Wednesday	25th December	10am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Barrow.

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

HOW BIG WILL YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE BE THIS YEAR?

Leaving aside the discussion about pine needles dropping everywhere and finding them at Easter or how artificial trees are so realistic or how we miss the wonderful smell of pine or the special family ritual of 'dressing' the tree with precious baubles collected year on year - leaving all that aside - how big will your tree be this year?

There are Christmas Tree Festivals at Barton and Barrow and both churches will be filled with lovely, imaginative, clever decorations on many trees: like in our homes, some residents will have traditional green and red; some will be silver or gold or even turquoise and purple! Some trees will be quirky or modest, creative or stunning.

But none of these trees will match the amazing construction over 40 feet tall and 20 feet wide in Bethlehem Manger Square in front of the Church of the Nativity, said to be where God became wrapped in human flesh and joined us on earth and changed us all for good!

How many go to the Bethlehem Square to watch the lights being switched on? Over 100,000 pack the town and try to squeeze in, keen to be near the large stage, hear the huge bagpipe bands of marching scouts, and watch the lights blazing above the tree which say 'Justice and Hope for Bethlehem'

Nothing could be more profound or stirring than that, especially as the people there will be Muslim, Jewish and Christian and live under constant threat from soldiers with guns and the extremism of desperate forces.

That may not be our experience but some folk here have had a wretched year of illness, continuing pain and hospital treatment, life-limiting and miserable but have borne it with immense courage and fortitude; some have had a year of disastrous relationships and hurt friendships; some have lost their dearest friend and feel adrift and alone and don't know how to survive Christmas. Well, for them and for you, those lights will blaze out for Hope for you and those you love and for people everywhere - a strong hope for justice and to live in freedom away from the gun and violence, as well as ill health.

However small your tree, fancy red bows or blue and silver lights, LED candles on every branch or treasured family baubles - may there be hope for all God's people - Christians, Jews and Muslims - and love to make your heart glad.

My prayer for you? That you will know God's joy this Christmas and Hope for a new year,

Revd Nichola Jones

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Christmas Tree Festival

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The Goxhill Singers will be singing
at 3pm each day.

Christmas Bingo

Friday 6th December Eyes down 7pm
Goxhill Memorial Hall

Quiz night

Friday 7th February 7.30pm
in the Chapel Schoolroom.
Get together a team of four, give yourself a name,
then phone Jane 530962 or Sandra 530065
to book your team in.

Monthly Pop In.

We hold a Pop In on the third Saturday of the
month in the Chapel Schoolroom from 10am -12md
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Pop In Dates - Saturday January 18th
Saturday February 22nd
Saturday March 21st

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

Our future programme

- 9 Dec** - Christmas Party
13 Jan - Marriage in Late Medieval England
by Geoff Bryant – this follows on from
the Medieval Birth & Baptism talk given
by Geoff in January 2019
10 Feb - Members' Night
9 Mar - Annual Meeting

MacMillan Coffee Morning - Thankyou

Goxhill WI would like to thank Stan Short for his
donation of one of his paintings for the raffle, all
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We look forward to meeting you soon.

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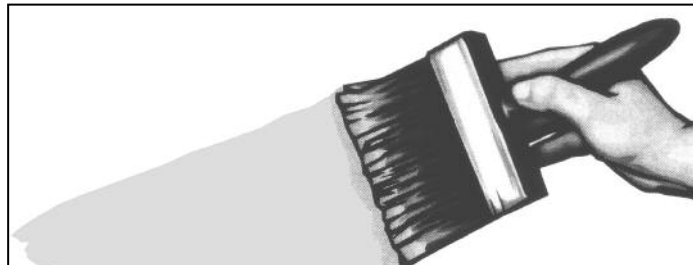


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We believe that every existing member of the 200 Club was contacted to renew, or was left a message if they were out when somebody called to collect the subscription. Most were contacted on more than one occasion so it has been assumed that anyone not paid up by the end of October no longer wished to remain a member for 2019/20. If that was not the case then please get in touch either by emailing goxhill.200club@gmail.com or telephoning 530363. If you would like to become a member of the 200 Club then the next subscription year will run from October 2020 to September 2021 inclusive. Just get in touch and leave us some contact details then we will get in touch around Autumn 2020 so that you can sign up.

The Goxhill 200 Club is a great way for villagers, ex-villagers and their relatives to support the running of our Memorial Hall whilst having a bit of a flutter. Here's how it works:

- You complete and sign a membership form and pay the annual subscription of £10. This buys you one membership number that enters you into a monthly draw. All participants must be over 16.
- As well as monthly prizes there is a jackpot prize once a quarter. The names of winners are published in the next issue of The Gander.
- About half the money collected in subscriptions funds the prizes with the other half donated to Goxhill Memorial Hall.

The Goxhill 200 Club constitution is displayed on the Goxhill Memorial Hall notice board and website or email goxhill.200club@gmail.com for a copy.

Thank you to everyone who joined or renewed their membership of the Goxhill 200 Club for 2019/20. We have been able to donate £1,185 (half of the subscriptions) to Goxhill Memorial Hall to help with its upkeep.

Rosemarie Guggiari

The winners for August drawn at the Gander meeting are:-

169	Karen Gathercole	£27.50
203	Liz Thys	£20.00
162	Laurie Bennett	£10.00
210	Mary Parker	£10.00

NB No draw in September due to the change over to the new organisers

The winners of the October draw, the first of the 2019/20 year, took place during the interval of the Pop-Up-Pub Quiz on Sunday 3rd November. The three winners of £18 each are:-

58	Stephanie Sayer	£18.00
98	Linda Milburn	£18.00
207	Theresa Simons	£18.00

There will be another 3 winners of £18 each month and a jackpot winner of £120 every quarter.

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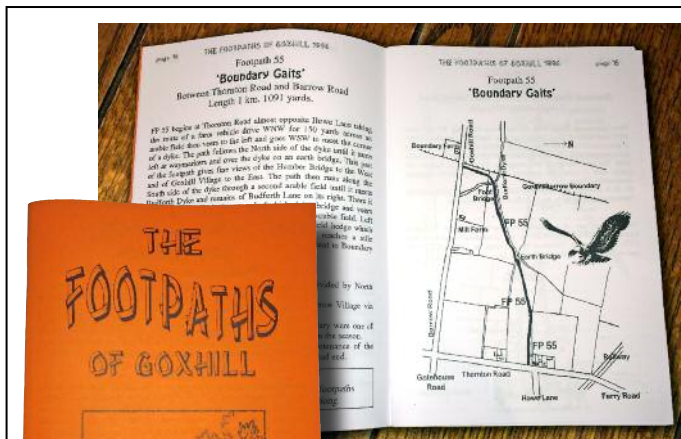
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An enormous thank you to **Mark Ogilvie!** **Editor**



'The Footpaths of Goxhill'

booklet, first published in 1996, has been reprinted by the Parish Council. It is **FREE** and available from the Clerk at the Parish Rooms, Val's shop - Field Farm Feeds, or the Library.

It is a wonderful guide to 20 footpaths around the village and surrounding countryside.

On the inside back page, the Acknowledgements are listed as in the original, to those involved in the booklets production. Unfortunately, the late **Alan Gould**, the driving force behind all the work involved, did not put his own name to the booklet and has not been added to the reprint. **This booklet would not have been produced without his huge contribution.**

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Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Afternoon Tea at All Saints Church on 28th September and took time to vote for your favourite photo for entry in the 2020 calendar.



The waiting is over. Congratulations to **Kevin Seddon** for winning the front page position and to **Toby Beaton** who won the junior entry.

Did your photo get voted by the villagers for The Goxhill Village 2020 calendar? You'll have to buy one of the beautiful, full colour, A4 size, calendars to find out.

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A big thank you to everyone who submitted their fabulous photographs, they were of an exceptionally high standard this year and congratulations to those who are now in print!

Don't forget to keep snapping those beautiful photos in preparation for our next one!!

All proceeds will go to All Saint's Church and Goxhill Methodist Chapel.

DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
24 Nov	10am-3pm	Christmas Fair	Mem/Hall
30 Nov	1-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Church
01 Dec	1-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Church
5-7 Dec	7.30pm	Dick Whittington	Jos. Wright Hall
06 Dec	5-7pm	Christmas Fair	School
06 Dec	7pm	Christmas Bingo	Mem/Hall
08 Dec	9am	Beverley Christmas Market	
09 Dec	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
12 Dec	7am-10pm	General Election Polling Day	Mem/Hall
15 Dec	6pm	Christingle Service	Church
20 Dec	7pm	Carol Service	Church
20-22 Dec		Pop up Pub	Mem/Hall
22 Dec	3pm	Carol Service	Chapel
24 Dec	4pm	Crib Service	Chapel
24 Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Service	Church
24-26 Dec		Pop up Pub	Mem/Hall
25 Dec	10am	Holy Communion	Barrow
13 Jan	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
18 Jan	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel S/R
19 Jan	1-3pm	Village Hall Week	Mem/Hall
26 Jan	1-3pm	Village Hall Week	Mem/Hall
27 Jan	7.30pm	Beekeepers	Broughton
31 Jan	7.30pm	Barton Ghost Walk	Baysgarth Pk
01 Feb		Copy Deadline for Spring Gander	
07 Feb	7.30pm	Quiz Night	Chapel S/R
10 Feb	7.00pm	WI	Mem/Hall
14-16 Feb		Pop up Pub	Mem/Hall
22 Feb	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel S/R
24 Feb	7.30pm	Beekeepers	Broughton
28 Feb	7.30pm	Barton Ghost Walk	Baysgarth Pk
09 Mar	7.00pm	WI - Annual Meeting	Mem/Hall
20 Mar	7.30pm	Barton Ghost Walk	Baysgarth Pk
21 Mar	10-12noon	Pop In	Chapel S/R
05 Apr		Spring Fair	Mem/Hall
08 May		VE Day Tea Dance	Mem/Hall
8-10 May		Pop up Pub	Mem/Hall
22 Aug		Village Show	Mem/Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

Chapel School Room

Luncheon Club	12 noon	2nd Wed of the month
Knit & Natter	2-4pm	Thursdays
Singing Group	7pm	Wednesdays

Memorial Hall

Parent & Toddlers	9.15-11.45am	Mondays
T'ai Chi	2-3pm	Mondays
Pilates	10-11am	Tuesday & Thursday
Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm	Monday
	7-9pm	Wednesday
	10-12 noon	Friday

Tennis	10-12 noon	Saturday
		Sunday by arrangement

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

Bowling Club

Broughton Village Hall	2pm	- Tuesdays from late April
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MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

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The first **Village Show** for many, many years was held on the Saturday the 17th August 2019 at the Hall. While the number of entries was disappointingly low, happily, the quality of entries was excellent. The



winners are shown in the table below. Our loudest congratulations must go to little 7yr-old Ebony from Shawbriggs Farm who won the **Best in Show** cup for her jar of lemon curd. It was amazingly good!

Here is Ebony with her Goxhill Show 'Best in Show' cup for making our Grandma's know best recipe lemon curd. She unfortunately wasn't able to return on the day due to a party so was very delighted to discover her winnings. Thank you so much she was very happy. We are going to be selling it in the shop from all the interest. Many thanks Melanie Burman, Shawbriggs Farm, Barrow Road, Goxhill.

New Memorial Hall Management Committee

September saw radical changes to the Memorial Hall committee. At the Open Meeting on Sept 4th, sixty two Goxhill residents approved the nomination of 10 trustees, to be responsible for managing the Memorial Hall charity.

Those nominated included John Noton, Dave Firth, Mark Firth, Ashley Adams (withdrawn-unable to attend meetings), Rosemarie Guggiari, Luke Dane, Ann Carter, Sam England, Roy Atkins and Richard Charles Leaning. Various village organisations have also offered the following as representatives; Nicola Robinson (Goxhill School Parents In Partnership), John Guggiari (Bowls Club), Caroline Atkins (WI), Theresa Simons (Parish Council), John Raby (Chapel) and Janet Shephardson/Sue Harris (Church).

This larger committee will now meet in the main body of the hall on the third (ish) Tuesday evening of the month at 7:30pm. Next Meetings; Nov 12th, Dec 17th, Jan 21st, Feb 25th and Mar 17th, Any Goxhill residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

Lastly, on behalf of the new committee I would like to thank Goxhill Parish Council for their invaluable assistance in taking the Memorial Hall under their wing when the last trustee committee resigned five years ago. During the difficult years which followed, their care and support kept the hall doors open when they might otherwise have stayed closed. We thank you.

Planned Events

- 2019 Pop-Up Pub - see panel below
- Sunday 24th Nov - Christmas Fair
- Sunday 8th Dec - Bus to Beverley Market
- 2020 Jan 20-26 - Village Hall Week
- Sunday 5th Apr - Spring Fair
- Sat Aug 22nd - Village Show

The Christmas Fair (Sun Nov 24th) will have been filled with hand-made gifts, teas and luscious Christmas snacks. If, by some quirk of fate, you missed this opportunity to support Goxhill's local crafters, don't forget the Spring Fair on the 5th April.

To celebrate **Village Hall Week (Jan 20-26th)** we will be putting on an exhibition of photographs, featuring village life down the years enjoyed at the Village Hall. If you have any photos or hall-based mementos you would like to share (your old dancing shoes??), please contact me at 530635. The hall will be open **Sunday 19th** (1-3pm) and **Sunday 26th** (1-3pm) for viewing.

Village show category winners

Categories	Adult Classes	Children's Classes
3 decorated cupcakes	Hazel Altoft	William Grantham (11-8yrs)
3 gingerbread 2" squares	Karen Moore	No entries
Small fruit loaf/cake	John Guggiari	No entries
Jam/Curd/Chutney	Janet Warr	Ebony (7yrs)
Knitted Item	Penny Davis	No entries
Crocheted Item	Penny Davis	No entries
Embroidered Item	Eva Border	No entries
Decorated Mask	No entries	Alex Simons (< 7yrs)
Painting - any size	David Marsh	Alita Lautier (15-12yrs), Alex Simons (< 7yrs)
Photograph 7"x 5" Local	Claire Giles	Ethan Moore (15-12yrs))
Poetry 40 lines max	Jean Mould	No entries
3 Identical home-grown flowers in vase	Iris Thompson	X
Home grown plant - 8" pot	Paul Carter	X

Ann Carter - Secretary - 530635

POP UP PUB in the MEMORIAL HALL

December 20-22nd, 24-26th, 31st (NYE - Sold Out)
February 14-16th (Valentine Weekend)
May 8-10th (1940's weekend - VE Day Celebrations)
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Village Show continued

Many thanks to all those kind souls who helped out at the Show on 17th August. We had lots of support. This included Michelle Barber, Hazel Altoft, Sandra Smith, Julie Lamming, and Nicola (Methodist Minister) who kindly presented the prizes for us. And thanks to all the enthusiastic judges...who gave freely of their time. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes, the Parish Council, the Memorial Hall, Deepdale Nurseries and David Lee photography. Unfortunately there were only a few entries submitted for the 30 'odd children's classes, so all those unclaimed prizes will be kept for next year's show.



NOTICE BOARD - Arts & Entertainment

The Ropewalk

Coming up at Ropery Hall

If you are looking forward to bring a little sparkle into your New Year celebrations, Barton upon Humber's Ropery Hall might just have something to banish those winter blues.

In January the ex-Humberside cop, **Alfie Moore**, returns with his new show, **Fair Cop Unleashed**, based on real life incidents from his police casebook including the thrilling ups and downs of the night a mysterious clown came to town and more than one life ended up in the balance.

January also sees The Ropewalk's tribute to **Burns Night** with a themed meal in the **Coffee Shop and The Lewis Hamilton Band**, performing in kilts, at Ropery Hall!

More comedy in March comes in the form of **Kerry Godliman**, back on tour and telling tales of a constantly disappointing camper van, ever-raging feelings of mum guilt and bewilderment at the phasing out of thimbles. Kerry's TV credits include Mock the Week, Live At The Apollo, and Michael McIntyre's Big Show and heard on The News Quiz, The Now Show and I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.

For theatre Ropery Hall steps back to the time when radio was king with two performances. In February, **Choice Grenfell** celebrates the life of **Joyce Grenfell**, comedian, singer, actress, monologist, during the 40th anniversary year of her death. The show will provide a completely unique view into the life of Joyce Grenfell through the eyes of her much respected friend, and musical director, William Blezard.

In May actor **James Hurn** returns this time with **The Navy Lark** starring alongside **Richard Usher and Mark Earby**. The Navy Lark, first broadcast on the BBC Home Service and then Radio 2 ran from 1959 until 1976 and included such favourites as Leslie Phillips, Ronnie Barker and Jon Pertwee.

And don't forget if you are coming to Ropery Hall on a Friday night the **Coffee Shop** has extended opening hours with last orders at 7.15pm with **Friday Night Food** offering "specials", both meat and vegetarian, served.

Full details of everything happening at Ropery Hall can be found at www.roperyhall.co.uk



Tickets are now on sale for our family pantomime, **'Dick Whittington'**. Poor Dick is down to his last two silver coins so he decides to leave Barton to follow his dreams and make his

fortune with his faithful cat Tommy. There will be lots of audience participation as usual, so come prepared to join in! The show will be performed at the **Joseph Wright Hall on Queen Street** in Barton, **5th - 7th December at 7.30pm each night with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30pm**. Tickets cost just £5 for everyone, and can be booked via our website www.sbplayers.co.uk, or call in to the Wilderspin School Museum during their opening hours.

By the time you read this, the SB Players will already have performed the first two **Ghost Walks** of the season, but if you missed out, don't worry as there are still three more dates - **Friday 31st January, Friday 28th February and Friday 20th March**. This year the walk is better than ever with new stories added, plus some extra special effects to make you jump! All walks start from **Baysgarth House Museum at 7.30pm** prompt and cost £5. You can book in advance on our website www.sbplayers.co.uk or email liz@drury.org.uk or just come along on the night.

As ever we are open to new members of all ages who would like to act, or help out backstage in any capacity. For more information contact **Jay Guy** on **07879 777267**

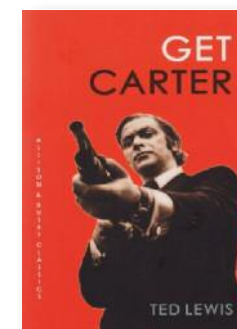
The making Get Carter 50th Anniversary

In 2020, when **Get Carter** was made, author, **Ted Lewis**, would also have celebrated his 80th birthday.

Following a celebration, invitation, birthday dinner on 15th January 2020 and a Literary Luncheon at the French House in Soho, 2020 will include a range of local activities.

Further details from **Ted Lewis Group** www.tedlewis.co.uk

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

We are very proud at Goxhill Primary School of the opportunities that we offer to our children. Education is about providing our children with experiences, skills and opportunities that will help them to develop as individuals and prepare them for life beyond the classroom and the education system.

We take pride in all that we do to offer our children a broad and rich curriculum that allows us to bring out their individual characters and personalities, self-confidence, self-esteem, independence and respect for others and the community/world in which they live.

Forest School

Forest school provision enables children from across the school to access vital skills linked to problem solving, team building, patience and perseverance. Lots of children that are reluctant communicators or are shy, have been noted to come out of themselves during forest school sessions that provide the opportunity for the children to engage/communicate in a more relaxed environment. Almost all of KS2 have now experienced forest school sessions so we will



shortly be opening up these sessions up to children in KS1. Our aim is to ensure that every child participates in forest school sessions throughout their time at our school: many children will have the opportunity to complete additional cycles. We currently have three qualified forest school Leaders on site: Miss Marshall, Mrs Scott and Mr Fox. Forest school sessions enable us to nurture our

children and develop them as all-round individuals; we value personal/emotional growth as highly as we value academic growth and are proud of the opportunities that we offer to our children.

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) is a unique approach to play and learning that we are embedding throughout our federation. It gives our children the opportunity to be 'children' and play creatively, problem solve and risk assess within a controlled and secure environment. The children explore their surroundings in all weathers (including rain and snow). Last year, we invested time and money into creating a more stimulating outdoor area for the children across the whole school that included a 50m squared section of the field encompassing sand and hills – the children have been very creative in the way that they use this space and already, in such a short space of time, they have gained a great deal of enjoyment from it. Learning and playing with children from other year groups across the school encourages the use of communication; as the children share and draw on their own 'real life' experiences, speaking and listening skills are developed and enhanced.

More recently, money has been invested from the 'sports premium' fund into buying table tennis tables/equipment and new football goals. As well as encouraging the children to stay active, this equipment encourages social interaction and helps to develop co-ordination and fine and gross motor skills.

Additional Enrichment

This year we have broadened the range of after school clubs available to our children.

We recently had Mr James Welsh come into school to deliver some free workshops to the children. James Welsh has a 3rd degree black belt in both Taekwondo and Karate and has over 35 years' experience in



coaching martial arts. Mr Walsh is part of the Taekwondo Association of Great Britain (TAGB) which is Europe's largest with over 35,000 members training in the UK at over 700 schools. He is also a founding member of the British Taekwondo Council: the only governing body recognised by Sport England. Due to the popularity of these workshops and the enjoyment that the children displayed whilst doing them, we are now running a taekwondo club once a week for beginners.

A new KS1 multi-skills sports club has been operating to encourage children to stay active but also to develop the co-ordination, teamwork and social skills of these children.

We run a weekly cookery club that is inclusive of all children wishing to participate. We also offer guitar lessons weekly through a musical specialist.

We run an imagination library 'book club' weekly that explores themes and ideas within books but also helps to develop a love of reading: the children explore/share stories in a practical way through drama, role play and arts and crafts.



We have recently become part of a network with Baysgarth School. This enables us to provide a wider range of sporting opportunities for our children. Once per month, a team of boys and girls is selected to play against other teams from local primary schools at Baysgarth School. The

teams change each time to ensure that every child that attends training is able to be part of the squad. This enables a wide range of our children to participate in competitive sport, developing self-confidence and self-esteem in addition to social skills

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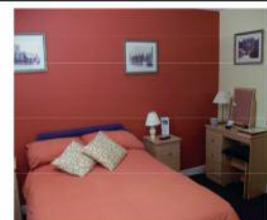
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and agility/fitness levels.

On Friday 22nd November, 2019, we shall be taking the whole of KS2 to Baysgarth School to participate in cross country. Again this is another opportunity that the partnership with Baysgarth School offers to both us and our pupils.

Emotional Support

We are proud of the emotional support that we offer to our children. In addition to the enrichment provided through forest school, OPAL opportunities and out of school clubs, we have an on-site learning mentor and emotional well-being officer. We all work together to ensure that our pupils are developed as individuals; we provide a personalised education experience that helps to equip our children with vital life skills required for future personal growth and success.

New Sports Kit

We have managed to get a new football / sports kit for all three schools sponsored entirely by Wren Kitchens. This has saved us over £1200. We wanted to have a 'uniformed look' whilst maintaining the school's own logos to keep their identities.



We have also decided to promote Child Bereavement UK on the back of our kit, as unfortunately we have had some extremely sad events over the past few years which has resulted in children suffering bereavement. We wanted to raise awareness of services available to help during these really difficult times.

Hayley Twidale, Assistant Head Teacher



Andy Holtby's racing Achievements this year.

Andy is a keen Autograss racer, and this year, he's won; the British Series in his class - this is a 5 meeting series at 5 different venues - uk and Ireland based.

He also won the men's nationals title in his Class in August, this is a meeting that every Autograss club across the country have qualifying meetings for over the course of the beginning of the year, and then the top 40 qualifiers in each of the 10 classes, race for the 10 titles of National Champion.



He races in class 7 which is an unlimited class, so, although there are rules, within reason you can pretty much make your car to whatever spec you want. He races a mini pick up with a V8 hyabusa engine in the back.

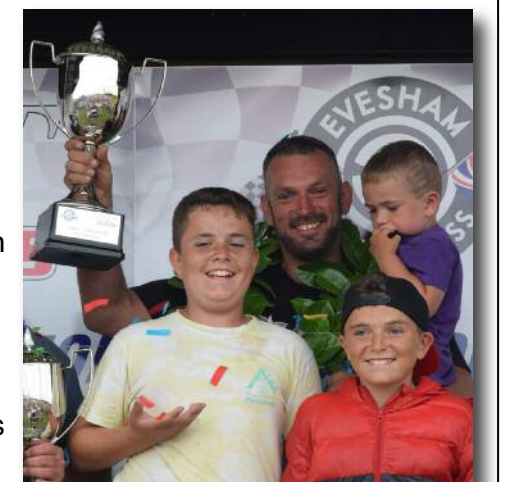
Class 7 is an ultra competitive class so winning both of the titles is a huge achievement.

We are members of Scunthorpe Club, but we race as part of A League with Sturton by Stow and Trent.

Andy is seen here with our sons Troy (12), Max (11) and Junior (3). The eldest 2 are just starting to follow in Andy's footsteps and have their own race cars too.

The boys will be racing within the 'Junior Special' class, this is for ages 10 - 16.

Danielle Holtby



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Summary of local sightings by Steve Routledge



East Halton Skitter

August

August began in earnest on the 1st, with the best sightings around the East Halton area and included a local patch first in the form of a Green Woodpecker at Winter's Pond.

Also seen were 2 Wood Sandpiper and 11 of each of both Common Sandpiper & Little Egret at the Skitter. Non bird sightings on today's visit included a Harbour Porpoise and Grey Seal on the Humber.

On the 3rd, East Halton remained the focus area for the best sighting's with 2 Mediterranean Gulls being seen, a lovely marked juvenile and a rather scruffier 1st summer bird, the 2 Wood Sandpiper's were still present and Common Sandpipers had increased to 12 at the Skitter.

Next day, more activity at the Skitter saw 13 Common Sandpipers and the Wood Sandpipers had increased to 3 birds, with 1 flying off towards Goxhill Haven and the next sighting of the day went to 2 immature Spoonbills which

Wood Sandpipers, East Halton Skitter

were resting on the pools and then flew off towards Killingholme Haven. A nice surprise at Dawson City near Goxhill Haven was a lovely Red Kite watched thermalling before crossing over the Humber into Yorkshire.

After a week away in North Wales, it was back to more local patching, with a lovely juvenile Little Gull watched flying towards Killingholme in a big movement of Black-headed Gulls along the Estuary and on the inland fields, the lovely sight of 8 juvenile Whinchat certainly brightened the day.

Two nice waders, both passage migrants from Scandinavia, made it into the notebook today, the first, an adult Curlew Sandpiper was seen on the large sandbank off Dawson City near Goxhill Haven and the second was a juvenile Spotted Redshank at East Halton Skitter, both very welcome sightings.

The final day of the month saw the Spotted Redshank still being seen around at the Skitter along with a good count of 650 Black-tailed Godwit, with the final highlight being 3 juvenile Little-ringed Plover at Winter's Pond at East Halton.

September

The months sightings started on the 8th with 6 Sanderling being recorded on the large sandbank off Dawson City nature reserve, where last months Curlew Sandpiper had been seen, this was followed by the lovely sight of 9 Bearded Tit, a species which has bred in Goxhill Haven the area this year. These 9 birds were seen in a small reed bed along the edge of the saltmarsh near Dawson City and provided a few photo opportunities.

Also recorded today were singles of Whinchat and Stonechat on the mitigation site at East Halton.

On the 15th the very rare sight of a Willow Tit along the borrow pits near Dawson City was only the second record of the year of this sadly declining species. It is thought that Blue Tits are out competing this species for nest sites and thus taking over the species breeding areas.

Also seen today were 3 Ruff and a pair of Bearded Tits between Dawson City and East Halton Skitter and 1104 Black-tailed Godwit feeding at the Skitter.

The 21st, saw the fantastic sight of 3 juvenile Hobby feeding over Langmere Wood between Goxhill and East Halton, the first I have encountered this year and could be locally bred birds. They were watched hawking Dragonflies, no doubt fuelling up for their long journeys to Africa for the winter.

At the Skitter an interesting record of a Black-tailed Godwit with colour rings was seen and I received details back from the ringing scheme which had added the rings and the bird had been caught in Iceland on the 10th July 2012 and had subsequently been seen in Northern Ireland, Lancashire and the Humber at Pyewipe near Grimsby. The process of catching this species and ringing them with a combination of coloured plastic rings is helping us understand the species migration strategies so we can conserve their feeding, breeding and wintering areas.

Also seen today were 2 stunning Arctic Skuas heading north along the estuary. This seabird is occasionally recorded on the Humber, usually after north or easterly gales and was a very welcome sighting indeed.

The final visit of the month was on the 28th with all the notable sightings occurring at East Halton Skitter and included 18 Common and 2 Arctic Tern observed on the Humber, 6 Avocet and another juvenile Hobby.

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Little Egret, East Halton Skitter



Wood Sandpipers, East Halton Skitter



Male Bearded Tits, Goxhill Marsh



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Goxhill WI hopes to organise a 1940s-themed tea party, in the Memorial Hall, as part of Goxhill's celebration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day, on Friday 8th May 2020. We have organised afternoon tea dances in the Hall before - in 2012, to celebrate our Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and in 2016, to celebrate her 90th birthday - but then we had an average of 25 members and now we have only 14. If Goxhill WI is to survive into 2020, and have enough hands to prepare and serve the VE Day teas, we will need both new WI members and, on VE Day, additional willing bakers and helpers. We would also like to make this a Tea Dance, as in 2012 and 2016, but we no longer have contact with 1940s-themed dance clubs. If you know of anyone who likes to dress in 1940s costume and dance to music of the same era, please do ask them to contact us.



'The Queen' at our Tea Dance in 2016



Dancing to the Kings of Swing in 2012

Since its formation in July 1943 Goxhill WI has worked hard to support and enhance life in this village community. In the early days it was all about the war effort and the education and entertainment of women. Now we work to maintain and improve facilities in the village and to offer friendship, entertainment, and education to anyone who wishes to attend our meetings, men included.

Friendship and fun are our favourites - we organise outings, such as last year's lunchtime cruise on the River Trent, and we try to arrange things for our regular meetings which might be classed as educational, such as gin tasting and drumming sessions, or hilarious, such as belly dancing and face-aching talks on privies and corsetry by Dulcie Lewis. We also have talks on local history, wildlife, crafts and local

producers. We will finalise our 2020/21 programme in February 2020 - if you join us in January you will be able to have a say on what we plan for the next 12 months.

On the more serious side, in the last decade and a bit we have recorded details of the 2007 floods and produced the maps which North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) are currently using to inform their work to reduce flood risk and drainage problems in the parish; we started the petition asking for allotments to be provided in the parish; we campaigned to keep our library open and helped to convince NLC that Goxhill should continue to have a library; we persuaded Goxhill Parish Council that they should buy the decommissioned telephone kiosks on Howe Lane and North End to use as Book Boxes. Each year we support the local Women's Refuge and Macmillan by organising fundraising events. We can move mountains, as well as cakes, but only if we have enough members and friends.



A truly royal spread in 2016



Please contact Alyson (531568) or Caroline (532204) if you think that you might like to join Goxhill WI and/or help Goxhill to celebrate VE Day.

Caroline Atkins

Bird sightings article continued from p23

October

The month started with a few nice sightings at East Halton on the 5th, with a single juvenile Arctic Tern heading up river at East Halton Skitter followed by 2 Rock Pipits and an immature Yellow-legged Gull along the shore here. A lovely sight nearby, was 6 Stonechat along one fence line on the mitigation site, this species is a passage migrant to my patch, but to see 6 together was pretty special.

I was back again to East Halton on the 6th in horrible conditions, so I decided to watch the river from the shelter of my car in the hope some seabirds may come up the river in the rough conditions at sea. This was a pretty good decision with me seeing 2 juvenile Gannet, Red-throated Diver, 7 Scaup, 48 Common Scoter, Guillemot and 9 Arctic Tern. All these species had been blown up the estuary in poor conditions at sea and as often happens, they are simply trying to re-orientate themselves back out to sea.

Some species actually pass over land and end up on inland waters or the west coast of the country.

On the 13th, another visit to East Halton Skitter in rainy and rough conditions at sea saw a repeat of the visit on the 6th, albeit in lesser numbers, with a single Guillemot and 3 Goosander being seen and the wonderful sight of 2500 Pink-footed Geese and 22 Whooper Swan passing by. The latter 2 species are winter visitors to the estuary from their summer breeding grounds in Iceland.



Pink-footed Geese, Winter's Pond, East Halton

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A Very Merry Christmas Quiz.

Another year has flown by, and as the great wheel of time continues to turn, our thoughts turn once again to the festive season, and the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th was in 336, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (he was the first Christian Roman Emperor), and there exist many theories as to why this particular date was chosen, since there is no evidence available for it.

Since that time many customs and traditions have appeared at this festive time, and they form the basis of our Quiz. Do take the time to enjoy it, and let us also reflect on what this time of the year means to us personally, whilst remembering those who are less fortunate, those who are suffering, those who are ill. Blessings to you all.



1. If you have been following the local news recently you may have heard about the art exhibition in Hull which features the very first Christmas card ever sent (kindly on loan from the V&A in London).

Can you name the year it was designed, and by whom, and for whom?

2. Who banned Christmas in England between 1647 and 1660?
3. What is the other name for the Holly plant? (Clue: 4 letters)
4. Who popularised the Christmas tree in England in the 19th century?
5. Traditionally, after kissing someone under the mistletoe, what should you then remove?
6. Name the 3 of Santa's reindeer that start with the letter D.
7. Traditionally, candy canes are white with what colour stripes?
8. What present did Harry Potter receive for his first Christmas at Hogwarts?
9. According to the song, when Santa got stuck up the chimney what did he begin to shout ?
10. Santa Claus is also known as Saint who?
11. In the 12 Days of Christmas song, what were the 10 lords doing?
12. Which record was a Christmas No.1 in both 1975 and 1991?
13. Driving Home For Christmas was a 1988 hit single for which singer?
14. In the song 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', how many swans were a-swimming?
15. Who wrote the song "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas"?

16. Leona Lewis had a Christmas number one UK hit single in 2006 with which song?
17. Who are the four ghosts in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol?
18. When Kevin is left home alone for the first time, where is the family's destination for their Christmas vacation?
19. Which Wallace & Gromit movie, set at Christmas and first aired on 24 December, won the 1995 Oscar for best Animated Short Film? (Bonus Question: Which recurring character was introduced in the movie?)
20. What is the name of the little boy in the filmed story of "The Snowman" by Raymond Briggs?
21. What is the guardian angel of George Bailey named in "It's a Wonderful Life"?
22. Which European football league does not take a winter break apart from the UK?
23. Bandy is an ancestor of which winter sport?
24. 'Christmas Tree' is a term commonly associated with which sport and player formation?
25. Which team has the best Boxing Day win percentage in the Premier League era?
26. Which future managerial great suffered a horror injury on Boxing Day 1962, from which his career would never recover?
27. Which US state in 1907 was the last to declare Christmas a legal holiday?
28. In which country, the largest of its continent, is it said that finding a spider web on Christmas morning brings good luck, and so Christmas trees are decorated with artificial spider webs?
29. What country did poinsettias originally come from?
30. St. Nicholas was born in which country?
31. There are two 'Christmas islands'. Name the oceans in which they are located.
32. Which country is Eggnog said to have originated from?
33. What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?
34. Which Century are turkeys thought to have first appeared in Britain?
35. In northern England, what is Christmas cake often eaten with?
36. The British traditionally consume port at Christmas. But where does the drink get its name? **Kevin Guy**

Answers on page 43



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Update from National Grid River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project

By Steve Ellison, Lead Project Manager

Finalising the tunnel

We're very pleased with how our project is progressing – construction of the tunnel between Goxhill and Paull is complete and we're currently in the process of preparing the tunnel for flooding. The water will help facilitate pushing the gas pipeline through the tunnel in the spring of next year. The tunnel preparation works ahead of flooding include; TBM strip out, cleaning the tunnel and installing the cathodic corrosion protection system.

One of our recent challenges was the removal of the front section of the tunnel boring machine (TBM), following the completion of tunnelling. Mary, our TBM weighs 510 tonnes and is 160 meters long and her only way out of the tunnel was via Paull shaft which is 15 metres in diameter.

We're pleased to say that Mary was successfully lifted from the tunnel and transported from our Paull site to Hull docks on four separate specially selected trailers – two movements on Wednesday 9th and two on Thursday 10th October.

You may have seen a much newer looking Mary come through Goxhill on the way to construct the tunnel in December 2017!

To stay up to date with how our project is progressing, you can take a look at our website where we regularly post updates: <http://riverhumberpipeline.com/>

Supporting the Goxhill community

This autumn, we've supported Goxhill Bowls Club with further funding for a new team changing facility and we hope to do more to support the local community in Goxhill before our project comes to an end. For more information on how to apply and to see if your organisation fits the criteria for funding please visit:

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Keeping in touch

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Mary on the move from Paull in October 2019



Mary arriving in Goxhill in December 2017

Are you one of the children attending the Goxhill Tufty Club Christmas party on 10th December 1971?

The work of the Tufty Club was to teach road safety to young children. Tufty was a squirrel puppet used in their logo.

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In the last Gander, we asked "Who is the little girl presenting the bouquet?" The Answer - one of our valued contributors, Elizabeth Fincham (nee Giles).

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The survey will give the Steering group a clear picture of how residents, local businesses, landowners and all interested parties, feel about a wide range of aspects. New housing, traffic, transport, access, road safety, landscape, green spaces, heritage, facilities, services, amenities, employment, economic development, phone, internet and communications.

At the beginning of December, **North Lincolnshire Council** were due to put out their 'preferred options' on housing and employment sites for their **Local Plan**. Unfortunately this has been delayed by the General Election, until January.

So we have delayed our Goxhill survey, as their proposals for Goxhill, may affect how you feel about the future of Goxhill. So you may want to complete our survey after you have seen NLC's consultation. This is likely to be held in Barton. **We will publicise the date of their consultation as widely as possible.**

We will also have a stand at the NLC event and copies

of the Goxhill Neighbourhood Plan Survey will be available.

The GPNP Survey can be completed on line or you can contact **Jack Lawtey** for a copy. See contact details below.

We are also preparing a survey specifically aimed at the **younger people of the parish** and this will also be launched in **January 2020** and will be available on line and through local schools.

So please fill in the survey as soon as possible after it is launched!
Look out for details on social media and around the village.

Once we have analysed all the responses, we will be able to set a Vision for the future of the Parish of Goxhill and can then begin to develop the detailed plans.

You may have attended the **NLC Flood Risk and Drainage Team** consultation event in the Memorial Hall in September. They clearly identify Goxhill as a major risk (as was highlighted by the villages own recording of flooded areas in 2007), so it will be interesting to see what plans they can come up with to solve the problems at last. This too will have a significant influence on how Goxhill can develop.

For more information or a copy of the survey, phone **07576 111883** or **01469 532015**, email **jacklawtey@btinternet.com**

Jack Lawtey, GPNP Steering Committee Chairperson.

The Goxhill "Watch Office" Is Coming to Life ...

By **Mike Potter**, Board Member of the Military Aircraft Museum in Virginia Beach, USA



Goxhill Control Tower before being rebuilt in America.

Our Control Tower from Goxhill, England is opening to the public. After two years of interior work, restoration, the retro-fitting of appropriate temperature and humidity controls, and the addition of

extensive original period equipment and furnishings, the museum is starting to experiment with the "soft opening" of this historic building to learn how to create the most powerful Guest Experience possible.

Many of our guests are largely unaware of the historical significance of the Goxhill airbase, and future exhibits will focus on this. Just months after Pearl Harbor, men and machines were beginning to flood into England as part of the "Friendly Invasion", and the Royal Air Force base at Goxhill, England was the very first of hundreds of such bases turned over to or built for the United States Army Air Forces. Moreover, Goxhill is the first independent home in England of what was to become "The Mighty Eighth". Goxhill was an initial and crucial part of the beginning of the long road to Victory in Europe. Getting to this stage has involved thousands of



The nerve centre of the Watch Office was the Control Room and its workstations for several Air Traffic Control personnel. This desk has a complete array of original communications and signalling equipment.

volunteer hours in research, fabrication, and exhibit planning. While there is still much to be done, the initial results have garnered high praise from museum professionals and guests alike.

Our guests will be able to reflect on the use of RAF / USAAF Goxhill by both services and countries as well as learn, much more than

in typical museums, about what life was like on an airbase and on the "Home Front" in England. There are literally hundreds of period pieces now on exhibit with the hope that the way that the rooms are arranged will help guests feel like they are in **a working World War II control tower, not a museum.**



One room focuses on the thousands of civilians, who put on volunteer "Civil Defense" uniforms as Air Raid Wardens, First Aid Posts workers, Ambulance Drivers, and Fire Watchers.

On behalf of the Museum, I ask readers to send me anything you might have, to do with either Goxhill, or any of the North Lincolnshire bases control towers ... Anything that would give us your insights into the daily workings of the base personnel and especially the local citizens. **Editor**

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Goxhill Methodist Church Dedications Book

I will long look back fondly on the 1st September service at Goxhill Chapel at which we launched our book of dedications for the windows replaced a year earlier.

My overwhelming feeling was of tremendous relief because unbeknown to Rev'd Nichola as she put the service



together, the copies of the paperback were only delivered on the preceding Friday! As that last working day approached and I feared some terrible last-minute calamity, I made frantic contingency plans for who I could ask to travel to the printers in Peterborough and claim the boxes of books and how I was going to manage to take possession of them. We took it close to the wire because we wanted the book to be as good as it could be as our tribute to the people remembered in the panes of glass that have so enhanced

our worship space.

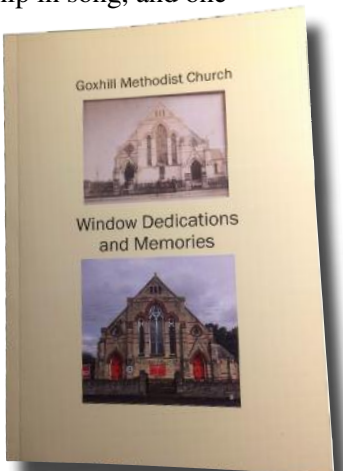
We are hugely proud of the book and the effort that went into it. Eileen Mosey compiled the 46 pieces that make up the book, chasing and encouraging, typing-up and

processing; I then spent months editing and laying out both the hardback that lives in Chapel and the paperback version we made available to buy on 1st September. It was a labour of love but I can't deny I am pleased it's over.

There were so many people important to Goxhill Chapel who did not feature in windows and therefore the books. So many names and stories lost to time. One such was Frank Foulston. As my mum's great uncle he was named in the dedication to one of my family's panes, but not identified in any window as he and his wife Nellie never had children. Frank died in 1973 leaving a significant bequest to Goxhill Chapel that lay untouched for 46 years. This summer we decided to honour Frank's memory by using his legacy to buy copies of the

new Methodist hymn book, Singing the Faith, which contains a fantastic mix of traditional favourites and modern worship songs. My mum's cousin, Heather, visiting for the dedication service, was so delighted when she opened the brand new hymn book and was surprised to see the dedication to her Uncle Frank, whose farm she visited frequently during childhood, that she started taking photos and sending them to her sisters before Rev'd Nichola had even delivered the sermon. They are all thrilled that Frank's memory will live on as we worship in song, and one of them has been so inspired that her parents – Norman and Connie – are now to be remembered in Singing the Faiths purchased for the Beverley church where they worshipped in the final years of their lives.

Despite the great service and pleasing sales, we do have copies of the paperback left. If you know someone with a connection to Goxhill Chapel past or present, or to anyone remembered in the text, they are highly recommended as Christmas gifts.



At just £7 each or three for £20 we also think they are great value, with all proceeds for Chapel funds. Please contact me by email (at aje15782@btinternet.com) or visit my family home of **Fresh Fields on Ferry Road** (the bungalow just before Elm Lane) if you would like to buy one or more.

And thinking of Christmas, if you have little ones do bring them to the Chapel on **24th December at 4pm** for the annual **Crib Service**. It's a lovely celebration of the nativity for the youngest members of our families and those

young at heart. If a **traditional carol service** is more your thing, the Chapel's is on the afternoon of **Sunday 22nd December at 3pm**. If an evening service doesn't work for you, we can guarantee a warm welcome with refreshments to follow. Hopefully you will have taken your chance to buy the paperback dedications book by then, but I might bring down just a few copies just in case any of you have an eye for a last-minute purchase...

Adam Ellis



EUCALYPTUS GUNNII (Cider Gum)

Do you have one of these trees in your garden?

In 1969, Mr Spinks of Thornton Hall, was selling small trees about 12" (30cm) high. These were the first of this species I had seen in Goxhill. Now they would be 50 years old.

Charlie Guilliat

Eucalyptus gunnii, commonly known as cider gum, is a species of small to medium-sized tree endemic to Tasmania. It has mostly smooth bark, lance-shaped to egg-shaped adult leaves, flower buds in groups of three, white flowers and cylindrical to barrel-shaped fruit.



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DIDN'T WE "ALL" DO WELL

This year after a long break we entered the **CPRE Best Kept Village Competition**, although we didn't have an enormous amount of time to put the word out, or make any detailed form of preparations, when everyone eventually got together the effort was fantastic.

Residents put out planters, mowed grass frontages their own and beyond. Contractors gave their time free, to mow areas that were not usually covered, and we all worked together to do whatever was necessary. Stiff brushes and shovels came out and all the neglected areas were swept within an inch of lives (so to speak), we left the surface on, just. It didn't matter which way the judges came into the village they were greeted with a very beautiful sight. The result - a **"Commendation"**.

The Cemetery went one better, the beautifully maintained burial area together with the open field at the rear, won the **Best Cemetery Award**, fantastic. It was an absolute honour to go to the presentation evening to receive the awards on behalf of the village, the result of everyone's hard work.

Only one problem, we have set a standard, and now have a reputation to live up to. We now have 12 months to see what more we can achieve together.

Flood Risk and Drainage Consultation Also recently an open meeting was held by North Lincolnshire Council Drainage section at the Memorial Hall, to explain and show the work that had been done over the last four years to identify any flood risk areas. Maps had been produced outlining ditches, dykes low lying areas, and drains, the details were all from existing maps but collated from the oldest to the recent produced ones following their investigations. It was an excellent presentation and showed what is needed both by their engineers and possibly our selves, as landowners, and property owners. We are aware that the village does have low areas and we have many open ditches, all serve an important purpose, and all need to remain clear. It may be that the serious risk is once in 5 or 10 years but if they are neglected or used as a tipping facility, which sadly some are, then the whole circuit comes to a halt, and we have problems. Let's ensure that we all do our bit, and if we have ditches, or dykes, on our land we ensure that they are maintained in a proper manner, for the benefit of the whole area.

Cemetery All tidy and in good order, some work is still needed on the border in the back field planting etc, this could be carried out during the winter. Three seats have

been kindly donated by Wootton Lifestyle, a group of very generous hard working young people. These will be located on the mown footpath around the perimeter of the rear field, a good place to sit and remember loved ones.

Library. Still being run very efficiently by our volunteers, however, they are getting fewer and it would be very much appreciated if anyone who has the time and the inclination, could consider joining them. It is Open three afternoons a week in pleasant surroundings and good company.

Playing field. The footpaths have now been completed and are clean tidy and safe. The new trees planted in the second field are mostly doing well, however the stakes were stolen, pulled out very roughly, which allowed the trees to rock in the strong winds, this caused one costly semi-mature tree to die. Why are some people so mean as to steal stakes. The Skate Park is once more before planning and fingers crossed we may be successful. Seats are to be placed on the field, between the MUGA and the Play ground, these have been kindly, and generously donated by the very hard working young people from Goxhill Heroes. Many thanks to them.

Allotments. A successful year despite the changeable weather, but that is the challenge of gardening. Anyone interested in acquiring a plot should apply to the Parish Council, to be placed on the waiting list, this is an ideal time to apply, plenty of time before Spring.

Millennium Green. Looking brilliant, sadly there has been some vandalism, a seat was thrown into the trees and smashed. This was rescued and neatly repaired by a contractor (you can hardly see the join). Some work needs to be done in the woodland at the rear, self setting trees need to be removed from between the planted ones to prevent overcrowding.

I would mention one important item, in recent months I have found small plastic canisters left on the ground on the playing field and on the Millennium Green, by users. These have been cleared and I will continue to clear them when and if they appear again, but if anyone finds them dispose of them properly, with care, and inform the police.

Freda Dunkley

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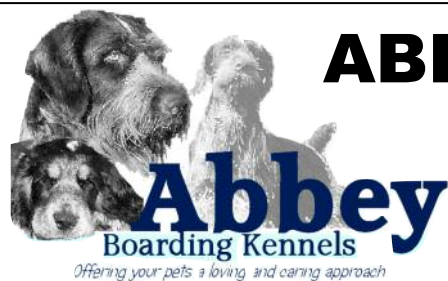
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Ever kept a library book beyond its return date? It's easily done so I guess most library users find themselves in that situation every now and then. But consider arguably the 'most overdue' library book ever borrowed from (and subsequently returned to) a UK library: The Adventures of Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi. This book was loaned out by Rugby Library in Warwickshire during the 1950s and only found its way back to the library 63 years later during an eight-day "fines amnesty" that shielded the guilty patron from what would have been a £4,000 penalty. As Goxhill Community Library does not apply fines there should be no need for anyone to wait for an amnesty to return an overdue book.

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John Guggiari

GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

In the previous edition of The Gander I mentioned that our club was a finalist in a knockout competition - the Barnetby League Shield - but sadly we lost to Cemex Bowling Club of South Ferriby. Although also unable to reach the top spot in the Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District League, we were nevertheless delighted to be Premier Division runners-up. It is a very tough division and this was our best result in that league for many years. The bowling green now gets its winter break whilst our bowlers turn to bowling at Scunthorpe's indoor centre or short-mat bowling in Goxhill or another local village hall or other pursuits less dependent on warm outdoor weather conditions.

This year our green opened for play on Good Friday 19th April. Weather permitting, it should be a similar date for 2020 but after Easter, which falls a little earlier. If you are interested in trying lawn bowling then, to get the most out of the season, it's best to start promptly. Email

jg.goxhill@btinternet.com or phone 530363 and, once the season starts, I will contact you about trying lawn bowling. The only thing you will need is a pair of flat-soled shoes; everything else will be available to borrow free from the Club. For more information on the sport and Goxhill Bowling Club, see our website at

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MORE FAMILIES FROM WORLD WAR 1 REMEMBERED

At this time of year, with Remembrance Day on 11th November, the imagery of war and the associated heightened emotions of significant anniversaries, for example this year the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, brings to the fore the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC). The regular, immaculately tended lines of Portland stone headstones in vast foreign cemeteries, continue to draw those few left behind, who seek to honour the men and women with whom they fought, alongside often multiple generations of a family determined to honour a relative who was lost. The CWGC honour the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars. Sir Fabian Ware sought to find a way to ensure that the final resting places of the dead would not be lost forever. By 1915 the work he led was recognised by the War Office and named the Graves Registration Commission. In May 1917 the Imperial War Graves Commission was established. Land for cemeteries and memorials was identified for the around 587,000 graves and some 559,000 casualties who had no known grave. The work continues today. In October the remains of thirteen First World War soldiers discovered at Hill 80 were buried at the Wytshaete Military Cemetery near Ypres; two unknown soldiers of the Royal Fusiliers buried at New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium and a burial service for an unknown soldiers at Vieille-Chapelle New Military Cemetery near Calais.

Those who served and are commemorated by the CWGC abroad are often remembered on family headstones in many village churchyards (as with David Martinson (Gander Winter 2018)) and cemeteries (as with Wilfred Wardle (Gander Winter 2017)). Also, many serving on home soil who, for some reason, lost their life, as with William Williamson (Gander Summer 2019)) whose grave is in Netley CWGC cemetery near Southampton, are commemorated. This too is the case in Goxhill's churchyard.

Initially I had assumed that the CWGC grave, plot 248, in the new church ground, for Arthur John Porter, was because he belonged to the family named Porter that I knew lived in Goxhill around this time. However a search of military records, using his service number, quickly identified that this wasn't the case. Arthur had been born in Swindon in Wiltshire, one of nine surviving children of Henry and Emily Porter and the youngest of their four sons. Henry and Emily were Londoners who had moved down to Swindon sometime between the birth of a daughter in London in 1898 and Arthur's birth in 1899. They had two more children there before being shown on the 1911 census having returned to London and living in Battersea. They were later recorded at 99 Akerman Road in Brixton.

In the 'National Roll of the Great War' Arthur is recorded. His citation states:

'Although under age for military service, he volunteered in September 1915 and at the conclusion of his training was engaged on important duties with his Battery. He did valuable work at various stations in connection with anti-aircraft guns, but on May 21st, 1918, was unfortunately drowned near Hull. "His memory is cherished with pride"'

Arthur was 15 years old when he volunteered, serving as a Gunner in the 26th Anti-aircraft company of the Royal Garrison Artillery. At the time of his death he was stationed at New Holland. I haven't been able to find any information on this but various websites provide information about a two gun installation known as the Sunk Island Battery, built across the river from Stallingborough at the outbreak of World War 1, to defend the approach to the port of Hull and the Royal Navy

fuel depot at Killingholme. This same source states that on 7 June 1915, Hull was bombed by Zeppelin airships (as were other towns along the east coast) and that the Sunk Island Battery opened fire on them.

On 25 May 1918 the Lincolnshire Star reported: 'Drowning Fatality At New Holland. On Wednesday a sad bathing fatality occurred at New Holland. Some soldiers were bathing in the 'Quebec' brickpits, when one of them, a private named Porter of the Manchesters was seized with cramp. A friend went to his assistance, and was himself in difficulties. He managed, however, to go for more assistance, but on his return Porter had disappeared. The body was not recovered for some time.'

Arthur's death certificate records that a Coroner's Inquest on 23rd May recorded that his death on 22nd May was due to 'Misadventure due to death by accidental drowning'. It added that this was caused by him 'getting out of his depth and sinking whilst bathing contrary to Military orders, on 21st May 1918'.

The N. Lincolnshire Note Book column in the Hull Daily Mail seemed to be more sympathetic and commented, 'The danger of bathing in disused brickpits was exemplified this week in the fatality at Quebec Brickyard, Goxhill on Tuesday, when a young soldier lost his life. No more dangerous place for a bathe can be imagined for anyone who cannot swim, for the formation of the pits in steps or shelves makes them into death traps for the unwary, and they should be avoided'.

Arthur was buried in Goxhill churchyard on 25th May 1918 and, sadly, I haven't been able to find any reporting on his funeral. His mother Emily had been widowed the year before and it has been impossible to find out whether his family were able to travel from London in time to be present at his funeral service. However a CWGC working party visited Goxhill

churchyard this summer and has cleaned Arthur Porter's headstone and cleared the area where he is buried making it accessible for those who wish to remember him.

Arthur John PORTER,
Gunner 146598, Royal
Garrison Artillery. Died 21
May 1918. Aged 19 years.
Born 1899 Swindon,
Wiltshire. Resident of
Brixton, London. Son of late
Henry George and Emily
Amelia Porter of 99 Akerman
Road, Stockwell, London.
Buried All Saints
Churchyard, Goxhill,
Lincolnshire



Herbert Moore's CWGC grave lies in the old church ground in plot 1208. His headstone lies 'recumbent' (lying down) on the plot shared with his wife Frances. Herbert was born on 7th October 1884 in South Killingholme. His parents were James and Hannah. Hannah was, I believe, a widow who already had three children, Joseph, Sarah and John Panton when she married James. Sarah's first husband, William, had been a brick maker in South Killingholme and James, her second husband is listed in the 1891 census, also a brickmaker at Good's brickyard, South Killingholme. James and Hannah had at least six children, their oldest daughter recorded as being born in Goxhill, before three sons were born at Killingholme, then two daughters, born in 1889 and 1890 at Hothfield, near Ashford in Kent. The 1891 census recorded them once more

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in South Killingholme but Hannah died in Goxhill, in December 1897, presumably at the home listed in the 1901 census at the East Marsh brickyard.

Herbert is recorded in 1901 aged 16 and a brickyard labourer, living alongside his widowed father James and brothers James and Arthur, at the East Marsh brickyard with their oldest sister Florence acting as housekeeper. I haven't been able to find any records for the two youngest children, Edith and Alice, after the 1891 census. Two other families were recorded living and working there, the Turners and the Handsleys. I believe that what is listed in the 1901 census as the 'East Marsh brickyard' was sited at the bank down the fields behind the bungalow at Low Risby (once a two storey house) and Fir Tree Farm. I've searched through lots of sources of information to try to gather together all the names used for the various (possibly seven in total) brickyards along the Goxhill portion of the Humber Bank, from the New Holland boundary to East Halton Skitter (Skitter Haven) and believe that this pit has also been known variously, over time, as Thacker's brickyard and Thompson's brickyard houses. I would appreciate any corrections or further knowledge concerning this.

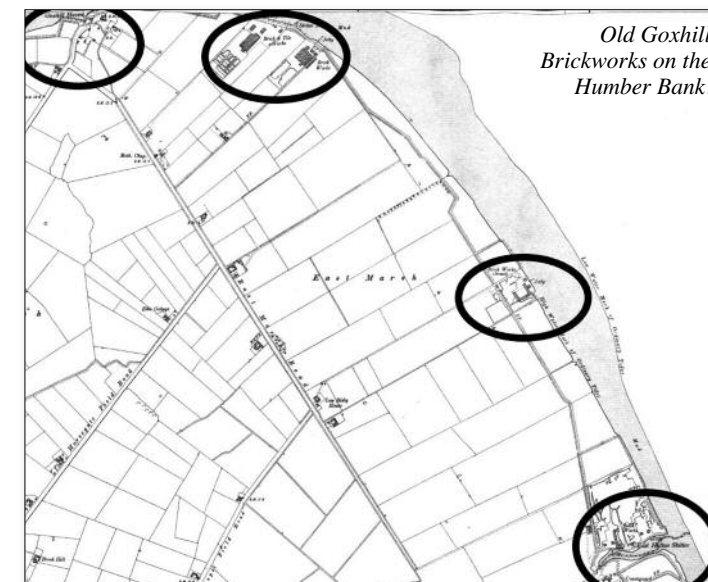
After 1901 I haven't been able to find any record for Herbert. In 1911 his father James is listed as widowed, a labourer and boarding in East Halton; brother James is a brickyard labourer and boarding with Frederick Hudson and his family. Frederick was the Foreman at, I believe, Dawson City brickyard (houses referred to by Dennis Percy as Birkett's cottages); and brother Arthur, a labourer living at North Kelsey.

In the same section as the Moores, in the 1901 census, after the two families of Alfred and Samuel Dent and before the 'Brickyard Marsh' households (later, I believe, known as Klondike), the Plumtree family is recorded. The enumerator, in his initial overview of the area of the village, at the start of the census, provides a very detailed overview and specifically lists two Dent families, then the Plumtree, Wright and Cressey households at Goxhill Haven. Farmer Thomas, his wife Martha and their three children are recorded. Their 13 year old daughter, Frances Bernice was born in Goxhill on 28 July 1888 and was baptised in the village one month later. At the 1911 census the Plumtrees are recorded farming and living in North End. Frances Plumtree married Herbert Moore in 1912 in Goxhill.

I wonder if, as youngsters, Herbert and Frances had joined in the services held for the brickyard and farming communities at the Methodist Chapel, which stood in Goxhill Marsh in the area known as Klondike? The 1901 census overview of this area appears to refer to the brickyard houses here as 'Edgecombe's brickyard houses' but the scanned script is a little unclear. The derelict remains of a farm that also stood there remain today but the Chapel and a cottage named 'Applepie' have long since been demolished. The only child of Herbert and Frances, a daughter Vera, was born the year after their marriage, in 1913. At some point, Herbert enlisted for the Royal Naval Reserve and served as



Goxhill churchyard after clearance work by CWGC working party - Moore foreground and Porter background.



Old Goxhill
Brickworks on the
Humber Bank.

a Deckhand. As with, it is estimated about one third of all who fought, Herbert died not in conflict but of disease. He died at the Newhaven Sick Quarters, East Sussex on 9 November 1918, just two days before the Armistice, of pneumonia and influenza. His wife's address is recorded as Church Street, Goxhill.

The Lincolnshire Star dated 16th November 1918 reported Herbert's funeral: 'GOXHILL NAVAL FUNERAL. On Monday afternoon the remains of Mr Herbert Moore were interred in the churchyard with full naval honours. Deceased, who was 34 years of age, died at Newhaven on Saturday morning from pneumonia. Before joining up he was a workman at Immingham. He leaves a widow and one daughter. The Rev. S. A. Andrew officiated. The mourners were Mrs Moore widow; Miss Vera Moore daughter; Mr Moore father; Mr and Mrs Plumtree father and mother-in-law; Mr E and Miss M E Plumtree brother and sister-in-law; Mr and Mrs Stark, Mrs Costello, Miss F and I Fellowes cousins, of Grimsby; Mr and Mrs W Dent uncle and aunt; Miss E and F Dent cousins; Mr and Mrs Kirby New Holland; Mrs and Miss Allenby Hull; Mrs Burton New Holland and numerous friends from Goxhill. There were several floral tributes'. Similarly the CWGC working party had cleaned Herbert Moore's headstone and cleared the grave he shares with his wife.

Frances and Vera continued to live in Church Street, after Herbert's death. At the 1939 census they are recorded living at the Church end of the street directly after Tom Towle Farrow, who was the bootmaker and father of Percy Latham Farrow (Gander Autumn 2019), and who lived at Laburnum Cottage; I'm assuming Frances and Vera lived at Heydon House? Frances worked as a Stewardess on the LNER Humber Ferry service. Laburnum Cottage is recorded as her residence at her death in 1945. Vera had married in 1939. Her husband was Frank Wardle and they lived in Goxhill, ultimately at the New Hall on Howe Lane, before moving to live in Barrow in later life. Frank's younger brother Wilf, was killed in World War 2 (Gander Winter 2017) and is remembered on his parent's headstone in Goxhill cemetery and is buried in the CWGC in Lille, France. Herbert Moore and Wilf Wardle are both commemorated on memorials in All Saints Church and at Goxhill Memorial Hall.

Herbert MOORE, Deckhand 16789, Royal Naval Reserve. Died 9 November 1918 Aged 33 years. Born 7 October 1884 South Killingholme. Resident of Goxhill. Husband of Frances Bernice Moore of Church Street, Goxhill. Buried All Saints Churchyard, Goxhill, Lincolnshire.

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OFF THE HOOF

"I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year." Charles Dickens

It's hard to believe Christmas is almost upon us again. Wherever you look there are constant reminders. The goods have been in the shops for months now and no doubt requests have been put into Santa. The only suggestion I can make, which may be useful, is a gift token from Thomas Bells of Brigg. After Christmas the sales will take place and a gift can be bought not only at a fraction of the price, or one of choice and if clothing something that actually fits!

Traditionally between Christmas and New Year **Jo Burns-Firth has her charity ride around the village in aid of Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance**, which is in fancy dress with the winner receiving a prize. This is followed by a jump off over her newly painted wall proudly depicting unicorns. Watch out for details on her Facebook page.

Jo has qualified for the amateur championships at Aintree with Miss Sixpence and her own horse Tempting Business. Jo has also been accepted on a BEF course (British Equitation Federation) 'Youth Pathway 2020' which is a year of study and commitment, so not for the faint hearted. Hopefully there will be an update in the next edition.

On Saturday 7th September I hosted my first coffee morning in aid of **Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance** and raised **£250** which was amazing, so a big thank you to all you lovely people who came to support it. Earlier Sheila Robinson and I had done two tombola's at car boots so with other donations **£400** has been sent.

On Sunday 22nd September a service for horse and rider was held in the grass area outside the church and seats were provided around the perimeter. I am disappointed to report that only 4 equines and 1 canine attended though all were very well behaved. Ladies from the church had been busy baking some lovely cakes and provided a variety of beverages (no G&T) and carrots for the horses. The service was really lovely, and a lot of effort has gone into it. If it takes place again next year, I think it may be open to dogs too if not other pets also.

Saturday 5th October saw an autumn clear out of rugs and bits and bobs at Shambles. It was such a success it ran on to the 6th and the following weekend. Lots of bargains were to be had with a complimentary coffee and lots of chatting. There was also a tombola for Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. We may run another one next year.

At the time of writing improvements are being made to

footpath 62 which is the one-off Chapel Street through to Vicars Bridge. It was my understanding from the Parish Council meeting in September there were plans to landscape this area, which had been delayed by two years due to confusion over land ownership. I now understand that the land is owned by North Lincolnshire Council and our Parish Council have applied for a license so they may use it and the license is currently pending approval.

Having not seen the landscaping plans and only being able to find a reference to 'shrubs being planted around the edge in such a manner as not to affect the mowing team' in the parish council minutes. A group of Goxhill residents including myself are hoping to gain support for a **Community Wildflower Area** with wildlife habitat and educational material in this location. We have already sparked enthusiasm from some of our locals to provide the labour and essential equipment, seeds, bird and bat boxes and the knowledge to make this a possibility without imposing on Parish Council funds either for installation or future maintenance.

Another location for some wildflowers was put forward by a member of the Parish Council, but the suggested area does not allow for the community to develop the project and be involved in the development of their own village.

Assuming we will be applying to take part in the "Best Kept Village" competition next year, we believe this type of community project would be very impressive as it fulfils guidelines relating to **DEFRAS "biodiversity 2020"** which puts people at the heart of the policy working with them to engage more people and empower them to make a difference. **Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Protecting Wildlife for the Future** is also anxious that projects are undertaken to protect hedgehogs, other small mammals, amphibians, reptiles and ground nesting birds and offer sound advice.

We will certainly be pushing for approval of our proposal. This proposal is about contributing to the aesthetic of the village, getting back to community participation for both old and new residents of Goxhill and much, much more.

We need your support to make this a success.

That's all for this edition.

Wishing you all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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- The first Christmas card was created and sent in 1843. A man named John Calcott
- Oliver Cromwell
- Illex
- Prince Albert
- One of the berries for good luck
- Donner, Dancer, Dasher.
- Red
- An invisibility cloak
- You girls and boys won't get any toys if you don't pull me out.
- Saint Nicholas
- Leaping
- Bohemian Rhapsody
- Chris Rea
- Seven
- Irving Berlin
- A moment like this.
- Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Yet to Come, and Jacob Marley
- Pars/France
- A close shave (Shaun the Sheep)
- James
- Clarence
- Portugal
- Football 4-3-2-1 (one point exported from
- Man United
- Brian Clough
- Oklahoma
- Ukraine
- Mexico
- Turkey
- Pacific and Indian (1 point for each correct answer)
- England, East Anglia
- Wattle
- C16th
- Cheese
- The Portuguese city of Porto, where the drink

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For more information see: - nhs.uk/cervicalscreening

The rate of take up of cervical screening is currently at a 21 year low. The actual test only takes a few minutes, is free and results are available in about 2 weeks.

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Cervical screening can stop this cancer before it starts.

U M Vickerton For the Central Surgery Patients' Participation Group



As your Ward members for Goxhill we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the Goxhill Surface Water Flood Alleviation scheme. On 25th September, we attended a public drop in event at the Memorial Hall, together with officers from North Lincolnshire Councils Flood Risk and Drainage Team. We have been working for some time on an over-arching study to tackle surface water for the whole settlement of Goxhill. We reached a point where it was important to consult with residents on what we have achieved so far, where we want to get too, and most importantly get your views and local knowledge to assist finalising our study work. At the session a number drawings of Goxhill, overlayed with some of our modelling work and explained the approach we have taken to better protect the residents of Goxhill as a whole. With many residents attending it was important that we gave you all an assurance that we are working hard and there is progress towards a suitable and deliverable solution. We have asked that the Flood Risk and Drainage Team to continue to update us as different milestones are hit within the overall scheme. We intend to host a further consultation session with residents once we have completed more detailed design.

In the meantime, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of any assistance.

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