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Spring 2016

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I was invited to give a talk to the WI recently on the history of the Gander and Goxhill in general. My research showed that the Goxhill Gander was started back in the Autumn of 1987 and there have been 116 issues so far and I have an archive copy of all of them. I have been editor for the last 27 of those issues.

Originally it was produced with information supplied handwritten, then all was typed up in 'galleys', pasted up on sheets of paper with ads often hand drawn and finally printed very poorly on an old roneo copier. It then had to be collated by a whole team of workers round a table with piles of pages and stapled by hand (Alyson O'Leary remembered how excited they were when they got an electric stapler!). All a very slow laborious, manual process.

Now virtually all articles come to me by email, ready typed up, with digital photographs and I assemble it all on my computer in specialist publishing software and email the artwork to Newtons who prints it beautifully, including some full colour, he collates it by machine and automatically wire stitches before delivering to Goxhill for distribution by our wonderful army of deliverers who, as they have done for all the issues in the past, do such a good job delivering to every house and business throughout the parish, come rain or shine..

So much more efficient, so much better quality! BUT, is it a better way?

In the past there were many more people involved than now, gathering articles, writing stories, deciding what should go in, discussing silly ideas like walking around Goxhill dressed as a goose, to raise money to produce a marvellous booklet of all the walks around the parish. However it was a much more sociable way of doing things, around a table exchanging gossip, ideas, laughter, whilst producing the Gander. To get enough volunteers to do it the old way, would probably be impossible now. Organisations in the village all struggle to get replacements for long standing committee members, let alone get enough people to attend meetings or events to keep them going. Sadly this same problem contributed to the demise of 'The Brock'.

But now is the time to stand up and do something about that! As you can read on page 17, there is the opportunity to turn the Brock into a Community owned pub. But it will need all the enthusiasm and support demonstrated at the recent meeting to be turned into sustained, committed work, not just by 2 or 3 people, but by a whole team of you, doing your bit, in whatever way you can, using your skills, to make this become a reality. Goxhill is big enough to support a good family pub, serving food and teas and coffees, not just wine and beer. Our village needs to get this vital facility back at the centre of the social life of the village. I know most have fantastic big flat screen televisions at home and the beer is cheaper from Tesco, but that does not produce the social interaction with other people that you get sitting round a table, talking and laughing over a drink. Let alone a bit more exercise popping down to the pub for a quick pint, rather than having to drive out of the village for a drink or a meal. If you are in the Squash Club at Barrow when the Goxhill Darts and Dominoes teams are playing there, you will see just how much the Brock is missed by a lot of people, and who need to be able to return to our own village pub.

With only a small amount of commitment from many people, getting the Brock back up and running is possible! It has been done in many villages around the country and there is expert help and funding out there to do it. So let us prove the doubters and the doom mongers wrong and bring back that spirit of working together for the benefit of all the village. It will help make Goxhill a village to be proud of. I hope Mr Keigar recognises how much more attractive Goxhill will be to new house buyers, if it has its pub back and is a success.

We already have the best school in the area, our own Doctors' surgery and Pharmacy, a new Post Office in the Spar, a new Coop store starting soon, the Chippe and a train station, plus a host of local tradesmen and services. With the pub back up and running successfully, we will have a much more thriving heart to the village. But don't forget the Church and the Chapel need our support just as much. **Jeff Teasdale - Editor**

The Gander AGM will be on May 11th 2016 at 7pm in the Parish Rooms. All welcome.

Our website is currently being updated, but should still be available at www.goxhillgander.com

PLEASE NOTE WE ALSO HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS - editor@goxhillgander.com

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Hardly a week goes by without the issue of migrants featuring in the news. Indeed the photograph of the little Syrian boy who drowned while his family were trying to cross the Mediterranean was one of the iconic images of last year, emphasising the element of tragedy which is tied up with this whole business. Whether we like it or not, what we know, love and value as a nation has been made up of a whole variety of people from overseas making their mark and eventually being assimilated into what we consider to be the essence of being 'British' - even if some of them never actually lived here!

St. George (who's Feast Day is April 23rd) is a prime example of this. Although he is our Patron Saint, we hardly know any provable facts about him other than he was not English nor did he ever visit our shores! Tradition has it that he died a martyr's death around the year 303 when Roman Emperor of the day was trying - and failing - to destroy Christianity. And that's about it. But of course, we all remember him as the knight who courageously slew the dragon, and rescued the princess from a grisly death.

The actual story of St. George and the Dragon dates back to the Middle Ages when the use of a dragon in literature or drama was commonly used to represent evil, so it's an excellent tale of good triumphing over evil. And such is the power of myth and legend, that he is not only the patron saint of England, but of at least six other countries and many organizations around the world, including the Scouting and Guide Movement.

Like St George, most of us too, have our own dragons to face up to. Maybe there's something you've been dreading doing. Perhaps it's an addiction or a lifestyle habit you know you should conquer. Perhaps it's some circumstance of our personal, family or professional life that is unsettling us and needs to be addressed? Are we courageous enough to take on our dragons?

Perhaps, though, that which is perceived as a crisis today could well be the means to furnish the beginnings of new things in our lives? The foundation of that future has to be laid today in dealing with life as we meet it. Jesus told a parable about 'foundations' and about wise and foolish builders, one of who built his house on foundations of sand, the other on rock. When the storms came only one house remained standing. He wasn't, of course, simply advocating sensible construction practices as much as prompting his listeners then (and to readers now) to ask "on what is my life founded? On the solid rock of faith in God? On a foundation of hope in the salvation Jesus offers? Or on my own strength and ability?"

Spring, when the new life of the natural world becomes most obvious is a good time to rethink the basis of our life and, perhaps, to make the most important decision that you will ever make. To make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life and his word the firm foundation for that life. You will then be prepared for whatever comes your way. You will thus be prepared for all seasons, ready to meet all challenges and not be overwhelmed - and just like St George be equipped to face your 'dragons'!

Reverend John Girtchen

Forthcoming Easter Services in Goxhill - see details on the Noticeboard on page 9.

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends. You know by now that I am a novice gardener, but, as far as I can remember, I don't think that I have known a year when daffodils have arrived before the snowdrops. Yes, I'm seeing the snowdrops now, but my neighbours have had daffodils out for about a fortnight, as well as seeing them out on the road down into Barnetby where we live, and outside the doctor's surgery. What peculiar times we live in!

This issue of the Gander covers that glorious season of Easter, and that first Easter caused quite a stir, too - and continues to do so. How can a man who has suffered, died and been laid in a tomb, be raised to new life? I remember many years ago when I was training to be a minister, my 'mentor' asked this question during a sermon. His reply was that for the Creator of the universe, the God who flung stars into space, restoring life to a man was mere small - fry! Nothing is impossible with God! (The very words which the Angel Gabriel said to Mary when he told her that God had chosen her to bear His special child!) And I saw my mentor's point!

Things changed after that first Easter! People's lives changed! St Paul is a prime example, you may remember how he heard the voice of Jesus speak to him whilst he was walking on the road to Damascus. He was actually on his way to persecute Christians, to put a stop to this new-fangled idea which people were willing to die for! Then his life changed, and he ended up being willing to die for this new-fangled idea himself, and even established new Christian communities, and spent his life travelling about encouraging them.

People's lives have changed since that first Easter - and people's lives continue to be changed because of that first Easter. A new purpose, a new hope, a sense of being loved no matter what, the experience of being forgiven and being able to forgive - all this has been given to us. The change that can take place in a person's life can be as miraculous as daffodils appearing before snowdrops.

Yes we know why daffodils appear before snowdrops scientifically, but we still can't help but marvel at it! Just as we can marvel at how God can raise people to new life today, giving them eternal life, which begins now and breaks through the barrier of death.

May Easter time be a 'marvellous' time for you and yours.

Sincerely Yours Revd Enid Knowles

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Rosalie Coggan, Geoff and Enid Girdham

At the end of last year the church and community said goodbye to three dear people.

Rosalie Coggan will be remembered by many of the present parents in the village who may have benefited from her work with children in the village. Ros helped with The Save the Children's, children group and the church Sunday School. Ros was caretaker at the school for many years, after her retirement she continued to go in and listen to children and help with fund raising.

Geoff and Enid Girdham were stalwart members of our community and prolific fund raisers.

Up to a couple of years ago when his health deteriorated, Geoff did the Churches sponsored bike ride, raising a lot of money every year. Many came to know Geoff when they stopped to talk to him as he tended the Memorial Hall grounds.

Enid's great love was bingo and she combined that love with raising money for the church, chapel, Memorial Hall, school and many other organisations in the village and outside it. Enid was an energetic and enthusiastic member of the groups she worked with and will be greatly missed.

May they rest in peace.

Sandra Smith

Memorial Bench for Geoff and Enid Girdham

Churches Together in Goxhill are raising money for a memorial bench in memory of Geoff and Enid Girdham.

The launch of the appeal will be at the Easter Egg Bingo on Friday 18th March 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. As bingo and the Memorial Hall were important to Geoff and Enid we thought that was a fitting time to start the fund raising. On that night one raffle will be specifically to start the fund. It is planned to have collecting boxes at various venues in the village. Or if you wish, donations may be sent to, either Penny Carnell 530138 or Delie Simon 530630.

The positioning of the seat is under discussion and we will let you know when it has been confirmed.

We hope you will support this fund raising so that we have something in the village to remember Enid and Geoff by. **Thank you in anticipation. Sandra**

CHURCH EVENTS

Bingo

Enid very much wanted us to continue Bingo in the village and we will honour that wish

Easter Egg Bingo – Friday 18th March
7.30pm Goxhill Memorial Hall

We hope to have a couple of smaller Bingos in the Chapel Schoolroom during the year, but haven't yet fixed dates so, watch out for posters.

Coffee Morning and book sale

Saturday 30th April
Coffee Morning & Secondhand book sale
10-12 in All Saints Church

Quiz Night

Friday 13th May. Christian Aid Quiz Night
7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.
To book a team call Jane 530962 or
Sandra 530065

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Saturday 21st May, 10.30am – 1.30pm
Christian Aid Coffee Morning & Soup Lunch

Monthly Pop In

Saturday 19th March
Saturday 16th April
Saturday 21st May
Saturday 25th June

The Pop In is held in the Chapel Schoolroom 10.30 -12.30, a chance to meet old friends, or if you are new to the village come and meet new people.

Various refreshments including bacon butties. Secondhand books, Traidcraft stall.

All Saints Summer Fayre

Date for your Diary – All Saints Summer
Fayre Saturday 11th June
Goxhill Memorial Hall



As many of you will be aware I lost both my dad and my mum, Geoff and Enid Girdham, at the beginning of December.

I would just like to thank those of you who sent flowers, cards, warm wishes and offered me and my family support. We received 147 cards, I didn't have enough space to put them all up.

Both my parents will be greatly missed not only by me, my husband Jonathan and my children Reece and Amelia, but by the community for their endless fundraising, also from seeing them just going about their daily business. Losing both parents is heartbreaking but also a great comfort knowing they are together.

Thank you once again. Janine xx

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GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

 The W.I. meet every 2nd Monday of the month throughout the year except for August, at 7 pm in the Memorial Hall, new members and visitors, including gentlemen, are welcome at any of the meetings. For further information please contact Mrs. Alyson O'Leary, President, on 01469 531568.
NOW THE IMPORTANT BIT:
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday Celebrations
 As you will remember, in 2012 Goxhill WI organised a very well attended Tea Dance to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This year we hope to organise an even better community event to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and have booked the newly re-fronted Memorial Hall for the afternoon of Sunday June 12th and have begun to plan an event which will be open to everyone in the village. We hope to be able to provide free refreshments and music, as we did in 2012, plus other entertainments. We hope that you will all support our endeavour and make this a truly memorable celebration.
Look out for posters around the village
MacMillan Coffee Morning
 Correction to last edition - MacMillan Coffee Morning raised £728.72 not as stated in Gander

BEE KEEPING
Our next three months meetings are:
 Mon March 28th Paul Horton - Our Local Bee Inspector plus Auction after break.
 Mon April 25th Bee Friendly Plants - An illustrated talk by Shelagh Seddon
 Mon May 30th No Meeting due to imminent District Plant Sale
 Sat June 4th Annual District Bee Friendly Plant Sale (open to the public) 10am - 1pm
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FUN WINE TASTING
 in the Vicar's Room, Barrow
 We are pleased that Roy Smith has offered to host another Wine Tasting event in the Vicar's Room, Barrow on **Friday May 20th** at 7.30pm. It is great fun to taste several wines with varying nibbles to accompany them and try to do the Fun Quiz set by Chris & Roy. Tickets are just £10.00 each Please ring Annette 531613 to book your places or a table for you and your friends!. This event sold out very quickly last year so early booking is highly recommended to avoid disappointment!

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Good Friday	25th March	7.30pm	at All Saints Church: United Service
Easter Sunday	27th March	7.00am	All Saints Churchyard, Vigil Service
Easter Sunday	27th March	9.30am	All Saints Church Holy Communion: United Service

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The other 50% is divided into prize money, drawn at the end of each month.

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200 club winners for the last 3 months

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	102	Cliff Read	£15.00
	163	Jean Ryder	£10.00

Drawn at a Christmas Lunch in the village

December	56	Glynis Wrightson	£100.00
	2	Gary Payne	£20.00
	105	Sharon Langton	£15.00
	230	Pat Finch	£10.00

Drawn at Greenfields

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Events at Ropery Hall

John Godber headlines an evening of readings and conversation at Barton's Ropery Hall on **Sunday March 6** with a trio of highly acclaimed writers who are either from, or influenced by, the North.

John, the internationally renowned dramatist who has won numerous awards for his observational comedies including a Lawrence Olivier Award and seven Los Angeles Critics Circle Awards, as well as two BAFTA's for his television work is the third most performed playwright in the UK behind William Shakespeare and Alan Ayckbourn, with plays including Bouncers, Teechers, Up 'n' Under, April in Paris and September in the Rain.

In **Northern Voices** – Writing with a Northern Voice he will be joined by novelist and dramatist **Helen Cross** whose plays and short stories are frequently performed on Radio 4 and poet **Peter Sansom** whose books include On the Pennine Way and Everything You've Heard is True.

These three great writers from the North join forces on **Sunday, March 6**, as they discuss what it is to write with a 'Northern Voice' in this light hearted evening of poetry, prose, questions and answers.

As well as listening to them read from their work and talk about their relationships with the north and how it has shaped their work and careers enjoy a question and answer session with the trio who will make you feel as if you are all sat around a table in the pub rather than at a "literature" event.

The evening starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door.

Later in the month Ropery Hall plays host to a Chinese classic that could rival Macbeth.

DiaoChan: Rise of The Courtesan, by Red Dragonfly Productions, is touring regional theatres before opening in the West End. Taken from the ancient Chinese classic The Romance of the Three Kingdoms DiaoChan is an epic story of lust, jealousy and revenge, and is often referred to as the Chinese Macbeth.

This new adaptation by director and playwright Ross Ericson of this Chinese classic was specifically adapted for the British stage and is visually stunning, sharply written and performed in English by a cast of British-East-Asian actors. This production is supported using funding by Arts Council England and Unity Theatre Trust and Ropery Hall is just one of the venues to be visited throughout the spring.

The play is being staged on **Saturday, March 19**, starting at 7.30pm and tickets cost £13 in advance or £15 on the door.

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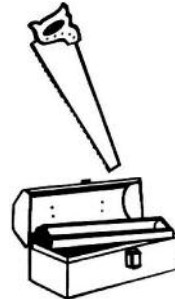
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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

LiVeLincs in Goxhill again this Spring

Last year we were able to bring to Goxhill Memorial Hall two great musical acts that would not have been affordable without the help of the LiVeLincs Rural Touring Scheme. In March we enjoyed The Big Smoke Band with their own distinctive versions of well-known songs by Bob Dylan and other greats. In November we were treated to an even more eclectic mix from Mazaika that took in classical, folk and pop music through to James Bond and other film themes.

In the previous issue of The Gander I mentioned that we had put in another bid for LiVeLincs events in Spring 2016. By good luck we have been awarded two acts this time, so please make some room in your diary for:

- 6.30pm on Wednesday 16 March - Circus Berzercus, a mismatch made in Devon - performing at Goxhill Primary School.



- 7.30pm on Sunday 10 April - Woody Holler & his Orchestra - performing at Goxhill Memorial Hall.

Circus Berzercus is a show for all the family presenting the Great Phildini - a champion juggler, master of dexterity and a genuine, circus-world legend - but unfortunately accompanied by hapless stage-hand Horace, whose eagerness to entertain rather outshines his talent. Circus Berzercus teams up Phil Blackmore, "Britain's Got Talent" star, with Covent Garden Jester of The Year, Rupert Elford.

Woody Holler & his Orchestra comprises several of Canada's finest folk and jazz musicians: Woody himself on vocals & guitar, Greg Lowe on guitar, Richard Moody on violin, and Danny Koulack



on bass. Each has numerous recordings in their own right. "Western Skies", their first album together, was nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award. Their current tour is promoting the follow-up album: "Jazz From The Saddle". They play both original and their own versions of old favourites. As this is the first time their touring has taken them to this side of the Atlantic, it is great that we have managed to grab one of the dates for Goxhill.

Tickets for Circus Berzercus will be available from Goxhill Primary School and are available to all at £6 adults and £4 children. The school will be circulating more details soon of special offers for parents and pupils at Goxhill & East Halton schools. Tickets at £7 for Woody Holler & his Orchestra will be available from the usual outlets: Creasey's Store and Field Farm Feeds. For advance reservation of tickets to either show please contact me by emailing GoxhillEvents@mybtinternet.com or telephone 530363.

Why not give both acts a try? What do you have to lose at these prices for a local night out at a professional show? As I keep telling people, even if an act may not seem quite your usual taste, the only way to be pleasantly surprised is to give them a chance.

John Guggiari

STOP PRESS:

Negotiations look likely to be successful for Goxhill Memorial Hall to be included at the start of the 2016 tour of Just Like That, the highly acclaimed Tommy Cooper tribute show from Hambleton Productions. The provisional date is Wednesday 18 May so please write (or type) it into your diaries and keep an eye open for more details.

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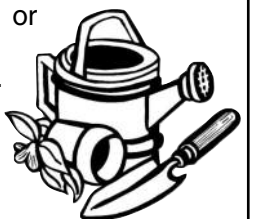
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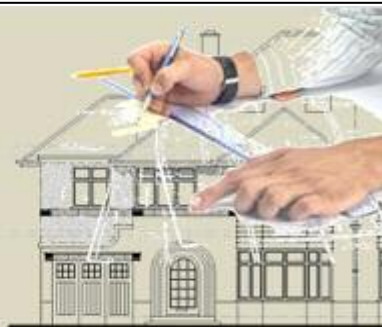
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BROCKLESBY HUNT MEETING – Memorial Hall 19th January 2016

A PACKED MEETING SHOWS 100% SUPPORT TO SAVE 'THE BROCK'!

The Memorial Hall was packed for a meeting to gauge the support to try to set up and run the Brocklesby Hunt as a Community owned pub.

The meeting was organised and led by Anne and Jack Lawtey, with Ashley Adams and John Guggiari, plus Mike Gathercole as Chair of the Parish Council.

Anne Lawtey outlined the current position of Keigar's applications, particularly that the Parish Council and North Lincolnshire Council Planning Committee agreed to the 2nd application only on the basis that the village be given 12 months to be able to put the pub into Community ownership, including allowing sufficient space for car parking. The compromise to get this through, was to allow Keigar to build beyond the development boundary on this site. The 12 month period will only start when Keigar sign a section S106 agreement to this amendment to their application, which they have not done yet. They are also waiting for the outcome of a potential appeal against the decision to turn down their original application.

So this is not the green light to start. But it is an opportunity to get the ball rolling in advance, on what could be a difficult and lengthy process.

Mike Gathercole explained that the Parish Council was not in a position to purchase the pub itself, but would certainly support a group to go down the Community ownership route. He defended criticism of the Parish Council's support for the modified second application, by explaining that the PC believed the compromise arrangement was the only way to give the Brock one last chance to be saved.

Ashley Adams said he had been in discussions with the Regional Manager of 'The Pub is the Hub', a voluntary organisation who have helped many village pubs be saved. He had said that if 40 or 50 turned up for an initial potential support meeting, he would see that there was sufficient interest to make the process possible and would gladly attend a meeting to discuss the various options in detail and their specialist advisors would offer as much help as possible. The fact that the hall was packed with over 130 villagers, with many more who had said they were not able to attend, overwhelmingly demonstrated the depth of passion and support for the cause.

Anne explained that there are 6 well proven models to convert the pub into public ownership. All will require support by financial contributions or work in kind to buy shares in the project. Grants and public sector or government loans are available too, to help with the purchase of the building. The plan would then be to refurbish the pub with as much volunteer labour and resources as possible. Finally the day to day running would then be put in the hands of a professional landlord, paying an appropriate rent, charged with the task of turning the Brock into the thriving village pub it can be, with the level of support shown at the meeting.

A previous landlord of the Brock described how they had managed to get the pub up and running very successfully before and are willing to share all their business knowledge of actual costs and profit margins to help with the business plan needed to drive the whole process.

John Guggiari said he had already attempted to open discussions with Keigar, but they were unwilling to negotiate on price until the planning procedure is completed. This is a key element to be resolved. Our North Lincs Councillors need to be kept actively involved in ensuring a fair outcome of the whole process.

Jack Lawtey asked for a show of hands, which demonstrated that there were no objections to the principle of Community ownership and when asked how many at the meeting would be willing to put money in to buy shares in the pub, at least 50 to 60% said yes.

A questionnaire was handed out as a formal survey on the level of

commitment to the project and to gain information on who would be willing to offer financial or practical help and what services volunteers would be able to bring to fulfil the diverse range of skills that will be needed.

Initially expert help is required to formulate a convincing business plan. The help and advice from solicitors, architects, surveyors, pub, restaurant, business experts, market research and financial advisors are particularly crucial at this early stage, to give the project the best possible chance of succeeding. So anyone who can offer any of these skills and has not already done so, should contact Anne and Jack Lawtey or the clerk of the Parish Council, as a matter of urgency.

Once negotiations are completed and costs known, more practical skills will become in great demand.

Any financial commitments will also be welcomed at any stage, especially if you have just won the Lottery.

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

This has to be a community wide project. You cannot sit back and leave it to a few people to sort it all out. If you want to see The Brock resurrected and back at the heart of the village, the village needs you to do what ever you can to actively support those taking the lead and ensure all the commitment and enthusiasm shown at the 1st meeting will be turned into practical help.

If you have not already done so, you can contact the group forming to save the Brock –

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tel 07774 671175 **Jeff Teasdale, Editor**

AN UPDATE FROM ANNE LAWTEY

I've spoken to Garry Whall from Keigar to update him. Keigar's are still waiting for specific details of the Section 106 arrangements but hope to be able to make a decision about their course of action by the end of Feb. In the meantime we're looking to formalise a group. We'll be keeping in touch electronically with everyone who has provided an email address and posting updates on Facebook.

The turnout and enthusiasm at the meeting was overwhelming and we are determined not to lose momentum!

Retirement Revolution

This year's Budget provided the freedom for many retirees to make their own decisions about how and when they access their pension savings.

Low interest rates over recent times have meant low returns for savers, many of those savers have also been retirees who have purchased lifetime incomes from a Pension Fund during a period of historically low interest rates. A very frustrating situation for many individuals. There have been well intended initiatives to provide more information to the general public about choice and access to the most suitable Annuity rates on the open market. Unfortunately, for many, saving for retirement and pension policies have been seen as poor value and unnecessarily complex.



From April 2015, many of the existing retirement planning restrictions were removed, this flexibility (complexity) is happening at the same time as other major plans to restructure both the State Pension and enforcement of work place pensions on all employers (Yes all employers).

Individuals are offered free guidance from Citizens Advice Bureau on the options available at retirement, but not advice or recommendation. With flexibility and choice comes complexity and potentially risk at a significant time for individuals with no room for errors. Pension policies look much more like a general savings plan, offering currently up to 40% tax relief on new contributions and allow unlimited access from age 55. The first 25% will be tax free and the balance will be taxed at the individuals marginal rate. Funds on death can be passed from generation to generation.

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I'm sure that I'm not alone when I say that our village is a place to be very proud of, different seasons bring different joys. During the Christmas period it was a delight to see the various decorations around the gardens and "within" homes, so much effort had been made and as it is always because of the very nature of the items used to make the displays, that the wonderful results are shared with all of us. So sad therefore that walking around the footpaths and footways in the New Year we find so much unnecessary mess.

Why is it that a bottle which is carried when full and at its heaviest is not so easy to carry home, when it is empty and therefore much lighter, and a plastic bag or box full of food cannot fit easier into a pocket when it is empty and folded up. Is there some enjoyment or entertainment, that I for one, cannot see in lobbing these things into the nearest hedgerow or ditch? Do the people who do this live in a home with the floor covered with empty bottles, crisp packets etc., is that why they don't see a problem when the countryside looks the same. I do wish that they would keep their decoration ideas to themselves and not inflict it upon the rest of us.

One person who obviously feels the same way went to the trouble recently to make and erect a very clear sign and place it in an area which is used regularly by selfish litter droppers. The sign is so good, I thought that it deserved a photograph. I'm not in any way suggesting that we all go out and erect signs all over the village but if this one pricks someone's conscience then it has done an excellent job.



Maybe with a little effort, in this year of our Queen's celebrations we all should make an extra effort, or maybe I am preaching to the converted, and trying to convince the already responsible, caring, people who read this magazine, or is it up to us all to pass the message on, even if it's boring or we receive a response in language that may be unusual to us, we should try.

Playing Field

Obviously the ground is very wet at present, but necessary winter work will be carried out to the ditches and the general surrounds as soon as is practicable, in order to ensure full enjoyment when the weather allows.

Allotments

Spring preparation is ongoing at present, with the present weather situation, the ground is still very wet, therefore in most cases best left alone. Still harvesting some crops, rewards from last years efforts. One allotment is still available, for anyone who would like to keep fit and at the same time feed the family. Much cheaper than the gym and much more rewarding.

Library.

Still running smoothly with the excellent work of our stalwart volunteers. Don't forget if you can't find the book you want, it can be ordered for you, all part of the service from your library, just call in to see what is available, you will be made most welcome.

Memorial Hall

The New Years dance was a success making a profit of £650.00 for the upkeep and preparation of the hall. The building work is now complete and the grant has been repaid to the Parish Council, in order for them to pay the building contractor. It is an ideal place now for anyone considering hiring for a function, show, get together etc..

Millennium Green

The footpaths are to be mown and any overgrown areas to be trimmed, this general maintenance, and repairs around the stone at the entrance, will be carried out as the weather improves. Volunteers would be most welcome to keep the green in a good state of repair.

Hallams Wood

Work to make this area a useful and pleasant place to walk will be undertaken as soon as it is practical.



Skating on College Road gravel pit c 1940 before it was filled in to become the Household Recycling Centre

Cemetery

The spring bulbs will soon be showing around the entrance to brighten the grounds, some of these have recently, very kindly been donated, others have naturalised over time. I hope that we can do more planting of these in the ground at the rear.

Should anyone need information either for arrangements following a recent sad loss, or for sensible future planning, any information needed can be obtained from the Clerk to the Parish Council, or indeed any Parish Councillor would be pleased to help.

Freda Dunkley

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

'We're going through changes.....'

From Miss Breslin

It's quite amazing but scary too that things can change so quickly during the course of the school year. Christmas is always a hectic time but so enjoyable in school and I'm sure I speak on behalf of many of you who joined in with some of our festivities that we had another enjoyable year. On behalf of all of our staff and governors I would like to wish all of you a 'Happy new Year!' I can't help wondering though how many New Year resolutions lasted longer than the first week of January.....

It was such a sad time for our school before Christmas when we lost one of our long standing lunchtime supervisors, Enid Girdham. Doubly sad for Enid's daughter and her family that Enid's husband died shortly before her in December. The gap of Enid and Geoff's passing is widely felt throughout our whole community and village. And certainly the void which is left in our school, not seeing Enid every day deepens our sadness and her loss to us. We have many fond memories of Enid and appreciation to her for playing such an active role in our school, we will hope to have a celebration of both Enid and Geoff's life at school in the near future.

Our school is constantly changing and never stands still and it is sad for me in this edition also to announce the departure of Mrs Antje Kell. Following her successful promotion to the Head teacher post of the Primary School at Hull Collegiate, we will be saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Kell at the end of this term. It goes without saying that Mrs Kell's contribution to our school here in Goxhill, and within our Federation, has been really immeasurable and her presence in our schools will be felt long after she has left. I know it will be an equally sad time for her as she has built such a bond with our school, the children, its community and parents and although there will be many exciting prospects ahead for her and her family, she will be heavy hearted on the last day.

I have enjoyed watching Mrs Kell grow as a teacher, a manager and into a great leader. She has much to give in her new role and we shall miss her dynamic and at times 'whirl wind' flare, her great sense of humour, her hard work ethic and of course her plastic skirts.

Memories of Mrs Kell

Having worked with Antje since she first started her teaching career at Goxhill School one thing was always apparent even from the earliest days of her graduate teaching programme. She was always going to have a massive impact on all the people she came into contact with whether that be the pupils, the parents, the staff or in more recent times the wider world of education. Her enthusiasm was never in any doubt she has always thrown herself -and everyone else! into all projects with whole hearted determination to do the best she possibly can for everybody involved. This enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge meant many a staff meeting was taken into overtime-with older staff members discreetly looking at their watches- as she always

questioned everything that was not quite clear to her as she strived to deliver the best education she could to the children who were lucky enough to be in her class.

I was fortunate enough to be present when Antje had some of her first lesson observations. I remember one occasion when she converted the classroom into a mosque and had 40 children remove their shoes in order to experience a day in the life of a Muslim. Nothing was ever too much trouble and she was always prepared to take risks to provide the children with the best opportunities she could. She always received excellent feedback from those who came to observe her with criticism always being thin on the ground. The only negative comment I remember was that her top was too short and that she should wear longer ones!

Catherine Travis

A Message from Mrs Kell

Our Federation, I truly believe, is a champion amongst schools. It has a very dedicated and talented staff team whom I will greatly miss. I will miss our professional discussions and debates. I will think back fondly to all of the school community events that I have been part of and of classes I have taught. But more than that, I will miss the people behind the job. Even on the bleakest day in January or through the stress of productions and hall timetable slots and report writing – you have always made coming to work a pleasure for me.



I would like to mention Mrs Neve (aka 'the boss') who was my TA for a number of years at Goxhill and indeed followed me to East Halton when I went to be 'Head of School' there. Some of my fondest memories of successful teaching and learning were with you by my side Denise. We were in it together – we slogged until the children got there and we had such a good rapport with the children. I will always remember the way we would smile at each other across the classroom when we knew the magic was there in that lesson.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at East Halton. I had had 9 years at Goxhill and I was worried about settling quickly and teaching Year 3,4,5 and 6 together! But it could not have been more different. The staff there are fantastic – there is something almost wartime-like about the unity a pending OFSTED inspection can bring and we pulled together impressively to improve the school. Mrs Haddock you are amazing. You read people so well and are just so wise! I have learnt so much from you. 'Ma Julie' and Miss Gibbs – I will never forget our mornings in your classroom. Something like,

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'Do you want a laugh?' (This was always at my expense I might add!) Who else would file their dry knees?

When I think back to the two head teachers I have worked under within our Federation I can

remember distinctly the two occasions that they both told me I would go on to be a head. And equally, I remember my response: No, no, no, no. It wasn't in my long term plan at that point. However, it is a good leader that spots those seeds of leadership in others and allows them to grow into that potential and I truly believe that that was the thread of belief that started me off.

I would like to thank Miss Breslin for her mentoring and for the challenges she has allowed me to thrive under, the staff for their positivity and friendship and most of all the children – you are the reason I am making the step to headship – you are the reason I have loved what I have done for the last ten years. I love this school dearly and I will think of you all often.

On another note

After attending a course on engaging children to read (This course is linked to The Imagination library, a scheme that parents can sign up to.) Once your child is registered they will receive a book each month until they are 5 years old. The books are amazing and what's more they are free!! Mrs Bowskin and I were asked to set up a book club after school. So our school book club was born.....

Excitedly each Thursday at 3.30 twelve children come to the year 1 area to join us in 45 minutes of fun. We usually start our sessions with a story. The children love this chilled time, snuggled in the book corner with puppets, cuddly toys and sitting on cushions and bean bags. The children all engage with the stories and enjoy joining in and using the puppets.

We offer activities, including arts and crafts in which the children are encouraged to participate. We have made book marks, masks linked to a previous story, cards and our latest craft is a bedside book box for the children to put books and other bedtime bits in.

We also have games out along with children's magazines and an array of different types of books for

children to read. We have plans to have Lego and other construction bricks out with instructions to follow. Baking is another treat we are hoping to plan into some of our sessions. All of which encourages the less willing children to read and read for pleasure.

The children have a snack and drinks which always go down well and at the end of the session children are able to choose a book to borrow and read at home, returning the following week ready to share with the group. It is a joy to see the children's love of books and reading develop.

We all lead busy lives, but finding 5-10 minutes a day to listen to children read is so important, also to read to our children and spend quiet, quality time together, something I miss doing, having an 18 and 20 year old.

Alongside the after school book club Mrs Bowskin and myself run a book club during break time every other Wednesday.

These books are displayed on book shelves in the school hall and are ordered from different stockists on line, therefore we are able to buy at good prices and are reflected in that each book costs £2. This is a nonprofit club and the money is used to buy new books and invested in the after school book club.

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informing of when the next book sale is. Throughout the year we also hold book sales of these books after school which will be advertised on the school newsletter and website.

We are really seeing the children's love of books develop not only in

book club but throughout the school and the challenge that is set across the school from our foundation unit up to year six is proving a great success and causes great excitement when the class results are read out on a Monday during our special mention assembly.

I am sure as parents you will agree on how important it is to engage our young readers.

Finally if anyone would like to come and help on a Thursday after school at our book club, please pop into the school office and speak to Sharon, our school secretary.

Amanda Lind Year 1 teaching assistant.

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FRIENDSHIP BENCH PRESENTED TO GOXHILL SCHOOL BY WIENERBERGER

Goxhill School were delighted to accept the gift of a friendship bench from Wienerberger, who own Goxhill Tileries, down on the marsh.

Scott Clayton, Plant Manager for their Sandtoft site and a former pupil at the school, and his wife Nicola who's own son will be attending the school in a couple of years, got the idea when they saw a link on social media and approached Simon about the idea.

The solidly constructed bench was presented to the school at a special assembly just before Christmas. Simon Thompson, Operations Manager Concrete at Wienerberger, explained that he had been bullied at school and was very happy to do something to prevent it happening to today's school children, by having a 'Friendship Bench', where children who fear bullying or feel isolated, can sit knowing others will come to help them, talk to them and make friends. Simon explained that Goxhill Tileries is probably the biggest employer in the local area, with 62 employees currently working there, and hoped that some of the current pupils could potentially become future employees.

Executive Headteacher, Caroline Breslin, on behalf of all the children, thanked Wienerberger for their generosity. She explained that Goxhill School work hard to build a friendly, anti bullying, atmosphere and this 'Friendship Bench' would certainly help with this. She added that she hoped to be able to build an on going relationship with the company, to link the curriculum to the particular products, research and development of their industry, to enrich the learning of the children.

Simon Thompson and Paul Staves, Plant Manager at Goxhill Tileries, were photographed with some of the children who were receiving certificates in the assembly, and were heard to thank Simon for organising it to be given to the school.



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Humber Regional Boys Squash Champion

The past few months have been exciting times for Josh Milnes, a pupil at Goxhill Primary School. He is being coached on an individual and elite group basis by Lee Scott, a former British Open Champion and Ex World Professional Squash Tour player.

This has led to Josh being selected for the Lincolnshire Boys Squash team at under 13 age level. He has represented the county on 2 occasions against Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Bedfordshire. Under the guidance of his professional coach and the county coaches, he expects to be involved in further county matches in the Spring.

Last weekend, he entered the Allam sponsored Humber Regional Boys Championship at under 11 age level. He reached the final and after a hard fought match against Aksahdeep Singh from Leeds, he won and was declared Champion. This event was held under the rules of the England Squash Association and the results will affect Josh's England ranking although the actual position will not be known for a few weeks.

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Aftermath of Christmas 'Now' and 'Then'

Well 'now' the freezer is full of sliced turkey, sliced ham, tubs of vegetables in a variety of sauces and the unused 'fresh' vegetables, blanched and frozen.

Christmas pudding is divided into 'manageable' portions and has joined the other leftovers in the freezer.

When a freezer was a new piece of equipment I once froze custard - not reading the instructions, just putting everything in, the idea being "only when all else fails, read the instructions" (for this read 'destructions').

Stock had been made from bones and odd bits of meat etc. Well weeks later, stock was fetched from the freezer and lovely homemade soup emerged after much preparation, all remarked on how gorgeous this soup was. Searching through the contents of the freezer to find the custard, it became clear that this had been mistakenly used to make soup, (what great soup it was too). Of course it was learned from experience that custard is not suitable for freezing (read the destructions).

Returning to the story - in these days when almost everyone has at least one freezer, food is often not just leftovers, but bought as a 'bargain' to use later. Of course, after Christmas, food is available at very low prices, bargains are to be had everywhere! I wonder when the supermarkets will stop 'over-stocking' and in the long run save us all money by not creating such wastage. I could go on but 'revenons a nos moutons', as they say.

How about 'then'?

I could go back to the 1930's in my memories, but will talk about the time when I was first married and came to live in Goxhill, that was 1949, moving on to the mid fifties when I was catering for my family of four. Things were very different, even 'fridges' were only used by very few better off families, as for freezers they were not a usual household item.

So what about the leftover Christmas fare, then? For a start, there were no supermarkets full of tempting

'goodies'. Christmas poultry, geese, chickens, ducks and joints of meat had to be ordered from a local farmer or butcher, so that he could supply all his customers. Therefore less was bought by the housewife (not an objectionable title then), there was no excessive supplies to be had, let alone at bargain prices. It would have been decided weeks before Christmas which family members were eating, orders for food were booked accordingly.

Most country people grew their own vegetables, and a share system existed among neighbours. Greengrocers supplied those who did not grow their own. Many people, me included, had kept a pig through the year. This was killed before Christmas, making sure of bacon and ham products for the celebration, pork pies and sausages were in plentiful supply. We made our own mince pies, Christmas cakes and puddings.

The shops were not overstocked, due to their 'order systems' so there was not as much wastage.

However of course there were 'leftovers', but no freezers or only very rarely 'fridges'. I remember making many meat pies, patties made with mashed

potato and chopped meat. We ate those for all meals, we could not afford waste! Lovely homemade soups were made as mentioned above. Having no freezers this soup was brought to boiling point every day to keep it fresh until it was all eaten up.

Any 'dry' pastries were warmed up, and depending on content served with custard or gravy. As for the plum bread and Christmas cakes they would keep for weeks.

It seems the coming of freezing as a preserving method, has resulted in over stocking in the home and in the shops, does it save us money or cause wastage?

Whatever happens I could not now imagine myself living without my 'fridge' or freezer, or come to think

of it without radio, television or indeed my computer.

I remember back to the 30s, before we had any of the above or even electricity, and I helped draw water from a well with a bucket on a rope!

"Happy Days" ??

Ramona Percy

This illustration above is probably a bit early for the article but it clearly demonstrates the difference in a kitchen before the days of fridges and freezers. Editor.



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New Manager at The Village Pharmacy, Goxhill

I am delighted to be in a fortunate position to write this article in the Gander detailing my appointment as the manager of the village pharmacy.

My name is Helen Lee and for those of you who know me will probably know my parents moved to Goxhill many years ago, back in 1972. I attended the local primary and secondary school. Although I have ventured outside the village boundaries, I hope to be back soon.

I'm excited about the future for our local pharmacy. I feel privileged to give something back to a community that has given me so much. Many of our customers have given me a piece of their valuable time over the years.

I bring to this role a wide range of pharmacy experience learned first hand in the various jobs I have held since my qualification in 1998.

Before starting a family I worked hard in pharmacy management to gain an Area Manager post spanning across Hull and East riding, Lincolnshire and down as far as Mablethorpe and Sutton on Sea. In this job I had responsibility for supporting 21 pharmacies to ensure quality pharmaceutical services were delivered to their communities.

Following the birth of my children, both pupils of Goxhill primary school, I worked for the local pharmaceutical committee based in Brigg representing 46 pharmacies in North and North East Lincolnshire. In this job I worked widely with pharmacists, healthcare professionals and commissioners. We worked to develop quality pharmacy services and obtain funding to enable services to be delivered closer to patients' homes making them more accessible to service users. E.g. Smoking cessation services, sexual health services and minor ailments services.

More recently I've provided medicine management support to three GP surgeries across North Lincolnshire. This role aimed at both encouraging cost effective prescribing within NHS North Lincolnshire and increasing patient safety. During this time, with support from Central surgery, I completed a prescribing course, specialising in respiratory medicine, which has greatly improved my consultation and clinical skills.

I've continued to work in community pharmacy throughout my professional career and over the last year I've helped out in Goxhill when pharmacist cover was needed.

Recently I have taken on the management position at Goxhill and I promise to do my best to ensure we deliver quality pharmaceutical services in our community. We have solid foundations on which to build. The staff are a delight to work with and we are keen to deliver a trustworthy, reliable service.

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Following the success of our extended opening hours on a Saturday, in the future I am keen to explore other opportunities to better serve our local health needs. In autumn we hope to be signed up to deliver a NHS flu vaccination service to those eligible and offer a private service to those interested.

May I take this opportunity to invite customers to feedback any comments, be them of praise or otherwise, to myself. These can then be used constructively to tailor our pharmacy services to meet the needs of our community. Telephone number 01469 532560 or email goxhill.pharmacy@gmail.com.

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Helen Lee



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Willow Lane - by Maurice Brawn

Maurice wrote this poem as a bit of fun, as a mental exercise, definitely not for publication. I was privileged to be one of a few residents of Willow Lane and his family that he showed it to and all thought it a wonderfully descriptive poem. Any one living on the 'lanes' of Goxhill will understand how accurate a reflexion of daily life it is. Gladly Maurice agreed to let me publish his poem and share it with you.

Four white walls three chimney towers
Overlook a space of flowers
White window frames with black contrasting
Made from plastic everlasting

Look down on the Lane
Seated there behind the glass
Watching the folk who daily pass
Seeing many, seen by few
I write of times both old and new
I write in Willow Lane

Time the stream that ever moving
Bears us on without our choosing
Flows before me as I ponder
Thoughts that back to childhood wander
Far from this quiet lane

Other streets and other houses
Nostalgic memory arouses
Times of happiness and sorrow
Little thought of a tomorrow
Nor of Willow lane

Hedge and trees in leaf and bud
Never mind a little mud
Flowers by season deck them all
A carpet grows as they do fall
A carpet in the lane
Shrubs and trees from near and far
Weeds and specimens here they are
Placed with care the view to enhance
Or grown from seed blown in by chance
Here in Willow Lane

Many people pass this way
Some to care and some to play
Some walk the dog but little see
And others gaze at every tree
That grows beside the lane

Leycesteria and Paulownia
Birch and Cherry with Magnolia
Bountifully the Heathers billow
And of course the Weeping Willow
Grows in Willow lane

Horses groomed with saddle and bridle
Past the traffic gently sidle
Riders dressed for show or stable
Hands tight clenched or blithely able
Ride the busy lane

Little heaps behind them leaving
Wafting perfume in the evening
Think of sweeping think of roses
Judiciously avert your noses
Here in Willow Lane

Hear the builders, joiners sawing
Tiles for roofing wood for flooring
Tolerances that really matter
Point it tighter, lay it flatter
Working in the lane
See the sun shine on the tumbling
Brickwork laid to stop it crumbling
All the work of craftsmen able
A home has made from barn and stable.
A house in Willow Lane

Parents in the morning cool
Walk with children to the school
Others from a distance far
Prefer to come by motor car
All along the lane

Cars on paths and cars on verges
Mind the road the parent urges
Afternoon the tide reverses
Traffic now once more traverses
Back up Willow Lane

Delivery vans and heavy Lorries
Loads of stone from nearby quarries
By map and prayer or incantation
Many by satellite navigation
Hurry along the lane
Narrow road and no white line
Safe way of travel to define
So of course avoiding sorrow
The footpath they will always borrow
Here in Willow Lane

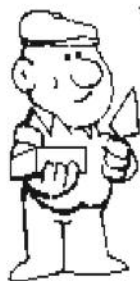
Peace returns as evening falls
Shadows darken garden walls
Luminescent clouds on high
Briefly gild the darkening sky
Up above the lane
Lights in windows brightly shine
Time to pour a glass of wine
The sun has gone and now for certain
It's time to draw the window curtain
Here in Willow Lane

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FilmLincs bringing cinema back to Goxhill

A North Lincolnshire Council Arts Development proposal last year sounded like a great opportunity to bring cinema to Goxhill. After approaching our Memorial Hall Committee for their endorsement, I signed us up as a potential partner. NLC were doing all the work of applying to the British Film Institute (BFI) for funding so it seemed too good to miss. I have just heard that the funding bid has been granted so, all being well, we should be restoring cinema to Goxhill Memorial Hall later this year.

As **FilmLincs** this programme is made possible by the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema Fund. The first 'season' of films will start in April and initial funding runs through to March 2017. It is intended to promote films within the categories British, Independent or Specialist but that should still offer us a lot of scope. Recent examples would include 2015 films like *The Lady in the Van*, starring Maggie Smith, or *The Danish Girl*, for which Eddie Redmayne is tipped for an Oscar as I write this. I will be especially looking out for family and children's films.

This is being run on similar lines to the LiveLincs programme, so it will be relatively risk free for local promoters in cost terms. However, I will be needing help on film nights so I'd be grateful to hear from any willing volunteers. Note that this is likely to be an occasional rather than a regular 'film night', at least initially. **FilmLincs** has only just been confirmed so I do not have full details yet. Please keep your eyes open for notices around the village or online and tell your friends so that we can achieve good audiences.

If you are interested in helping out then please contact me by emailing GoxhillEvents@mybtinternet.com or telephone 530363.

John Guggiari



The Memorial Hall showing what was the projection room above the entrance, accessed through a trap door in the ceiling of the Gents toilet

When the cinema first came to Goxhill

As a former resident of Goxhill, (born at Ingleside, Thornton Road in 1937) I try to keep up with village news through the excellent Gander. Recently there have been several articles on the Memorial Hall and last week I was delighted to see the completed new front.

In the Autumn edition there were two photographs and a question 'Who remembers seeing films shown in the hall and can they pin-point when the first film was shown there?'

I will try to answer. My parents Eric and Lily, my sister Gladys and I attended what could have been the first film to have been shown. This was *IN WHICH WE SERVE* made in 1942 starring Noel Coward and Richard Attenborough (his first film I think) which made Admiral Louis Mountbatten a hero to us all.

He would of course, much later, be murdered by the IRA. Soon after the war ended I remember going to see *THE BLUE LAMP* which inspired the television series *DIXON OF DOCK GREEN* starring Jack Warner. I well remember my parents taking me to see *GREAT*

EXPECTATIONS. A shiver still runs down my spine when I think of Pip confronted by Magwitch, the escaped convict, on the marshes. As a result of this film John Mills became my film hero for the rest of his long career.

The Hall was full for all of these occasions though not as packed as the pre-1945 election meeting to listen to Lance Mallalieu, the Labour candidate at the forthcoming General Election. I doubt that there has ever been so many people in the Hall since.

The movies, as I must call them in this sentence, were being shown in the village from 1942 to 1944 down Southend at the USAAF camp. I remember being collected in a lorry from school to see the latest Disney movie in early 1944. The Christmas party there the previous year was even more memorable.

Russell Cook



The cinema at the USAAF camp at Southend in 1946

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"Life is uncertain. Eat dessert first" Ernestine Ulmer

Another year has gone by so quickly. I don't know if it is an age thing but I'm sure they go much faster than when I was a child.

I think this last Christmas seemed so strange, as we are now in February and we have not had any particularly cold weather. In fact, unless it has been raining I have not worn a coat, which is unusual for me. Despite the warm weather the amount of rain we have had has made the fields a quagmire, but it has been worse.

My next door neighbour fell and broke her hip just after Christmas and is currently recovering in a respite home. She seems to be enjoying it there and is being well looked after.

These sorts of incidents cannot be planned for although she had found a bungalow to move into before it happened and this move will now take place without her present. I think she's getting quite excited about it. In the past she has opened her garden to the public for the village "Open Gardens". The last time she also sold plants in aid of "Jerry Green's Dog Rescue". Her new home has a large garden at the back but no plants at all so it will prove to be both costly and time consuming for her. She is hoping to continue taking part in "Open Gardens" with her new garden and is so enthusiastic it puts me to shame. She has just turned 88! If anyone has a surplus of plants I am sure she would be most grateful for a donation to get her garden going. I have no doubt she will eventually give a "home grown" gift in return.

I have been given five, quite large, Hi-Viz vests for the first five people to ring me and arrange to collect them.

The 27th of December saw the Pleasure Ride go through the village. It was organised by Jo Burns and all proceeds to go to Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. There were 30 riders on the day with a prize for the best fancy dress. I did see lots of onesies and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. To date she has collected £256 with more coming in. This is brilliant

and well done Jo for doing it. None of us know when we may need the Air Ambulance and helicopters are so expensive to run. Perhaps next year there will be more riders and possibly walkers with or without dogs.

Rase Veterinary Centre are running a series of lectures at the centre for their clients. I attended one last week on "Lameness" with a speaker from Rossdales. It was quite interesting and very well supported.

The next one is on "Strangles" but the date will be too late for this edition, however on 9th March there is a lecture on "Colic" so if you are a client be sure to get your name down. For further information please ring the surgery.

Now something for dog owners. If you have an older dog who's is getting a bit stiff a free sample of "Yumove" is being offered in Horse & Hound. I have heard good reports. For the free sample call 01462 790886 and quote "HH15" or visit www.lintbells.com/freesample. I am sure it will have more details.

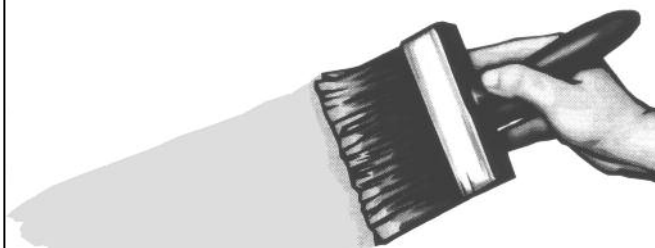
If you live or walk along Ferry Road you will have noticed an increase in traffic and particularly large lorries, all often exceeding the 30mph speed limit. The council have written to the Tileries to remind them of the limit although it's not just their employees. We may see more signs going up in the future and this is before the two year project starts. I know it is sometimes hard to keep to the limit but it is in everyone's interest to make our village safe.

I have made enquiries about convex mirrors for a few blind spots and apparently the council are not allowed to use them as it may impair a driver's judgement.

I have also reported the state of the bridledways where building material deliveries have been churning them up. This is being monitored.

Think that's about it for this issue. Keep your news coming in.

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John Guggiari

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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

As the weather warms up in Spring, bees will be out in force collecting pollen and nectar whilst birds will be busy nest-building and raising their young. Around the same time, if you watch and listen carefully, you might well see the first outings of the lawn bowlers and hear the sound of bowl hitting jack (or subdued curses when they miss) as they practice for the new season. From about the start of May the lawn bowling season will be underway with league and other matches taking place despite what can often be variable weather conditions.



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If you fancy trying or taking up lawn bowls then do not wait until May. Contact us any time by email after visiting our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.clubbz.com> or call me on 530363 to have a chat about bowling.

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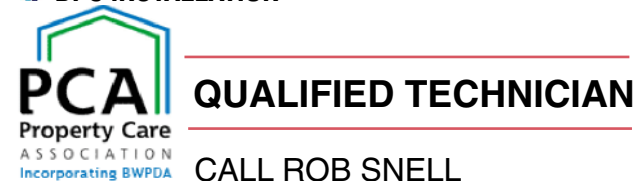
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The new Goxhill Post Office will be delighted to welcome customers to the new branch. Local residents and small business customers will be able to access the wide range of Post Office and mail services, including Special Delivery, Local Collect, home shopping returns, and make online banking cash deposits and withdrawals, withdrawals using a Post Office Card Account, send funds abroad using Moneygram, pay bills, pre-order travel money, apply for travel insurance and top up mobile phones - all on offer seven days a week. Paul Searby said, "We are here to offer an improved service in our friendly local shop and to be there when our customers, new and old, need Post Office Services, from 6am* - 9pm every day. 3 supervisors and I are fully trained, so there will always be someone here to provide the full range of Post Office services.



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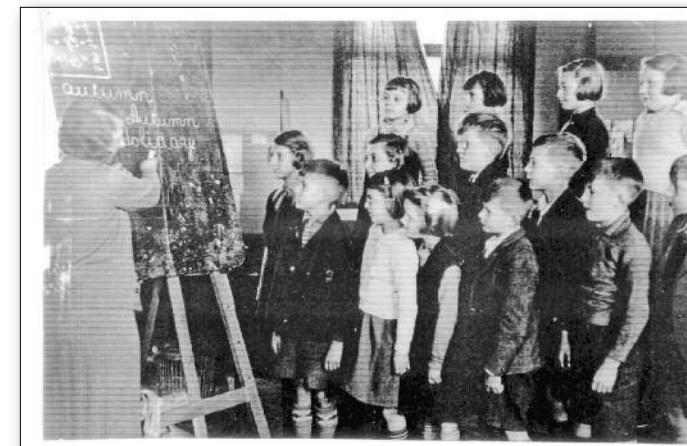
We are planning a Grand Opening of the new Goxhill Post Office soon, so look out for notices."

When did the 'Old School' open?

In the winter edition of the Gander there was a photograph of the staff at the "Old School" in 1959/60. Sadly Mrs Labourn was not on the photograph as I remember her as my teacher in about 1943/4.

Ramona asks for the date of the old school opening. I shall give the exact date by quoting from the report from the Methodist Education Committee in 1856 which describes its opening -

"...despite opposition, principally from other sections of the church. It lasted for about 2 years. A certain party writing to the [Privy] Council saying that such a school was not necessary. Conflcting statements caused HM Inspector to come down. His report was decidedly in favour of our proposed school. The school was nearly completed in Nov 1855 when a bazaar was held in the new schoolroom, the first bazaar known to be held in Goxhill. The sum of £102 was realised.



Evacuees from Hull being taught in the Memorial Hall during WW2.

The schoolmaster's house etc cost £886 towards which The Committee of Council in Education granted £360 and the Wesleyan Committee £35.

The school was opened in Jan 1856 by a very efficient teacher, but many difficulties had to be surmounted in the first year. The average attendance being about 50 to 60 scholars there was a defieny at the close, which was instantly met by members of the management committee. The second year terminated more favourably and we are happy to be able to state that as each year terminates, our income is nearer meeting the expenses.

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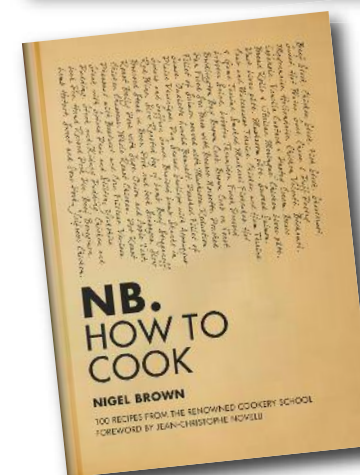


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The average attendance of scholars is from 80 to 90 and we are expecting soon to make up 100. The School is at present in a healthy state."

I find it fascinating that the numbers in the early 1940s were similar. I have discovered that in 1862 the master was John Bulton and he was in charge of 121 pupils. The earliest surviving logbook dates from January 1893. My father Eric attended in the early twentieth century leaving age eleven, the master then being Mr Ridge. In the 1930s when my sister Gladys attended and in the forties when I was there, Mr Huxtable was Headmaster (though there were of course other staff by then). When the evacuees from Hull arrived during the war, one of their teachers, Miss Salter, came with them and she taught the top class for many years, staying in Goxhill after the refugees returned to Hull. It was in 1937 that the school became a primary school and scholars left aged 11 and went to secondary schools at Barton or Immingham. Ten years later the School Canteen opened at the Memorial Hall and this was important not just for the excellence of Mrs Osgerby's meals but also the Hall quickly became free of debt thanks to Lindsey County Council. **Russell Cook** (pupil at Goxhill 1942-48)

CHEF & FOOD FEATURES EDITOR



NB. HOW TO COOK has just received its first award,

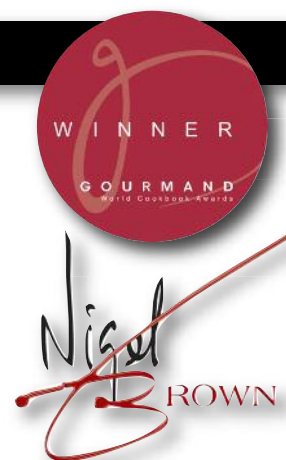
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Fillet Steak with Quail Eggs and Black Summer Truffles

Ingredients - Serves 4

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| 100ml rapeseed oil | 4 quail eggs |
| 4 x 170g fillet steaks | 1 medium black summer truffle |
| pinch of salt and ground black pepper | 50g unsalted butter |
| 2 small sprigs of fresh thyme | 50g tomatoes or small cherry tomatoes |

Method

Take a large thick-bottomed sauté pan, add 50ml of rapeseed oil and place on a medium heat.

On a chopping board, season the fillet steaks with salt and pepper and a sprinkling of thyme.

In a separate small sauté pan, add the remaining rapeseed oil and place on a medium heat.

To cook the fillet steaks, place them into the large, hot sauté pan. Cover with a lid and cook for 2 minutes on a medium heat. While the steaks are cooking, snip the pointed end of the quail eggs off with a pair of scissors, pour the eggs into the small hot sauté pan then reduce the heat to low.

While the eggs are cooking turn the steaks and continue cooking for a further 2 minutes without the lid.

Place the fried eggs on top of the steaks in the pan, with a thin slice of black summer truffle and a sprig of fresh thyme on top. Just before serving, add the unsalted butter to the steak pan and allow to foam. Remove the steaks from the pan and allow to rest for 1 minute.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

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One of the newer members of Barton Rotary Club, and a keen gardener, Colin Salter, put all of his cultivating skills into growing a superb moustache in aid of charity. He was taking part in the "Movember" challenge and raised £500 through sponsorship, which he presented to Barton Rotary Club. Members added £100 so that £300 each could be presented to Lindsey Lodge Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support - charities chosen by Colin.



To help the victims of the York area flooding, Barton Rotary club held a collection at the Tesco super-market in Barton. £1,300 was raised together with five full trolley loads of cleaning equipment which were delivered to the three York Rotary clubs, who are working with the Salvation Army in the city. Barton Rotary also donated £500.

Baysgarth School Hall was full for the Rotary Christmas Concert for OAP's. They were entertained by The John Harrison School Choir from Barrow and Barton Town Band. Rotarians and their partners served refreshments to their guests who were also provided with transport to the hall from Goxhill.

Barton Rotary Club members and their families cooked and delivered sixty three Christmas Day Dinners to elderly people in Barton and the surrounding villages, including Goxhill. Most of the people who received the festive meal would have been on their own on Christmas Day, or unable to cook for themselves.




ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN

Hello again from the volunteers of the Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian. Christmas and New Year celebrations are now a distant memory as we Rotarians are planning our activities and events for this year.

A massive thank you to all of you who supported us as we escorted Father Christmas around our area – thanks to your generosity we raised over £1000 which we will plough back into helping our community.

It was heart-warming to see the excitement on the children's faces as Santa's sleigh drew up alongside. It certainly seems that the pre-arranged groups and locations and approximate timings is a good way of ensuring most of the children (and some parents) get to have a chat with the man in the red suit.

We are now in process of arranging our activities for 2016, and as soon as we have anything firmed up we will let you know.

Pen-Pals: The postbox has been collected from the post office, and we have a few letters to send to the children in Myanmar – that will be a real treat for them. Thank you to those of you who took the time to support us in this venture.

Until the summer, stay safe and stay well !!

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month in Barrow Sports and Fitness centre, Thorngarth Lane, Barrow (beside the church) from 7pm until 8.30 pm (ish). We look forward to welcoming you.

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I have a long history connected to local government. I was first elected as a co-opted member of the North Lincolnshire Council Standards Committee, followed by my election as a North Lincolnshire Councillor. I do my best to make sure that local issues are given as much priority as possible and are correctly put to North Lincolnshire Council
My background is as a farmer's son living and working on the farm, until I started my Haulage Company that served all the villages in the area, moving mainly agricultural produce and aggregates. As a result, I have a good knowledge of the way that rural life works and now

I try to improve the way that rural people can be helped. Recently I have been accepted as a co-opted member of The Goxhill and East Halton Schools' Federation Governing Body. I have been a Governor at two other schools at different intervals over the last 30 years. I first served as a School Governor when my children were at School, but now I have 5 grandchildren aged between 6 and 13 in primary and secondary education that I like to keep in touch with and I am supported by my wife Jenny.

UPDATE ON HUMBER PIPELINE



The council, with the support of the local ward members, have made the following representation to the Planning Inspectorate recently.

"Thank you for inviting us to make a representation regarding the proposed transport plan for the Goxhill Pipeline Replacement Project. We are acutely aware of the importance of this national infrastructure project. We welcome the opportunity to make a positive contribution to this process.

Ferry Road Goxhill is a relatively quiet, well kept road running through the western perimeter of the village and it is fronted by many residential properties. The proposed use of Ferry Road as a route for LGV traffic serving this project would have a significant long term, negative effect on the lives of many residents. Our preferred proposal would remove LGV traffic from Ferry Road apart from occasional exceptional loads. We therefore request that you give serious consideration to our proposal to avoid the use of Ferry Road. You will be aware that we have already met with representatives of National Grid and asked them to consider adjusting their proposed transport plan in a way that would reduce the impact of this project on the Goxhill community and would provide lasting benefit to that community. We asked them to assess the feasibility of changing the proposed Haul Route from a one-way temporary route to a two-way permanent route that would join Soff Lane further out of the village and would consequently relieve Ferry Road of much of the LGV traffic thus providing a permanent improvement to traffic flow around Goxhill. National Grid did as we asked and their feasibility study showed that our proposal was unaffordable and that it would take the Haul Route outside of the development area. In addition to this they could not secure

permanent ownership of the necessary additional land. We understand their position.



We believe however that most of the benefits of that proposal could still be achieved by increasing the width of the proposed temporary Haul Route to allow two way traffic thus removing the need for LGV traffic to use Ferry Road. It is acknowledged that there is insufficient width to widen this route between the end of the Haul Route and Soff Lane but it would be possible to install traffic lights to manage the traffic on this short length of road. There may also be a need to provide additional passing places between the south end of the Haul Road and College Road. The route could further be improved by adding a set of traffic lights between the north end of the Haul Road and the disused railway line.

This proposal would not require the purchase of any additional land and the temporary road would be much less expensive than the permanent route. Eliminating the use of Ferry Road for LGV traffic (other than exceptional loads) has benefits for the community and for National Grid. Far fewer residents would be affected by the route we have proposed which will result in fewer complaints to National Grid. It has already been agreed that Ferry Road can only be used on weekdays between the hours of 0930 and 1530 and on Saturday mornings. This will greatly restrict traffic movements for National Grid and will prove extremely difficult to manage. The alternative we have proposed could be used without such restrictions".

We await the decision of the Planning Inspectorate. Upto date information on the entire project can be found on the following website address :- <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/river-humber-gas>

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