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Winter 2015

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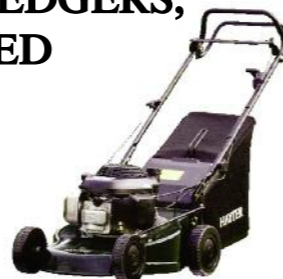
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As we approach the start of a new year, I believe Goxhill is developing and moving forward. A newly rebuilt Memorial Hall, possibly a new Supermarket, plans to relocate the Post Office, a busy Doctor's Surgery and Pharmacy. Perhaps even a better pub? We may not have all the shops and services of the past in the village, but it is good to see investment being put into our existing facilities and even adding new. The future of our railway service looks secure as a result of the current investment. The school is highly thought of by our local authority and in increasing demand and bulging at the seams. There are large amounts of building land just waiting for the green light to allow development.

There is the potential for considerable growth in the village. But this needs managing carefully to keep such development under control, to maintain the character and traditions of the village while improving the infrastructure and facilities.

The beautiful tree lined avenues we enjoy today were a great vision from previous generations and we owe it to them and to ourselves to maintain this stunning approach to the village, especially in the Spring. Our narrow winding lanes and bridleways too, are a distinctive aspect of our village's character, that should be kept and protected despite the ever increasing demands of traffic.

So where will potential for growth of our village come from?

North Lincolnshire Council have ambitious plans for regeneration of our county with their Lakeside development of 6000 new homes and all the extra facilities to go with it, between Scunthorpe and the Trent. That is all very well, but with the terrible cut backs at the steel works, the expected demand for all that new housing may not materialise. In reality the majority of new industrial expansion is likely to happen on either side of the Humber estuary and all the green energy industries coming to the new Marine Park. With the Lakeside development on the west of Scunthorpe, it is a long way to commute to these new industries.

Although Goxhill is designated as a minimum growth settlement in North Lincolnshire's Local Plan, I can see Goxhill and the villages around us being far more in demand for new housing growth than Scunthorpe. Mind you without a pub, how many would choose to live in Goxhill rather than Barrow or Barton?

There was an opportunity to become involved with developing the future of our village a while ago, but I believe response was very poor, so it is left to the Parish Council as usual.

But we need the village to pull together, work with our Parish Council, get our North Lincolnshire Councillors working with us, harness all the experience and knowledge of our residents, to develop our village how we want it to be. Do we want wider roads, large housing estates, a new school, new facilities. Or do we want to keep it as it is? Or some carefully controlled expansion with the benefits of the old and the new? I am sure we all want a thriving village.

To achieve this we need to make our voices heard in the right places about all the possible changes, be it putting in constructive opposition or support to the Planning Department about pulling down the pub, or building a new supermarket or any other proposed developments. However valuable Facebook is to express opinions and pass on vital information, it is not listened to by the Planners. But links to the right websites can often be found on the Goxhill Grapevine and the Library is a source of vital information and contacts. So please help!



On behalf of all the Gander Team, I would like to pass our Season's Greetings and a huge thank you to all our readers, contributors, advertisers and our wonderful army of deliverers. And to wish you all a peaceful New Year and hope the future of Goxhill is bright.

Jeff Teasdale - Editor of the Goxhill Gander

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Do you get sad at this time of the year? Are you sad even though the festive season is upon us and 'tis the season to be jolly (or so the song would remind us!) Many people are sad even though they try to be jolly - and there's not a lot they can do about it, because the reality is that they have 'SAD' syndrome - or, to give it its full title 'Seasonal Affective Disorder'

SAD is a type of depression that comes and goes in a seasonal pattern, often beginning in late autumn as the days start getting shorter. SAD affects most sufferers during December, January and February and its symptoms can include: persistent low moods, a loss of pleasure or interest in normal everyday activities, irritability, feelings of despair, guilt and worthlessness, feeling lethargic (lacking in energy) and feeling sleepy during the day. For some people, these symptoms can be severe and have a significant impact on their day-to-day activities. The exact cause of SAD isn't fully understood, but it's often linked to reduced exposure to sunlight during the shorter autumn and winter days which in turn causes a part of the brain not to produce certain chemicals which would normally keep us 'balanced' in our ability to deal with life.

It's therefore poignant to reflect upon the fact that we human beings need the light as much as we need oxygen if we are to live as full a life as possible. There is, therefore, an explicable reason why fears, worries, depression and the bad things of life so often seem to be drawn out at night time, while daylight and Spring brings hope, a fresh start, clarity and purpose.

Well, I am afraid that light nights are some way off. Perhaps a resolution to some of the problems and challenges that assail us may be even further away. In the midst of the darkness, though, we have an opportunity to pause and to remember the old, old story, that Christmas is all about Jesus Christ- God's Son, born on earth as a baby and living a life that would change the world forever. One of the ways Jesus described himself was as 'the light of the world' - a light that would never go out despite the opposition of the 'darkness' which would seek to extinguish it.

So why not join us at church this Christmas, and find out what it means not only to follow 'the light of the world', but to know his love, forgiveness and purpose in your life? Come and join our celebration - you'll be very welcome! It might just give you a different perspective on what really is important in life.

Reverend John Girtchen

Services at Christmas at All Saints Church (unless otherwise stated)

Sunday	29th	November	9.30am	Holy Communion to mark the beginning of Advent
Sunday	6th	December	6.00pm	Family Christingle Service.
Sunday	20th	December	6.00pm	United Carol Service (at Goxhill Methodist Church)
Thursday	24th	December	4.00pm	Family Crib Service (at Goxhill Methodist Church)
Thursday	24th	December	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass)
Christmas Day			10.00am	Family Communion (at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow)

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends.

Over these next few months, we see Winter hopefully turning into the promise of Spring – holly bushes with bright red berries reminding us of Christmas, snowdrops heralding a new season of growth in the woodlands and gardens. We have New Year in between.

What a time of celebration!

December - Christmas is about the birth of a child whose purpose is to bring new life – spiritual life – and the promise of eternal life to those who believe and trust in Him

January - New Year is about the birth of a new year (obviously), uncharted territory with it hopes, resolutions and promise.

February – new life bringing growth, re-growth and the promise of rich colour, fruit and veg. in the months to come

What a time of promise – at a time when most of us see Winter as only dark, gloomy, cold and depressing. Promise includes hope. Christian hope is really like remembering God's promises to us – and one of those promises is that God will make all things new.

May this season be for you and your families a season of promise and hope; may you feel yourselves surrounded with the warmth and light of God's love, joy and peace

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Revd Enid Knowles

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Christmas Bingo

December 8th Memorial Hall.
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Pop In

We don't have a Pop In in December, but we return in January on 16th in the Chapel School Room 10.30am-12.30pm

Pancake Day

Tuesday 9th February
Pancakes will be served in the Chapel School from 11am -1.30pm
See posters nearer the time for more details.

Next Quiz Night

February 19th 7.30pm in the Chapel schoolroom. £5 including supper.

We have reached the stage were, if all the teams that like to come were able to come on the night, we would not be able to accommodate everyone, so please book promptly to guarantee your place.

To book a team ring **Jane 530962** or **Sandra 530065**.

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CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOM Thursdays 2-4pm
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THE LUNCHEON CLUB

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BARTON AREA FOOD BANK



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DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING GANDER

Please have submissions in by Saturday 30th January for distribution first week of March
email: goxhill-gander@fsmail.net
or telephone any member of the team.

Goxhill Memorial Hall 200 Club

Thank you to all those who are members of the above club, we have been so successful this year in collecting more than usual contributors, that the prize money has increased.

We now have four prizes each month with an additional £100.00 prize money paid out in September, December, March and June of each year. Each month a prize of £30, £20, £15 and £10 will be paid out.

200 club winners for the last three months -

the Final draw of the previous 200 club			
August	64	Dr Coppack	£ 29.50
"	158	Mr J Bailey	£ 29.50
September	83	Danielle Holtby	£100.00
"	162	Laurie Teasdale	£30.00
"	10	Linda Wood	£20.00
"	27	Judith Proctor	£15.00
"	220	Mrs P White	£10.00
October	170	Val Dunderdale	£30.00
"	172	John Nadin	£20.00
"	10	Linda Wood	£15.00
"	27	Judith Proctor	£10.00

NB. because of coincidences in two of the months, I confirm that the draws are carried out correctly and numbered balls are picked out completely at random. The September draw was done at Greenfields, picked out by the residents in attendance. Each chosen ball was laid out in an egg box for verification. Iris Thompson, the 200 Club Secretary, was with me, writing it down. The numbers were left out so all could see.

Because Greenfields were unavailable that day, the October draw was made by a customer and the staff at the Spar shop, including Paul the owner. Each staff member picked out a number and it was verified by a member who did not draw one. Iris witnessed it again. **Penny Nadin**

GOXHILL ART CIRCLE

We meet on Wednesday afternoon in the room at the rear of the Methodist Church Goxhill from 2 - 4pm. The door is always open from 1.45pm.

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The W.I. meet every 2nd Monday of the month throughout the year except for August, at 7pm 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.**

Our future programme includes:

- December 14th** - Christmas Party
- January 11th** - is our Members' Night
- February 8th** - Goxhill News

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Goxhill W.I. Ladies and their Friends would like to thank all those who supported them with the Coffee Morning.

A magnificent £278.72 was raised and this has been passed to MacMillan Cancer Support.

BEE KEEPING

Our next three months meetings are:

- Dec** No meeting
- Jan 25th** AGM and prize giving evening.
- Feb 29th** Cookery demo from our local Brigg chocolatier, Fiona Sciolti.

Unless stated otherwise our meetings commence at 7.30pm on the last Monday of the month at Broughton Village Hall, 59, High Street, Broughton DN20 0JX
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THE LINDSEY LODGE HOSPICE

Tree of Lights Service at St Mary's Church

The Lindsey Lodge Hospice are holding a Tree of Lights Service at St. Mary's Church, Burgate, Barton upon Humber on Sunday the 13th December at 4pm. This



is a lovely service where you can remember loved ones who are no longer with you. There are candles that can be lit for loved ones and a book of remembrance to display loved ones names. Please see posters or phone **Liz on 01469 530165 or Bridget on 01652 633094**

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CANCER RESEARCH

On Thursday 20th August, Ellie and Nia Wilkinson and Ruby Mitchell held a stall on the corner of Thorn Lane in order to raise money for Cancer Research. The girls had been playing together one afternoon and came up with the idea before approaching the parents about it. When Ellie first mentioned the idea I thought they would never actually see it through. However, over the next few weeks when the girls got together they planned what they would make and sell. They organised themselves keeping notes in special books and began making loom bands and gathering other items to put on the stall. Ruby managed to get hold of a Cancer Research collection bucket, a banner and some balloons to make sure their stall looked professional.

The day of the stall the girls were busy baking their produce to sell and writing out price labels. They had made soaps, loom band bracelets and even gathered a stuffed dog for a 'name the dog competition'. The children were well supported by the village and sold out of cakes, buns and biscuits within an hour and a half. Through the success of the stall and further donations given afterwards, the children raised a total of £79.52 which was then taken to the local Cancer Research shop. This is a huge achievement for three children who clearly have big hearts. I know as parents we could not be more proud of what they managed to organise and achieve. Thank you to all who came along and supported their cause. It just goes to show the community spirit within the village.

GOXHILL CHURCH BELL RINGERS

We held our annual Strawberry Tea in August and once again we were lucky to have a warm and mainly sunny day. Many people came and had an enjoyable afternoon helping us to raise £1383 for Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland L.I.V.E.S.

We would like to thank all who came, our helpers and people who donated in any way to make it such a successful afternoon. **Stuart Cooke**



POPPY APPEAL

The result of a coffee morning at Conifer Cottage on the behalf of the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal "Coffee and Cake" event at Conifer Cottage.

This raised a very gratifying £295. 20p towards the Goxhill Village "Poppy Appeal"

Penny Carnell



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The Ropewalk

An evening of comedy at Ropery Hall with BBC Radio4 'Fair Cop' Alfie Moore

Fresh from his hit Radio 4 series "It's A Fair Cop" and a sell-out Edinburgh Festival, Alfie Moore brings a mix of stand-up comedy and real-life stories to Barton upon Humber's Rotary Club comedy night on **16 January** held at Ropery Hall. Alfie, who spent 18 years with Humberside Police before turning to stand-up comedy, will taser his way through hilarious and fascinating anecdotes from his eighteen years on the beat including the true story of his dogged determination to track down a "serial flasher" – a tale with twists and turns that exposes a hilariously strange and seedy side of his crime investigation.

As well as making numerous appearances on television and radio including the Sky News Paper Review, Comedy Relief and The Wright Stuff Alfie has now taken four shows to Edinburgh Festival and last year's The Naked Stun was awarded the Edinburgh Fringe laurel for a sell-out show.

Tickets cost £14 in advance or £16 on the door and can be booked online at www.roperyhall.co.uk

Other acts gracing the Ropery Hall stage in the New Year include T'Pau and comedian Rory McGrath. Again more details can be found on www.roperyhall.co.uk

The Ropewalk Christmas Opening Times

The Ropewalk will be open until 5pm on Christmas Eve for all your festive shopping which can be gift wrapped for a small additional fee. It will be closed from Christmas Day until December 29 when it re-opens at 10am.

POTTY PANTO PLAYERS

URGENT! You may be just in time for this year's pantomime, in **Goxhill Memorial Hall!**

"PIRATES" by Sharon Hulm.

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Tickets are £5 and can be ordered on 07817 442804 and may be collected and paid for with Caroline at Colin's shop. Lynne Brocklesby

BADAOS

After another successful year for BADAOS, with our productions of 'Oliver' and our summer concert 'Queen is the word.'



We look to the New Year with excitement as we bring, possibly, our most ambitious show yet.

'Whistle Down the Wind'

comes to Baysgarth School from **Tuesday 16th - Saturday 20th February 2016.**

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Though we will still continue to bring you fabulous musical productions, only at different venues.

So we endeavour to make this last show at Baysgarth as exciting as possible, with electrifying music, powerful and emotional singing and a finale to set the stage a fire.

We may be leaving Baysgarth School but we won't be leaving quietly.

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www.badaos.webden.co.uk for more details.



The South Bank Players are pleased to announce that their pantomime for 2016 will be

'Cinderella and the Velvet Slipper'

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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

LiVeLincs at Goxhill Memorial Hall

If it is December when you are reading this then the Mazaika duo's concert at our Memorial Hall will have already taken place. Hopefully, for those who went along, Igor and Sarah delivered as promised a performance that transported us from the Russian Steppes to a Parisian café by way of gypsy campfires and operatic melodrama. If they did not manage all that then I trust that you had an enjoyable evening sharing some great music and a few drinks with friends both old and new. It was our second LiVeLincs sponsored show of the year after The Big Smoke Band back in March.

At the time of writing I have put in a bid to secure another show through LiVeLincs to take place on 9th or 10th April. If I've been really lucky then we might even end up with another act a little earlier in the year too - so keep your eyes out for posters around the village. As with the previous two shows I will also include details on the Goxhill Grapevine Facebook pages.

Whilst we have LiVeLincs underwriting these events, you are benefitting from exceptionally good value tickets at just £7. We can do more though if you give your support to the shows. Although booking artists directly is expensive, if we can be fairly sure of a regular audience of about 80 people, then we will be able to bring in other acts too. So please do try and support these shows even if the act may not seem quite your usual taste. Remember that turning up is the only way that you will find yourself pleasantly surprized by enjoying it after all!

John Guggiari



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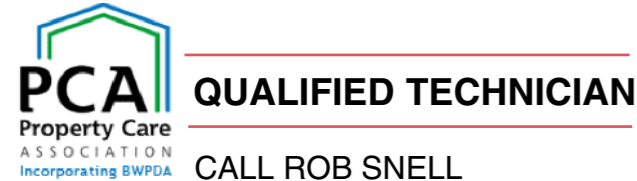
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Many of you may have read or seen much activity on our railway over the last twelve months.

Network Rail are investing £83m into our railways in the region. A result from this work will see a more reliable railway, with freight trains being able to utilise the hourly train paths more frequently.

The first part of this project has been the building of a state of the art signalling centre based in York. It is due to open in December 2015 and will be known as Rail Operating Centre (ROC). It is one of several being built around the country to replace signal boxes along the railway.

Some number crunching -

- 400,000km new buried cable
- 98 new signals and the re control of 65 existing signals
- 16 new renewed level crossings
- 125 Axle counters
- 30 track circuits
- 9 station plungers
- 4 lock out devices

The following level crossings have all been renewed with lifting barriers –

Thornton Abbey, Ulceby, Great Coates, Friargate (Grimsby), Littlefield Lane (Grimsby), Pasture Street (Grimsby), Wellowgate (Grimsby), Roxton Sidings, Little London Crossing, Stallingborough, Habrough, Fish Dock Road, Barton Road.

back more than 100 years and has reached the end of its projected 50 years. In technical terms, some of the rail is bull head type which has not been used for over 40 years. Signals will be replaced. In all the whole route will be brought into the 21st century and less infrastructure failures will occur. Therefore meaning the service, from Network Rail's view point, will be more reliable. Obviously a cost saving will eventually result with the closure of the signal boxes. The signals are to be replaced between Butterswood Crossing and Cleethorpes to state of the art colour light signalling, replacing the old semaphore signals.

Originally the whole route was to be replaced, however after already spending a lot of money relaying cabling and placing axle counters at Goxhill, it was decided to cut short the programme terminating it at Goxhill, a decision made at the last minute (June 2015). So the manually operated Signal Box and Crossing will remain. Although beyond that to Grimsby/Cleethorpes a complete modernisation will take place. However the rail is still to be replaced along the whole route from Barton to Cleethorpes.

In order to carry out the whole of this works our line will be completely closed between 2300hrs on 24/12/2015 to 0500hrs on 11/1/2016 so no trains will run on the line and buses will replace the trains. Journey times will be extended.

In addition to our line closing, the whole railway network will be closed between Cleethorpes and Scunthorpe, Cleethorpes and Lincoln/Brigg. Buses will replace trains over these routes, all as the above dates, although from Barnetby and beyond the line reopens 0500 30/12/2015.

Effectively, if you intend to travel between Barton and Cleethorpes, no trains will run. If you intend to travel beyond Barnetby trains start running 30/12/2015

Investment in our railways is long overdue and these works will bring our region into the 21st century.

Advice from Rail Operating companies in our region during this block aid is check journey times and information before travelling. And expect extended journey times.

A dedicated website details closures and changes to services – networkrail.co.uk/greaterlincs

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Unfortunately Goxhill was cancelled and the old manually operated gates will remain.

All of the new crossings will be fitted with people and vehicle sensors. And most will be fitted with cameras. So the advice is, don't jump the flashing red lights, otherwise a costly fine will follow with three points on your licence.

To justify the works to the Office of Rail Regulator, Network Rail needed to prove the signalling was life expired, a need for centralised signalling (move to ROC) and to increase capacity on the key freight route between Immingham and the rest of the country.

How will our route between Barton and Grimsby be affected.

The line speed will be increased thus allowing for possibly an hourly service. The rail is being replaced. An interesting fact here is that some of the rail dates

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Highway Trees

Many articles have been written about our beautiful tree lined roads, one recently by me and in the past by others with extremely more knowledge and memories of their history, but I find that once again I have to pass on a few points for general information. For decades hard working volunteers have carried out maintenance, although, at times harsh restrictions were placed upon them, and over the last two years we have tried to put together a programme of removal and replacement of any trees found to be dead or diseased. We spent much time marking the ones for future attention, where they were deteriorating, or where they may in fact be causing a restriction, or be a danger to highway users. The residents I spoke to, on my way round the village inspecting and marking, were very understanding and supportive of our proposed action, now it must seem that we have been extremely slow. It still is our intention to carry out this work and replace any removed trees with standard or a fastigate variety of a similar species which would continue the original theme. However, once again we have been stopped.

History repeating itself; back in the eighties a very hard working gentleman and devoted volunteer was stopped by the then authority, Humberside, from tending to the trees, which he had done single-handed for twenty five years. We have certainly not been trying for such a long time but we seem to be meeting the same barriers. Just as we think we have cleared all the obstacles more appear, I'm sure Olympic athletes don't find their rules changing when they reach the final! I'm not saying that we are athletes by any stretch of the imagination, but at times it does seem that we put in many hours of effort trying to obey the rules when just as we think we have reach the final, the rules change.

A meeting was held in 2014 with N.L.C and an agreement was reached that action should be taken and a program was to be drawn up. They did not have the funds, but with the correct training and insurances, our volunteers, with the proper supervision, could carry out the work. After the removal of one Crataegus, Thorn tree, that had been dead for two years, and was possibly dangerous, we were stopped again. Why? We have the correct insurance, we have risk assessments drawn up, we have a chain saw certificate and proper training, and a traffic management plan was made. Where work is needed to be carried out on any trees that are dead or diseased, a felling licence is not needed.

Many articles have been written recently in respect of trees in our cities, urban spaces and arterial roads, many trees reaching their maturity needing replacement. The importance of mature trees in urban areas is undeniable, but local authorities must balance public safety against their responsibilities for protecting and enhancing the environment. We recognise this dilemma, but cannot go on forever debating it, whilst taking no action.

We believe that all our trees have been donated by village organisations, some of the Chestnuts, since the eighteen hundreds, most of the others date from the nineteen thirties onwards, planted to celebrate one occasion or another; we owe it to all of those people to maintain them and replace them, and to keep their vision alive. Whilst we are very much aware that the land belongs to N.L.C. the trees are ours, and provided we keep the authority informed of any future work and providing we obey the rules, however many times they change, it is our intention to honour the past residents of Goxhill and preserve, maintain, and indeed add, to their valiant efforts.

Playing Field

The Skate Park application is still ongoing and hopefully we will have news in the near future.

An excellent fun day was held and the field was left in immaculate condition by the organisers.

There has been some vandalism, photographs have been taken showing several youths climbing on the MUGGA basketball rings and causing damage. The photographs will be forwarded to the police should subsequent damage be discovered. Please ensure that your children do not climb on this equipment, it can cause damage and it may cause injury if they fall. Any parents wishing to see the photographs can contact the PC.

Allotments

There are at present three plots available for rent for any budding, "growing buddies", contact **Mike Gathercole** for details **07775 775853**.

Library

The library still needs your support, our excellent volunteers are always there to help you, either with computing, or just to obtain a book for you,

Cemetery

Clearance of the rear field will continue this next month, and hopefully we will soon see some changes.

Memorial Hall

See Page 27 for the article on the rebuild of the hall.

Millennium Green

Damage has been caused to the bench by vandals, this is to be repaired. The entrance gate latch also needs attention.

Freda Dunkley

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

For this edition of the Gander, I have rallied our staff together to report on a few significant events which have taken place this term. Before that however, I would just like to say what a lovely Saturday we had in October for our Open day in celebrating Goxhill Primary School's 40th Anniversary on this school site. It was so lovely to see so many past pupils and parents and teachers and other community members who have had some connection with our school. The atmosphere was so relaxed and friendly. The school was 'spruced' up and threw open its doors and hosted a vintage tea party for members of the current school community and older school community to enjoy and explore. Many people chose to tour the school and compare and contrast the school that they remembered. The dining hall was a buzz of nostalgia and storytelling and there was a real warmth on people's faces as they greeted old friends/ school colleagues/ work friends. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in organising this for all of their hard work in pulling together another very successful school event and for the whole community in supporting our thriving primary school. We are at the heart of you.

Dahlicious Dress Up Day!

The Dahlicious dress up day, earlier this term, was a raging success! Children and staff alike, from both Goxhill and East Halton, were witnessed sporting outrageous, humorous and quirky outfits befitting of the reputations of Dahl's much loved fictional characters - I am sure that the image of Mr Bryne as Mr Twit and Mrs Savidge as an Umpa-Lumpa will stay firmly ingrained within the children's memories for several years to come!

On the day, the children enjoyed stories and poems written by the famous author and also a national interactive screening of a dedication to Dahl programme, through which children gained a greater insight into the author and participated in a draw-along, accompanying lots of children and schools across the country in the celebration.

The day raised awareness of the work undertaken by Roald Dahl's marvellous children's charity and the effort that they put into providing care, enjoyment and hope to poorly children around the world. Thank you for all of your help and support in ensuring that this day was the success it was.

Hayley Twidale (Whole School Literacy Co-ordinator)

My first thoughts of Goxhill and East Halton Schools' Federation by Steve Fox

I cannot believe that the first half term has flown by so quickly! Since joining Goxhill Primary School as Assistant Headteacher, I have really enjoyed meeting all of the staff, children, parents and learning all about the local community. The welcoming nature, supportive nature of all stakeholders in the school is

certainly one of its strengths; it was one of the main reasons that I decided to apply for the position at the school, leaving behind many friends and memories from my former school. The junior school (a large, town centre Scunthorpe school) had over four hundred and eighty pupils, spread over four classes per year group! Although Goxhill is still a reasonable sized school, it feels very family and community orientated. I feel like I can get to know the children much more quickly across all year groups. I particularly enjoy seeing the Key Stage one children as we didn't have this age group at my previous school!

Within the first few weeks of starting, I was faced with an exciting residential trip to Robin Wood Activity Centre. What an amazing place! This created a super opportunity to get to know the children even better, and for them to get to know me whilst jumping off the trapeze and canoeing across lakes! All the



All the thrills of the Robinwood Activity Centre trip

children (and the staff) had a great time, overcoming fears and learning to work as a team to overcome barriers.

In my short time at Goxhill, I am already finding out that it is a great school, a great staff and a great community. I am really looking forward to getting to know the wider community even better.

Steve Fox (Assistant Headteacher)

East Halton's First Cook Off Competition

The children at East Halton Primary School had a fantastic day at the end of last term involving lots of planning, preparing and cooking. Each of the 3 classes planned and prepared a 3 course meal with decorations based on the topic they were studying that term. Foundation Stage created a ghoulish menu based around Halloween as they had been exploring Autumn. Key Stage 1 prepared a Gruffalo feast linking to their topic about the author Julia Donaldson. Key Stage 2 created an out of this world menu based on their Lego meets space topic.

The children worked really well and were fully involved in the whole process. This was a really good opportunity for all children to develop their cookery skills and learn about where our food comes from as well being creative with cooking. As this was a competition, we needed some judges! We invited our head governor, Mr Teasdale, and Angie

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A ghoulish menu from East Halton's Foundation

were really excited to come into our school for the first time. They had so much fun and were asked to come back next year to join in with the fun all over again. Due to the huge success the cook off competition was, we are looking forward to making the event an annual one! Well done to the children in Key Stage One who were the overall winners and huge congratulations to all the children for their ideas and input.

We are looking forward to having the Goxhill Cook Off challenge in the summer term, we'll keep you posted.

Miss A Gibbs

Royal Day

On Thursday 17th September the children at Goxhill School celebrated Queen Elizabeth being the longest reigning British monarch by having a 'Royal Day.' The aim of the day was to teach the children about the British royal family and to foster awareness of British values and customs. The children were asked to abandon their usual uniforms for the day and come dressed in red, white and blue or as a king or queen. Most children opted for the former,

Bainborough, our head cook within the Federation to come and sample our menus as well as 2 chefs from The Ashbourne Hotel who

consequently morning assembly was a very patriot affair. The school hall was decorated with Union Jack bunting and flags which added to the overall British feel. During the assembly the children learnt about the reason behind their royal day and some quirky facts about the



Year 5 Mathematics

Queen they also performed a very rousing rendition of the National Anthem. During the afternoon the children all participated in a carousel of varied, 'British themed' activities. The older children partnering the younger ones and encouraging them to enjoy activities as varied as cricket, bingo, quizzes and relay races. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable day and hopefully one they will remember for a long time to come. **Mrs C Travis**



Hindu workshop

Now we are into the second part of this term our calendar is full of Christmas performances and other events which you are all most welcome to attend. On Thursday 17th December we shall finish our term by having Carols around the Christmas tree. We shall be serving Mince pies and a 'liquid' refreshment for those of you who attend. As always please contact our school office and let us know if you are able to attend. A list of other events will be posted on our website. Best wishes to all of you for a lovely peaceful Christmas. **Miss C Breslin, Mrs A Kell and Miss L Teasdale**



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40 YEARS OF GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

As well as many past and present staff and pupils meeting up and bringing back memories of long ago, there were some fascinating displays of old photographs and memorabilia to stimulate even more memories. Including the school log books, and very enlightening punishment books that contained many names I recognised!

It was a brilliant way to celebrate 40 years of Goxhill School and to see the bright future ahead.



Janine Cook and Caroline Foulston, two of the organisers, who worked with the school, to make the Celebration such a success. A special thanks to those school staff involved for their continued support and hard work putting up the displays, being hosts on the day and providing delicious refreshments.



It was brilliant to see so many of the old staff of Goxhill School at the reunion, some even go as far back as the old school. Some of those present were, from L- R back row, Francis Boxer, Denise Neve. Seated, John Bailey, Gillian Avill, Jean Howson, Ted Bellamy, Barbara White and Val Dunderdale.

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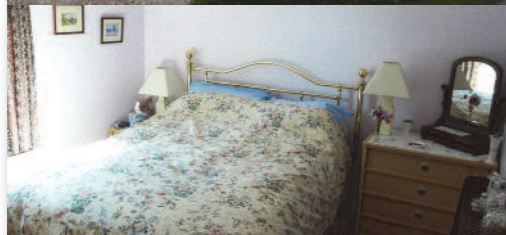
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Winter already! Blimey! Oh well, never mind and moving swiftly on... no, wait... I think it would be just impossible for me to not to mention the summer months from my perspective, See, I've just published my first cookbook. NB. HOW TO COOK*. So, with that said, I can now tell you that in my cookbook I've written some great seasonal recipes which means that in this issue I'm going to share a couple or so recipes with you for this time of the year.

First up is my game terrine. Then it's onto a hearty braised steak in beer for those cold and frosty nights and to finish off with is my delicious bread and butter pudding, perfect for a Sunday afternoon by a roaring log fire.

Happy Cooking!

*see page 33 for book review

Nigel
BROWN

Game Terrine

Ingredients

Serves 4

- 1 breast of pheasant
- 2 breasts of pigeon
- 1 breast of duck
- 1 saddle of rabbit
- 100g venison fillet
- 8 quail's eggs, hard-boiled for 4 minutes and shelled

For the forcemeat

- 100g sausagemeat
- 10g parsley, finely chopped
- leaves from 2 sprigs thyme, chopped
- 5-6 juniper berries, crushed
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- pinch of salt & ground black pepper

To line the dish

- 300g pancetta

Method

Slice the pheasant, pigeon, duck, rabbit and venison into thin strips and set to one side. For the forcemeat, mix the sausagemeat with the parsley, thyme, crushed juniper berries and chopped garlic and season with salt and pepper. Line a suitable terrine dish, or small loaf tin, with the pancetta, slightly overlapping each slice and leave an overhang around the edges and ends of the dish to fold over the terrine at the end. Fill the terrine by layering the game meat, quail's eggs and sausagemeat in a random fashion until you have a domed effect on top of the dish. Fold over the excess pancetta strips to seal the dish. Cover with foil and bake in the oven at 180°C for approximately 1 hour or until the juices run clear. Allow to cool before slicing the terrine into 8 portions and serve with pickles or chutney.



Braised Steak in Beer

Ingredients

Serves 4

- 50g rapeseed oil
- 800g braising steak in 4 thick slices
- 1 Spanish onion, peeled and sliced
- 40g plain flour
- 60g tomato purée
- 20g English mustard powder
- 10ml Worcestershire sauce
- 250ml good dark ale
- salt and ground black pepper
- 4 sprigs of watercress

Method

In a large thick-bottomed pan heat the rapeseed oil and fry the steaks until browned on both sides. Add the onions and fry for a further 2 minutes. Sprinkle the steaks with plain flour and tomato purée and stir to coat the ingredients. Add the English mustard, Worcestershire sauce and dark ale and top up with water if necessary. Cover the pan with a lid, bring to the boil and simmer for 2 hours. Remove the lid and the steaks and reduce the sauce to the required consistency by boiling to the point it coats the back of a spoon. Season the sauce to taste and serve with the braised steaks along with a sprig of watercress.



Bread and Butter Pudding

Method

Take a medium-sized earthenware dish or 4 small ramekins and butter the inside using 10g of the butter. Place the remaining butter in a bowl over a pan of hot water and allow it to melt to liquid. In a separate bowl add the eggs, milk, sugar and vanilla seeds. Whisk and strain the egg custard mixture through a sieve into a pouring jug and set to one side. Slice the brioche to the required thickness depending on the dish size and arrange it in the dish or dishes while randomly scattering the sultanas and an occasional drizzle of the melted butter. Continue filling the dish in this manner until it's full to the top.

Ingredients

Serves 4

- 80g butter
- 3 whole free range eggs
- 225ml whole milk
- 10g caster sugar
- seeds from 1 vanilla pod
- 8 slices of brioche
- 40g sultanas
- ground or grated nutmeg (optional)
- 40g golden syrup
- 20g icing sugar

Flood the dish or dishes with the egg custard to cover and allow them to stand for 10 -15 minutes. Finally, grate the nutmeg and drizzle the golden syrup over the top. Bake the pudding(s) in the oven at 180°C. When they have a golden brown top and a firm wobble, remove from the oven, dust with icing sugar.

Serve with a scoop of your favourite ice cream.



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Goxhill Memorial Hall rebuild

I am sure many of you will be aware of the rebuild of the Goxhill Memorial Hall.

This project started back in the later part of 2012.

Over the last 80 years the hall has seen many changes to the original Hall with many add on features to the front of the structure. These add ons had become life expired and the actual front of the building was in a very poor state, and major structural work was needed otherwise, after expert consultation with structural engineers, the front of the building would eventually have collapsed.

Led by Charlie Leaning the then chair of the Memorial Hall Committee he had a vision in memory of those whom had made sacrifice in the two World Wars, to have the Memorial Hall rebuilt.

Following public consultation at the hall the decision was made to rebuild. Two drawings were presented to the Hall committee and in 2013 the decision was made to rebuild to the present structure. Advice from the then architect was that building such a structure would cost in the region of £50 to £60 thousand pounds.

Unfortunately owing to various factors this did not progress, much to the consternation of Charlie.

However in 2014 the decision was made to move it on and quotes via the architect ranged from £105k to £120k. Planning Applications were approved.

These costings came as a shock to the committee, now chaired by Sam MacLeod. And it was decided to get our own building quotes.

Mr David Carnell then, very willingly and putting in a lot of time, progressed two grant applications. At the same time more realistic quotes were obtained and a local builder David Dent was chosen as the preferred builder. Costing in the region of £80k.

Unfortunately in April 2014 the previous Memorial Hall Committee did not stand for re election and in line with the Halls constitution, Goxhill Parish Council took over the management of the hall.

Mr David Carnell, via the parish council, then had the grant applications finalised and the Parish Council submitted both applications. One to North Lincolnshire Council and one to WREN. Since the WREN application was for a maximum of £56k and the NLC was for the maximum of £15k, a decision had to be made because of a shortfall of approx. £9k had to be found.

A decision was agreed to meet these costs by Memorial Hall funds and from the PC precept of £4k and £5k total.

Following a site meeting with WREN, they progressed our application and applauded both the Memorial Hall's and Goxhill PC's decision to obtain further quotes thus reducing the bill with a £40k saving.

Everybody waited for the decision from WREN and when this was successful NLC agree their funding of £15k. Goxhill Parish Council therefore progressed the project.

They applied for Building Regs approval and were successful, but a condition of planning was

that a historical record needed to be produced.

Goxhill Parish Council approved the services of local historian Caroline Atkin, who quickly produced an interesting record which was submitted to NLC. They in turn released authority for the building work to commence.

David Dent our local preferred builder was approached and he very swiftly commenced work on the demolition of the old frontage and started work on the new build.

The metal plaques were removed (for safe keeping) and the stone works revealed. These have been reground with the original inscriptions. These were incorporated back into their original places.

Mrs Penny Nadin was secured by the parish council to oversee building works and to this end she has done a splendid job ensuring the time frame of the build was maintained. She has liaised with various persons on such a build and voluntarily attended the site every day thus ensuring the build has gone to plan.

During demolition the Millennium Clock was accidentally damaged and misplaced. In August the parish council during a site visit approved the purchase of a new clock and having received a donation for £500 it seemed fitting to put that money towards it.

Building work has progressed at a fast rate and on 31/10/2015 the building was completed.

The metal plaques have yet to be relocated into the hall.

What a credit the builder has done. Many people have been in contact with the council applauding the work of the build. It is a credit to his expertise in such a complicated build ensuring the fabric of the building has been maintained. At night the building frontage is illuminated and security and safety lighting fitted around the perimeter. The council is yet to secure CCTV imagery thus protecting the building from anti social behaviour.

Via the Goxhill Gander, I would therefore publicly thank the following persons, on behalf of Goxhill Parish Council:-
Charlie Leaning. Without his vision and his dogged determination this build would not have progressed in the time frame it did.

David Carnell. His progression with the grant applications, which needed careful work in order to receive the grants.

Penny Nadin. Her constant determination to supervise the build, progress with contractors, and suppliers her daily site visits and her reports back to the council.

David Dent. His expertise in this contract, his careful demolition, thus saving the original stone engraved plaques, his eye for detail, and his overall build is a credit to his company.

And finally **Goxhill Parish Council.** I thank them since had they not progressed this build, Goxhill Memorial Hall would have fallen into disrepair and an even bigger bill would have ensued.

Goxhill Memorial Hall will now hopefully survive another 80 years.

Again thank you to everyone.

Mike Gathercole, Chair
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The mystery of the missing Millennium Clock?

The rebuilding of the front of the Memorial Hall is undoubtedly a great success and appreciated by the village. The new illuminated clock looks very smart.

However the previous clock was very special, see the extract from the Millennium Edition of the Gander 1999, opposite.

During the recent refurbishment it was apparently damaged and it has now gone missing. The Parish Council have assured that it will be put up somewhere in the hall when it is found, but it is still missing!

Penny and David Carnell and Anne Burford, who were the instigators of the Millennium Clock, are very keen for it to be found and to get it back and ensure it can be used somewhere in the village for the benefit of the community.

If anyone can help, please get in touch with the Editor or Penny and David Carnell. We cannot promise a reward, other than the gratitude of the village for saving this important piece of Goxhill's history.

Jeff Teasdale, Editor.

GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL

During February of this year the Management Committee decided to mark the new Millennium in some way and came up with the idea of an external clock to be positioned at the front of the Memorial Hall, a feature that would be of use to all the villagers.

The door and window to what was originally the projectionists room was bricked up with a time capsule in place. It was strange parcelling this up and wondering if it will ever see daylight again!

Various fund raising activities followed this decision and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those residents who supported us, along with Lindsey Oil Refinery and Associated Petroleum Terminals, who donated generously towards the clock project. Eventually, the amount needed to purchase the clock was raised. The Committee then thought it fitting that the front of the Hall be refurbished also and this should now be completed.



Memorial Hall after front Re-furbishment

The Management Committee wish all readers a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year. Perhaps a New Year resolution might be to join the Committee and help sustain your Memorial Hall for many years to come.

We hope that by now everyone will be aware of the Memorial Hall's events to celebrate the new Millennium - if not ... here they are below:

Penny Carnell

Goxhill 'old' School

When I read in The Gander about the celebration of the many years since the opening of the Goxhill School, my thoughts went back to the old school and the many people who worked there and who were educated there.

The picture opposite is a snapshot in time illustrating one of the many years that this school was working, to educate the children of Goxhill. Many years had passed then since the opening of the school. Can anyone supply the date of the first school opening? Maybe the pupils of today would enjoy investigating the history of the education from the past.

Missing from the picture is Mrs. Labourne, who was not able to be on the photograph. I am the only person left from the staff pictured here.

All of the staff lived in the village, so everyone walked to work; no cars parked in and around the school premises, as is the case today. Most of the children walked to school, those who lived down 'the marsh', nearer to the Humber, were at this time brought to and from school by Mr. Mellor's 'bus. A few were brought from further afield by car, though not everyone had a car in those days. Some children cycled to school; it was much safer on the roads in those days, traffic being very light.

During my time in this school, not all children stayed at school during the lunch hour; most mothers did not go out to work and the children who were in walking distance from school went home to a cooked lunch (or dinner); to return to school when the hour was over. Of course there were school meals cooked in the Memorial Hall, by Mrs. Osgerby in those days, lovely home cooking, not the 'fast food' such as burgers, fish fingers, chicken nuggets, as we know today. Meat vegetables and potatoes featured a lot, as did stews, cottage pies, and substantial puddings. All very tasty and filling. Of course today Goxhill school meals are so different; having returned from 'fast food' type meals to home cooked meals using fresh local vegetables, carefully resourced meat; almost a full circle.

When the bell sounded to note the end of morning school,



Staff of Goxhill School in 1959/60 From L to Rt: Mrs E Collingwood, secretary; Mrs R Percy, teacher; Mr R Foster, head master; Mrs Potts, teacher

the children who stayed for school dinners lined up two by two and were escorted on their walk to the Memorial Hall, by teachers, who supervised over lunch hour, eating with the children.

School began at nine in the morning lasting up until twelve mid day; commencing again at one o' clock until four o' clock, when the children returned to their homes. Then as now the teachers stayed behind to prepare work for the next day, taking work home with them to finish, when the caretaker needed to lock the school buildings. Of course there were no teaching assistants then, everything was done by the teacher.

There is much more to tell about the school day from those times, methods of teaching etc., which I can do at a later date. 'Though I hope this short account may set some young minds thinking and trying to research some of the education history for themselves.

In celebrating the present day School, let's not forget the work done in the past by dedicated teachers using the 'tools' that were available then in the days before computers etc.

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The end of another year

Time flies as the monkey said when the clock fell of the mantle shelf. That is of course the problem with time not just that it passes so quickly but that it brings a steady stream of calamities, problems and delights to fill each passing hour. On the larger scale, time becomes history and the dates and years of events are marked and remembered. At the end of World War 1 in January 1916 the people of Goxhill decided to build a village hall as a memorial to the local men who had lost their lives during the war now a hundred years later it has become necessary to carry out major repairs to the building. Hopefully when you are reading this the hall will again be open for the use and enjoyment of the people of the village.

The same hundred years have brought their little problems to me, the windows at the front of my house were also a hundred years old and the wood work had decayed. A few weeks after replacing them the central heating boiler failed and a new one was needed. Comparing these two events brought to mind a change which has occurred during my life time, things simply do not last as long as they used to do. The old cast iron grate with its oven and water boiler carefully polished with Black Lead lasted for ever but that is not the way today. Houses and high rise flats that were built less than fifty years ago are being declared unsuitable for occupation and are being destroyed. The first car that I had was twenty years old when I bought it and was still going well when I replaced it with a larger modern one more suited to my young age and aspirations.

There are many diverse reasons why the lifetime of ideas and objects is becoming shorter. One of the most basic factors is improvement; the desire to build a better mouse trap has swept aside many well loved artefacts of the past. It is upon this continual search for bigger and better that much of our present day industry relies. In order to justify or ameliorate some of the waste that built in obsolescence and our desire for change produce, recycling has been invented and everyone feels better if some element of reuse can be attached to that which is cast aside.

There are however some improvements that take place without the destruction of well loved things in our lives. Some changes that have taken place usually those which happen little by little restore our optimism. Recently I had the pleasure of visiting the Goxhill School on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of its opening and I was delighted with what I saw there. I was of course familiar with the school from its beginning when my wife Pauline moved with her class from the old school building and I remembered my duties in transporting Pauline and her books between home and classroom. The school building was having a new roof. Within the building there were new and larger rooms and many of the

older well remembered classrooms had fewer tables and chairs as classes had reduced in size. There were computers, tablets and a host of new equipment, new kitchen and canteen facilities, but perhaps the most remarkable thing was the standard of the work that was exhibited. I saw lovely pictures, good writing and the walls were covered with work that the children had done. From the youngest classes through to the eldest I saw the process of learning through the school. The enthusiasm of the teachers was apparent and their love of the school was as great as that which I had seen so many years ago.

As I looked at the play equipment and teaching facilities in the grounds of the school I felt that it had grown from the earth of the village and like a great tree it was growing and putting out branches and bearing fruit. The people of the village and the surrounding area are fortunate to have such a successful and well organised school.

There have been several anniversaries during the past few months many of them connected with the two world wars and although none of us experienced the first war there are numerous older people who lived through the years from 1939 to 1945. The events and circumstances of those years profoundly altered the way that people thought and lived their lives. We became careful, mindful of tomorrow, the need to have a store of fuel and food, of keeping things "in case they might come in handy", we developed a sense of apprehension and that lives with older people today. There was also a widening of social concern, we became more aware of the problems of other people. From this the National Health Service was born and the various volunteer services of wartime, later transmuted into the many voluntary organisations that we know today.

I was looking at the magazine of the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology. www.slha.org.uk This tells of another anniversary. It is the eight hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta. The Lincoln Cathedral copy of the Magna Carta is the best of the original copies and was sent to Lincoln Cathedral in 1215. It has been at Lincoln since that time but has in more recent times travelled to many distant parts of the world where the importance of Magna Carta in establishing good government in western society has been appreciated. On a less peaceful note, but one none the less important in maintaining the freedom of our land, it is one hundred years since the Tank was invented at the works of William Foster and Company in Lincoln. Lincoln has never been a high volume engineering city but its capacity for innovative engineering has been outstanding.

As Christmas approaches I wish you all happiness now and throughout the coming year. **Maurice Brawn**

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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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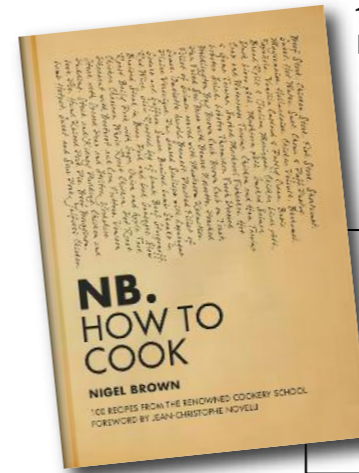
And what a fabulous evening it was in the Memorial Hall. Great entertainment, great cooking of 5 dishes from his book and the best of all, samples of it all to try at the end. Brilliant! Thank you to Nigel and Lisa and the rest of the backroom staff (most of the family were involved) for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Now the book. I have a lot of cookery books, specialising in this style or that country. Nigel's book does it all in one. You won't need a shelf full of books, just use this one.

All the recipes are tried and tested, ingredients are available from main shops or bigger supermarkets around here, and the techniques are clearly explained to be understood by all. The recipes cover all types of meals and menus, from classic English and sophisticated European, to oriental and spicy, pizza & pasta. Starters, deserts, pies, cakes, dinner party menus, pretty well everything you could want. Delicious! **Jeff Teasdale, Editor**

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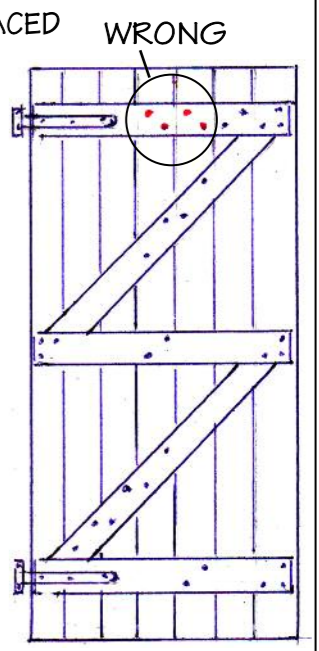
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"I have lots of hobbies - football, cricket, baking, piano, swimming and ice skating - but my favourite hobby is ... you guessed it, reading! My bedroom is stacked high with books which I have read and some re-read. I especially enjoy the 'How to Train your Dragon' series by Cressida Cowell - however I only read one for the reading challenge, it was the eleventh#. I am currently reading the twelfth and would highly recommend it to any dragon lovers. In the Reading Challenge this year I also read the Dragon Diary* by Dougal A Steer, Doctor Who, Viking, Dragons at Crumbling Castle+, and Astrosoars=."

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If the library is open then there's a volunteer on duty who can help you find what you want.

In the past few months three of our volunteers have moved out of the village and so we are very keen to hear from anyone interested in helping out as a volunteer librarian. If you think you might like to do that and are available for any of the opening times above then please get in touch. You would be eased into things gently alongside an experienced volunteer. For this or anything else library-related either email goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk or drop in and ask.

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"It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it." Anon.

It doesn't seem possible that Christmas is just around the corner. The shops have been displaying decorations and gifts for at least a month, getting earlier each year.

On the note of gifts, I was amused to see themed 'onsies' as jockey, event or dressage rider or a hunter, and other designs. In sizes from baby to adult and not badly priced, so visit www.allstitchedupdesigns.co.uk. For someone special, www.hihsilver.co.uk have a range of really different silver jewellery which last a lifetime.

Rumours apparently abound that Wild Bird Superstore is closing. This is not true; they were going to move to larger premises but decided to put another floor in their existing store to allow for expansion. However, there may have been some confusion with Deepdale Feeds. I am informed they will not be stocking horse feeds or some of the other items but intend to expand the café and concentrate on the Garden Centre side of the business.

The RSPCA have come under criticism again. Previously they took a Hunt to court for continuing to hunt after the ban on foxhunting. Thousands of pounds were wasted on court fees. Recently they had a yard where horses were in a terrible condition and most, if not all, were put down. People were coming forward to offer homes; some had bred or owned them previously but non-one was given a chance to re-home them; very upsetting.

Have you noticed there are more and more charities advertising on television? Also I am getting more unwanted phone calls; lately they have been about paying for my funeral. Do they know something I don't?

One advert I really like is the one for Lloyds Bank. Just beautiful music and the history of how horses have shaped our world. I like to think the horse ploughing would possibly be what the 'Lincolnshire Black' would have looked like. Then the girl in the wheelchair riding a horse – giving her freedom. Brilliant! The ones featuring the 'Meerkats' never fail to make me smile.

At the beginning of September I was on my way out to a club where they sometimes have themed nights. On this particular occasion it was 'Hillbillies'. I drove past a couple of girls on horses; it was just after seven but it was already quite dark and I could hardly see them. I stopped and asked if they wanted to borrow some HiViz vests which I always keep in the vehicle in case I break down. They were very grateful and a little bemused by the person in front of them sporting plaits with checked ribbons, straw hat, dungarees with patches and a catapult in the back pocket! They went on their way.

It put me off my stride so instead of turning left I had to pass them again when I turned round. At this point they had reached their destination but one had crossed the road and the other was still waiting to cross with a stream of oncoming traffic holding her up. My heart was in my mouth about the potential danger. Horses are herd animals and follow. Please, if you are riding with others, go over crossroads together, when it is safe to do so. There was a potential tragedy for all their actions - being caught in the fast fading light they had been trotting; both horses had sweated up. Apart from the obvious, those horses were turned out in a field so there could have been a danger of a chill or colic. This is why it is recommended to walk the last part of the ride home.

Whilst holding the horses as the girls put on the HiViz, I noticed one had twisted the stirrup leathers around the iron twice to make them shorter. Doing this makes them unlevel so the rider sits one-sided and could cause injury

to the horse's back and the rider as they are both continuously twisting the body. For goodness sake put more holes in the leathers which are measured properly. If you don't have a hole-punch, which are not expensive, mark where the hole should be and use a hammer and nail - or bring them to me and I will do it for you.

It took them weeks to return my vests and I hope they have now taken precautions and have invested in vests and HiViz fly veils (£13) for the horse for visibility for other road users to see. Just a vest is obscured from the front view by the horse's head.

There is one girl I have seen on I think a coloured horse. If there was a prize for safety she would certainly win it. Both she and her horse are a walking advert as to what is available and she can be seen for miles.

By now you will realise I am fanatical about safety and being seen. Many dog walkers now wear HiViz on both themselves and their dogs as they appreciate the dangers and quite often have to walk on the grass verges where there are no footpaths.

I have seen another horse around the village wearing a bit with a full cheek on. These should be used with Fulmer Loops which stabilise the bit and prevent it turning in the horse's mouth. They do not break the piggy bank at around £3 a pair. Before fitting or using any bit there should be a clear understanding of how it works in the horse's mouth and what you are trying to achieve.

Whilst I am having my usual moans, one of my pet hates is the fitting of flash nosebands. These are the ones which have a cavesson with the addition of a strap which goes round the horse's mouth, designed to stop the horse from opening its mouth and crossing its jaw as an evasion to the bit. These can come already stitched on or can be added with the use of an adaptor and strap. So many times I have seen the bottom strap on upside down – sometimes in magazines or catalogues. The end of the strap should point down. It does not have any effect on how it works, but it is so untidy and wrong.

I saw a couple of really nice horses trotting towards me and waited for them to pass and was admiring them, noting that neither of the riders were wearing HiViz, but also the front rider was wearing a baseball cap. I can only assume feeling something on her head felt like a riding hat and was an oversight.

These days we have to be on the ball with changes in Laws. HGV Lorries going through London now have to have guards fitted between front and back wheels at the side in a bid to reduce accidents where cyclists have been pulled under the vehicle. They also have extra mirrors to make visibility close to the side of the lorry better for the driver. I do wonder if it will be rolled out across the country eventually. I have a little extra mirror on my side mirrors, to see the 'blind spot'.

There has been much talk about trailers having to have an M.O.T. I have mine serviced every year but I have no doubt it will come eventually - although how it will be policed is another matter.

With the closure of Johnsons Coaches, Keith Lowery took over the workshop officially at the beginning of the year although he has worked there for many years. He specialises in horseboxes and you can often see some really beautiful ones parked there. He also does trailers so whether a horse or cattle trailer, he can make them safe.

On the subject of trailers, one passed me and went

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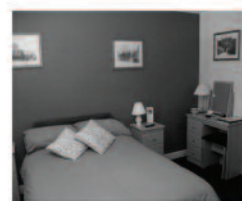
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round the blind bend at North End as such a speed the horses in the back were clattering trying to keep their balance. I was talking to a neighbour about it as they also heard it and then another one did exactly the same! The clear message is 'slow down' round bends.

A friend and I attended a 'Partnership for Performance' evening with Monty Roberts, the 'horse whisperer' at Bishop Burton College on 10th October. Although it was expensive, it was very good – being informative and entertaining at the same time.

People brought horses for him and Kelly Marks to address their problems. Some bucked or shot off as soon as they were mounted. Others would not box. The thing is though, we did not see much evidence of this as by the time the problems were addressed, the working before had paid off and the horses behaved beautifully, making the claims of their owners void! One lady said it had taken her four hours to get her horse loaded to bring it to the venue, and that if they sorted it out, she would give up smoking. Wonder how she is doing!

We do not get many of this type of entertainment or demonstrations in this area so I hope it opens the opportunity for more.

Monty Roberts does 5 or 2 days practical courses if you are interested, either with your own horse or not. For more information see www.intelligenthorsemanship.co.uk or ring 0148871300. Perhaps someone will buy you a course for Christmas. For a stocking filler, how about a useful tool for getting straw, hay and hair out of Velcro at about £4.00.

The RSPB are concerned about the demise of birds in the winter period and have published a FREE booklet on what plants etc to grow to encourage birds and butterflies. Text BIRDS 82727, or ring 0800 665453.

Laws are changing in January 2016 on the procurement of field sprays/chemicals which will make it harder for us to buy as normal so make sure you get what you need before then.

We have been a little short on tips or useful ideas of late

so I thought I would throw the next one in.

Whilst having a visit from the vet, he wanted to wash his hands - which he did under the tap and asked me for a towel to dry them on. Being out in the yard I grabbed one and handed it to him whilst I put the horse away. It was only after he had gone that I realised it was the towel I had used on a muddy, smelly dog at some point and it had been mixed up with the clean ones. I was mortified, so I now keep a clean towel with soap in a see through bag ready for the next time.

Anyone who knows me knows what a hoarder I am and I seem to have everything somewhere. I need to be rid of so much horse paraphernalia and other bits and pieces and decided to make a start. Boxes with paperwork have to be gone through and I found a very old discoloured newspaper clipping. I don't know why I kept it, but it made me smile. It was about how expensive it was to keep a pony. Grazing in 1973 was £1 a week, 3 bales of hay 30p but had gone up to £2. Pony nuts £8 for a year's supply. Shoes had gone up from £3 a set to £5. Saddles were £30 and the cost of a bridle had doubled to £15.

There were other comparisons but it makes you think and recognise how the horse industry has grown so quickly in a short time. It seems they have always been expensive to keep but in the modern world we spend so much more than we possibly need to.

Whilst writing this I have had a phone call from someone who has just walked their dogs down Green Ramper and Little Ramper from Ruards. Some building work is going on and delivery lorries and a JCB are using the track and tearing it up. They have front access and should be using that, not the bridleway. I have reported it to North Lincolnshire Council and await their phone call. Even if they tidy it up, it will still remain a mess until the Spring. My usual contact on the Council is no longer there so I hope whoever deals with it is firm. If you see anything like this please report it. We have few enough bridleways and they need protecting.

Wishing you all a Good Christmas.

Take Care – Ride Safely. Aileen 01469 530643

Goxhill Art Group

On Thursday 10th September 2015 we started our 10th year of classes. In year one we were a group of like minded artists meeting once a week to critique our work. We soon became aware of others who wanted to paint but were afraid to try. Vincent Van Gogh is reported to have said, "If you hear a voice within you say, I cannot paint, then by all means paint. and the voice will be silenced".

Seven years ago we started an additional class for absolute beginners. They soon settled into the friendly atmosphere with tea/coffee/biscuits provided by my dear wife Mave.

These "beginners" are now accomplished artists and any newcomers are encouraged, not by one Tutor, but several. We are as much a social gathering as we are an Art Group.

Our main activity is **Watercolours** but in recent years we have introduced other items into the mix.

Silk Painting. It was so successful that our members took the idea to other Village gatherings, ie, Church members for fund raising. Knit & Natter. W.I.

Glass Painting. A most rewarding activity but for safety we use Acetate sheets.

Greeting Cards. At Christmas time one of our group shows how to transform our paintings into cards.

We meet in the Bowling Pavilion Sept. - April on Thursdays. 10-12 am for beginners. 1- 3 pm for more experienced artists.

Anyone wishing to join us can ring **Stan on 01469 530722** or just pop in to one of our sessions for a cuppa and see what we do.



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1st GOXHILL & BARROW SCOUTS

As always, our boys and girls have had a busy year with many activities arranged including hikes, camps and outdoor fun. Bonfires, conkers and Christmas treats now beckon for the winter season.

We continue to support our community and have made great efforts with our hut, keeping the grounds neat and tidy, removing litter and planting trees/flowers. We endeavour to attend and support local events and instil a sense of community and citizenship to our young people.

Our Group is run entirely by volunteers who give up their free time to plan and supervise the safety of our children at weekly sessions, accompany children on weekend camps and activities, fundraise and attend training sessions.

We would particularly like to thank Andy Oliver for his hard work and undiminished enthusiasm over the years in not only running cubs, but also helping maintain our hut, organise fund-raising and teach rock climbing amongst many other things. Andy is now having to take a back seat due to a promotion at work. We wish him our heartfelt thanks.

Beavers

We are running at full capacity at the moment with 25 boys and girls and now have a waiting list. If you wish your child to attend Beavers, please notify us as soon as possible (it is preferable to apply in advance of them being aged 6).

Most of our activities are calendar based and include Guy Fawkes, Halloween, Christmas themes etc. for this term. An archery company recently visited the hut and our children were encouraged to participate and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Cubs

After a pleasant summer break we are back at Cubs and we have a very full pack of 26 Cubs with 6 new starters.

As the Rugby World Cup is presently in play, we are getting fit and working on our Athletics badges. First week was a 'how fit are you?' challenge; climbing a rope, cartwheels, handstands, sock wrestling and an extra long game of Zombies proved they were fit!

Last week after a warm up and stretching session - that tested the patience of Fred, Karen and myself to the limit

(cubs, I have discovered, don't listen) - they all had a go at throwing a cricket ball as far as they could - Jake Croft got the furthest and Ethan Moore the highest, Holly narrowly missed Fred's car, several Cubs narrowly missed Fred!!



They then ran a 50m relay race and finally undertook a gruelling obstacle course that would have challenged a Royal Marine Commando. Long jump, high jump and the bleep test came next.

We then moved on to FOOD!! A visit to Tesco for their Farm to Fork tour and making our own fruit Kebabs.

Before half term we planned our final camp of the year to Primrose Hill - hoping this Indian Summer the weathermen promised, will last.

We finish off this term with a Halloween Fancy Dress party.

Scouts

Scouts have been very busy this year with camps and activities including work on cookery/chef skills which went hand-in-hand with their fire safety badge work!

Their next challenge is map reading, navigation and orienteering skills in preparation for a district night challenge where they have to compete in teams against other scout troops from the district and navigate between checkpoints using a map, grid reference coordinates and a compass and then complete challenges.

Explorers

We have some places available in Explorers so if you are aged 14 to 18 years and fancy coming along, please give us a call. We appreciate the maturity of this age group and welcome input and activity ideas from our young adults - we go rock climbing, bowling, camping, cooking, shooting, etc. Many young people are realising how good being an Explorer looks on job and university applications! Don't feel intimidated - we are a really friendly group!

Yours in Scouting 1st Goxhill & Barrow Scouts
For any enquiries, please contact Jo Fielding on 0774 8173 264.

GNeWs from Goxhill Neighbourhood Watch



Recently it seems like Humberside Police Force is rarely out of the media spotlight - unfortunately it is generally quite negative publicity. Even their canteen menu came in for criticism for having 5 types of pie on it, with suggestions that this was not the way to achieve a bigger police presence on the streets. Worst perhaps was being singled out for criticism by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary as the only force nationally that it deemed inadequately prepared for budget cuts.

It is a concern locally when we read that "The force has a limited understanding of the demand for its services and is not able currently to match resources to demand." Whilst statistics can be misleading or misused, a worrying comparison is the planned change in police officer numbers between March 2015 and March 2018:

- 10% planned reduction for Humberside Police Force
- 6% planned reduction for England and Wales as a whole

How do we interpret that 10% planned reduction? Well it could be that we have previously been enjoying a gold-plated police service; or maybe police

manpower has been wasted or poorly utilized in the past; or perhaps the force has a limited understanding ... etc (see HMIC comment above).

So what can we do in Goxhill? Perhaps it's a tired and somewhat hackneyed mantra but please ensure you report any criminal incident even if you have little expectation that the police will visit, let alone resolve it. How can we expect Humberside Police to understand the demand for its services if we fail to report problems? Always call 999 for emergencies, but to report anything else:

- Telephone 101 (charged 15p per call at any time by mobile or landline)
- Call in at Barton Police Station (Mon-Fri only: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm).
- Via the police web site: www.humberside.police.uk/report-a-crime

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John Guggiari, GNeW-Goxhill

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I asked some of our newest bowlers for comments about their experiences this year. They not only told me; Nigel wrote the article below. I'll be redundant at this rate! John Guggiari

Penny and I moved to Goxhill in November 2014 and didn't know a soul. It wasn't long until people started to say hello, which we thought was great because we had moved from a village where, after 4 years, we didn't know anyone.

We decided to have a go at 'bowls' as it was something we could do together. Before the season started, Penny got in touch with John G who soon became a regular visitor when "just passing", which we thought was great; we hadn't been forgotten.

Once the green was open for play, we were invited for an introduction to bowling which we grabbed with both hands. Come the day, and not knowing what to expect, we went along to the bowling green where John introduced us to Gerry Burns, who had also decided to give this bowls thing a go. It was great! We found a fine friend through bowls and all through the summer Gerry, Penny and I would spend a couple of hours on the bowling green. We were invited to the Tuesday afternoon roll-up, which at first we all found a little intimidating. But most of those who attended proved

very helpful with hints: roll this side because it runs off there, or try changing to the other side. As with all sports you occasionally encounter the 'professionals' who are intolerant of beginners and make their feelings known. It didn't bother Gerry or me but there was an occasion or two when Penny was less than happy with comments about her bowling attempts. We have improved as the season has gone on and, looking back, all three of us have enjoyed it tremendously. Gerry and Penny have taken up indoor short-mat bowling and we've attended the dominoes drive, held at the bowls pavilion on alternate Fridays, where everybody is so welcoming.

Our first year has been really good and ended on a high note when Penny and I attended the Club Annual Dinner. Somebody was heard to say, "Uh, this is a new name" when I was lucky enough to win a Club trophy and prize money. (I promise I won't let the money change my lifestyle.) All in all I would say - on behalf of Penny, Gerry and myself - it's been a great introduction to bowling. We would like to thank John G for his tremendous help and everybody else who has been really nice and friendly, making us feel so WELCOME. We're looking forward to next season when perhaps our names will be heard a little more often. **Nigel Davies**
To learn more, visit the website <http://goxhill-bowls-club.clubbz.com> or ring **John on 530363**.

A Time to Move On

To everything there is a season, as it states in Ecclesiastes, and now is the season wherein I must leave my medical partnership of the past twenty-six years. My final day will officially be the 31st January 2016, although my last surgery will be sometime in the middle of January. Between now and then, I will no doubt have the opportunity to say goodbye to many of you on a personal basis.

However, to those whom I do not see within these next three months, I want you to know that I have been immensely grateful for the friendship, trust and indeed, love, that has been shown to me right from the start, when I was the new boy on the patch. 'You're not from round here, are you doctor?' was a phrase that was often repeated in the early days. Yet, it was never a hostile question, but one of gentle inquisitiveness. Indeed, if I was to summarise the sentiment that exuded from the wide community my practice serves, then words such as 'warm', 'welcoming', and 'friendship' would have to be part of that description.

Many of you will know that I have reduced my hours at the surgery for some time now, in order to try and balance a very hectic life. This is, to a great extent, the final step in that process; although in truth, it has come a little sooner than I had anticipated. However, there can be no doubt that the world has changed enormously since I first qualified thirty years ago, and there is little space in the 21st century for someone whose idea of being a family GP harkens more to the time of Dr Finlay than to the modern demands of clock-watching and a goal-orientated culture. When one's ideas and values are not shared, when care and compassion are forced into subservience to finance and targets, then the old must make way for the ideas of the new, and it is time to move on.

Nonetheless, I am far from retiring. Some of you will know that I have for many years tried to balance the demands of general practice with being the medical director for the Clinical Commissioning Group for North Lincolnshire (and formerly the Primary Care Trust). Well, as is often the case in life, when one door closes, another opens, and within a week of making my decision to leave the practice, I was showered with new opportunities. One of those is to contribute more time to assisting the transformation of healthcare services across the whole of North Lincolnshire (and indeed beyond), and I have subsequently decided that is where I will concentrate my efforts over the next few years, in the hope that I can help bring about better care for the wider population. Who knows, I may also turn up as 'the locum doctor' from time to time!

Many of you will also know that my standards of medical care have been driven by a strong Christian ethos. My departure from the practice will now enable me to pursue that calling with greater focus, and who knows, perhaps my concept of the 21st century 'physician-priest' may yet come to fruition?

To the many whose lives have crossed with mine, thank you for being the people that you are.

Hippocrates said that a physician should 'cure sometimes, treat often, comfort always'. I know that I have not always managed to get it right for everyone; but I hope that, in some small way, I have at least achieved the last on most occasions.

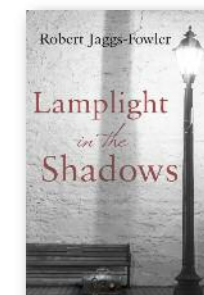
In parting, I do still have a few copies of my novel, 'Lamplight in the Shadows'. So, if anyone would still like a copy, please contact me at the surgery or e-mail me at r.jaggs-fowler@theretreat-barton.com.

Thank you all for your friendship and patience over the years. It has meant a great deal to me, and I know that I am wiser and a better person because of you all.

My sincere blessings to you for the future.

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A free Christmas Concert for Senior Citizens from Barton and the villages, including Goxhill, will be staged at Baysgarth School on Sunday December 13th at 6.00pm, featuring Barton Town Band and the Choir of John Harrison School, Barrow, providing seasonal entertainment. Barton Rotary Club members will be serving refreshments during the interval. Please phone David Witter on 01652 632675 to arrange transport to the hall from Goxhill.



stand-up comedy and real-life stories to Barton upon Humber Rotary Club's comedy night on **January 6th 2016**, to be held at Ropery Hall.

Alfie, who spent 18 years with Humberside Police before turning to stand-up comedy, will taser his way through hilarious and fascinating anecdotes from his eighteen years on the beat including the true story of his dogged determination to track down a "serial flasher" – a tale with twists and turns that exposes a hilariously strange and seedy side of his crime investigation.

The now traditional way for Barton Rotarians to spend Christmas Day morning, is to cook and deliver around 50 **Christmas Lunches** to elderly people who are on their own, including those living in Goxhill. This is a full Christmas Dinner, including Turkey with all the trimmings, a trifle, mince pie and fruit. To arrange this, please phone David Witter on 01652 632675 and a member will call round to make the delivery arrangements.

Tickets cost £14 in advance or £16 on the door and can be booked online at www.the-ropewalk.co.uk, by calling **01652 660380** or in person at the Craft Gallery. Proceeds to charity Rotarians are ordinary men and women from all walks of life who have a desire to give something back to their community, whether it is locally or at an international level. If you would like to help us please make contact through our web site or any of our Barton members - we will be pleased to hear from you.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN



Hello again from the volunteers of the Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian. Some of you may not be aware that each Rotary Club is encouraged to support an international charity as well as supporting local charities and needy causes. Our chosen charity is the **Andrew Clark Trust** (<http://www.myanmar-aid.org/home.htm>).



PEN PALS WANTED. Do you, or does someone you know, have a child or children between the ages of 8 and 15 years old that may like a penpal? Working along with the Andrew Clark Trust, the Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian is actively seeking children between the ages of 8 years and 15 years in our club area (Barrow, Barrow Haven, New Holland, Goxhill, Thornton Curtis, Wootton and East Halton) who would like to correspond in English with similar aged children in a school in Myanmar (formerly Burma).

If you have children who would be interested in having a pen-pal, or if you would like further information, please contact me in the first instance and we can then take it from there. We do have a contact who travels out quite often, and she is happy to take the letters with her to ensure they are delivered safely – I suspect the postal service in rural Myanmar is almost non-existent. I think that in the initial stages there may be no more than two or three letters a year being exchanged as this is a new venture.

contact me by email for further details .. kevin@the-sacred-butterfly.co.uk

Here are a few of the children who are being sponsored at the school, they are all learning English: You can message me on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/geriatric.hippy>) or

November is a nationwide membership appeal for Rotary International, and all clubs throughout the UK will be inviting prospective new members (male and female) and volunteers to come along and see what we do. Can you spare a couple of hours each week, and a few hours on the occasional weekend? If so please contact me or any local member. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month in Barrow Sports and Fitness centre in Thorngarth Lane, Barrow (beside the church) from 7pm until 8.30 pm (ish). We look forward to welcoming you.

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LIVES volunteers are people like you who want to help others, have a car and are able to spare a few hours a week - any time of day/night that suits you - to be on call. All training and equipment is provided without any cost to the volunteer and, once initially trained, you are supported through working with experienced responders until you feel ready to go solo. If you think this might be of interest to you, please contact branch co-ordinator **Damian Connolly** - telephone **530656** or **07747 499331** or email **connolly.dam@gmail.com**. If you want to see what goes on and have an opportunity to talk to existing volunteers then you are very welcome to attend one of the group's monthly evening training sessions, without any commitment whatsoever. **John Guggiari**

Your Local Councillors representing Ferry Ward

Councillor Richard Hannigan

Prior to entering into local politics I served in the Humberside Fire and Rescue Service for 31 years starting my career as a Fireman at Immingham Fire Station in 1982 and retiring as Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive in 2014.

Aviation has been my lifelong passion and I have taught people to fly gliders and motorgliders for many years. I spent my first year of retirement building a light aircraft which I now fly from Kirton in Lindsey. I have lived in Kirmington (aviation again!) for seven years with my wife Anne and two Jack Russells, Milo and Martha. I am very proud of my daughters Kate and Ellie both of whom are making their way in the world.

I entered politics because I like living in North Lincolnshire and I want to play a part in ensuring that it thrives and remains a good place to live. Having previously worked with all of the local authorities in the Humber Area I can say with confidence that North Lincolnshire Council is the most effective.

I have two primary roles as a councillor, first and foremost I am a ward councillor who represents the residents of the Ferry Ward and secondly I am the Cabinet Member for Policy and Finance which provides me with the opportunity to influence Council policy.

My objectives are very clear in that I want North Lincolnshire to be a great place to live and work. To achieve that we must support industry to create jobs but not at any cost. Any developments must be sensitive to the needs of residents and should not impact negatively on our lives. We must spend our money wisely on good public services but keep council tax low as the money we



collect from residents is hard earned. Being a councillor was a great challenge as it was quite different to anything I had done before. I am now beginning to understand the job and equally importantly I am enjoying it! I have been very impressed by the hard work and dedication of the Parish Councils who strive daily to make life better in their communities and it is part of my role to support them.

If I can be of assistance please don't hesitate to contact me by email or

phone. See below for details.

**Our other Councillors will publish a pen portrait in future issues.*

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UPDATE ON HUMBER PIPELINE

A spokesperson from NLC said that "The council is continuing to press for a by-pass at South End and to improve Chapelfield Road to take most of the traffic away from Thornton Road/Ferry Road".



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Plans and timetable for the formal hearing by the Planning Inspectorate can be found on

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/3415317>

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