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DIGITAL HONKING!

by Rebecca de Torre
~Assistant Editor



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Hi, I'm Rebecca, your new "Digital Honker" and Assistant Editor...

I'm sat here working out how long I've been living in the village now… 6 months! Wow! Time really has flown - where is this year going?

For those of you who don't know me I live in the North End of Goxhill with my partner, cat, and 2 tortoises. Our little family moved to the village in March of this year from sunny South Yorkshire & the hills of Perthshire. It took us a good year or so to decide where to plant our roots together for the future, after viewing a fair few houses we finally found our dream home, with a perfect garden, and space to grow. This of course was in our village of Goxhill – it all stole our hearts and here we are! I do work full time so I've been working on finding the perfect balance between work, homelife, and 'Gandering' – I think I've found the sweet spot now!

As I am new to the village (and planning on living here for many years to come!) I thought getting involved with The Gander would allow me to be a little more 'in the know' and meet some new faces… so far so good!

What is a Digital Honker? I have taken over the social media side things for The Gander team. Being in my 30's and growing up with the likes of Facebook and Instagram I find this side of things pretty easy and enjoyable! So it made sense I take the reigns to take the pressure off the team, and to allow The Gander in all it's glory to reach local and wider communities digitally. There is so much online now, it's important we use it to our advantage. Please keep an eye out for our Facebook posts, we would love a page follow and some post interaction! Type in 'Goxhill Gander' into your Facebook search bar to find us.

Change is good! You may have noticed The Gander beginning to evolve in recent editions. Revitalised designs, changes in layout, and general overhaul of content. The autumn edition continues to change and grow us as a magazine. We hope you like it! Some key changes to this edition… No more busy noticeboards - instead we've created a 'What's Going On' section that covers each primary hub of the village. We also have a few new additions focused on Horticulture, Nature and Farming, and food. The index page is now even more useful, including contact details for our local councillors.

THE WINTER GANDER will be delivered around the 1st December Covering dates to the end of February 2027

Yes I know it's only September, but the winter edition will be upon us before we know it. Please bear in mind that the winter edition takes us from December 2026 right through to February 2027! So key events like Valentines day and Pancake day can also be included within the mix of Christmas markets and new year celebrations.

Please direct any content for the next issue to me, Rebecca de Torre at **assistant.editor@goxhillgander.com** or message me on Facebook.

@GoxhillGander

From the Editor

I am delighted to have been able to add a bit more colour to our print run, and demonstrate the difference that a couple more pages makes!

As much as we enjoy space for more features, advertisers are vital to cover print costs, as they have for over 39 years. We're really pleased to have new adverts from Safely Swifty -Goxhill based Driving instructor, Sunnyside Touring Caravan Park, Selcce Garage Doors, Quality Trade Cars, and Special Guest Joey Howard! We lost some too, so there is a good amount of space for new advertisers to keep the Gander going. The more homes such as Keigar builds, the more Ganders we need to deliver.

With the support and organisation of Rebecca de Torre, the production of this edition has to have been the smoothest ever, even giving us time to put work in on the website. I can't thank her enough! Without the hard work in the spare time of all our volunteers, none of this would be possible.

The 1987 Issues are now available on the website, leaving us 'only' 77 out of 157 issues to digitise. Every issue is now accompanied by an AI synopsis bringing us closer to a fully searchable archive. Other updates are the house locator maps, new Short Award History page, a new Autumn theme, and an activities area to house new colouring books and puzzle answers.

PLEASE NOTE: Website updates are not available until they launch on the 1st September along with this edition.

Please direct any advertising, website or other official enquiries to:
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Rose Williams ~ Editor



Feeling 'arty'?

From 1st Sept:

Our very own colouring book!

We've taken our cheeky goose characters and turned them into colouring pages for you to enjoy. These can be printed out or used digitally on a tablet. Personally, I love a bit of colouring! A great way to relax and unwind! So no, this new book isn't just for the children of the village, we encourage everyone to get involved and have some well earnt down time.

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2027 Goxhill Village Calendar Photos Viewing & voting in Church, 12th Sept

The entry closing date for the Goxhill Calendar photo competition closed on 29th August, we are now getting all the wonderful photos ready for viewing and voting in person in the Church. Refreshments will be available on the day.
Good luck to all that entered!
Junior Prize (14 and under) - £15 Amazon Voucher, Front Cover Winner - Choice of £25 Voucher for either Amazon or Brigg Garden Center.

Past Church Events:

Summer Concert - 25th July

Thank you to everyone who joined us.

We were privileged to listen to the most beautiful and moving singing from Olivia, Hannah, Claire and Andy, to whom we give our heartfelt thanks. Also, to Debbie for giving an excellent narration during Claire and Andy's performance.

Everyone said how much they had enjoyed it.

With your kind donations and the raffle, we made £307.73 A perfect afternoon.

Goxhill Street Boot

The Annual Street boot was held on the 1st August, organised by friends of the church. We raised £300 over 25 properties, 4 Church stalls and refreshments served in the church by our volunteers. To find out what you missed, visit our Facebook page "Goxhill Street Boot" or the Grapevine to see what you missed!

~Heather Dobinson

WHAT'S GOING ON?...



At the Church

Special Events at the Church:

Saturday	12th September	1-4pm	**Calendar Viewing**
Friday	9th October	7pm	**Harvest Evensong**
	Followed by Harvest Supper in the Church		
Sunday	1st November	11am	**All Saints Day**
	United Service, Followed by buffet lunch		
Sat/Sun	5th/6th December	2-5pm	**Christmas Tree Festival**

Remembrance Sunday Services 8th November

10.45am	**Memorial Hall**
2pm	**Goxhill Airfield Tribute, all welcome**
	Flypast by piper club, weather permitting



Held in the Memorial Hall for All Saints:

Friday	27th November	7pm	**Christmas Bingo**

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The monthly magazine for the Anglican churches covering all services, news and events for both Goxhill and Barrow Churches. To subscribe, (50p/month) contact Sandra 07801 947758

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Regular Church Services
8.30am 1st Sun of the month - *Book of Common Prayer Communion*
9.30am 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays - *Holy Communion*
The Church building is usually open daily 10am - 4pm

All Saints Anglican Church, Goxhill DN19 7HX

The Bats of Goxhill Church

A Fall From Grace



"Well if you ask me, it's highly suspicious", grumbled Hubert.

The bats of Goxhill church were holding an emergency meeting on their favourite rafter above the high altar.

"Once is unfortunate, but twice amounts to a plot". There was a general murmur of agreement.
"Two deaths in the colony in a week is virtually a plague", said Hubert, warming to his theme.

"It must be something to do with those humans. They're always trying to claim our home belongs to them. I think they're trying to get rid of us!"

Hubert's stomach was upset again, and his gout was playing up. It had a bad effect on his persecution complex.

Neville cleared his throat nervously.

"Er – actually, I think it was that young Oscar got overexcited on his first flight, and hit the wall", he suggested, tentatively, not wanting to draw Hubert's dyspeptic ire on himself, but feeling obliged to be fair.

"Harumph!", returned Hubert.
"What about the other one then?"

"Well that was Percy. He'd had a dicky ticker for years. I don't think we can really blame the humans for his heart attack", said Neville, timidly.

Hubert looked sour, deprived of his pet theory, but Cuthbert soon cheered him up.

"He nearly wasn't the only one to have a heart attack", he said.

"They were having a wedding rehearsal, and when Percy dropped off his perch – literally – he almost landed on the bride's head. Never heard a scream like it" he added, with evident satisfaction.

A ripple of mirth ran along the rafter, and even Hubert permitted himself a smile at the pleasing memory.

"Good old Percy," he said, ***"A trooper to the last"***.

"Even if it isn't a plot, we ought to do something in memory of the departed", said Neville, keen to be back in Hubert's good books. ***"What should it be?"***

Hubert leered wickedly.

"Surprised you need to ask", **he said.** ***"Extra target practise tonight, chaps. Aim for the altar and anywhere with a white cloth…"***

"Bloomin' bats", muttered Janet, the following morning. ***"Anybody would think they targeted the altar on purpose"***.

If she didn't know better, she'd have sworn she heard a high-pitched titter from the rafters.

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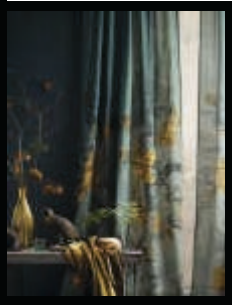
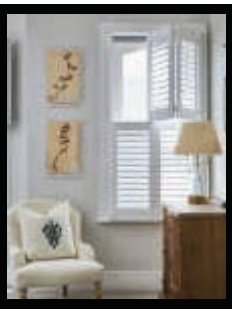
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Built this chapel,
We built this chapel with hearts ablaze.

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Or anything we do,
Come along on Sunday,
We'll make room for you.

Friendly smiles await you,
Cup of tea as well,
From prayers to cakes and laughter,
We've got tales to tell.

Knitters chatting,
Bingo calling,
Quiz nights full of cheer,
Young and old together
We built this chapel
We built this chapel on tea and scones

We built this chapel,
We built this chapel on bacon rolls!
Built this chapel,
Built this chapel on sausage rolls!

Harvest celebrations
Christmas candlelight,
We've gathered here together
Through the years so bright.

Helping hands beside you,
Kind words all day long,
From coffee, chats and laughter,
To prayer and joyful song.

Voices raised in worship,
Songs that fill the air,
Stories old and new
We built this chapel
We built this chapel on love and care

We built this chapel,
We built this chapel on cups of tea!
Built this chapel,
We built this chapel for you and me.

Knit and Natter gather,
Luncheon Club as well
Quiz nights, bingo, singing
What a joy this place can bring.

Who counts the cakes
And who pours the tea?
Who keeps this little chapel
In our community?

Who says that a chapel
Can't prosper and thrive?
Friendship, faith and kindness
Keep this place alive.

We love this Chapel

Voices raised in worship,
Songs that fill the air,
Stories old and new
We built this chapel
We built this chapel on love and care

We built this chapel,
We built this chapel on bacon rolls
Built this chapel,
We built this chapel on sausage rolls.

We built this chapel,
We built this chapel on songs and smiles!
Built this chapel,
We built this chapel with Goxhill style

We built this chapel,
We built this chapel on prayer and praise
Built this chapel,
We built this chapel with hearts ablaze.

We built this chapel,
We built this chapel and here we stay,
Built this chapel,
We built this chapel to light the way

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25th September 7.30pm

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Christine - 07512 004942

Our talented ladies knitted and crocheted a display for the Summer open gardens based on Winnie The Poo including, birds and bees.



2027 Goxhill Open Gardens
18th April & 12/13th June

If you would like to open your garden, help or contribute for either the Spring or Summer 2027 events, please contact Janet Shephardson 07784 818212 or Christine Creasey 07512 004942

Read the special feature on the Churches Together 2026 Open Gardens p24/25!

WHAT'S GOING ON?...



At the Chapel

Regular events in the Schoolroom:

Wednesdays	Every week	7pm-9pm	**Singing Group**
2nd Wednesdays	Monthly	12 noon	**Luncheon Club**
Thursdays	Every week	2pm-4pm	**Knit & Natter**
3rd Saturdays	Monthly Except December	10am-12 noon	**Pop-in**
Last Saturdays	Monthly Except December	6.30pm	**Whist Drive**

Scheduled & Special events:

Friday	11th September	6:30pm	**Bingo**
Friday	25th September	7:30pm	**Quiz Night**

Held in Goxhill Primary School for the Chapel:

Friday	4th December	6:30pm	**Christmas Bingo**

CHAPEL SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday	4th October	**Harvest Festival**
Tuesday	6th October	**Harvest Supper**

Chapel Services start at 10:30am on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays,
Cafe Church: 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 6th December

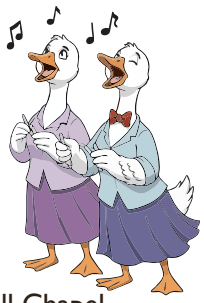
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Whist Drive

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Sept 26th / Oct 31st / Nov 28th

Never played whist before? Don't worry! Come along!
The aim of the game will be explained before we start.
£3 entry including refreshments & prizes!
Please use the side entrance to the Chapel.

No Whist in December

Chapel Birthday Weekend



We had a lovely weekend of events, Bingo on the Friday evening Pop in on the Saturday & a special service on the Sunday then a tea party with lots of sausage rolls & cake then the wonderful singing group entertained us in the afternoon which was just wonderful they even composed a song for the Chapel which sums the Methodist Chapel up & what it stands for in our community. **See page 6 (opposite) for the lyrics!**

The chapel is here for the Community of Goxhill if you feel you can help in any way to keep it open we are always grateful for any volunteers without you we would not be here. Blessings to all. ~ Hazel Altoft

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News from the Hall



After a recent visit from the County Council's Food Hygiene Team, the Community Café at Memorial Hall was awarded a 5 star hygiene rating.
In the UK, even when giving food away we must ensure the food is safe, accurately described, and hygienically handled as per the Food Safety Act 1990. While most of the precautions described by the Act are the ones taken in most homes, I will help by preparing a small booklet of requirements and sending it out to all our Café volunteers. There will also be new food waste disposal rules to follow this autumn. We expect to have both sets of requirements in place before Sept 11th when the café restarts. The first Café will be run by Memorial Hall trustees, just to make sure all the requirements are in place and everything is working smoothly.

The Fantasy Scarecrow Trail, was Aug 30 and 31st, at the time this Gander is out for delivery. Various scarecrows will be menacingly scattered around the village. I had a sneak peek at some of the entries and the thrill is enough to chill the blood: 😊 With maps available at the Hall and on the Grapevine, visitors collect letters from each location to solve a simple two-word phrase to be entered into a draw for a £10 prize.

WHAT'S GOING ON?...



At the Memorial Hall...

Registered Charity No: 1193651

Regular events in the Hall:

2nd Monday of the month	7pm-9pm	**Womens Institute**
Mondays *Starts in September*	2pm-4pm	**Short Mat Bowls**
Tuesdays	10am-11am	**Pilates**
Wednesdays	2pm-4pm	**Art Club**
Wednesdays	7pm-9pm	**Short Mat Bowls**
Thursdays	10am-11am	**Pilates**
Fridays *From 11th September*	2pm-5pm	**Community Café**

Special Events at the Hall:

Monday 7pm	12th October	**WI - Hull NHS Choir (P39)**
Sunday from 10am	27th September	**Village Show**
Sunday 10.45am	8th November	**Remembrance Service**
Monday 7pm	9th November	**WI - Murder on the Farm (P39)**
Friday 7pm	27th November	**Christmas Bingo** ⊕
Sunday 10am-3pm	29th November	**Christmas Craft Fair**
Saturday 7pm	12th December	**Joey Howard (P2 & P13)**

Christmas Bingo - Funds Raised For All Saints ⊕

Organised by the Hall:

October	**Photofrolic ONLINE Competition**

Goxhill Memorial Hall, Chapel St. Goxhill DN19 7JJ

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GOXHILL VILLAGE SHOW SEP 27th

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Knitted or Crocheted Items 10+



Box of Home grown Veg, or Fruit, 3 identical home grown flowers in a vase 15+



★ Christmas Craft Fair Sunday Nov 29th ★

Traditional Christmas products made by local craftsmen and women.
Wreaths, jewellery, sweets, foodstuffs, jams, spices, candles, gifts, clothing.
Usually more than 20+ tables of prime goodies.

★ Contact Ann Carter ★

To book Christmas Craft Tables after 18th October, enter the Photofrolics Competition or the Village Show.
Call/Whatssapp: 07598 161 610 ann@carteronline.co.uk
Any fees payable are to Goxhill Memorial Hall via BACS or dropped in the hall post box.

See the Goxhill Grapevine Facebook group for details and updates on our events

★ October Photofrolics

Goxhill's own on-line photo competition on the Goxhill Grapevine (Facebook) is a great way to share those quirky holiday snaps.
2026 Categories are:
Country Coast, Insects, Animal, Birds, Family.
£1 per photo. Under 16's get 6 entries for free.
£10 prize for the winner of each category.
(2MB max file size) Email, direct message, or whatsapp entries to Ann Carter. Competition ends 31st October. Anonymous albums are showcased on the Grapevine, and winners announced a week later in November.

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(AGM)

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- 13 Sept, 1.30pm - All Dressed Up: Costume history, research & fashion nostalgia.
- 19 Sept, 1.30pm - Chimney Sweep Thrills: Local history & tales with sweep Jethro Vivian.

Bookings required (Still FREE Admisson):

- 17 & 20 Sept 10.30am & 1.30pm - Wilderspin Tour: 45-min guided tour + refreshments.
- 18 Sept, 2.00pm - Waterside Walk: Industrial heritage walk from Maltkiln Lane corner (60–75m).

Display & Refreshments:

Exhibition: 100 Years of Hesslewood (10–19 Sept, ex. Sat PMs). Pop-up Chatty Café open Saturdays, 11am–2pm.

INFORMATION, BOOKINGS & VOLUNTEERING

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More in Goxhill ...

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Goxhill Gander:

24th September	6.30pm	**AGM - Parish Room**
Sept-Nov	Voting	**Annual Short Award (P21)**
1st November		**Content deadline for Winter Edition**
Winter Edition		**Short Award Winner Announced**

Parish Council (P18) www.goxhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

9th September	7pm-9pm	**PC Meeting - Parish Room**
18th September	2pm-5pm	**PC Surgery - Memorial Hall**
7th October	7pm-9pm	**PC Meeting - Parish Room**
16th October	2pm-5pm	**PC Surgery - Memorial Hall**
11th November	7pm-9pm	**PC Meeting - Parish Room**
20th November	2pm-5pm	**PC Surgery - Memorial Hall**

Locally (+ Arts & Entertainments) ...

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5/6th December	10am-4pm **Christmas Market**

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17th October	Nelthorpe Arms, South Ferriby
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18th September	7:30pm	Toil & Trouble: Magic in Roman Britain
16th October	2pm	The Rex Russell Memorial Lecture
20th November	2pm	The Evolution of Enclosures in Barton

Study United Lego Club - £3, 1hr, ages 6-16 Book on eequ.org

Wednesdays from 16th September 5.30 Baysgarth Community Hub

Monthly Barton Market - Market Place and Butchery 8.30am-1.30pm

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The Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian (P41)

5th September 10am-2pm **Apple Crushing!** - Barrow Market Place

Wilderspin & National School Museum - Queen Street, Barton
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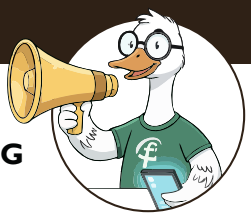
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All events are FREE (donations welcome for guest speakers; refreshments provided).

Saturday 5th September | 8:00pm (3 hrs)

- **Moth Night at Ness End**
  An evening catching moths with the warden at Ness End Farm. Contact: Simon Wellock (01652 634507)

Wednesday 16th September | 7:00pm (2 hrs)

- **Evening Talk: Corncrakes (Far Ings Visitor Centre)**
  A short AGM at 7:00pm followed by a talk by Simon Wellock. Contact: Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)

Wednesday 21st October | 7:30pm (2 hrs)

- **Evening Talk: Vanishing Viper (Far Ings Visitor Centre)**
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Goxhill Branch, Royal British Legion 1965

Charlie Guilliatt has shared his copy of a photograph, taken in the Brocklesby Hunt public house, of the Goxhill branch of the Royal British Legion.

Members include Jim and Mary Sobey. Jim was the village butcher, employed by Mrs Ray Wharton (formerly Mrs Tommy Thompson). The butcher's shop was in part of the cottage now named King's Well on Howe Lane. Jim was a proud President of the Goxhill branch. His wife Mary was a member of the Women's Section alongside (in this photograph) Marjorie Patchett, Elsie Thompson and Ethel Nottingham and she organised the Poppy Day Appeal.

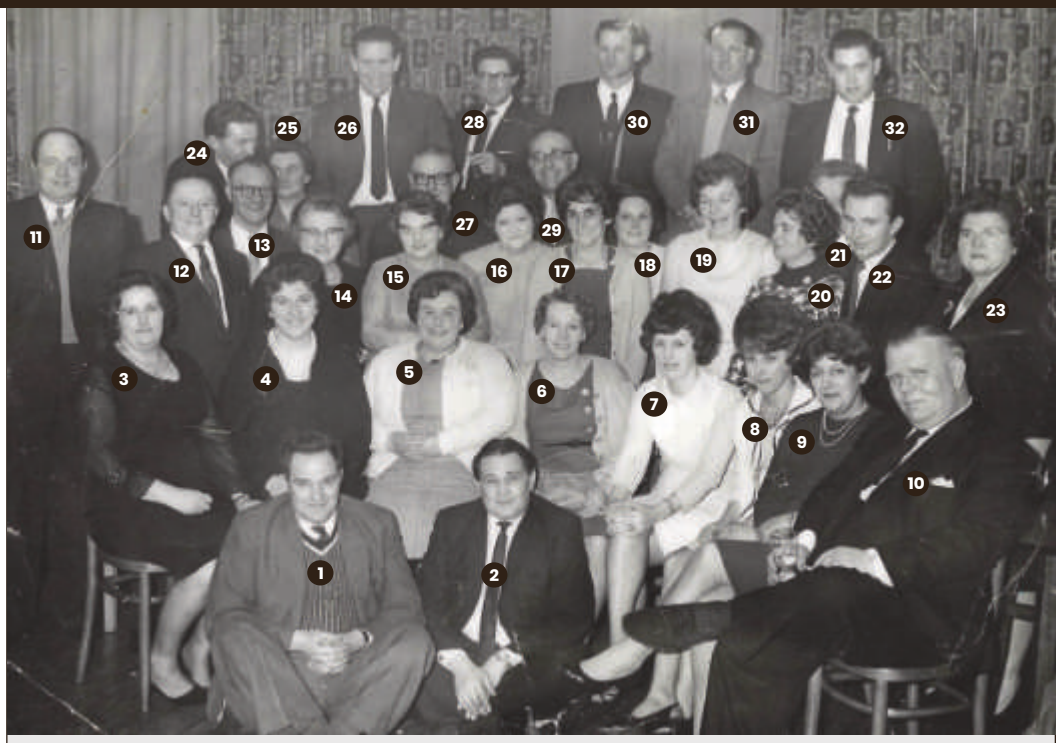
Ray Dunwell and Charlie Patchett, shown in the photograph, were also office holders on the branch committee.

If anyone can add any further information, including the names of the two 'not known' attendees at numbers 13 and 15 on the photograph, please contact the Gander team.

Francis and Ethel Nottingham feature in my main article on pages 15 and 17 of this edition of The Gander.

Elizabeth Fincham

Photo identification with the help of Howard Lamming, Pam Lewis and Sue Sharpe



Goxhill British Legion-1965-Charlie Guilliatt's photograph

1.Maurice Bolton 2. Courtney Sargeant 3. Lina Guiliatt 4. Pearl Taylor later Brown 5.Marjorie Patchett 6. Elsie Thompson 7.Valerie Needham 8. Pam Lewis 9. Ethel Nottingham 10. Francis Nottingham 11. Ben Taylor 12. Jim Sobey *13. Not Known* 14.Mary Sobey *15. Not Known* 16. Marjorie Hildyard 17. Mary Brown Later Paddison 18.Vera Johnson 19. Ronwyn Atkin 20. Sue Sargeant 21. Barry Atkin, 22. Noel Lewis 23. Irene Morris 24. Ken Sarjantson 25. Stella Boulton 26. Ray Dunwell 27.Bill Hildyard 28. Eric Patterson 29. Charlie Patchett 30. Charlie Guiliatt 31. Len Johnson 32. Brian Needham

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Two cottages which stood once in Willow Lane,

and other connections between families and houses in Willow Lane today, *by Elizabeth Fincham*

In my first article, about this pair of cottages which stood once in Willow Lane, I outlined some of the history of the Farrow family. This family are recorded living in **Cottage A** in census records. I covered the history of this family living here from the 1871 to 1921 records. I will continue their story later.

Veronica Farmery, the great granddaughter of the first 'Farrow' resident, Frank Abraham Farrow, provided detailed information about the layout of the two cottages. This information, supported by the records of Madge Austin (nee Bell) (who was born in and lived with her parents in **Cottage B**) and provided by her son Les, enabled Jeff Teasdale to create the fabulous plan of the layout of these two homes.

I was keen to try to work out who the other families who had lived in these two cottages were. Census records for villages provide limited information about addresses.

The record is usually a long stream of names identified by consecutive numbers which identify a family group and an occasional lane name. However, I had researched Perran Cottage for my Market Gardens series (Gander Autumn 2022), have had access to Jeff Teadale's records for his home Willow Farm and the late Maurice Brawn researched his home, Highfield, all on Willow Lane. With this information and the limited number of homes to study plus the Farrow family acting as a strong placeholder in the village census records, it has made it possible, I believe, to identify the families who, over the years, lived in these two cottages.

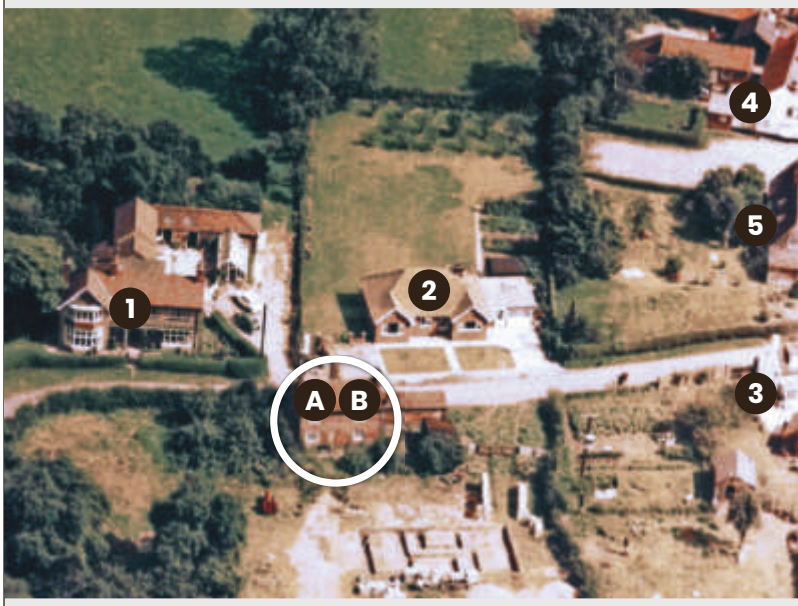
The earliest I can identify residents here with any certainty is, I believe, the 1861 census. This is the census taken prior to Francis Abraham Farrow living in **Cottage A** in 1871.

For the 1861 census, I believe that Charles Nottingham was living in **Cottage A** and George Jackson was living in **Cottage B**.

The story so far:

Cottage A residents, Census records.	
1861	Charles Nottingham, his wife Jane and their children Eliza, Jane and John
1871	Francis (Frank) Abraham Farrow
1881	Frank Abraham Farrow, his wife Emma and three sons Willie, Frank junior and Albert
1891	Frank Abraham Farrow, his wife Emma, sons Frank junior and Albert and Emma's sister Rebecca Rands
1901, 1911, &1921	Emma Farrow and sons Willie and Albert
Cottage B residents, Census records.	
1861	George Jackson, his wife Jane, their children William, Elizabeth and Annie and Ann Ellerby, Jane Jackson's mother
1871	George Nicholson, his wife Jane, their children William, Elizabeth, Annie, Charles, Emily and Christiana
1881	George Nicholson, his wife Jane, their children William, Christiana, Minnie and Henry
1891	George Nicholson, his wife Jane and their children Christiana and Henry
1901	George Jackson and his children Minnie and Henry
1911	To be continued in Gander Winter 2026

Aerial photograph of Willow Lane dated 1971.
~ Goxhill Gander Archive Left: Cottage **A**. Right: Cottage **B**



1. Highfield **2.** The Gables **3.** Willow Cottage
4. Generous Briton Public House (now Briton Lodge)
5. Blacksmith's Smithy and two adjoining cottages (where Three Gables stands today)

COTTAGE A: NOTTINGHAM FAMILY IN WILLOW LANE:

Charles Nottingham married in Goxhill on 29 December 1846. His bride was Jane Houghton. Jane and Charles Nottingham's first child, a daughter named Eliza, was born in Goxhill on 3 September 1847. Eliza Nottingham went on to marry Robert Broughton in 1878, and it is this lady, Eliza Broughton (nee Nottingham) who was one of the last residents of one of the three cottages which stood once where the Church car park is today (Gander Autumn 2025).

The Nottingham family had lived initially in Barrow, where Charles was a farmer of 12 acres. The family of five, Charles, Jane, Eliza and two more children, Jane and John, who had been born in Barrow, were then recorded, in the 1861 census, living in the Willow Lane cottage. John is now an Agricultural Labourer.

By 1871 the Nottingham family are living in South End and are recorded consistently in records immediately after the Railway crossing house at Butterswood, until the 1901 census when Charles and Jane are living on Churchside. Charles died in Goxhill in 1902 and Jane in 1904.

Another connection to Willow Lane is through Charles Nottingham's sister-in-law. Dinah Houghton, the sister of Jane Nottingham (nee Houghton), married Charles Hewitt of Goxhill in 1853.

Charles and Dinah Hewitt were the parents of William Hewitt. It is William Hewitt, a Joiner, who made his home at Highfield in Willow Lane. He was first recorded living there in the 1901 census and Highfield was his home until his death in 1949.

A further and more current connection to Willow Lane is through Charles Nottingham's brother Edward Sergeant Nottingham. Edward Sergeant Nottingham's great grandson, Francis Nottingham married Ethel Charlesworth in Goxhill in 1936. Ethel was the daughter of Fred and Mary Charlesworth.

In the 1921 village census Fred and Mary, their daughter Ethel and Ethel's two brothers William and George were recorded living in Willow Cottage which stands on the corner of North End and Willow Lane. The next recorded families on the census, the Bell and Farrow families are living in the two cottages which stood once on Willow Lane.

Francis and Ethel Nottingham lived initially on Howe Lane in Oak Villa. Oak Villa stood, I believe, on the present day forecourt of Holtby's Motor Repairs. The family lived later at 11 Gatehouse Road before Francis built and lived at The Gables, Willow Lane with his wife.

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Two cottages which stood once in Willow Lane, *Continued from page 15*

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHARLES NOTTINGHAM OF COTTAGE A WILLOW LANE (1861) AND FRANCIS NOTTINGHAM OF THE GABLES WILLOW LANE:

John Sergeant Nottingham (1798-1885)
Father of Charles and Edward
1871 and 1881 Living at Railway Terrace, Howe Lane (close to Howe Lane/Thornton Road junction)

Charles Nottingham (1822-1902)
Father of Eliza
1861 Living at Cottage A, Willow Lane. First recorded living in Cottage A, Willow Lane, Goxhill from 1861 and subsequently in other homes in Goxhill until his death

↓

Eliza Nottingham, later Broughton (1847-1943)
Recorded living in Cottage which stood on Church car park from about 1917 until her death

Edward Sergeant Nottingham (1830-1903)
Father of George
Recorded living around Mill Lane, North End, Goxhill from the 1871 census and subsequently in other homes in Goxhill until his death

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George Sergeant Nottingham (1858-1939)
Father of Charlotte
Recorded living in Goxhill after his marriage in 1888 until his death

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Charlotte Alice Nottingham (1892-1971)
Mother of Francis

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Francis Gilbert Nottingham (1912-1989) married Ethel Charlesworth (of Willow Cottage, Willow Lane) (1913-1988).
Francis and Ethel lived initially at Oak Cottage, Westfield Road before The Gables, Willow Lane was built for them and was the home I remember them living in



The smaller girl is believed to be Ethel Charlesworth who lived at Willow Cottage, Willow Lane (shown). Ethel would go on to marry and live with her husband Francis at The Gables, Willow Lane. Photograph Goxhill Gander Archive. Shared with the permission of Ethel's grandson.



Eliza Broughton (nee Nottingham) (b. 1847), daughter of Charles and Jane Nottingham. This family were recorded living in Cottage A, Willow Lane in the 1861 village census. In her later years, once widowed, Eliza lived in one of the cottages which stood once on the Church car park (Gander Autumn 2025). Photograph scanned from Hull Times dated 11.9.37.

COTTAGE B: JACKSON FAMILY IN WILLOW LANE:

Like the Farrow family George Jackson acts as a strong placeholder in census records for Goxhill. George Jackson and his family are recorded living in Cottage B from 1861 until 1901.

George Jackson is recorded on the census as either Jackson or Nicholson. George Jackson was born in Goxhill in 1829 and his baptismal record states that he was the illegitimate son of Rachel Jackson. George was Rachel's second child, an older, illegitimate son named William, born in 1828 had died in 1832.

Rachel Jackson had a further three illegitimate children after William and George, Mary Ann (b. 1832), Robert (b. 1835, d. 1836) and Thomas (b. 1837). These three children took the name Nicholson Jackson. I believe that William Nicholson (b. 1790, Goxhill) was the father of Rachel's children.

William Nicholson was a widower; his wife had died in 1825. William Nicholson and Rachel Jackson, who was identified as a Housekeeper in the marriage register, married in Goxhill on 13 March 1838 and went on to have a further four children after their marriage.

George Jackson signed the marriage register, on his marriage to Jane Ellerby in Goxhill on 26 December 1852, as George Jackson, but he was identified by the vicar in the record as George Nicholson Jackson.

It is impossible to say if the couple moved into their Willow Lane cottage immediately after their marriage, but they were recorded there in 1861 and identified as George and Jane Jackson and living with three children. A fourth child, Ann, had died the previous year aged 3 years old. George Jackson is recorded in the census as being an Agricultural Labourer.

The census for Goxhill in 1871 records George as George Nicholson and this is repeated in 1881 and 1891.

In 1901 he is referred to as George Jackson. Perhaps it is coincidental, but George's wife Jane had died in 1893, and she is recorded in the burial register as Jane Jackson. Jane had given birth to ten living children. Five of her children pre deceased her.

George Jackson and his two youngest children Minnie and Henry were living in their cottage in Willow Lane in the 1901 census. George Jackson's son Henry married in the summer of 1901. Henry Jackson's three oldest children were born in Goxhill, before he and his family are recorded in Hull in 1909.

George Jackson's daughter Minnie died in Goxhill in 1903. I can't find a record of George Jackson's death in Goxhill. Several of his children pre-deceased him, and others had moved to live in Yorkshire, especially Hull. Perhaps George too moved to Hull, there is a record of death for a George Jackson in Hull in 1908; George Jackson is a very common name so a death certificate would be required to confirm that this is 'our' George.

However, one family member, George Jackson's son Charles Jackson married and lived in Goxhill. Charles and his family, and latterly Charles and his son, George Jackson's grandson Robert Spalding Jackson, known affectionately as 'Spud', lived in part of the house now named Rudsdale which sits on the corner of North End and Ferry Road.

After the Nicholson Jackson family had moved out of their Willow Lane cottage, presumably with the move of George Nicholson Jackson's son Henry Jackson, to Hull, before 1909, the next resident living next to the Farrow family was Joseph Proctor and his family. **Joseph Proctor was born in Goxhill in 1864, and it is this family's story that I will continue with in my next article.**

Elizabeth Fincham



The Council has applied for an NLC Community Grant on behalf of Paul and Angela Weeks to replace the lost Cherry Trees along Thornton/Ferry Road and have agreed to provide the 10% donation required for the grant. Hopefully the application will be successful, and the replacement trees will provide an abundance of blossom in the spring which we have all become accustomed to. The next grant request for Cherry Trees will be to replace the missing trees for South End.

The Council is aware of serious drainage issues at the cemetery. Missing village drainage maps have delayed confirmation of the cemetery's link to the main drainage system in Howe Lane. In May, North Lincolnshire Council hydro-jetted the main drain and found a blockage. The work is in their programme to resolve this issue, with timescales still to be confirmed. Landowners have been reminded of their responsibility to maintain the open ditch channels alongside the main drain. Further cemetery drainage issues are ongoing but require smaller equipment. The works should improve drainage and will be discussed at the next Cemetery Committee meeting.

The ZIP Wire and base area in the Play park have had a major overhaul. The area has been cleared, and new safety bark chippings have been laid to the correct depth to ensure the safety of the children. This was only made possible with the help of councillors and volunteers working together on the project. The play park has had another addition. A new children's size military scramble net has also been purchased and erected (*see the front cover*). It's encouraging to see so many families using and enjoying the park, especially in the sunshine. Funding received from the precept and community grants is well spent on the Playpark and makes a significant difference to life in the village.

Tenders have been invited for a grass-cutting contract within the area of Goxhill Parish Council. A schedule of work is available with contract commencing in September 2026. A review is also ongoing to ensure that the required grass areas and footpaths are included in the new grass cutting contract.

The council provided £900 and the entry fee towards the cost of additional plants and planters for the best kept village competition. Everyone involved deserves a vote of thanks from everyone for the time and effort they have devoted to the project. ~ Cllr Mike Jones

Parish Council Meetings: 9th Sept / 7th Oct / 11th Nov
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For readers following recent discussions regarding the Council's finances, reserves, and precept, and given the lack of official public updates, it is worth putting the figures into realistic context.

Proper local governance relies on maintaining sensible, recommended working reserves under NALC guidance, rather than stripping funds down to zero. While claims have been made that the council holds excessive funds, proper financial management requires accounting for ongoing operational costs (including legal, accounting, and election-year commitments for 2027) to ensure the next council isn't left bankrupt. As shown on your 2026/27 Council Tax bill, the precept was already significantly lowered to adjust balances responsibly.



Notice: Parish Precept & Petitions

Following resident inquiries regarding recent petitions about the parish precept, the Gander offers the following clarification:

Council Status:
A proposal for a 0% precept was brought to Goxhill Parish Council but was ***not*** seconded. Under council rules, the motion fell and the matter is officially closed.

Private Campaigns:
Door-to-door petitions or surveys on this issue are purely private, individual initiatives. They are not official Parish Council consultations, and individual councillors have no authority to use official positions or communications to advance private campaigns.

Official GPC updates appear exclusively on the dedicated **Parish Council section on P18.**

A Parish Council Finances

Bank Accounts: A Parish Council (PC) will normally have at least two bank accounts:

A current account: Exactly like a personal account, where all income is paid in and all bills, standing orders, and regular payments are paid out.

A General Reserve account:
Typically an instant-access savings account that earns interest. This account serves three primary functions:

a. Holding the council's strategic reserve, which all councils are required to maintain and which the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) recommends sits between 50% and 100% of the council's average precept.

b. Holding Earmarked Reserve funds, which are savings set aside for expensive future requirements that would otherwise cause a major spike in the precept for a single year.

c. Holding surplus funds made up of underspends from previous budgets, resulting from conservative cost estimates, higher income streams (like VAT returns), or deferred projects.

Budgeting:

Every council is required to set a budget for the forthcoming financial year running from April to March. If a council operates with committees, they meet around August or September to determine funding levels required for contractor costs, maintenance, project funding, and employee salaries. If there are no committees, the full council agrees these costs, often requiring a dedicated budget meeting.

The Clerk produces a budget covering regular operating expenses, such as insurance, training, utilities, stationery, and annual association fees, while also estimating current-year income, expenditures, and anticipated surplus or shortfall. The Clerk also advertises for grant and donation applications from local organisations.

Once compiled, the full council reviews the budget line by line during December or January and agrees a total cost to run the Council for a year. This figure is first reduced by the amount of estimated annual income for the Council and then again considering any surplus funds the Council expects to have at the end of the year and the level of surplus reserves the Council holds. Having agreed the final figure the Local Authority is notified of the Final Precept requirement.

The Precept

The Precept is a tax that a Parish Council charges local electors to meet its budgetary requirements. Parish councils do not receive direct funding from central government and rely on their precept alongside income generated from services or facilities. The money is collected by the Local Authority as part of the local council tax bill and paid to the parish council in two instalments, usually in April and August.

Other Income Streams:

Parish councils may receive additional income depending on available facilities and services:

- **Facilities:** Buildings leased or rented out, sports facilities, cemeteries, and allotments owned and managed by the council.
- **Services:** Local activities undertaken on behalf of the Local Authority via grant payments, such as verge and footpath cutting or management of local facilities.
- **VAT Reclaim:** Councils can claim back VAT paid for materials and services quarterly, recorded as an income stream rather than a budget deduction.

Managing, Reporting, and Accountability:

Every parish council must appoint a Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) to manage financial administration, records, and internal controls, a role typically held by the Parish Clerk. *Note: Operating without a permanent clerk for over a year and a half places immense strain on these controls, making the return to proper administration vital.*

a. Managing Council Finances: The Clerk processes payment requests for goods, services, and contracted works, ensuring invoices are correct, authorised, and compliant with the council's Financial Regulations Policy. The Clerk has authority for day-to-day and emergency spending within agreed limits, alongside pre-approved regular payments like wages.

b. Reporting: All transactions are recorded by the Clerk and presented at monthly meetings, showing the financial position before and after transactions alongside reserve breakdowns. The Chair and a secondary Councillor verify these figures against bank statements. Transactions are reconciled against budget lines quarterly to monitor spending targets.

c. Accountability: The RFO is accountable for correct financial administration, while Councillors are collectively responsible for managing budgets, reserves, and legal spending. At year-end, the Clerk prepares documentation for an independent internal audit. The resulting report forms the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), comprising a Governance Statement and Accounting Statement, which is approved by the full council, signed by the Chair, and submitted for final review by an appointed external auditor before June 30th.

Parish council finances can appear daunting, but when managed correctly using the checks and balances required by the Local Government Act 1972, NALC guidelines, and individual standing orders and financial regulations, they provide a structured, transparent framework to keep the community running safely.

~ Editorial Team



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SHORT AWARD

VOTING CLOSES 1ST NOVEMBER

June Gathercole - Incredible dedication to reducing local waste through the OLIO app, tirelessly collecting and distributing food to support the community.

Richard & Heather Jaques - Creative, hardworking champions who beautify our village with impressive planters. Their humility, passion, and teamwork inspire others to get involved.

Angela & Paul Weeks - Go above and beyond to make Goxhill beautiful through major planting initiatives and junction displays that create a warm, welcoming community.

Mike Jones - A tireless leader serving as Parish Councillor, Memorial Hall trustee, and Millennium Green lead, maintaining vital community hubs despite limited resources.

Jack Lawtey - Former Parish Council Chair who maintains the station and Millennium Green accounts. A key supporter of the Gander, village Mosaic, and Best Kept Village.

Iris Thompson - A selfless behind-the-scenes hero who raised over £10,000 for the Memorial Hall through the 200 Club. Her quiet reliability means the world to us.

Ann Carter - The driving force keeping our 100-year-old Memorial Hall thriving by endlessly running local cafes, fairs, and community shows.

John Noton - A dedicated pillar of the village who served 20 years as treasurer for the Goxhill Gander, manages Memorial Hall finances, and is always ready to lend a hand with odd jobs.

Sheila Leadley - A warm presence who raises vital funds for Macmillan through library refreshments, tirelessly baking and providing lunches for local events.

Aileen Bennett - Thoughtfully enhances our village by personally putting out and watering flower boxes to keep local spaces looking vibrant.

Rob Snell - A hands-on organizer who keeps the play park and Millennium Green in top shape, always stepping up to fix and manage tasks around the village.

Hazel Altoft - She does such a lot of work for the Chapel and other things in the village, she is a good kind Christian person who will help anyone.

Community Award

THE GANDER

The New Goxhill Chippie

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The nominations are now locked in!

As announced in our Summer Edition and across social media, the three-month nomination window closed on 7th August, so no further nominations can be accepted. If you missed out, keep an eye out for next year's award!

We have 12 fantastic nominees, including local husband-and-wife teams Richard & Heather and Angela & Paul, a lovely testament to the couples keeping village traditions alive. The people of Goxhill now have until 1st November to cast their vote for the nominee who most deserves recognition.

Rose (editor) and Alex of ***Goxhill IT*** continue to host and support the Gander website, so have been busy creating a new onine voting form for you to cast your votes from the convenience of your PC or phone again this year.

Last year, the 2025 Short Award was deservedly presented to Amy Shephardson by a record landslide! Recognised for her tireless dedication to fundraising, seasonal giveaways, and village care, Amy's winning response was: "I just like to be nice to people..."

Because the Short Award can only ever be won once, previous winners are exempt, opening the floor for a new recipient each year. With the original 1988 board now completely full, our 2026 winner will be the very first name hand-painted on our brand-new board! (donated by Bruce Margetson - **BFM Painting Services** P48)

2026 marks the **10th year** of The Gander sponsoring and running this village tradition. **Goxhill Chippie is giving £25 of anything on the menu for this year's winner,** on top of the usual Amazon Voucher from the **Gander.**

How to Vote:

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I Just Survived GCSEs: Here Are My Top 10 Tips by James Dennett

GCSE TIPS

This September marks the beginning of my A-Level studies, having finished my GCSEs in June. Knowing how daunting it can be, I thought I'd share some advice for anyone starting Year 10 or 11!

1. **Find a way to motivate yourself:** Accept that you won't always want to revise. Set yourself a target and a reward (e.g., "I'll finish topic 3, then go to the park"). It makes getting started so much easier.
2. **Organise yourself:** You'll receive enough worksheets and books to fill a small library, and you'll need every single sheet by the end. Don't rely on school, take responsibility for keeping it all organised.
3. **Quality over quantity:** Spending eight hours revising is useless if six were spent scrolling TikTok. An hour or so a day of focused, high-quality revision is plenty. Find the learning style that suits you and stick to it.
4. **Speak to teachers:** A secret: your teachers actually know what they're doing and want you to succeed! Ask them to review tricky topics or mark past papers. Remember to get them a nice thank-you present at the end of the year!
5. **Pace yourself to avoid burnout:** You won't learn anything if you're exhausted. Split revision into 20-minute chunks with 10-minute breaks. Aim to start revising around three weeks before mock exams, and by February of Year 11 for the real thing (This may vary for different people, though).
6. **Know the exams:** You gain marks not just for factual knowledge, but for how you word your answers. Learn the specific answer structures mark schemes look for and practice using them.
7. **Use the internet wisely:** Technology isn't the enemy: put your phone on "Do Not Disturb". Try Quizlet or Gizmo for virtual flashcards, and search Cognito or FreeScienceLessons on YouTube.
8. **Look after yourself:** Don't sacrifice your well-being for grades. Eat healthily, stay hydrated, keep up with friends, and, most importantly, get enough sleep!
9. **Don't panic:** Walking into my mock exams, I panicked and started doubting everything I wrote. Accept that you'll make some mistakes, keep calm, and trust yourself. As Alan Shearer said, pressure is for tyres!
10. **Get on with it:** There will be times when you really cannot be bothered. When targets and rewards stop working, the best advice is to stop complaining and just do it! You'll feel so much better once it's done.



Bonus tip: Always bring a water bottle to exams, it's going to be hot! Good luck!

Struggling families supported throughout summer holidays

Local foodbanks are receiving a welcome boost as an extra 2,114KG of food is donated, the equivalent of 5,032 meals.

Food bank drives took place at 12 Lincolnshire Co-op food stores, including Goxhill.

The push for donations began in June, ahead of school holidays, as local food banks reported higher usage during this time, despite typically receiving less support.

Goxhill Co-op foodbank drive day

Lots of people donated huge baskets of items on the day. They were able to collect and deliver a huge 93.3kg and 281 items on the same day to the foodbank.

Volunteer Janet Shephardson said:

"We don't get any funding, so we rely entirely on donations. Unfortunately, the number of people needing our support continues to grow, and demand increases even further during the summer holidays, when families no longer have access to free school meals. That's why receiving such a large donation at this time of year is especially valuable. I want to say a massive thank you to every person who donated; it will make a world of difference to those in our community who need it most."

Lincolnshire Co-op has been fundraising for local food banks, through its Community Champions scheme, which sees thousands of pounds donated to local good causes each year.

Colleagues get involved in fundraising, customers donate change into collection pots, and a donation is made by the co-operative every time a member shops with their dividend card.



A foodbank collection bin is permanently in the store for anything you can spare.

Reducing Food Waste - an update on June's OLIO efforts



2,232	2,167	650kg	2,385kg	8,944	486,197
Items listed	Items collected	Food saved	CO2 equivalent	Car miles	Litres of water

June's OLIO 'Food Waste Hero update' for July alone reports incredible results.
Believe it or not, June said it was "*not as good as usual*". Imagine years of it!

A massive thank you goes to June Gathercole for her incredible commitment to keeping surplus food out of landfill! June's hard work has been recognized across the village, earning her a nomination for the Short Award.

At her own expense, June travels extensively, often making multiple trips a day to retail outlets in Hull and Grimsby to collect surplus food and produce. She receives no travel expenses and devotes countless hours, frequently late into the night, to sorting, packaging, and distributing these items for free. Thanks to her extraordinary hard work, over 300 local residents regularly benefit from surplus food, saving money on shopping bills and helping the planet.

June coordinates everything through the OLIO app, which is free to use (though ads can be removed in the app settings for a small fee if you prefer).

June does all of this purely out of kindness for our village. Showing a little respect and patience ensures she can continue this wonderful work for Goxhill!

To help June keep this fantastic service going and to keep things fair for everyone, please keep a few quick courtesies in mind:

- **Please only take the exact items assigned to you.** Taking extra items or things without your name on means taking away from another neighbour who requested them.
- **No dogs on the premises under any circumstances,** including on leads. They cause distress to June's pets and 'do what dogs do'. Please leave dogs at home.
- **Wait until all your requested items are confirmed** on the app before setting off.
- **Avoid turning up early** or messaging that you are on your way, as stopping to answer the door delays sorting for everyone else.
- **Always check listing details and agreed pickup times before leaving home.**



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Goxhill Community Library: 15 Years and Counting! by Linda Gilbert

In July 2010, North Lincolnshire Council planned to close our village library.

Thanks to a successful campaign and petition by the Goxhill WI, the Council instead agreed to transfer day-to-day management to the Parish Council. Following a highly successful volunteer recruitment drive, our volunteer-run library opened its doors in April 2011. Now in its 16th year, the library's longevity is a true testament to the dedication of both past and present team members.

Today, a small but dedicated team - Alison, Isabelle, Linda, Mick, and our newest member, Olivia - ensures our services remain available to everyone in Goxhill and the surrounding villages. We also regularly welcome visits from the local school.



Join Our Team!

New volunteers are always welcome, and North Lincolnshire Council provides full support and training. Volunteering is incredibly rewarding - you can do as much or as little as you like, meet wonderful people, and help support our community. Intrigued? Pop in for a chat or email us at **goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk**

What We Offer

Beyond the wide selection of books, encyclopedias, audiobooks, and reference materials on our shelves:

- **Easy Ordering:** If we don't have a book, our volunteers can help you order it from other North Lincolnshire libraries for free collection.
- **Digital Resources:** Free Wi-Fi and PC access, including "Find My Past" for family history research.
- **Online Library Access:** BorrowBox, PressReader, and more via the North Lincolnshire Library network.
- **Services:** Printing and photocopying facilities.
- **Socialising:** Every Wednesday afternoon, villagers gather for a chat over tea, coffee, and biscuits (kindly provided by Sheila).

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THE NATIONAL PICTURE Why 16 Years Matters


VOLUNTEER-RUN LIBRARIES

The National Wave: Following 2010 budget cuts, hundreds of libraries across England had to transition to community management to survive. Today, between 500 and 600 volunteer-run libraries exist nationwide.

Years Ahead of the Curve: While a 10-year milestone recently made national headlines, the vast majority of UK community asset transfers didn't actually happen until between 2012 and 2016. Goxhill fighting the closure in 2010 and opening its doors in April 2011 places it among the absolute longest-running volunteer libraries in modern British history.

The Village Model: Roughly half of the UK's volunteer spaces are small village hubs. These depend entirely on local parish backing and dedicated community rotas to keep the doors open.

What Goxhill achieved wasn't just a local save - it was an early blueprint that the rest of the country spent the next decade trying to follow.



The Village 'Book Boxes'

Run completely independently from the library, Goxhill features two book exchanges housed in historic BT phone boxes: one on Howe Lane (outside the library) and one at North End (near the school).

Set up by the Goxhill WI, these boxes operate on a "take a book, leave a book" basis. They are lovingly maintained, cleaned, and painted by local volunteers, and are highly valued by the community.

Important Reminders:

- **NO LIBRARY BOOKS:** Please ***never*** leave official library books in the phone boxes.
- **BOOKS ONLY:** These exchanges are ***strictly*** for books. **Do not use them as a charity dump** for old crockery, clothes, suitcases, or toys, as volunteers then have to dispose of them.

Churches Together

Proceeds from these events are divided equally between the Goxhill Church & Chapel

Members of Goxhill's Methodist and Anglican Churches, along with their friends, would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in making this summer's Open Gardens event such a fantastic success.

Creativity & Community Spirit

The Chapel was a hive of activity, showcasing 9 wonderful displays centred around this year's theme, *Birds, Bees & Butterflies*. Inside, the building bustled thanks to our amazing volunteers, who provided a mouthwatering array of cakes, savoury treats, and snacks. The tea and coffee were flowing so well that we even saw a few returning customers coming back for thirds!

Incredible Local Support

Outside, plants and tickets were sold to the lovely sound of the church bells ringing. We were also incredibly lucky to have a brilliant selection of tombola prizes generously donated by local businesses, including Deepdale Garden Centre, Shawbriggs, Barton Tileries, Tesco...and many more!

We also owe a special thanks to Dan Burns, Motor Mechanic, who not only opened his own fabulous garden gates this summer but teamed up with Nettleton Mowing to cover our printing costs for stickers and maps. Our gratitude also goes to S.A. Tyres and Ace Chimney Sweeps for covering our April printing costs.

A Fantastic Result

Our beautiful Goxhill gardens attracted a large number of visitors from outside the village, including many familiar faces who faithfully return year after year. This summer's gardens offered a wonderfully varied array of sizes, passions, and lifestyles to satisfy all curiosities.

We are deeply grateful to all the gardeners for opening their gates and being such wonderful hosts. Thanks to everyone's combined generosity, we raised a grand total of £1,509.65 over the two days! With the £1,215.83 raised in April, the grand total for the 2026 Open Gardens was £2,725.78.

The 2027 Open Gardens will be 18th April & 12/13th June. See you there!

If you would like to open your garden, help or contribute for either the Spring or Summer 2027 events, please contact Janet Shephardson 07784 818212 or Christine Creasey 07512 004942

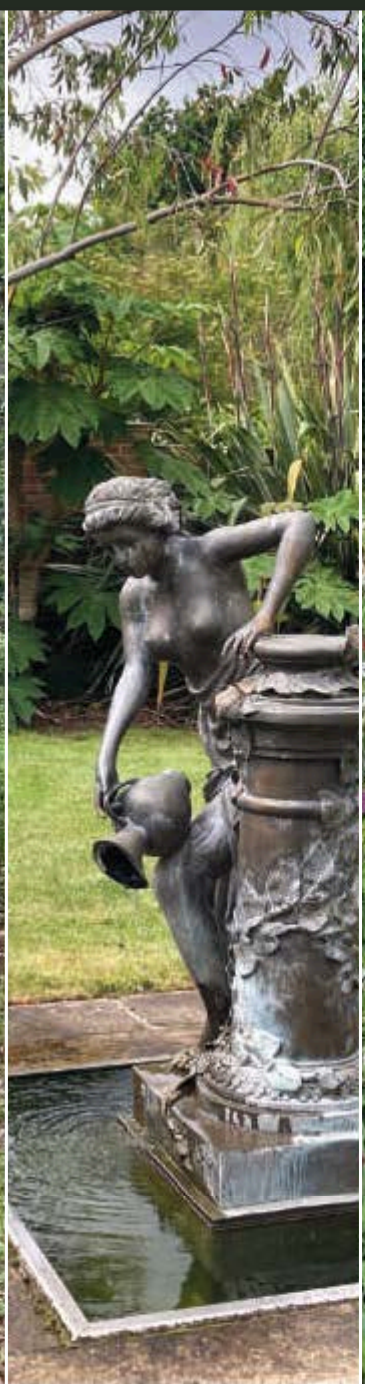
Slices of Paradise

This year's summer garden selection came in all shapes and sizes, ranging from Jurassic-scale foliage and tranquil cottage paths to tiny spaces brimming with passion and vibrant tropical havens.

13 Goxhill gardens opened over the 2 days of 13th-14th June this year, some never seen before!

At the Granary, Bridget and Andy said, "*Thank you for visiting us and for all your lovely comments, especially since we are 'the garden that isn't a garden.*'" This courtyard was beautifully presented, yet it served as a mere facade for the obsession hidden inside. Those who didn't venture further would have been kicking themselves; the interior revealed a collector's paradise of exotic cacti, carnivorous plants, orchids, and a rooftop garden.







If it houses plants, it is a garden, and this event proved it's all about making the most of what you have. One of the smallest spaces perfectly demonstrated this, instantly transporting visitors to a relaxed exotic holiday. With ambient music, scented incense, the sound of trickling water, and plenty of places to sit and relax. Entering this space felt like a big warm hug, complete with an offer of drinks and fresh bread with dips.

Turning an innocent-looking corner often revealed a surprise, eliciting a collective "WOW!" This was particularly true at the home of Dan and Donna Burns. It is hard to believe that what began as a "COVID project" on a barren field is now an array of exquisitely curated spaces, each with its own unique theme and purpose - so inviting that visitors barely wanted to leave.

Another host remarked, "*The house could fall down for all I care, as long as I have my garden.*" As you might imagine, her long, narrow plot was bursting at the seams, reflecting her deep horticultural knowledge.

Heading down to the allotments is always a pleasure, not only for returning with arms full of plants and fresh rhubarb, but for the chance to explore the ingenious, thrifty methods used to construct polytunnels and planters. It is truly a comfortable space designed for staying all day.

As Denise and Ian Neve shared that they truly enjoyed opening their garden for the first time, we are sure all the hosts would echo this sentiment:

"*Thank you to all who visited and for the wonderful comments. We met some lovely people from near and far.*"









THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2026 by Jack Lawtey

Back in December, when Richard, Heather, and I got together and asked the Council if they would support an application for the 2026 Best Kept Village competition, we felt we had all the time in the world. The Parish Council kindly agreed to enter the competition and allocated a budget; it was time to plan.



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Over the next few months, Richard was hard at work building new planters, Heather was making planting lists, and I was busy cleaning up existing ones and twisting arms (in a nice way) to find people to look after them. We started with 20+ planters and planted areas of various sizes: some were in good condition, some needed a bit of TLC, a couple needed new owners, and two Richard had to completely rebuild. Spring was kind to us, the work got done, and suddenly there was real momentum behind Goxhill's BKV challenge. We had offers of materials, offers to water, new planters appearing under street signs, and kind people offering financial support to cover costs.

It was time to move up a gear. We had support, and the village was genuinely interested in what was happening. We had suggestions for new locations, and NLC changing our waste collection methods gave us a great opportunity to recycle old bins and boxes into planters. Before we knew it, six new planters had been made and installed, well done, Richard!

We now had 38 planters around the village, and it was time to get them planted. Heather and I made two long visits to Deepdale Garden Centre. Armed with the Council's backing, of which we carefully spent £800 of the £900 budget, we filled trolley after trolley with plants of all types, sizes, and colours. Were they the right sort? The right colour? Had we bought enough? Only time would tell!

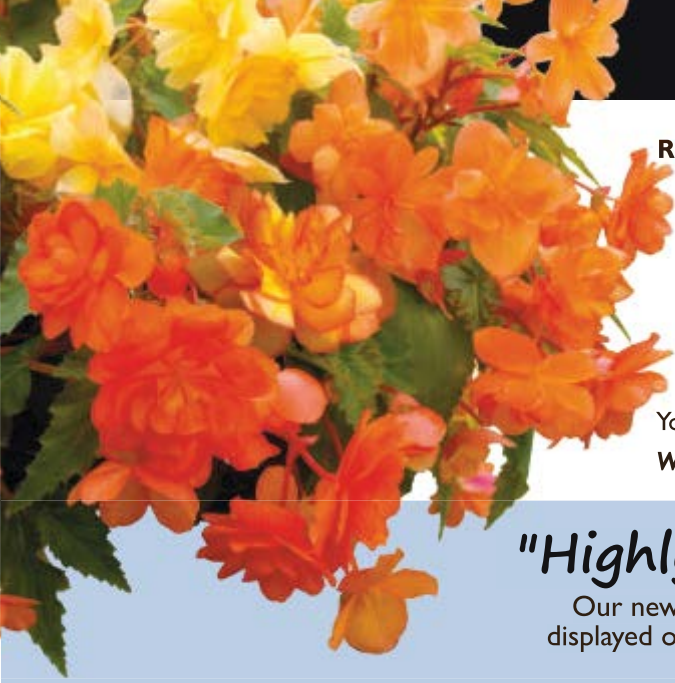
Time was running out. July and the judging were rapidly approaching, so it was time to take stock. Were we ready? A drive round the village to see if we had missed anything opened our eyes to what everyone else had been doing. There were hanging baskets, window boxes, and border displays all over the place. The whole village was bursting with colour.

And then nature took a hand. We had a weekend of strong winds battering the flower displays, day after day of hot, dry weather (lovely for holidays, but brutal for plants), and then a hosepipe ban! If you have a couple of boxes, you can cope with a watering can. But when you are looking after five, six, or seven or more, it is hard work. Somehow, everyone kept up with the watering and the plants survived.

Mid-July arrived and it was time for the judging. We never know exactly when they are coming, and to be honest, I've never seen anyone walking around looking like a judge. But one way or another, we were assessed, appraised, and scored.

Did we win? Unfortunately, we weren't first in the Best Kept Large Village group. But we were awarded a **Highly Commended score** of 193 points, just three points behind the winner! On top of that, Goxhill was judged to have the **Best Kept Cemetery 2026**. Credit where it's due, well done to the Parish Council for how well it's managed and maintained.

Unfortunately, GPC was unable to apply for North Lincolnshire Councils "Britain in Bloom" grant in time, which offered a share of the £30,000 NLC allocated for plant costs.



Richard, Heather, and I would like to say a massive thank you to the individuals and local businesses who supported the village this year:

- Goxhill Parish Council for contributing budget toward plants and materials.
- Amy Shephardson, Tony Ruddy, Ellie Barnes, and the van den Bos family for their generous financial donations.
- Barton Building Supplies for discounting our materials.
- Deepdale Garden Centre for all their help sourcing the right plants.
- Those who nipped out every day to water, sponsor, or look after a planter.
- Those who brightened up the village with their own baskets, boxes, and borders.

Your support made a huge difference, and it is really appreciated.

Well done and thank you to everyone!

"Highly Commended"

Our new 2026 plaque will be proudly displayed outside the Parish Rooms soon!



The Judges are kind and complimentary in their comments and I feel it is important to pass on what they said about our village.

"Goxhill is a very tidy village with many attractive features. There is good community planting and some excellent facilities, including a splendid playground and skateboard park.

Community planting is found in various locations around the village, with delightful displays at the junctions of Howe Lane and Barrow Road. There were further displays on Barrow Road, North End, at the smart village sign and at the Medical Centre. The community planting is enhanced by residents who have colourful displays at the front of their properties. Some of the best examples were found at Trefusis, Oriana Cottage, Ardena and number 4 Howe Lane, 6, 15 and 28 St Michael's Close, number 1 The Bridles, Horsegate Farm on North End, Keebee Lodge on Ferry Road and Oak Tree Cottage, Carlton and Treeside on Chapel Street.

The cemetery is a very attractive area and extremely well-maintained, as is the excellent playground area which provides a good range of equipment in a well-fenced area. The adjacent MUGA and skateboard park provide impressive facilities for young people.

Community information is prominently on display in good quality noticeboards.

There is a good provision of litter bins throughout the village, and unsurprisingly and most commendably, hardly any litter was seen across the village."





SO, WHAT COMES NEXT?

Do we rest on our laurels with a great score?
Do we figure out what it takes to snatch 1st place? Or do we get stuck in right now so Goxhill really stands out for 2027?

Do you want the Parish Council to keep backing projects like this? And are you willing to lend a hand? The more hands we have, the lighter the work for everyone. Please let your views be known, your voice really matters.

~ Jack Lawtey

In it to win it. Goxhill has done very well in this competition over the years, last winning ***first*** place in 2020, highly commended in 2023, and 3rd overall in 2024 (plaque missing!). Other category wins have been Best Kept Community Planting and Best Kept Playground in 2020, and Best Kept Cemetery '22 & '23 (now '26). We were not entered in 2025, so are excited to be back!



Cydalima perspectalis

This summer had a good number of residents googling for this little pest, known as the **box tree moth**. First described in 1859, it is native to Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, far-east Russia and India. It was first recorded to have invaded Europe in 2006, spreading from Germany. It sounds like it certainly has made itself comfortable in Goxhill over the Summer.



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A fond farewell to 'our' swifts

By Emma Maynard

For a few weeks each summer, the skies above Goxhill belong to the swifts. This year around eighteen have wheeled over Westfield Road, Howe Lane and King Street, as many again over North End, and dozens more over Barrow, Barton and beyond. Two pairs nest in our own eaves on King Street, close enough that I've spent more evenings than I'll admit craning my neck, trying to catch them on camera as they scythe past.

Then, some quiet morning in early August, they slip away south without a word of goodbye. So before the silence settles in, let me say why these are the most extraordinary birds most of us will ever see.

The swift spends nearly its whole life in the air. It eats and drinks on the wing, gathers nesting material on the breeze, bathes by flying slowly through rain, and even sleeps aloft, climbing at dusk to two or three thousand feet and resting one half of the brain at a time, rather as a dolphin sleeps while it swims.

It hunts like a shark rather than trawling like a whale, with a success rate second only to the dragonfly. It lands for one reason only: to breed. A youngster, once it swoops from the nest, may not touch down again for two or three years, and across a life of up to twenty may fly some two million miles - to the moon and back several times over - on wings that weigh less than a small egg.

Living in Bomber County, we know a thing or two about mastery of the air. But the swift needs no runway and no refuelling, and doesn't ask for our admiration, although it earns it when reaching nearly seventy miles an hour in level flight. Those screaming parties round our chimneys on warm evenings are young birds racing for the joy of speed.

Long before the trenches, the war poet Wilfred Owen watched a swift command the sky and asked: "O Swift! If thou art master of the air, / Who taught thee?" His answer: not the joy of flying honed such skill, but love for the hungry crying of its young.

So for these last days, I'll be looking up, and I hope you will too. Safe travels, intrepid ones! We'll be counting the days to your return in May.

Wilfred Owen's wonderful poem in full:
www.commonswift.org/arts.html

Thirsty Visitors: The Long-Tailed Tit

Did You Know?

Weighing barely 8 grams, Long-tailed Tits often travel in noisy family flocks called "charms."

During a prolonged dry spell and hosepipe ban, garden water sources become a vital lifeline for local wildlife. Captured here, a tiny Long-tailed Tit (Aegithalos caudatus) perches on the edge of a rock fountain for a quick drink. Weighing no more than a 20p coin, these social little birds rely heavily on garden baths during summer droughts to stay hydrated and keep their distinctive, fluffy plumage in top condition

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Planting Wildflowers
Left to right: Alva, Ziggy, Pete, Paul W, Paul B. Kneeling: Cliff, Matt

Wienerberger goes Wild!

It all started as a wild seed of thought from Paul Beetham, Arboricultural Officer NLC, whilst discussing the Cherry tree's along Thornton & Ferry Road with Paul Weeks, and Cllr A Ruddy from Goxhill Parish Council.

"Why not plant wildflowers and Hawthorn trees along Barrow Road", Indeed! What a great idea!

Paul B suggested a plethora of wildflowers and 8 Hawthorn trees to be planted along the left hand side of Barrow road as you approach the junction with Thornton road. The seed was sown, and Paul W keen to get his hands dirty, was quick off the mark. Paul duly contacted Wienerberger, who as you may or may not know, are the tile factory located in Goxhill, and they were very keen to implement this project.

Enter Maisie McKenzie, who is the Biodiversity Manager at Wienerberger. Several online Team discussions followed, and after a lot of weeding out, was very fruitful. Maisie, acting on behalf of Wienerberger, sealed the deal by kindly donating 500 plugs of different wildflowers. These are: white campion, common knapweed, tufted vetch, kidney vetch, greater knapweed, musk mallow, meadow cranesbill, field scabious, birds-foot trefoil, and yarrow.

Fast forward to 27th May 2026, and with the help from the Goxhill Gorgeous Gardeners: Paul W, myself, Paul B, Matt, Pete, Cliff, Alva, Ziggy, and not forgetting Scott Peasey who helped with the preparation of the area, each and every wildflower was carefully planted. Hopefully these small wildflowers will flourish. Time will tell and fingers crossed the fruits of our labour will be visible for all to see in the years to come. These wildflowers will attract pollinators for all the bees and butterflies in Goxhill. It's very encouraging that one of our village businesses is eager to contribute to enhancing Goxhill. As Barrow road is one of the main arteries into the village, we hope that the wildflowers, and Hawthorn trees, will give visitors and residents alike a sight to behold.

With Paul Beetham and support from Goxhill Parish Council, we hope in the Autumn to plant 8 Hawthorn trees, (aptly named Paul's Scarlet). This will provide a grand colourful main entrance into the village with their vibrant red/pink flowers during Spring, and their yellow and bronze colouring in the Autumn. Did you know that one Hawthorn tree can accommodate 150 different insect species? They also attract small mammals and migrating birds with their berries, and let's not forget the nesting birds. These trees can live up to 400 years! A blooming lovely tribute for the next generation.

~ Angela Weeks

Prunus Serrulata Taihaku. (Cherry Trees) *A recipe for success.* Goxhill style.

Ingredients: A pinch of Paul Weeks, a slice of NLC tree officer Paul Beetham, and 21 matured Cherry trees.

Filling: Cllr. Ruddy, Goxhill Parish Council.

Method: Mix ingredients well.

- Establish and identify location. Prepare planting for October. Sift through available Grants. Add NLC's Community Grant, and whisk thoroughly.
- Leave to settle.
- Heat up Cllr. Ruddy, Goxhill Parish Council. Wrap well with policies, and bake for another 3 months.
- Decorate and present to the Parish Council to vote for Cream of the Crop.
- Put into NLC's Community Grant's oven. Set timer, wait until completely baked.

The end product; hopefully, and fingers crossed, a mouth watering display of Cherry Trees!

This process has been simmering for two years! The trees will be non-perishable with a shelf life for another 50 years.

Sincere gratitude to: Paul Beetham NLC officer, Paul Weeks resident, Cllr. Ruddy, and Goxhill Parish Council, for all their dedication, support, and patience. It's amazing what Goxhill can cook up when we all work together……. ~ Angela Weeks

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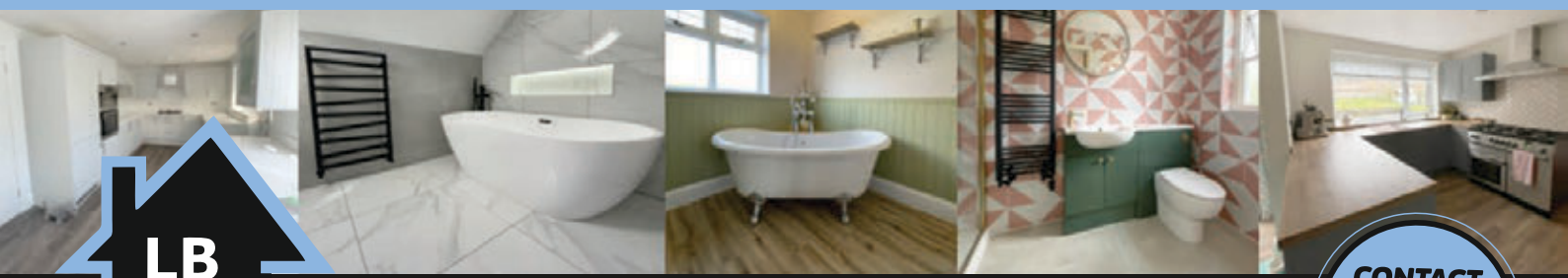


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Hello fellow equestrians, as predicted in my last article we have gone from moaning about the mud and rain to sporting interesting tans and debating whether it's appropriate to participate in an evening rain dance. I don't know how your land is coping but my paddocks are starting to look similar to the Sahara Desert and I'm contemplating planting a few cacti!!

Whilst the grass is struggling in the 30-degree heat, it would appear that Ragwort is thriving 😕 Ragwort is a yellow flowered plant which is poisonous to dogs and horses. All parts of the plant contain toxic pyrrolizidine alkaloids that cause severe and permanent liver damage which can be fatal, horses tend to avoid eating it as it has a bitter taste but they may eat it if they are hungry or if it is cut and dried in hay as it loses its bitter taste. Ragwort can be grazed by sheep, and they can be used to help pasture management, weed killer can also be used but horses need to be kept of the land for 3-6 weeks after. The most common form of ragwort control is by digging it up from its root. This is hard work and protection should be used such as gloves, sleeves and trousers as coming in to contact with it can cause skins irritations and worse. The ragwort shouldn't be put on your compost heap, instead it should be put in heavy duty bags and incinerated or collected by a waste management company.

We have just had the feed company Dengie come and weigh all our horses and discuss their diets. Despite the grazing being so poor, it would appear that my staff are feeders, and the horses are still managing to be overweight! Poor Freddie, (middle child) has been on a diet since his last weigh in in April, he has reduced portions, reduced grazing and soaked hay (to reduce the nutritional value) and he has still put 6kg on (I feel his pain). Despite Freddie only being 12, he has the onset of aggressive arthritis in his front legs, because of this we have had to dramatically reduce his ridden workload which was our only way of keeping him slim. He is now on laminitis watch (a bit like diabetes in humans) and ironically, grass, the food horses are supposed to survive and thrive on is full of sugar! (You wouldn't catch me swapping my Haribo for a handful of grass though 😊)

I have been steadily making progress with my youngest horse Gerry. When I wrote my last article, I had booked my first lesson on him away from home…….that didn't happen!! About a week after writing that, I was getting on him at home, and he had quite clearly been watching too much Yellowstone and had aspirations of becoming an American rodeo horse! I have no designs on being a rodeo rider!! He shot off bucking and twisting and poor Ellie who had hold of the lunge as I got on, and is all of 7 stone wet through, clung on, as did I! He finally stopped and I was still on board, phew!



Lauren, who was observing said 'nobody can ever doubt your seat', I said 'no but right now I'm doubting my life choices!'. Consequently, after having such a severe reaction to me getting on, I decided to have Gerry's spine checked to ensure he wasn't in pain. Horses can have a condition called 'kissing spines', this is where the bony vertical projections of a horse's spine grow too close or overlap, causing severe pain, especially when ridden. It turns out that Gerry's spine is in tip top condition he just has attitude and I had a hefty vet bill!! We have managed a few arena hires since the explosion, the first time I took him, Dave my lovely husband and the ballast required to anchor Gerry was not available so I was just going to work him in hand but he behaved impeccably and I ended up getting on and having a walk and trot.

On our second visit, both of our confidence's were building and we attempted a few small jumps, the were more like trip hazards but non the less, we left the ground. On our third visit I had plans, I should of known better, I wanted to jump two jumps consecutively, Gerry got a little enthusiastic, overachieved over a mere pole on the floor, bucked to change lead and regain balance and then stopped dead, I was ok with all the antics, but when he stopped, I continued, flying off over his head and deploying a canister on my air jacket!!! Thankfully I was intact and Gerry let me back on, having a further trot and canter, but he wouldn't go back over the poles as quite clearly, they made mummy fall off! So, Gerry and I aren't quite as far as I would have liked in our adventures, but I no longer get butterflies at the thought of getting on so that is progress, isn't it?

There has been change at our yard over the last month. Ellie, who has worked at JJ Equestrian Services for over 8 years, starting as a Saturday girl and progressing into full-time employment, has moved on to pastures new. As I mentioned earlier, she saved my bacon on Gerry and she was pivotal in the start of many young horse's career, she was a quiet and sympathetic rider and because she was so petite was excellent on the ponies. We wish her the very best of luck in her new job. Stepping in to her shoes is Hollie, we have given Hollie the opportunity to do her apprenticeship with us which she will be starting at Level 2. Apprenticeships are a fabulous opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in the workplace as well as a recognised qualification. I work for a company called Stubbing Court Training Ltd which offer Level 1,2 and 3 in Equestrian apprenticeships and if it something that you or someone you know would be interested in then please get in touch for further information.

Finally, in just a couple of weeks from now it will be East Halton Show, last year I helped as a steward in the showing rings and this year I will be commentating in the showjumping ring with my side kick Lauren in charge of the timing and results! I am well known for my long list of faux pas especially when my brain and mouth aren't always connected or at least there is a time delay 😊 Fingers crossed I can pronounce all the horse's and rider's names correctly, I don't say anything inappropriate and I turn off the microphone at the correct time! I look forward to seeing you all there and please feel free to send me your pictures and results to **jjequestrianservices@gmail.com** which I will be happy to include in the next article.



Until next time, enjoy the last of the sunshine.
Joanne x

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When Jack Lawtey walked into my Pop-up Farm Shop and asked if I'd consider writing a Food and Farming Column in the Goxhill Gander, I was absolutely delighted, so here we are, the first one!

Before I start rambling though, I best introduce myself… I'm Amie Witter-Smith, not Goxhill born and bred but my Dad and Uncle bought East Marsh Farm back in 2000 when I was 6 years old.

I moved into the farmhouse with my husband Liam and two free range children in November 2022 and I am the second generation here, along with my brother, Tom who lives down the road at what some people may know as 'Klondike' I'm fascinated by the history of Goxhill Marshes, particularly the farms, past and present. I love old photos and discovering who lived here all those years ago!

I aren't your typical livestock farmer - I'm not outside every morning feeding the cows or driving a tractor. My day usually begins trying to get the children to school on time before tackling my never ending to do list. Behind the scenes, I wear quite a few hats: bookkeeper, accountant, bale stacker, content creator, and combine escort to name a few! I do enjoy working with the cattle when I can - they're beautiful animals and we love each and every one of them!

I am also the 'beef' lady and I run our farm diversification. I am hugely passionate about people knowing where their food comes from and I enjoy visiting schools and helping the children realise that food doesn't grow on a supermarket shelf! Farmers work tirelessly day in day out and deserve a fair price for their produce which leads me onto our farm diversification...

Back in February 2022, we launched our first East Marsh Beef Boxes. Since then, the business has grown and we are very lucky to have a supportive customer base & we have fresh beef available every month. We open our rustic pop-up shop various times over the month and sell our homebred beef direct from the farm, along with other locally sourced produce. You can also find myself and Liam at Barton Market the first Saturday of every month.

We have 3 dogs, a very large herd of cattle, around 100 chickens and several farm cats - including Ryan who's forever waiting at the back door, hoping to be allowed inside! And if I had to pick a favourite animal? It would be Mr Percy, our Limousin bull. Born here, now six years old, a magnificent beast, handsome and he knows it!

Wow, you have been warned, I can ramble so sit tight… It's September and we are coming to the end of a very long and busy harvest season! This harvest has been a different one, one we won't forget - no weather breaks, no slow days in between, I can only describe it as FULL ON. Harvest started a lot earlier this year and although the sunshine is wonderful, it also brought many problems to farmers up and down the country. Dad won't forget this harvest in a hurry - no air conditioning in his combine cab made it tough going and some days, I don't know how he stuck it out! The lack of rain has left the cattle very hungry with the grass not growing, which has meant feeding them twice a day out in the fields.

This year we've grown wheat, barley, beans and oilseed rape. Dad has combined over 1,200 acres, with the little farmers and I safely escorting him from field to field. Liam has been super busy baling, while Tom, Rory and Phil have kept the grain moving, leading it all back to the grain store. Tom also made sure the combine header arrived safely to the fields before Dad arrived with the combine! When not combining, Tom & Dad have also been busy stacking bales and leading them home so we have plenty of straw for the cattles winter bedding.

Another harvest safely gathered in, with a huge team effort from start to finish.

Fresh beef is back this month and we'll also be back at Barton Market on Saturday 5th September. We reined it back in August with beef so I could spend some slower days with the children and be available to help out with the harvest! I did attend a new Farmer's Market in Winteringham, which was a huge success and a sell out weekend!

October will soon be here, which means autumn calving is just around the corner and the late nights begin again - a busy but very special time on the farm, welcoming new life and one of my favourite times of year.

It also marks the start of getting the land worked and ready for drilling. We'll be harvesting our maize too, which you may have noticed growing tall near Thornton Abbey. Once cut & chopped, it's led home, and clamped; ready to form an important part of our cattle's winter feed. We may even get all this done in September weather depending!

November brings more calves on the ground, and all the cattle will be housed for winter; deep straw beds and a hearty breakfast served each morning. Not a bad life for the cattle of East Marsh Farm.

And people often ask me: how can I love our cattle but still eat them?

For me, the answer is simple. We care for them every day of their lives. We know them, we raise them with respect, and we take great pride in giving them the very best welfare. Loving animals doesn't mean you can't be part of producing food - it means you care deeply about how that food is produced, from start to finish.

I'll leave it there and hope you've enjoyed a little insight into life at East Marsh Farm.

Next time, I'll be sharing some of Farmer Liam's favourite winter recipes. I'd also love to hear from you — if there are any questions or topics you'd like me to cover, please drop me an email and I'll do my best to answer them.

I'm also keen to hear any Goxhill Marsh history or see old photographs of the farms down here, the Chapel down the marsh or 'Apple Pie Villa', so please do get in touch if you have anything to share.

Thank you for reading, Until the next time.. Amie

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Summer Term Highlights







There have been many highlights of the Summer term which reflect the broad range of experiences and opportunities that we provide to the children in our care. Examples include the Golf Festival at Forest Pines, school weekly visits to Goxhill library, the Year 1 Wilderspin Museum trip, Sports Days, a Ninja Run, a Colour Run, the Year 6 Residential (PGL Glamping Experience), the Year 5 Lincoln Zoo trip, the Year 6 Leavers Service, With Me in Mind Workshops to promote positive mental health and wellbeing (understanding emotions and managing emotions), Online Safety parent and child workshops led by Sarah Gladstone from Humberside Police and a visit from Pantelis ('Pan') Vidalis, one of the animators involved in the making of the new Julia Donaldson Zogg series.

Broadening Horizons and Career Connections

We continually strive to help the children to make connections between the subjects that they learn in schools and the wider world of work beyond school. We try to raise aspiration and broaden horizons, making the wider world more accessible through the experiences that we offer. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Pan's career as an animator and what the job entails and also about his life in Greece (Athens) before moving to England for a wider range of job opportunities linked to his interests. Pan was an inspiration and has turned his hobbies and interests into a very interesting career.

Online Safety Workshops



Sarah Gladstone (Cyber Prevent and Protect Officer from Humberside Police) came into school to deliver workshops to our older pupils and their parents/ carers. This was an educational and insightful opportunity for all and it helped to support confidence in tackling online safety. Potential dangers were discussed but also steps that could be taken to enhance safety and promote a positive online culture amongst our pupils. These workshops were well received by all and it was lovely to have parents/ carers and children learning alongside one another.

Celebrating Local History

We use local history to celebrate the local community. Year 1 children have been learning about Samuel Wilderspin in history and the impact that he had on education . This helps the children to understand the importance of significant individuals within history who have supported change. It also helps to support their understanding of events and periods of time beyond living memory.

The children compared schooling today to schooling in the Victorian era. As part of this history unit, the children visited the Wilderspin Museum in Barton Upon Humber to bring the history to life in a hands-on and practical way.

Sports and Community Events

The Sponsored Colour Run and Sports Days were very well attended and the atmosphere was extremely positive. The majority of people who attended joined in the Colour Run and great fun was had by all. We hope to continue to host events such as these that enable us to join with the local community as these partnerships are invaluable for the children.

The Golf Festival

A new addition to the school calendar this year was the Golf Festival. Some of our KS2 pupils (years 3-6) were selected to take part in a golf festival in a Gold Festival at Forest Pines. This was a competitive team event but one that enabled the children to experience golf as a sport and to begin to develop an understanding of the rules and techniques required. This was a valuable experience and one that was enjoyed by all participants.

Transition, Growth, and Year 6 Leavers

The Summer term in school is a time of excitement and opportunity but also a time of change and transition. Teachers are full of pride as they recognise how much the children in their care have grown and developed but they also feel a sense of loss as they hand the children over to their next teacher to take up the baton in the next phase of their educational journeys. Everybody prepares themselves for the new year ahead and our oldest pupils prepare to move on to secondary school. We were extremely proud of our year 6 cohort this year who delivered an exceptional leavers service to parents/ carers that they scripted and composed collaboratively and presented to the whole school community. The performance was extremely emotive and was a true testament to the personal growth of each child individually but also to the class as a whole. This 'personal growth' was also reflected in feedback from the 'PGL Glamping Residential' where our children pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones and demonstrated teamwork and resilience to achieve things that some of the children did not think were possible. We all wish the children the best of luck for the future and know they will go on to achieve great things!

Thank You and Summer Wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers who have supported us throughout this year but also to the wonderful staff team that we have at Goxhill Primary School. The year has not been without its challenges but as a team we all support one another and do the very best each day that we can for the children. I genuinely could not be prouder and wish everybody a well earned rest and quality time with their families over the Summer break.

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Work on a 2-metre-wide all-weather footpath will commence on the 1st of September and will include the gate area, which will be resurfaced and lead to the footpath.

A Community Grant application for four new indestructible benches has been submitted to North Lincolnshire Council to provide additional rest areas for those wishing to stop and chat to friends.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has included the Millennium Green Trust in their monthly e-magazine "spotlighting" the work being completed by the trust and volunteers.

A student completing a master's degree in photography at Lincoln University has requested a visit to the green to take photographs and talk to the volunteers. Hopefully in the next issue of the Gander, we will see some professional snaps.

Photos: Pyramidal and Bee orchids



GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE by Heather Jaques (President)

Since the last edition of the Gander we have held three monthly meetings. In May, Ferne Carmichael gave us an interesting and relaxing talk on 'Facial Massage' along with practical tips on reflexology. This was not only relaxing, but also great fun; watching over 25 of our members learning and practicing 'Window wipers', 'Cheek Sculpt' and 'Forehead Fountains' (all names for different facial massages) was, at times, hilarious.

On the 4th June a small number of members visited the Historic House and Gardens of Scawby Hall, near Brigg; the ancestral home of the Sutton-Nelthorpe family. We had a really interesting and informative tour, led by Ruth Stubley (Ruth is also a WI member). The house dates back to 1600 and we all agreed that it was well worth a visit.

One of our members, Anne Lawtey, joined the National Federation Day, virtually. She reported back about National programmes, initiatives and campaigns. She also told us that next year's National Federation Day is being held in Hull, and will be honouring 'Hull's Headscarf Revolutionaries, one of which was Mary Denness who lived in Goxhill for many years. I am sure a few of our members will look forward to attending this in person next year

Our June meeting saw over 25 members following Carole Hussey's carefully thought out Treasure Hunt; with clues to find answers to, set around the North End of the village. Once again this was very entertaining, if not a little frustrating at times. (Carole always sets very challenging clues and I am really not sure that my mind works in the same way as hers!!) The winners had no such problem and it was unanimously agreed that this was a very enjoyable activity finished off with tea and cake (as usual).

Summer Event Success

Our last meeting before the summer break was an Evening with Helen Pepper, a Senior Lecturer at Teeside University and an advisor on Forensics and Policing matters for many TV Detective programmes such as Vera and Shetland. She gave us a very interesting and light-hearted look at various sources from which forensic evidence can be obtained at crime scene investigations, including wood, insects and even a Christmas tree! Her presentation was entitled 'Forensic Science - The Unusual Suspects'

112 people enjoyed this open meeting which was followed by an amazing array of cakes and tea all provided by our members. It was such an enjoyable evening and we raised £555, which we have split 3 ways; £185 to both of the Charities which we are supporting this year- Lives and Air Ambulance, and £185 for our own coffers. I am sure you will all agree that this was a very successful evening, and I would like to say 'a big thank you' to all who supported us on that evening in July.

Join Goxhill WI

Goxhill WI meets at the Memorial Hall on the Second Monday of every month at 7pm. If you are interested in joining us, please come along; expect a warm welcome and fellowship.

Upcoming Open Autumn Events in Goxhill Memorial Hall All are welcome to attend:

Concert by The Hull NHS Choir

Monday 12th October2026 at 7pm

The Hull NHS choir has been going for over 10 years and has previously got 4 Yes's in Britain's got Talent; sung as part of Gareth Malone's Choir at King Charles 3rd Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle; and most recently recorded a track with Sam Scherdel (an up and coming Artist). Two of the Choir members come from Goxhill; I, myself, have been a member since it started. We have also sung at York Minster, The Bonus Arena and Hull Minster.

A Murder Mystery Evening by the South Bank Players

Monday 9th November 2026 at 7pm

See Page 11 for more information!

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARROW MERIDIAN

The new Rotary year started on the 1st July and so I handed over the office of President to Chris Rogers with a buffet at an informal enjoyable event in a relaxed atmosphere at our meeting place at The Squash Club at Barrow. I have enjoyed my year as President and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the support which we have received from you over the last year at our events both in the village and also at our car boot sales at Barrow. Since the last edition of The Gander we have been busy with a variety of events.

Visit to RNLI Lifeboat Station
In late April, we visited the new Cleethorpes Lifeboat Station for a comprehensive tour and talk about the RNLI's volunteer-led work. We were delighted to present them with a £500 cheque, before rounding off the evening with fish and chips at Steel's.

Triathalon
At the beginning of May together with Barton Lions and The White Swan we helped promote a charity triathalon of golf, darts and dominoes. The event raised in excess of £1200 for Parkinsons (UK).

Car Boot Sales
We held the first two of our three Car Boot Sales on the Bank Holidays in May the second one on an extremely hot day (makes a change from a wet one!!) when unsurprisingly there was not the usual demand for our renowned bacon and sausage butties. The third Car Boot Sale was on 30th August. All three events were well supported, thank you.

Barton Bike Night
We had our catering trailer on the Cottage Lane car park serving burgers, hot dogs and drinks.

Race Night
In June, we hosted our very first race night at Barton Town Cricket Club. Any initial apprehension quickly faded as the well-supported event turned out to be a fantastic success, raising a substantial sum for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance while providing a fun evening for everyone who attended.

Barton Lions Beer Festival
Several of our members were pleased to help The Lions man the bar over a number of shifts at their annual Beer Festival in Baysgarth Park

Tools With A Mission (TWAM)
We are still actively collecting unused tools, sewing/knitting machines, fabrics, haberdashery and computers which we keep in our storage unit at Barrow until we have a full van load. From there, the TWAM van transports them to Rugby for refurbishment. Beyond sending containers to Africa, TWAM now also supports UK community groups helping children and adults with additional needs, including SEND, autism, and mental health challenges. If you have items to donate, Email:barrowmeridian@twam.uk or phone John 07456 885125, Peter 07736 058400 Stuart 07751 018453 so we can arrange a pickup!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apple Crushing - Barrow Market Place
Saturday 5th September 10am to 2pm

INTERESTED IN JOINING?
We meet at 7pm on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Barrow Squash Club.
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Goxhill Bowling Club

A Season of Transition & Building for 2027. Half a dozen experienced players departed at the end of 2025. Our National Senior Ladies Pairs players and their husbands switched to another club (*whilst in top divisions we are perhaps more Brighton than Manchester City*) and the others left the local area. However, our new players have done very well and will have gained a lot of experience by the end of August that should mean they approach the 2027 season with confidence.

Looking Ahead. Some established players played far more matches than ideal to support our newcomers. To give everyone a breather, we may drop out of one of our four leagues (Grimsby, Scunthorpe, N. Lincs Mixed Triples, or Barnetby) next year until recruitment builds our member pool back up.

Open Day Reflection. Disappointingly, our 'Fun Bowling' day on 7th June was a damp squib. Despite strong publicity, hardly anyone turned up. Excluding members' relatives, there were fewer villagers playing than organisers. Presuming the cost (£2 adults, £1 children) wasn't the issue, we are left scratching our heads, as the format was identical to our highly successful Jubilee sessions.

Join Us Next Season! Outdoor bowling is affordable, easy to learn, and open to all ages and fitness levels. Enquiries are welcome throughout the close season (Sept-April).

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GOXHILL AND BARROW SCOUTS GROUP





A snapshot of what our young people have been doing:

Beavers

Have been learning about what to do in an emergency and practising some basic first aid skills. They attended Primrose Hill to attend a District session and earned their Digital Makers badge. They also planted various seeds and decorated bottles to make the "10 Green Bottles" display for the Barrow Wheelbarrow weekend.

Cubs

Have been working towards their Space and Fire Safety badges and took part in a sailing taster session at the North Lincolnshire and Humberside sailing Club at Barton Mere, where they spent a great afternoon sailing.

Scouts

Visited Thornton Abbey farm to feed the lambs and learn about farming. They have also been working towards their Photography badge which started with a talk from Kevin Richardson of Barton Camera Club and progressed to taking all sorts of photographs (portrait, still life, landscapes etc.) and using digital imagery software to enhance their pictures. They have also planned, written and made a short video which was great fun.



Explorers

Have been working on the Space badge, learning about the history of space exploration and making water rockets. They have also held their own Game Show night undertaking games and challenges from their favourite TV shows.



40 of our young people from Cubs, Scouts and Explorers sections attended PrimJam 6 which was a 4 day District camp at Primrose Hill. All say it was the best camp ever!



We are always looking for new volunteers to join our Leader Team and we currently urgently need: an Assistant Leader to help run the Beaver Section (6 – 8 year old on a Tuesday night between 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm), an Assistant Leader to help run the Scouts Section (10 – 14 year old on a Tuesday evening between 7pm and 8.45 pm and an Assistant Leader to help run the Explorers Section (14 – 18 year old on alternate Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 9pm).

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Once a bridleway

The track running from Northend past the allotments, known as the Green Ramper, finally had a trim recently, and everyone agreed it is a massive improvement!

While an overdue trim on the Green Ramper was a welcome sight, a single cut is only a temporary fix. Across the village, numerous paths and verges have fallen well below par in recent years. The ongoing challenge is ensuring contractors paid with public funds are actually held accountable to keep all these routes clear on a regular basis.

A number of residents have noted that the Green Ramper used to be a proper, wide bridleway. Under official UK rights-of-way guidelines, the standard recommended width for a bridleway is 3 metres to ensure safe, easy passage for horse riders, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

One wheelchair user noted:

> "*I wish it was 3 metres wide, then perhaps I could get round the horse manure! I either get it wrapped round my wheelchair wheels or risk getting stuck going round it. 3 metres would work for everyone!*"

Another resident warmly remembered:

> "*It used to be grass the whole width - a lovely canter track.*"

With the parish council currently reviewing grass-cutting contracts and footpaths across the village, this is the ideal time to make sure public money is spent effectively, path specifications are clear, and contractors are kept on their toes.

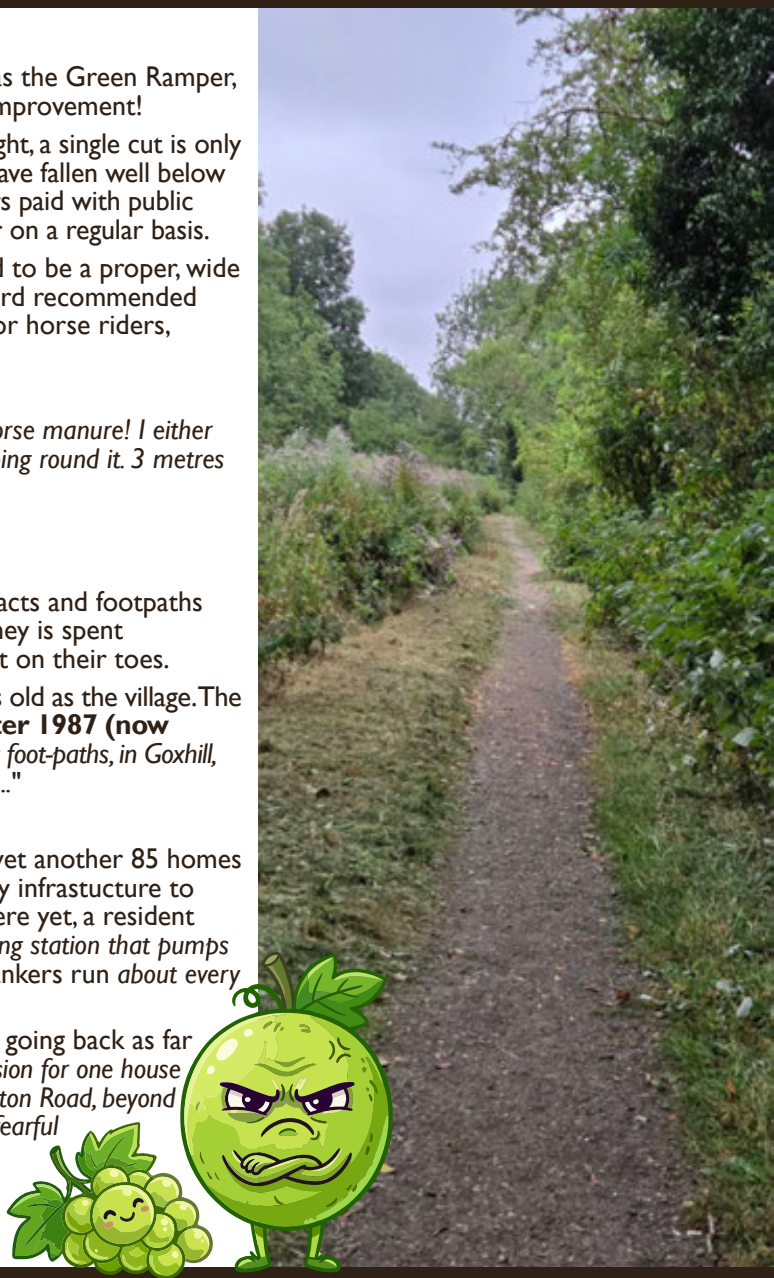
The battle to keep our village paths and bridleways is probably as old as the village. The Gander has been publishing about it as early as **ISSUE#2 Winter 1987 (now available online)** where the council said "*A number of our public foot-paths, in Goxhill, are in a bad state of repair and the stiles, in particular, need attention....*"

Development breaking point?

Residents are increasingly concerned about the completion of yet another 85 homes and that Goxhill is fast becoming a 'town' without the necessary infrastucture to sustain it. While the extra population (and cars) are not even here yet, a resident reported in late July: "*Good afternoon Goxhill residents, the pumping station that pumps your [sic]sewerage, ITS BROKEN (has been for the past 3 days)*" "tankers run *about every 30 mins*"....

Fears of the Village getting too big has also been a village staple, going back as far as **ISSUE#1 (also online!)** where it was said: "*Planning permission for one house and outline permission for another has recently been granted in Thornton Road, beyond the recognised outskirts of the village and Parish Councillors are now fearful that there is a strong chance of future ribbon development.*"

Of course, there have been the usual occasional posts of: "*Anyone else had a power cut again...*"



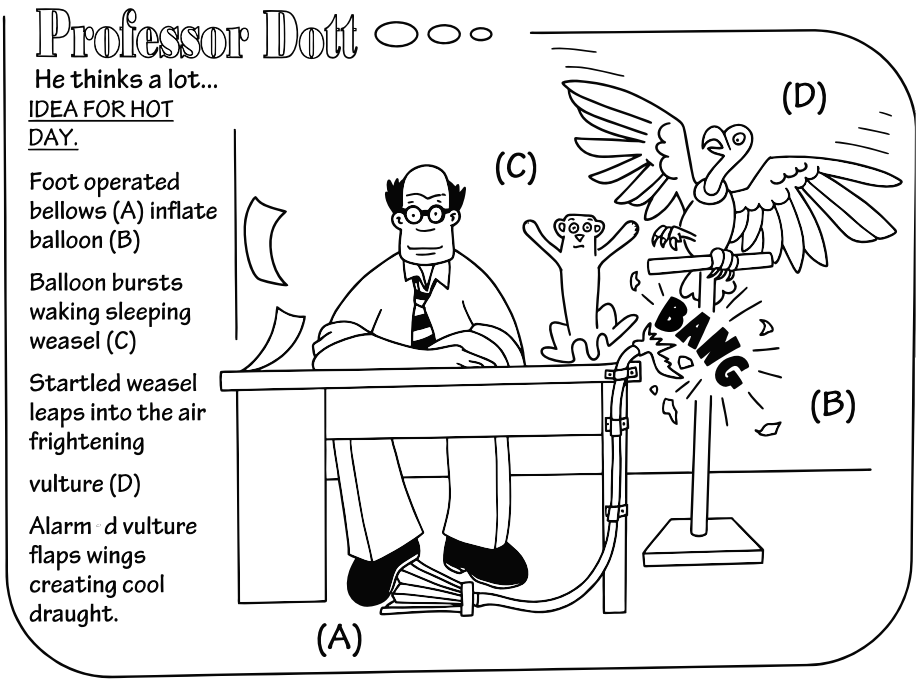
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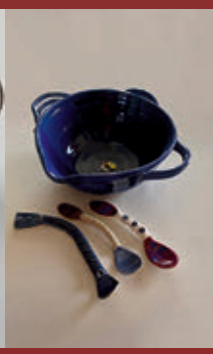
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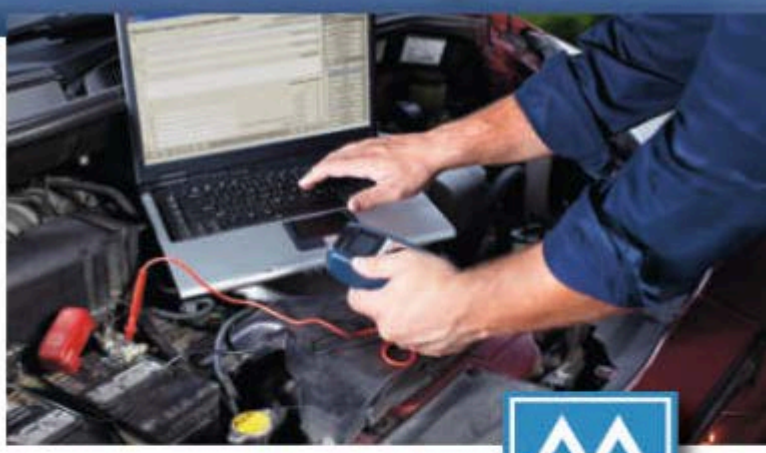
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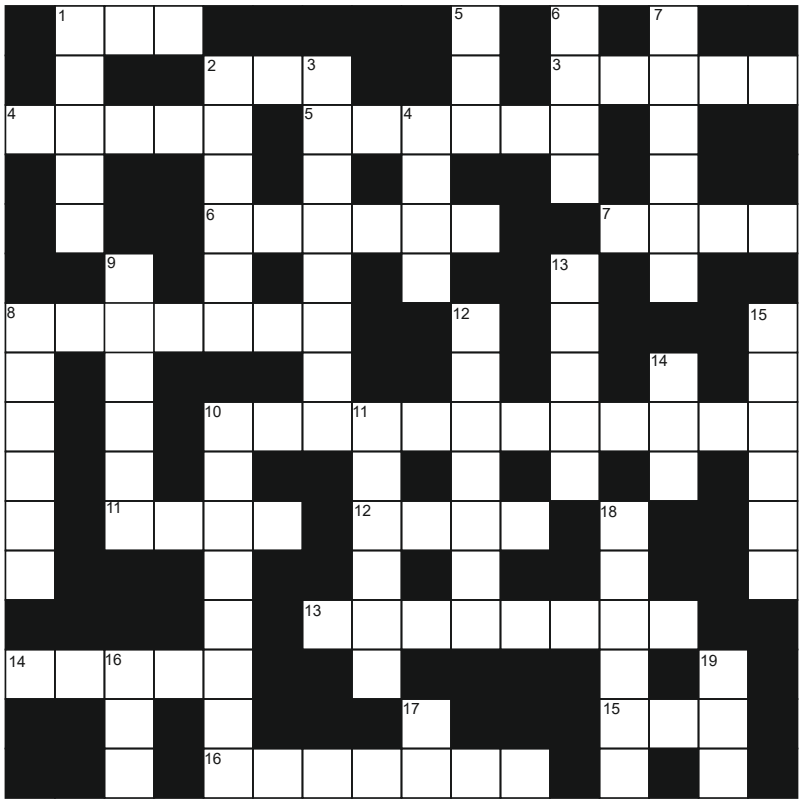
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ANSWERS

A you a Puzzle maker? Send it in!
It doesn't have to be a crossword, perhaps a good old code breaker, word search or even a quiz!

A bit of local knowlege goes a long way here.

DOWN

1. Harvests what the barber cuts? (5)
2. Fit for ploughing, yet completely wild? (6)
3. A prickly weight is half a faithful local landmark (8)
4. The village agenda is often this (4)
5. This occasionally pops up, now the Hunt is over (3)
6. The best log is one to... (4)
7. Our educated road closer (6)
8. Where the birds aren't made of clay and fly high (6)
9. You are in it now for free! (6)
10. Region lacking hills or peaks (8)
11. Crazy theory for how the village was named (6)
12. Best Kept what? (7)
13. The only compass point this farm needs (5)
14. How many to Our Saint's peel? (3)
15. A bright red shade Goxhill needs 21 more of! (6)
16. Our North or South ... (3)
17. Initials of the group behind the book exchange (2)
18. The double venue street, for hire (6)
19. Who swept 2025 short (3)

ACROSS

1. Meat lovers get the best slice of this from the East (3)
2. Displayed on our line (3)
3. Occupiers of Goxhill's Base 345 (5)
4. Tall 5G eyesore or 14thC beauty (5)
5. Our wettest northern boundary (6)
6. One wheeling ancient grave (6)
7. Low wetlands tamed by dykes (4)
8. It's peculiar to a specific area (7)
10. Stretching from the Humber to the Wash (12)
11. What's Best in the village (4)
12. Natural product once baked on the Haven (4)
13. Gousle's earliest tax return (8)
14. This shade has one dated, one ramped (5)
15. Tree once common in our hedgerows, or a lane (3)
16. Cultivated and arty standing place (7)

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Barton Interchange	08:55	10:02	12:57	15:57		17:06	17:06
Barton market place	08:58	10:05	13:00	16:00	16:50		
Barrow Haven							
Barrow market place	09:04	10:11	13:06	16:06	17:00	17:16	17:16
New Holland	09:14	10:21	13:16	16:16			17:25
Goxhill Willow Road	09:24	10:31	13:26	16:26			
Goxhill station	09:27	10:34	13:29	16:29	17:15	17:26	
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Goxhill Willow Road				09:24	11:41	14:36	16:26
Goxhill station	07:22		07:35	09:27	11:44	14:39	16:29
New Holland		07:22		09:37	11:54	14:49	16:39
Barrow market place	07:32	07:32	07:50	09:47	12:04	14:59	16:49
Barrow Haven							
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Barton Interchange	07:42	07:42		09:56	12:13	15:08	16:58
Barton market place	07:49	07:49					
Barton Tesco				09:58	12:15	15:10	17:00

Saturdays			
260	260	260	260
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09:14	10:21	13:16	16:16
09:24	10:31	13:26	16:26
09:27	10:34	13:29	16:29
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09:24	11:41	14:36	16:26
09:27	11:44	14:39	16:29
09:37	11:54	14:49	16:39
09:47	12:04	14:59	16:49
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Mon - Fri

Barton on Humber		07:51	10:09	12:09	14:09	16:09	18:09	20:09	21:57
Barrow Haven		07:56	10:14	12:14	14:14	16:14	18:14	20:14	22:02
New Holland		08:00	10:18	12:18	14:18	16:18	18:18	20:18	22:06
Goxhill		08:05	10:23	12:23	14:23	16:23	18:23	20:23	22:11
Thornton Abbey		08:09	10:27	12:27	14:27	16:27	18:27	20:27	22:15
Ulceby		08:13	10:31	12:31	14:31	16:31	18:31	20:31	22:19
Habrough	07:41	08:18	10:36	12:36	14:36	16:36	18:36	20:36	22:24
Stallingborough	07:47	08:24	10:42	12:42	14:42	16:42	18:42	20:42	22:30
Healing	07:50	08:26	10:44	12:44	14:44	16:44	18:44	20:44	22:32
Great Coates	07:53	08:29	10:47	12:47	14:47	16:47	18:47	20:47	22:35
Grimsby Town	07:59	08:36	10:53	12:53	14:53	16:53	18:53	20:53	22:41
Grimsby Docks		08:39							22:44
New Clee		08:41							22:47
Cleethorpes		08:48	11:02	13:02	15:02	17:02	19:02	21:02	22:53

Saturdays

Barton on Humber		07:51	10:09	12:09	14:09	16:09	18:09	20:09	22:09
Barrow Haven		07:56	10:14	12:14	14:14	16:14	18:14	20:14	22:14
New Holland		08:00	10:18	12:18	14:18	16:18	18:18	20:18	22:18
Goxhill		08:05	10:23	12:23	14:23	16:23	18:23	20:23	22:23
Thornton Abbey		08:09	10:27	12:27	14:27	16:27	18:27	20:27	22:27
Ulceby		08:13	10:31	12:31	14:31	16:31	18:31	20:31	22:31
Habrough	07:20	08:18	10:36	12:36	14:36	16:36	18:36	20:36	22:36
Stallingborough	07:26	08:24	10:42	12:42	14:42	16:42	18:42	20:42	22:42
Healing	07:28	08:26	10:44	12:44	14:44	16:44	18:44	20:44	22:44
Great Coates	07:31	08:29	10:47	12:47	14:47	16:47	18:47	20:47	22:47
Grimsby Town	07:38	08:36	10:53	12:53	14:53	16:53	18:53	20:53	22:53
Grimsby Docks		08:39							22:56
New Clee		08:41							22:59
Cleethorpes	07:49	08:47	11:02	13:02	15:02	17:02	19:02	21:02	23:05



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Sunday Services
Those stop on the 13th September, see the Summer edition for times



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Mon - Fri

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New Clee	06:55	09:15				17:15		
Grimsby Docks	06:57	09:17				17:17		
Grimsby Town	07:01	09:22	11:22	13:21	15:22	17:22	19:22	21:10
Great Coates	07:05	09:26	11:26	13:25	15:26	17:26	19:26	21:14
Healing	07:08	09:29	11:29	13:28	15:29	17:29	19:29	21:17
Stallingborough	07:11	09:31	11:31	13:30	15:31	17:31	19:31	21:19
Habrough	07:17	09:37	11:37	13:36	15:37	17:37	19:37	21:25
Ulceby	07:20	09:41	11:41	13:40	15:41	17:41	19:41	21:29
Thornton Abbey	07:25	09:46	11:46	13:45	15:46	17:46	19:46	21:34
Goxhill	07:29	09:49	11:49	13:48	15:49	17:49	19:49	21:37
New Holland	07:34	09:54	11:54	13:53	15:54	17:54	19:54	21:42
Barrow Haven	07:37	09:58	11:58	13:57	15:58	17:58	19:58	21:46
Barton on Humber	07:44	10:04	12:04	14:03	16:04	18:04	20:04	21:52

Saturdays

Cleethorpes	06:51	09:11	11:14	13:14	15:14	17:11	19:14	21:05
New Clee	06:55	09:15				17:15		21:09
Grimsby Docks	06:57	09:17				17:17		21:11
Grimsby Town	07:01	09:22	11:22	13:22	15:22	17:22	19:22	21:16
Great Coates	07:05	09:26	11:26	13:26	15:26	17:26	19:26	21:20
Healing	07:08	09:29	11:29	13:29	15:29	17:29	19:29	21:23
Stallingborough	07:11	09:31	11:31	13:31	15:31	17:31	19:31	21:25
Habrough	07:17	09:37	11:37	13:37	15:37	17:37	19:37	21:31
Ulceby	07:20	09:41	11:41	13:41	15:41	17:41	19:41	21:35
Thornton Abbey	07:25	09:46	11:46	13:46	15:46	17:46	19:46	21:40
Goxhill	07:29	09:49	11:49	13:49	15:49	17:49	19:49	21:43
New Holland	07:34	09:54	11:54	13:54	15:54	17:54	19:54	21:48
Barrow Haven	07:37	09:58	11:58	13:58	15:58	17:58	19:58	21:52
Barton on Humber	07:44	10:04	12:04	14:04	16:04	18:04	20:04	21:58



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