



Goldsborough & Flaxby Parish Newsletter Autumn/Winter 2020

ST. MARY'S CHURCH UPDATE

Nobody could have predicted just what an unprecedented year 2020 would be. As we near its conclusion can I just take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the church, the primary school and your individual communities, neighbours and friends.

The end of the year continues to find the national church, and it would appear the country, in confusion as to what will be allowed and what will not as Christmas approaches. Locally we are delighted to be opening St Mary's again for worship from Sunday 6 December. For those who are wisely still shielding and would welcome a church service from the comfort of their own home, may I remind you that our YouTube channel: "*knaresboroughanglicans*" carries a wealth of prayer resources, music and uplifting content, and we are planning much more, including a Christingle service and a Nativity ... why not watch these joyful services with your families.

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Photo: St Mary's Church and Church Lane by Dennis James

St Mary's Church Update Continued ...

I am *virtually* meeting with Churchwardens imminently to plan for the Christmas period, but the reality is that some difficult decisions will have to be made as to what is possible and realistically practical. At the very least we will be open for business on Sundays and Christmas Eve/morning. We are also looking into the possibility of singing some carols outside in Goldsborough as we get closer to Christmas Day. As long as we maintain social distancing then this is permitted. Watch out for more information and come and join us if you can

Last but by no means least, may I publicly and sincerely thank Lance Ogden and Sheelagh Fowler for all their hard work whilst serving as our Churchwardens, and welcome Paul Kerwin and Carol Ballard as their replacements - please pray for them in their new and important ministry. As well as thanking you all, can I just send you my blessings and very best wishes to you and your families for this coming Christmas period and say that Stroma and myself are always available if needed.

Revd Garry AF Hinchcliffe

Goldsborough and Flaxby Grouped Parish Council (GFPC)

The last Parish Council meeting took place on 2 March 2020, since which time monthly updates have been issued to keep people in touch with what the Parish Council has been involved with. These monthly overviews will continue until the Parish Council is able to recommence holding actual meetings when it is safe to do so. Details of the monthly updates can be found on the village notice boards, the GFPC website

www.goldsboroughflaxbypc.co.uk and have been circulated to all residents on the GFPC mailing list. For anyone who is not already on the GFPC mailing list and would like to be added, please email ***gfdc.list@gmail.com***.

Local Government Reform

NYCC is finalising its bid to become a single unitary authority to replace the present two-tier arrangement of NYCC and the 8 district and borough councils of Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate,

Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby and York. The proposal can be read online at

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/proposal>

There is a counter proposal by the district and borough councils to remove NYCC and replace all the councils by 2 unitary authorities, one in the West comprising Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate and Richmondshire, and one in the East comprising Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby and York. The proposal can be read online at ***www.get-change-right.com/about-our-bid***. Both are aiming to submit their bids to the Government by 9 December 2020. The Government will then assess both bids and then consult publicly in 2021 on those that meet their criteria.

Planning Matters

Excluding tree works and planning enforcements since July 2020 the following planning applications and issues relate to our two Parishes or close by:

36 dwellings beside Goldsborough Cricket Club - On 5 July GFPC raised concerns and objections relating to details provided by the developers (Stonebridge) intended to satisfy some of the Planning Conditions. This was superseded by a follow-up application in September. GFPC submitted 11 concerns and objections to those latest details to HBC on 22 October.

Ilke Homes Ltd, Flaxby Covert - On 16 July HBC approved 1) erection of a crane with infrastructure; 2) retention of 1 illuminated external fascia sign and; 3) retention of 165 car parking spaces and a further 199 car parking spaces.

New dwelling at Flaxby Grange - On 17 July HBC approved the details provided by the developer (Milner Home Ltd) intended to satisfy the Planning Conditions.

Rear extension to North Barn, East View Court, Goldsborough - On 19 July GFPC confirmed it had no objections to this and HBC approved the planning application on 18 August.

Rear 2 storey extension to Cinder Path Cottage, Goldsborough - On 23 July HBC refused this application based on siting, scale, mass and design.

Detached garage at Derry Dell, Midgeley Lane, Goldsborough - GFPC queried the location of the front of this garage on 26 July 2020. HBC approved this application on 14 August with the garage front location as shown on the application drawings.

New driveway entrance gates at Spinney House, Goldsborough - GFPC queried the height, type and colour of the gate with HBC on 26 July. HBC has yet to make a decision.

New raised decking at 7, Shortsill Lane, Flaxby - On 30 August, GFPC confirmed to HBC that it had no objections to this and on 29 September HBC approved the planning application.

400 Sustainable Eco lodges at ex Flaxby Golf Course - Lichfields UK Ltd informed the media and distributed a leaflet on 11 September seeking views on this via online consultation from 12-18 September.

New office with accommodation at Oakwood Farm, Hay-A-Park - HBC approved this planning application on 25 September.

New primary school at Manse Farm - On 25 September, NYCC sought online comments on this. The deadline was October 23.

Extensions to 10, Shortsill Lane, Flaxby GFPC confirmed to HBC on 5 October that it had no objections and HBC approved the application on 12 November.

Up to 2750 residential units etc on and adjoining the old Flaxby Golf Course - Following a Planning Meeting on 13 October, HBC refused this outline planning application on 14 October.

Judicial Review at High Court re. Flaxby Park Ltd's legal challenge to HBC's refusal of (up to) 2750 residential dwellings at Flaxby - This took place remotely from 27- 29 October. The judge found in favour of HBC on 2 out of 3 points raised by Flaxby Park. HBC is now to bring an updated environmental and sustainability report back before the full Council. It is understood the revised report is to be considered by Councillors imminently.

Extension and water treatment plant at Chippindale Foods, Flaxby - The original planning application was approved with an amendment on 25 November so that the scheme no longer needed to achieve BREEAM Certification.

Consultation on New Settlement DPD - This Consultation relating to a new settlement around the Hammerton/Cattal area has been extended until 22 January 2021. It asks for views from anyone online, via email or by letter about the HBC Development Plan Document (that shows how the new settlement might look) plus an HBC interim sustainability appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment screening.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil Cooperative

Oil deliveries to members of the Oil Co-operative have not been affected by the considerable problems caused by the pandemic during the lockdown periods. Despite all the delivery and personal complications, Tate Oil have continued to deliver and offer excellent service to its customers. To enjoy this excellent customer service and the notable financial benefits, why not join your friends and neighbours and join The Goldsborough and Flaxby Oil Co-operative. Simply email [**goldsborough.flaxby.oil1@gmail.com**](mailto:goldsborough.flaxby.oil1@gmail.com) and we will send you all the information needed. All correspondence is strictly confidential.

Goldsborough and Flaxby Walking Group

Unfortunately, we only managed one walk between the two Lockdown periods. We will endeavour to be more proactive once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Looking on the bright side, once the restrictions are lifted and we are able to walk as a group, we will start organising local and not so local walks. Please join us and enjoy our camaraderie whilst walking in the beautiful local countryside - you can be sure of a warm welcome! Simply email [**goldsborough.walks@outlook.com**](mailto:goldsborough.walks@outlook.com) for further information. We look forward to your company. All correspondence is strictly confidential.

Goldsborough Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (GNW)

Goldsborough now has its own NW Scheme. We have 7 coordinators covering Goldsborough village each of whom have been allocated an area. GNW residents will have been contacted by their coordinators. North Yorkshire Police notices are being forwarded directly to all subscribing residents by the Main Coordinator. GNW is now registered with the North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch Alert system. We also have notifications from "Streetcheck" giving information on local crimes according to postcode. Notices of a local nature will be cascaded to residents by their coordinator. GNW now has 4 new NW Signs that have been erected - near Goldsborough Gate Piers; on the corner of Princess Mead and Main Street/Church Street; Station Road Bus Stop; and on the bend in Midgeley Lane. GNW has been set up to inform residents in the village of current crime notices issued by the police that are relevant to us. In turn residents will be encouraged to contact their coordinator should an issue arise in the village that is deemed to be of concern to the rest of the village. We would like to invite you to be part of this scheme if you have not already. Please contact: Mandy Evans at amandalevans83@gmail.com or tel. 01423 863898.

Goldsborough Hall

Goldsborough Hall is open for festive lunches, afternoon teas and dining during December. Festive afternoon tea is available daily £35 per person, children £15. **Festive lunch** is available on selected dates in December - Fri 4, Sun 6, Fri 11 – Sun 13, Sat 19 & Sun 20. 2 courses £25; 3 courses £29; children £15. **Festive Tasting menu** available Wed-Sun £70 per person. This menu is also for non-residents. Plans for New Year's Eve will be announced after the Government reviews the tier system on 16 December. All the festive information and menus can be found at

<http://goldsboroughhall.com/events/christmas-events-2020.php>.

Tel: 01423 867321 or email

info@goldsboroughhall.com.

Bay Horse Inn

The seasonal menu will be available throughout December according to usual opening dates, excluding the dates below:
Christmas Eve: Seasonal menu available 12-8pm. **Christmas Day:** Takeaway Christmas Dinner available for collection 12-2pm pre-bookings only, £75 per person. **Boxing Day:** Food 12-6pm.
27-30 December: Food 12-6pm.
New Year's Eve: Lunch normal menu 12-4pm; New Year's Eve - dinner 6-8, £65 per person. **New Year's Day:** Food 12-6pm. **2-3 January:** Food 12-6pm.
Bay Horse Charity Quiz of the Year – **Sunday 3 January** £5 per person including Pie & Pea supper.
Please visit www.bayhorseinn.co.uk to view Christmas and New Year's Eve menus under "upcoming events". Tel 01423 797777 or email info@bayhorseinn.co.uk.

All visitors to Goldsborough Hall and The Bay Horse Inn must adhere to Tier 2 guidance and at this moment we cannot accept visitors from Tier 3.

Flaxby Village Social Events

"Carols on the Doorstep" – Sunday 20 December at 5.30pm – turn your TV to Channel 725 or download the Premier Christian Radio app and join everyone singing the carols on your doorstep.

"Christmas Eve Jingle" – Ring your bells LOUD at 6pm on Christmas Eve to spread the Christmas spirit through Flaxby!

"Cheese & Wine" – Sat 2 May 2021 at Rosebank, Shortsill Lane – keeping all crossed we will be able to meet by then! As no social events have taken place this year, our usual donation to Martin House Children's Hospice has not been made. To donate individually please visit www.martinhouse.org.uk and mention Flaxby in your reason for donation.

Resurrected Bites

Flaxby residents have been **extremely generous** donating food & Christmas items to Resurrected Bites throughout 2020. As this is an ongoing issue, if any residents in either Goldsborough or Flaxby have anything they are able to donate, please contact Helen Baggaley at hbaggaley@gmail.com.

Women's Institute

Goldsborough WI has not been able to meet since early March and as yet has no information as to when meetings may start again. Our Chairman has kept members well informed with news, and North Yorkshire West Federation has circulated a monthly newsletter, both by email. Members have also been keeping in touch by email and meeting up in the Summer months with social distancing in the sunshine on the Cricket Club lawn. Some continued to get together for a discussion in groups of 6, with a cup of tea and a welcome chat. The committee has met on Zoom to plan ahead for Christmas activities whilst awaiting Government guidelines. Please contact the Secretary on 01423 866086 for further information should you be interested in joining us.

Goldsborough Cricket Club

The season drew to a close in early September and, with the ground covered in fallen leaves, we are all pleased to see the back of it. Night cricket was non-existent due to the pandemic and only 7 matches were played on a Saturday. Competitive junior cricket was allowed but permission arrived too late in the season for much to take place once the nights started drawing in. However, one positive note was that the players got plenty of net practice and are raring for 2021 to go ahead should outdoor competitive cricket take place. Both Saturday teams finished the season in mid-table in their respective divisions. The knock-on effect of Covid-19 restrictions, apart from WI cakes not being allowed to be consumed, were that the clubhouse could only be used sparingly and bar revenue was practically non-existent. The clubhouse is now closed and unlikely to open again for socials and meetings this year. We are still to hold our Presentation Night, and a Race Night and Quiz Night have been postponed several times. However, we did hold our first online AGM which had the highest attendance for many a year. We are optimistic and have booked King James's School for indoor winter nets starting mid-February. The club is looking to recruit new players - anyone interested please contact Damon Ive (tel: 0782333489).

Goldsborough & Flaxby Golfing Society

Restrictions due to the virus produced mixed fortunes for GFGS. On the positive side, golf courses reopened in late spring and, after a late start, we were able to play all the competitions in our programme. Also, with recently joined members and the disruptions to member's work patterns, we had very good turnouts through a very enjoyable season. Our planned social events programme has been completely lost as first the persistence of the virus and now its resurgence forced us to cancel each event as the year progressed. Now, only the pre-Christmas Winter Warmer in early December remains with golf at Knaresborough followed by lunch in the village, but the prospects look slim, especially for the meal, being possible. In anticipation of a return to normality early in the New Year, a full programme of golf and social events is being prepared for issue next month, and we look forward to a very busy season on both fronts in the Spring, and not before time! The Society welcomes new members for golf/social or golf only membership. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Secretary Howard Dunnill on 868643 or email howarddunnill1@gmail.com or contact via an existing member.

Front cover photographs

Many thanks to Dennis James and Marjorie Rowe who submitted photographs for the front cover. Sorry Marjorie but we could only use one! We would very much appreciate some lovely sunny Springtime photos for the next edition – please send to Mike Munden as detailed below.

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If you have any information or notices that you would like to be included in the Spring 2021 Newsletter, please contact Mike Munden at m.munden929@btinternet.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL!

Taking into account the uncertainties at the present time the items included in the Newsletter are correct at the time of printing but these may change over time. As such, residents are advised to check with the organisation in question if they want to attend something on a specific date.