



Goldsborough and Flaxby Parish Newsletter Spring 2021

St Mary's Church, Goldsborough

COVID-19 has not left us, but in line with the Government's plan for the gradual re-opening of our society, we are delighted to announce the re-opening all our churches for worship from Easter Sunday (4 April at 9.00am) onwards. This is a wonderful and poignant opportunity for us all at Goldsborough and Flaxby to really engage with the *true* message of Easter which is Resurrection, hope and love.

Spring Tulips by Andrew Munden

St Mary's Church continued ...

COVID-19 is still a very real and present danger for us all, and all necessary and stringent safety precautions which have been in place for a year will be retained upon opening. These include hand sanitisation on entry, track and trace, face masks, social distancing, communion in one form brought to pews, recorded music and/or solo organ pieces. It may not be church as we once knew it, but at least we will be open. For those who continue to be anxious about physically attending church, our on-line worship (accessed through our Team Website or YouTube Channel 'KnaresboroughAnglicans') will continue. These last 12 months have been challenging and difficult for us all - we have lost loved ones, lost freedoms and lost many other things we once took for granted. The vaccination programme being implemented across our nation promises a return to normal life. However, for some of us this time of change may have given us an opportunity to leave some things in the past and a desire to branch out into something new, different and exciting in the months and years ahead. Wherever you find yourselves, please remember that the people of St Mary's as a Christian community are at the heart of our villages and we are continuing to pray for you and that we are here for each and every one of you. You are always welcome to join us or, alternatively, we are always happy to come and visit with you! May God continue to bless you and keep you safe now and always. Revd Garry AF Hinchcliffe, Tel: 01423 202092.

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St Mary's Church Lost Words Nature Treasure Hunt - Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 April 2021, start times from 1.30-3.30pm, takes approx. 1.5 hours. Donation £3.00 per adult, children free. Enjoyable for all ages, can be carried out on one afternoon or two if you prefer. Proceeds to St Mary's Church. Call Nicky Wynn on 01423 864316 or email

nicky.wynn@virginmedia.com to request the Treasure Hunt Pack, which will be emailed to you or delivered to your door if required.

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 to be issued until the Parish Council is able to recommence holding meetings when it is safe to do so. It is possible that face-to-face meetings may be allowed from May 2021 and, as soon as a re-commencement date is known, those on the GFPC email list will be emailed and notices put on the village notice boards. In the meantime, details of the monthly updates can be found on the notice boards, the GFPC website **www.goldsboroughflaxbypc.co.uk** and on the emails 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 **gipc.list@gmail.com**.

Local Government Reform - both NYCC and the separate Councils making up the area of NYCC submitted their bids for a Unitary Authority to the Government by 9 December 2020. The separate councils bid was to have two unitary authorities, one being in the west of the County comprising the current Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate and Richmondshire Council areas (NB. Hambleton are not in full agreement with this). The other being in the East comprising the areas of Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby and the current York Unitary Council. The Government has subsequently set up an online survey, ending on 19 April 2021, for all to comment on regarding the two proposals.

Planning Matters

Excluding tree works and planning enforcements, the following are planning applications or matters relating to our Parishes (or close by) since Dec 2020:

Harrogate District Local Plan 2014-35

Following the Judicial Review of the Flaxby Development at the High Court on 27-29 October 2020, HBC was required to include an updated Environmental and

Sustainability report for the Flaxby Park proposed development within the Local Plan, for consideration by the Full Council. The Full Council approved and formally adopted that revised Local Plan on 9 December 2020. This was, however, subject to any valid challenge received by 21 January 2021 against the procedures and appropriate powers of HBC relating to the Flaxby development. It is believed there was no valid challenge and that the Local Plan is now finally formally approved.

Consultation on New Settlement DPD -

This consultation regarding a new settlement around the Hammerton/Cattal area had been extended until 22 January 2021. There has been no announcement from HBC following the end of the consultation period.

Single storey side extension to Goldsborough House - GFPC had no objections or comments to make on this planning application and, on 25 January 2021, HBC approved the application.

400 Sustainable Eco Lodges at ex Flaxby Golf Course - further to Lichfields UK (on behalf of Flaxby Park Ltd) leaflet distribution and online consultation in September 2020 regarding this new proposal on the old Golf Course, Flaxby Leisure Park Ltd submitted an Outline Planning Application in early January 2021. HBC informed GFPC of this on 14 January and on 25 January 2021 GFPC sent a 14-page statement comprising numerous objections to this Planning Application. HBC has not yet made a decision.

Business Park to land SW of Junction 47 of A1(M) - details of this proposed large business park were presented in the form of an Environmental Impact Assessment scoping opinion by Forward Investment LLP in December 2020. GFPC raised numerous concerns regarding local ecology, visuals, wildlife and landscapes to HBC about this in its reply dated 28 December 2020. HBC has yet to make a decision or comment on this. Subsequently on 26 February 2021, CBRE Ltd acting on behalf of Forward

Investment LLP, informed GFPC of an impending planning application for this site. It will comprise a mix of office, industrial and logistics development. This application is awaited.

Rear single storey extension to Middle Farm, Goldsborough - in its response, GFPC queried with HBC whether the materials used should be sympathetic to the house and surrounding properties. HBC approved the submitted planning application on 2 March 2021.

Two storey, single storey & 4 dormer extensions plus rooflights to Flaxby Grange - GFPC submitted its concerns regarding the visual impact of the proposals within this planning application on 3 March 2021. HBC has yet to make a decision.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil

Cooperative - during the latest lockdown, Tate Oil have continued to provide excellent service to our members. To enjoy this service and the noticeable financial benefits, join the Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil Co-operative. Membership is available to all residents who live in Goldsborough and Flaxby whose main heating fuel is oil. Simply email goldsborough.flaxby.oil1@gmail.com and we will send you all the information needed. All correspondence is strictly confidential and complies with data protection regulations.

Goldsborough and Flaxby Walking

Group - there seems to be a light at the end of the very long tunnel and we might be coming out of lockdown at the end of June. Once all lockdown restrictions are lifted, we will start organising local and not so local group walks in the beautiful Yorkshire countryside. We can't wait! If you enjoy waking please join our very sociable and friendly walking group. We plan walks of various lengths some over relatively flat countryside and some over slightly hilly terrain. We look forward to you joining us - you can be assured of a warm welcome. Simply email goldsborough.walks@outlook.com for further information. All correspondence is strictly confidential.

How did Goldsborough get its name?

As part of their learning about Ancient Rome, the children in Class 3 at

Goldsborough CE Primary School have listened to the myth of Romulus and Remus. Inspired by this, they came up with some very creative ideas about how the village got the name Goldsborough and wrote their own myths. They would like to share them with you via the following link:

www.goldsboroughprimary.co.uk/how-did-goldsborough-get-its-name

Goldsborough Cricket Club

The Cricket Club is very much looking forward to the new season which, if all goes well, should start on time in mid-April. There are likely to be many rules and regulations to adhere to and we do not expect to be able to use indoor bar and catering facilities until mid-May. We welcome back all present members and it would be nice to see a few new faces. We will be running two Saturday sides in the Nidderdale League and two Wednesday night teams in the Harrogate League plus an under-18 team probably on a Thursday evening. The Harrogate Druids have hired the facilities for several Sunday friendly fixtures so there will hopefully be plenty going on. During lockdown, improvements have been made to the gent's washroom facilities and other plans are in the pipeline. With a fair wind, we should be ready for the season and all villagers are welcome to come down and support the Club. Anyone interested in playing or even sponsoring the club please contact the Chairman Damon Ive on 07823 334899.

Goldsborough and Flaxby Golfing Society

At last, the vaccine is giving us cause for optimism and, unless there is a surprising last-minute setback, golf is scheduled to restart nationally on March 29. We have rearranged our opening event for 1 April, to be followed by a full programme of competitions through the year. After losing all of last year's social events due to Covid-19, we now have dates for a programme of events and high hopes that all can be realised in a return, hopefully, to

normal by the Summer. As ever we welcome new members, golf or social. If you are interested in joining please contact the Secretary Lance Ogden on goldsboroughflaxbygs1998@gmail.com or via an existing member, for details and an application form.

Goldsborough Hall

Goldsborough Hall will be fully open from 17 May for lunches, afternoon teas, dinner and accommodation. The Chef at the Hall won his third AA rosette in October last year making Goldsborough Hall one of the top 250 places in the country to dine in! The Hall is opening for a new Rose Day on Sunday 13 June 11pm-5pm. Garden highlights will include the Rose Garden, planted with old roses, the balustrade border planted with rose 'Yorkshire Princess' as well as foxgloves, delphiniums, alliums and lupins. Admission is £8 (free for children). Dogs on leads welcome. Refreshments available. The Hall is opening for a Wedding Fayre on Sunday 4 July 2021 12.30pm to 3pm. A great opportunity to look round the Hall for those planning their wedding. Call 01423 867321 or email info@goldsboroughhall.com for more information or to book.

The Bay Horse

The beer garden will be open from 15 April for drinks and food - fingers crossed for good weather! They will operate with reduced opening hours for food and drink with no substantial meal requirements. Open Thursdays 4pm - 8pm; Fridays & Saturdays 12pm-8pm; Sundays 12pm-6pm (Sunday roasts). **The rule of 6/2 households applies and bookings must be made in advance.** From May 17 open fully indoors and bedrooms Monday - Saturday 12pm-9pm for food; Sunday 12pm-6pm bar 12pm -11pm. Call 01423 797777 or email info@bayhorseinn.co.uk to book.

Resurrected Bites

Food for struggling families is an ongoing issue. If any residents in either Goldsborough or Flaxby have anything they are able to donate to this amazing organisation, please contact Helen Baggaley at hbaggaley@gmail.com.

Goldsborough Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (GNW)

You are invited to be part of this scheme. If you have not already joined, please contact: Mandy Evans at amandalevans83@gmail.com or tel. 01423 863898.

Goldsborough CE Primary School

The school welcomed all pupils back to school on 8 March. Prior to that, around 50% of children had been working at home since January. The Teachers continued to plan and deliver high quality lessons and children at home from reception to Year 6 logged in via Teams to join in the lesson taking place in the classrooms. The feedback from families was wonderful as this format kept the sense of school community strong during lockdown. We had support from DfE in providing a new notebook and iPad for pupils who needed help with technology and school resources supported other families. We also received much appreciated support from the community, in particular, from Knaresborough Rotary Club who donated 5 new laptops to use in school, and from the Rapid Response Team charity for supplying food boxes. Although we cannot currently welcome visitors into school, we continue to find ways to connect with the community, for example the crocheted poppies and the peace doves that we distributed via the church. To find out more, please look at Twitter @GS_Federation or the website: <https://www.goldsboroughprimary.co.uk>

Goldsborough WI - It was disappointing that the planned Christmas celebration tea at Goldsborough Hall had to be cancelled. Instead, all members received a Christmas greeting card and gift of a tree decoration. The committee continued to meet on Zoom. When subscriptions became due this March, the letter was delivered to each member, but this arrived as 'a meeting in a bag', each containing a bunch of daffodils, homemade Easter biscuits, baby Easter eggs and some favourite recipes. It is hoped that members can soon start to meet in small groups in member's gardens and, hopefully, when

regulations permit larger gatherings then outside at the Cricket Club. More information will be circulated when this is possible. New members and visitors will be welcome, please contact the secretary on 866086 should you be interested in joining.

Flaxby Village Social Events

Sunday 18 July 2021 – Flaxby Village Garden Party, taking place at South Edge, Flaxby from 2.30pm. Information will be circulated around Flaxby village prior to the event. Everyone is welcome at the first social event of the year! Details of other village social events throughout the year will be finalised and distributed both by email and in future newsletters.

Front cover photographs

Congratulations to Andrew Munden for his wonderful winning photograph of Spring tulips and many thanks to Andrew Manby, Clare Oglesby and Mervin Straughan who also submitted photographs for consideration. We would very much appreciate some lovely Summer photos for the next edition. Please send to the email below.

Summer 2021 Newsletter

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

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.

And finally ... an amusing reminder for dog owners ...

WANT TO START YOGA?

Begin by bending over and picking up your dog poo – please take it home with you if there is no bin handy

