



**Goldsborough
and Flaxby
Parish Newsletter**

SUMMER 2022

**Poppies in Goldsborough Fields
By Mandy Evans from Goldsborough**

St Mary's Church, Goldsborough

We continue to welcome regular worshippers and visitors to our village church on a Sunday-by-Sunday basis - one of the strengths of St Mary's is the contact we have with all our wedding couples and the relationship we enjoy with the Hall. Similarly, the strong contacts and relationship we have forged with the staff, parents and pupils of our primary school is a great joy. St. Mary's also enjoys welcoming non-churchgoers, and was pleased to host the Goldsborough Platinum Jubilee Picnic in the churchyard; we look forward to holding similar village events in the future.

The church itself internally has benefited greatly from a tidy up and sorting out, thanks to our Churchwardens and Treasurer, and we are imminently expecting to be awarded our Eco Church Bronze award which is a nationally recognised award towards environmental sustainability that keeps us on track with the Church of England's commitment for all of its churches to be carbon-neutral by 2030. Our thanks to Nicky Wynn and her team for all their hard work on this project.

Summer is a great time to catch our collective breathes and take in the joys of God's goodness to us - may He continue to bless you and yours this season and always. *Revd Garry Hinchcliffe*

St Mary's Church Choir - The Church Choir would be pleased to welcome new members of all ages and all singing abilities. Please contact Marilyn Summers on 01423 860356 in the first instance if you or your children might be interested in joining.

Bell Ringing Recruiting to ring at St Marys Church, Goldsborough - We invite anyone who is interested in learning to ring bells at our village church to join us. We ring every second Sunday for the Service, and special occasions, including Weddings and Funerals.

Goldsborough has a unique trio of bells, now hung for chiming. Two cast in 1408 would have welcomed the return of the army from Agincourt, and there are local names on the muster roll. It would be a great shame if, after six hundred years, they were to become silent. To keep them ringing we need volunteers to chime and to maintain the bells and the ropes. If anyone is interested, please contact Mandy Evans on 01423 863898. We will arrange learning sessions!

Goldsborough and Flaxby Grouped Parish Council (GFPC)

Planning matters - The following are new or updates on existing planning applications (excluding tree works and enforcements) in or close to our two Parishes, since 31st March 2022:

Garden outbuildings and external works changes to Stone Cottage, Station Road, Goldsborough. Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) approved this on 25 February 2022

9 Eco-custom self-build dwellings at York Road, Flaxby - Following HBC's refusal of this, the applicant submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. The Inspectorate also refused this application. Subsequently the applicant has resubmitted to HBC a revised scheme comprising **5 self-build houses** that will be Passivhaus (ie. extremely energy efficient).

At the same time, the applicant has submitted an application for a **Nature Reserve to the rear of Woodland View** in Flaxby. The Parish Council will be submitting comments in due course, and residents have until 4 August 2022 to submit their own comments on both applications.

First floor extension over existing double garage at 3 Goldsborough Court, Goldsborough. This application has been withdrawn

Replacement of a temporary single storey unit with a larger single storey permanent building to serve as a dayroom with small gymnasium at The Green Paddock, (immediate north west side of A59 roundabout from Goldsborough). HBC approved this on 22 April 2022 but with strict conditions that it shall not be sold, let or used separately otherwise than by members of the family of the occupiers for the time being.

Rear single storey extension to Middle Farm, Church Street, Goldsborough. The PC had no objections to this. HBC approved it on 19 May 2022.

Erection of 1.7m high curved boundary wall with gate at the Post Office Cottage, Church Street, Goldsborough. This work replaces an existing conifer hedge. The PC submitted comments about the new wall to HBC on 20 May 2022. HBC has not yet made a decision. It is understood that permitted development allows the wall to be built up to 1m high without planning permission.

Environmental impact assessment for a proposed new Asphalt Plant next to the Allerton Incinerator. North Yorkshire County Council asked the PC to comment on this by 22 June 2022. The PC did so, listing many environmental concerns and objecting to it being built. The PC has received no reply yet from NYCC.

Single storey extension (approx. 700m²) to the Ilke Homes factory at Flaxby Moor. The PC has been asked by HBC to respond about this by 16 July 2022.

Should you have any information or concerns about Planning Applications near you that you feel the Parish Council might not otherwise be aware of do please get in touch with the Parish Clerk at gboroflaxbypc@gmail.com.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil Co-operative - With the current world economic and fuel crisis the benefits of

joining the Oil Co-operative are even more apparent. Although oil price has risen, members are benefiting financially from our agreement with Tate Oil.

Membership is available to all residents of Goldsborough, Flaxby, Coneythorpe and the local area whose main heating fuel is Oil. To join, simply email

goldsborough.flaxby.oil1@gmail.com

and we will send you the necessary information. All correspondence is strictly confidential and complies with data protection regulations.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Golfing Society - New to the village? Join GFGS! We run up to 15 golfing and social events per year. We usually play the local courses and this year we are visiting the seaside in September. An official golf handicap is not necessary.

Social events include Wine & Cheese evening, Summer BBQ, Autumn Quiz and Winter lunch. All events are relaxed and informal.

If interested in joining, please contact the secretary, Lance Ogden on email

goldsboroughflaxbygs1998@gmail.com. All correspondence is strictly confidential and complies with data protection regulations.

Goldsborough and Flaxby History Group - Members of the parish may be interested to know that Deborah Oxley has started a local history group. All those who enjoy the history surrounding Goldsborough and Flaxby are welcome, as are those in Hopperton and Coneythorpe, some of whom have now also expressed an interest.

We have a variety of interests between us, and 16 of us met recently at The Bay Horse to share knowledge and discuss old maps and photographs, all on the theme of Goldsborough and Flaxby villages. This included the Hall, church, census, school, old maps and architectural features. Many people have done all kinds of research themselves and it was fun to compare and contrast and get to know folk a bit better. We will meet again in October. If you are interested, please email goldsboroughvillagehistory@outlook.com.

Please spread the word to other friends about this new Goldsborough and Flaxby history group. You would be very welcome to come along. We are currently particularly interested in any photos or newspaper clippings around railway journeys, the station that served Flaxby and Goldsborough, photos of old Flaxby and Station Road Goldsborough.

Goldsborough School

The children have been busy as always in school! Our Class 4 children (Year 5 and 6) attended a 5-day residential trip just before Easter and all really enjoyed the activities on offer, and the chance to learn new skills. Shortly after returning to school after Easter, our choir took part in the prestigious Young Voices event at Sheffield Arena. The children sang and danced beautifully to a full house! SATs week at the beginning of May saw our Year 6 children tested on numeracy, literacy, reading etc and the results will be given to parents in July. The Y2 children also took part in their SATs too. All the children worked really hard to do their very best work.

The week after SATs, Year 6 took part in Bikeability - you may have seen the children and tutors cycling around the village. Bikeability teaches children how to safely navigate roads, other road users, and also basic bike maintenance. The tutors are professionals from North Yorkshire County Council.

All children took part in a Jubilee Picnic lunch on 19 May dressed in Red, White and Blue - fortunately the weather was good so all the children (and the food) were taken over to the cricket field for the special event. The children have also taken part in Jubilee activities in school, such as Jubilee Art Work and portraits of the Queen. They also decorated the school railings with bunting to celebrate this special occasion too. The children finished the half term off with a brilliant 'Break the Rules Day' organised by FROGS - the school PTA!

School Council have been hard at work making impressive changes to school - they re-established the House Point System with new names based on their chosen inspirational people who were then voted for by the classes. The winning House names now in place are: Attenborough, Jemison, Hawking and Lovelace. School Council launched a competition for the children to design the House Shields! The winning designs are currently being computerised by a Graphic Designer. They have also followed the same process to rename the classes as they found the year group and class numbers confusing eg. Year 6 were in Class 4. They wanted the classes to be named after trees and so we now have Monkey Puzzle Class (EYFS), Sweet Chestnut (Year 1 and 2), Sycamore (Year 3 and 4) and Oak (Year 5 and 6).

And now we are into the final few weeks of the school year. Our Year 6 children will be leaving in July, to make way for our new 4-year-olds who will be joining us for their moving up dates very soon ahead of coming to our school in September. This term promises to be a busy one, with lots of exciting events and trips planned.

Calling Flaxby and Goldsborough students!

Getting ready for the new academic year for your further education course or degree? If so, you might want to know that the **Flaxby Free School Foundation** can help with buying books or equipment.

The foundation provides further education financial support to students and adults living in Flaxby and Goldsborough.

Eligible students are:

- About to study or already studying at university, further education colleges or evening classes
- Working in apprenticeships or involved in training leading to further education or professional qualifications.

Application forms are available from trustees Mervin Straughan (01423 864168), Mike Munden (01423 860506), or William Elliott (01423 869541).

Goldsborough & Flaxby Walking Group

If you enjoy walking, please join our very sociable and friendly walking group, you are assured of a warm welcome. If you have a favourite local walk or ideas for a group walk we would love to hear from you. Simply email **goldsborough.walks@outlook.com** and we will send you all the information you need. All correspondence is strictly confidential and complies with data protection regulations.

Goldsborough Hall

National Garden Scheme - Garden Opening Sun 24th July, 11am to 5pm. A great chance to wander the grounds of Goldsborough Hall. Adults £5; kids free.

Dogs on leads welcome. Plant stall. Refreshments in the Orangery. All proceeds to NGS charities.

History Tour & Talk - explore the Hall's rich 400-year history and gardens on a fascinating tour.

Various dates available as follows - Tues 23rd August & Mon 12th Sept. All dates from 2pm to 4pm; Adults £20 to include a cream tea. The **Hall** is open for non-resident 3AA rosette dining from Wed-Sun for afternoon tea or dinner, also lunch on Saturdays and Sundays.

Call 01423 867321 for more information or email info@goldsboroughhall.com to book.

The Bay Horse, Goldsborough

The pub is now open seven days a week following its reopening on Wednesdays.

For menus, more information and to book visit www.bayhorseinn.co.uk. Call 01423 797777 or email info@bayhorseinn.co.uk to book.

Goldsborough Women's Institute

Meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Cricket Pavilion starting at 7.30 pm. We aim to have a speaker, demonstrator or entertainment at each meeting and full details of the forthcoming programme are displayed on the noticeboard in each village. The Institute Jubilee celebrations included a splendid 'posh' afternoon tea for members and their guests, and the two Quiz events held in The Bay Horse Inn were well attended and proved very successful. The summer programme started with a most moving account of lost family history, given by one of our own members. There will have been advice on wildlife in the garden in July, and in August, a return visit by Veronica Bird talking of her experiences as a Prison Officer. Visitors are most welcome. Please contact the secretary on 01423 866086 should you wish to come along.

Goldsborough Cricket Club

The cricket season is now over half way through and the club has had great difficulty fielding two full sides on a Saturday. Due to a shortage of players both teams have struggled in their respective leagues and are languishing near the relegation zone. In the cups we have performed a lot better and have a Nidderdale Cup semi-final in mid-July to look forward to.

On an evening the picture is a lot brighter with both Wednesday night teams sitting top of their divisions with 4 matches still to play. The B team are in a cup final and although they are underdogs I am sure the final at Bishop Monkton will be a close game. Our Australian player, Cameron, has settled in well and is now getting used to English conditions. Our younger players are adjusting to playing at a higher level but still lack consistency but are gaining valuable experience. We are still on the look-out for players and would welcome new players, particularly students returning home for the summer. Anyone interested should contact Chairman Damon Ive on 07823 334899.

Thanks to all the groundstaff who continue to keep the cricket field well groomed, particularly Chris Saul, who can often be seen mowing the outfield in the twilight hours.

Flaxby Village Social Events

Saturday 7 August – Annual Village Garden Party at 7 The Grange from 2.30pm onwards. Further details are to be circulated shortly.

Thursday 20 October – Village Quiz –details to be confirmed.

Sunday 18 December – Annual Village Carol Singing followed by the usual social get-together at Heron's Keep.

Autumn/Winter 2022 Newsletter

Should you have any information or notices that you would like including in the next Newsletter, please contact Mike Munden at m.munden929@btinternet.com.

Your snowy/wintry scenes from around both villages would also be much appreciated.

Many thanks to Mandy Evans from Goldsborough for this edition's photograph.