



GOLDSBOROUGH & FLAXBY PARISH NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022

*St Mary's Church, Goldsborough
Christmas events and services*

Saturday 10 December

Harrogate Male Voice Choir Festive Concert, 7.30pm

Sunday 18 December

Big Village Carol Sing, 5.00pm

Saturday 24 December

Family Carol Service, 4.00pm

Sunday 25 December

Christmas Day Holy Communion, 10.00am

Sunday 1 January

No service at St. Mary's but joint
benefice service at Holy Trinity
Church, Knaresborough, 10.30am

Photograph - Snowy Fields above Flaxby by Carolina Greenhalgh

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Goldsborough - we have had a busy autumn, starting with our Harvest Festival service in October; the church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce, which was donated to the Food Bank. We were pleased to welcome Goldsborough School to church for their Harvest Festival service. An excellent concert by the Valenzano Ensemble was enjoyed by many at the beginning of November. On Remembrance Day, we held a service in church, followed by a procession to the War Memorial and a short service there; we were joined for the event by soldiers from the Army Foundation College, and it was good to see so many villagers there too. As I write this, we are getting ready to welcome Goldsborough School to church again in December for their Nativity play – it is always wonderful to have the church filled with children's voices.

Saturday 10 December at 7.30pm - Harrogate Male Voice Choir Festive Concert. Tickets £10 each, family £25 to include a glass of wine or soft drink and mince pie or Christmas Cake
Tickets from Jackie Shaw 01423 863939

Sunday 18 December at 5.00pm outside the Bay Horse Inn - The Big Village Christmas Carol Sing 2022 for 45 – 50 mins. Start from outside the Bay Horse and walk down Station Road, stopping at points along the road and singing with gusto. Then the same as we walk back up Princess Mead and finish with another Carol selection outside the Bay Horse. Once we have concluded the singing, vocal cords may be a little strained so a glass of Mulled Wine and refreshments, by kind courtesy of the Bay Horse, will be offered to participants to end the occasion.
Song sheets and T-lights will be provided. An ensemble of brass players will accompany singers to bring an exciting dimension to the musical performance. This event is going to be a great way to start our Christmas celebrations this year.

Goldsborough Friday Club started in September as a way for people from Goldsborough, Flaxby and Coneythorpe to meet up with each other especially during the cold and often lonely winter months. Tea, coffee, cake, and good company – all free although we are grateful for donations. Everybody is welcome, whether you are a churchgoer or not. We meet in St Mary's Church on the second Friday of each month, 2.30pm – 4.00pm. The next meetings are on **9th December** and **13th January**. Why not come along and join us? We'd love to see you and can arrange transport if needed.

And looking forward to 2023 . . .

We have been busy planning for events in 2023 at St. Mary's and have a wide variety of items on our list. Nothing is finalised yet, but hopefully gardeners will appreciate advance notice that we hope to hold an **Open Gardens** event in the summer with a plant sale at the church. Time to split those perennials, and please bear it in mind when you order those seeds! More details in the next newsletter
We are also hoping to hold an **Antiques Roadshow** type event in the spring for people to bring along their treasures for an expert to talk about them.

Local Bus Service - Route 21 – a copy of the Route 21 timetable that serves Flaxby and Goldsborough is enclosed. For those who don't use the service, perhaps this will encourage you to do so. This is a much-appreciated benefit to a small minority of residents and, like us all, Harrogate Bus Company will be feeling the effects of rising costs. It would be a huge loss to those who regularly use and rely on the service should the bus company decide to reduce the service or even decline bidding for its renewal. Please try to take advantage of the service whenever you can. The more it is used, the more chance the service will continue.

Goldsborough and Flaxby Grouped Parish Council

Planning Matters - the following are updates or new planning applications (excluding tree works and enforcements) in or close to our two Parishes, since 3 July 2022:

5 self-build houses to land at York Road, Flaxby - The Parish Council (PC) presented many objections to HBC on 25 July 2022, who refused it on 25 August 2022.

Nature Reserve to the rear of Woodland View, Flaxby - This was from the same applicant for the 5 self-build houses. The PC presented numerous objections to HBC on 25 July 2022, who refused it on 26 August 2022.

2 Woodmans Cottage, Flaxby - HBC asked the PC to consider a request for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a single storey rear extension and detached garage. This work had been carried out in 1990 with what the applicants understood at the time was no requirement for planning permission. The PC had no objections and HBC awarded the Certificate of Lawfulness on 5 September 2022.

Outline application for an employment unit to land opposite Goldsborough Station House - This follows an environmental scoping opinion that the PC submitted many objections to HBC. The PC were asked to comment on this outline application by 2 October 2022 and did so objecting with even more reasons. HBC has yet to make a decision.

Single storey extension with car park at like Homes factory, Flaxby Moor - like Homes withdrew its earlier application for a single storey extension to its factory and re-applied with a car park added. The PC confirmed no objections to HBC on 6 October 2022 and HBC approved this application on 25 October 2022.

2-storey temporary Portakabin at like Homes factory, Flaxby Moor - on 10 October 2022 the PC confirmed to HBC it had no objections and HBC approved this application on 25 October 2022.

Erection of 1.5m high curved boundary wall with gate at Post Office Cottage, Church Street, Goldsborough - this is in place of a 1.7m high wall that the applicants decided to withdraw. The PC confirmed no objections to HBC on 26 October 2022. HBC has yet to make a decision.

Flaxby Leisure Park (ex Golf Course) - up to 350 holiday lodges with supporting facilities - HBC had refused this application on 31 March 2022 and the applicants, Flaxby Park Ltd, then made an appeal to the Secretary of State. Consultation took place ending 7 November 2022 with the PC submitting objections to the Planning Inspectorate. On 16 November, however, the applicants withdrew their appeal.

New Asphalt Plant adjoining the Allerton Incinerator Plant - North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) had asked the PC to comment previously on the environmental issues surrounding such a plant. The PC had raised many objections to this. Despite this, the applicants are now seeking Planning Permission. The PC has until 15 December 2022 to respond to NYCC.

Speeding issues through our villages
There are continual issues with motorists speeding through both Flaxby and Goldsborough, despite the 30mph limit in both villages. May we please remind all residents of the sentence in the revised Highway Code Item 208 – “**Drive slowly and be particularly aware of young cyclists and pedestrians**”. Some residents have been spotted speeding, please let's set the standard by creating a good example ourselves.

Parking outside Goldsborough School
This is a continual issue which GFPC is aware of and will be writing to the school about in an effort to try and mitigate further dangerous instances.

Want to know the last posting dates for Christmas? Collect a pamphlet from Goldsborough Post Office which gives you everything you need to know to make posting easier this Christmas including the last posting dates.

Goldsborough School - our new Reception children have settled really well and have already built fantastic relationships with their Y6 Buddies. We have already had visits from our Y6 leavers, and they are all doing well at their high schools - we wish them well in the future and hope they come back and visit again soon. The children have enjoyed a very busy Autumn Term - they have enjoyed a trip into space in the Science Dome and Young Shakespeare performed 12th Night for them. They were inspired to produce excellent written work and KS1 and EYFS loved their role play linked to the Island of Illyria. All children take part in PE lessons each week with Mr Colley, this half term they have moved onto Hand Ball and years 3 and 4 continue to swim on a weekly basis, learning valuable lifesaving skills. A Federation Football morning which involved 77 children in Y3 and Y6 played matches against other teams in our Federation. We were so proud of their determination and positive attitude as their confidence soared! They also worked hard to perform the Harvest showcase with their singing being the best we have ever heard! They learned to sign 'Harvest Samba' in Makaton too.

Muddy Puddle Fridays have started and the children are enjoying playing on the field - even in inclement weather - nothing stops our fun and enjoyment! They have been using natural materials to recreate Andy Goldsworthy inspired Art pictures. Have a look at the school twitter account and Class pages on the Website to see more. After school, children have been enjoying Street Dance and Multi Sports too. To mark Remembrance, the children have used Posca Pens (a type of paint pen) to create images on pebbles which they placed on the village memorial to pay their respects. Anti-bullying week was an important part of November, with children wearing odd socks to show that they do not tolerate bullying. FROGS organised super events for the children to enjoy including a Halloween Spooktacular, Break the Rules Day and the whole school visited Harrogate Theatre at the end of November, so see Aladdin. The term always ends with a Christmas Production

and lots of lovely events, including the child-led Enterprise Project where the children design and make products to sell.

Bell Ringing at St Marys Church, Goldsborough - we would like to offer a warm welcome to two new Bell-Ringers as well as a Bell/Bell Ropes Maintenance person - thank you for joining us! We invite anyone who is interested in learning to ring bells to St Mary's in Goldsborough. We ring every second Sunday for the Service and on special occasions including Weddings and Funerals, Remembrance Sunday and State Funerals. Goldsborough has a unique trio of bells, now hung for chiming. Two, cast in 1408 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 600 years, they were to become silent. To keep them ringing we need volunteers to chime and maintain the bells and the ropes. If anyone is interested, please contact Mandy Evans at amandalevans83@gmail.com or call 01423 863898.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Walking Group

Our area of North Yorkshire is a beautiful locality to walk, so why not join our very friendly and sociable walking group? You will be assured of a very warm welcome. Email

goldsborough.walks@outlook.com and we will send you the information needed.

Goldsborough Women's Institute meets on the 1st Thursday of the month in the Cricket Pavilion at 7.30pm* and we aim to have a speaker, demonstrator or entertainment at each meeting. Full details of the forthcoming programme are displayed on the noticeboard in each village. In September, members enjoyed an interesting talk about the life of Agatha Christie before welcoming a new President, Nicky Wynn, at the October AGM. November saw preparations for the coming Christmas season with a demonstration on how to make a beautiful festive door wreath. The Institute year finishes with a traditional Christmas party. In January, members gather to socialise and explore some wonderful old WI scrapbooks. February takes us *Flying in*

the Okavango Delta and March offers a puzzling title of *Racehorses, Waterfalls and Cheese*. Visitors are always welcome. Please call the Secretary on 01423 866086 should you wish to come along. **As a temporary trial, the first three meetings of 2023 will be held in the afternoon starting at 1.30pm.*

Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil

Co-operative - Putin's invasion of Ukraine is affecting us all, especially the ever-rising cost of heating oil which most residents of Goldsborough & Flaxby rely on for heating our homes. You can reduce this cost - if your main heating fuel is oil and you live in the local area, membership is available to YOU! Apply for membership of The Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil Co-operative by emailing

goldsborough.flaxby.oil1@gmail.com and start saving on your heating costs. All correspondence is strictly confidential and complies with data protection regulations.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Golfing Society - our extremely enjoyable Golfing and Social season is coming to an end with the ever-popular Winter Warmer Golfing 10 hole 'competition' at Knaresborough Golf Club followed by lunch at The Bay Horse on Friday 9 December to which ALL Golf and Social members are invited.

2023 will be a great season when we will be celebrating our Silver/25th Anniversary. A full exciting programme of Golfing and Social events is currently being finalised and will be circulated to all members.

So, if you are new to Goldsborough or Flaxby or a resident of the villages, please join the very friendly Golfing and Social Society. It's easy! Simply email goldsboroughflaxbygs1998@gmail.com All correspondence is strictly confidential and complies with data protection regulations.

Flaxby & Goldsborough History Group

The next Local History Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 January 2023 at the Bay Horse, Goldsborough at 8.00pm. Please do come along and bring something to share. Clare Oglesby will bring more from Pat Wood's archive for everyone to enjoy.

Know where your old stamps are?

After 31 January 2023 regular stamps without a barcode will no longer be valid. You can either use up these stamps before this deadline or swap them for the new barcoded ones. Eligible "non-barcoded" stamps are the regular 1st and 2nd Class stamps featuring the profile of HM The Queen and those that show any other value. Non-barcoded Special stamps (pictorial stamps issued to commemorate anniversaries) continue to be valid for postage and do not need to be swapped out. For more information, please go to <https://www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps> or talk to the Goldsborough Postmistress.

Flaxby Village Social Events

The Flaxby Village Quiz on 20 October was attended by 26 residents when quizmaster William Elliott did an excellent job with challenging and entertaining questions making a night enjoyed by all. **Nice to Meet You** - Flaxby men are planning more tea & coffee mornings following the success of their first '**Blokes and a Brew**' gathering on 24 November. The two-hour event organised by Mervin Straughan saw 14 men from the village enjoy a cuppa and conversation. Offers were received to host the next one and details will be announced in the new year.

Sunday 18 December - meet on the Village Green at 6.45pm for our annual **Village Carol Singing** then refreshments at Heron's Keep from 8.00pm onwards.

The Flaxby Village Association will be meeting in the New Year to set dates for village events throughout 2023, which will then be circulated to all residents.

Road Closure through Coneythorpe & Flaxby

– from 9 January 2023 until the end of May 2023 there will be a series of road closures as Poweron run a high voltage electrical cable from the sub-station at Coneythorpe to and through Flaxby and along the A59 to the new Harrogate 47 site alongside the A59. Further details will be circulated as and when they become available. To receive notifications, please join the GFPC mailing list by contacting gfpmail.list@gmail.com.

Goldsborough Hall - Christmas events include 3-course Festive Lunches available on Sun 4, Sat 10, Sun 11 & Sat 17 Dec from 12pm-2pm £42 per adult/£21 per child:

Festive afternoon teas available in December, call to check dates - £35 per adult / £15 per child:

A few spaces left on the Wreath Making Workshop on Sun 18 December - £69 per person which includes Festive afternoon tea:

No New Year's Eve celebrations at the Hall - see The Bay Horse Inn:

New Year's Day Lunch from 12.30pm-3pm - £45 per adult/£22.50 per child for a 3-course lunch:

For more information and to book see www.goldsboroughhall.com or call 01423 867321

The Bay Horse Inn - Festive lunches and dinners throughout December - see website for menu

Christmas Eve 12pm-10pm

Christmas Day 12pm-3pm - lunch is fully booked but drinks will be available

Boxing Day drinks & nibbles 12pm-8pm;

Tues 27-Friday 30 Dec open as usual 12pm-10pm

New Year's Eve 12pm-1am - a-la-carte dining with a fabulous specials board as well as live music, a DJ & dancing - tables are limited, please call to book.

Closed New Year's Day - for menus and to book online, see www.bayhorseinn.co.uk or call Marius on 01423 797777

Goldsborough Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

- Goldsborough has its own Neighbourhood Watch (NW) Scheme with 7 coordinators covering Goldsborough.

North Yorkshire Police notices are forwarded to all subscribing residents by the Main Coordinator. Our NW Scheme is now registered with North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch Alert system and we receive notifications from **Streetcheck** which provides information on local crimes according to post code. Notices of a local nature are cascaded to residents by their coordinator. In turn residents will be encouraged to contact their coordinator should an issue arise in the village that is deemed to be of concern. Belonging to NW could save you on your household

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

Goldsborough Cricket Club:

The Cricket Club's season is now over and you may have noticed the usual end of season ground work taking place. It was a successful season for the club, many thanks to our members and visitors throughout the year. A youthful first team was guided to safety by James Ward in the Nidderdale First Division. Their efforts this season puts the club in a great position by bringing through the next generation of Goldsborough cricketers. Both Harrogate Evening League teams captained by Russell Robshaw and Oliver Smith won their respective leagues, congratulations to them. Unfortunately, our second team was unable to escape relegation despite a really strong effort in the second half of the season, we look forward to rebuilding next year and bouncing straight back up. Special thanks to our Australian overseas cricketer, Cameron Kayok, who had a successful season. Making the journey to our side of the world is never easy, even if the weather wasn't too bad this time! Next year we hope to have a familiar face back at the club, so watch this space. Anyone who is interested in playing local cricket at varying ability levels, please make yourself know to the Chairman, Damon Ivis (Tel 07823 334899). We would love to get some new local faces involved in the club. If you would like to sponsor the club or help in any other way, please get in touch. We are looking forward to the completion of the housing development and welcoming new residents to the village to enjoy the club and its facilities.

Spring 2022 Newsletter

Should you have any information or notices that you would like including in the next Newsletter, please contact Mike Munden at m.munden829@btinternet.com. Your Spring scenes from around both villages would also be much appreciated.

Wishing all residents in Flaxby and Goldsborough a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023!