

Goldsborough & Flaxby Parish Newsletter

SPRING 2023

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Goldsborough

Come and Celebrate Easter with us ...

7th April - Good Friday at 2.00pm

The Cross of Christ

An hour of music and prayer in the church

8th April – Holy Saturday at 11.00am

Walk of Witness - join us on our walk from St. Mary's Church at 11.00 to St. Robert's Cave (11.45), Holy Trinity Church (12.15) and finishing at St. John's Church (12.45). Everybody is welcome, for all or part of the walk.

9th April – Easter Sunday at 9.00am

Holy Communion service at St. Mary's Church

Spring Daffodils by Helen Baggaley from Flaxby

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Goldsborough - the usual pattern of services at St. Mary's is as follows:

1st Sunday in the month – 10.30am informal Family Service.

2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays – 9.00am – Holy Communion service.

5th Sunday – various - details nearer the time.

Everybody is welcome, and to join us after the service for coffee, biscuits and chat.

We have more village events planned, to which everybody is invited ...

Thursday 20th April – An Antiques Evening at St. Mary's with Ripon Auctioneer and TV Antiques expert David Elstob. Please come and join us for what promises to be a very interesting and informative evening. You are encouraged to bring along your treasured antiques or items of interest for David to evaluate, or just come along for the experience! Tickets (limited) £10 each, to include a drink and nibbles. For tickets and more information, please contact Elizabeth Harper 01423 868641.

Sunday 7th May – Goldsborough Village "Bring Your Own Coronation Picnic"

12.30 – 4pm in the churchyard if sunny, in church if wet. Tea, coffee and squash available. We held a similar event last year for the Platinum Jubilee which was very enjoyable – so do come along and join in.

Saturday 13th May – Concert by The Chorus Crew at St. Mary's, 7.30pm.

The Chorus Crew are a talented group of singers with a wide repertoire of sea shanties and folk songs. For more information, please contact Carol Ballard 01423 797441 – it promises to be a fantastic evening!

Having a Spring Clean or Clear Out?

Sometime later this year St. Mary's will be holding a Market Stall in Knaresborough, selling good quality books, jigsaws and children's toys. So, if you could please hold on to any such items for the time being, rather than throw/give away, we would be extremely grateful – more information from Elizabeth Harper 01423 868641.

We were also hoping to hold an **Open Gardens** in the summer, but have had to cancel it due to lack of interest – perhaps another year? However, back by popular demand is the **Goldsborough Safari Supper - Saturday 24th June from 6pm.**

The Safari Supper is a great way to meet up with friends in the village and to make new ones. The evening comprises of visiting homes and enjoying a delicious course of home-made food. You will visit 3 homes in total and then meet up with everyone at the Bay Horse who have kindly offered complimentary tea and coffee. We will continue the tradition of raising money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. This year all profits will be split between them and St Mary's Church Goldsborough. You can either host a starter, main or dessert course or, if you don't want to cook, for £20.00pp you can come along and partake of a three-course meal at a variety of host's houses. For those offering to host a main course, it's £6.00pp or if you choose to host a starter or dessert, it's £10.00pp. We look forward to enjoying your company in June. For more information or to register your interest, email

Shirley_lovell@hotmail.co.uk

Local Bus Service - Route 21 - this service will at least continue for another year until April 2024 with an unchanged timetable. However, NYCC in confirming this has stated that the future of this bus service will depend on its ability to become commercially viable during this period and on any future grant allocation. So please use this bus service whenever you can to help to preserve its viability.

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 20th November 2022

Erection of 1.5m high curved boundary wall with gate at Post Office Cottage, Goldsborough. HBC approved this application on 21st November 2022.

New Asphalt Plant adjoining the Allerton Incinerator Plant. The PC objected to this on 15th December 2022. The Environment Agency and Harrogate & Knaresborough MP Mr Andrew Jones have also objected to it. HBC Planning has not objected or supported this application for a new Asphalt Plant but instead has laid out many issues that NYCC Planning should consider in coming to its decision.

5 self-build eco houses to land at York Road, Flaxby. This had been refused by HBC on 25th August 2022 but the applicant has appealed. A hearing took place on 21st February 2023 between the appellant (Holmes Planning Ltd) and HBC. The Planning Inspector has yet to come to a decision.

Rear roof reconfiguration, dormer window replacement and chimney remedials at Home Farm Cottage, Church Street, Goldsborough. The PC has been asked by HBC to comment by 3rd April 2023.

Welfare units as toilet facilities at Iike Homes factory, Flaxby Moor. On 19th December 2022 the PC confirmed to HBC it had no objections. HBC approved this application on 25th January 2023.

Councillor Vacancy

There is currently one vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are over the age of 18 and would like to become a Councillor or if you would firstly like to know more about what the role entails, do please contact Derrik Summers (Parish Clerk) at gboroflaxbypc@gmail.com.

Goldsborough School

The children came back to school in January, refreshed and excited after the Christmas holiday. Sycamore class dressed up for the day as Romans and took part in a session on Roman history with a local history teacher. Sweet Chestnut class were visited by Florence Nightingale and learned about her life and works. Also in January, a local potter visited school and worked with the children to create clay pots.

In February an Indian dance teacher visited and talked to the children about Holi which is a Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life. The children learned the story of Holi through the moves to create an Indian dance too. They loved it!

On February 24th, we hosted an art exhibition to showcase the amazing talents of our children. Parents and grandparents were invited to attend this special event.

2nd March was World Book Day - the children and staff could dress up (if they wanted to) as their favourite book character. They completed Reading Scavenger Hunts, role play and drama, and looked at a lovely book called Freedom Soup. Alice and the Mad Hatter came to visit each class that day too.

The older children in Oak class have been spending time with their friends from Sicklinghall in preparation for their residential trip to Carlton Lodge in March, where they will take part in lots of outdoor adventures and team building exercises.

The children of the School Council organised a fundraising event for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day 17th March, and they are also supporting World Down Syndrome Day on 21st March. They are working hard on the 20's Plenty Campaign too.

Our Easter service will be held at St Mary's Church on 30th March for parents and carers to attend if they are able to. Members of the community are welcome to watch the dress rehearsal on 29th at 1.30pm.

Please keep our villages clean!

Following recent complaints from residents in both Goldsborough and Flaxby, this is a plea to all dog owners in both villages to please pick up after your dogs and help keep our villages clean and safe. Just imagine you are practicing yoga, and enjoying a lovely stretch in the Downward Dog Position as you pick up your dog's poo!

Bell Ringing at St Marys Church, Goldsborough

Goldsborough St Mary's Church are urgently needing bell ringers! We only have two bell ringers for the church, as the Tower Captain is due to retire next month.

We really need 3 Bell Ringers for weddings, and desperately do not want to see use of our bells fall away!

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in learning to ring bells to our village church in Goldsborough.

We ring every first Sunday for the Service, and 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 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. But to keep them ringing we need volunteers to chime and maintain the bells and the ropes. If anyone is interested, please contact Mandy Evans on 01423 863898 and we will arrange learning sessions.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Walking Group

Enjoy walking in our lovely area of North Yorkshire ... then why not join our very friendly and sociable walking group? You will be assured of a very warm welcome.

Simply email goldsborough.walks@outlook.com and we will send you all the information needed. All correspondence is strictly confidential and complies with data protection regulations.

Time for us all to get walking again!

If you enjoy walking but do not have the opportunity to join the above Walking Group, and struggle to find new and interesting walks, take a look at **Walking in Yorkshire** www.walkinginengland.co.uk/yorkshire which has loads of walks to download and print for free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the

county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris, who maintains the website, said "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Yorkshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you".

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, whether you are at home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

Goldsborough Women's Institute

Meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Cricket Pavilion starting in the evening at 7.30pm. We aim to have a speaker, demonstrator or entertainment at each meeting and full details of the forthcoming programme, and any changes that may arise, are displayed on the noticeboard in each village.

A group of WI ladies completed a litter pick throughout the village and along both village roads on a lovely sunny morning in early March. Our summer program includes an Open meeting in June when the speaker, Robert Bolton, will be talking on 'The Story of Pearls'. Visitors are very welcome. Please contact the Secretary on 01423 866086 for more information.

Goldsborough History Club

If you are interested in history generally or if you want to see photographs and documents from the archives, which are being kept safe by Clare Oglesby at Goldsborough Hall ...

If you would like to share and discuss a photograph or records you've found, or want to know what your street was like in days gone by ...

If you would just like to have a drink at the Bay Horse with residents of

Goldsborough, Flaxby and surrounding villages to see photographs of the villages in times gone by ...

Then please contact Deborah Oxley at goldsboroughvillagehistory@outlook.com.

Our next meeting will be in the Autumn, diary date yet to be set.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil Co-operative

Our new members are *delighted* with the reduction in their OIL heating cost since joining The Oil Co-operative! Why not join them and become a member of the fast-expanding Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil Co-operative

If your main heating fuel is OIL and you live in the local area, membership is available to you, and we guarantee YOU WILL reduce your cost!

Simply apply for membership of The Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil Co-operative by emailing goldsborough.flaxby.oil1@gmail.com and start saving on your oil heating costs.

All correspondence is strictly confidential and complies with data protection regulations.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Golfing Society.

2023 will be a great season, and we are celebrating our 26th Anniversary!

A full exciting programme of Golfing and Social events was circulated to all members with the GFGS Christmas card.

The first Golfing competition of 2023 is a 9-hole Season Opener at Spofforth Golf Club on Thursday 30th March teeing off at 4.00pm.

If you are a resident or new to the villages of Goldsborough or Flaxby, please join our very friendly Golfing and Social Society. It's easy!

Simply email goldsboroughflaxbygs1998@gmail.com
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Goldsborough Cricket Club

As we approach the start of the Cricket season, you will notice the increased activity at the ground. The wicket is being prepared for the season ahead and our first friendly match, which is scheduled for 1st April (weather permitting!). The season will get started on 15th April and is due to run until the 16th September. All in the village are welcome to come down and watch.

We are delighted to be continuing to run two teams this season in both the Saturday Nidderdale League and the Wednesday Harrogate Evening League.

On **Saturday 6th May** we will be running a 6-a-side competition with various teams coming to the village on the date of the Kings Coronation.

We are hoping to have two overseas players from Australia this year, who will be arriving later this month. One of which is Jarrod McPhee, who has played for Goldsborough for many seasons in the past and is coming back to captain the 1st Team.

Anyone in the village who is interested in playing local cricket at varying ability levels, please make yourself know to the Chairman, Damon Ive (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.

New to Goldsborough or Flaxby?

If you have recently moved into either of the villages, or are not yet on the Parish Council email distribution list, please send an email to gfpccmail.list@gmail.com and request to be added to the list, to start receiving information relating to both villages. Please be assured your contact details will not be shared with any 3rd parties, and emails will be sent in line with the Parish Council's Privacy Policy. We look forward to hearing from you!

Goldsborough Hall

We will be opening the gardens for the National Garden Scheme on **Sunday 2nd April** from 11am - 4pm. Entry £5 with proceeds to charity. Refreshments will be available to purchase and dogs are welcome.

Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday lunch will be served - 3 courses of delicious, tasty menus with fresh produce from our Kitchen Garden. £42 per adult, £21 per child.

10th - 14th April - get the little ones together and take part in our Easter Egg Trail in the grounds! 10th - 14th April, £5pp entry.

Saturday 6th May Kings Coronation

We will be showing the ceremony on the big screens, raise a glass of fizz and enjoy a Royal Afternoon Tea with us. £45pp, reservations required – call 01423 867321 www.goldsboroughhall.com for details

The Bay Horse

The pub is back open all day on Wednesdays and serving food on Mondays! For our latest times, visit www.bayhorseinn.co.uk. Easter Sunday Roasts with some amazing specials from our talented chefs, served 12pm - 5pm. £39.95pp for 3 courses, £19.95 for children under 12.

Saturday 6th May - Kings Coronation

Plans are underway for a celebratory BBQ on Saturday in our (hopefully!) sunny beer garden, both screens will be showing the coronation and live music. Call 01423 797777 or check the website for details.

Goldsborough Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Goldsborough has its own Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. We have 7 coordinators covering Goldsborough village. North Yorkshire Police notices are being forwarded directly to all subscribing residents by the Main Coordinator. Our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is now registered with the North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch Alert system. We also have notifications from 'Streetcheck' which provides information on local crimes according to post code.

Notices of a local nature will be 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 to the rest of the village. You are invited to be part of this scheme. If you have not already joined, please call Mandy Evans on 01423 863898 or email amandalevans83@gmail.com.

Flaxby Village Social Events

Blokes and a Brew – here to stay!

That was the verdict when a dozen Flaxby men turned out for the 2nd of these events on 23rd February. Hosted by Ian Dawson at South Edge, it was another opportunity for men from the village to enjoy conversation and a cuppa together. Two more events are lined up for 2023, the dates for which will be made available soon.

The Annual Cheese & Wine Party was held on **Saturday 18th March**, hosted by the Meynells at Rosebank. An enjoyable evening was well attended by 20 Flaxby residents, who spent a lovely time catching up with friends & neighbours.

Sunday 7th May – Kings Coronation Village Picnic – to be held on the front lawn at Byways from 2.30pm onwards. Bring your own food & drink to celebrate the King's Coronation.

Sunday 16th July – Annual Village Garden Party to be held at South Edge from 2.30pm onwards.

Thursday 19th October – Annual Village Quiz to be held at Arkendale Village Hall, when Quizmaster William Elliott will put residents through their paces again.

Sunday 17th December – Annual Village Carol Singing and Festive Get-together.

Summer 2023 Newsletter

Would you like your photograph to feature on the front page?

If so, please send summer scenes from around both villages or photographs of summer flowers to Mike Munden at m.munden929@btinternet.com. Same applies if you have any information or notices that you would like including.