

Goldsborough & Flaxby Parish Newsletter

SUMMER 2023



Photo – “Dancing the Daisy Conga” by Mervin Straughan from Flaxby

Are you new to either Goldsborough or Flaxby?

Have you received a Welcome Pack? Please email the Parish Clerk to request one - gboroflaxbypc@gmail.com

Do you know about the Parish Website? Take a look at www.goldsboroughflaxbypc.co.uk

Are you included on the Parish Email List? Please email gfpccmail.list@gmail.com and request to be added in order to hear about things affecting your local community.

Please come along to the next Parish Council meeting - all residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be held on **Monday 4th September**, commencing at 7.30pm at Goldsborough Cricket Club.

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Goldsborough - as always, we extend a warm welcome to everybody who joins us at St. Mary's, whoever they are and wherever they are from - visitors and villagers, old and young, families, couples, singles, we are pleased to see you all. Do join us for our regular Sunday services, or just take a look around the church - it will be open daily between 10am and 4pm throughout July and August. Have a stroll around the churchyard too, look at the different flowers and grasses in the rewilding area, see the bug hotels, watch the birds around the feeders, sit on a bench and listen to the birdsong - it's a wonderfully tranquil and special place.

On **Sunday 30th July** there will not be a service at St. Mary's. Instead, there is a Joint Benefice trip to Hazlewood Castle, with a service in the chapel there, followed by lunch. The cost is £10 per head, and transport can be arranged if needed. If you are interested in coming, please contact Carol on 01423 797741 or e-mail carol.mary@btinternet.com no later than 14th July. Throughout the rest of July and August there will be a

service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 9am, followed by tea and coffee. (Please note that there is no 10.30am All Age service on 6 August).

Bell Ringing at St Marys Church, Goldsborough - Goldsborough St Mary's Church are urgently needing bell ringers! We now have three bell ringers for the church, and Matt Curl as the new Tower Captain. We need 3 bell ringers for weddings, but more for "holiday cover" are needed. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in learning to ring bells in our village church in Goldsborough. We ring every first Sunday for the Family Service, and special occasions, including Weddings and Funerals, Remembrance Sunday, Easter Sunday and Christmas Day. 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 600 years, they were to fall silent. But to keep them ringing we need volunteers to chime and maintain the bells and the ropes. If anyone is interested, contact Mandy Evans on 01423 863898 and we will arrange learning sessions.

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 13th March 2023.

Erection of 9 warehouses including car parking, substation and other ancillary works at land SW of Flaxby Covert. The PC submitted to North Yorkshire Council (NYC) a 3-page commentary of objections on 23rd April 2023. NYC has not yet made a decision.

Rear roof reconfiguration, dormer window replacement and chimney remedials at Home Farm Cottage, Church Street, Goldsborough. The PC had no objections. On 25th April

and we have 7 coordinators covering Goldsborough village. North Yorkshire Police notices are being forwarded directly to all subscribing residents by the Main Coordinator. Our NW Scheme is registered with the North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch Alert system and we have notifications from Streetcheck, 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 email Mandy Evans at amandalevans83@gmail.com or tel.01423 863898.**

Goldsborough & Flaxby Golfing

Society - 2023 will be a great season, we are celebrating our 26th Anniversary. So far this season we have enjoyed golf competitions with the Spring Cup at Knaresborough GC and The Mike Booth Trophy at Masham GC in May and a most enjoyable evening round at Ilkley GC in June. We now have The Captain's Day at Pannal GC and The President's day at Thirsk & Northallerton GC to look forward to.

On the Social side we have a Group BBQ planned for 22nd July with a social evening in October to which all members will be invited.

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

Goldsborough Cricket Club – We have had a really exciting start to the season at Goldsborough Cricket Club. At the time of writing, both our First and Second teams are 3rd in their respective divisions having been 1st just a few

weeks ago. We have two overseas cricketers this year, Jarrod McPhee has returned to captain our First team and Brodie Craig has joined a very youthful First team. Our evening league teams have also had success, both are near the top of their leagues and have cup finals to look forward to in July. We would love to get more villagers coming to support during the second half this season. If you are able, we have games every Saturday and Wednesday for you to come make use of our bar and facilities.

Anyone in the village who is interested in playing local cricket at varying ability levels and/or just being involved with the club and the groundwork that takes place, please make yourself known to the Chairman, Damon Ive by telephoning 07823 334899.

Goldsborough Hall - We will be opening the gardens for the National Garden Scheme Charity on **Sunday 23rd July**, from 12 - 5pm. Entry is £5 with proceeds going to charity and St Mary's Church. Refreshments will be available to purchase and dogs on leads are welcome. If you miss the opening, the gardens are open throughout the summer with a ticket purchased in advance from

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/goldsboroughhallgardens>

To keep the gardens looking in top condition we are looking for volunteers to help with watering and jobs throughout the summer. Please contact the head gardener Mark at the Hall if anyone can assist during this busy time. Find out more about the Hall's fascinating history with its popular Tour and Talk on **18th July, 22nd Aug and 19th Sept** from 2pm to 4pm. The cost is £22 including a cream tea. Tickets booked in advance. The Hall also serves Afternoon Tea Weds to Sun and lunch on Sat and Sun. Call 01423 867321 for details and to book or look at our website

www.goldsboroughhall.com.

2023, NYC approved this planning application.

5 self-build eco houses to land at York Road, Flaxby. Following an appeal requested by the developer after Harrogate Borough Council had refused planning permission, the Planning Inspector subsequently agreed with HBC and upheld the refusal on 28th April 2023.

Replacing a garage flat roof with a pitched roof at Fir Trees, Station Road, Goldsborough. On 4th April 2023, the PC confirmed to NYC that it had no objections. NYC approved this pitched roof on 28th April 2023.

Moving an extension 7m along the main building of Ilke Homes Ltd at Flaxby Covert. The extension had been approved in late 2022. The PC confirmed to NYC on 4th April 2023 that it had no objections. NYC approved the extension's relocation on 10th May 2023.

Removal of Outline Planning condition 25 (for a Railway Halt with Park + Ride) at land SW of Flaxby Covert. The PC objected to this on 27th April 2023 to NYC with further objections on 11th May 2023. NYC has not yet made a decision.

Forming 5 dwellings out of an existing agricultural building at Spring Bank Farm near Flaxby. The PC confirmed on 11th April 2023 to NYC it had no objections but on 12th May 2023, NYC refused this application.

Single storey garage extension at Croftbank, Shortsill Lane, Flaxby. On 24th April 2023, the PC confirmed to NYC it had no objections. On 23rd May 2023 NYC approved this garage extension.

Replacement window/door arrangement to rear elevation and some blocking up to side elevation at Avenue House Farm, Midgeley Lane, Goldsborough. The PC should respond to NYC by 30th June 2023.

Parish Councillor vacancy

We still have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If interested please mention to one of our Councillors or our Parish Clerk Derrik Summers by email at gboroflaxbypc@gmail.com or text/phone 07999 609249.

Route 21 bus service and bus single fare price cap

The Government has confirmed that it will continue to subsidise bus fares until 31st October 2023 by capping an adult single to £2. It has also confirmed that it will then subsidise fares until November 2024 by capping an adult single to £2.50. Harrogate Bus Company that runs Route 21 through Flaxby and Goldsborough is part of this initiative. With fares capped it is hoped that as many of you as possible take advantage and use Route 21 whenever you can. If the bus is not used whilst the fares are being subsidised there is a greater risk of the Bus Route 21 being reduced or even removed from April 2024.

Goldsborough School

As the temperatures rise, so does the excitement in school as the children look forward to the summer holidays! We have ten year 6 children leaving us on 21st July, to start their high school careers in Knaresborough and Harrogate. Our leavers had a fantastic day out at Treetops Trek near Oldham, learning climbing skills and enjoying a lovely social time together. They have also been learning their lines and rehearsing for the end of year production for parents in July. We wish them well for the new start in September. Our children in Sycamore Class will continue weekly swimming lessons at Knaresborough until school finishes. They recently visited Bradford Industrial Museum, where they learned about the Industrial Revolution. The children also had a visit from the children at their partner school recently, and enjoyed lessons together and a picnic lunch on the field. Our youngest

children attended a Seaside Workshop with their friends at Sicklinghall School in June, and made puppets, watched a Punch and Judy Show, and played on the beach (sandpit!). The children learned about seaside holidays through the ages and rounded off the day with an ice-cream. Our annual sports day was held on 29th June, a great afternoon for all parents and athletes. All children took part in the King's Coronation celebrations in May, and a few children also took part in 'Sing for the King' - a service held at St Mary's Church. And then, in the blink of an eye, September will be here and we will be welcoming Reception children to our school ...

Calling all Flaxby and Goldsborough students!

Are you 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 on 01423 864168, Mike Munden on 01423 860506 or William Elliott on 01423 869541.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Walking Group - Join us and enjoy walking in the lovely area of North Yorkshire with 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.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil Co-operative - The summer months are not the time one usually worries about ordering fuel for heating our homes for the cold winter months, but it **is** a very good time to join the Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil Co-operative and save money in time for Christmas. If your main heating fuel is OIL then join us and apply to become a member of The Oil Co-operative and start enjoying lower fuel costs. If you live in the HG5 area, membership is available to YOU!

Our 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 co-operative? You **WILL** reduce your cost! Simply apply for membership 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 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. At an Open Meeting in June, we were pleased to welcome many new visitors for an enlightening talk on 'The History of Pearls' which was much enjoyed by all. Dates are also booked during the summer months for local walks and garden visits. Visitors are always very welcome. Please contact the Secretary on 01423 866086 for more information.

Goldsborough Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (GNW) - Goldsborough has its own Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Bay Horse Inn

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August - live music from Chris Taylor in the beer garden (weather dependent) along with a full A La Carte Menu.

For reservations throughout the week, call Marius on 01423 797777 – or check out our website

www.bayhorseinn.co.uk

Flaxby Village Social Events

"Blokas and a Brew" gatherings are now a firm fixture on the Flaxby social calendar following the success of their third event.

A dozen men from the village attended the latest which Mervin Straughan hosted on Thursday 29th June. Another is planned for autumn and more details will follow shortly. It's now expected that between three and four gatherings will take place each year. The aim is to provide men with an opportunity to enjoy a conversation and a cuppa.

On Sunday 7th May, 42 Flaxby residents attended the Kings Coronation Village Picnic, and enjoyed a lovely afternoon with friends and neighbours celebrating the coronation of King Charles.

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.

Martin House Children's Hospice

The social events held in Flaxby raise funds for Martin House Childrens' Hospice, and the following hand-written note was received from the Hospice to the residents of Flaxby to thank them for their ongoing support over the years.

The letter reads as follows:

Dear friends, this week, we are celebrating our incredible supporters and all the many ways they help us care for our children and families across the region. I wanted to write to you personally to say a huge thank you for all of your time and dedication in holding all your events through the years - we are all so very grateful here at Martin House. Warm regards, Michelle

Autumn/Winter 2023 Newsletter

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

Please send any village or garden photographs you may have (from any time of year) to Mike Munden at m.munden929@btinternet.com.

Same applies if you have any information or notices that you would like including.

And finally ...

Dog fouling is becoming an increasing problem in both Goldsborough and Flaxby villages.

Should you be a dog owner, please respect your village and your neighbours and ensure you clean up after your dog at all times.

Please let's keep our villages clean and tidy for everyone to enjoy.

A LITTLE SOMETHING TO AMUSE EVERYONE – BUT WITH A VERY SERIOUS MESSAGE!

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

