

GOLDSBOROUGH & FLAXBY PARISH NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2023

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Are you new to either Goldsborough or Flaxby? Have you received a Welcome Pack? If not, 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.

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 15 January 2024, commencing at 7.30pm at Goldsborough Cricket Club.**

St. Mary's Church, Goldsborough

This autumn, we have had a joyful Harvest Festival service in church, and an excellent Harvest Supper and Quiz at the Cricket Club. We were also very pleased to welcome Goldsborough School as they held their Harvest Festival service in church.

Remembrance Day was marked with a service in church, followed by a walk from church to the War Memorial. We were joined by Junior soldiers and their officers of 3rd Platoon, Waterloo Company, from the Army Foundation College in Harrogate; their presence enhanced the service significantly and we very much hope that they will join us again in 2024. Now we are looking forward to Advent and Christmas December services:

3rd Dec - 10.30: Families First – non-communion service

10th Dec - 09.00: Holy Communion

17th Dec - 09.00: Holy Communion ~
17.00: Carols in the Village

24th Dec - 09.00: Holy Communion ~
16.00: Family Carol Service

25th Dec - 09.00: Holy Communion

31st Dec - No service

It would be lovely to see as many people as possible joining us for the Carols in the Village event (though fingers crossed for better weather than last year!) Do please join us, meeting outside church then walking around the village with various stops to sing carols – and ending up at the Bay Horse for mulled wine and mince pies! Also, our Family Carol Service, which saw the church packed out last year, should be a lovely way to begin Christmastide. Please do join us if you can, we'd love to see you whether you come to church every week or just come at Christmas – you're very welcome, whatever your background and faith. The crib will be empty at the beginning of the service, but children will fill it with Mary, Joseph, Jesus, shepherds, sheep and kings as the service progresses. Lots of opportunity to sing some of our favourite Christmas carols!

The Churchwardens feel that the church should not be locked each day – it is a space for our community and people should be able to come and go as they wish. During the school holidays, it has been open for visitors and locals every day. With Rev Garry Hinchcliffe's agreement, we are now trying to have it open every day (though not Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day) between 10am and 4pm. There may be days when, for a variety of reasons, this may not be possible, but our telephone numbers are on the noticeboard outside – if you want to go in but find it locked, please ring one of us and we will do our best to open it for you.

Looking ahead as we move into 2024, we will be holding:

May/June - a stall at Knaresborough Market, so please hold on to any unwanted books, toys, jigsaws and games (no bric-a-brac).

Sat 29 June - Hidden Gems of Goldsborough, an Open Gardens event

Sat 20 July - The Goldsborough Safari Supper

Autumn - A Harvest Supper

Autumn – A concert with the Valenzano Ensemble

7 December - A Christmas concert with the Elysian Singers

Plus who knows how much more we might be able to arrange as the year moves on?!

Bell Ringing at St Marys Church, Goldsborough - Goldsborough St Mary's Church always welcome new bell ringers! We now have a few bell ringers for the church, with Matt Curl as the Tower Captain. 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 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 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 (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 26 June 2023.

Development of up to 402 houses at Highfield Farm site (opposite Toyota Garage). This outline application by Taylor Wimpey Ltd was presented to Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) on 1 November 2018, and the PC objected to it on 30 November 2018. Following a most recent 'no objections' by National Highways, North Yorkshire Council

(NYC) approved this application with 41 conditions on 18 September 2023.

1283m2 business unit near to ex Goldsborough Railway Station. The PC objected to this Outline application on 14 October 2022. HBC and subsequently NYC has not yet made a decision.

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

Removal of Outline Planning condition no 25 (for a Railway Halt with Park + Ride) at land SW of Flaxby Covert. The PC objected to this on 27 April 2023 to NYC with further objections on 11 May 2023. NYC has not yet made a decision

Replacement window/door arrangement to rear elevation and some blocking up to side elevation at Avenue House Farm, Midgeley Lane, Goldsborough. The PC had no objections and confirmed this to NYC on 28 June 2023. NYC approved it on 13 July 2023.

New garage at Derry Dell, Midgeley Lane, Goldsborough. The PC had not objected to the original application in July 2020 and had no further comments to add regarding this re-application for the same details. NYC approved this re-application on 13 July 2023.

Installed log burner with flue at 9 Avenue House Court, Goldsborough. The PC objected to this application for a Certificate of Lawfulness on 24 July 2023. NYC approved it on 31 July 2023.

Up to 4 Eco-Custom self-build homes at Woodland View, York Road, Flaxby. The PC submitted to NYC on 19 October 2023 its objections to this latest design for this site. NYC has not yet made a decision.

New Asphalt Plant at Allerton Waste Recovery Park. This is a re-application by the applicant that includes additional environmental/operational details. The PC had objected to the original application in December 2022 and on 8 November 2023 the PC submitted its objections to this latest application. No decision has been made yet by NYC.

25-unit holiday lodge park at Spring Bank Farm, Coneythorpe. The PC objected to this and confirmed this to NYC on 2 November 2023. NYC has not yet made a decision.

Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 19 Princess Mead, Goldsborough. The PC confirmed to NYC on 2 November 2023 that it had no objections. No decision yet by NYC.

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 gborofflaxbypc@gmail.com or text/phone 07999 609249.

Goldsborough Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (GNW) - Goldsborough has its own Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NWS) with 7 coordinators covering Goldsborough village. North Yorkshire Police notices are being forwarded directly to all subscribing residents by the Main Coordinator. The NWS is now registered with the North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch Alert system. We also have notifications from Streetcheck from which information on local crimes according to post code is received and notices of a local nature are cascaded to residents by their coordinator. In turn residents are 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.

All residents are invited to be part of this scheme so, if you have not already

joined, please contact Mandy Evans at amandalevans83@gmail.com or tel.01423 863898.

Flaxby Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - Flaxby also has its own Neighbourhood Watch scheme, facilitated by 4 Co-ordinators, and residents living in Flaxby are already receiving appropriate information from their individual co-ordinator.

Should any Flaxby resident believe they are not already part of the Scheme, please contact Buck White at buck_kath@yahoo.co.uk.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Walking Group - If you enjoy walking, especially in the lovely North Yorkshire countryside you will be assured of a very warm and friendly welcome joining our sociable walking group. Simply email goldsborough.walks@outlook.com and we will send you all the information needed.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil Co-operative - If your main heating fuel is OIL why not apply to become a member of The Goldsborough and Flaxby Oil Co-operative and start enjoying lower OIL costs? Our members are delighted with the reduction in their OIL heating cost since joining. If you live in the HG5 area, membership is available to you.

Why not join them and become a member of the fast-expanding Goldsborough & Flaxby Oil 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.

Goldsborough & Flaxby Golfing Society – The 2023 season is winding down with only the Winter Warmer still to be played on Friday 9 December at Knaresborough Golf Club. Afterwards, the golfers will be joined by social members for lunch at The Bay Horse.

Socially, members enjoyed the quiz evening in October, with an excellent supper served by Advent Catering. The Committee has put in place a full programme of Golfing and Social events for 2024. 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 GFGS1998@gmail.com and we will send you all the information you need. Please note our new email address!

Goldsborough Cricket Club - The Cricket Club's season is 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, visitors and especially our support locally from Chris Saul, Henry Webster and Andrew Carrick throughout the year. We were fortunate to have two overseas cricketers this year, Jarrod McPhee and Brodie Craig. Jarrod moved to England permanently with his partner and captained our first team to a third place finish in Division One. Similarly, James Ward led the second team to a third place finish in Division Five. On an evening both first and second teams did brilliantly to make it to their Cup Finals, with the second team managing to go one better than the previous season and take home the trophy. A massive thank you to Russell Robshaw and Adam Voakes for all their efforts. This year we launched our Family Fun Day which was a huge success. We were pleased to see many people from the village join us in having a great day. We plan to run the same event in 2024.

Anyone in the village who is interested in playing or being involved in their local cricket team, please make yourself known to the Chairman, Damon Ive (Tel 07823 334899). Similarly, if you'd like to rent the facilities, please get in touch.

Ladies Badminton Club - A group of local, mainly retired ladies play

badminton each week for fitness and friendship and are looking for one or two new members. We meet on a Wednesday morning in Scotton Village Hall, where there are good sports facilities and ample parking

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Lynn on 01423 866086 for more details.

Goldsborough Women's Institute

The WI meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Cricket Pavilion and we aim to have a speaker, demonstrator or entertainment at each meeting - details of the programme are displayed on the noticeboard in both villages. In the first three months of 2024 meetings will be held in the afternoon starting at 1.30pm. In January we will be looking into the History of the village, then in February the local Community Police Officer is advising us on cyber care & avoiding scams, while in March we have an insight into Windsor Castle.

Visitors are most welcome and please contact the secretary on 01423 866086 for more information.

Calling all Flaxby and Goldsborough students

- Are you getting ready for the new academic term 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 (i) about to study or already studying at university, further education colleges or evening classes or (ii) working in apprenticeships or involved in training, leading to further education or professional qualifications. Application forms are available from trustees Mervin Straughan mervin.straughan@btinternet.com, Mike Munden m.munden929@btinternet.com or William Elliott william.t.elliott01@btinternet.com.

Goldsborough School

What an exciting term we have had! Since September Mrs Ellis, the Executive Headteacher, has also been supporting Admiral Long in Burnt Yates near Ripley and the staff have been working with new colleagues and have begun to welcome new children to our Federation family. The new Reception children are fully settled into school, bringing their enthusiasm to our community and enjoying their learning. A new set of School Councillors has been elected and they have involved the children in some focus days - Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week, wear blue for Diabetes Awareness, and wear yellow and spots for Children in Need. A well-being walk was high on the agenda when we came back to school. Mr Colley the PE Teacher gave a brilliant assembly on the importance of well-being and organised a really enjoyable walk. The younger children loved spending the morning being paired with the older children and appreciating the area we go to school in. The children have taken part in many sporting events both at school and at Ashville College, who work with Sporting Influence, our PE provider. Football, netball, handball and cross country are just a few of the events which the children have been involved in. Our after-school fixtures usually involve children from Sicklinghall, All Saints, Kirkby Overblow and North Rigton CE Primary Schools. Swimming lessons will begin again from January 2024 when the new Knaresborough Pool opens. In lessons, the younger children in Sweet Chestnut have learnt about the Great Fire of London and the Arctic. Harrogate Fire Station staff came to school to talk about the importance of fire safety, particularly around bonfire night. The children liked sitting in the fire engine and seeing the hosepipes being used! Sycamore class visited Goldsborough Hall and met Mark,

the Head Gardener who told the children all about the plants and flowers in the gardens and greenhouses. The children were very engaged and enjoyed looking at and learning about all the different species and varieties of plants and trees. Sycamore Class have also enjoyed learning about the Ancient Maya with their friends at school and through the power of time travel, they were joined by Itzil for the day - a Mayan lady who came in to share what her life is like. They have begun their Link School Project with Victoria Primary in Keighly, enjoying their initial meeting at Nell Bank. Oak class have been immersed in Ancient Greece and also learning about different mountain types. They have become Ambassadors (Y5) and Prefects and Buddies (Y6). They have distributed £600 worth of PE Equipment to the other classes to ensure that playtimes are active and report that "it is going really well!"

The children in Year 3/4 from our federation enjoyed camping out overnight at Canvas Camp on Sicklinghall field. The Young Shakespeare Company performed Macbeth to the KS2 children, many of whom excitedly took part in the immersive production. The younger children were enthralled by A Midsummer Night's Dream, enjoying the drama and role play in class. The children delivered a beautiful Harvest Service at St Mary's and our families kindly donated a huge amount of items which were taken to the Knaresborough food bank. For Remembrance Sunday, the children & families hung the crocheted poppies on the school fence together and created a beautiful watercolour wreath, laid it at the memorial, and hung other painted designs around school. At the end of November, the whole school visited Harrogate Theatre to see the Pantomime Dick Whittington. Everyone had a great time cheering the hero and booing the baddies!

As we fast approach Christmas, our tree will arrive (kindly donated by Mr and Mrs Campbell) and the Prefects will decorate it! The children's Christmas card designs will be printed (kindly done by Mr and Mrs Horner) and sent to their friends. The children will be taking part in a nativity service at St Mary's Church. Look out for details of the dress rehearsal as the community are welcome to pop in to the church to watch this! We also have an Enterprise Christmas Market fair, a tree with decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival at St. John's Church, Christmas lunch and parties planned, and of course a visit from Santa (shhh! It's a surprise!)

Flaxby Village Association

The Annual Village Garden Party was hosted by the Dawsons at South Edge on 16th July, when almost 40 Flaxby residents enjoyed an afternoon of good company and good fun, catching up with friends and neighbours. £262 was raised in aid the village's chosen charity, Martin House Childrens Hospice.

'Blokes and a Brew' gatherings have become a firm favourite on the Flaxby social calendar, thanks to a fourth successful event on 23 November, when a dozen men turned out for the autumn meeting hosted by Mike Munden. The events provide an opportunity for men from Flaxby to enjoy conversation and a cuppa. More meetings are planned for 2024. If anyone would like to host one, please get in touch with Mervin Straughan at mervin.straughan@btinternet.com.

The Annual Carol Singing and Get-together will take place on **Sunday 17 December**. Please meet by the Green at 6.45pm to sing to your neighbours and friends. Get-together afterwards hosted by Mervin and Jacqui Straughan at 7 The Grange from 8pm onwards. Collection proceeds will be to Martin House.

Goldsborough Hall

Christmas events include 3-course Festive Lunches available on Sat 9, Sun 10 and Sat 16 Dec from 12pm-2pm £49 per adult / £21 per child.

Festive afternoon teas available in December, call to check dates - £40 per adult / £20 per child.

A few spaces left on the Wreath Making Workshop on Sun 10th December - £74 per person which includes Festive afternoon tea.

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

Wedding Open Afternoon - Sat 13 Jan 12.30-3.30pm. A chance to look round the Hall for anyone newly engaged!

Snowdrop Sundays - Sun 4 & 18 Feb 11am-4pm. The Hall's gardens will be open throughout February to see the snowdrops as well as two special Snowdrop Sundays. Pre-booking required.

Valentine's Day - Wed 14 Feb. A fabulous 8-course taster dining menu - £99 per adult.

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

The Bay Horse Inn

Festive lunches and dinners throughout December - see website for menu

Christmas Eve 12pm-8pm

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

Boxing Day drinks & nibbles 12pm-8pm; Wed 27th-Sat 30th Dec open as usual 12pm-10pm;

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

Closed New Year's Day and 2nd Jan. For menus and to book online, see www.bayhorseinn.co.uk or call Marius on 01423 79777.

The Parish Council wishes to highlight some important issues affecting both our villages:

SPEEDING!

Vehicles speeding through both Flaxby and Goldsborough are becoming an increasing problem for both villages, not recently helped in Goldsborough with the roadworks on the A59. Incredulously, some residents of each village have been spotted speeding through their own village, and we therefore request that everyone please SLOW DOWN! The Parish Council is currently exploring the possibility of 20mph speed limits.

DOG FOULING!

Sadly, dog fouling has become an increasingly significant issue in both Goldsborough and Flaxby.

This is unacceptable, offensive and dangerous!

Anyone who is caught not picking up after their dog can be fined £100 and, if the case goes to court, the dog owner's costs could be up to £1,000.

We ask that all residents remain vigilant in spotting culprits and do not hesitate to report them to North Yorkshire Council by the website <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/environment-and-neighbourhoods/animals/dogs/dog-fouling>.

To successfully convict a person of committing a dog fouling offence NYC needs you to provide it with as much information as possible including:

- a description of the person committing the offence, their name, address, vehicle, model, colour, vehicle registration
- a description of the dog
- photographs
- date
- time
- location

Additionally, please can ALL residents of both villages respect their neighbours and their village by picking up after their dogs at all times. Please also have respect for your neighbours' properties, and refrain your dog from relieving itself on lawns, bushes and plants around each village.

In Goldsborough, there has been a significant increase in people exercising their pets on the **cricket field**, despite several signs requesting people not to do so. Residents are reminded that this field is a PRIVATE sports field and one which, by agreement, is used by Goldsborough School children for various activities. **As such, the exercising of dogs on the Cricket Field is a health and safety issue and should cease immediately.**

Parking Outside Goldsborough School

Complaints have been received in respect of drivers parking outside the school, which is becoming an increasing and dangerous problem. The school has reminded parents, carers and staff to be more considerate. Residents of Goldsborough & Flaxby are also requested not to park outside the school.

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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.

Wishing each and every resident in Flaxby and Goldsborough a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2024