

GREATER NUNTHORPE NEWS

Merry Christmas – one and all. Best wishes for a Happy New Year

Let's hope we can enjoy the brief Christmas break and keep to the rules so 2021 gets better and better – by working together as these residents did on Rothesay Grove in 1979



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Greater Nunthorpe News is a magazine for our community with our news, our history and our future. Whilst there is some limited advertising, its all about our news and what is important to us, so please play a part by reading, commenting and sending us news, stories and photographs.

Our magazine is being **produced by a partnership** of the Parish and Community Councils, ourGreenways, the churches and community groups, like Nunthorpe History Group, the Nunthorpe and Marton Playing Fields Association and Nunthorpe Vision. We hope to feature regular contributions from these and other groups, but will always welcome your pictures and stories for the community interest.

Thanks to all for the very positive feedback to our first edition. Welcome to the second edition - which we hope our community of Nunthorpe can and will enjoy.

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Nunthorpe Meeting 7th December

A proposal for a 10 year 'compact' between Middlesbrough Council and the Parish Council on behalf of the community, was warmly welcomed.

Key points for negotiation will include what the Council would like to do; what areas will be protected; what assets will be transferred to the community; what resources will be given (as per Mayor's statement) on top of s106 agreements (NPC will be involved in that process); and that there will be an ongoing Infrastructure Board.

During the meeting, Mayor Andy Preston and Simon Clarke expanded on their articles in this issue.



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NUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

As reported in the previous edition of GNN, the current priority for the Parish Council is **Nunthorpe Grange**. This overarching heading includes several matters which are all challenging in themselves, but connected together with a complexity likened by one Parish Councillor to Rubik's Cube.

For example, the Parish Council is very keen for a new **Medical Centre** and **Community Centre** to be built as soon as possible, and we accept that we must have a road leading to these - but we also agreed with local residents that the location proposed for the access off Stokesley Road could be unsafe. To avoid a formal objection delaying the start of construction, we drafted alternative proposals with advantages for the Medical Centre, local residents, the wider Nunthorpe Community, and Middlesbrough Council. This is the sort of job we do - behind the scenes trying to broker solutions to Nunthorpe's problems.

Similarly, we have taken up the widespread concern about **Persimmon's proposal** to construct 77 houses in Nunthorpe Grange. This is an improvement on the plan to build 97 houses which we objected to in September, but we still think that Persimmon is claiming more than an acceptable share of the total construction authorised in Middlesbrough's Local Plan. So we met with Persimmon about this. We also drew their attention to the impact of the proposals on Nunthorpe Gardens. Persimmon knows that if there are no changes, the Parish Council will be objecting as forcefully as we did before at the next Planning Committee hearing.

Our dialogue with Persimmon is part of the overall attempts of the Parish Council to reconnect the assorted proposals of landowners into a coherent plan, under the oversight of the **Nunthorpe Vision Group**. The Parish Council has continued to spend many hours urging all parties to pause planning applications for major developments until agreement is reached about where and how many houses will be built, how access roads will connect these houses, and how green space and vistas will be preserved. This is in line with our published manifesto - "Parish Council Priorities for Nunthorpe Vision."

Our parallel initiative is to try to avoid uncoordinated development in the future by establishing the **Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan**. This edition of GNN outlines the next steps in our imaginative project.

Meanwhile, the **Regular Business** of the Parish Council continues - responding to the range of matters important to Nunthorpe residents. Recent topics include: community safety, Christmas lighting, Christmas community activities,

bin collections and waste management, bridleways and pedestrian rights of way, signage, play areas, traffic junctions, speed restrictions, safety around schools, Nunthorpe in Bloom, Nunthorpe walks and benches, and Nunthorpe trees.

As highlighted in another item in this edition of GNN, the Parish Council considers **Planning Applications** relating to single dwellings in Nunthorpe. We also objected to an estate proposed for Ford Close; and the Parish Council reiterated its position on the relocation of the Plymouth Brethren Church.

As our range of communication options has increased, residents increasingly prefer to respond directly to items in GNN and to our postings on social media, rather than to attend **Meetings of the Parish Council**. Reflecting this, the Parish Council has decided to convene regular meetings in 2021 every 2 months, rather than every month. This means that, although we do not plan to meet in February 2021, we welcome even more residents to join us, via Zoom, on 6th January 2021 and on 3rd March 2021.

Morgan McClintock – Chair of Nunthorpe Parish Council



*The way we were
Nunthorpe 1975 from the air*



1964 Behind Greenway

Planning Permission in the Parish

Apologies to our readers in Redcar and Cleveland that this item is rather Middlesbrough-centric, with its focus on the connection between Nunthorpe Parish Council and Middlesbrough Council in relation to planning applications.

The motivation for writing this is that some readers have been asking what is the "planning" role of Nunthorpe Parish Council. For example, a resident might want to build a house-extension on their own property, or to place signage or equipment which extends into a public area. Another resident might want to object to plans for construction on a neighbour's property.

It is important to stress at the start that all decisions on planning applications are taken by the **Planning Committee of Middlesbrough Council** – either by all Committee Members at a formal meeting, or by Officers of Middlesbrough Council in situations where the authority to make decisions has been delegated by the Planning Committee.

However, the Parish Council is notified beforehand of all planning applications in our area, and representations from the Parish Council are taken into account by Middlesbrough Council. Residents often overlook this possible opportunity for support, but unless local people supply the Parish Council with **supplementary information** for or against a planning application, Parish Councillors only have the formal documents made available to the public on the Planning Portal. So, the Parish Council might overlook a proposed feature which causes reasonable concern, or even alarm, to the neighbours. Conversely, the Parish Council could well be unaware of the arguments in favour of an unusual development. As the Parish Council does not have staff to investigate independently, it has to rely on any local information which one or more Parish Councillors may happen to have – unless additional details or alternative perspectives are forwarded by Nunthorpe residents. When such information is provided as close as possible to the time the application is submitted, so much the better.

Where **no issues** are brought to the attention of the Parish Council by the public or by a Parish Councillor, the application proceeds without comment for consideration by Middlesbrough Council. Where the Parish Council has **concerns**, these are submitted in writing, either seeking clarification or urging rejection of the application. In contested cases, a Parish Councillor can attend a meeting of the Planning Committee to argue the case in public.

Once the **decision** has been taken, the applicant and objectors receive a letter from Middlesbrough Council, provided in formal terms rather than wording tailored to the recipient. A summary of the arguments behind the decision, whether decided by the Committee or by Officers, is made available in the same format to the Parish Council and to the public, but this report is not provided automatically. It has to be read on the planning portal. The report may still not be satisfactory to those on the losing side, but it should at least demonstrate that consideration was given to all the issues submitted.

As with all communications to the Parish Council, correspondence about planning applications should be addressed to the Clerk via email:

clerk@nunthorpepc.org.uk

Why does Santa go down the chimney?

Because it soots him!



NUNTHORPE VISION



Nunthorpe Vision - this **group** (the Mayor, Council Chief Executive, M.P., Ward Councillors, Nunthorpe Parish Council, Nunthorpe Community Council, ourGreenways, GP, schools, and other community leaders) which has been called the 'big meeting' for shorthand, was brought about to bring all the key parties together to discuss the future of Nunthorpe.

In effect, this vision is for a Neighbourhood Plan*, for all of Nunthorpe.



A **leaflet** will accompany this, the second edition of Greater Nunthorpe News, and all residents are urged to read the leaflet and give their positive support for **the authorised designation** of Greater Nunthorpe as a **Neighbourhood Plan** area. We published *Where is Nunthorpe?* in the first GNN and had no objections to the 'boundary'.

After gaining the support of both Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland Councils (Planning Officers have indicated no opposition at all to date) for the designation, we will consult all residents, including young people, about matters of importance in seeking to develop a Plan which we are all happy with and which can then be used to influence the Local Plans (In the case of Middlesbrough a new one is being developed for late summer 2021, so we need to move fast).

Residents on the west of Nunthorpe have been consulted before on important issues but it's essential we have all residents in the Greater Nunthorpe area engaged in the process of creating our vision, our Neighbourhood Plan. By responding, you can help us realise this ambition to have more control over our area.

The need for a **baseline study** was agreed at the third meeting of the Nunthorpe Vision Group and the terms were agreed . It will include demographic profile; current housing levels, market trends and performance of neighbouring developments; environment and green space etc; transport infrastructure, parking, rail cycle and walking infrastructure etc; education, primary and secondary schools; emergency services; health and social care; community facilities; utilities and flood risk; and finally historic environment.

This study has been put out to tender with three firms of consultants interested, and the NPC will be involved in the selection of the winning tender. Their report is required by 8th February 2021, and clearly this study will inform our Vision and Neighbourhood Plan.

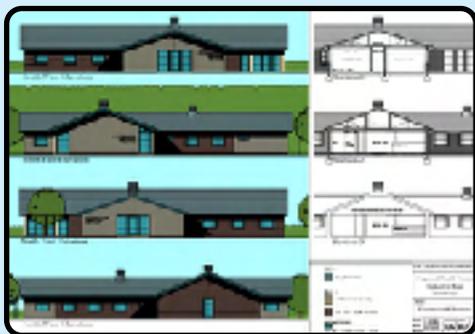
There have been four Nunthorpe Vision meetings including one very recently on Monday 7th December. This most recent meeting supported the delivery of the leaflet asking residents about Neighbourhood Plan Designation; and set out the beginnings of a **'compact'** or agreement, potentially for 10 years, between NPC and Middlesbrough Council. The compact will set out green spaces that will be protected; proposed housing numbers in an agreed boundary; NPC involvement in the s106 agreements; transfer of land for a community garden, a park and a Community Centre; funding to construct a Community Centre; and the creation of an infrastructure Board to involve groups in master planning and design briefs, linked to the Neighbourhood Plan.

* NPC obtained through a bid, free support from experienced consultants who have been involved with the development of over 100 Neighbourhood Plans.

Wade Tovey

GP SURGERY - LATEST

The Plans went to consultation, as is the process, and some residents raised some issues and concerns about the access being around a slightly blind corner. The Parish Council, like so many of us (See Simon Clarke article) is very keen to see the surgery go ahead without delay, has endorsed the concerns of those residents and is in discussion with the Council to resolve these matters, so that the project can go ahead, hopefully with additional benefits to the community.



What do you call an obnoxious reindeer?

Rude – olph!



MIDDLESBROUGH MAYOR ANDY PRESTON

Money That Nunthorpe Deserves

We've finally done it! At a meeting last week we decided to end the days of Nunthorpe being used as a piggy bank for Middlesbrough.

For way too long the greenfield sites around Teesside's best residential area have been asset-stripped. What's worse is that while the community of Nunthorpe has lost out in land deals, there's never been a gesture of financial gratitude.

We decided the other week to make sure that when a piece of council land is sold then the community should benefit from the proceeds of that sale. What that means in principle is that if the council sells a piece of land for £5m then the community should get 3% = £150k. So long as the sale price is at or above the expected value.

If this policy had been in place over the last 10 years then the money in Nunthorpe's community coffers would be £hundreds of thousands.

This new approach is the beginning of Middlesbrough's levelling up - where everyone gets a fairer deal.

We continue to work hard to make sure that your new doctors surgery and community centre happen very soon and I am waiting for confirmation of 'Village Green' status for the land opposite The Avenue shops - protecting it forever.

I will keep fighting for a better deal for Nunthorpe and please let me know if there's anything you want me to do.

Andy Preston



Christmas & Community Support

The Mayor of Middlesbrough, the Mayor of Redcar and Cleveland, Nunthorpe Parish Council, Nunthorpe Community Council and Ourgreenways (as the financial sponsors of GNN) wish all our readers as good a time at Christmas as is possible this strange year.

Some members of our community would appreciate a little extra support this season.

So we encourage our readers to give whatever help they can through the various charities operating in Nunthorpe, and to encourage neighbours and friends to make contact with any of these charities who might help in various ways.

Your attention is drawn particularly to notices shown at the Premier Store on the Avenue.

Please donate food to the DIY Store for St George's Foodbank (toiletries also welcome)

Help us improve Christmas for others less fortunate in Middlesbrough



Nunthorpe Community Council and Nunthorpe Parish Council
CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

PLEASE DONATE
TOYS for CHILDREN 0-16 years
We are asking for new unwrapped toys



We will be collecting regularly and will ensure that they go to
The Salvation Army and Active Tees Valley

SIMON CLARKE MP

MP for Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland

As 2020 draws to a close, I want to wish everybody in Nunthorpe a very Happy Christmas.

This has been a hugely challenging year, but it ends on a very positive note. As I write, the UK's medicines regulator has approved the Pfizer vaccine, which is 95% effective at stopping Covid-19, as safe. We can therefore begin a nationwide programme of vaccination as of the week commencing 7 December - the first country in the world to do so.

And in Nunthorpe, there are more reasons to be hopeful. I continue to work alongside the Parish and Community Council, Cllr Mieka Smiles, and the Borough Road and Nunthorpe medical practice to progress plans for a new surgery premises.

As many of you will be aware, the number of patients served by Nunthorpe Surgery, on Guisborough Road, has increased by around 20% in the past five years - reflecting major housebuilding in the area.

It leaves the patient roll close to being full. The current surgery building, at Nunthorpe shops, has been described as "increasingly unsuitable", with stairs restricting disabled access and crowded waiting facilities.

In September, Middlesbrough Council executive members - including our own Cllr Smiles - unanimously backed a decision to sell a parcel of land on Stokesley Road to allow the surgery to push ahead with the next stage.

I am delighted to be able to say that all the relevant funding has been secured from the NHS and now, subject to planning approval, construction of the new medical facility is set to begin in 2021 at a site off Stokesley Road.

For too long the residents of Nunthorpe have been calling out for the facilities and infrastructure to match population growth in the area. With Cllr Smiles and myself working positively with the Parish and Community Council, the surgery and the NHS, we're finally seeing the changes Nunthorpe deserves.

And there is still more to do in the New Year. I look forward to working positively with the community to make Nunthorpe as great a place to live as possible.

Here's looking forward to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If I can ever be of help, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

simon.clarke.mp@parliament.uk or on 01287 204 709.

Yours faithfully,

Simon



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NUNTHORPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Executive have continued to meet and have played a key part in Nunthorpe Vision, Neighbourhood Plan and more. No community activities are possible due to Covid, but with Christmas coming, we have played a central part in setting up the toy collection at the Avenue Premier Store. The response has been fantastic with the collection bin having been emptied several times already, with so many toys, both old and new, taken on to the Salvation Army and Active Tees Valley. Executive members have also collected toys. Contact can be made through NCC or NPC on - see contacts page. Well done to the community and thanks to Sag and his staff for their support. Christmas will be happier for so many as a result - thank you. Here's to a happier 2021.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Accompanying delivery of the magazine is a leaflet explaining what the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan are and asking residents views about what is important to them for the future of the area. As there have been a couple of surveys before about a Design Code and residents' issues (albeit on the NPC Mbro side) we will use these to find the current strengths of feeling on a range of matters whilst also giving the opportunity to add comments. A Neighbourhood Plan - if we work quickly - can influence the Local Plan which Middlesbrough Council is developing and aims to produce next summer. We are confident it will be taken into account in Redcar & Cleveland too - as Planning Officers in both LAs have agreed to the idea in principle.

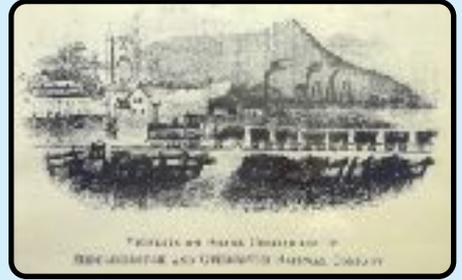
Please fill in your questionnaire on paper or online and encourage all adults in your household to do the same -its so important for our future

NUNTHORPE RAILWAY STATION

A brief History

17 June 1852 – Queen Victoria gave Royal Assent for a rail line from Middlesbrough to Guisborough & the Cleveland Hills.

1853 – the line opened for freight and the plan was approved for a station house costing £295. The M&G line was backed by Joseph Pease and his family.



25 Feb 1854 – the line opened for passengers and later that year, merchandise. It became known locally as the '*petticoat line*' due to the numbers of female staff employed. Train carriages at the time had no heating so porters would run a nice side line, renting footwarmer pots filled with hot water to the passengers.

Nunthorpe's first station master, **Simon Robinson**, rented locally while the line and the station were being constructed. The station house was very basic – no internal plumbing, water came from a nearby stream until **1855** when a well was sunk in the garden. A garden shed (constructed from vertical sleepers) housed the soil toilet and wash boiler; refuse was buried in the garden.



*bottle dug up from the garden
"Winterschluden Middlesbrough"*

There was an outside passenger toilet for gents – no ladies – operated by a penny slot machine

Lock from the gents toilet



Simon Robinson served until **1896**.

During these 43 years, he was married twice, had a total of 14 children and the house was also shared by a boarder, a servant and a son-in-law. After his death it was suspected that he haunted the station, in 1898, apparently searching for his station master's platform sign.

The B3 sign

Each railway line was allocated a letter. Every property along the line was given a number. Middlesbrough was the starting point for two lines – the Aline to Redcar and the B-line to Guisborough. Plaque B1 was at Ormesby (now Marton) station, plaque B2 at Gypsy Lane (visible on the gate-keeper's cottage in the 70s) and B3 at Nunthorpe.



My thanks to Mr P Lowrie for his generous donations of files, photos & artifacts to Friends of Nunthorpe Railway Station. Carole Morgan

COMPETITION - LATEST

There were a number of entries and we have concluded that the fairest way to select the winner is to ask you! We have therefore placed all the entries on the Community Council Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nunthorpecc>

Please visit this page and like the photograph that you believe is the best. Thanks.

The logo, decided by the Parish Council, is undergoing some refinement and will be displayed soon.

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CHURCH MESSAGES

St Bernadette's Church

When St. Bernadette's was built and opened in 1963, the whole area was expanding both in terms of new housing and a vibrant economy. For many of us the decades which have subsequently passed have seen even further change with more housing but a significantly different economic scene. As a parish community it has matured, and remained vibrant, with a weekend Church attendance in the region of four hundred. A significant reality in the parish is St. Bernadette's School, which has made great strides over the years.

So, not surprisingly 2020 opened with a reasonable degree of optimism which included projects in support of the Church overseas, which has been a significant feature of St. Bernadette's for decades. Equally, Lent was looming with much in the offing. Then the bitter reality of Covid 19 and the first "lockdown" dramatically impinged in a way none of us could have envisaged, now as I write we are in the second "lockdown", with more than a degree of uncertainty for the future.

There is a very pronounced human characteristic, that what we know and even more what we want should be provided. It is very much a feature of our times. However, anyone reading of God's dealings with his Chosen People in the Old Testament, could hardly entertain the delusion that all was peace and tranquillity, anything but ! Indeed, the only constant was God's covenant with his people.

In the Divine plan God chose to intervene even further, by sending his Son, Jesus to become man, our Lord and Saviour, this wonderful reality is what Christmas celebrates. Undoubtedly, for us all this year Advent and Christmas are going to be different, but then maybe we might see the promise of God's presence in our lives, by his Son becoming man, with a greater clarity and renewed conviction?

I hope and pray that this will be so, giving an inner peace and contentment which springs from gratitude, that in all the trials which come our way, God's constancy will be our hope and our joy, especially as we celebrate the Lord's birthday at Christmas.

Monsignor D. C. Hogan.
Parish Priest.



St Mary's Church

I don't think I'm giving away many secrets, if I tell you that clergy spend a lot of time planning for Christmas. January is a good time to think about how things went in the previous year and what might be changed in the future. From the summer onwards, idle moments are filled with research for interesting and creative ideas that might (or might not) work out in practice.



The Christingle Cake (made to resemble an orange) was one that proved to be a hit. The Chocolate Orange themed talk on the other hand fell victim to a last-minute panic when it turned out that not one single shop still had them in stock the week before Christmas. Fortunately, Celebrations were still available and proved to be a good substitute.

But whether you prefer advanced planning and a Christmas spreadsheet, or winging it and last minute improvisation, one thing that we can say with certainty is that 2020 has not been a good year for those who like to have a plan.

Making plans during 2020 has felt less like a straight forward process that achieves the desired outcome and more like a game of Snakes and Ladders where one unfortunate roll of the dice can leave the plan in tatters as you end up at the bottom of the board and have to start all over again.

For that reason, I'm not currently able to share detailed plans for Christmas 2020. There will certainly be online services (as there have been throughout lockdown) and we expect that there will be in person services too. You may need to book for these so please do keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for details of how this will work.

Despite the frustrations, reflecting on life in 2020 in the run up to Christmas, has given me a fresh perspective on the traditional Christmas story. After all, the first Christmas did not go according to plan for any of those involved.

Mary and Joseph were planning their wedding, when an angel arrived with news that brought great joy, but which also disrupted their plans for a quiet family life. Mary's birth plan didn't include a last-minute trip to Bethlehem and the desperate search for a safe place to have the baby. The shepherds and the wise men were just going about their usual business when they were called away to meet the newborn King. None of these people were expecting their usual routines to be disrupted but they ended up encountering a baby who would change their lives – and the world – in ways that no one could have anticipated.

All of us have our own traditions and expectations at Christmas and for all of us this year will be vastly different. There will be sadness at the loss of much-loved ways of celebrating this special season. But despite the very real losses, perhaps we too will come to see the familiar Christmas story in a new way and encounter afresh the child in a manger who is both Saviour and King.

Revd Tessa Stephens Vicar of Nunthorpe

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Nunthorpe Methodist Church

How are we going to celebrate Christmas this year? A question that is on everyone's mind at the time of writing in November. Like many shops and businesses, our premises at Nunthorpe Methodist Church remain closed, and we do not yet know the extent to which restrictions will be lifted when lockdown ends. Normally we would be organising carol services and nativities at this point and inviting the general public to come and join us through December. It seems unlikely we will be able to do that this year.

Of course it is only the building that is closed rather than the church itself. The church is the people, not the building, and we are still active albeit in a restricted way. In fact you could say that the church has left the building and moved online and into people's homes. We have been forced to look at new ways of offering worship and prayer, which is a good discipline for us all. We do this through telephone calls, the Zoom video conferencing app, online recordings and even through advent window displays. We are very keen to tell the story of Christmas this year through any method open to us.

It is important to remember, especially at Christmas, that church activities do not end with music, words and prayers and nor do we exist just for our own members. We recognise that there is great social need in our community and throughout Middlesbrough. Social isolation and poor mental health is a particular issue in lockdown and in a small way we try to alleviate the worst effects of this through our online activities, newsletters and telephone communications. Elsewhere in Middlesbrough we host foodbanks in partnership with the Trussell Trust and we also offer help to some of the most traumatised people in our town through the Methodist Asylum Project (MAP). We have other activities too and work in partnership with others where we can. We are very keen for our faith to find its legs!

There is little doubt that Christmas celebrations will be different this year and a struggle for many people as well. We hope that all church buildings will be able to open in December, but whatever the Covid situation, we can still unwrap that old, old story however limited our festivities may be. As we hear the story afresh, we believe that the greatest gift of all was given long ago in Jesus Christ. Christians believe that in him God's love breaks through, even into a world of poverty and pain. May that story speak into our homes and communities this Christmas time and beyond.

With all good wishes,

Rev. David Godfrey

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What goes Oh oh oH?

Santa walking backwards!



OURGREENWAYS



OurGreenways
Protecting Green Space

OurGreenways has been unable to have any of its planned activity days in conjunction with NCC.

The Lottery agreed to a change in emphasis as a result.

Walks - The idea of walks with QR codes at certain points has become more the centre of what we can do due to Covid, and as people exercise and explore areas around Nunthorpe, then places to walk and points of interest (POIs) have become more important.

We have been developing a more detailed map of walks around Nunthorpe to make walks more fun and worthwhile. We hope that in doing so we will help people feel healthier and also in encouraging newer walkers, perhaps unfamiliar with the Countryside Code, to treat our area with respect.

QR Codes - On the map there will be points identified where a QR code is located (please see below - this one is for the wood at Morton Carr Lane as described in the excellent article by Carole Morgan in the last GNN). This QR code will, by viewing with a smart phone camera, provide access to information eg types of birds, trees at a site, historical information, geological/geographical features, local stories and this information can be updated with comments from people who use them, as well as updates on any news of any potential developments.

As well as what might be seen along the way, on going into walks on PROWs or in fields, there will also be a brief reminder regarding dogs, crops, livestock.



There are some ten QR Codes as below, around Nunthorpe now, and these have our logo and email and the word TRIAL. We have some residents trying these out and sending us walks of their own, and the length of time for each.

Maps - In due course we will print (and put on our new look website) a limited number of maps for people to try, before going for an edition for more people. If people will sign up to our website - no cost and no use of data inappropriately - we can send a free copy of the map, a green pencil and notebook. We hope that with sign ups we can add extra features in due course.



Benches – on walks are appreciated by many people and whilst there are a number around, we are looking to use money from donors to provide benches at suitable spots, marked on the map.



Resting points on walks were suggested at one of our consultation events, particularly Talking Benches or 'Breathing Space' benches where people feeling rather down or stressed could talk to others and there might be a message or number to call for support.

However, finding sites for benches has its challenges. A site was agreed with a private landowner but a waste bin and collection was requested and that's more difficult – but we are working on these issues as litter is undesirable!

Trees – We are always keen, as indeed are NPC and NCC, in protecting all the trees in Nunthorpe and surrounding areas. Trees take so long to grow that any removal is regrettable to put it mildly. However trees can be pruned and equally can become diseased and need to be removed for safety reasons.

OGW, with NPC, have agreed in principle with MC to rent, at a peppercorn rent, a local wood, which we believe will be welcomed by many residents and will be a local project that many volunteers will wish to assist with.

After some careful local consultation, and investigation, we will publish more news about this – watch this space and ourGreenways



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Lockdown Blanket

Nunthorpe & Marton Knitters are known for their work for the community, but Covid-19 meant that the Knitters were unable to continue face to face meetings which are so important for the health and well-being of all the members.

So teaming up with the Crafty Capers group in Marton, they asked the local community, 'What does Lockdown mean to you?' The ideas came in thick and fast and the knitters turned these into individual squares and so the Lockdown Blanket was born. Squares of Hope. Squares that tell the story of our community lockdown, stitched together symbolising that even when we are apart, we are together.

Boyes Store at Coulby Newham, great friends to the Knitters, agreed to display the blanket for everyone to see.



Dig for Victory



This November, Nunthorpe & Marton Knitters decided to depart from their usual format of decorating the railway station solely with poppy displays, and to include a little light relief in these difficult times. And so Dig for Victory was chosen as the Remembrance Day theme, a reminder of the campaign launched in October 1939 to encourage families to grow their own food. By 1943 the number of allotments in Britain had grown from 815,000 to 1,400,000.

know who). With help from Marton's Crafty Capers, the farm was populated with the farmer, his family, and various animals, as well as a box of fruit and veg .

Hello there, my name is Peggy, I'm a land girl at Mr Brunton's farm in Nunthorpe. I come from the Cannon Street area of Middlesbrough and was thrilled to find out, when I joined the Women's Land Army, that I had been placed not too far from home. I love working on the farm with the other land girls, we work hard but have great fun and laughs, one of the girls was chased by a pig the other day! Once a week I take the train from Nunthorpe and visit my family in Middlesbrough. Mrs Brunton gives any leftover vegetables to us land girls to take home, which really helps with the rations.

On my evenings off I like to meet up with my young man, Douglas. He's an airman based at RAF Thornaby. We like to go to the Gaumont to see the pictures or dancing, the Linthorpe Assembly Rooms is our favourite as the band is super.

The Nunthorpe Farm display includes our very own land army girl, Peggy, with her pet pig Monty (named for you





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Golf course gets a new look during lockdown

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A specialist contractor was brought in to move trees of up to 40ft in height to new locations around the course, with each move taking just 20–40 minutes.

The two-day project followed extensive planning to identify the best trees and specimens available from various locations on the 130-acre parkland course. Golfers returned at the end of the lockdown period to an astonishing transformation of the 17th hole, with around 40 mature trees in their new homes set to provide a stunning addition to the course for the 2021 season.



As well as providing a new feature, the transplants form an active part of the woodland management strategy at the club, making use of existing stock and allowing others to thrive. The project is part of a winter programme of works to develop the course and facilities.

Elsewhere, ponds have been refurbished and expanded, providing new opportunities for wildlife to flourish as well as new challenges for golfers. New bunkers are under construction and bridges are being rebuilt.

Like many golf clubs, the tee-sheet at the Brass Castle Lane club has been busier than ever as members have been able to enjoy a round of golf during the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. Many people took up membership over the summer, particularly younger golfers, as the sport appealed to a wider audience. Vacancies for new members are available in all categories.



Designed by five-times Open Champion James Braid, the club enjoys a reputation as one of the premier clubs in the North East.

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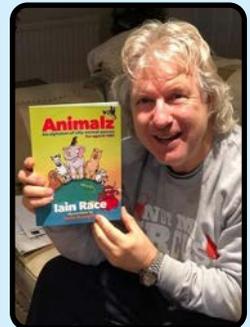
A video of the tree-transplants can be found at:

[facebook.com/middlesbroughgolfclub](https://www.facebook.com/middlesbroughgolfclub)

Keeping Going Through COVID

Iain Race is from the Race family who have run a furniture business in Central Middlesbrough for 100 years.

The business advertised in the first GNN but of course Covid lockdown has closed the business for some time. Determined not to get down because of this, Iain was inspired too by his grandson, so he set to and produced this illustrated children's book of poems centred on each letter of the alphabet, accompanied by interesting and unusual facts. An inspiration to us all.



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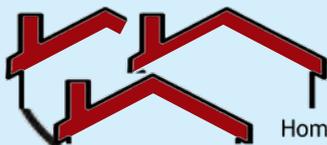
We are looking for a willing volunteer to take over the reins as treasurer to the Recreation Club. Neil, our current treasurer, is finding he has very little spare time following a change in employment.

Although financial experience is an advantage it isn't essential, Neil will guide you through the process, ensure a smooth transition and will always be on hand should there be any issues not covered in the handover.

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NUNTHORPE'S YOUNG PEOPLE

Transitioning to Secondary School in times of COVID

Transitioning from Primary to Secondary school is always a difficult time for young people, however it has been very different for all this year due to the pandemic in which we currently find ourselves within. At Nunthorpe, we thought about how we can ensure are new students feel like they are fully prepared to start at the academy; making the most of any opportunities, however small, in order to get them off to the very best possible start as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey.

Transition this year began virtually; from videos with key members of staff and virtual tour of the academy to zoom meetings with students and year six staff. Once students started with us, we then tried to make them feel secure and safe; feeling like part of the family within our specially designated year seven house, Triumph. As always, our year seven students have been amazing, this year's cohort being no exception. Here are some thoughts and feelings from our year seven students themselves. We are immensely proud of them all.

"At Nunthorpe Academy, I have settled really well! On my first walk inside the building, I was very nervous, as most people would be, but all of that fear just went away when we got into our lessons and met our teachers! The teachers do incredible jobs when teaching us, making sure we know what we're doing, and help us if we are stuck on the way. Honestly, it's a great school and I love being here."

By Ryan M

"Nunthorpe Academy has been really good with the transition and have made it feel so smooth for me. I have settled into Nunthorpe academy great with the support of all the members of staff. During the pandemic, things haven't been as they would usually have been, but it has been really good so far. Nunthorpe has included everyone in the activities and lessons that are on offer such as acting in Drama, to playing Rounders in PE and much, much more!"

By Megan K

"I was sad to leave Chandlers Ridge after eight years. I'd made a lot of friends and we never properly got to say goodbye to each other because of the school closure. We also missed out on all our leaving activities and days out. Starting at Nunthorpe Academy, I have noticed how the teachers have all been very welcoming and made it very easy to settle. It's been very different to normal as we've only mixed with students in our bubbles of about thirty. I enjoy sports and because of the pandemic it's limited to what we can do in PE. Hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel and we can, at some point, return to normal life again soon!"

By Ryan H



**Nunthorpe
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Walking from Nunthorpe to Ormesby Hall

I was very surprised to learn how easy it is to walk to Ormesby Hall from Nunthorpe avoiding the busy roads. From Guisborough Road turn into Gypsy Lane, then right into Rothesay Grove. The view from walking down Rothesay Grove shows you just how much higher Nunthorpe is compared to Middlesbrough.



Opposite Charnwood Road on the right is a small footpath left which takes you through to the fields and wood that run adjacent to Rothesay Grove. Following the map you walk alongside the woods for the length of two fields then turn left towards Spring Clump woods. Follow the route shown over the footbridge crossing the A174 and then right to get to Ormesby Hall. There is a lovely walk through the woods and then retrace your steps back to Nunthorpe.



The route as described is 4.5 miles.

Countdown to Xmas Stone Painting

The Countdown to Christmas painted stones at The Avenue got underway and I'm looking forward as the month progresses to seeing the childrens paintings of all things Xmas. One of my stones is my dog Luna! Let's see if we can break our record of 102 stones which were painted for our hungry caterpillar.



COMMUNITY HISTORY

1916 Nunthorpe Map (Part I: About the author, Peter Hood)

Jonathan Leyland

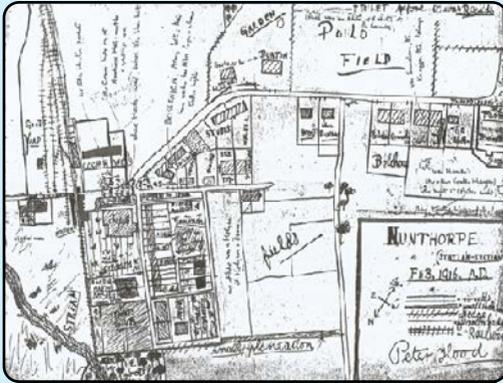
I must thank the late Bob Mullen for drawing my attention to a fascinating 1916 map of a section of Nunthorpe. Bob had written to me an e-mail:

...we were just bowled over by the map when it surfaced whilst we were doing research for the Nunthorpe Design Statement.

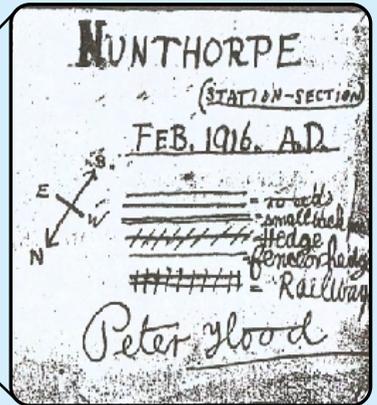
Bob also commented in a further e-mail:

'Regretfully not much information about the WW1 days in everyday Nunthorpe'.

The map though is able to shed a little light on Nunthorpe in the midst of World War One.



I intend to produce a series of articles on the map beginning with a look at its author.



Enlarged the bottom right hand corner of the map. The "cartographer" Peter Hood produced the map in February 1916 and this surviving piece, the 'station section', clearly formed part of a larger undertaking, if that is Peter completed it!



Peter Conrad Hayley Hood (to give him his full name) was the second born (in October 1905) son of Harold William and Clara Hood. His elder brother was Cleveland Harold Hood. At the time of the 1911 Census the family were living at Kin Shan, Guisborough Road, Nunthorpe, and father Harold was working as a manager of his photo-engraving and printing company.

Harold's two sons were aged nine and five years in 1911: both had been born in Linthorpe.

The rest of Peter's life need not concern us here but to say that he died in 1958 in Sherborne, Dorset. Staggeringly though there is a photograph of the 'new' Kin Shan, with what I feel must be the two Hood boys stood outside, Peter being on the right.

And Kin Shan today...



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A War Diary

Following the Dig for Victory, here is a war diary supplied (anonymously) for Nunthorpe News

The Government have decided to nominate May 8th, VE Day as a bank holiday, so I had a look in some family diaries from 1939 and 1945. The diaries were written by one of three sisters living in Waterloo Road with their father, who had a grocer's shop. They moved during the war to Devonshire Road. One sister was a teacher, one was at East Grinstead Hospital, working under Mr Archie McIndoe, the pioneering plastic surgeon who worked for the RAF, and the 'scribe' worked for the police in the Town Hall (then the police headquarters) in Middlesbrough. Two of the sisters married Methodist clergy and one married the hospital electrician.

How did they pass their time without TV and multi media? They bought material (from Binns and Newhouse) to make clothes, did all their own alterations, played cards with friends who came for supper, took Brownies and Guides, had knitting evenings and Bandstand was a favourite radio programme. They walked all over Middlesbrough to visit friends, cycled to visit relatives in Carlton and Stokesley and to Ormesby Bank to pick brambles, which their father sold in his shop. Middlesbrough telephone numbers had only 4 digits then and only a few people had telephones.

Diary entries

Thursday 31 August 1939 – International situation much more acute.

Friday 1 September 1939 – Germany bombed four towns in Poland. Balloon barrage put up at Billingham. All windows to be blacked out.

Saturday 2 September 1939 – After dinner we got the bus to Redcar and walked along the sands. Sands almost deserted. We saw the crowds filling sandbags. Thunder threatening, saw balloon struck and fall in flames.

Sunday 3 September 1939 – War declared on Germany – broadcast by Prime Minister. We had a walk out after tea. Everyone carrying gas masks.

Monday 4 September 1939 – No lightning attack by Hitler. Concentrating on Poland. All schools closed. Middlesbrough evacuation plans proceeding. In the office as usual, very busy with Eston and North Riding Infirmary air raid shelters. Teachers at school making lists etc

Tuesday 5 September 1939 – SS Athenia sunk – British liner carrying 1400 passengers – many lives lost.

Wednesday 6 September 1939 – Rehearsal of evacuation at schools. Many changed their minds over and over again. No big development in war news.

Thursday 7 September 1939 – Very busy again. Came home in dark. Complete blackout in town. Evacuation started at 6.30 at Victoria Road School, went to Kirby Moorside. Fleetham Street School went at 8.15 to Scarborough.

Friday 8 September 1939 – Marton Road School left at 10am to Malton. Hugh Bell to Scalby. High School to Pickering. Father very busy blacking out.

Monday 11 September 1939 – English troops in France, advancing over Siegfried Line. Schools opened again for those wishing to be evacuated – the second lot.

Tuesday 12 September 1939 – Schools open all day for evacuees to attend. More being evacuated on Saturday.

Thursday 14 September 1939 – Aircraft carrier HMS Courageous sunk by submarine.

Friday 10 November 1939 – Had a walk up Cambridge Road to see smash. One house wrecked, the other burnt out.

Thursday 23 November 1939 – Ration books all to be lodged with grocers – father got 110.

Thursday 30 November 1939 – Russia attacked Finland.

Monday 7 May 1945 – I went down town, everybody very excited, expecting VE Day announcement anytime now.

Tuesday 8 May 1945 – VE Day National holiday, schools finished for the week, town packed with people and very gaily decorated. Announcement at 3pm.

Wednesday 15 August 1945 – Peace with Japan at midnight



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As requested in our last issue, we are delighted to have been supplied with two pictures of the Institute.



Firstly intact in 1966 and then after the disastrous and final fire



Signs rescued from the wreckage of the old Institute on Connaught Road, by David Leyland. The building was over 100 years old.

The day after The Institute burnt down, I was wandering round the charred remains, hoping to find a memento. There was nothing. It was all burnt, smoke and water damaged. On my way out, however, I spotted these two signs showing blistered fire damage. Most of all when unscrewed from the top of the doors they were recoverable.

The signs will have probably been read by every user of The Institute since its opening. They are hand painted in a 1920s script and design. What more provenance could an item from the original Institute have? I look forward to seeing them in our new Institute Community Centre.

David Leyland



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Anne Graham

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Last month you raised £58.10 for the RNLI from the sale of ink cartridges.

LETTER AND COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Greater Nunthorpe News,

In the last issue, and especially in the extract from Jack Marshall's 2005 "A Brief History of the Parish of Nunthorpe", I can confirm that on the 31st March 1968 the Marton Parish Council ceased to exist. I know this because for a period of years from 1963 I was the Clerk and Financial Officer of the Council, a part-time appointment, until the council area became part of the Teesside County Borough Council area.

I was left in post, until the 1st of June 1968, to wind down the Council's affairs and around that date I received severance pay equals two years salary. The Council's minutes and equipment to enable me to produce minutes, agenda and notices of meetings, held on a monthly basis, were handed over to the Town Clerk of the Teesside County Borough, Mr EC Parr, who was my employer with the Middlesbrough County Borough Council from 1959 until 1968.

The Marton Parish Council area covered a part of the area now known as Nunthorpe which was called Marton Moor and it was on this land as in 1973 a large residential housing estate was built encompassing Gypsy Lane, The Avenue, Mallowdale, Clevegate and Cookgate as they became those areas, which effectively were called new Nunthorpe, with Marton Moor disappearing.

On a regular basis I was required to report to the Clerk of the former Stokesley Rural District Council and the Clerk of the former North Riding County Council at Northallerton.

Each year the Parish Council's accounts were audited by the District Auditor at Stokesley. What little money the Parish Council had, was to pay for a Gardener to maintain two areas of land at The Willows and Perth Crescent, Marton, and for my salary which came out of the annual precept granted by the North Riding County Council.

By far the largest amount of money taken from accounts was used to purchase a large piece of stone transported from Point Hicks Hill, Australia, that was placed in March 1968 in the Garden of Remembrance at the junction of Stokesley Road with The Grove, Marton.

The remainder of the Parish funds were also handed over.

I hope you find these comments in fact helpful

Yours sincerely

Edward Grainger

PS I have lived in Nunthorpe for 40 years.

Comments to the Editor

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As many of you will be aware, the new farm outside Nunthorpe Village is called Searchlight Farm. This is named after WW2 anti-aircraft searchlights which were positioned there. On my farmland, neighbouring Searchlight Farm, we had large concrete posts with high tensile wire strung between, these were erected in all large grass fields. This was to stop any German aircraft from landing an invading force in the area, which might then go on to try and destroy the chemical and steel works of Teesside.



Morning of the first flight

Whether this had any impact on my then young father I'm not sure, but some 30 years later he embarked on a project to build his own aircraft. This took 6 years to complete and it's maiden flight from Morton Carr Farm was on a spring morning in 1976.

In the years that followed many of you would have seen my Dad taking off on one of his numerous trips (with mum alongside) all around the country, in to Europe and also taking part in the Isle of Wight air race . The grass airstrip on the farm has been use by numerous people over the years. For a few summers in the early 80s some crop spraying aircraft were based here, but sadly they had to move on, after two planes decided to re-enact a Battle of Britain dog fight, over The Crescent at 5 o'clock on a Sunday morning. There have been emergency landings of the helicopter that used to survey the ethylene pipeline each week, from ICI Wilton across to Runcorn. One of the police helicopters also has had to land here quite quickly, when all it's warning lights started flashing.

One of my father's friends, Barry Smith, was a world aerobic champion and he could be seen regularly practicing in the skies above the farm. Many of the little microlights, which you hitch up and tow behind your car used to regularly use the strip, Richard Crosswaite took off many times, when he was compiling his book Cleveland From The Air.

Forward to the present day, sadly we sold the plane that dad built after he died, but it has been fully restored and can now be seen in the air above York. The airstrip is still in use , but only used by motorised para-gliders at the moment, which appears to be a very exhilarating way to get into the air. It's quite precarious and my kids' have christened Danny one of the pilots Icarus, as he has a tendency to drop out of the sky.

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- Well-stocked Library

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