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Winter 2021



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We are now in our sixth edition and we are greatly encouraged by positive feedback from contributors and residents alike. Please let us or your community representatives know your views and contribute copy or pictures as you wish.

STOP PRESS

Hot off the Press!

1st December - Nunthorpe Vision Infrastructure meeting informed by MBC that awaited legal advice has now been received and we can go ahead with the application for the Neighbourhood Plan.



The Guisborough to Nunthorpe Cycleway

The Combined Authority is currently drawing up the detail of what this scheme would look like and aims to publish these details for public consultation in the first quarter of 2022.

Poole Roundabout (see page 27)

Parish Councillor Adrian Walker who is the NPC lead on traffic - at Poole roundabout where questions have been raised about lanes.

The lines on entering the roundabout are to be refreshed - there are no 'lanes' around and the guidance to follow is that in the Highway Code - principally give way to traffic from the right and take care.



Any comments welcomed at www.nunthorpecpc.org.uk

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NUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council has met twice since we last updated GNN readers - 1st November (a special meeting, primarily to discuss the Community Centre) and 18th November (to consider a much wider range of topics).

COMMUNITY CENTRE

In the Autumn edition of GNN, just after the meeting of the Parish Council on **16th September**, we reported that Middlesbrough Council had identified land adjacent to the new Medical Centre on Stokesley Road as being potentially available for Nunthorpe's Community Centre. Readers were also informed that a sub-group of Nunthorpe Vision had been tasked with making recommendations about how best to make progress towards a Community Centre.

However, it was announced on **12th October** that Middlesbrough Council had decided to proceed in a different way, in the light of representations from the NMPFA drawing the Council's attention to the potential benefit of Nunthorpe's Community Centre being incorporated within the NMPFA's plans for redevelopment of its premises on Guisborough Road. It was decided to invite a formal bid from the NMPFA relating to the Guisborough Road site, and another formal bid relating to the Stokesley Road site.

At the Parish Council meeting held on **1st November**, it was felt that, if the Parish Council is not prepared to take the lead in submitting a bid indicating the merits of constructing a building adjacent to the Medical Centre, it is likely that this possible option will not be presented - and therefore not even considered - during the process of bid evaluation. After a lengthy discussion, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to take the lead in submitting a bid, in association with Nunthorpe Community Council and the Nunthorpe Institute.

On **18th November**, it was noted that, since our meeting on 1st November, considerable progress had been made by Parish Councillors towards gathering information in support of a Community Centre on Stokesley Road, and towards presenting a case in the format required by Middlesbrough Council before the deadline on **26th November**. It was agreed that there is sufficient evidence to present a credible proposal, but that advice from an architect would indicate more clearly how various activities might be accommodated. Parish Councillors noted a statement from the Nunthorpe Vision Group confirming that the two bids will be assessed by an independent panel of experts, who would recommend a preferred option to the Nunthorpe Vision Group after the second stage of the bidding process ends on **17th December**.

An indicative plan was subsequently received from an architect and circulated to Parish Councillors for attachment to the bid, which the Parish Council Clerk submitted to Middlesbrough Council before the deadline on 26th November.

NUNTHORPE DEVELOPMENT

The Parish Council was informed that consultants had completed the Nunthorpe **Baseline Study**, which is available to the public on Middlesbrough Council's webpage (via Planning & Housing, and then Nunthorpe Vision.) The Nunthorpe Vision Group will now consider how best to move forward from this foundation document, with feedback encouraged from residents as well as during future meetings of the Parish Council.

CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Written updates had been received from the Parish Councillors who have volunteered to lead on four topics of concern to Nunthorpe residents - **Trees**, Flowers and Waste Management; **Public Rights of Way**; **Traffic**; **Crime** & Anti-social Behaviour.



Detailed discussion focussed only on the matters which have not yet been resolved. It was noted that there has been some progress on these - towards obtaining the sponsorship required to secure safety in "Triangle Wood"; towards recording the "Green Link" as a Public Right of Way; towards enhancing safety at Poole roundabout; and towards identifying whether prioritisation can be given to reactivation of the CCTV camera at the Southern Cross junction.

ACTIVITIES FOR 2022/2023

A list of proposals was presented for consideration. The consensus was that residents appeared to be encouraging the Parish Council to adopt a more imaginative approach, rather than restricting the range and number of activities so that total spending on Nunthorpe would not be more than about £4,000 a year (with £6,000 of the total income of £10,000 being required for the Clerk's salary and other operating expenses). The Parish Council confirmed its **continuing support** for publication of Greater Nunthorpe News, sponsorship of Nunthorpe in Bloom, and commissioning of Christmas lights, but also wished to approve **new proposals**, including contingency support for the Community Centre bid being submitted by the Parish Council, and sponsorship of several ways for Nunthorpe to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. It was noted that, although more activities would entail a higher level of **Parish Precept**, Nunthorpe residents contributed an average of only £4.30 per year per household in 2021/22 - among the lowest in England. In this context, the important issue is whether residents feel that Nunthorpe gets good value for money from its Parish Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council has submitted only a small number of queries relating to the 11 new applications received since the September meeting, but we continue to express dissatisfaction about several long-standing cases. The Parish Council also agreed to write to Middlesbrough Council about our concern that low levels of staffing in the Planning Department can have an adverse impact on enforcement.

CONSTITUTION AND ORGANISATION

The Parish Council was pleased that communication with residents has recently been enhanced by improvements to the **Website** and our related **Facebook page**. Several resolutions were agreed to facilitate further progress by the two Parish Councillors leading on this important initiative.

Stephen Thomason, who had resigned as a Parish Councillor since the September meeting, was welcomed as a special guest on 18th November. The Clerk was asked to place on record the appreciation of colleagues for Stephen's many contributions to the activities of Nunthorpe, including service as Lead Councillor on Planning, and as Deputy Chair. His retirement had prompted a reorganisation of roles, with Parish Councillors volunteering to specialise in a series of teams.

All residents are welcome to join us for our next meeting in Chandler's Ridge Primary School at 7pm on Thursday 20th January 2022. We encourage contributions, and the Parish Council has agreed to provide residents attending meetings with an outline of opportunities to participate at the start of meetings, and during various other stages.

Morgan McClintock – Chair of Nunthorpe Parish Council.

NUNTHORPE ACADEMY – Focus Group feedback

In a follow up to the online survey of young people at the Academy (some 650 responded), Kate Cruickshank, Assistant Vice Principal, and I conducted a focus group with some 12 young people (all willing volunteers!) from Years 8 & 9. 'They all felt empowered about having a 'say' and really felt listened to' and 'they demonstrated maturity while sharing their ideas about their local area and what they would like to see and use in the Nunthorpe community' [KC].

They all confirmed many of the points that were highlighted in the survey. Meeting friends and hanging out – usually outside (weather permitting) – was important with gaming, indoor sports, arts/music and environment, all being so important. They are keen to have the opportunity to play sports, learn new skills and there was an idea about film shows too.

They were also keen to be involved on a continuing basis, in for example the new community centre, but also other provision in our community in the future.

We are very grateful for their views and for the support of Kate and other staff at the Academy.

Wade Tovey

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NUNTHORPE VISION

On 1st November 2021, the Members of this Group (including Mayor Andy Preston) reviewed developments since its previous meeting, through reports from two of its sub-groups – the Infrastructure Group, and the Community Centre Group.



INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP

It was noted that the long-awaited **Nunthorpe Baseline Study** from Lichfields (a planning consultancy firm) is now available on Middlesbrough Council's website. An "addendum report" provides supplementary data in response to feedback from the Parish Council after sight of an advance copy of the Baseline Study. The Parish Council was particularly disappointed that the section in the Baseline Study on highways does not contain sufficient detail to meet the expectations of the many residents who are concerned about traffic, and therefore different consultants (Fore) were asked to provide the addendum report.

www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/planning-and-housing/nunthorpe-vision

The Nunthorpe Vision Group was informed that there has been no progress towards the **Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan** while Middlesbrough Council and Redcar & Cleveland Council await legal advice on the boundaries of Nunthorpe (as proposed by Nunthorpe Parish Council following consultation among residents in January 2021.) Concern was expressed that there had not been disclosure about what the legal concerns might be.

The Infrastructure Group met again on 18th November, with a focus on the Education section of the Nunthorpe Baseline Study. The group then met on 1st December and discussed housing and the Neighbourhood plan.

COMMUNITY CENTRE GROUP

It was reported that the Community Centre Group had been informed on 12th October that bids would be invited on options for location of a Nunthorpe Community Centre. This process was later clarified in the following **agreed statement**:

"The Council is working with Nunthorpe Vision Group to deliver a community centre for Nunthorpe. At present there are two potential options - one that would be located next to the new GP surgery site off Stokesley Road and one that would see an extension to the Nunthorpe and Marton Playing Fields Association site off Guisborough Road. The two bids combined with Middlesbrough Council's Public Consultation results will be assessed by an independent panel of experts within the next two months. The independent panel will then make their recommendations to the Nunthorpe Vision Group of their preferred option, which will then be taken into consideration by the funders, Middlesbrough Council and the Town Deal Board. All parties are working closely together to ensure that the proposal taken forward provides the best outcome for the people of Nunthorpe."

The Nunthorpe Vision Group is made up of local organisations, community groups and elected representatives working together for the future of Nunthorpe."

It was noted that the **public consultation** would invite residents to state their preferences about facilities in the Community Centre, rather than their views on the optimum location. The consultation would be circulated to every household, and would enable responses by hard copy or electronically.

The Survey results have just been published and we have managed to include a sample and web link, on page 20.

INTERACTIVE PLAN

Members were pleased that Officers have been developing Middlesbrough Council's website to enable more easy location by residents of documents about the Nunthorpe Vision Group. In particular, it was agreed that the interactive map of Nunthorpe will be useful as the Group moves on to consider proposals in relation to each of the sections identified in the Baseline Study.

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GREATER NUNTHORPE NEWS - NEWS

The Parish Council has recently agreed to sponsor "Greater Nunthorpe News" for a second year. The donation of £750 is to cover editions 5 to 8. Nunthorpe Community Council Executive has also offered £500 and ourGreenways £500. With contributions from our advertisers, our income was expected to match our expenditure of over £1,500 (to print and distribute each edition to 3200 households in Nunthorpe) but we will struggle due to rising costs of paper.



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The wonderful photos show the fine work of [The Avenue Primary School](#). The children have loved experimenting with poster paints to create their own Peter Thorpe-inspired rocket ship paintings! They have learnt how to mix primary colours to create secondary colours and how to create different shades and tints, resembling a variety of colour tones. These masterpieces form part of Year 5's fantastic topic, Stargazers, during which the children learn all about Earth and space. A huge well done to everyone in Year 5 at The Avenue. Blast off!

Miss Anderson's class' rocket ship paintings - inspired by Peter Thorpe!



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

ROAD ISSUES

Through Facebook, a Warning was given about a storm drain cover that was standing up on the south side of the roundabout located on the A172 and Old Stokesley Road. Clearly a dangerous issue as these are heavy and when up there's a hole too! As it's a local Middlesbrough issue it was reported through the out of hours number below, and our very local Parish Councillor went to check, and the cover had been fixed.

Another Parish Councillor had to change lanes to avoid a wheelbarrow in the middle of the A19 and reported that using the Highways England number for these major roads and motorways.

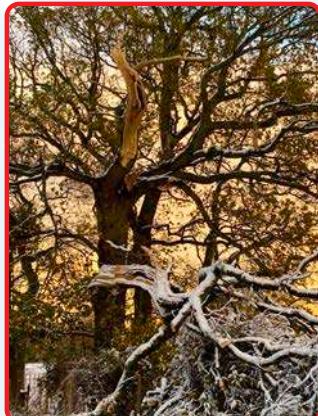
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To report to Middlesbrough Council ASB:
asbunit@middlesbrough.gov.uk

To report to Middlesbrough Council Street Wardens (**01642 228500**)

STORM ARWEN

The emergency out of hours was used by Russ Lynch, Parish Councillor to report this tree down after Storm Arwen

NUNTHORPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



VOLUNTEERS AND FUTURE EVENTS

The Community Council are still looking for volunteers to help us with events and charity support too. The Executive is quite small and Covid has taken a slight toll, but we have done some planning.

Christmas Carols

A fantastic event for the whole family to get you into the Christmas spirit.

Greater Nunthorpe Christmas Carols - 7.15pm - Thursday 16th December

Nunthorpe Institute - The Avenue School

Silverwood Band

Mulled wine and mince pies from 7.15pm

Carols from 7.45 to 8.30.

Festive raffle

Free entry

All welcome - the more the merrier



Toy collection – we are again facilitating new toy collection so assisting the Teesside Family Foundation this year. We have already donated a stack of selection boxes to this worthy charity (see picture below). You can do the same. A Christmas wheely bin is at the Premier Store – thanks again Sag to you and your staff for locating outside the door – and bringing it in and informing us when its full – it was several times last year! Thank you.

Coffee mornings but much more! In the New Year we will be starting monthly free coffee mornings – except that we will provide drinks and more for the children, with a drop in event 9.30 – 11.30 on Saturday mornings. We hope to have a mixture of exhibitions, craft fairs, art competitions and more (other ideas welcome) so there additional reasons for meetings other members of the community AND meet your local representatives in the Parish and Community Councils to give your views and ask about what we are trying to do for Nunthorpe.



CHURCH MESSAGES

Latest News from St Mary's Church, Nunthorpe

Coming home from school today, my children were delighted to see that the Christmas lights on Guisborough Road had been switched on and were soon involved in a debate about which design they liked best. The lights are an essential part of Christmas for them, and I can see why they matter so much. At a dark time of year, we need all the light and hope that we can find!

The lighting of candles is a recurrent theme during our Christmas services too, from the lighting of the Advent candles week by week during December, to the Christingle oranges with a candle placed in each one and then the candlelit carol service and Midnight mass. As we light the candles, we remember that Jesus, the light of the world, was born at Christmas time.

Last year we were able to have some services in church, but other events were online only. This year, we are planning to offer a much wider range of services, and we are looking forward to welcoming visitors and guests as well as regular attenders. For up-to-date information on everything that's happening at St Mary's please do look at our website www.stmarys-nunthorpe.org, particularly if tighter restrictions are introduced as we may then need to change our plan.

Sunday 12th December

5:30pm Carol Service – Church

A chance to hear the Christmas story unfold through readings and carols.



Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service 1 – Church.

Please book if you would like to come.

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5.30pm Crib Service 2 – Church. Please book if you would like to come.

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9pm Midnight Mass – Church

Our first Communion of Christmas is at the earlier time of 9pm this year and will finish just as midnight comes in Bethlehem!

Christmas Day

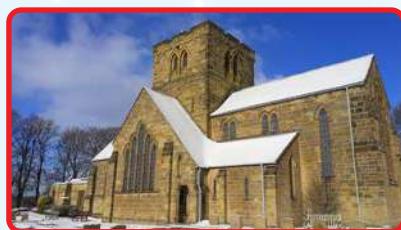
10am Family Eucharist with Carols

May the joy and peace of the Christ Child be with you and all those whom you love this Christmas.

Revd Tessa Stephens, Vicar

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St Bernadette's Church

Agatha Christie more than once put onto the lips of her famous character, Miss Jane Marple, the truism that if you lived in a country village and crucially knew what was going on, you probably had a fairly shrewd view of life! I would not make such a claim, but I was brought up in a North Yorkshire village, and as a family we had, I think, a reasonable grasp of life around us. I can remember many people from all those years ago, and one in particular comes to mind as I sat down to write this short piece.

The individual was a decent man, but one always felt he was almost apologising for his own existence, doubtless, there were many reasons for this, but unfortunately for many in the village whatever he had to say was not given its true value, because by default he undermined it himself.

It would not be difficult in this age when so many are so quick to undermine others, not least of all through social media, to find oneself among the ranks of those who apologise for their own existence. It is great mistake, not least of all when one is speaking from the realm of faith and the convictions which flow from it. That being said many of good will with respect, wish to hear and reflect accordingly. So, I rather think that a true understanding of the Church's Season of Advent, provides a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the birthday of the Lord at Christmas.

Advent, rightly understood, enables us through the prayers and readings the Church offers us everyday, to glimpse more deeply into the Divine Mystery which is God. Of course this is a challenge, it is not wrapped up in decorations, but is rather the true meaning of wonder, love and praise. Advent provides us with the opportunity we all need to try and understand a little more why God became man and why we celebrate this joyfully at Christmas. This is certainly my prayer for us all.

**Monsignor D. C. Hogan.
Parish Priest.**



Greetings from Nunthorpe Methodist Church

I like Christmas Carols! There is something about the joyful refrains and the celebratory verse which makes me smile. Perhaps the happy news of Jesus birth reminds me of my own childhood innocence of carol singing at school nativities. Perhaps somewhere within the happy music the real meaning of Christmas is caught and held. It might surprise you, therefore, to know that my favourite carol is one which tells of the Christmas message being ignored. "It came upon the midnight clear" is a Victorian carol which does not try to romanticise the Christmas season or paint a gloss over the problems in our world. Instead it talks of war and fighting and angel voices being drowned out in a world bent on its own destruction. Verse 3 is particularly potent.

*"Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring.
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!"*

I love it precisely because it does not seek to romanticise the Christmas story or turn the Christmas message into an escapist fantasy. The Carol makes the point that Christ came for a hard cruel world and it is in the midst of all the "sin and strife" that he offers hope. As we prepare for Christmas and face the stresses and strains (financial, relational and other) which go with the season, do not be surprised at Christ's offer of friendship and love. The joyful news is that he meets us in the world and ministers to our need.

Why not come and sing some carols with us, on the lawn outside Nunthorpe Methodist Church on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm? You will also be very welcome to come to our Christmas day service at 9:30am where we will celebrate the birth of Christ. In addition to these special events you are of course welcome to come to any of our regular services at 11:00am on Sunday mornings.

Please be assured of our welcome and may your Christmas be full of joy and peace.

Revd. David Godfrey

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Triangle Wood – we have had further site visits with a Council Officer to discuss the potential setting up of the licencing/peppercorn rent agreement with the Parish Council, and ourselves as partners. We have also had a detailed site visit from an independent expert (at no charge – he has a strong commitment to Nunthorpe after his work with the late Bob Mullen) and thus received a detailed Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Workplan from him.

We are delighted with the positive responses of so many volunteers who have offered to help us with this wood. We received a concern that we should not reduce biodiversity but that is certainly not the intention – quite the opposite. The wood has Spanish Laurel (a non-native species- see photo) that is proliferating *'which effectively smothers large areas of the ground flora; some active management of this species is required to prevent it over taking the full site and to allow an under canopy to develop'*.

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The under canopy will increase biodiversity and paths will be a limited circuit, taking in the view of Roseberry Topping, and will be surfaced with nothing more than wood chippings. There may be, for example, an observation point for observing birds, particularly in the southernmost tip of the wood which we will not be taking over. The workplan will be discussed and agreed once the licence is signed and trees are made safe.

Lottery – we are pleased to report the Lottery have signed off on our grant, after all the problems of Covid and with our commitment to this wood, and more. We are therefore free to request another grant in due course.

Middlesbrough Council Community Chest – we are delighted to report that we have been successful in obtaining a grant of £1500 (after a recommendation from Mieka Smiles, that we apply).

Tees Valley Nature Partnership – preliminary feedback suggests we may obtain a grant from them too and the Study mentioned is also helpful with this bid.

Partners – we continue working with the PROW (Public Rights of Way) Group, Nunthorpe in Bloom and The Grumpy Gardeners, the latter doing some tree planting as we go to press. We have joined the Woodland Trust to gain further access to advice and access to other similar projects.

We have given feedback on the varied success of the wildflower planting. Overall, the wildflowers were very attractive and popular new features, but some were better than others and we will discuss, before next year's planting, the issue of some non-native species being present in the mix used this year.

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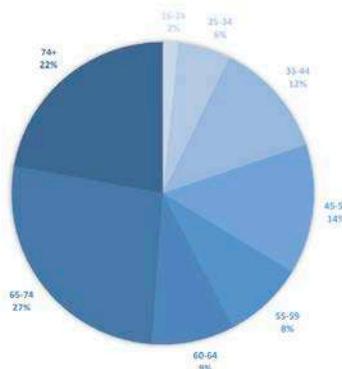
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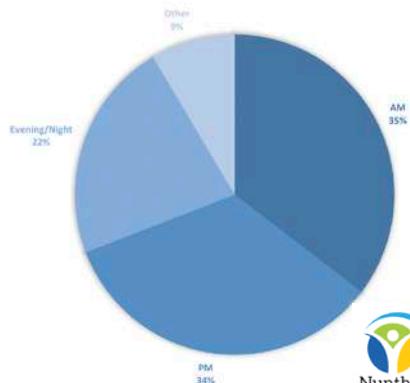
Question 2 – What age group are you in?

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25-34	17
35-44	38
45-54	42
55-59	26
60-64	27
65-74	81
75+	67

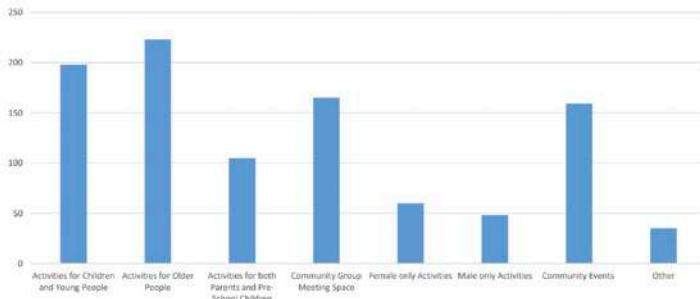


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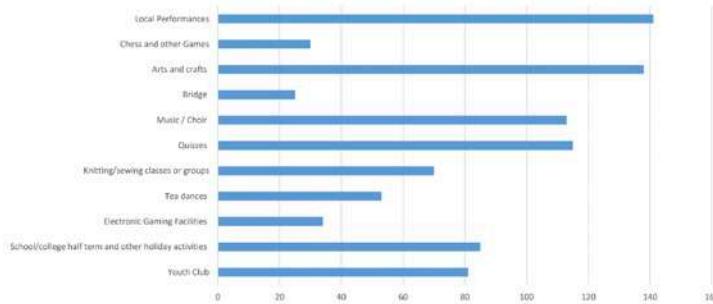
	Total
AM	149
PM	142
Evening/Night	94
Other	36



Question 7 – What services do you feel are missing in Nunthorpe?



Question 9 – What activities/amenities would you be interested in? (Hobbies & Entertainment)



These slides are extracted from the full results at the link on the previous page.

Please note that the survey is the first part of the consultation in developing a new community centre to meet the needs of Nunthorpe .

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After lunch a cake was cut by the retiring president, Mrs. Joan Russell, assisted by the incoming president, Mrs Brenda Thompson, and founder member Mrs Eileen Moon.

We are looking forward to the new year and an uninterrupted period of meetings and catching up with members and some of the speakers we had to cancel over the last year or so. We also hope to be welcoming new members.

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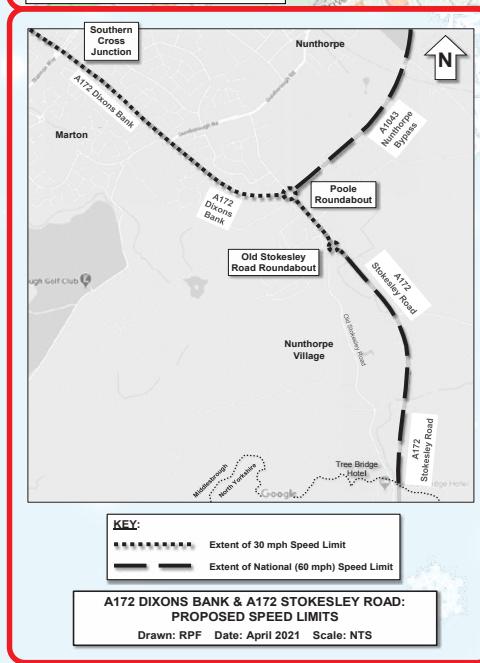
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NUNTHORPE & MARTON KNITTERS

LEST WE FORGET

As well as the poppies at Nunthorpe Methodist and St Bernadette's Churches, we had three main displays this year - at the War Memorial near St Mary's Church, at Nunthorpe Station and in the Dorman Museum.

Last year we asked for volunteers to become Poppy Custodians and lots of lovely people answered the call. They collected at least 100 poppies, took them home, washed and dried them, then stored them ready for this year.



As 2021 is the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal, we have a banner of '100' at the Station and the display at the War Memorial is in the shape of '100'. Our wonderful Poppy Custodians have filled the '100' with poppies of red and purple, the latter in memory of the millions of animals who died in the service of their country.

A community display to be proud of.

The display at the Dorman Museum is a dress made of approximately 750 knitted poppies, all individually stitched on. It is beautifully presented in a display case and is simply stunning to see.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in this year's truly team effort – the knitters, stitchers, wool donors, Poppy Custodians and poppy 'planters'.

Nunthorpe & Marton Knitters are proud to have also provided poppies to be placed on the Commonwealth War Graves in Middlesbrough and surrounding areas.

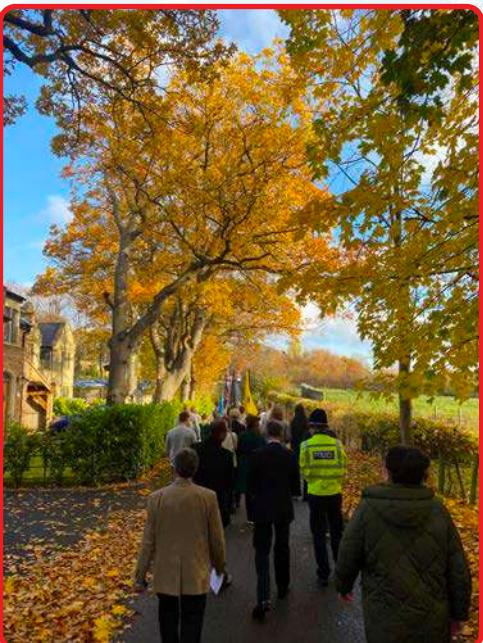


REMEMBRANCE DAY IN NUNTHORPE

Many people attended (going through the glorious poppy display - as seen on the previous page - well done the Knitters and friends).

The short service at the World War 1 memorial in Nunthorpe was around the cross seen below during the playing of the Last Post. Wreaths were laid by the Nunthorpe Parish Council, Nunthorpe Community Council, Police, and many voluntary organisations too.

There was then a procession and wreath laying at the World War 2 memorial inside the Lych Gate, with many going on to the service in St Mary's Church.



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'Helping the Community'

Alongside their studies, students at Nunthorpe Academy have been busy doing their best to help charities and good causes across the past few weeks and months in the lead up to Christmas. With a little help from the staff, the events that have taken place have not only been fun to be a part of, but have yielded some brilliant results.

Afghanistan Refugee Clothes Drive:

One member of our sixth form contingent proposed a plan to the student council in which she rallied support for families who had arrived to the area, needing support with some of the most basic aspects of life; clothing. Together as a college, over twenty bags of useful items have since been donated, the eventual collection being distributed by a local charity which is in contact with said families. Further still, the work of the students in question has also been recognised by the Mayor of Middlesbrough. Watch out for more coverage on this in other local publications and the academy website.

Food Hampers & Food Bank Donations:

Successfully for the last five years, the community in and around Nunthorpe Academy has collected voluntary food donations for local food banks that help support families at what can be a particularly difficult time of year- Christmas. Last year, donations were given to the Coulby Newham food bank, a local distribution centre which helps families in the surrounding area. Two members of academy staff crammed their cars full of the donations on the last day of the winter term, delivering to the grateful recipients with ease. This year is no different, as we are not only opening a generic collection point in the sixth form centre, but also support a number of families in providing them with items in readiness for their Christmas dinners, as no-one should go without one on December 25th!

Children in Need & Macmillan Coffee Morning:

More recently, the sixth form at Nunthorpe has also contributed to national events which aim to provide help and support to some of the more 'well known' charities and good causes. In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, a bake sale was organised and raised over £120.00 pounds for everyone affected when someone gets told the news that they have the devastating illness. This was only equalled by a pyjama day for Children in Need, in which students raised a whopping £316.00 for the well-known event, whose live celebration event aired on Friday 19th November, 2021. We can't wait to see what the next event will be and look forward to helping other great causes in the near future.

Mr Luke Yale
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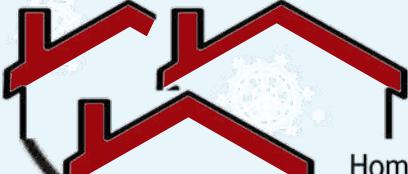
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COMMUNITY HISTORY

Figures in Nunthorpe's History (Part I: Tally-Ho Bob)

Jonathan Leyland

Introduction

In my brief studies of Nunthorpe history I have encountered a few interesting figures. I feel that it is perhaps these (famous!) names which will survive into Nunthorpe's future. You may even be familiar with one or two of these people, but I intend to take a closer look at a few of these Nunthorpians (or is there a better word?) of old in my new series.

Beginning with Tally-Ho Bob.

Who was Tally-Ho Bob? A few facts!

Tally Ho-Bob was Robert Brunton. He was the first member of his family to occupy Marton Moor Farm (which was situated on Marton Moor corner facing Stokesley Road).

Robert Brunton, a child of shepherd Robert (born in Scotland) of Upleatham and his wife Mary, was born on 30th April 1832. He was baptised on 9th May at the Ebenezer Chapel, Guisborough. The 1851 Census records the young Robert as a butcher. He had been apprenticed to a butcher in the village [sic] of Middlesbrough.

In 1853 he married Susan Barker at St. Cuthbert's, Marton.

By the time of the 1861 Census he was not only a butcher but also a grazier of 30 acres and a publican living at the Rudds Arms. With him and his wife were their two young sons, his brother-in-law, an apprentice butcher and a servant!

By 1881 he was at Marton Moor Farm cultivating 245 acres and employing eight labourers. He was widowed in 1886 and he passed away at the Prissick House, Marton, the residence of his eldest son, in 1907 aged 75 years.

Who was Tally-Ho Bob? The man!

I have sampled a few newspaper obituaries from September 1907 to give a flavour of the man, his interests and the renown in which he was held.

...he was a regular attendant at the fixtures of the Cleveland Hounds...

...or "Bob," as he loved to be called by his friends...

...a widely-known and highly-respected Cleveland worthy...



Tally-Ho Bob

On the day of one great [hunting] run he was said to have covered one hundred and five miles.

He was a remarkably fine judge of a horse...

..an enterprising and successful agriculturist...

Perhaps the best horse that he ever had at this game [ie steeplechase racing] was a horse he called Liverpool because tradition said he had run in the Grand National.

The death of Robert Brunton, known throughout hunting circles as "Bob," removes from the North one of the last remaining members of the old school of sportsmen...

To the end almost he could give that tally-ho, which had so often re-echoed on the Cleveland hills.

And there are many other facts, tales, anecdotes and reminiscences recorded about him.

Tally-Ho Bob? A few facts!

Queenie Ward wrote:

He earned his nick-name for when he had had "one over the eight" he could be heard shouting "Tally-ho" all the way home.

The Teesside Trivia website records:

...he was often heard crying Tally Ho! on his way home on market days after visiting the inn. He was transported in a [Nunthorpe] station cart more use[d] to carrying milk and mail.

Various newspaper accounts confirm that Bob was well known for his 'Tally-Ho', but as yet I have been unable to substantiate the tales of him making this cry when returning home drunk! Maybe a reader knows the source(s) of these stories? Or are they lost in the mists of time?

Whatever the truth, I suspect that the name of Tally-Ho Bob will live long in the history of Nunthorpe, Marton, Middlesbrough and Cleveland.

Robert Brunton is buried with his wife at St. Cuthbert's, Marton.

Why did nobody bid for Donna and Blitzen on eBay?

They were too deer



NUNTHORPE HISTORY GROUP

We are very grateful to Ian Proctor – an ardent local cricketer – who came along to the last NPC meeting to hand over to us, some of his archival material on cricket in Nunthorpe. These materials include scorebooks, statistics, photographs and more.

See below a scorebook extract from 1923 and also a picture of cricket being played on a field (not far from new GP Surgery) before the by pass was built.



THEN AND NOW

David Leyland and his son Jonathan, two of our key supporters have provided these 'then and now' pictures of the Avenue School and also the Avenue Clinic which is now apartments. (The Editor recently met someone who as a very young girl went to the Mother and Toddler group in the ground floor room of the clinic- run by the Editor's wife and a friend)



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CENTENARIANS IN NUNTHORPE?

I was researching Nunthorpe recently and I came across this snippet in 15th June 1953 edition of the Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer:

Mrs Frances Westgarth, of Bedford Road, Nunthorpe Station, near Middlesbrough, today celebrates her 100th birthday.

Do any GNN readers know of other Nunthorpe centenarians?

Does anybody perhaps remember Frances Westgarth?

Jonathan Leyland

Re: Mrs Rosemary Billington

Dear Editor

I would be grateful if you could print this letter in the December issue of GNN .

A large number of people who have met Rosemary during her 30 years of managing Nunthorpe Institute will be very sorry to hear that she has decided to retire at the end of December. Rosemary has been the driving force which has enabled the Community to benefit from the use of Nunthorpe Institute over these years.

I first met Rosemary 30 years ago when Nunthorpe Institute was the wooden building on Connaught Road. The management structure changed and we became self sufficient. Sadly 2 fires meant that the wooden building had to be demolished and Nunthorpe Institute moved to the Avenue Primary School.

This was a very busy time for Rosemary involving complicated logistics of such a move .

I would like to thank Rosemary and her family for all her years of dedication to Nunthorpe Institute.

Yours sincerely,

Brenda Thompson
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