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We are now in our seventh 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.

Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

- includes latest National and Middlesbrough events, see page 12



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Community Centre – Statement from the Council

"Middlesbrough Council have conducted a tender style approach to assess the two community centre proposals. The Council invited bids which have been independently assessed and a leading bid was identified (from Nunthorpe and Marton Playing Fields Association).

The due diligence process has a number of gateways and officers are currently looking to establish if the building described can be constructed with the available budget. The Council's Quantity Surveying team has assessed the submission and produced a cost report, which has been shared with the leading bidder. Middlesbrough Council and the leading bidder are currently assessing this report and it is expected this gateway process will be completed soon."



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NUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council has met three times since we last updated GNN readers – 20th January (a scheduled meeting); 3rd February (a special meeting, primarily to discuss the Community Centre); and 17th March (a scheduled meeting)

COMMUNITY CENTRE

A consortium of Nunthorpe Community groups, led by the Parish Council, submitted a bid for a Nunthorpe Community Centre to Middlesbrough Council by the November deadline. As requested, the documentation was supplemented by the second deadline of **20th December**.

In early January, an independent panel announced its scoring of the bids, with the proposal from the NMPFA leading the consortium bid by a small margin. The scores and the bid documents were made available by Middlesbrough Council only to the two groups who had submitted bids, but the Parish Council made the details of its bid more widely available to all Nunthorpe residents.

When a number of issues were identified during the **14th January** meeting of the Community Centre Group (a Subgroup of the Nunthorpe Vision Group), it was agreed that the NMPFA should be given the opportunity to respond to any questions submitted in writing via Middlesbrough Council.

The meeting of the Parish Council on **20th January** agreed which questions should be put to the NMPFA about its bid. On the **3rd February**, the answers from the NMPFA were considered, and it was decided that a series of concerns about the NMPFA responses should be shared with Middlesbrough Council. In response to requests from members of the public and several community representatives, the Parish Council also agreed to draft a survey to consult Nunthorpe's residents about the two bids for the Community Centre. However, as the bid from the NMPFA had not been made available to the public, the Parish Council asked Middlesbrough Council to publish the NMPFA bid, so that a balanced public consultation would be possible. Middlesbrough Council declined to publish the bid from the NMPFA, stating that it is up to each bidder to decide who may see its bid. Therefore it was not possible to involve the public at this stage.

At the meeting of the Nunthorpe Vision Group on **10th March**, Middlesbrough Council announced that, in line with its usual process for consideration of bids, Officers had been conducting an appropriate "due diligence" analysis of the leading bid, to establish if the building described could be constructed with the available budget. Participants were informed that a cost report from the Council's Quantity Surveying Team had been shared with the NMPFA.

In the absence of any further information, at the Parish Council meeting held on **17th March** there was no discussion about the Community Centre.

NUNTHORPE DEVELOPMENT

During the meeting on 3rd February, the Parish Council and residents identified a number of zones within Nunthorpe Grange for protection as **parkland**, with the highest priority given to the area closest to the new Medical Centre. Recognising that developers can not be prevented from constructing up to 250 houses at Nunthorpe Grange, there was agreement to lobby for this total of 250 to include **bungalows** and other accommodation appropriate for the many Nunthorpe residents who wish to relocate within our neighbourhood. While welcoming a report from the Nunthorpe Vision Group indicating progress towards the Mayor's "**Nunthorpe Nineteen**" commitments, the Parish Council is asking Middlesbrough Council to give more urgent attention to consultation about refreshing the **Nunthorpe Grange Masterplan**. Meanwhile, the Parish Council, in conjunction with Councillor Carole Morgan, has re-started the process towards establishing a **Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan** (after a long delay while Council Officers checked the proposal for legal compliance.)



PLATINUM JUBILEE

At the meeting on 17th March, purchasing a **clock** for Nunthorpe Station had most support among several potential permanent features to celebrate the Jubilee, which the Parish Council is willing to sponsor with a donation of £1,000. The Parish Council has also allocated funding for **events** between 2nd and 5th June – such as a Platinum Picnic in the Park, and prizes for street decorations. (This Parish Council funding is in addition to a community grant awarded to Nunthorpe by Middlesbrough Council.)

CONTINUING PARISH PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES.

Progress is reported at every meeting by the Parish Councillors who volunteer to lead on four topics of concern to Nunthorpe residents, but every success just identifies more projects, such as –

Trees and Flowers.

The Parish Council has allocated grants to seed wildflowers and to support Nunthorpe in Bloom, but we need more volunteers. Funding is also available to make the "Triangle Wood" (at the entrance to Church Lane) safe for public access, but the project needs to be managed.

Traffic.

Speed limits have been reduced between Dixon's Bank and Nunthorpe Village, but without public information, and without lane markings at Poole roundabout. Inconsiderate parking remains a major issue.

Crime and Anti-social Behaviour.

The Marton and Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Watch has now been established, and the Parish Council already liaises closely with the police, street wardens, and the Neighbourhood Safety Team, but we have not yet obtained funding for CCTV – partly because residents don't always report their concerns.

Public Rights of Way.

Liaison with Middlesbrough Council has improved significantly, but preservation and enhancement of our historic paths remains a challenging project.

CONSTITUTION and ORGANISATION

At every meeting, the Parish Council hears that more and more residents are looking at our **Facebook** page and our **Website**. Our updates on the roadworks at Swans Corner have been particularly valued. We have encouraged all residents to take part in Middlesbrough Council's **Community Governance Review**, particularly because this was prompted by the Parish Council's request to review the Parish boundary, which currently excludes residents of Milan Grove and Yew Tree Grove.

At our March meeting, we were delighted to co-opt **Martin Lyon** as our ninth Member – the largest team of Parish Councillors for some time.

*All residents are welcome to join us at Chandler's Ridge Primary School on Thursday 19th May 2022 for a triple event. The **Annual Parish Meeting** at 6.30pm will review the past year and listen to ideas for the coming year. At 7.00pm we will have the formal **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**, followed at approximately 7.30pm by a standard meeting of the Parish Council.*

Morgan McClintock – Chair of Nunthorpe Parish Council.

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TRAFFIC UPDATE – POOLE ROUNDABOUT AND DIXON'S BANK

Readers of GNN were informed in our previous edition about changes to the speed limits between the Southern Cross and Nunthorpe Village, and were encouraged to send feedback to GNN about safety at Poole Roundabout. We can now provide an update on both topics.

Poole Roundabout Lane Markings

A number of Nunthorpe residents said that they feel unsafe on the Poole Roundabout because some motorists treat it as being single-lane while other motorists regard it as being a dual-lane roundabout. The Parish Council asked Middlesbrough Council to help by painting lane markings on the ground, reinforced with amended road signage. This was regarded as a reasonable request, with the potential benefit likely to considerably exceed the expenditure.

In response, Council Officers monitored activity on the roundabout. They observed that lane discipline is "generally very good", and that the roundabout performs well both in capacity and in road safety terms. While on site, Officers noticed that two other matters require attention – repaint of the "give way" markings at the entrance to the roundabout, and inclusion of Cotcliffe Way on the directional signs. However, on the issue raised by residents and the Parish Council, their evaluation is that "no significant changes to the existing signing or road markings are required".

The Parish Council is concerned about the difference in perspective about safety between what motorists regard as acceptable and what Officers regard as acceptable. Although there may be technical criteria for "fitness for purpose" (based on such statistics as volume of traffic and number of accidents), consistent feedback from numerous ordinary motorists is that the marking of lanes would make them feel much safer. So the Parish Council decided on 17th March to ask the Mayor to reconsider the decision of Officers.

Dixon's Bank Speed Signage.

In response to requests from residents, the Parish Council and others pressed for a reduction in the maximum speed between the Southern Cross junction and Nunthorpe Village. The Parish Council was pleased when Council Officers not only agreed to the proposal, but announced that they would pay for the changes of signage to implement the new speed limits. Unfortunately, there was no expectation that, for technical reasons, reduction of a speed limit to the standard 30mph (in an urban area with consistent street-lighting) results in removal, but not in replacement, of the existing speed limit signage.

Numerous residents have been expressing alarm about the perverse outcome, with some motorists apparently believing that the removal of the signage about the 40mph maximum on Dixon's Bank authorises speeding well in excess of 40mph.

At its meeting on 17th March, the Parish Council decided that, even if 30 mph signage is not permissible, action needs to be taken to deal with this problem.

Flashing speed signs (like those on Guisborough Road) are being proposed to Middlesbrough Council, with the Parish Council offering part-funding to encourage a positive response from Middlesbrough Council.

PROGRESS ON NEW GP SURGERY

Progress on the building of the impressive new Borough Road & Nunthorpe Surgery on Stokesley is clear to see now. The developers (Assura), the builders (Brims), and the Practice are all delighted that the project is very close to being on schedule.



Transfer of the surgery to the new building will happen in the Summer. We will share a more significant article in the next issue of GNN when we have much more to show. We are gathering information on the history of the project and will include that next time. To whet your appetite, Dr Mick Lakeman tells us that work on the concept started about fifteen years ago! Exciting times!!!" - *(The surgery is green and energy saving and note the solar panels)*

Mike Eccles

NUNTHORPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN *Jubilee holiday celebrations 2nd – 5th June 2022*

The Community Council had a coffee morning consultation event on the Jubilee on Saturday 26th February, with different community groups and individuals coming along to suggest ideas for a memorial and for events. A bid was made for £1000 from Middlesbrough Council to support events and we are pleased that this bid was successful. As a result, a follow up meeting was held on 11th March to co-ordinate activities and there was support for the suggestion of a memorial in the form of a clock at the railway station as it's so central to the whole Nunthorpe community. A meeting of the Parish Council also confirmed support for the clock proposal (more details see below). Further planning meetings are planned (next 30th March). Volunteers to support events are welcomed – lets work together to make the most of this celebration throughout the whole community. The Parish Council and Community Council will be in touch with more details soon and will also be offering some prizes for the best 'dressed' streets (like the VE Day celebrations!)



An outline of events is set out below:

Pre-Jubilee weekend

Nunthorpe and Marton Knitters decorate the station.

Nunthorpe in Bloom/ourGreenways refurbish planters/flower beds with **purple** and **gold** flowers details tbc.

Trees will also be planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy

Saturday 28th May

Queens Platinum Jubilee Choir Town Hall all day (with showcases on Thursday 2nd and Saturday 4th June)

Thursday 2nd June

11am National event Queen's Birthday Parade

11- 6pm Middlesbrough Orange Pip Market.

2.30pm Women's Institute Tea Party.

8pm -10pm A Jubilee Night at the Museum and Queen's Platinum Beacon Lighting Ceremony, Dorman Museum and Cenotaph from 8pm (Ceremony will begin at 9.30pm)

9.15pm National Beacon lighting - and Nunthorpe version details tbc

Friday 3rd June

National Service of Thanksgiving St Paul's Cathedral

10am - 3pm A Right Royal Family Day (including music from Wrong Direction, and a Bouncy Castle and more) at the Nunthorpe Methodist Church and their Green

11- 6pm Middlesbrough Orange Pip Market

1pm Middlesbrough Platinum Jubilee Parade Town Centre

Saturday 4th June

tbc Clock unveiling (but see below) & re-naming of Triangle Wood (as Jubilee Wood)

Middlesbrough Picnic in the Park Albert Park time tbc

National - Evening - Platinum Party at the Palace

Sunday 5th June

10 am Civic Service and Tree Planting at St Mary's Church

Noon National Big Jubilee Lunch

Nunthorpe Platinum Picnic in the Park (the Avenue Park)

We are pleased to confirm that the **Cockerton Prize Silver Band** will play. The Band was founded in 1870, and so is 152 years old. We're based in the area where we began, which is Cockerton on the outskirts of Darlington, and lots of members are still very local, with family connections to many previous generations of players. Actually, the origins of the band go back even further, to around 1864 and the Cockerton Saxhorn Band.

"There's no difference between a silver band and a brass band; some of our instruments are brass, and some are silver but it doesn't matter. The Prize in our title comes from winning a national event at the Alexandra Palace in 1938, and we liked it so much we've kept it ever since!

Every year we compete in brass banding contests, and have represented the North of England for two consecutive years running down at the National Brass Band Championships in Cheltenham. We're currently a First Section band, which is a bit like the brass band equivalent of being in the First Division!"

Letter to Nunthorpe community members

As I'm sure you're aware, this year Her Majesty The Queen celebrates an amazing 70 years on the throne – and in June her Platinum Jubilee will be marked in an array of ways across the country.

Here in Nunthorpe we would like to honour the occasion with a lasting legacy – and we feel that a clock at Nunthorpe Railway Station is the perfect way to do just that.

This would also reinstate a little bit of history at the station, that did once have a clock for passengers. The clock will be fastened to the wall of the station house as kindly agreed by the house owner.

The overall cost of the clock would be around £3,400 and we are fundraising to bridge the gap between the Parish Council sponsorship of £1000 and that goal. Any contribution at all would be very much appreciated and we aim to acknowledge this in some way – be it via a plaque, poster or communications.

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CHURCH MESSAGES

St Bernadette's Church

It seems quite strange to be writing a short piece, which is usually locally focussed, when an unutterable tragedy of an innocent country being pummelled by a malignant aggressor, is on the minds of millions of people around the world. However, the manifestation of evil is not something which is only to be found in a different land, because we all know that the gift of free will means we can either choose evil or choose good. I particularly like the way this is summed up in the Book of Deuteronomy in the Old Testament, when it says quite simply "Choose Life". That of course was not a simple invitation to healthy eating, but the profound moral choice, which the Scriptures put before a person of faith!

The Season of Lent, is a time for Christians of self discernment which is radically different from introspection. Indeed it is that candid measuring of self by the objective standard of the teaching of the Lord whilst at the same time asking for his grace and guidance. This determines how in conscience we respond in our daily lives to the humdrum or indeed the case of this terrible conflict in the Ukraine; because all acts of the will put before us moral choices. So, the Season of Lent then naturally leads into Eastertide.

It would be facile and misleading to portray the journey Christ took to his death and Resurrection on the first Easter morning, as being just a moral choice, it is incomparably more significant than that. However, only if one starts with the reality of God becoming man - Jesus Christ, - only then does the wonder of life in the Risen Christ unfold. Then one stands on the threshold of the personal change within us which he alone can bring about. Such openness to profound personal change is not to be simply equated with religious practise, that would be very misleading!

So, as our Lenten journey draws to a close, we look forward to the triumph over sin and death which God achieved in his Son's Resurrection which we celebrate at Easter. We pray that, that act of total transforming love will heal broken lives, bring peace to the afflicted and cause us all in our different ways to be renewed in heart and soul.

Monsignor D. C. Hogan.
Parish Priest.



Latest News from St Mary's Church, Nunthorpe

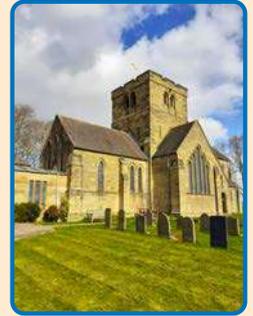
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always a day of prayer and reflection for Christians. It's a chance to think about things that we may have done wrong and to resolved to follow the path of Christ more closely as we look to the events of Holy Week and Easter. This year, Ash Wednesday was especially poignant as we focused on prayer for the people of Ukraine and for an end to the war which will bring so much suffering to people in both Ukraine and Russia.

Many years ago, I studied German and Russian at Leeds University and was able to spend 9 months living and working in St Petersburg. The history of the Russian people and their neighbours has been marked both by amazing achievements in the fields of literature, art, music and science and also by unimaginable suffering at the hands of a brutal regime. One poet who chronicled that time was Anna Akhmatova. Her son spent years in the labour camps, and her terrible experiences inspired a poetry cycle called Requiem.

This small section of the poem, entitled "Crucifixion" reflects the power of a Mary's love for her son Jesus and the depths of her loss.

I.
The choir of angels glorified the great hour,
the heavens melted in flames.
He said to His Father: "Why hast Thou forsaken me?"
and to His Mother: "Oh, weep not for Me..."

II.
Mary Magdalene smote her breast and wept,
the disciple whom He loved turned to stone,
but where the Mother stood in silence
nobody even dared look.



Holy Week and Easter lead us through the darkness of the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus into the joy of the resurrection as we celebrate on Easter day. You would be very welcome to join us for our special services or on any Sunday as we continue to pray for peace and for a better world.

Maundy Thursday - 14th April - 7:30pm - Service in Church

Friday 15th April - 10am -12 noon Cross Purposes - Family Fun in the church hall with hot cross buns and crafts

2-3pm - An hour at the Cross - A quiet reflective service in church

Saturday 16th April - 8pm - Easter Vigil service - Church

Easter Sunday - Sunday 17th April

6:30 am Dawn Service - Outdoors in the churchyard followed by coffee and doughnuts in the church.

10am Easter Celebration Service - Church

May you and your families know the joy of the risen Christ this Easter

Revd Tessa Stephens, Vicar

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Greetings from Nunthorpe Methodist Church

Easter falls on the 17th April and is therefore quite late this year. Every year some person or other complains about the date of Easter and asks why we cant simply fix it for the same time each year. "Why does the Church move it around so much" they ask accusingly? In fact discussion of the dating of Easter has been the subject of intense debate among the Christian churches since the second century AD. These debates alone could fill several newsletters. However, a formula has been agreed and has operated for many years. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring Equinox (21 March). This means that Easter can fall as early as 22 March or as late as 25 April. This year it falls on 17th April which is late. Easter will next fall on the latest possible date (25 April) in 2038. Easter is where the phrase "moveable feast" originated.

In truth there are many Easter customs and traditions that are little understood. Why, for example, do we feast on chocolate and why do we have eggs? The answer to this is to be found in the 40 days of fasting which precedes Easter. This is a period known as Lent in which the church used to ban many foods including eggs. Easter marks the end of this period when luxuries like chocolate and eggs could come back on the menu. Eggs were, for obvious reasons, an early symbol of fertility and in Christian thought came to be associated with the tomb of Christ. Cold and dead on the outside, but with the new life of resurrection ready to burst forth from within.

Behind so many of our Easter traditions lies a story that is precious to the Church, but often forgotten in the wider world. The story we celebrate at Easter is that of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a 2000 year old mystery which we approach with faith and awe. As a church we do not claim to have every answer, but we try to learn from Christ and allow his teaching and his risen presence to shape our lives. We gather around his Resurrection story because in it we find hope for ourselves and for our world.

As we journey through Lent and celebrate the story of Easter again this year, why not explore the meaning of the cross and resurrection with us. You would be welcome to any of our Sunday Services at 11:00am or our Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm, all at Nunthorpe Methodist Church. There is also a joint service at Marton Methodist on Good Friday at 10:30am. No qualifications or Christian experience is needed in order to attend these events. Come as you are. Everyone is welcome.

With all good wishes,

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WHERE IS NUNTHORPE ?

At last, we can report some steps towards an answer – on both sides of the Nunthorpe tracks.

Regular readers will know that formal consultation on exactly where the boundary of Nunthorpe should be drawn within **Redcar and Cleveland** has been held up for a long time while lawyers in both Councils examined the proposed Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan. In December, first the legal team within Middlesbrough Council, and then their colleagues in Redcar and Cleveland, announced that the Nunthorpe community may proceed to formal consultation about a credible boundary for Nunthorpe. A proposal, as previously outlined in GNN, has now been formally submitted to both Councils, and we await the next stage towards finding part of the answer to the question – “Where is Nunthorpe?”

Meanwhile, in the part of Nunthorpe which lies within **Middlesbrough**, at the request of a number of residents of Milan Grove and Yew Tree Grove, Nunthorpe Parish Council asked Middlesbrough Council to review the Parish boundary. Rather than deal with this request from Nunthorpe as a very local issue, Middlesbrough Council decided that the boundary review should be incorporated within a much larger review of local government across all the wards of Middlesbrough. The scale and complexity of this “Community Governance Review” caused considerable delay, but the first stage is now underway – a survey which includes a question about whether the Parish of Nunthorpe should increase slightly to include Milan Grove and Yew Tree Grove. In the light of responses to this initial consultation, another survey later in the year will propose a specific answer to our question – where, within Middlesbrough, is Nunthorpe?

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We continue to make progress – even if it's not as quick as we would like!

Triangle Wood – we have received a draft agreement with the Council and the wording is being confirmed so that once key work is done to make the wood safe (noting there is always a degree of risk with a wood when its windy!) the public will be able enter the wood (there will be a sign too – keep to paths etc) and be covered by MBC Indemnity Insurance. Five site visits (including two with MBC approved contractors) have been carried out to confirm the trees that need removal or pruning, and these trees have been marked. There is something of a debate about pros and cons of removing some of the invasive non-native Spanish laurel which in time will cover the floor of the wood. If it's all removed there are costs (sweat or cash) but more natural undergrowth will develop and all would be able to see into the wood. On the other hand, leaving some laurel by the Stokesley Road side of the wood provides a means of dampening the sound of traffic.

We have funding (assuming NPC will confirm their commitment in principle) in place to cover the £9,000 initial estimate to make the wood accessible and provide some tools and insurance for the volunteers who have come forward. We are very grateful for this magazine in encouraging volunteers to join us. We have joined The Conservation Volunteers (a national body) which offers advice but also access to discounted insurance to cover volunteers working in the wood. We have also joined the Woodland Trust.

The wood was named 'Triangle' Wood as it doesn't have a name on the map and is the rough shape of a triangle. It has been proposed that the wood is re-named (Platinum) Jubilee Wood which is a fitting commitment to the **Queen's Green Canopy**. In accordance with that national initiative, Middlesbrough Council have provided some four trees to replace ones 'lost' in Nunthorpe. Wildflowers will again be planted with the Parish Council providing support.

We are working closely with **Nunthorpe in Bloom** to make another effort – an extra special one for the Jubilee – as we did last year in '**Blooming for the Queen's Birthday**'.

We have contributed to the Nunthorpe Jubilee planning group and also helped write the successful bid for £1000 from Middlesbrough Council. This bid includes a substantial component for planting, which allied to a Parish Council grant, will help us plant in key places, an array of purple and gold flowers.

Finally, working with Councillor Smiles, we have successfully bid for a **community garden** for Nunthorpe (possible location near the new surgery) and the possibility of a **micro forest** (around the size of a tennis court) somewhere in Nunthorpe. Please see photo of David Leyland, a stalwart of ourGreenways, but even more of Nunthorpe green issues for many years.



This picture and caption shows some of the legacy of his work (in this case by himself!)

David Leyland is photographed with the tree whips he planted in High Farm Copse some years ago! The copse is fully described in the GNN issue Summer 2021, it is also online.

As part of his green/environmental commitments he planted the tree whips **only 45 cm high in 1976 all on his own** "at the time he was

seen as a green activist for the planet and not really understood". As you can see times have changed the trees are somewhat bigger, delightful to walk through and the children love play games in the woods. If you and friends would like to plant trees in a similar manner in Nunthorpe and be photographed similarly in 2065 get in touch with David 01642 319158, land and tree whips are available

The wood is at the cul de sac end of The Resolution in The Avenue Park.
[David is ourGreenways' tree expert!]

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NUNTHORPE BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The club has now closed for the winter and will be re-opening soon in April. Despite Covid, 2021 turned out to be a reasonable year on the bowling front. All the internal club competitions were played and the majority of the local leagues all happened for at least half a season.

Following a couple of "come and try it" events back in May, we had 15 new members join this year and some have become actively involved already.



The club hosted an area competition back in June, "The Ian Lambert Trophy", which saw pairs of bowlers from across our local area competing for the trophy.

One of our teams that compete in the Middlesbrough League managed to win that league and also did "the double" by winning the league's knockout competition as well.

Nunthorpe also had two teams competing in the semi-finals of the Spicer trophy held at Middlesbrough Bowling Club in Cornfield Road, Middlesbrough. Unfortunately, they were drawn against each other and the team that progressed to the final were beaten by Billingham.



In our club competitions, the main singles events winners were:

Club Championship
Ladies Singles
Men's Singles

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Brian Corfield



We will probably be hosting further "come and try it" events next spring. Keep a look out on either our website www.nunthorpebowlingclub.co.uk/index or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Nunthorpe-Bowling-Club-104165241316993

The club is currently in the close season as far as playing is concerned, however back in the autumn we held two very successful social nights, one at the Marton Cricket Club, and the other at the Nunthorpe Sports Club.

Whilst maintenance work at the club is ongoing through the close season, we look forward to play recommencing early April.

The club will be holding a registration day on Saturday 9th April when members will be able to come along, pay their annual subscriptions and (weather permitting!) re-start bowling.

On the last week-end in May, we anticipate participating in the Bowls England National Open week-end. This is where folk are invited to come along and just try their hand at bowling. There will be no charge and no obligation. Last year saw good numbers attending and several took the decision to join the club. The actual date is still to be confirmed so keep an eye on the club website.



(Editor's Note: The Bowling Club in 1940 and 1963)

Nunthorpe History Group

photo courtesy of Pre-Construct Archaeology

The Greater Nunthorpe News has generated a lot of interest in many matters, not least history, and it was from reading the magazine at his grandmother's that Matthew Scandrett came to help us sort out our electronic archive. We are pleased to report that Matthew is now working in Cambridge excavating sites and only the other week successfully recovered an intact Iron Age pot!!



Eleven residents attended the meeting on 16th March at the Institute. We had apologies from others including Sue Brown (who used to live in Nunthorpe 1960 to 1973) has been in touch to donate a project on Nunthorpe done in 1973 at school - Eston Grammar - which includes photographs. [Do you have any similar photographs?]

We all spent some time viewing our eclectic collection – some courtesy of Cliff Kitching's family (some of which Colin Hurworth kindly digitised photos and documents from the Kitching collection); a collection on cricket by Ian Proctor; and the files and objects from the original NHG which David Leyland brought (in his wheelbarrow!), given to him by the family of his late friend Bob Mullen who founded the group originally.

A working group on Saturday 26th March from 9-12noon, catalogued the physical materials (photos, ledgers, files , newspaper cuttings , programmes and more) that we have collected from donations and our predecessors work.

Below are the links to the website – we need more work on this and more posts and shares of the Facebook page please

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It's such community spirit and sense of family which has been evident in other aspects of academy life. The academy production is a highlight of the calendared year, bringing together students from years eight to thirteen together for the best part of a year as they aim in creating something truly remarkable to watch. This year was no different; as students have taken part in creating 'Legally Blonde' the musical to entertain the local and wider community, due to go on stage late March.

This year, such an event has been evermore important given the disruption that COVID-19 has had on all school children up and down the country and around the world, for this show has had no fewer than two casts and being ongoing as a work in progress for more than two years! It is through these two events, both very different to one another, that as teachers; we have the best job in the world.

Seeing the community spirit, passion, talent, enthusiasm and dedication that our students have to not only one another but also those from around the world, is truly remarkable.

I look forward to seeing what our amazing students will achieve next, however if these two events are anything to go by, the world is their oyster.

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COMMUNITY HISTORY

Figures in Nunthorpe's History

(Part II: Katharine Isobel Ellis Stubbs ('Kay Hill') – 1905–2005)

Introduction

Do any GNN readers know of other Nunthorpe centenarians? This was the question I posed in the last issue of the Newsletter, little realising that I would in my next article answer my own question.

In looking at the above title some (a few?) of you might have recognised the Stubbs surname. In previous articles I had mentioned Thomas Duncan Henlock Stubbs and his leaving Nunthorpe Station at the outbreak of the First World War. And I also made reference earlier to Duncan's son, Midshipman Duncan Stubbs, who died on HMS Aboukir aged just fifteen years old and 'attempting to save others': the younger Stubbs is commemorated on the Nunthorpe War Memorial (which was erected by public subscription in 1921).

Who was Katharine Isobel Ellis Stubbs? A few facts!

Katharine Isobel Ellis Stubbs ['Kay Hill'], the daughter of Thomas Duncan Henlock Stubbs and his wife Margaret Isobel, was born on 19th March 1905 in Redcar. She was thus the sister of Midshipman Duncan Stubbs. By 1911 the family were living at Red Croft (now 113 Guisborough Road), Nunthorpe Station. In her old age Katharine would reminisce about these golden days (and particularly her visits to her grandparents house in Coatham) before the War came.

Katharine lived in Nunthorpe until 1926 when she married iron-master and racing car enthusiast Alfred Leonard Hill ('Leonard') in Hanover Square, London. They lived at the Manor at Carlton-in-Cleveland, but they were divorced in 1938. She later lived for many years at Knayton, near Thirsk, and died in August 2005.

I have been in contact with Alice Barrigan (Katharine was her great-aunt) whose assistance has been invaluable. I would heartily recommend a visit to her website:

northyorkshirehistory.blogspot.com

There are there, inter alia, photographs of the Nunthorpe WI in the 1950s.

The girl

Katharine with her fishing rod prior to World War One.

Who was Kay Hill? The girl and woman!

After the First World War, her father built the Red House, Church Lane, in Nunthorpe, near the home of his friend and colleague, Sir Arthur Dorman, whose company built the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The first brick of the foundations of the Red House was laid in March 1923 and the family moved in during June 1924.

Katharine had in earlier times taken a telephone message for Sir Arthur, who had come for tea with her family, and went back to the telephone with his reply. On her return he told her that she had held the fate of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in her hands for that moment.



She had many interests including history, France, sport (especially cricket), horses and horse racing. She has also wrote short stories and articles, and contributed to various journals. She was also a noted prize poultry breeder and much involved in the breeding, showing and judging of Siamese cats.

The Vassal Singers

Kay's recollections offer us a glimpse into a long lost world of Nunthorpe before the First World War [quoted directly from Alice's website].

They were known throughout the North Riding as the Vassal Singers, although they chanted rather than sang, and learned writers spelled the word "wassail".

They came every November, a group of boys and girls, aged between five and fifteen years old, carrying a deep, oblong, cardboard box containing a doll tucked up in bed.

I saw them first when I was six years old [ie 1911] and never forgot the doll. She had a china face and blue staring eyes that never closed. Her head was on a pillow and her body covered with a counterpane of white cotton sprinkled with faded flowers, probably a scrap of material from a well-washed summer frock.

They chanted, rather than sang, on one note in our broad, delightful North Riding dialect that so clearly reflects a Scandinavian origin. The verse, as my mother taught it to me afterwards, went, as I remember, something like this:

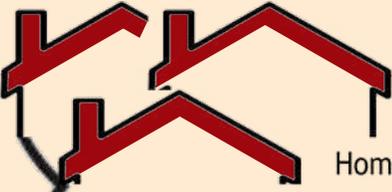
*God bless the Maister of this hoose
And the Mistress alsaw.
And all the pretty childer
As round your table gaw.
And all your kith and kindred
As dwells both far and near.
We wish you a Merry Kissimuss
And a Happy New Year.*

We gave them pennies and biscuits, cakes and apples. My mother told me I must always keep up the custom, as she had heard that townspeople coming into the village were turning them away unkindly, believing them to be carol singers arriving far too early, just a nuisance.

They never came again after the First World War and I am told that the name of the leader, a shy, gangling boy, is alongside that of my brother [ie Midshipman Duncan Stubbs] on the village War Memorial.

Thanks to Katharine Hill for recording her memories and to Alice Barrigan for allowing me to share them with the residents of Nunthorpe.

Jonathan Leyland
Nunthorpe History Group



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CRICKET AT NUNTHORPE - SOME INSIGHTS INTO OUR CRICKETING HISTORY

Nunthorpe Cricket Team were born in the year 1882 and their first ground was on land at the front of Grey Towers Hall. They played there until 1937 when they moved to a field at the rear of the new medical centre on Stokesley Road before finally moving in 1963 to their present ground on Guisborough road. From 1882 to 1907 they played under the name of Grey Towers Cricket Club and played friendlies before joining the Cleveland Minor league. In 1908 they were founder members of the Cleveland Cricket league along with Browns Wanderers, Clarence, Gosmont, Ironopolis, Loftus, Marton, New Marske, Middlesbrough Normanby Hall, North Skelton, Norton, South Stockton, Whitby and Yarm.

In 1915 the league was suspended till the start of 1919 because of the First World War. In 1920 they were members of the West Cleveland Cricket league changing their name to Nunthorpe in 1937. In 1927 Grey Towers 2nd team were founder members of the West Cleveland League Reserve Division. In 1982 Nunthorpe 1st and 2nd team resigned from the Cleveland league to join the North Yorkshire and South Durham Cricket league where they played until 2004 when they resigned due to lack of players.

Club Honours

League Champions.

1913, 1925 1938 1947 1958

Division 2 1969 1981

Cleveland Cup. 1938 1941

Second Team

Reserve league. 1929 1949

League Presidents

A Dorman Snr 1909-1912. 1920-1931

A Dorman Jnr 1932-1945

W C R Leyland 1947-1959

Members, Subscriptions for Season 1899		
1	W. Moore Paul	2/6
2	R. W. Johnson	2/6
3	J. W. Johnson	2/6
4	H. Hutchinson	2/6
5	J. Yastow	2/6
6	J. Bradley	2/6
7	W. Houbby	2/6
8	A. Snobden	2/6
9	A. White	2/6
10	J. Broadly	2/6
11	J. Stephenson	2/6
12	E. Helm	2/6
13	C. Elgie	2/6
14	F. Almond	2/6
15	Goodfellow	2/6
16	W. S. Rowcliffe	2/6
17	W. Richardson	2/6
18	H. Appleton	2/6
19	J. Byles	2/6
20	A. Helm	2/6
21	J. F. Newstead	2/6
22	W. Brunton Junr	2/6
23	B. R. Dorman	2/6
24	H. Charlton (Seasons 98 & 99)	5/0
25	A. Fendley	2/6
26	E. Handley	2/6
		37/6

Grey Towers Nunthorpe Cricket Team subscriptions for the 1899 season

Mr Arthur Dorman of Grey Towers was elected as President of the Cleveland and Teesside Cricket league at the AGM held at the Albany on January 13th 1909.

In 1946 Nunthorpe created a new team high scoring record for the league of 415 all out vs Dormans A at Oxford Road, Linthorpe Middlesbrough on May 25th. A Helm 137 P Colligan 69.

In 1924 Grey Towers 2nds won the Lady Dorman Challenge Cup played at Stokesley as well as the Stokesley and District League Championship

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Dear Editor,

Thank you so much to GNN for advertising the recycling of stamps, coins, inkjets and mobiles. Since the magazine's inception, the donations have more than doubled, which is good news for the charities.

Cheers,

Anne Graham

OBITUARY

Alan Cockerill 1946–2022

Alan was from Hull, where as a young man he worked in his spare time on the fish quay. He arrived on Teesside some 50 years ago as a young graduate engineer to take up a position within ICI. He married Margaret, also from Hull, and settled in Nunthorpe where they had 2 sons, Tim and Richard. To Alan family life was central, he was hugely proud of his 2 sons and the arrival of grandchildren gave him immense pleasure. He and Margaret had recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Alan had a very successful career as an engineer, finishing his career as a Senior Project Manager, a job he loved and excelled at. He is still remembered and highly respected within the chemical industry. At heart though Alan was an immensely practical man, always with an ongoing project. If something could be fixed Alan would fix it.

A quiet desire to help others was prominent throughout Alan's life, initially as a scout leader, in the local community and at work too. Engineers, often from abroad, seconded to Teesside, would be taken 'under his wing' both professionally and socially, often forming lifelong friendships. Always approachable Alan helped and advised many young people and was particularly enthusiastic for those considering a career in engineering.

Among other positions he was a long-standing governor of The Avenue Primary School, becoming Chair of The Governing Body. He was influential in setting up The James Cook Learning Trust becoming the first Chair of the Board even as his illness developed.

A keen cyclist Alan cycled to the South of France with friends, also from Nunthorpe, to celebrate his 70th birthday. He sadly died 5 years later on January 5th 2022 of Motor Neurone disease. He suffered this cruel disease with without complaint or self-pity and lived a full life retaining his sense of humour to the end.

Alan was a remarkable man who was loved and respected in equal measure by all who knew him well. He leaves a unique void.

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CANOPY
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Nunthorpe Hall Care Home

Nunthorpe Village



Luxury Retirement and Care in the heart of the countryside

We have over 25 years of nursing and elderly care management experience.

The property stands within extensive grounds of some six-and-a-half acres, and has been sympathetically designed to offer the finest accommodation in the area, allowing residents to enjoy their retirement within the grandest and most spacious day areas available locally.

The Hall's lake and beautiful gardens allow residents and their families to enjoy a lovely summer day in a tranquil location. It also benefits from its own Historic Chapel of St Mary and residents or families may use the beautiful Chapel whenever they wish.

We offer:

- Permanent and respite elderly care
- Grade 2 Listed stately home
- 33 individual luxury en-suite rooms
- Stunning 6.5 acre grounds with lake and gardens
- Private chapel and monthly services in the home
- Full admission assessments with individual person-centred care plan
- Fine dining and Marmadukes Tea Room
- Well-stocked Library

Contacting Nunthorpe Hall is simple, whether it's for an informal chat or you would like detailed information, please don't hesitate to contact us using any of the below:

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