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Geoff Field Director of Environment has confirmed that a report and recommendation will go to the Executive in September.

Defibrillator Fund-raising success!

Thanks to all who have donated, Nunthorpe Village has already reached their target £1000 for the vital life saving equipment (see page 22).

Mike Eccles – The NPC thank Mike Eccles for his work in revamping communications and revising standing orders and wish him well after his resignation from the NPC

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NUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council has met twice since publication of Greater Nunthorpe News in Spring 2022. A scheduled meeting took place on 19th May and an additional meeting was convened on 31st May to review developments relating to the proposed Nunthorpe Community Centre.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Spring edition of Greater Nunthorpe News noted that, at the Parish Council meeting on **17th March**, there was no progress to report on the Community Centre for Nunthorpe, although Middlesbrough Council was understood to be continuing to undertake its "due diligence" analysis of bids from the Community Centre Consortium (led by Nunthorpe Parish Council) and from the Nunthorpe and Marton Playing Fields Association.

The lack of progress continued until **17th May** (two days before the May meeting of the Parish Council) when Middlesbrough Council's Director of Finance, Ian Wright, announced that, due to "a number of concerns" raised with him around Middlesbrough Council's process to select a preferred partner to build and manage the community facility, he had come to the conclusion that "the process must be paused and restarted on the basis of having a clear specification, a transparent process set out in advance, and free of perceived conflict of interest."

At the meeting on **19th May**, Parish Councillors expressed great disappointment at another delay towards a Community Centre for Nunthorpe, particularly in the context of the alarming increases in construction costs. As the bid from the Community Consortium had taken care that the required documents complied with the specifications of Middlesbrough Council, the Parish Council felt that Nunthorpe deserved more than the vague justification given by Mr Wright for abandoning the Council's process. Also there was concern that the reference in his letter to the need for a process "free of perceived conflict of interest" could be interpreted as the bidders having engaged in improper behaviour. Therefore it was agreed to ask Mr Wright to attend a special meeting of the Parish Council to explain the reasons behind his decision.

At the special meeting held on **31st May**, Mr Wright was accompanied by Middlesbrough's Head of Strategic Commissioning and Procurement, Ms Louise Grabham. Mr Wright assured those present that he had no concerns about the conduct of either of the parties or of any individuals who had participated in the bidding process, and agreed to confirm this in writing.

He stated that his intervention arose because the Council's need to undertake "due diligence" had not been clearly documented by Middlesbrough Council at the start of the process.

Therefore, although the process had reached the final stage, this was the reason why he had decided that it must be restarted on the basis of a clearer specification.

The Chair of the Nunthorpe and Marton Playing Fields Association, which had submitted one of the bids, stated that the process was flawed because some individuals supporting the Consortium bid are also volunteers in more than one organisation represented on the Nunthorpe Vision Group. Parish Councillors expressed their sadness that the sudden introduction of the bidding process in the Autumn of 2021 had first resulted in Middlesbrough Council failing to meet the Mayor's commitment of a planning application for Nunthorpe's Community Centre by December 2021.

Now the new delay introduced by Mr Wright - at a time of unprecedented increases in construction costs - could mean that there is no longer sufficient funding to proceed, perhaps resulting in yet more delay. The Parish Council reminded Mr Wright that it had consistently asked for Middlesbrough Council to take direct responsibility for building a community centre in Nunthorpe, as happened elsewhere in the town, rather than devising special hurdles for Nunthorpe. Mr Wright's attention was drawn to the history of broken promises about community facilities for Nunthorpe since a fire destroyed the Institute building on Connaught Road in 1997.

On **7th June**, the Parish Council wrote to Ian Wright, summarising points made during the meeting. The letter was acknowledged, but at the time of writing - **24th July** - there has been no communication from Middlesbrough Council.

JUBILEE

On 19th May, the Parish Council agreed to donate £1,000 towards erection of a clock at Nunthorpe Station as a lasting celebration of the Platinum Jubilee Year. In addition, Nunthorpe Community Council was given a grant of £600 towards the cost of arranging the Platinum Picnic in the Park on 5th June.

CONTINUING PARISH PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES

Trees, Flowers and Waste Management

The Parish Council supported the naming of some land at the entrance to Church Lane as "Jubilee Wood" (replacing the working title of "Triangle Wood"). Middlesbrough Council is now proposing that it could provide public access while retaining responsibility for this wood if safety precautions (estimated to cost approximately £9,000) are sponsored by various charities and organisations, including Nunthorpe Parish Council and OurGreenways. The Parish Council was updated on how its grant towards plants would be used to enhance tubs across Nunthorpe in time for the Jubilee, to be followed by the impact of another Parish Council grant for wildflowers in Nunthorpe. Complaints from residents about missing waste bins were also considered.

Public Rights of Way

The Parish Council was informed that a report recommending how best to resolve a defect in the formal recording of a Nunthorpe walkway known as the "Green Link" will soon be considered by the Executive of Middlesbrough Council.

Traffic

Parish Councillors shared the widespread concern that the public might not see the very small signs announcing the change of speed limit on Dixon's Bank (from 40 mph to 30 mph). The Parish Council re-affirmed its stance that improved sources of information for motorists about the maximum speed, such as flashing signs, should be actioned before enforcement of the new speed limits. On the other hand, where speed restrictions have been in place for some time, such as near to schools, enforcement via SpeedWatch can be appropriate. It was noted that there remains an unresolved difference of opinion between the Parish Council and Middlesbrough Council about whether safety at Poole Roundabout would be improved by lane markings.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

The Parish Council was pleased that its request for CCTV at the Southern Cross junction had received support from the Mayor when pressed about this by the Parish Council Chair during the launch of the Marton and Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Watch. Neighbourhood Watch is increasingly proving to be a valuable source of information and reassurance for residents. The PCSO reported that two males had been arrested following multiple cases of theft from vehicles, but that instances of crime in Nunthorpe had remained relatively low between the March and May meetings.

PLANNING ISSUES

The Parish Council agreed to object to the proposed construction of 10 dwellings on "land south-west of Grey Towers Farm", and to a retrospective application to build a wall around part of Grey Towers Village.

CONSTITUTION and ORGANISATION

The Parish Council was informed that Middlesbrough Council's consultation on its **Governance Review** had concluded. Although the number of contributions from Nunthorpe residents was low, the majority of responses are in agreement with the proposals from the Parish Council, including the inclusion within Nunthorpe Parish of Milan Grove and Yew Tree Grove, and the merger of Nunthorpe Parish Council and Nunthorpe Community Council. The **Annual Accounts** for 2021/2022 were approved, along with the required Accounting Statements.

Morgan McClintock (Vice-Chair of Nunthorpe Parish Council)

ANNUAL PARISH REPORT

The main item on the agenda of the **Annual Parish Meeting** was the presentation of an Annual Report by the outgoing Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Morgan McClintock. Morgan introduced his report on 19th May 2022 by stating that, although he took responsibility for presenting a report from his personal perspective, his aim was to outline the activities of the Parish Council as a whole, relying heavily on the minutes of the Parish Council over the seven meetings since his previous Annual Report.

The Report consists of 6 Chapters –

1. Strategic Planning, including progress relating to the “Nunthorpe Nineteen”; the baseline study; and the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan.

2. Specific Strategic Issues, including the Nunthorpe Medical Centre; the Nunthorpe Community Centre; and potential developments by Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey.

3. Projects, including Traffic issues; Bridleways and pedestrian rights of way; Trees, flowers, benches, allotments and waste management; Crime and anti-social behaviour; and community facilities.

4. Reports, including correspondence from associated organisations, and correspondence from individuals.

5. Planning Applications.

6. Parish Council Constitution and Organisation, including Membership of the Parish Council; Finances; Communications and resident engagement; and other constitutional issues.

Morgan concluded by thanking his colleagues for support during the year, with particular mention of the Parish Clerk, the Lead Councillors, and the Deputy Chair, Wade Tovey.

The Annual Report is available at this address:

<https://nunthorpepc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/NPC-Annual-Report-2022.pdf>

Adrian Walker (Chair of Nunthorpe Parish Council)



ELECTION of PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR and VICE-CHAIRS

Councillor Morgan McClintock, the outgoing Parish Council Chair, announced at the start of the Parish Council Annual Meeting that he would not be seeking re-election, and proposed me as Chair for 2022/23. As there were no other nominations for the role, I was elected and took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

I am honoured to have been asked by Parish Councillors to serve in this new capacity but, as I said to my colleagues before accepting nomination, I have only agreed on the understanding that I would be supported by Morgan McClintock and Wade Tovey as Vice-Chairs.

Morgan and Wade's dedication to serving Nunthorpe as Parish Council Chair and Deputy Chair during the challenging two years of the pandemic has been quite remarkable. Despite being unpaid volunteers, they have worked more than full-time in these roles, making the case for Nunthorpe at every opportunity. Morgan's background in law and management has been particularly evident at meetings and in drafting correspondence and reports, while Wade's professional background and energy have ensured that the Parish Council and Community Council are well connected across Nunthorpe and beyond. I know that the Parish Council is very pleased that Morgan and Wade will continue to make valuable contributions to Nunthorpe, and I am delighted to have their support during the months ahead.

Adrian Walker (Chair of Nunthorpe Parish Council)



Adrian Walker, newly elected Chair of the Parish Council with the two Vice Chairs left Morgan McClintock and Wade Tovey.

This tub is one of many revitalised for the Jubilee (see article)

Note the NPC sponsored defibrillator in the background (see article re another one in the village).

LETTER TO MAYOR OF MIDDLESBROUGH

Open letter to: Mayor of Middlesbrough – Andy Preston

From: Nunthorpe Parish Council in association with Nunthorpe Community Council and Nunthorpe Institute

Date: 8th July 2022

Re: Nunthorpe Progress

Dear Mayor Preston,

When you were elected, you announced a “fresh start” for Nunthorpe, which you subsequently presented as the “Nunthorpe Nineteen” commitments. Your support was welcomed by the Nunthorpe Vision Group, consisting of the MP, the Ward Councillors, and representatives of the Parish Council, the Community Council, the Nunthorpe Institute, and sectors such as health, education and sport. Unfortunately, after a period of considerable activity, there has been little progress over recent months, and we are now writing to see if you could help re-start the momentum you previously generated.

In particular, a Community Centre for Nunthorpe seems as far away as ever. At the time when you launched the Nunthorpe Nineteen, our understanding was that Middlesbrough Council was ready to construct a building for community activities in Nunthorpe, but plans were suddenly shelved in Autumn 2021 in favour of a complex bidding process, which was in turn abandoned for reasons which remain obscure. In the context of the series of promises made to Nunthorpe by Middlesbrough Council since a fire destroyed our building in 1997, and not fulfilled (including the commitment to a Community Centre in the planning application for Grey Towers Village and Section 106 contributions relating to other developments in Nunthorpe), we are now feeling that we have been let down again and we would therefore welcome anything you can do to provide Nunthorpe residents with at least the first stage of a Community Centre.

Unfortunately, the Community Centre problem appears to have impacted on other aspects of liaison between Middlesbrough Council and Nunthorpe Parish Council. When you made your commitments to Nunthorpe, we all expected that the umbrella of the Nunthorpe Vision Group would enable rapid progress from the Baseline Study, via review of the Nunthorpe Grange Masterplan and serious dialogue on wider infrastructure issues, to the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan. You are aware how hard many Nunthorpe representatives have worked alongside your Officers to make progress, to the point where this became regarded as a model of effective community engagement in Middlesbrough. However, a meeting with Middlesbrough Council's consultants on the Nunthorpe Masterplan was deferred several months ago, and has not been rescheduled. Liaison between our Councils is obviously a critical component towards agreement on the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan, and we are concerned that your consultants may be developing plans for Nunthorpe in isolation from the initiative to establish a

comprehensive Neighbourhood Plan for Nunthorpe. Alternatively, it may be that your consultants have not started work, because the future of Nunthorpe is no longer a priority across Middlesbrough Council.

Any help or advice would be greatly appreciated, and we look forward to your response, either in writing or in a meeting.

Kind regards,

Adrian Walker

Chair, on behalf of Nunthorpe Parish Council, this letter has been endorsed by Nunthorpe Community Council and the Nunthorpe Institute.

Response to the open letter from Andy Preston, Mayor of Middlesbrough

I think we have definitely created a fresh start for Nunthorpe with an array of fantastic projects underway. We really value the efforts of Nunthorpe community groups – who work tirelessly as volunteers – and hope we can continue to empower you for the good of the area.

1. New community funds

We have created a new policy whereby every time the council sells land or anything in Nunthorpe at its assessed price, 3% of all the money raised will be retained for Nunthorpe – and used directly for the good of Nunthorpe residents.

This is a massive improvement on the historic situation whereby Nunthorpe appeared to be subsidising the rest of the town without ever getting anything in return.

If various asset sales complete then this will stand at around £60,000.

2. The new GP surgery

The new surgery has now opened which is really good news for residents. Lots of people and several groups should share the credit for helping to make this happen. Middlesbrough Council most definitely played a role, with my executive team agreeing to sell the land on which the new surgery is built.

3. Nunthorpe Community Centre

After years of promises and talk it is finally happening. While there have been issues surrounding the process by which the community will drive this project, I am really proud that from day one we prioritised making this happen, sourcing and allocating the funding. There should be no doubt that this project can still happen very quickly – in spite of some council errors in the procurement process. Rest assured that I am doing all I can to advocate for a speedy conclusion, with an executive report expected soon.

4. Green commitments

I know how vital green space is in Nunthorpe – and how treasured it is by residents. To that end we have established a new village green at the heart of Nunthorpe, meaning the land is protected in perpetuity from development. We have also allocated funds to establish a new community garden in Nunthorpe and are investigating improvements to Nunthorpe's current play parks. In addition to this I continue to advocate for building on brown field land ahead of that in places such as Nunthorpe.

I believe that since 2019 Middlesbrough Council has done a lot more for Nunthorpe than under previous administrations – with officers and community volunteers often working side by side. We have also been much more willing to listen, even when we don't agree. Of course we must continue to improve and do a better job. I believe that having Mieka Smiles as one of your councillors has definitely given you a voice at the heart of power.

Of course the relationship between the Town Hall and local residents will always be a little tense – but I honestly believe that we all get on and want to achieve the same thing: an even better Nunthorpe.

Andy.



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NUNTHORPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



The Community Council held a consultation event for the Jubilee and subsequently co-ordinated with other community groups, including the NPC, Nunthorpe in Bloom, ourGreenways and churches to avoid event clashes and to share ideas that were practicable with the volunteers available.

A grant of over £1000 from NPC and a grant of £1000 from Middlesbrough Council was obtained for the Jubilee events by NCC and the Women's Institute, and for planting with Nunthorpe in Bloom. Chris Foggin sourced plants and with support of Adrian Walker (and his famous trailer) and Brenda Thompson, who leads Nunthorpe in Bloom, delivered the plants and compost to various sites in Nunthorpe where various super volunteers planted and watered tubs and beds (which have since flourished – see pictures).

Middlesbrough Council have conducted a governance review of engagement with communities in Middlesbrough, which is a requirement every 10 years but which was catalysed by responses from the Neighbourhood consultation carried out by NCC and the NPC (which led to both Mbro and R&C Councils consulting on the Neighbourhood Plan Designated area for Nunthorpe). The Parish Councils in Nunthorpe and Stainton & Thornton were hard fought for by our predecessors, with some political resistance, but were supported by a form of public enquiry.

[Note: there are hundreds of Parish Councils in England and are seen as the first level of local government].

The Community Council are united in working closely with the Parish Council but feel that in reality it would be more straightforward to simply have the elected Parish Council (though a number of Parish Councillors are co-opted) but the NCC will continue until the governance review is completed. The Community Council gets a 'grant' of £700 per year. We will let you know of the results of the Governance Review but views are welcome because there will be another consultation on whatever is proposed by Middlesbrough Council as the outcome of the first survey.



Winning Jubilee
Picture



Duncan family receiving their prize
from Morgan McClintock

CLOCK COUNTDOWN

A campaign to return a clock to Nunthorpe Railway Station is ticking on.

Nunthorpe councillors Carole Morgan and Mieka Smiles have been working to re-establish a clock at Nunthorpe Railway Station which historically featured a timepiece.

A number of businesses and organisations are making this possible through their generous funds – including Nunthorpe Parish Council, Northern Railway, Friends of Nunthorpe Railway Station and Michael Poole.

The overall cost of the clock would be around £3,400 and it will be a lasting legacy to celebrate the Queen's 70th year on the throne.

The next step is to work around Northern Railway rules to have the clock affixed to the former station, which is now a private residence.

If you would like to contribute to the fund please get in touch with either councillor:

Cllr Carole Morgan on carole.morgan@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Cllr Mieka Smiles on Mieka_smiles@middlesbrough.gov.uk



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CHURCH MESSAGES

St Bernadette's Church

"Wishing everyone well and good bye"

It has been my good fortune to have spent thirty eight of my forty eight years as a Catholic Priest living at St, Bernadette's Nunthorpe. I phrase it in that way, because for my first ten years I was only in residence being fully employed as it were in Legal positions in the Diocese. My qualifications in Canon Law has determined what I was asked by the Church to do, and so it remains. That being said, even when one is supported over the decades by a wonderful and supportive parish, we all grow older, and the time becomes apparent to ask realistically of oneself and those whose judgement one trusts, what one can manage? It is a challenging but necessary exercise.

Of course one can see many things change, I oversaw a radical change in the Church plant, but equally times and expectations change. This is not to identify change with progress that can be a huge mistake. Indeed, it is astonishing that with the terrible conflict in the Ukraine so many seem to have imagined that technical progress is the same as moral and personal progress ! Christians should not sign up to such a fallacy, because they know from Scripture that only with God's grace and help do we walk and sometimes stumble on the path to true goodness and holiness of life. Change and conversion lie at the heart of the Gospel and Christ our Lord taught that without ambiguity.

That Divine challenge can be made insipid by equivocation, but the compassion which springs from the Gospel does not want to offer anyone a garbled version in place of one which is life giving. So, I wish everyone well, and from my home in Leyburn all will be prayed for, as I ask for others to do so for me.

Monsignor D. C. Hogan.
Parish Priest.



Latest News from St Mary's Church, Nunthorpe

***"Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too."***

These words from the hymn by Richard Gillard are ones that we enjoy singing at St Mary's and they've been on my mind as I look back on the events of this summer so far. The Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the beginning of June

were first and foremost a celebration of an incredible seventy years of service to her country by our Queen. Of course, they were also a wonderful opportunity for communities to come together and enjoy celebrating after two long difficult years. It was great to see that opportunity taken up so enthusiastically across Nunthorpe, with many large and small events. At St Mary's we celebrated with a special service, the planting of a new tree in the churchyard and of course a lot of cake!

The following weekend was also busy with the Summer Fayre in the morning and the ordination to the priesthood of our curate (and hospital chaplain) Revd Lisa Opala. The service was a joint one with one other candidate, the Revd Kate Brown and was held at St Mary Magdalene in Yarm. With her new status as a priest, Revd Lisa is now able to celebrate communion, to pronounce God's forgiveness and to bless in God's name.

Throughout the summer at St Mary's, we are celebrating many weddings and other occasions such as wedding blessings. Gathering in church, to sing, to pray and to support each other at life's pivotal moments is a wonderful expression of community and of joy.

So, what do these three things have in common? Well, first of all the Weddings, the Ordination service and the Jubilee all seem to have been marked by a huge amount of cake! From a beautiful sponge topped with raspberries and blueberries in the shape of the union flag to an iced cake decorated with the names of the new priests at Yarm cake is often the way in which we mark big occasions.

On a more serious note, what links these three disparate types of celebration is a commitment to service. More than seventy years ago, on her 21st birthday, the then Princess Elizabeth said this "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."

The theme of service is also a prominent one in the Ordination service – new priests are ordained not as a reward for the work that they have done but so that they will be able to serve their communities in new ways.

And in the marriage service too, the commitment to mutual service is prominent as the couple promise to "love, honour and cherish" one another through all the changing circumstances of life.

Service to one another is what creates and sustains community, and I am thankful to be a part of this community of Nunthorpe where so many work hard to make that a reality.

For up-to-date information on everything that's happening at St Mary's please do look at our website

Revd Tessa Stephens, Vicar

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Greetings from Nunthorpe Methodist Church

I have been reflecting on that long weekend of Jubilee celebrations which took place at the beginning of June. For four days the nation came together to delight in a mixture of pageantry and parties. We watched the national events on TV, but also found time to enjoy some local efforts as well.

One of these I attended was on bank holiday Friday, when Nunthorpe Methodist Church hosted a 'Right Royal Family Fun Day'. We opened the Church and the grounds to the community and hundreds came along. There were people picnicking on the lawn, with children enjoying the bouncy castle. There was music, afternoon teas, stalls, games and a wonderful relaxed atmosphere. You could even have your photo taken with the Queen! People commented that it was the biggest event seen at the Church for many years, with too many people to count. The place was heaving.

Now that it's all over and we're full of tea and cake, perhaps we need to reflect on whether we can do similar events again. Of course the Jubilee is a 'one off', and people may simply have wanted to participate in an historic moment in the life of the nation. Or perhaps the success of these events may have been more to do with the relief of being able to gather in crowds after two years of Covid restrictions.

Whatever the reason for this success, we certainly believe that the Church has an important part to play in community events. While we cannot repeat or recapture exactly the events of the past, we can be creative in planning new ones, preferably in partnership with others. We feel that the Church is embedded in community in a unique way, because we engage with people's lives at such a deep level. It is a tremendous privilege to relate to people at times of crisis and at times of joy and by opening the Church to the community we believe we are reflecting the hospitality, love and acceptance of Christ for all people.

I hope it goes without saying that everyone is welcome to our public worship at 11:00am every Sunday morning and to all our public events. And I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer.

With all good wishes,

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DEFIBRILLATOR FUND RAISING AT NUNTHORPE VILLAGE

The survival rate for someone suffering a sudden cardiac arrest decreases by 10% every minute. Using a defibrillator whilst you wait for the emergency services to arrive will more than likely save a life.

Research also shows that those who suffered an out of hospital cardiac arrest had a survival rate of 56%. Using a defibrillator and delivering CPR straight away could help increase this figure even more.

Defibrillator machines need to be readily available in case of emergency. This is something I am very passionate about. I live in Nunthorpe Village with my partner and son. Although the population of the village is low, many people walk, cycle and visit to take in the breathtaking scenery, wonderful walkways and area of natural outstanding beauty. For this reason, I am hoping to raise the funds to purchase and install a public use AED - in the village, in case of an emergency.

Can you help us?

Contact Melissa Leonard if you can. melissaleonard14@hotmail.com



Can you help?



Please read the information below:

Did you know that every year UK ambulance services attempt resuscitation in an estimated 30,000 cardiac arrest victims?

Survival rates vary drastically depending on the cause of cardiac arrest and the immediate first aid response the victim receives.

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This is why Nunthorpe Village really need an AED of our own. We need your help to raise our £1000 target to purchase a defibrillator for those who could find themselves in need. Please help us raise further funds.

Scan the QR code using your mobile phone and donate what you can - you never know, it could be you, a family member or friend that needs it in the future.



Thanks - Member of Nunthorpe Village



NUNTHORPE KNITTERS

Thank you to our friends, old and new, who supported our stall at the Jubilee Family Fun Day at Nunthorpe Methodist Church on 3 June.

All proceeds from the stall are going to the Larchfield Community at Hemlington and, thanks to your generosity, we have raised £650 for this local charity.

We donated a poppy wreath for the Royal British Legion Cyclist Branch to take on their ride of The Route of the Unknown Warrior through France and Belgium from 29 May to 5 June.

The wreath was laid at the memorial stone at St Pol, with the assistance of the Town Mayor, before singing the National Anthem and La Marseillaise.



NUNTHORPE 19

AN UPDATE SINCE SPRING 2021 GNN EDITION

The webpage of Middlesbrough Council specifies the commitments made to Nunthorpe, and an update on the Council's evaluation of the state of progress reached by February 2022.

Only one pledge is designated as "Red" - the failure to achieve a land exchange in Nunthorpe Grange, aimed to prevent house-building alongside Guisborough Road adjacent to the Playing Fields Association.

The commitment to submit a planning application for a Community Centre by December 2021 is classified as "Amber", along with "a proportion of the housing in Nunthorpe Grange will be bungalows"; "prohibit access to new housing at Nunthorpe Grange from either Guisborough Road or Stokesley Road"; and "facilitate establishment of a Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan which will incorporate these commitments".

14 of the 19 promises are described as "Green", but in view of the Mayor's response to the recent letter from the Parish Council, it would be interesting to know how much confidence is currently placed by GNN readers in the Council's evaluation of progress.

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



Progress at last!

We have an agreement with Middlesbrough Council that they will supervise the initial work, by an agreed contractor, of making the wood safe for us volunteers to go in and make paths, erect benches, bird boxes, and bird hide etc. Volunteers please continue to come forward and your efforts will be covered by our insurance. We are now members of the Conservation Volunteers and The Woodland Trust. We have a plan provided by a very knowledgeable and capable volunteer, recognised as such by MBC, and his name is Jonathan Pounder and we are very grateful for his support and expertise.

We must now gain a Section 21 notice as the wood is in a conservation area. This order should be a formality as the trees in question are at risk of being dangerous and the wood is owned by the Council. It's a question of dealing with around six trees in a wood with many dozens of trees. This delay (we will get there!) also means that we are at no risk of disturbing nesting birds though we must also check for any sign of bats though preliminary studies indicate this is not an issue.

Please email info@ourgreenways.org or wade.tovey@gmail.com if you wish to volunteer a small amount of time or more!

UPDATE NUNTHORPE TO PINCHINTHORPE CYCLEWAY / PATH ALONG THE OLD RAILWAY.

Many cyclists and walkers from Nunthorpe were very frustrated when Network Rail fenced this off out of concern that to get to the path people were crossing the railway line. As Covid has caused many people to go out walking and cycling more, so there have been people who have got to the old pathway by trespassing on farmers' fields and causing some damage. Behind the scenes there has been work, supported by the TVCA Mayor, to make progress.

Here is a statement from TVCA.

"We are currently in the process of reviewing our options at the western end of the walkway and we will be consulting on our proposals over the summer, once outline designs are available."

Here is a quote from Redcar and Cleveland Council.

"Colleagues at TVCA are just finalising the materials for public consultation which should be held shortly over the summer. Collectively, the Council and TVCA are making progress with developing the scheme with scheduled completion in 2024."

We understand that certain agreements are in place to facilitate this long awaited route which will mean cyclists, and walkers, can use this as part of a green connection between Middlesbrough and Guisborough.

Please email info@ourgreenways.org or ring **Wade Tovey 07976 363553** if you want to help in any way or want to join our mailing list for the occasional newsletter.

NUNTHORPE PRACTICE HISTORY

Some recollections about the history of the Borough Road and Nunthorpe Medical Group provided by Dr Mick Lakeman and Dr Ed Selby as we celebrate the opening of the Practice's New Nunthorpe Surgery.

The Practice was started sometime after WW1 by Dr Lowe (senior) and Dr McCallum. Dr McCallum was a surgeon and there are anecdotes of operations conducted on a kitchen table!

Following WW2 they were joined by Dr Lowe junior and Dr Rowell who was ex-army. Initially they worked from premises somewhere in Canon Park, but later moved to Borough Road, somewhere near the former Jack Hatfield & Sons shop (they were at 39/41 Borough Road). Later the doctors acquired 125, 127 and 129 Borough Road, close to the current surgery, with 125 and 127 used by the Practice and 129 was let as flats. In the late 1980's the ground floor of 129 was added to the surgery. 125 and 127 are now a dental practice.

The new Borough Road Surgery was opened in 2000 following a successful project with an investment business and developer.

As the number of patients from the South of Middlesbrough increased, the Practice realised that it needed a surgery in Nunthorpe, so the front room of a house on Marton Moor Road was rented (somewhere near the station) to conduct surgeries twice a week. It wasn't long before they realised that they needed more space – a building which could be used as a surgery, so 87 Guisborough Road was purchased (formerly a sweet shop).

Soon after the move into the new Borough Road Surgery it was decided to extend the premises to the rear and take over the upper floor which had been a rented flat. Not long after this the Practice realised that it needed still more surgery space in Nunthorpe, so, working with their previous investment and business developer, new sites around Nunthorpe were explored. These included the site where the library had been, a plot next to St Mary's Church Hall, a large plot next to the Brunton Arms, a plot on Ormesby Bank, the field next to Swans Corner which is now housing, and the plot of land to the rear of Spar!

None of these was viable for many different reasons, and for political and funding reasons the concept went quiet for several years. Then, quite recently, through community and council involvement alongside significant interaction between the Practice and the Planning Department, a new Nunthorpe Surgery was recognised as a priority by everyone! Things started happening. A plot of land on Stokesley Road owned by the Council was made available, huge efforts were made to ensure all parties with an interest came together and ultimately gave their support, and the result is the creation of the state-of-the-art facilities which patients and staff can now experience. The building was delivered on time and on budget by the developers and site contractors.

Many individuals made significant personal contributions to the Nunthorpe Surgery Project, developers, financial advisors, architects, builders, politicians, council officers, local community groups and Practice partners and staff. We have chosen not to name you – you know who you are! We will make one exception, and that is Dr Mick Lakeman. He has championed the concept with incredible energy over at least fifteen years. Without his vision and persistence this huge step forward for the community and the Practice might never have happened.

Mike Eccles



PLANTING AROUND NUNTHORPE FOR THE JUBILEE

A number of volunteers came forward and Chris Foggin who led the Nunthorpe in Bloom and community planting, co-ordinated the purchasing and planting of 100's of plants with support from the grant as outlined on page 14 – picture below of Chris Foggin with Michele Walker and Adrian Walker's trailer!



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I send all inkjet cartridges to *Recycle4Charity*, who send the proceeds directly to **The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)**.

If you would like to check the value of your cartridges go to recycle4charity.co.uk and click on **Collect Ink Cartridges** then scroll down to **Wanted List**. Some cartridges do not have a value, but can still be recycled.

Sorry, but I can't take Laser/Toner cartridges.
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Anne Graham

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NUNTHORPE ACADEMY

A year in review...

Where to begin as we reach the end of the academic year and the start of the summer break for our young people and teachers of the community? It's been an absolute whirlwind of a year, and as cliché as it sounds, it's been an amazing breath of fresh air after the bubbled learning that COVID19 caused us all to partake in.

The start of the 2021/2022 academic year filled all those in education with a new found hope that things would finally start to resemble the old 'normal', and despite there being some things that did remain with us from our pandemic lives, they weren't all too bad for both staff and students alike. What has been lovely to welcome back to Nunthorpe Academy, however, has been the extra-special, finishing touches that we all love, know and enjoy partaking in, whilst we live out the day-to-day livelihood of the academy.

Speaking from a personal perspective, the start of this academic year meant that we were final in a position as a department to reignite the spotlights on our well-loved stage, as we put 'Legally Blonde' the musical on to staff, students, friends, and family of the Nunthorpe and wider Nunthorpe community. Selling out across three nights back in May and having started the show with a completely different cast prior to the pandemic, meant that it was not an easy thing to have to try and 're-do', in merely half the time that we all thought we would have. It was an absolute pleasure to direct, seeing the smiling faces of all the local community from the side of the stage as they enjoyed the musical stylings of those from years eight to thirteen in the academy and sixth form.

Additionally, we have also been able to reignite our strong extracurricular scene in PE. A number of matches in football, rounders, netball and cricket across the whole spread of years in the main academy has meant that we are once again defending our records in all fields of sport within schools and academies across the local and wider area. Just looking back over some of the alumni that Nunthorpe Academy has had over the years, and you can see why our students absolutely adore it. Chris Tomlinson and Aimee Wilmott to name but two, it's such an amazing department to have in our local secondary school and one which I am sure will cultivate a number of future sportspeople for years to come. Sticking on the theme of sport, we have also been able to get a number of educational visits up and running, if you'll pardon the pun! Most recently, a group of thirty students from years seven to eleven had the honour of attending the championships at Wimbledon; a once in a lifetime experience for those who are tennis obsessed, or maybe, those who simply enjoy strawberries and cream! It was another exhilarating experience as Nunthorpe academy got to experience four professional, high-octane matches on court number three across the end of the first week of action at the all England tennis club.

It's such a diversity of experience and interests that makes working and attending Nunthorpe, such a delight to be a part of. June each year marks 'Pride Month' for those in the LGBT+ community, and Nunthorpe was once again part of the action. Across a weeks' worth of lessons, staff and students partook in a number of curricular experiences which aimed to promote a shared understanding, love and respect for those who are a part of the LGBT+ community, as we showed solidarity with our fellow colleagues and peers; aiming to show that love is love, no matter where in the world you are. There were cake stalls in aid of Hart Gables, lessons from Technology in the design(s) behind the plethora of Pride flags that we've seen across the world, to Maths lessons which dealt with data surrounding how many young people now identify as being a part of the LGBT+ community. Our academy was adorned with celebratory flags, the library had a make over with key texts from authors of diverse backgrounds; we even were nominated for an award given our celebratory, full acceptance and solidarity of LGBT+ for young people, something which we are all deeply proud of. Whilst such aspects of academy life would always be celebrated, it has been a much-welcomed relief to be able to do it once again 'in person' standing in a room with people wearing masks just doesn't cut it when your as personable as some of our young people at Nunthorpe.

We are all deeply proud of our achievements this academic year, both in and out of the classroom. We can't wait for a well-earned rest but are already looking forward to seeing what the next academic year has in store for us all at the academy.

An extra special mention must go to our year eleven and thirteen students, who have worked so hard on their GCSE and A Level examination. We are proud of you all and cannot wait to be with you in the Summer when you receive your results.

All that's left for me to say is that we wish you all a very warm and relaxed summer break. See you in September!



**Nunthorpe
Academy**

Mr Luke Yale
Sixth Form Tutor / Teacher of Drama



Local Band, Wrong Direction at Jubilee Event lead by Erica



COMMUNITY HISTORY

JONATHAN LEYLAND AND IAN PROCTOR

Figures in Nunthorpe's History

(Part III: William Randolph Innes Hopkins (1827–1920))

Introduction

The name of Hopkins will forever be associated with the Tay Bridge disaster of 1879.



The Tay Bridge (which carried the railway over the River Tay to Dundee) was nearly two miles long and consisted of eighty five spans. The stormy night of Sunday 28th December 1879 brought about the collapse of the bridge, plunging a train and its seventy-five passengers into the waters beneath. There were no survivors.

The first verse of The Tay Bridge Disaster by William McGonagall

Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silv'ry Tay!
Alas! I am very sorry to say
That ninety lives have been taken away
On the last Sabbath day of 1879,
Which will be remember'd for a very long time.



At a subsequent Court of Inquiry the bridge designer Sir Thomas Bouch was made to shoulder the blame together with Hopkins Gilkes & Co. who were accused of grave irregularities at its Wormit foundry on the south of the Tay. The following words are taken from the report:

Had competent persons been appointed to superintend the work...there can be little doubt that the columns would not have been sent out to the bridge with serious defects.

The great object seems to have been to get through the work with as little delay as possible without seeing whether it was properly and carefully executed or not.

Hopkins, Gilkes and Co. were ruined irretrievably and its general manager, William Randolph Innes Hopkins, was bankrupt by 1880.

Bankrupt William tried to auction Grey Towers, but it failed to reach its reserve price.

The Grey Towers connection

William's early life was spent in architecture but by 1850 he was managing his father's fuel plant in Middlesbrough. In 1853 he founded the Teesside Ironworks and later amalgamated it with the company of Edward Gilkes. Thus William was in at the start of the boom of Middlesbrough.

William needed a home commensurate with his life and status. Gothic Grey Towers in Nunthorpe was built between 1865 and 1867. A Victorian architectural journal described it thus:

The building is faced with blue flint stone, from Quarries in the neighbourhood, and the dressings are of a warm yellow local sandstone. The principal staircase is of oak, and the chief rooms on the ground-floor have panelled wood ceilings; that to the main staircase being enriched with curved and moulded ribs, shields, &c. and surmounted by a lantern-light glazed with richly-cut glass. The whole of the building has been carried out in a handsome and substantial manner, and the arrangement for water supply, heating, and ventilation are very complete. There are in all about thirty bed-rooms, including dressing-rooms.

In 1867 and 1868 William was the Mayor of Middlesbrough. Albert Park was opened in 1868 by the Duke of Connaught, Prince Albert's brother: naturally William was chosen to be on hand to entertain the royal visitor.

The man (in his mayoral regalia)



1871 Census

The 1871 Census entry for his Grey Towers estate gives us a picture of William's life and status. William was living there with his second wife Everal and their five children. William's occupation was initially listed as 'Iron Master', but this had been struck through and replaced by 'Land Owner'. Also at Grey Towers were William's sister, a governess, nine servants, a butler and footman.

Thoughts

William Randolph Innes Hopkins: land owner, iron master, mayor, bridge builder, Nunthorpe resident, and he seems also to have been quite a flamboyant character who enjoyed the high life. But from his

position of wealth, prestige and influence, the Tay Bridge disaster laid low his life and fortune.

There is so much more which could be written about William, his father and other relatives; more too could be penned on his business in Middlesbrough; what also about William's later life up to his death in 1920; and I have merely written a few words about Grey Towers. But that is a direction for my reader to choose, should your interest and curiosity have been sparked!

PS Another iron master, Sir Arthur Dorman, lived at Grey Towers from 1895 to 1931.

Jonathan Leyland

SWANS CORNER AND ALSO PICTURES OF HOSPITAL IN GREY TOWERS

Ian Proctor has proved be a very enthusiastic and capable 'detective' and regular visitor to the Cleveland Archives. We are all very grateful for his persistence and imaginative approaches to finding out more about Nunthorpe. He originally focussed on cricket but as you will see he has done a huge amount on Nunthorpe (not all shown here – but look out for more on the website)

(The photographs were found by Ian Proctor in the Cleveland Archives)

Health Services of Middlesbrough.

THE POOLE SANATORIUM, GREY TOWERS, NUNTHORPE.



ALREADY one of the most progressive County Boroughs in caring for the health of its citizens, Middlesbrough is now to add another large institution to its Public Health Services.

Grey Towers, a mansion at Nunthorpe, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, for many years the home of the late Sir Arthur Dorman, K.B.E., J.P., has been purchased by Lieut.-Col. T. Gibson Poole, V.D., J.P., himself an Alderman of the County Borough, and presented to the Corporation, together with 77 acres of surrounding park land.

Although the gift was unconditional, in a letter to Mr. Preston Kitchen, the Town Clerk, Alderman Gibson Poole expressed the wish that Grey Towers should be used as a Sanatorium.



THE POOLE SANATORIUM, GREY TOWERS.



SWAN'S CORNER – A LITTLE HISTORY

(whilst history is being made with a new roundabout!)

Swan's Corner is in Redcar and Cleveland but its name is strongly evocative of Middlesbrough's industrial past. It bears the name of John George Swan of Upsall Hall (born 21st January 1839 at Long Benton, Newcastle) who began his working life in the offices of Lush, Wilson and Bell and moved to Middlesbrough as Manager of Bell Brothers' Port Clarence Works.

He became an 'Ironmaster' with three partners – Captain Newcomen RN, Major Coates and Colonel Henry van Straubenzee – and formed the Cargo Fleet Iron Works in 1864. Beginning production in 1866, it went into liquidation in 1876 but was reformed in 1879 as the Cargo Fleet Iron Company with JG Swan as its Managing Director and his brother Henry FS1 as chairman. In addition to haulage, he also had other industrial financial interests including Ormesby Mine, Liverton Mines, Bearpark Colliery and Mickelton Quarries in County Durham. He was also active in the military volunteers, a county magistrate for Langbaugh North district of the North Riding of Yorkshire, a member of Middlesbrough Conservative Club and of the Tees Amateur Boating Club.

He died in December 1900, aged 61 years and buried in Ormesby churchyard. Among these family two sons and three daughters Miss Lillian Francis Myra Swan (1869 – 1949) became distinguished as an author, artist and local personality. She was one of the original founding members of the Middlesbrough Little Theatre in April 1930.

His son, the son, young William Swann became proprietor of the Fox and Hounds Hotel Slapewath, Guisborough.

Ian Proctor

(Information from the Cleveland Archive through Nunthorpe History Group).

The Nunthorpe History Group website and Facebook pages have been visited many times and has also generated enquiries – see below in letters to the Editor [Blackburn family]

Meeting – the next meeting of the Group will be at the Institute, The Avenue School, Wednesday 7th September at 7pm.

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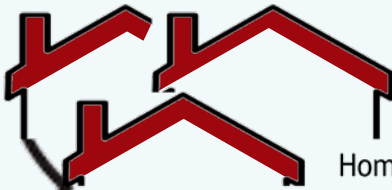


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10 year old Iris McGlynn and her adopted grandmother Brenda Thompson, came to help us with Nunthorpe in Bloom. This work despite Iris just returning from Barcelona where she had cycled to via Hull and Rotterdam, to raise funds for Maggie's Cancer Care .

Amazing achievement!! Well done



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LETTERS & COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR

BLACKBURN FAMILY

My grandfather Walter Blackburn died when I was eight years old and as a widower he lived with our family in Bradford. He would often visit Stokesley, especially for the annual show and spend time with Hannah Stephenson and her husband Edwin in Great Ayton. We believe Hannah was a cousin but unsure whether the connection is paternal or maternal. Before my parents died, we tried to get as much family info as possible, but my father just said he did not know the connection with Stokesley apart from Hannah. My grandfather had obviously not spoken about his early life.

My great grandfather (William Blackburn) died on the same day his daughter Jane; my great aunt was born. My great grandmother died a week later, we think related to childbirth complications. Neighbours were there at both deaths. My maternal great great grandmother was at Jane's birth.

We have no idea who looked after the children on the death of their parents. The 1891 census shows Walter, Harriet, and Jane resident in Stokesley workhouse. Did they go in the workhouse or were they cared for by family or neighbours from 1884 to 1891?

The majority if not all the workhouse records were destroyed in a fire. However, there are archive minutes from the board of trustees, which show that the Master and Matron of the workhouse – George and Hannah Weatherill wished to adopt Jane Blackburn and were given permission for this. They were to leave the workhouse and George became an auctioneer. Hannah died before George and Jane. Jane continued to live with her adoptive father George until her death age 52years. We knew nothing of this great aunt and have no photos or information about her life with her adoptive parents. As male and females were separated in the workhouse then we do not know if our grandfather being so young would have known he had a baby sister. Nobody in our family knew about her.

The Weatherill gravestone in Stokesley cemetery shows Jane buried with her adoptive parents.

The minutes show a request from Harriet to go into Service. Contact with her family show that she settled in Derbyshire.

The 1891 census has Thomas William (15 years) as a groom at Nunthorpe Hall. We presume this would give him lodgings, with a family in a tied cottage. We have a photo of grooms around the time Thomas would have been employed at the Hall, but we have no idea if he is on this. We wondered if my great grandfather was also employed at the hall and that all the family originally lived on the estate.



To find records about schools, Nunthorpe Hall, photos, Stokesley workhouse and all the people involved or connected with our family would be wonderful. We have no idea when my grandfather left the workhouse and would dearly love to find out about his time there and that of his siblings.

Our grandfather married and had three children, the youngest being our late father, Wilfred. Tragedy seems to have been a theme in the family as when my father was five years old, Betsy our grandmother, died of Spanish Flu so our grandfather was tasked with raising his family as a single parent. He did this well, not easy in the war years. His determination to keep his family together certainly paid off.

Our grandfather never spoke a word about his parents or the workhouse. We can only imagine the arduous work he had to endure and lack of parental love. He was a kind, gentle man, and wonderful grandfather who loved to spend time on the land. Did this come from his early years in Stokesley – who knows?

Helen Walker

VOLUNTEERING – LOOKING BACK AND TRYING TO LOOK FORWARD

David Leyland and I have lived in Nunthorpe for over 50 years. We have discussed volunteering many times and have decided to share our views with others through this letter. David has served the community for much longer than Wade (he was serving in the TA for some 28 years). We have served in the Parish and Community Councils for around 34 years and 4 years respectively.

Wade founded our Greenways (with Adrian Walker) some four years ago. Wade never imagined his subsequent intense involvement, whilst David has done so much for so long – NPC, NCC, the Institute, The Grumpy Gardeners, the History Group and from 1979, an active member of the Residents Association that fought for so long for a Parish Council. Wade didn't imagine that volunteering would lead to close involvement in a Nunthorpe Ward Councillor pleading guilty in the Crown Court to misconduct in public office, but that was an event of the past which must be unique.

David and I feel we have also at different times been 'used', patronised and ignored and have been the subject of various unpleasant accusations, including 'being involved in too many things' and having some sort of 'conflict of interest'.

David and I worked closely together with other volunteers and representatives, in the creation of Nunthorpe Vision to develop a practical way of really 'working together' for the future of Nunthorpe as a whole, with a clear hope that a Neighbourhood Plan could be developed to help make the best possible future for our community. Such a plan needs the active support of the Ward Councillors and support from the whole community.

Nunthorpe, it should be remembered, is not of significant concern to the vast majority of Middlesbrough residents and their representatives, and thus it's important for us to work closely together and have the fullest possible support of

our local community. Sadly 'working closely together' has been limited and some residents may be passive or take the fatalistic approach that, even working together, Middlesbrough Council may ignore us, but collectively we have the capacity to change that.

On the positive side there are many who volunteer and make a real contribution, and there is more co-ordination and recognition, and in GNN there is a desire to see all volunteers gain the recognition they deserve – let us all celebrate them doing their bit and gaining personal satisfaction as a result.

Do tell us about your volunteering for the community or join in but also as a reader express your views or make a comment. If residents don't express their views in numbers to our representatives, in time we will have our future decided for us.

Wade Tovey MBE TD and David Leyland

Please write to the Parish Clerk or email clerk@nunthorpepc.org.uk - or the Editor GNN using greaternunthorpenews@gmail.com

[Note: neither David or I will ever stand as Ward Councillors!]

Jubilee Celebrations



The raffle team - Morgan, Anne and John - money raised for the community. Thanks to Martin Lyon, Tesco and others for the prizes.



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