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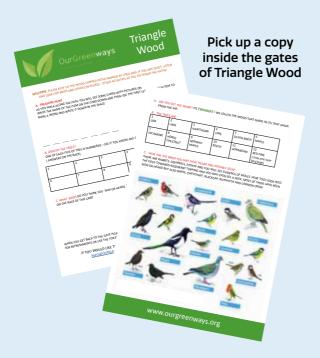
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Triangle Wood

Cover Pictures - thanks to various people for the cover photographs of Mayor Chirs Cooke, and others, at the opening of Triangle Wood. The quote below is typical of those made directly or indirectly through Facebook.

'We went to the opening of the Wood on Saturday – we had a lovely time ... can't believe how much work has gone into it. Told my Mum about it so she went to visit, and she asked me to pass on her thanks to the volunteers. She thinks it's a lovely little haven for local people and has taken my aunt there for a wander too.'



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NUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council has met twice since publication of the Spring edition of Greater Nunthorpe News - on 14th March and 16th May.

ELECTION IMPACT

As a result of the elections held in May 2023, there was considerable change in the composition of the Council, with Ros Davey, Marton Lyon, Mieka Smiles and Wade Tovey **not standing** for re-election. They were replaced by three **new Parish Councillors** – James Hayton, Jon Rathmell and John Shaefer. Russ Lynch, Carol McArdle, Morgan McClintock and Adrian Walker were **re-elected to the Parish Council.**

At the May meeting, Adrian Walker was re-elected as **Parish Council Chair**, and Carol McArdle became the **Vice-Chair**. All Parish Councillors were asked to volunteer for various roles as **Lead Councillors**. It was agreed to ask Wade Tovey to continue to take the lead on the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan and on Greater Nunthorpe News.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Parish Council meeting in March was informed that the **Middlesbrough Council Executive** had concluded that the Stokesley Road site was the preferred location for the Community Centre, but that Middlesbrough's Overview and **Scrutiny Committee** had been asked by some Councillors from Marton and Nunthorpe to review this decision. An update at the Parish Council meeting in May noted that the Scrutiny Committee had referred the decision back to the Executive, which reaffirmed its original decision. The Parish Council was informed that **another challenge** to the Executive's decision had then been lodged with Middlesbrough Council by the Playing Fields Association (NMPFA).

NUNTHORPE DEVELOPMENT

Since the two open days reported in the previous edition of GNN, there have been **consultation events** about the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan at the Ormesby Community Hub and at Nunthorpe Academy. These concluded the activities and the professional input funded by the grant from "Locality". Wade Tovey undertook to seek further **external funding** on behalf of the Parish Council. The May Parish Council agreed to ask all Parish Councillors and Community Council Executive Members to take the **lead on developing strategies** for each of the strands expected to constitute a Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that volunteers had already offered to join these groups to support the Parish Councillors / Community Councillors.

Otherwise no progress was reported relating to the strategic development of Nunthorpe. The **Nunthorpe Vision Group** had not been convened; and **Persimmon** has not yet responded to the request by Middlesbrough's Planning Committee for consultation with local residents.



CONTINUING PARISH PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES

Trees, Grass and Flowers

At both meetings, there were reports on progress towards making safe the "Triangle Wood" at Church Lane – a project undertaken by OurGreenways, funded by a number of agencies including the Parish Council. There was disappointment at the March meeting when Middlesbrough Council announced that it would not replace the dead trees planted behind Whernside. Concern was expressed at the May meeting about grass-cutting in Nunthorpe, which Morgan McClintock undertook to raise with Middlesbrough Council. It was noted that the area around the War Memorial has become overgrown, and it was agreed to present recommendations to the next meeting on the optimum balance between contributions by volunteers and by a landscaping firm. The Parish Council confirmed that funding had been allocated towards Middlesbrough Council's wildflower displays in Nunthorpe; and the Parish Council undertook to liaise with Nunthorpe in Bloom about the replacement of dilapidated tubs.

The Chair informed the Council that investigations are continuing about the authorisation of the removal of a **tree at Mallowdale**. There was animated discussion about the extent to which groups of local children could use the NMPFA grounds and/or the Avenue Park for **informal soccer**.

Public Rights of Way, Bridleways and Waste Management

The Parish Council has been assured that progress remains on course towards the formal recording as a Public Right of Way of the "Green Link" around the site of the former Poole Hospital. The May meeting was assured that the "Train Bin" funded by the Parish and Community Councils would arrive at The Avenue Park before the July meeting. Middlesbrough Council was asked to provide additional bins on Dixons Bank. A community litter-picking event was scheduled for 4th June.

Roads and Footpaths

The Parish Council reaffirmed its stance that proposals for expenditure on traffic projects should be considered in the context of a comprehensive evaluation by all parties of the priority needs across Nunthorpe. The Parish Council was surprised that Clevegate had been selected by Middlesbrough Council as the top Nunthorpe priority for expenditure on **7 road humps**.

Similarly, in the context of the Parish Council's support for "park and stride" as a contribution to resolution of parking problems around schools, Parish Councillors were alarmed that Middlesbrough Council had decided to close the entrance to the car-park at Brunton Arms as part of a project to enhance the pedestrian crossing at the **junction of Stainton Way and Cypress Road**. A request by Middlesbrough Council for the Parish Council to fund plastic "speed buddies" near school entrances was deferred in the absence of evidence that this initiative had support from Nunthorpe's schools. The long-awaited resurfacing work near Nunthorpe Village was welcomed, but the Parish Council noted that there are still too many **potholes** across Nunthorpe.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

received from Middlesbrough Council.

Some recent incidents were reported, and the Parish Council welcomed the growing contribution of the Nunthorpe and Marton **Neighbourhood Watch** in sharing awareness of crime and ASB. Support from **PCSO Ballinger** was also noted, and the Chair undertook to invite him to the next Parish Council meeting.

PLANNING

It was agreed to re-assert the widespread opposition in Nunthorpe to the proposal to construct 8 dwellings in the **conservation area** south west of Grey Towers Farm. The Parish Council was also concerned about a proposal to erect some **exercise equipment** alongside the pathway between The Resolution and the shops at The Avenue. On the other hand, the Parish Council welcomed progress towards resolution of disagreement about charges for residents of **Grey Towers Village**; and supported plans for re-development at **Nunthorpe Hall Farm**.

As usual, there was a considerable number of applications by residents which seemed to raise no concern for our community, but there are a few cases where **enforcement** remains outstanding.

FINANCE

Parish Councillors were pleased that their grant had contributed to the success of the **Coronation celebrations** at Nunthorpe Methodist Church. The March meeting was alerted to the increasing cost of printing and distributing **Greater Nunthorpe News**, but agreed that sponsorship by the Parish Council was worth the expenditure. The draft **Accounts for 2022/23** were approved at the May meeting. It was noted that the **precept** of £22,296 to fund activities during 2023/24 has been

All residents are welcome to join us for the next meeting at Nunthorpe Methodist Church on Tuesday 18th July at 7.00pm.

NUNTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

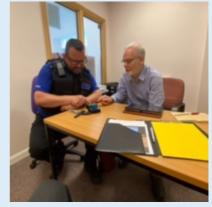
The new Mayor, Chris Cooke, is well aware that Nunthorpe has waited a long time for action in relation to the Community Centre, and has asked his Executive Member for Regeneration, Theo Furness, to take the lead on this. When Nunthorpe's Ward Councillors were invited to a meeting in June, it was clear that Mr Furness had been carefully studying the background. It is hoped that there will be progress before long.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The "Marton and Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Watch Group" continues to go from strength to strength, we currently have some 1.5k Facebook members looking

out for each other and regular meetings with our PCSO, Mark Ballinger our PCSO. He is keen for the Neighbourhood Watch group to be expanded and also is in the process of compiling a newsletter.

He has arranged to go to the Methodists Church Hall coffee morning Tuesdays at 10 on the following days: 18th July, 29th August and 19th September.



Drop by to discuss any issues.

Our main purpose is to create awareness of

Crime and ASB however there have also been successes ranging from a recovered plant trailer in Marton stolen from a building site, an increased security presence at redundant farm buildings to the installation of CCTV cameras at crucial locations.

We are hoping to further strengthen the group by increasing our membership and developing closer working relations with Cleveland Police.

How to report incidents:

To report to Cleveland Police contact 101 or via their on line reporting: www.cleveland.police.uk/ro/report

To report to Middlesbrough Council ASB (this would come to me) asbunit@middlesbrough.gov.uk

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

If the issue is ongoing, please report via phone to **101** and the Street Wardens.

If residents are able to get names of youths involved or photographic evidence that would be great, but please reiterate only to do so without putting themselves at risk.

Cleveland Online Policing App (COPA) is a new way to get in touch with Cleveland Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Here is the link:

https://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/how-can-we-help/copa-cleveland-onlinepolicing-app/



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We are in the process of setting up working groups to address these areas which need to be considered and consulted upon before we draft a Neighbourhood Plan for all of Nunthorpe. We held two all-day drop-in events in the Methodist Church Hall and another at Ormesby Library, with over 100 people dropping in to look at the outline vision, and giving their views and suggestions, all of which we will be developing. We also had considerable online feedback too. We will be holding further events including one at St Marys Church Hall to ensure we gather views and engage as much of the community as possible. When, eventually, we have consulted and have an outline plan the two Councils will conduct a referendum. If you want to contribute on any of the topics below please get in touch with me wade.tovey@gmail.com as I have been asked to lead by the Parish Council.

The Next Generation

In order to obtain the views of young people we met with the School Council (all students) and set up a postcard competition (cards free courtesy of Countyprint – thank you) and here are more details.





Here at Nunthorpe Academy, students have been enjoying learning about The Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan and what it means to them. They've been really engaged in great discussions about what the area needs, what they would like to change and what would encourage them to stay in the area as adults. We then had over 500 entries into a competition to design a postcard showing what they would like Nunthorpe to look like in the future. Students were allowed to draw or write and were encouraged to be creative but realistic!

The finished postcards were fantastic quality and contained some really creative ideas.



Popular suggestions included more sports facilities, a youth club, improved play areas, spaces for nature and more shops and cafes; there were also ideas clearly linked to individuals' passions such as an eco-shop and eco-cafe or an animal sanctuary!

School Council members shortlisted their favourite ten postcards from each of Year 7, 8 and 9; these went to our headteacher Mrs Kell to be judged and The Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan team have kindly provided Amazon vouchers for the top three in each year group.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the school end of year Governors Celebration event on July 17th and after that we can share the winning designs with you all!

Miss K Dixon

Teacher of Life, Form Tutor IKD and AVP (Secondment) Personal Development Nunthorpe Academy

NUNTHORPE CONVERSATIONS

Ward Councillor Morgan McClintock and Parish Council Chair Adrian Walker are available to meet Nunthorpe residents individually between 6.00pm and 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month (other than Bank Holidays) at Nunthorpe Methodist Church.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM

We held our meeting on Saturday 11th March at the Methodist Church Hall and several people attended. Mayor Andy Preston attended and spoke about the community centre and the work that volunteers



were doing in Nunthorpe. He also talked about developments and progress in Middlesbrough with, of course, an election coming up in May. A finance report was presented by Chris Foggin, our Treasurer. Wade Tovey, Chair gave an overview of the work the NCC were doing in conjunction with the Parish Council, especially around the Neighbourhood Plan (NP boards were on display), which he is leading on behalf of all with assistance of consultants after a successful grant from Locality. The future of Community Councils is somewhat in the air as a governance review looked at Parish Councils but has yet to report on the future role for Community Councils. In the meantime, we continue to play a leading part in the delivery of Greater Nunthorpe News with the 10th edition due soon.

Volunteers for the Executive are always sought but, in the meantime, the existing Executive was re-elected. I am grateful for their ongoing support.

Wade Tovey MBE TD

Chair Nunthorpe Community Council

NUNTHORPE AND MARTON KNITTERS

We hope that you all enjoyed our Coronation displays. Thank you to our lovely Poppy Custodians for their help in making Nunthorpe and Marton a brighter place. The Coronation Fun Day hosted by Nunthorpe Methodist Church was a great success, despite the weather, and sharing the hall with a bouncy castle simply added to the happy atmosphere



All the proceeds from our knitting stall are going to the Redcar Lifeboat Station.

Including prior sales and donations, we raised a total of £579.90.

Anne Graham www.facebook.com/ nunthorpeandmartonknitters





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We have been helping Nunthorpe in Bloom with planting and tubs around Nunthorpe and replanted at the GP surgery too.

Our main focus has been **on getting Triangle Wood ready for the opening** by Councillor Chris Cooke the new Mayor of Middlesbrough on Saturday 1st Jul see – cover pictures. We wanted residents to be able to access over the summer.

We have had many volunteers over several weeks and we are grateful to every one of them.

There is more we can do but we have dealt with all the biggest stuff. If you can spare an hour come along on Tuesday nights 7–8 or let us know if you can help in any way at other times. We are so grateful to Robin Evershed and the Plymouth Brethren for the donation of three benches AND their installation (a considerable task!). These are very popular for taking in the wonderful view.

Thanks to the Mayor of Middlesbrough, Chris Cooke for coming this morning to open Triangle Wood. An even bigger thanks to the volunteers who have made this possible, assisted enormously by grants and fund raising (see logos below). We very much appreciated the support of the Parish Council with a grant and very kind words from Adrian Walker the Chair. The Community Council have been partners throughout.

There are many volunteers to thank but these include Chris, Kevin, Pete, Evan, Adam, Anne and John and the Scouts this morning too! Jonathan Pounder and Annabelle provided with a wonderful display of so many interesting items from the natural world and showed us how to build bird and bat boxes (and gave us materials too).

Mike provided information on the birds and some great pictures too - some below.

Children enjoyed the treasure hunt/tree and identifier card (thanks CountyPrint) and we have left these in a waterproof container for visitors.







Above all we hope the community will value and help us to look after this asset.

Last of all - thanks to David Leyland who has been a great support and inspiration for biodiversity for so long in Nunthorpe.

Please keep to the paths - clearly marked and laid with wood chips, and take come care as there are potential trip hazards (as there are in any wood, but here we have growing roots and some moles excavating under the paths in places!) but there are definitely lots of trip hazards if you go off the paths. We want to leave other vegetation undisturbed as there are a variety of birds (see picture below) in there and if you walk quietly, you will hear the variety of calls. In addition, rabbits, squirrels and stoats have all been seen and, in the field beyond, a deer has been seen too so please if you must take a dog into the wood – and we would prefer you not to - please keep the dog on a lead so as not to disturb the precious wildlife. Trees are marked with numbers, and you can take a card (inside the gate) and see a list of types of trees, and a list of birds and a 'treasure hunt'.

The Birds of Triangle Wood in Nunthorpe = Seen, but mostly heard, 23-24 June 2023

Mike Eccles



I spent about an hour on each of the 23rd and 24th June looking for and listening for birds within the boundaries of Triangle Wood, with the hope (and indeed expectation) of photographing them. I was aided in my identification of bird song by the incredible useful Merlin App on my

The images you see on the left were the only birds that I saw that paused long enough for me to grab a snap! But the list of birds that I saw fleetingly or heard was significantly longer!



The list (including those photographed) is as follows: blackbird, chaffinch, greenfinch, wren, robin, blue tit, great tit, chiffchaff, blackcap, nuthatch, treecreeper, wood pigeon, collared dove, carrion crow, magple, and Jackdaw, possible little owl.

Although directionally it was quite easy to work out where the calls were coming from, most seemed to be high in the canopy making it difficult to spot them! The exceptions were the blackbirds, chaffinches and wrens. There were many wrens shooting around between the laurels near the entrance.



The most easily heard were the wrens, chiffchaffs, and blackbirds.

I'm certain that over time there will be more species to identify and enjoy! Do let "Our Greenways" know what you see or hear!



saw one butterfly, a speckled wood. I'm sure that there will be more to see.

Photos not taken in the wood:















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MARTON LIBRARY is 60 years old!

Marton library has turned 60 this month and not many would recognize it from its infancy. However, unlike many of us users, the signs of aging are hardly visible. A recent refurbishment and the commitment and energy of both the staff, the volunteers and the Friends of Marton library have ensured that the library, which also serves Nunthorpe, is still going strong.

The Friends group started in 2012 to rescue the library from cuts, with the purpose of bringing more and more people into the library. This has been successful, offering something for all age groups: toddler play groups, Lego clubs and parties for the young ones, craft sessions and talks for the grown-ups and the wiser generation has been able to enjoy armchair yoga and dementia-friendly activities. There are meeting rooms to rent, computers to



use and printing/photocopying facilities. These are just a few examples, just like the birthday party at the library on Thursday 29th June, well attended by young ones and adults, as well as our new mayor, our local councillors, and staff past and present.

The Friends, the volunteers and the staff are working hard to keep our library relevant, but also as a place where people can meet (without having to buy anything), have a bit of fun and a chat. More information available by contacting us on friendsofmartonlibrary@googlemail.com, on the Facebook page for Friends of Marton library and on the display boards at the library and (soon) at the Nunthorpe doctor's surgery.

Pop in and discover more!



CHURCH MESSAGES

Greetings from Nunthorpe Methodist Church

I write these words in the middle of a heat wave when we are close to the longest day of summer. Unfortunately the weather was not so kind when we held our coronation party back on 6th May. We had lots of people come along in spite of the rain (or perhaps because of it). Our intention was to spill outside for this event, but we were able to squeeze ourselves into the building and I think everyone enjoyed it. Adults particularly enjoyed the afternoon teas, the music and the stalls, while the children were amused by craft activities, face painting and the bouncy castle. We were pleased to be able to host this community event and our thanks must go to all the volunteers from the church and wider community who made it possible.

This summer at Nunthorpe we will continue to have a variety of voices at our Sunday worship and it is our Methodist practice to hear from local (lay) preachers as well as from our ordained ministers. On 9th July we will welcome Tom Ward from Methodist Homes for the Aged Communities to our Church. MHA is a Methodist charity which owns a number of care and nursing homes around the country, but which also has an ongoing outreach within many communities. I will lead the special service and interview Tom about his MHA Communities work on Teeside which he heads up. And we hope to raise some funds for this as well.

All our services are at 11:00am on a Sunday morning (apart from August 6th when we travel to Marton Methodist Church for a special 10:15am service). I hope it goes without saying that we welcome visitors and people who want to try us out. You may also want to try out our weekly coffee mornings as well. These are every week on a Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30am. Why not come along and meet some new people.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer.

With best wishes,

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Celebrating Creation: A New Bee friendly Flowerbed at St Mary's Church

Last year at St Mary's we commemorated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planting a tree in the churchyard as part of the Queen's Green Canopy. This year as the Coronation approached, we decided that it would be good to surround the tree with a bee friendly flowerbed, both as a way to mark the Coronation and as a sign of our commitment to being good stewards of the world that God has created. From small beginnings, the new flowerbed is already welcoming our buzzing friends, the bees.

Our world is a masterpiece of intricate design and breathtaking beauty. From the grandeur of the hills to the delicate petals of a wildflower, every element holds a purpose and contributes to the harmonious balance of life. By nurturing and preserving the natural world, we honour creation and also help to ensure a sustainable future for our children.

Bees are easy to overlook but their work as pollinators is essential. These tiny creatures play a vital role in maintaining the delicate balance of ecosystems by pollinating plants, ensuring the production of fruits, vegetables, and seeds. Our gardens and other green spaces can provide them with space to thrive.

The bee friendly flowerbed is a modest contribution to solving a complex problem, but we hope that as we continue to look at ways in which we can manage the churchyard sustainably it will be the start of something bigger.

Although there's a long way to go, taking small steps to provide space for nature is a part of understanding the intrinsic value of God's creation. It's a way to celebrate the beauty of nature and to take steps to be good stewards of all that we have been given.

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

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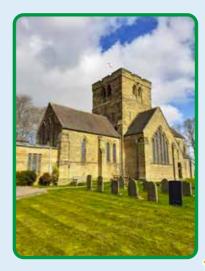
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A Bee visits the new flowerbed The flowerbed with graves in the background



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St Bernadette's Church

Dear Friends

As I write this, we have just completed the season of Eastertide (50 days of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead). The season culminated with the feast of Pentecost last Sunday, which for Christians marks the coming of the Holy Spirit – the life of God given to guide us, sustain us and give us new life. As with many Christian festivals, its roots lie in our Jewish heritage. The feast of Shavuot was celebrated 50 days after the feast of Passover. Shavuot – sometimes called Feast of Weeks – marks the giving of the Torah (the Law of God) – which we often refer to us as the first 5 books of the Bible (the Old Testament). It also marked the gathering in of the winter barley harvest and so was a time of great rejoicing.

I suppose that for us today, we instinctively want to live with as much freedom as possible – the fewer the rules and laws the better! But for the people of Israel the Law of God was regarded as a great blessing – showing them how to live in harmony with God, with each other and with the natural world.

The Christian feast of Pentecost has a similar theme. St Paul often encourages to live "according to the Spirit" or mind of God. At its worst, religion reduces this to a series of rules and regulations, do's and don'ts (more often "don't" rather than "do", it sometimes seems!) A religion or even a society based on rigid rules is something we experience as restrictive – the very opposite of the freedom we cherish. But at its best, Christianity encourages us to live with as much freedom as possible – freedom to be our most authentic selves, my best self. Seen in that way, the Law of Spirit of God is something that liberates us from the pressures of modern society and social media, and from our own personal inner demons and compulsions, so that we can live a genuinely human – a full life, untouched by the pressures of chasing after more and more (money, status, popularity, "likes" and so on).

St Augustine (who lived about 1600 years ago) sums this up best for me when he says that the Christian faith can be summed up simply as: "Love God and do as you will". That might seem like a licence to selfishness, but if our lives are based on love, which always comes from God who is love, then that is the best and only law that any of us need.

This month, some of our children make their First Holy Communion – a great day in their lives and the lives of their families. At its heart, this is a gift of love: God gives himself to them in a special and deeply personal way, in the midst of the Christian community. This gift will nourish and strengthen them to live by the love of God in their future lives, so that they can be people of love and service.

As we look forward to celebrating the light and warmth of the summer months, I hope we might all be able to live lives of genuine love for others, and bask in the love with

which God surrounds each one of us.

God bless you and yours,

Canon John Lumley

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We run these session at, Normanby Methodist Church Mondays 13:00-15:00, Marton Community Centre Wednesdays 13:00-1500 and Fridays at Trinity Methodist church 13:00-15:00.

In addition to this we hold regular one of activities to celebrate occasions such as Christmas, easter and national tea day to name a few. We also organises days out for our members to enjoy and this year we plan on doing day trips to the Emmerdale studios, a day trip to Whitby, a visit to the Hippodrome theatre to see a Matinee performance, a visit to Beamish Museum and Christmas shopping at Dalton Park. Finally we offer a telephone be-friending service.







This Sounds Great how do I or a loved one join

If you or a family member is aged 55 and over and feel like you/they would benefit from our service please contact Tom (Communities Manager) at

tom.ward@mha.org.uk or by phone on 07568 612034 to arrange a free taster session at any of our groups or to talk through what support is available.

The Editor in visiting Marton Community Centre met Mark and some of the people who attend the groups there. We are sure that such groups will be fully supported at the new Community Centre



SCHOOLS

Lights, Camera, Action! Showtime at Nunthorpe Academy

Nunthorpe Academy has a rich history of performance. Students are lucky enough to receive a weekly drama lesson taught by a specialist teacher across years seven to nine, with great uptake at GCSE and alevel study within our fantastic Sixth Form provision. Recently, back in March, staff and students took to the boards in order to produce a three-night run of, 'Little Shop of Horrors' for members of the academy and wider, local community. Seeing what talents, students of all ages and background have, some of whom have never set foot on a stage before: is something truly amazing to see. What makes the history and importance of the subject so palpable, is the buzz that students get, year after year when performing on stage to an audience; some of whom come back and who we, as a department, get the chance to see grow. Most students begin their journey as a part of the ensemble in year eight, before astounding audiences in some musicals principal roles as they travel through the main academy. From Grease to Legally Blonde, Our House and Back to the Eighties, Nunthorpe very much 'flies the flag' in showing the importance that the Arts have in a modern education system. The below is testament from two of our current year twelve students, both of whom played some outstanding roles in our recent production.

"Joining Nunthorpe's production of musicals across our time at the academy, and now Sixth Form, was a decision we will both never regret. It is something that has grown our confidence and expanded our theatrical skills. Everyone is so supportive and makes you feel welcome. Our director, Mr Yale, pushes us to do our best and always makes it his mission to put on a great show – which we do! We are both proud of our achievements and are so grateful for the roles and opportunities we have been given. It is a fun journey in which you make many friends along the way, some of whom you would never expect to meet outside of school, given the year groups that they are in. Family, friends, and teachers are always supportive by coming along to watch every year and have nothing but compliments for our work.

It is a great feeling to be recognised for our hard work and talent that everyone puts into the show. We will always remember the memories we have made along the way and cannot put into words how great it is to be a part of all of this. We are already looking forward to the next production and would love to see as many of the wider community there as possible!"

Jolene & Chloe, Year Twelve Nunthorpe Academy Sixth Form



Avenue School

Exciting time for James Cook Learning Trust

From September 2023 the James Cook Learning Trust will merge with Lingfield Education Trust. After five successful years' operating as a small Trust we have taken the exciting decision to be part of a bigger organisation creating more opportunity for our school communities. The Trust would like to thank all of the Trustees, Governors, staff, children and parents who have supported us on this journey. We would like to give a special mention to Alan Cockerill, who sadly passed away last year. He was the founding Chair of the Trust and also spent a number of years on the Local Governing Body at The Avenue Primary School.

Emma Watson

EHT The Avenue Primary School CEO JCLT





NUNTHORPE HISTORY GROUP

NHG cabinet in GP surgery

The History Group has installed a cabinet (in part using a grant from NPC) and put in a variety of historical items which are hopefully of interest to those visiting, and waiting at the GP surgery. We will change these items form time to time and do let us know if you have any Nunthorpe items of interest to exhibit in the (secure) cabinet on a temporary basis. We are very grateful for the support of the GP Practice.



Wade Tovey for NHG

The History of the Firs Private Preparatory School in Marton Moor Road, Nunthorpe as mentioned in the last GNN.

The school was built in in 1904 and was bought by a Miss Ganderton who turned it into a school for children aged 4 to 11. Nothing much was known of the school up to 1931 when Miss Ganderton decided to retire. The school was then taken over by a Mrs Malyon and she was their till 1950. The school's new principal was a Mr Knaggs and he remained there until the school closed in December 1960.

An email I received from Mettee Clarkson née Skou read that in 1939 when War

broke out, I was a pupil at Newlands Convent School in Middlesbrough. The school was evacuated and as my parents did not wish me to go with the school. I was sent to Mrs Malyon's Preparatory Private School in Nunthorpe. My sister Inger who was 4 years younger than me was already there I was 10 and she was 6. As we lived in Marton it was only a short bus journey to Nunthorpe. In 1940 Mrs Malyon decided to evacuate the whole school to Newbiggin on Lune near Kirby Stephen in Westmorland now Cumbria. The school was installed in an old Manor house called Brownber Hall belonging to a Mrs Gregson. We brought our own beds with us, we all arrived in a large removal van. We were also allowed to bring our bicycles. As far as I can remember that there cannot have been electricity as the rooms had oil lamps.

A Mrs Newton did the cooking, and I am sure the food was good, although I do remember that at tea time we were only allowed 2 slices of bread and butter and 2 slices with jam. We had two very nice teachers a Miss Mason and a Miss Porter, I think they were engaged to Forces personnel at the nearby camps. The first Christmas we put on a pantomime Cinderella. I can remember making a wig out of raffia for one of the ugly sisters who I think was a boy called Brian Baker. Each Sunday we went to church, the Methodist one week, as Mrs Malyon was a staunch Methodist, and the Church of England the next. One Sunday a gentleman from the Band of Hope complete with a Charlie Chaplin film came to the Methodist Church to tell us all about the evils of drink. He asked us to put our hand up if we wished to sign the pledge, sitting next to me was a boy called Freddie Fischbein who had come from Germany to escape from Herr Hitler. He still had a German accent and said in no uncertain terms that he didn't think his father would agree with this. I didn't think my father would either. I am very pleased I didn't put my hand up. After one and a half years I left this school and went on to Castleton School near Kirby Lonsdale.

These are my reminiscences, and a long time has passed so they may not be quite correct.

Another letter from **Shirley Storey née Stubbs**. When I was five I joined my sister Claire at Malyon's school and later my brother, Peter, came too. We lived in the Red House in Church Lane so it was quite a long walk across the fields to get there. Sometimes my sister had one of her asthma attacks and we used to have to help her along. We were very careful crossing Guisborough Road out of the Polo Field but of course there was very little traffic at that time. When I was four my mother arranged for me to get to know Jill Beckwith who was a year older than me and had already started at the school and she became my closest friend and remained so until she died. It was not at all frightening going to school as I knew quite a lot of the children already. I think there were 2 classes and Mrs Malyon was a staunch Methodist and we used to have prayers every day. I remember kneeling on the hard wooden floor where you got an interesting mark on your knee. I remember learning to write with copy books where you formed the letters between several lines so that they were all of a uniform height and were very neat sadly my handwriting later became more careless. My main memories of 1940 were about our time at Newbiggin on Lune near Kirby Stephen where the school was evacuated during the war. The pupils lived in a house called Brownber Hall and we used to walk down to the village every day for lessons. My mother would not be parted from her children so she, and some other mothers, lived in an old house called Tower House nearby. The house became more and more crowded as more mothers came to be near their children. We had some great adventures there, but apparently were not there for long, although I believed until my fifties that we were there for years. Mr and Mrs Malyon had two sons, Keith and Neil, who were about our age and took part in the school events. I left the school when I was nine and went to the Friends School in Great Ayton and my memories of the Malyon's are now not very clear, it was just a happy, healthy and moral place to start one's education.

A letter of resignation to the children from Miss Ganderton and more reminiscences from Janet Smith will feature in the following edition.

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When Was Nunthorpe? (Part I)

It is with some trepidation that I write this article, for although I taught researched and published on historical topics for nearly four decades, I make no claims to be a local historian. Rather, as a resident of Nunthorpe for nearly half a century, what I seek to do with this article is to relate my impressions of the identity of Nunthorpe as I have perceived them through the eyes of a historian.

Moving to Nunthorpe in 1975, the diversity and subtle variations in local accents in the lower Tees valley reinforced in me a sense that the area south of the river Tees had a multiplicity of identities, some overlapping others quite distinct, all the product of its history from medieval times as a part of rural North Yorkshire dramatically transformed from the mid-nineteenth century by closeness to the growth of Middlesbrough as a classic product of the industrial revolution. It was also clear these identities were reinforced and amplified by transient institutions of local government. This fluidity was made clear to me in March 1974 when my letter of appointment to Teesside Polytechnic came from Teesside County Borough, my formal contract came some weeks later from Cleveland County Council, Although living on the same side of the railway line as Nunthorpe Secondary School and Nunthorpe Library, both administered by the Cleveland authority, based in Middlesbrough, all the basic services were provided by a district authority based in Eston called Langbaurgh – a name of such historic obscurity that no-one was ever quite sure how it was pronounced! This is an abiding feature of Nunthorpe, it has never had its identity reflected in a single discreet institutional or local authority unit which covers all of what is popularly known as Nunthorpe.

The absence of an institutional recognition for a Nunthorpe identity are deeply set in its history. For most of its existence Nunthorpe was a small outlying agricultural community, roughly on the site of what is now known as Nunthorpe village, that

has existed at least since the time of the Domesday survey in 1086, with the name Nunthorpe coming into common usage from the twelfth century. The name Nunthorpe relates to the brief presence of a nunnery on or near what is now Nunthorpe Hall.

The alleged notorious behaviour which it is claimed led to the departure of the nuns from the area is, however, a piece of popular historical mythology which has recently been reinforced by a wellcrafted wooden bench on the outskirts of Nunthorpe village, the name of a café at Nunthorpe shops, and some occasional woollen masterpieces displayed at the station crafted by the local knitting club. For most of its existence Nunthorpe saw itself as part of the predominantly agricultural lands focused on the small market town of Stokesley and the village of Ayton. These ties were made more tangible by the fact that the little settlement known as Nunthorpe, on land belonging to largely absentee landowners, was for ecclesiastical purposes part of the parish of Great Ayton. It can safely be assumed that for most of its existence the tiny community of Nunthorpe would have had little contact with the small settlement to its north on the banks of the river Tees called Middlesbrough.

Moving to a house on the Ormesby side of Nunthorpe, I noted that only a few years earlier it had been part of Stokesley rural district council, I also noted that a former police house to the back of our property had a concrete plague announcing that it had belonged to the North Riding Constabulary. It was obviously a property built in the late fifties or early sixties and that it was part of small estate of former council houses and retirement bungalows built by Stokesley Rural District Council. The links with rural north Yorkshire were made even more tangible by the tenant of the retirement bungalow that backed on to our garden, he was retired agricultural worker called John Linton. Already in his eighties, wearing his gabardine mac in all weathers he would tend his crops, growing vegetables and soft fruits he loved nothing better than to chat to us across the small fence that separated his beautiful garden from our ill tended plot. In addition to his unsolicited advice on how we could improve our garden, he told us of his time as a farm worker and how his greatest pleasure was to work with 'osses. More poignant were his memories of the First World War where he served with his brother on the Somme battlefield. By some blessed fluke both brothers survived, both living to a ripe old age. He was almost a caricature of the classic Yorkshireman, good natured but emphatic in his opinions and unafraid to voice them. John Linton was in many ways a living embodiment of pre-industrial Nunthorpe – when it was a tiny agricultural community that looked south to Stokesley and Ayton rather to the north and urban and industrial Teesside.

Richard Lewis







This photo was taken a couple of weeks before the green opened this year. Even in March it was looking in good condition.

NUNTHORPE BOWLS Nunthorpe Bowling Club Update

The club opened again for the summer on 1st April. Quite a lot of work had been done over the close season, including renewing the edge boards along one side of the green. This was a major piece of work that took several weeks in the autumn of 2022, and similar work will be required over the next three winter breaks. A long term project!

We also had the fence renewed that runs alongside the driveway. This fence had been damaged on numerous occasions by cars and vans turning round in the area. It is hoped that having communicated our concerns to the residents of Railway Cottages that they can inform any visitors or delivery drivers to take greater care in the area.

The club is located in a little haven of peace and tranquillity at the end of the Railway Cottages (adjacent to Nunthorpe Station) and in the summer months there is usually something going on there most days.

All the various leagues are now well underway as are the internal club competitions. New members can still apply to join at any time. More information can be found on the website www.nunthorpebowlingclub.co.uk

There are usually sessions for new members and beginners on Saturday mornings at 10.00am

The club held a pie and peas evening back in February at the Nunthorpe Squash Club, and there was also a fish and chip supper and quiz night at Marton Cricket

club on 5th April. All these events are very helpful in raising funds for the club.

We also celebrated the Kings Coronation weekend with a roll-up, social and buffet.

Late bank holiday, Saturday 27th May, Nunthorpe Bowling Club held it's National bowls open day, prompted by Bowls England, which provided banners, fliers, balloons encouraging our general public to come along and try their hand at outdoor bowls.

Throughout that glorious sunny day there were around twenty visitors to our club, giving it their all to clip our little white jack, further up the bowling green, which a few did achieve to their pleasure.

A very successful outcome indeed, 5 new members recruited

There is a full calendar of events shown on the website.

A reminder that there is also a Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100056303276893

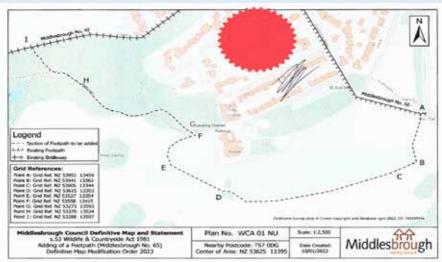
We also distributed a publicity pamphlet to local libraries and selected businesses to demonstrate to people that bowls is for all ages and is a wonderful sport and hobby.

We are always looking for new members, young and old and those that have joined have found it to be very friendly and enjoyable.

Will we see you soon?

UPDATE ON THE DMMO OF THE GREEN LINK

This short statement belies the amount of work and discussion by the Parish Council, and MBC Officers but here is the Definitive Map Marking Order sealed



Train Bin

The train bin that has been mentioned before eventually 'steamed in to Nunthorpe' on Monday 26th June. it looks splendid and its hoped that it will encourage the younger residents (and possibly older ones too) into recycling their waste and indeed it may in that regard be one of, if not the first, in Middlesbrough. It's certainly the first train bin, picking up on the theme of the railway in Nunthorpe, and linking to the Avenue Park for our younger residents. The Parish Council and Community Council contributed with support from ourGreenways. What about a name for the train? Suggestions to clerk@nunthorpepc.org.uk





Blooming!

NPC, Nunthorpe in Bloom, ourGreenways and the GP surgery have all contributed to more planting in Nunthorpe. Some of the older tubs – old oak barrels have fallen apart and may be replaced in due course when funding is available.

However, many residents care for their nearby tubs or bed (Val does many on Guisborough Road) but the key requirement after planting, is watering, at this time of year. Some weeding required before planting. If you see a tub that's a bit careworn and you would be happy to look after it and help us brighten up your neighbourhood, please let us know through Facebook or through any of the contacts at the back of the magazine. (PS We can also look to bulbs in the autumn!)

Picture - Michele Walker and the tubs either side of the bench on Dixons Bank - note the sign!



And the stalwart Brenda Thompson leader of Nunthorpe in Bloom calls time on this tub sadly!

Joint litter pick and planting

A joint litter pick – young and old – with Boro Champions took place on Sunday 4th June in various places on Nunthorpe. Some planting at the Avenue Shops at the same time and just across the road from where the litter pickers got much appreciated refreshments. Thanks to all and well done!

Lots of litter picking and an amusing post on Facebook!







Path/cycle/bridleway Nunthorpe to Pinchinthorpe (and beyond)

I have had two Teams meeting with the member of staff at TVCA who is leading this project and received this statement last week - **Wade Tovey**

There is work progressing on a cycle lane connecting Nunthorpe and Guisborough. Work is ongoing with Network Rail and other stakeholders to identify a route and consultation with the public will begin once the route selection is complete. You may see limited construction work in the area as preparation for this, the work will not affect any access or public right of way.'

Nunthorpe Institute

The James Cook Learning Trust have given notice in writing that the Nunthorpe Institute must vacate the Avenue School premises, used for so long, by 31st August this year. The Trustees, Management Committee, and users of course, are disappointed in this decision and have sent a response. and Management Committee, and the users are clearly disappointed in this and have written a response. There had been a hope that had the new Community Centre been built by now this decision could have been avoided with all users switching to the new Centre. The consortium bid (NPC, NCC and Institute) had hoped it would open in May 2023.

There is still a degree of uncertainty as to whether a community centre will happen at all, let alone its location, but it's clearly too late to avoid this situation, with a considerable amount of property having to be stored somewhere or otherwise disposed of.



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Anne Graham

UPDATE

I have had some wonderful donations - 3kg of copper; a box of old shillings; albums of coins and first day covers - it's amazing what people are storing and are now generously giving to charity. Thank you.

The ink cartridges donated in January and March 2023 raised £38.50, which was sent directly to RNLI by *Recycle4Charity*.

LETTERS & COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR

Alan Tate Walking to Health Group

Editor - I was delighted to meet Alan who co-ordinates a Walking to Health group. This group like others, starts from St Mary's Church car park and of course (one way or another!) goes past Triangle Wood. Walkers are welcome to pop into the wood and these activities fit entirely with the "Promoting green and healthy living in Nunthorpe'. Please contact the Editor if you run such a group and welcome others to join or if you would like to join such a group, or for, one, and we will do all we can to support it.

greaternunthorpenews@gmail.com or ring 07976 363553

Our GP Surgery in Nunthorpe. I have heard of some complaints about service but my wife and I had a positive experience. I did an e-consult (waterworks worries!) and received a call for a 2pm appointment. A short while later my wife did an e-consult (iffy sun damage mark) and got a call for an appointment at 3pm for her but the receptionist was on the ball and rapidly twigged it would be a good thing if we came at the same time at 3.30! Good work! Admittedly we didn't go in at 3.30 exactly but I thought the process was exemplary. Anon

Eric Lancaster writes that his father Ronny Lancaster used to live in Mayfield Road (with his garden edging towards the railway line). Ronny was known as the 'Arthur Daley' of Nunthorpe as he was always able to get eggs and other items for residents, whilst not window cleaning or indeed carrying out his work, on shifts as a steam train driver. Indeed he used to drive the train to Whitby and apparently, on his return trips, he would throw the fish he had bought in Whitby into his garden so his wife could cook it for tea.



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Summer

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WORD BANK

1.	green	9. wood	17. sunshine
2.	greenways	10. pollen	18. community
3.	wrens	11. triangle	19. biodiversity
4.	stoat	12. train	20. squirrel
5.	bees	13. recycle	21. woodchips
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