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STOP PRESS

Latest on the Community Centre

A Middlesbrough Council spokesman said: "Middlesbrough Council's Project Team has received and is reviewing initial concept designs for the proposed new community facility at Nunthorpe.

"Should the design meet expected requirements, officers will then seek expressions of interest from potential management organisations, before seeking approval from the Council's Executive to proceed to the next stage of delivery."

We try to provide full information for the residents of Nunthorpe that is unbiased and non political. It is at times a difficult balancing act. Where there is some doubt or we believe fuller information is required, we have provided a note, and its up to residents to consider these issues themselves. if at anytime you believe we have failed in this role please write to us.

Cover picture courtesy of Pete Spaldin.

Premiump UAV, Shows the wreaths laid at the War Memorial.

Triangle Wood turning into the glow colours of autumn; the field that ourGreenways hopes to adopt in some way; and of course, the magnificent Roseberry Topping



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NUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council has met twice since publication of the Summer edition of Greater Nunthorpe News - on 17th July and 19th September.

NUNTHORPE DEVELOPMENT

The September meeting heard that, just before the May elections, the former Mayor's Executive had confirmed its previous decision that the **Nunthorpe Community Centre** should be located at Stokesley Road. Then the new Executive Member for Regeneration, Theo Furness, stated in August that preliminary design work had begun. However, there had not been any update since then.

An unexpected development was the announcement that Middlesbrough Council is negotiating the sale to the Plymouth Brethren of the part of **Nunthorpe Grange** closest to the Poole roundabout (replacing the Brethren's previous plan to build a Church on Church Lane.)

The Parish Council raised with Middlesbrough Council some unresolved issues relating to **Grey Towers Village**, where the lack of management of the large public green space and of the ponds had drawn attention to the need to clarify the responsibilities of the various developers. Adjacent to Grey Towers Village, alongside Grey Towers Farm, the Parish Council agreed to object to a proposal to build 8 "executive houses" partly in the conservation area. (*The objection was successful at a meeting of the Planning Committee on 12th October*).

As a step towards controlling the future development of Nunthorpe, the Parish Council continued to support a series of consultation events on the core components of the **Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan**.

CONTINUING PARISH PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES

Trees, Grass and Flowers

At both meetings, there were reports about the work of volunteers around the **War Memorial**, where the Parish Council agreed to sponsor a bench, additional bushes and improved signage.

Parish Councillors were pleased that positive public reaction to **Triangle Wood** justified the Parish Council's donation of £1,000 towards this project.

At the July meeting, it was agreed to allocate up to £750 towards the replacement of planters previously acquired by **Nunthorpe in Bloom**.

There was concern about the loss of a willow-tree on **Mallowdale**.

Public Rights of Way, Bridleways, and Waste Management

Councillor McClintock was encouraged to press Middlesbrough Council on the unacceptable deterioration of **waste collection** frequency - both waste from households and from bins in public



areas. Meanwhile the Parish Council purchased a large bin, shaped as a train, to reduce litter at the entrance to the playpark on The Avenue.

The July meeting welcomed the news that, after a campaign of 20 years, the "Green Link" near Grey Towers Park had been formally recorded as a public right of way. The Parish Council agreed not to oppose diversion of a **Public Right of Way** near Nunthorpe Village if two concerns are addressed.

Roads, Footpaths and Buses

The Parish Council was disappointed to be informed that its objection to the scale of the project to re-design the junction at Stainton Way / Cypress Road / Gypsy Lane had been over-ruled – especially when the higher **priorities** of residents, as notified to Parish Councillors, could not be funded. This list includes speed reduction projects, the addition of pedestrian crossings, the filling of pot-holes in roads, and the repair of pavements – particularly the single, narrow footpath on Guisborough Road.

Parking around schools at peak times remains a major problem for Nunthorpe, and the Parish Council undertook to investigate the potential of a "Park and Stride" scheme.

The need for larger signage in **Borrowby Rise** was endorsed.

It was agreed to ask Middlesbrough Council to trim the Council-owned **hedges** which restrict vision when driving away from the Medical Centre, and to ask Council Officers to take up with residents the problems caused for pedestrians by protruding hedges.

Concern was expressed at the July meeting about Arriva's plan to terminate the **bus link** between Nunthorpe Village and the rest of Nunthorpe. By September, this had been resolved, but updated timetables were still not available at bus-stops.

Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

Although Cleveland Police and the Council's Neighbourhood Safety Officer continue to report relatively low levels of reported crime and instances of ASB, the Parish Council asked the PCSO to follow-up **specific concerns** about activities at The Avenue Playpark and behind Marton Moor Road.

Membership of the Nunthorpe and Marton **Neighbourhood Watch** was encouraged.

The Parish Council was concerned about the sleep of residents at High Gill being disturbed by persistent dog-barking.

PLANNING

The Parish Council continued to press for amendments to the proposal to add additional **equipment at The Avenue Playpark**, resulting in the Planning Committee twice deferring a decision on this.

LIAISON with the NUNTHORPE and MARTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

At both meetings, the Parish Council discussed barriers to the development of a more constructive **relationship with the NMPFA**, which deteriorated when the Association twice rejected the Parish Council's request to invite the Parish Council's Chair to attend meetings of the NMPFA as a representative of the Nunthorpe community.

Concern was expressed by residents about community access to the NMPFA grounds for **informal football** even when groups are accompanied by an adult. (Public access had ended when some anti-social behaviour resulted in the only gate to the playing fields being locked).

The NMPFA drew attention to its proposal for the football pitches on **land currently leased** from Middlesbrough Council to be permanently transferred to the ownership of the PFA.

All residents are welcome to join us for the next meeting at Nunthorpe Methodist Church on Tuesday 16th January at 7.00pm.

The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) is conducting an Electoral Review for the Middlesbrough area.

An Electoral Review considers the electoral arrangements for a local authority, namely the number of councillors, number of wards, boundaries between wards, names of each ward, and the number of councillors elected to each ward.

Phase one of the review considers councillor numbers, and in line with the process, information about Middlesbrough has been shared with the LGBC for them to consider, along with a joint proposal on numbers on behalf of members and officers of Middlesbrough Council.

Phase two considers warding arrangements and the community will have the opportunity to tell the LGBC their views about how wards should be arranged. Consultation in regards to phase two will take place from December 2023 to March 2024.

A consultation event was held on 23rd November but there are more to come.

GNN costs have gone up and its increasingly difficult to get advertisers, with some hard to get payments, at least prompt, payments from. If the magazine is important to the community, especially those who do not use social media, then we need another fund raising model with larger grants from NPC and NCC, and perhaps a monthly draw in aid of the magazine. What are your views on the latter?

NUNTHORPE AND MARTON KNITTERS

You may have noticed – how could you not, a wonderful display of knitted poppies in so many different places! Dozens of volunteers led by Brenda Thompson, have raised funds to pay for the wool, spent hundreds of hours knitting and got many community volunteers to put them out on display. Here are just a few!

Anne Graham

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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

The newly renovated area around the World War 1 War Memorial and the two new benches made a splendid backdrop to a very well attended Remembrance Day Service.



One bench is a replacement by Ivy Blackburn of an earlier wooden memorial bench her family had also donated. The second bench is donated by the Parish Council.



The Harrison Bench

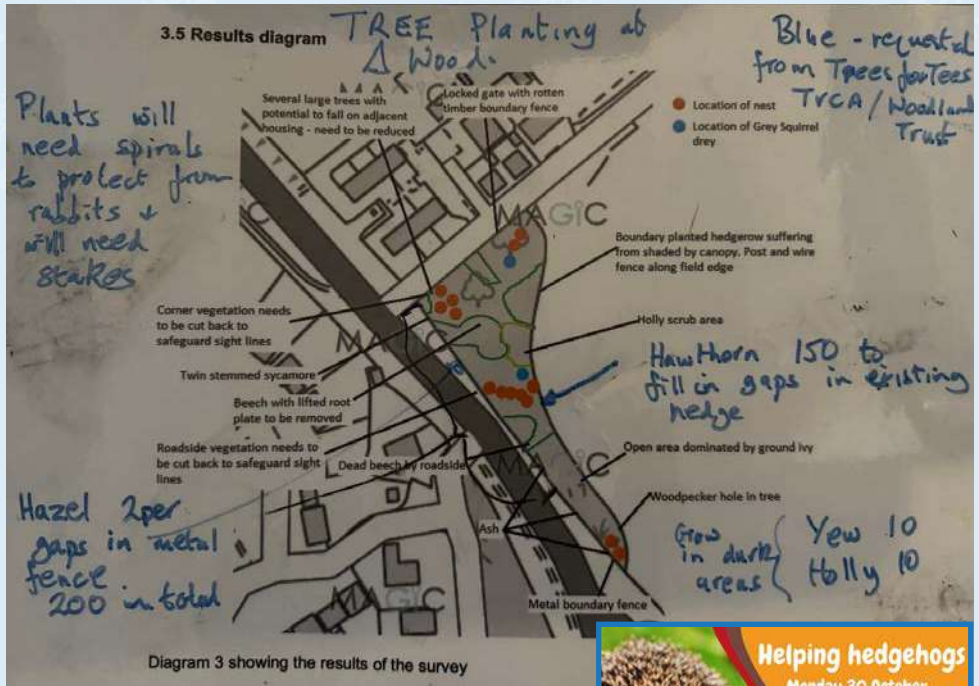
Councillor Morgan McClintock recalled how Parish Councillors were shocked and saddened when their colleague John Harrison died in office, and agreed to sponsor a bench in his memory. Then when John's wife Pauline also died, Morgan says that the location for a bench chose itself because both John and Pauline were among the team of volunteers who tended the area around our War Memorial.





TRIANGLE WOOD – Our marvellous volunteers have been working in the wood every week and it's made a difference! We have been layering or 'plashing' the hawthorn hedge and are due to get hundreds of whips to plant in the coming weeks. We are very grateful to the team from Tees for Trees (TVCA in partnership with the Woodland Trust) who came to visit and we spent two hours in the wood and adjacent field. We are working with them and Tees Valley Nature Partnership to make the field accessible with some careful planting too, preserving the marvellous view.

We ask that any volunteers come forward even if only to spend half an hour and plant a few – it will really enhance the wood and cut down traffic noise, and, is good for the environment and biodiversity. We are also looking to plant some bulbs with our friends Nunthorpe in Bloom – **can you help with a tub near you?**



With the help of Sue Antrobus from Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, we held a Helping Hedgehogs event in the wood. It was popular and adults as well as children enjoyed the various activities learning along the way, all sorts of things about hedgehogs they didn't know before!



Helping hedgehogs

Monday 30 October
10 am - noon
Triangle Wood, Nunthorpe,
Middlesbrough

Hedgehog themed ramble,
Create your own model
hedgehog,
Tips for making your garden
hedgehog friendly,
Fun hedgehog themed games.

Suitable for all ages (you don't need
children to enjoy). Meet at the
entrance to the wood, Church Lane,
Nunthorpe SS7 0NF.




Wildflowers on our doorstep

This summer a small experimental wildflower bed has been sown in the grass opposite the Avenue Shops, an area where three old rotten wooden tubs were in desperate need of replacement. A small group of us took the opportunity to plant the tub soil with indigenous wild flowers: these are different from Middlesbrough Council wildflower beds which contain a greater variety species from across the world.

The experimental bed is much more attractive to mini-beasts, butterflies, spiders, caterpillars and such like, these in turn providing natural food for the birds. The photograph shows Ann and John Graham working on the bed which requires little maintenance over the year. It is hoped to replicate this approach in other similar sites.



Nunthorpe has many other tubs traditionally filled with bedding out plants, but these always require watering and general upkeep-labour intensive activities throughout the season.

David Leyland

See NCC below for our joint event at Halloween– a Spooky Walk in Triangle Wood

Wade Tovey

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NUNTHORPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



The Executive is now effectively down to three members. We need more volunteers please. We had to go through a process with the Council – thank you Tom Bailey for your help – and as a result the Council has given us the annual grant of £750 much of which is committed to GNN and helped with the event below.

We held a joint event with ourGreenways in Triangle Wood – A Spooky Walk . It was a great success with families queuing to get in and over 120 people walking through the wood – see photos below.



Every child got a goody bag and everyone got a an iced cookie. And the offer of some Zombie Brain Crunch (cinder toffee with chocolate) – those who tried it liked it! We also collected a over £70 in donations and it would have been more if we'd had a card reader – a sign of the times!



We contributed to the Train Bin at the Avenue Park, because like OGW, we are committed to reducing litter and recycling . Boro Champs have been collecting the cans and have converted them into over £200 for a local charity.

Please take your aluminium cans there, especially if you pop to the Avenue shops.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In order to share first thoughts with the community, there were three drop in events, the first two in the Methodist Church Hall and the third at Ormesby Community Centre, followed by five working groups on Monday nights at 7.30pm for an hour in the Methodist Church Hall.

Obviously all mentioned below have received e-mails, results of surveys, a link to more documents, and the results of surveys and a summary of the postcard competition at the Academy. Residents may be interested in the contributions made to date by their representatives.

Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan and contributions to date

Reps	Current Elected Role	Drop in 1	Drop in 2	Drop in 3	WG 1	WG 2	WG 3	WG 4	WG 5	Email comment
Adrian Walker	Chair NPC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carol McCardle	Vice Chair NPC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jon Rathmell	Parish Councillor									
John Shaefer	Parish Councillor									
James Hayton	Parish Councillor				✓					✓
Russ Lynch	Parish Councillor	✓	✓					✓		✓
Morgan McClintock	Ward Councillor/ NPC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apol	✓	✓
Mieka Smiles	Ward Councillor									
Carole Morgan	Ward Councillor		✓			Covid				✓
Wade Tovey	Chair NCC/OGW	✓	✓	✓	Covid	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chris Foggin	NCC Exe	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
David Leyland	NCC Exec	✓	✓		✓					✓

I have been asked to point out that some of the above have had illnesses, bereavements and holidays and that one person is helping with the protection of green spaces in Mandale and Coulby Newham.

The working groups have achieved a great deal and I wish to thank, on your behalf, their efforts in chairing meetings and writing them up afterwards. I intend to provide readers with a link to a summary of the work to date. Look out for this on Facebook (Nunthorpe Vision, NPC, NCC) and the NPC website.

Pictured below are the people who have chaired the meetings. Left to right - Ward Councillor Morgan McClintock, Wade Tovey NP Lead, NCC and OGW, Carol McArdle Vice Chair NPC and Adrian Walker, Chair NPC.



I am in the process of making a further grant application to Locality and am in touch with Katie Atkinson, a specialist consultant who helped with the Marton West NP, and in many other places.

Wade Tovey MBE TD MSc

BOROUGH ROAD AND NUNTHORPE MEDICAL GROUP

Website www.boroughroadandnunthorpe.nhs.uk and in paper form from both surgeries. There is a lot of information to share therefore best to direct anyone that is interested appropriately rather than include too much information here.

A helpful reminder to patients, it is really important to let the surgery know about any changes to your contact details. The easiest way to do this is to complete the 'Update your personal details' form available from the front page of the practice website Homepage - Borough Road & Nunthorpe Medical Group (boroughroadandnunthorpe.nhs.uk) or if you prefer come into surgery to speak to a member of our admin team.

Having mentioned in the last edition of GNN an issue dog waste being left in the outdoor bin store, someone has broken the wooden slats around the bin store three times - very disappointing.



PROPOSED NEW PHARMACY

PLANNING APPLICATION IS LOCATED HERE



<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/middlesbrough/application-details/38783>



The Pharmacy was proposed when the GP Surgery was being planned. An operator has put in a planning application as above. The Pharmacy will provide the opportunity to collect prescriptions (though they will need time to prepare them!) and to seek advice for minor ailments. **WJT**

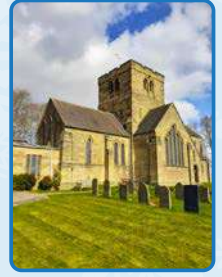
THE NUNTHORPE INSTITUTE

The Nunthorpe Insitute was founded as a charity on November 1941, using a World War One wooden hut located on Connaught Road. Sadly it burnt down in 1996 and the Insitute was allowed to relocate to use redundant space in The Avenue School which needed more space, especially when it turned into an academy.

The academy gave notice this Summer, the limited users were notified and all furniture was put into storage with the assistance of the Trustees and the Scouts. The furniture and equipment will be used when the new Community Centre is built.

CHURCH MESSAGES

Greetings from St Mary's



It isn't always easy to find ourselves having to wait. We may find that we're on hold trying to get through to a vital service, waiting for medical treatment or waiting for news of someone we love. It's hard to be patient when life is so busy and having to wait can lead to feelings of unease or anxiety.

Perhaps it's to help those of us who find it hard to be patient that the church has a whole season dedicated to watching and waiting. The season of Advent, which begins on Sunday 3rd December, is all about waiting for Jesus to arrive – as if for the first time. In a dark time of the year, it's a season of waiting for the light to dawn, for the child to be born and for a new way of life to become possible.

As the days grow shorter and the darkness grows, we light the Advent candles in church each week to remind ourselves of those who've gone before us– of the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary. As we light the candles, so we're reminded that we do not face the darkness alone but that the light of the world is coming, shining in the darkness to light up our lives and lead us on not in fear but with courage and joy.

You are very welcome to join us for this year's Advent and Christmas services at St Mary's.

Sunday 10th December Christingle – 4pm – Church

Join us to experience the magic of the Christingle service with candles, oranges, sweets and excited children! The collection from this service goes to support the Children's Society which works with children in need.

Sunday 17th December 5:30pm Carol Service – Church

This service offers the chance to hear the Christmas story unfold through readings and carols.

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve 5.30pm Crib Service – Church

This service tells the Christmas story in a way that appeals to all ages with plenty of traditional Christmas carols. Children are very welcome to dress up as one of the characters from the Christmas story.

9pm Midnight Mass – Church

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

Christmas Day 10am Family Eucharist with Carols

Our Christmas Day service offers another chance to celebrate the good news of the Christ child together.

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

May God bless you through Advent and may the joy of the Christ Child be with you and all those whom you love this Christmas.

St Bernadette's Church

Dear Friends

As I write autumn is well and truly settling in and the summer holidays seem like a distant memory. We're just on the cusp of November... dark nights, Halloween and then, for us, All Hallows (All Saints) followed by All Souls.

I love those two feasts. As Catholics, we celebrate the famous saints on various feast days throughout the year. But on 1st November, All Saints Day, we celebrate all the little saints – the unknowns, the people whose ordinary lives have put flesh and blood on God's love for humanity in some way. I like to think that I've know some of those unknown, uncelebrated saints in my own life – ordinary people, doing small things with great love and faithfulness: mothers and fathers, nurses and doctors, married people and single, teachers and even the odd priest or two. Nothing to get them mentioned in the press, or even to get them noticed by official Church authorities, just ordinary, good people, trying their best with God's help to make the world a better place.

And the next day, we have All Souls when we remember our own loved ones who have died, the people who have helped us... even the people who we disliked, or worse... We pray for people we have never met... we remember the Fallen, and those who have no one else to pray for them. Why do we do it? We do it because we believe that when we die, it takes some adjustment to get used to living in the presence of God. Faced with the sheer goodness and love of God when we die, we become aware of our own shortcomings and we need a 'time' or process to get used to this. Just as when we leave a darkened room and go out into the sunlight, we are temporarily blinded by the light – our eyes need to get accustomed to the brightness. We believe that our prayers for those who have died draws down God's mercy on the departed, to help them make that transition. We pray for them, they pray for us. Our funeral service says this: *"we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout life, do not unravel at death."* We are still connected though our remembrance, through our prayers, through those bonds of love.



This November, I hope that you too are able to feel that connection with those you have loved who have died. Maybe say a prayer for them, light a candle, visit their grave... give thanks for their life. And I pray too that you may get a glimpse of many present day "saints" in your own life – people of kindness, compassion and love – people who show you what it means to be authentically human.

God bless you and yours,

Canon John Lumley

Parish Priest of
St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe.



Greetings from Nunthorpe Methodist Church

Advent and Christmas greetings from Nunthorpe Methodist Church

This Christmas our Church at Nunthorpe will be telling a very familiar story about the hope and the reality of Christmas. The hard reality centres on a cruel Emperor imposing taxation on his people and demanding a census to be taken of an entire population. An unmarried pregnant teenager travels to her place of registration only to find there are no beds. She gives birth to a boy in the straw where the animals live. And then she has to flee persecution with her child and become a refugee in a foreign land. This is a two thousand year old story with a contemporary ring to it and it is a tale earthed in the reality of human life.

However, in that desperate story there is also hope. It is the hope that in the birth of the baby, God has come. It seems fantastical that God should choose to reveal himself to the world in the vulnerability of a baby. It seems a stupid idea, totally at odds with the values of the cruel world in which we live. And yet it is precisely because that hope was born in the midst of a cruel world that it endures to this day and sustains countless millions around the world. God is with us. This is the Christmas message and the hope that we carry around in our hearts.

Why not join with us at Nunthorpe Methodist in this Christmas season and hear that story afresh. We have a Christmas fair on November 25th from 10:00am and services on a Sunday at 11:00am throughout Advent. On Christmas Eve we have a special joint service at 10:15am at Marton Methodist, and then at 6:30pm on Christmas eve we will gather to sing carols and hear the Christmas story again in the open air on the grass outside our church at Nunthorpe. Finally, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world on Christmas day itself with a service at 9:30am.

You are welcome to come to any of these services and events and explore the meaning of Christmas with us.

May the love and peace of Christ be with you in this Christmas season

With best wishes,

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Old mobile phones go to **The Dogs' Trust**.

Anne Graham

UPDATE

The local agent for RNIB has told me that he has recently sold donations of foreign coins and notes for over £260. A good proportion of these were donated by readers of Greater Nunthorpe News - thank you!

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A Programme

Introduction

First, a quick quiz!

Question One

What happened on Saturday, 6th May 2023?

You are quite correct if you answered 'The Coronation of Charles III': well done!

Question Two

What happened on Thursday, 22nd June 1911?

You are quite correct if you answered 'The Coronation of George V': very well done!

1911 Programme

I recently acquired a programme/booklet listing what was to happen in 'Nunthorpe, Morton & Upsall' to celebrate this event.

Cover



Below the date details of June 22nd 1911 and photographs of King George V and Queen Mary, there are pictures of Guisborough Road and Roseberry Topping.

Announcement



Transcription

It having been decided at a public meeting that the inhabitants of Nunthorpe, Morton and Upsall join to celebrate the Coronation of King George V., the festivities arranged will take place on SATURDAY, the 24th JUNE 1911 on the Cricket Field at Grey Towers, commencing at 2.30 p.m., and ALL RESIDENTS of the above-named places are cordially invited to attend the same. The gardens and grounds at Grey Towers will be open during the afternoon and evening.

Programme of Festivities

No real surprise to read of Maypole Dancing, Sports and Teas, a Presentation of Prizes and also Mugs to All Children under 14 years of age, rounded off in the evening with Dancing.

I had thought to look up 'Pierrot Entertainments'! A concert party/group of entertainers.

Programme	
Maypole Dance	2.30
Children's Sports	3.0
Children's Tea	4.30
Adults' Tea	5.30
Pierrot Entertainments	4.45 and 5.45
Presentation of Prizes, and of Mugs to ALL Children under 14 years of age by Mrs. Dorman	7.0
Dancing	7.30 to 8.45

The Band of the Boys' Industrial School Linthorpe, will be in attendance.

Mrs Dorman was the wife of Arthur Dorman, the industrialist and the owner of Grey Towers.

The Band was provided by the Boys' Industrial School, Linthorpe. There is not space here to digress but the following link has more information on the School and its Band: [Middlesbrough Industrial School for Boys, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, North Riding of Yorkshire \(childrenshomes.org.uk\)](http://Middlesbrough Industrial School for Boys, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, North Riding of Yorkshire (childrenshomes.org.uk))

Final thought

A long shot, I know, but do any readers have any other information on this event?

When was Nunthorpe? (Part II)

In his chapter on Middlesbrough, in probably his best-known work *Victorian Cities*, the distinguished historian Asa Briggs, notes that in the later Victorian era a significant number of the leading iron masters, who had created industrial Teesside, moved out of central Middlesbrough to sumptuous residences in the Marton and Nunthorpe areas. These included Henry Bolckow at Marton Hall, John Vaughan at Gunnergate Hall, Isaac Wilson at Nunthorpe Hall, George Swan at Upsall Hall and W.K Hopkins at a newly built Grey Towers.

By the end of the nineteenth century Nunthorpe had changed from a tiny North Yorkshire agricultural community on the outskirts of Stokesley and Great Ayton, to the site of a number of well-appointed residences belonging to very wealthy industrialist owners all seeking to emulate the lifestyle of the landed elite. However, the most tangible intrusion of industrial Teesside into the rural community of Nunthorpe was the building of the Middlesbrough to Guisborough railway in the early 1850s.

As a Nunthorpe resident I often wondered why the railway was built nearly a mile to the north of the old village. I soon became aware that the line was created initially to move iron ore from the Guisborough area to the smelters on the banks of the Tees. The creation of a halt and then a station on the current site was essentially a by-product of that prime purpose. The long term consequences were, of course, to shift the centre of gravity within the Nunthorpe community away from the original Nunthorpe village and towards the area around the railway station. This was not a sudden or dramatic process, during the Edwardian era and into the inter-war years the area around the station, on land by then owned by Sir Arthur Dorman, the head of the iron and steel companies that built the Tyne and Sydney Harbour bridges, was developed piecemeal. Gradually a range of large terraced, semi-detached and detached houses were constructed. Occupied by senior managers, businessmen and professional employees, who could now commute from central Middlesbrough to the still fairly rural community of Nunthorpe, the identity of Nunthorpe as an upmarket suburb of Middlesbrough became established.

My own interest in these developments emerged when we purchased our present home, which, I noted from the deeds, was built on land sold for housing by Sir Arthur Dorman in the mid-1920s. In a small network of streets – in easy walking distance to the station – named after royal dukes such Connaught, Clarence and Bedford, evidence, I would argue, of the way that the aspirations of middle class homeowners were to an extent shaped by the lifestyles of wealthy landed elites.

The first owner of my own house was the postmaster for Middlesbrough. A later owner in the late 1950s was a senior ICI executive who was to earn a certain celebrity status as one of the first 'reality' TV stars in the 1990s, namely 'Troubleshooter' and business guru (Sir) John Harvey Jones. Subsequent owners and neighbours of the property all fitted in to the managerial, business and professional types that would one would expect to have resided in Nunthorpe in the first half of the twentieth century.

However, as a historian, I was delighted to discover that there was an interesting exception to this pattern. The first owner of a property on Connaught Road that borders on my own was Marion Coates Hansen, a leading feminist, women's suffrage and political activist. Born into the wealthy Coates family, who ran a coal exporting business in Middlesbrough, Marion married Frederick Hansen also a wealthy businessman. The Coates and Hansen families belonged to a group of middle class radicals and socialists who resided in the Linthorpe area and who collaborated with local trade unionists to increase the political representation of Middlesbrough working people in local and national politics. In the 1900s Marion is credited with persuading the leadership of the embryonic Labour Party to adopt votes for women as a key policy objective, not a mean feat when it is remembered that prior to 1918 not all adult males had the vote. Marion remained active on the most radical wing of the female suffrage movement until, following the introduction of votes for women, in 1919 she and her sister-in-law Alice Coates, became the first females elected to Middlesbrough borough council. Moving to Nunthorpe in the 1920s Marion remained active in local politics during the inter-war years. A major figure in the women's suffrage movement, she certainly deserves to be remembered as famous resident of Nunthorpe.



Richard Lewis

Malyon School – letter from a former pupil – follow up to Ian Proctor's article

My twin sister and I attended the Firs School from early 1959 until it closed in December 1960. It may only have been a small school in a converted private house but we nonetheless had a school uniform. A Photograph taken of us on the very first day, shows us in our winter uniform and a later one in our summer uniform. The teacher who taught us to read was the wonderfully named Miss Sheergold. There is a picture taken on the annual Sports Day which was held on the sports field used for polo. I cant remember all the races but there was definitely an egg and spoon race.

The Firs was run by Mr and Mrs Knaggs. As headmaster, Mr Knaggs always wore a black gown which was, of course very intimidating to a 5 year old . Despite his elevated office, he was widely known as daddy Knaggs. Discipline was strict, boys were liable to be caned, ie, for climbing trees in the playground for instance, while girls were subject to the slipper. I remember a couple of boys being very publicly punished, one wept buckets and the other refused to shed a single tear. Corporal punishment was the norm.

Very early on we had a class in which the girls were taught with about six stitches on the needle while the boys made folders out of off-cuts of wallpaper that seemed much more fun to me and I duly dropped several of my stitches.

We all had weekly elocution lessons weekly with a Mr Pennock. One of his tongue twisters was red lorry, yellow lorry, and another more complicated one was Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper, where's the peck of pickled pepper Peter Piper picked? Pupils were allowed to go

home for lunch or have a cooked meal at the school, once we discovered that the Monday menu consisted of spam, baked beans, and mashed potatoes we begged to be allowed to stay. When our older sister, Valerie, was at the school, 1949-1955, one of the senior members of staff was called Mrs Joy. She must have had a gift for teaching because she was regarded, by Valerie at least, as the oracle in all things. Whatever our parents said, they were always gainsaid with the words, but Mrs Joy says.....

When Mr and Mrs Knaggs announced that the school would be closing, my parents were very annoyed as we had only just started education.

They then sent us to Kemplah House in Guisborough where as it turned out there were higher educational standards – and no public beatings.

Janet Smith

Facilities in Nunthorpe – some sadly gone- and thankfully some remain!

Nunthorpe Playing Fields, occupying a 4-acre site [1.619 hectares] on Guisborough Road, have been leased since January, 1980 by Middlesbrough Borough Council to the Nunthorpe and Marton Playing Fields Association. The facility provides for tennis courts, cricket, football and other sporting activities.

Shortly after the Second World War, a wooden bowls pavilion was built to plans approved in 1947, on the bowling green near the railway line. In December 1968, Teesside County Borough Council adopted a 5 year plan for domestic smoke control under powers conferred on them by Section 11 of the Clean Air Act 1956. Action was accordingly taken to implement fully embracing measures in this aspect of environmental improvement. These included the Teesside No 4] Marton, Nunthorpe and Ormesby Smoke Control Order which came into operation on 1st June 1971.

Certain other environmental issues are covered by a number of Tree Preservation Orders, and the designation of a Nunthorpe Conservation Area in 1975.

Nunthorpe Library, at the corner of Guisborough Road and the Crescent, was officially opened on Friday, 18th November 1966, by Miss Lorna V. Paulin, President of the Library Association and County Librarian of Hertfordshire. At a cost of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Pounds, it replaced a single room in the Institute, Connaught Road, which had served for library purposes since 1960. The Chairman of the North Riding County Council, and the North Riding Committee Chairman attended the ceremony. Successfully operated by Cleveland County Council from 1974 until 1996, the Nunthorpe Library transferred to the Unitary Authority of Redcar and Cleveland who took the decision to close the facility for reasons based on an alleged low usage.

As most of Nunthorpe lies within Middlesbrough, the majority of its users were from that borough indicating a small usage on Redcar and Cleveland records. In the face of total opposition from the whole community, including local ward Councillors and the Labour Member of Parliament, Dr. Ashok Kumar, the Council

closed Nunthorpe Library on Tuesday 30th March, 1999. Its stock of 12,500 books was distributed among other libraries in the borough. The building today survives as a day nursery.

A garage that served local motorists on a nearby on Guisborough Road, adjacent to the level crossing, Nunthorpe Garages Ltd, with four pumps had plans submitted by Kitching and Archibald and was approved by Middlesbrough Rural District Council on 11th April 1929. When did it close?

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SPORTS

Nunthorpe & Marton Playing Fields Association (NMPFA)

Hello, and welcome to the first contribution to Greater Nunthorpe News from the NMPFA. May I start by sharing with you an extract from the 1965 'forming document' which formed the basis of the conveyance of the land managed by NMPFA, this forms part of the current constitution and will form part of the constitution when the management of the NMPFA changes to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

'To promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former parishes of Nunthorpe, Marton and that part of Ormesby within a radius of three quarters of a mile of Nunthorpe Railway Station, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.'

The purpose of sharing this with you is merely to convey some context relating to the principals of the purpose and management of the NMPFA.

The club and the land associated with it currently play host to a number of sporting facilities, there is a successful squash section with 4 courts and Gym and Sauna facilities, which participates in a number of leagues, has a junior section and provides coaching to new and existing players. The external 'playing fields' area is used primarily for football and c20 teams of all ages participate in several local leagues, the facility is managed by Coulby Newham Junior Football Club.

There are four tennis courts in reasonably good condition and three that are less well maintained, the Tennis section make use of this facility, however the NMPFA is currently reviewing it's options and considering opening up the courts on a 'pay to play basis'.

North York Moors Athletic Club are based at the club and meet for training sessions here on a Thursday at 6:30pm. The 'Running' Section caters for the needs of Road, Fell and Cross Country runners.

The recreation club offers bar facilities for members and hosts a number of regular events, including a monthly quiz, Christmas related activities and an annual firework display. The club house also plays host to a variety of private functions and, as such, can be hired in whole or in part.

I'd like to sum up by seeking to address two concerns that have been raised lately, firstly access to the playing fields, many of you will know that we do not permit unsupervised access to the playing fields, this is for two primary reasons. We have in recent years experienced considerable anti-social behaviour by youths on the field including the riding of e-bikes and scooters and some vandalism. Additionally, as trustees some uninsurable issues of liability arise if the facilities are used unsupervised, the land is, despite it's conveyance, private property and the management of it is undertaken by volunteers.

The second concern that has been raised is the failure to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in April 2023. Unfortunately, the NMPFA's treasurer and acting secretary, Tony Bell died late last year and gaining access to bank accounts and the documents held by the accountants has been unduly time consuming. We plan to be in a position to hold An AGM in April 2024. The NMPFA is also actively seeking to recruit a dedicated treasurer and a secretary.

Thank you for reading about the NMPFA, should you wish to do so, please do not hesitate to get in touch via our email info@nmpfa.org.uk

The Trustees/Management Committee of NMPFA.

Nunthorpe Bowling Club Update

The club enjoyed a full season of bowling this summer. We were also pleased to welcome 9 new members over the season and some moved straight into playing for the club in the local leagues.

The Men's team finished 4th in the North Yorkshire Bowling League, and one of our Veterans Teams (the Eagles) won the Teesside Veterans League.

There are various leagues to play in, some on an afternoon, some on an evening and new players will be most welcome. However if you just want to bowl socially that's fine. Once you have become a member you can use the green at any time. Even if there is a league match being played there is always a spare rink or two.

The club continues to host a series of social events throughout the year. Just recently we have held a quiz night with fish and chip supper at the Marton Cricket club, this was followed by a quiz with pie and peas which was held at the Nunthorpe Sports Club.

There will be further social events in the New Year and the calendar for 2024 will soon be displayed on the club website.

Throughout the summer as well as league matches we held our own internal club competitions

The Registration Date for next season will be on Saturday 30th March, and if you would like to learn more about the sport of bowls or would like to join to get some gentle exercise with (if you wish!) a little bit of competition, why not come along on the day and talk to some of the club members?



Jackie Simpson won the Club Championship this season.

She is presented with her trophy by (L) Don Richards, competitions secretary, and (R) Brian Corfield, Club Chairman.



The Ladies Singles was won by Lesley Woodward and the Men's Singles by Alan Sanderson.

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.

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

There is a full calendar of events and more information can be found on the website www.nunthorpebowlingclub.co.uk

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

We hope to see you next season!

Recreation Club NMPFA

Please see below the new Management Team

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Cleveland Police fully support our endeavours to tackle ASB and Crime across Marton, Nunthorpe and surrounding areas. With this in mind, the Neighbourhood Policing Team have agreed to meet regularly with Councillors from Marton (West & East) & Nunthorpe and the Neighbourhood Watch Team.

Here are some useful links:

Marton and Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Watch

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/1135073343930661/?ref=share>

Middlesbrough Police

<https://www.facebook.com/MiddlesbroughPolice>

Cleveland Online Policing App (COPA)

<https://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/how-can-we-help/copa-cleveland-online-policing-app/>

We strongly advise that everything is reported via official channels before posting on social media and that our Neighbourhood Watch Group will become the one stop shop for the Community and the local Police.

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

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

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

If the issue is ongoing we would suggest report via phone to 101 and the Street Wardens.

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



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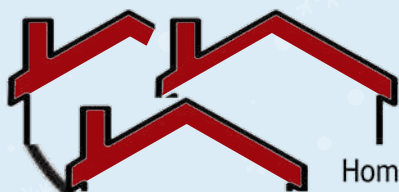
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Nunthorpe & Borough Road Surgery

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Defibrillator for Nunthorpe Village

Thanks to the generosity of the Plymouth Brethren and great efforts by Parish Councillor Russ Lynch and resident Melissa Leonard, a defibrillator and cabinet are being purchased this week and the Council will install as soon as it arrives.



"Thanks to all involved to creating this Community Gem. Perfect little walk for our fury friends, as well as time to appreciate the beautiful countryside on our door step." **Mary Mohan**

An advertisement for a hair salon. It features a close-up of a woman's face with blonde hair, surrounded by a golden, sparkling effect. Below her face are various hair styling tools: a hairbrush, a hair dryer, a pair of scissors, and a comb. The background has a yellow and white striped pattern.

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WORD SEARCH

GNN Christmas in Nunthorpe

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| 1. carols | 2. present | 3. cheers | 4. turkey |
| 5. firtrees | 6. bells | 7. goose | 8. berries |
| 9. poppies | 10. scrooge | 11. pudding | 12. holly |
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