

## Neighbours

I brought my family to live in Goxhill in 1964 having bought a house down Gatehouse Road from Fred Hepworth, a local builder. Gatehouse Road then was tree-lined and very pretty; sadly in later years, because of Dutch Elm disease, they were cut down.

Spring of that year was very wet. As we were moving our possessions into our new home a young man from one of the other house came up to me - 'Can I be of any help?' he asked. 'Oh yes please' I said, and a very good worker and helper he was too. His name was Billy Dent.

My family soon settled into our new home. Our next door neighbours were Mr and Mrs Thornton and we soon became friends. They were the best neighbours that we have ever known.

Soon I began to cultivate the garden. Arriving home from after work, another resident, Mr Fred Evison called me to him. 'Now then,' he said, 'I see you are going to work in your garden. Being a wet spring, you've had a bad start - come round with a trowel and you can have a pulling of peas from my garden'.

Mid-October and another resident of Gatehouse Road, Mr Frank Heaton, knocked on our door. He had a large bucket full of apples and simply asked 'Can you make use of these?' 'Yes, we can', I replied. 'What will you do with them?' he asked, and I told him my wife would make apple dumplings. 'That's good' he said, 'you know what to do with them.' I honestly believe that if I had told him that I didn't know, he would have taken them back home with him.

Mr Charley Robinson was another resident and I used to take books for him to read. Mr and Mrs Stan Breese were also excellent neighbours. Sad to recall, as the old residents either moved on or passed away, so did the community spirit.

I enjoyed my 31 years down Gatehouse Road and my life became richer for having known such good neighbours and friends.

*Mr F Galloway.*

### Article from South Bank Players:

## THEFT AT ROPEWALK

Imagine...returning from a pleasant anniversary celebration with your oldest friends to find that your house has been burgled. Imagine...the burglar is still in the house and has you convinced, for a while, that he is, in fact, a policeman investigating the break-in. Imagine...once his true identity is known, the burglar reveals that he knows all kinds of uncomfortable truths about you, your spouse and your friends... Well...that burglar is none other than Spriggs, who succeeds, in *Theft*, Eric Chappell's witty comedy-thriller, in disturbing two seemingly happy marriages and one formerly strong friendship with his own brand of subversive observation. Premiered at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, with George Cole as Spriggs, *Theft* is a tongue-in-cheek delight, packed with stinging one-liners, daring reversals and many sharp comments on marriage, money and crime. This is to be performed by the South Bank Players on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Ropery Hall, Ropewalk, Barton-upon-Humber.

South Bank Junior Players are going strong and at present there is a waiting list to join (names still being taken). Their next performances will be at Ropery Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets for these performances will be on sale at the Ropewalk information centre.

As we are fast approaching our 25 year reunion we are still currently seeking members from the past groups - Barrow Trinity Players, Just Good Friends and South Bank Players. If you have had links with any of the groups or are in touch with others that have been involved please do get in touch (contact details below).

The cast of *Theft* in rehearsal

We hope you will be able to join us at one or more of our performances. If you would like to join us on stage or help backstage with scenery, sound, lighting, costumes etc we are always on the look out for new members. Just a commitment to the group and a sense of humour is all that is required!

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