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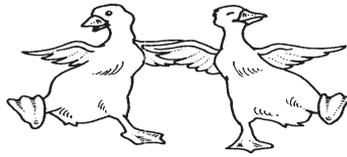


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I've left writing this until last. The rest of the Gander is put together, all ready for sending to the printers, and there's only this bit to do. I often leave it late because finding a subject to spin off yet another plea for your support, articles, photos etc gets increasingly difficult as I try not to repeat myself more than is necessary, but this is the latest it has gone. I received the first submission for this issue in mid June and was still taking phone calls shortly before the August bank holiday. With the invoicing of all our advertisers during July, it has certainly been a marathon.

The fact that I have left it this late means that I do now have an appropriate base point to write on. In the last few days the Olympics have ended with British athletes taking an incredible 47 medals - 19 Golds, 13 Silvers and 15 Bronzes - the last of the summer exam results have come out, and the US Presidential race has reignited with both candidates picking their running mates.

As I'm sure many of you know, I am the least athletic person imaginable. As evidenced by this article and pretty much everything else I do, I don't believe in speed - I'd rather do the job at my own pace, but right. Nonetheless, I watched coverage of the Beijing Games and cheered as home-grown heroes like Rebecca Adlington, Chris Hoy and Bradley Wiggins managed extraordinary physical feats I couldn't even dream of. Years of training paid off magnificently, but within days thoughts moved to London 2012 and starting all over again.

I want to congratulate all those who have received exam results this summer. This is something I know much more about having only finished my university education last year. In the same way as the Olympians, however, before you can take in the results of years of hard work, thoughts turn to the next step: GCSEs to college courses, A-levels to universities. And it doesn't stop there - we never really stop learning, for example I have resumed driving lessons after a long break and hope to be able to return to the village more often as a result.

Because I am a bit of a politics geek, I have been following the US elections quite closely. I find it all fascinating, particularly now the American people have such a historic choice to make. Whoever wins the White House in November really will affect us in the UK - even in Goxhill - with ramifications for petrol prices and future US-UK troop movements to name just two. Most importantly in terms of what it says about the Gander, no sooner is a winner declared than the process begins again. The victor immediately starts thinking about re-election; and should Barack Obama lose, Hillary Clinton starts thinking of running in four years, and is already positioning herself just in case.

The Gander is the same as all these. The work is constant, never stops, and results from team work. I want the Gander to be something of which all villagers are proud and make claim, which develops and grows, and makes a practical difference, perhaps changing perceptions along the way. As I say in every one of these pieces - we can't do it alone.

Adam Ellis

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School Report



At the time of writing (August 2008), most teachers are beginning to consider and plan for the autumn term and are thinking as far ahead as Christmas! In this sense, the events of the summer term are quickly becoming a distant memory. This habit of looking ahead does rather seem to make time, and particularly the school year, fly by. Perhaps a reflection of the events that occurred during the summer term will help to put the brakes on this!

As always, we had a very busy summer term at Goxhill Primary School with a wide variety of events crammed into a very short amount of time.

One of the highlights of the term was the school's Summer Fayre. After an initial poor forecast, we were grateful to have decent weather; indeed the sunshine created a lovely, summery atmosphere. We would like to thank all staff, parents, helpers and volunteers for their assistance on the day – a grand total of £1200 was raised which will be used to support curriculum enrichment activities for the pupils.

Towards the end of the term, Year 6 pupils took part in a graduation evening. The children sang songs, read poems and acted out short plays about their memories of school. Mike Gathercole (Chair of Governors) presented all pupils with a dictionary as a memento of their time at Goxhill. The evening was well attended

and enjoyed by all concerned.

OfSTED paid us a visit at the beginning of July. The inspection was very successful in that the lead inspector found the school to be 'good with many outstanding features'. A full copy of the extremely positive report can be viewed via the link on our school website www.goxhill.ik.org

During the summer term, all year groups took part in educational visits. Destinations have included museums, stately homes, and adventure parks. These visits provide an excellent educational opportunity for the children, often giving them first hand experience of subjects taught in the classroom, as well as providing an enjoyable day out.

In the middle of June, Year 6 prepared to finish their time with us in a fitting way with a week-long residential trip. In an action-packed week, pupils took part in activities such as bowling, swimming, taking a guided tour of a coal mine, shelter building and orienteering. All of these activities (as well as a variety of others that were crammed into the week) were thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff. We hope that the children have caught up on their sleep and are ready for the exciting new experiences that secondary school will bring.

Thanks to a very able and committed staff led by Clare Robinson our affiliated Out of School Club is still very popular. As well as providing child care from 3.30pm to 6pm each evening the club runs a breakfast session from 7.55am to 8.55am.

At the end of the present academic year, we look forward to an exciting new term at school. As all pupils move into their new year groups, we always have in mind our future pupils. If you have a pre-school child over 6 months old who, as yet, is not registered with us we would be delighted if you could contact the school office by telephone on 530743, by e-mail on head.goxhillprimary@northlincs.gov.uk or via our website: www.goxhill.ik.org

Another major task for the autumn term is the appointment of a new head teacher. The current Head is leaving at Christmas to take up a promotion at one of the largest primary schools in the region. Governors hope that the managerial change will enable Goxhill School to enter a new era after the recent glowing OfSTED inspection. However at the time of writing there is a severe national shortage of head teachers with many schools receiving no applications for vacant posts. Everyone is keeping their fingers crossed that Goxhill School will be able to attract at least a few willing victims.

We would like to thank the local community for the ongoing support and help it gives to our village school. The staff, pupils and governors of Goxhill Primary School hope that you all had a glorious and happy summer!

Andrew Jackson
(Head teacher)

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Few of us relish the change of seasons from summer flowers, autumn harvest and turning leaves to the dull tones of winter bareness. The days become shorter, the nights longer and for some there may be the added poignancy of seeing their life in the season of winter.

It was said of Sir Thomas More he was a 'man for all seasons', 'a man of marvellous mirth and pastimes and sometime of sad gravity'.

More, as a devout Roman Catholic, rose to be Lord Chancellor, but his failure to acknowledge Henry VIII as head of the church resulted in his imprisonment and execution.

Nearly 500 years after his death Sir Thomas's example lives on. His faith in Christ as the King of Kings allowed him to withstand all the various seasons of his life...

During Advent 2006 I displayed a car sticker, which read 'Jesus is the reason for the season' as a reminder that Christ is the centre of Christmas. New Year 2007 came and passed, spring and Lent, Easter and summer. One day I looked at that lingering sticker with fresh insight and knew why I had not removed it. 'Jesus is the reason for THE season', whichever season we are in.

As the Bible tells us, 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever'. With Jesus there is hope and strength for each season culminating in that most perfect season of all, eternity. Why not make Jesus your 'man for all seasons' today?

Reverend Gillian Belford
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It's funny how the past can so often catch up with us, sometimes in a nice way, but sometimes in not such a nice way. We all of us remember something unpleasant from the past. Perhaps something we said or did that keeps pricking our conscience. Perhaps we still harbour resentment against someone who did something to us. Perhaps there's something we should have done but haven't. Maybe we did something that we hope will never be found out, but we carry the worry about our 'skeleton in the cupboard' around as a burden through life.

Now, for those with faith, there is something that can be done about this. In the most famous prayer of all, Jesus taught us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We can ask God's forgiveness, but only when we have forgiven those who have wronged us. Then, and only then, will we be able to receive forgiveness from God Himself. If we can forgive people who have hurt us, then God will forgive us for the things that hurt Him.

Now the things that hurt God are all the things we do which fall short of His standards. Jesus summed those standards up in the two key commandments: to love God and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Sadly, we're not too strong on the old Biblical Commandments these days. How many of us could name all ten? Some might say they are defunct but looked at carefully they enshrine the basic concepts that should give our lives meaning: relationship with God and relationship with each other.

There's a story that a Jewish Rabbi remarked jokingly to a Christian minister when they were discussing the Bible "You took the Ten Commandments from us". "Certainly," came the reply, "but you can't accuse us of keeping them!"

Well, how about giving them a try, starting today? It's a start toward making the World a better place.

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Dear Parent/Carer and all members of our community,

The Y11 Prom and 6th Form Ball were wonderful social occasions and our students were a credit to the school.

We await the results in August with bated breath and I hope they reflect the hard work of the pupils who deserve to do well because of the application and commitment they have shown over the past year. Many thanks also to all the staff for their determination in coaxing, encouraging, cajoling and guiding the pupils to do their best because everybody wants to see our pupils succeed. The end of the summer term sees the Y10 going out on Work Experience placements, a programme of activities with our partner primary schools, including preparing for the new Year 7 to join us in September, and a variety of summer sporting events as part of the House and Inter-school sporting competitions. I am delighted to let you know that our MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and refurbishment of the changing rooms in the Sports Hall are now complete. The facilities will be managed by Leisure Services in North Lincolnshire and link in with those at the new Baysgarth Leisure Centre. We feel our pupils and members of the school's community will gain maximum benefit from Baysgarth School and Leisure Centre working closely together in this way. More details of this new exciting venture will be sent home at the start of next term after the Leisure Centre has formally opened.

I hope you and your family have a most enjoyable summer.
Kind regards *Colin Saywell*

Alissia joins the Fire Brigade

I recently went on a 5 day Youth Engagement Course at Scunthorpe Fire Station, along with 12 other young people.



Each day we took part in team building exercises, which involved hose and hydrant work. We also had to do different classroom and practical tasks. For one of the practical tasks we had to do hose drills, which involved running out one length of hose and aiming it at the tower. We also learnt the ladder drills and all the words of command, which helped us all towards our passing out parade at the end of the week. I was really pleased that I went on the course, it was very enjoyable. I am grateful that the School and the Fire Brigade gave me the opportunity to take part.
Alissia Graham.

Boys really are into Books

Well, well, well it seems that boys really do like to read!! The statistical data from the OPAC (online public access catalogue) provides evidence that lending habits from the boys have increased dramatically in the last year. During May 2007, boys only borrowed 13 books; in May 2008 the boys had increased their borrowing to 77 of the 237 items on loan. A massive increase in the number of boys interested in reading, well done! In September we will be starting a new reading club for Dads and Lads, this will be held once a month after school in the LRC.

'Sponsored Stay Awake' in the LRC

The 'Sponsored Stay Awake' was a fun filled night. We did lots of girly things like hair, nails and make up. Korina Parkins, Bethany Leaning, Aimee Bolton and Sophie Needham held a pampering salon upstairs in the LRC, this included facials and foot spas. The night continued with lots of karaoke and movies and as much chocolate fountain as we could manage. We all managed to stay awake for the whole night, had lots of fun and raised over £500 in the process. The girls who took part in the Stay Awake were Korina, Bethany, Aimee, Sophie, Kerry, Jodie, Sophie, Jordanne, Titch, Alex, Emma, Molly, Sharna, Emily and Alice and we are all looking forward to the next one.

Baysgarth Old Boys Football Club

Baysgarth Old Boys Football Club will be new to the Scunthorpe Sunday League at the start of the 2008/09 season. The hope is that the club will bring together ex-pupils, teachers and parents of the school to form a community spirited team. It is particularly hoped that it will give those current Baysgarth pupils an opportunity to continue playing football after they leave, and indeed involve some of the current Sixth Form. Sarah Wells (Extended Schools Co-ordinator) kindly sponsored the team, by buying their first home kit, and a few accessories to help start training sessions, which has been a



Mr. O'Mara

huge help! The squad has started the pre-season friendly's well, winning their first game, and drawing their second. The squad needs to take their current form into the new league season, which starts in September.

Baysgarth Sixth Form Performance Studies

The end of June saw Year 12 and 13 students complete a series of successful practical performances as part of their Performance Studies examination. Year 13 entertained shoppers at Freshney Place with a lively street theatre performance of "The Legend of Grim" and even managed to convince a few to participate in a sea battle complete with crashing waves and three Viking long boats! They then went on to create and perform a moving and at times humorous dance/drama piece that spanned 150 years and thousands of miles exploring a mother's instinct to protect her children at any cost. Year 12 got to grips with contemporary dance to



recreate an extract of "Ghost Dances" and gave a dynamic and extremely emotional performance in their examination. Their John Godber inspired piece, "GreaCSEs" went down a storm with the examiner and at the Performathon. Ian, Dwayne, Colin, Stacey, Verity and Sherl, the long suffering staff of Mark and Donald's Burger Bar gave us an hilarious glimpse of the day to day dramas of life in a fast food restaurant. As the curtain falls on this series of examinations both Year 12 and 13 have set a high standard for others to follow and should be proud of their achievements.

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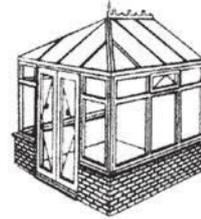
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The Parish Meeting

I recently had the pleasure of looking at the Minute Book for the Parish Annual Meetings. The first entry is for Annual Meeting on March 31st 1914 but there is a second entry for a Parish Meeting on September 11th this was shortly after the beginning of the First World War and it was because of the war that this meeting was called. The meeting was held in the Day School and Councillor Alfred Asher was in the chair.

The meeting was called to give the inhabitants of Goxhill an opportunity of devising ways and means of dealing with the distress likely to arise from the widespread unemployment caused by the war. Letters were read from the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire and the Barton on Humber Superintendent of Police, suggesting that provision be made for providing a meal for wayfarers, who might be expected to wander about the country in large numbers, through unemployment in the large industrial centres.

A committee of five members was appointed with power to raise the necessary funds by public subscription and it was "left in the hands of the committee to deal with the question of relief to the best of their ability".

Now I am sure that it will be agreed that it is not often that the Parish Council, together with a Chief Constable and a Superintendent get things wrong but they certainly did then. At that time in September the war had just started and the expectation was that, "Our soldiers will be home for Christmas." The war did not end until 4 years later in November 1918 and it was well into 1919 before demobilisation got under way.

By the end of the war there was such a shortage of labour that all over the country women were

working at jobs previously only thought suitable for men. It must of course be remembered that women did not have the vote at that time and so they did not attend Parish Meetings and had no voice in village affairs. There is no further mention of the committee of five in whose hands so much was left.

Much later in the village history an effort to foretell the future, which was not mentioned in the minute book, was made by the Glanford Borough Council. The building of two refineries in the vicinity raised the question of where the large number of people who worked in the refineries would live. Unfortunately they were not aware that it did not require a large work force to operate a refinery and also that it was a well paid industry in which the people would provide their own homes. Land was purchased in Goxhill with a view to providing council housing. Plans were made to widen Willow Lane to accommodate the traffic which was to flow via Thornton Road, Ferry Road and Willow Lane into the large new estate. A great silence ensued when it was found to be unnecessary.

All was not lost, a new school was needed and the land provided the site for the school and grounds. Also after an initial period during which the Parish Council rented the Playing Field from the Glanford Council it was eventually able to obtain a grant and the field was purchased for the village. A large amount of work was done the land was drained and fenced and the village had a new playing field next to the school. So that piece of forward planning although not as expected had been utilised to the full.

Well not completely to the full, there was that little bit of wisdom about the need to provide for the traffic which would need access to the estate. That was not carried

through and sometime after the school was built it was eventually cancelled. This is why twice a day in term time the traffic reminds us of the sins of omission.

During the early years covered by the minute book, the Annual Parish Meeting was often used to elect the parish council and there was a large attendance. In later times when the council was elected by a poll attendance diminished but there was still considerable discussion.

Many of the subjects discussed at the parish meetings over the years are still relevant today. Problems with sewers, drainage, flooding and repairs to footpaths and roads, all were raised in the past but are unfortunately still with us today.

In 1951 there were two parish meetings. At the first, the meeting was informed of the statutory obligation to survey the footpaths of the village in accordance with the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act. The parish council had prepared a list of the footpaths together with their recommendation and pointed out that when a map was finally approved it would indicate for all time the footpaths etc which the public have a right to use. At the second meeting one month later a list was agreed of those paths that were to remain open and also of those which were to be closed. Six years later in 1957 at the parish meeting the subject was raised again and the meeting was told that the Draft Map was not yet completed. Although they said that this would indicate for all time the footpaths which the public have a right to use alterations to the parish footpaths do still take place I wonder if the map was ever finished and approved.

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R38 Airship Crash

On its acceptance trial before going to America to where it had been sold for £2,000,000 and with the American Representatives on board, the R 38 crashed on the 24th August.1921 into the Humber just off Sammy's Point - entrance to the River Hull, where the "Deep" a modern aquarium, now stands - with the loss of 44 lives out of 49 on board, including crew and other officials. One American and four British survived. The R 38 was built at Cardington, Bedfordshire, by Short Brothers, the famous Flying Boat and Seaplane builders (the two Airship Sheds still stand). It had made its first flight on the 23rd June 1921 and on the 17th July it was flown to Howden. On the 23rd of August it was flown out over the North Sea for tests and was returning the next day in the late afternoon over the Humber just offshore at the Hull side, maybe to show the residents the great ship for it was at that time the largest airship ever built, its length was 695 feet, 85.5 feet in diameter, with a speed of 70 mph driven by 6 Sunbeam CossackV12 engines of 350 hp each. As it approached Sammy's Point, officially it made some violent turns for test purposes (though maybe showing off to the Hull residence who were admiring it) which broke it in half at 2500 feet above the river. At approximately 5.30pm, the rear section (in which the survivors were) came down slowly and there was a reported explosion in the front section which set it on fire. It came down faster and fell on some of the crew who were in the water having jumped out first.

As a youth it was still the talk of the older generation and I heard a number of stories from those who saw it happen for it could be seen for many a mile either side of the river. My father, then 15 was with his younger brother stooking wheat in a field near the Humber and was admiring this flying wonder when it broke in half and with the front half on fire fell into the river. My Mother then 13 who lived in Hull was near the Pier with her sister and saw it on fire still in the sky with the occupants jumping out into the river. Possibly the nearest man at this side of the river to see it was Alf Blanshard who lived and worked for his father at Neatgangs Farm in Neatgangs Lane and was working near the river, which was straight across from it, that evening. Ernest (Ginger) Dent whose family lived at the farm at Goxhill Haven acquired a coggy boat, most likely from Arthur Wright next door who owned a sloop, took his younger brothers and friends of the Birkett family who lived on a nearby farm and sculled them across the river to see it at close quarters.

A Goxhill man who saw it from the ferry was George Parker Jnr, who worked in Hull - the ferry had just left Hull Pier on its way to New Holland. Gilbert Tyson of Goxhill whose family had the Hawthorne Gardens

here and a wholesale Fruit & Vegetable business in Humber Street, Hull, told me that at the time he was in Holland and there was a photo in the Dutch Papers of the crash showing people standing on the Hull pier looking at it and there were some of their Humber Street staff in the photograph.

In the following weeks the wreckage was recovered and landed on what was known as the Riverside Quay, 300 yards or so up river from the Hull to New Holland Ferry Pier, where the Dutch produce boats the Bolton Abbey and Melrose Abbey ran daily for many decades bringing the Dutch vegetables for sale at the warehouses in Humber Street, and like the Goxhill-grown tomatoes were sold to retail shops throughout the towns in the North of England.

There is a Memorial Plaque to commemorate the accident in the Western Cemetery on Spring Bank West in Hull; I assume the crew who lost their lives are buried there.

It is always said or written that the R38 was from the airship shed at Howden, East Yorks, in actual fact it was at Spaldington a small village three-and-a-half miles north of Howden. In the late 1980s I was in the Spaldington area looking for a P-38 Lockheed Lightning aircraft crash site of a Goxhill aircraft which had crashed there in 1944 and I found time to stop off at the old airship shed site. Though the shed had been demolished many decades before, the concrete base still remained, and is possibly still there today.

When the R38 was built it was recorded on Cine Camera, and when it set off for its last flight at Howden the crew and passengers - which included some laboratory workers and Americans - can be seen coming out of the airship shed to board it. After the crash the film shows boats rescuing the survivors and bodies, recovering the wreckage from the river, and the funeral in Hull where the victims were buried at a cemetery. This Cine Camera Film was put onto the modern day Video along with many more old films from the 1920/30s of Grimsby, Cleethorpes and Hull. With introduction and narration by Austin Mitchell, it was sold in 1993 as "Bygones 2" and could be purchased from local shops in the following years.

In March 1936, a Zeppelin, the Hindenburg, largest airship ever built - 804 feet long and 135 feet in diameter - made its first flight. It was flying a passenger service to America on the 30th June '36 and on the way there it came up the Humber from Spurn until it reached Goxhill and then turned to take it over Barrow and Leeds to the Irish Sea and onto the USA. It was approximately 12.15pm and I was in the school playground at the time. Because we lived in the Marsh

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R38 Airship Crash, continued...

3 miles out, we kids took a pack-up for dinner. It must have been a fine day and we would be eating dinner outside at that time to see it passing over house tops in the distance. Leaving our dinner several of us ran up the street and down Westfield Road, passed Dales shop to the end of the road where we stood on a field gate and watched it pass low somewhere over New Holland Road toward Barrow. I cannot remember who the other kids were. In the press it said when it passed Grimsby it was surrounded by RAF planes which were faster so they were flying circles around it, some horizontal and some vertical going over the top though I don't recall any being seen when it flew between New Holland and Barrow, for we had a good view. In the following days I recall the adults talking about it and the press reports, it was said it had crossed the 3 mile Territorial Limit without permission to cross the UK, some said it was spying and other reports said it had got lost, some even said it should of been shot down, however it caused a sensation and I feel lucky I saw it. A year later, on the 6th May 1937 it caught fire when it was attempting to dock at the mooring mast at Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey, USA, it crashed and burnt out with the lost of 35 lives, out of the 97 persons on board. This finished the passenger service of airships for the future.

*Ron Parker,
July 2008*

Barton Upon Humber Civic Society
Up-Coming Events

6/7 September

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Classic versions of Arsenic and Lace and Far from the Madding Crowd are just two of the films being screened alongside modern day classics including No Country For Old Men which gets the film season underway on September 11.

Music concerts this autumn include Scunthorpe born Martin Simpson, Dave Swarbrick's Lazarus, and, just before Christmas, a special seasonal celebration – Frost and Fire - with England's first family of folk, Norma Waterson, Martin Carthy, Eliza Carthy and Saul Rose.

Comedy fans are not forgotten with Norfolk's very own Sid Kipper, The Knicker Lady, Mark Steel and the Singing Sous Chefs all taking a turn on the Ropery Hall stage, while the South Bank Players will be performing Father's Day in September and pantomime Captain Hook's Revenge in mid-January.

The full programme of events in Ropery Hall for the autumn is available on www.the-ropewalk.co.uk

The Gander

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And we are wondering if any one of you would like to donate some money towards a tree or a shrub – which could be in the memory of a loved one if you wished. If you have any questions please contact myself, Val Gorbutt on 531012 or clerk to the Parish Council, Christine Tooby on 533971. We are here to help, but if unavailable any member of the parish council will try to oblige. Thank you.

Val Gorbutt

The Memorial Hall

The Chairmen and members of the Management Committee wish to thank the Goxhill Neighbourhood Watch for their generous financial contribution to the recently installed digital CCTV system. This now provides full coverage of the Hall and its surroundings, providing images of a quality acceptable to the Police enabling them to prosecute cases of damage or anti-social behaviour.

Many thanks, Memorial Hall Committee.

WATCH OUT – TRAMPS ARE ABOUT

A Tramps Supper is being organised for 13th December, 2008 at the Memorial Hall with a pie and pea meal and musical entertainment. A Grand Christmas Prize Draw will take place during the evening. Look out for further details.

All Saints Church.

A funding campaign has recently taken place in Goxhill to advise parishioners of the current situation regarding the increasing costs having to be met to maintain All Saints Church which may affect its future role within the village.

A favourable response has been received, but after speaking to several residents it is clear that many people would like to respond in some way. All Saints Church obviously means as much to residents today as it has in the past. To help secure a future for Goxhill Parish Church we invite anyone who wishes to make a donation to speak to the Church Treasurer Mr. Sam MacLeod – tel. no. 01469 530772 who will be pleased to offer advice.

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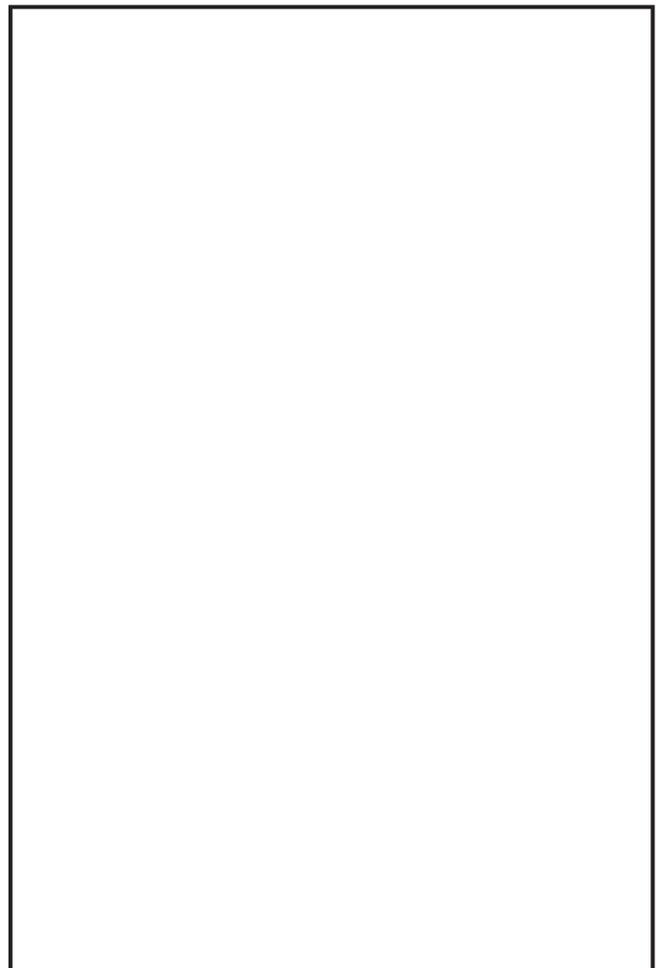


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It does not seem four months since writing for the last edition of the ‘Gander’ and once again it has caught me on the hop.

Although we have had a few days of sun we have also had a fair amount of rain. I do not think there will be much really good hay about this year. Mine had torrential rain on it after it was cut on more than one occasion. Whilst I have Haylage which has the advantage of being made in a couple of days I will not know what it is like until it is unwrapped. It certainly looked a funny colour!

We are all aware of how prices have risen and the knock on effect, so no doubt it will be more expensive to keep our equine friends. Not only will the hay and straw be dearer but also the grain feeds. It may pay to start thinking about it now. I suspect horses will be kept out longer than usual if the weather permits which will save a little on bedding. Now is the time to get rugs cleaned, repaired or think about replacing some. Horses, like people, lose weight if they get cold and it is much harder to regain it again in the winter.

Take a look at your feeding regime and see if you are meeting your horse’s needs and if there could be a way of saving money but still keep to the ten golden rules of feeding. A constant salt/mineral lick is essential.

Perhaps consider your bedding and if drainage allows you may wish to convert to rubber mats which is an expensive initial outlay but over two years could pay for itself, eliminate breathing problems and is labour saving.

Joanne Burns continues to do well and out of the seven horses she had she managed to qualify four for the Summer Championships which is no mean feat. These take place between 25th – 30th August on the Staffordshire Showground so hopefully Joanne will have a good ride. **Jeffrey** and **Magali** are her own and **Swallow** is the property of Yvonne Willis. **Just June** also qualified although she will not be competing in the Championships as she is now in foal to a show jumping stallion which is due in May 2009. Something nice to look forward to.

Much thought went into choosing a sire as it is obviously bred for a purpose which is to jump. So often people breed for the sake of it. I would recommend that if you are thinking of breeding to think long and hard about all it entails and to use a proven stallion and stock at a Registered Stud with a good reputation with experienced, dedicated, knowledgeable staff.

Up and coming talent Chloe Foulston with **Billy Whizz** went to their first Pony Club Camp and Chloe attained the “Most Improved Rider” award. They had a wonderful time and learnt a lot whilst having fun.

Alex Lamb on **Foulisworthe Zeta** qualified at Elm Farm near Grantham for UK Rider. The final was at Arena UK in July where he came 5th. This was a Regional event in which qualifiers from Lincs, Notts and Cambridgeshire took part. He did brilliantly amongst seasoned riders as remarkably he has only been riding for two years and is actually allergic to horses. Keep taking the tablets Alex!

Not to be outdone, Katie Lamb, Alex’s sister is also doing well on her mare **Megan**. These two have really progressed well together as neither of them had done much before their partnership. They are constantly being placed and attained a 2nd at Arena UK in jumping. It has become a real family affair and mum, Jaqui, has attained her first part of HGV so eventually she can take them out when Robert is not available. That’s dedication for you!

Happily Goxhill Show was well attended this year as last year, like most of the local Shows, it was cancelled owing to the weather. Now all the planning starts again for next year!

I have had several phone calls regarding the erection of gates at both ends of Green Ramper. This is being addressed and hopefully they will soon be removed.

I have enquired about the possibility of another bridleway which, if comes to fruition will require a work party of volunteers to clear it. Are you willing to help for a few hours if this is feasible? If so please let me have your name and telephone number so I can form a list. This does not just apply to riders as obviously walkers with or without their dogs would benefit. Whilst on the subject of dog walkers, please remember that Green Ramper is still in the 30 mile limit so you still need to pickup after your dog.

I have not heard of any more thefts in the area of horses but please stay vigilant. Rase Veterinary Centre are Micro Chipping horses for around £16.00 so perhaps this could be done next time flu and tetanus are due. It is quite painless and goes in the crest. It could make all the difference to getting your horse back if it is stolen.

As the sun is putting in an appearance Factor 30 for all those horses with white eyes and noses to prevent sun burn

If you are strip grazing try to make sure your horse/pony can get in the shelter of a hedge to provide shade from sun and flies or out of the wind and rain and water is available.

Particularly if you are on a water meter look at ways of putting up guttering and pipes to troughs and tubs to save water in

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Goxhill Trader - Introducing the New Shopping Mall

Summer is notoriously a bit of a slow time on the internet. It is hardly surprising when you think about it - we certainly wait long enough for a bit of half-decent weather, and when it eventually arrives, people have better things to do than sit in front of their computers!

However, I have been pleasantly surprised how well interest in Goxhill Trader has held up. New private adverts are still being regularly submitted, and I am regularly removing ads for stuff which has been successfully sold. My intention was always to extend the free advertising to Barton and all the surrounding villages to support the local economy, and whilst this is taking time, there are definite signs that this is moving in the right direction, not bad at all after only 9 months online.

Therefore to complete the service, and to make it a true Market Place and one-stop-shop, I decided it was time to introduce the new Shopping Mall. Goxhill finally has a High Street with shops!

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Do take a look - I hope you will find the new facility useful! I'm always open to suggestions for improvements, so do feel free to email me from the website with any comments you may have.

Stephen R Foster,
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We would love to hear from you.

Off the Hood, continued...

fields and the yard. Even if it is only used for swilling down the yard, washing your car or watering the garden it all helps. Another water and electric saving tip is to keep a travel kettle near the big one for those one or two cups of water which will save overflowing the kettle.

Pelham Tack on Pelham Road, Immingham is well recommended. They offer a good range of goods and what they do not have in stock they are quite happy to order. What is also very useful is they have a Bit Bank. A fee is charged for trying a bit for a week and once a suitable one is found they will sell you a new one at a discounted price. They also make and supply a good range of Quality Show Jumps and fillers at reasonable prices.

Once again Ragwort is in abundance in this area so please dig it out and burn to prevent it seeding and spreading. Report it to the Council if you see it on highways or roundabouts etc. The more people that complain the better as they have a legal responsibility to destroy it. Remember to check your hay for it as it is still toxic when dry.

I heard something the other day which made me smile.. Many years ago if children had a bad chest the parents used to take them to the seaside to the Donkeys. It was thought that because a donkey has a cross on its back it was sacred. The child would be passed underneath and over the top several times and was noted that the chest would improve for a while which added substance to the belief. – Of course it had nothing to do with the sea air!

Keep your news, tips and results coming in.

Until the next issue...

Take care – Ride safely.

Aileen, 01469 530643

Not Forgotten...

The Gander wishes to add its condolences to those of the many well-wishers mourning Dorothy "Betty" Murphy, who lived with her son Mark and his family on Mill Lane, until her tragic death in an accident with a lorry in Barton on 21st July. Many of you may have known the mother of four, with 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, so we will not pretend we were personally acquainted, however the circumstances of her death are such that it could have happened to anyone; that it was such a loving, friendly lady makes us truly sorry.

Mark is responsible for the technical management of the website, so we consider him part of the team. Our thoughts and best wishes go in particular to him, his wife Zoe, and four children Isaac, Noah, Miriam and Hannah. And we thank Betty for raising him to, in his own words, "work hard, laugh, serve others, be selfless, put family first, pray, thank God the list goes on..."

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Our thoughts are also with Parish Councillor Ian Ross of Howe Lane, whose wife died earlier this summer after a long illness.

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Finally, George Keens, of Barton, writes :

On behalf of the family I would like to thank all who donated in memory of the late Mrs Dolly Keens.

Along with your donations, a total of £162 was sent to Save the Children and the treasurer thanked us.

Looking further back, to villagers in days gone by, we have received several requests for help from people researching their family histories in Goxhill. If you have any information on the following, please contact us in all the usual ways.

A) Seeking the family of John Simons and Elizabeth, nee Brown, parents of Charles, Frank and John, circa 1901. A website visitor - a teacher - has come to possess a patchwork by Elizabeth, and would like to know more about its designer.

B) Can you help tell me anything about George Frederick (Fred) Sheppard of Marsh Lane, New Holland? Family lore has it that he was a recluse living in an orchard. He died aged 73 in 1943. Does anyone remember him?

C) What can you tell me about the descendants of Robinson and Emma Atkin and their four children Charles (b.1893), Elsie (b.1898), Arthur L. and Harold (both born 1900)? Any information would be much appreciated.

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This entire edition is now available online, plus editions from the past year. We have history features, links to other websites and introductions to the village. More will be added, but if you have anything to suggest, we'd be happy to hear it. We are particularly interested in photos of Goxhill, in all seasons, past, present and future. If you can do better than those below, please give us a call. If you only have paper copies, we would be happy to pay return postage.



Pictures of Goxhill in the floods of last year - and any other event which affects many villagers

Local sites of interest, such as Thornton Abbey



Village events, like coffee mornings, garden parties, summer fetes.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 26th September at 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.

A chance to have fun while exercising those little grey cells.

Get together a team of four people, choose a name, then register your team by ringing Jane 530962 or Sandra 530065

£3 per person includes supper accompanying children £1.50.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday 28th September

Are you someone who used to go to church, but for whatever reason fell away and have not been able to pluck up the courage to return?

OR

Maybe you are a church-goer new to our community who has been busy settling in and not managed to get round to getting back to church.

Whatever the reason your village churches look forward to welcoming you back on Sunday 28th September.

Service times: All Saints Church 9.30am

Methodist Church 10.30am

COFFEE MORNING

Owl Lodge, North End, Goxhill 10am-12noon on Saturday 11th October.

The Dynamos and 'J' Team are raising money for the sponsorship of Christine a six year old girl in Kenya.

Their sponsorship pays for Christine's education, which unlike here is not free in Africa. Please come along and support them and Christine.

Raffle and cake stall.

There will also be a Traidcraft / Fair Trade stall which will include Christmas cards.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

United Service of Remembrance, 10.45am at the Memorial Hall, led by Ann Liles.

Airfield Tribute at the propeller, starts 2.30pm - both Sunday 9th November.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Thursday 13th November, 7.30pm at All Saints Church.

A service for those who have been bereaved, whether recently or long ago.

This is a service with hymns, a time for lighting candles in memory of our loved ones, followed by a period of quiet reflection.

For further information ring Sandra on 530065

SERVICES IN GREENFIELDS COMMUNITY ROOM

We have been holding services here for a while now, to help the many older people or those who are wheelchair bound who find getting to church in a morning difficult, but they still like the opportunity to celebrate the major festivals. If you would like to join us you will be most welcome.

Harvest service

Thursday 25th September at 2pm

Remembrance service

Thursday 13th November at 2pm

Harvest Festivals:

The Chapel marks Harvest on Sunday 21st September at 10.30am (Family Service) and 6pm. Both led by Rev Gillian Belford.

All Saints' Harvest Evensong is Friday 10th October at 7.30pm,
Family Harvest Sunday 12th October, 9.30am.

The Gander would like to hear about any charitable activities village residents are involved in. If we can help, in the newsletter or on the website, just let us know.

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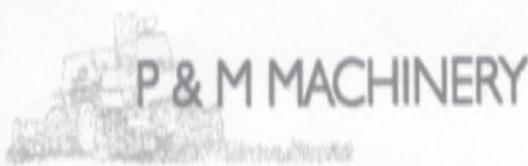
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