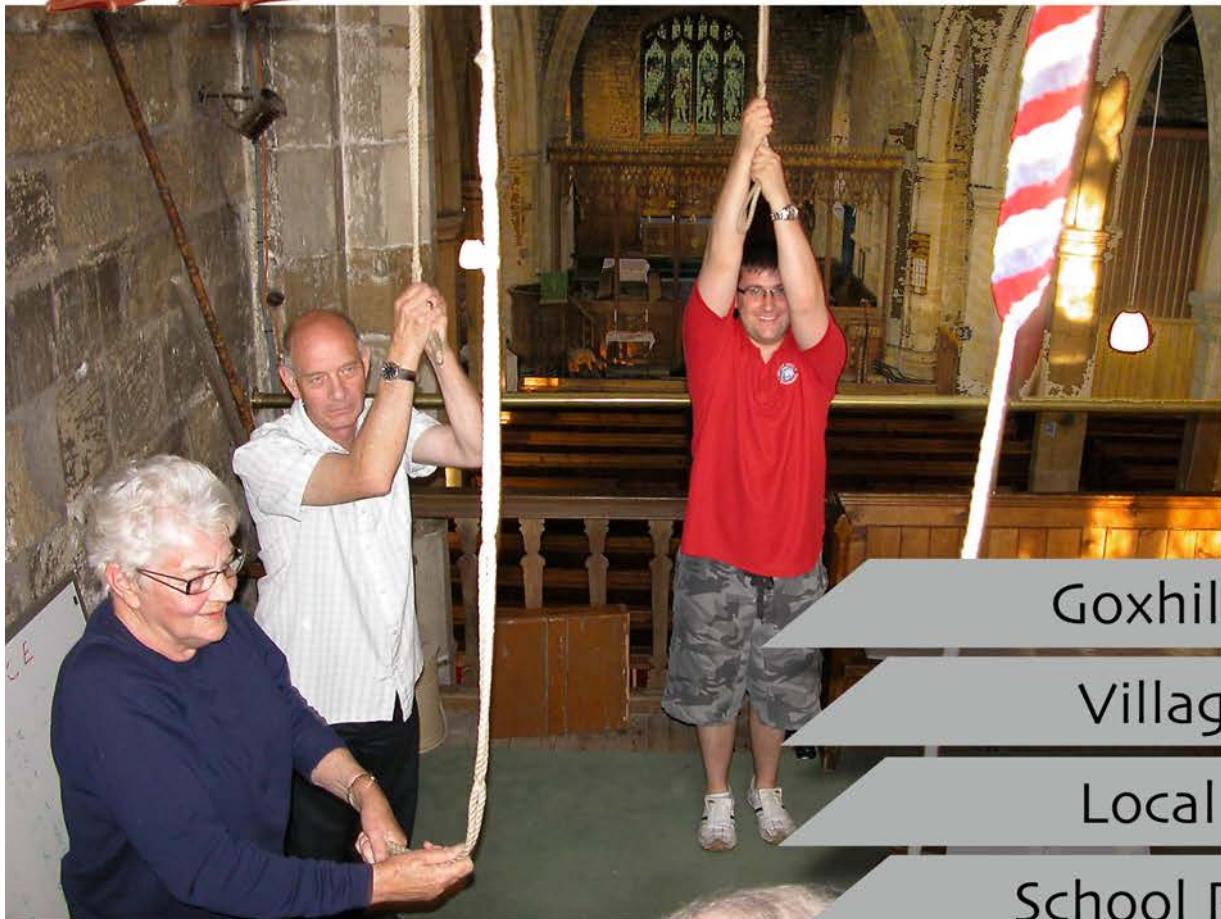




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TOLERANCE & UNDERSTANDING

It would be nice to be able to bring you only good news and happiness in the Gander, but in fact I seem to have received a stream of complaints to be raised in this issue. I don't think it is necessary to print the letters in full, but I will try to sum up the concerns expressed.

The first issue was concerned about an apparent anti dog campaign being expressed in the "Off the Hoof" articles. Personally I think it is perfectly legitimate to raise the issue if uncontrolled dogs are allowed to upset horses and their riders, or any one else for that matter.

Similarly if a thoughtless horse rider has not given a young mother with a pushchair enough room on a footpath, then that is also a legitimate complaint. Especially as horses are not allowed to use footpaths.

If a dog is allowed to do its business out in the street or on the grass verges or playing fields, without the owner clearing it up, then that is a serious issue and is against the law. Dogs running free also cause problems.

There have been other complaints about car drivers being in too much of a hurry to allow plenty of time for horse riders to pass. Some people have an issue with other things, including the church bells upsetting horses.

The reality is that we have chosen to live in a village, rather than live in a town. We are surrounded by farming land, with tractors and other slow moving farm machinery sharing the roads with cars, lorries, buses, horse riders, bike riders, walkers, prams, children, dogs, cats, even the occasional chicken. It is important to travel with caution especially on those roads which are narrow, with no footpaths and blind bends where you never know what you will meet round the corner.

The most dangerous times on the roads are at the start and end of the school day. North End, Ferry Road and the narrow lanes in between become very busy with cars doing the school run sharing the narrow lanes with children on bicycles and parents with younger children and pushchairs. Congested parking around the school means getting through is becoming a nightmare and it is a miracle a child has not been seriously hurt. A letter I have received illustrates this lack of consideration to other road users and I have included it at the end of this article.

However most people get on with each other, are considerate to others and accept other's hobbies, interests and points of view. It is, as usual, a small minority who cause problems, often by doing little more than showing a lack of consideration for others, or doing so unintentionally.

We all have to live together and it would be much better to avoid conflict. We are all part of this community, not members of rival factions, and it is the easiest thing in the world to be tolerant and understanding.

Another complaint made to me, is about the apparent innocent act of depositing grass cuttings across the other side of Ferry Road from the houses. One of the causes of the serious flooding in Goxhill a few years ago was the fact that the ditches had become blocked or filled up over the years and were not able to cope with the excess water.

Anything, including grass cuttings will eventually accumulate and prevent water draining as it should do. Those of us who were flooded do not want to have to go through that nightmare again. What is wrong with using the green wheelie bin provided for just this purpose, or even better, composting it to put on the garden?

We live in a wonderful, relatively peaceful, village, let us all strive to keep it that way. For we are very lucky compared to the horrors around the world, even in cities not so far away.

Jeff Teasdale

"A letter to the heartless person who knocked down our cat on Tuesday 13th July between 8.30 and 8.40am in Mill Lane, and left it in the road to die. There was no thought for the distress it caused, both to the cat and the children who had to walk past it on their way to school. We know who you are, so the decent thing to do would be to come and apologise to us. Other parents were also too busy rushing to school in their cars to even allow us time to try to lift our cat off the road out of the way."

Stuart & Diana Cooke.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

August 22nd 2010 was the day we said goodbye to Reverend Gillian Belford and her husband David. She has been forced to retire due to ill health.

The Rev Gillian came to the Barton and Brigg circuit, that includes Goxhill, 3 years ago, from Lancashire, and she will be sadly missed.

Gillian has worked hard with us showing great kindness and compassion, particularly to those who have been bereaved, planning a wedding and celebrating a baptism.

The Rev Gillian was an excellent home visitor especially to those who were ill or in hospital.

Gillian will be remembered for starting the highly successful monthly Prayer Meetings in the circuit.

She was very keen on promoting unity within MAG (Methodists and Anglicans in Goxhill) and worked energetically towards this cause.

We wish God's blessing and our love and prayers on Gillian and David as they take up residence in Penrith.
AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAID ALLELUIA

Jack Elwood Chapel Secretary

LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

England's World Cup hopes, once again, sadly came to nothing. It's been said more than once by the analysts that our players simply didn't try hard enough. There will be many theories about what went wrong but nobody would deny that maximum effort and commitment are absolutely essential if success in the World Cup is to be achieved. In the history of the tournament accusations of lack of effort certainly could not have been levelled against Ernst Willimowski. In 1938 Ernst, playing for Poland, managed to score four goals against Brazil, yet his team still lost 5 – 6!

Willimowski, even though he excelled himself, could not help his side to beat Brazil. His team were simply not good enough.

The story of David and Goliath in the Bible could easily have turned out in a similar way. Goliath was a huge, mighty, experienced warrior challenging Israel on behalf of his nation, the Philistines. David was a shepherd boy. No matter how hard David trained he could never have been a match for Goliath in hand- to- hand combat. But David knew he had God on his side – he was certain in his heart that victory would be his if he but trusted in the Almighty. The outcome of the story is well known.

In July I was at a Diocesan Ordination Service where Reverend Liz Brown was ordained. Liz will serve the churches Barton and in this benefice and we are very much looking forward to her increased involvement with us. One part of the ordination service struck me, reminding me of my own ordination many years ago. The bishop reminds those to be ordained that "you cannot bear the weight of your calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God"

Like David, and like Ernst Willimowski, the challenges and trials that life thrusts at us may simply be beyond our abilities to overcome. If we have confidence in the grace and power of God in our lives it can make all the difference. I've absolutely no idea of the spiritual life of Willimowski or how he came to terms with his team's exit from the World Cup all those years ago. The Bible tells us quite a lot about David and his life (and certainly not all of it was noble) and the fact that he walked with God and trusted in Him is his enduring testimony.

The grace and power of God which David lived by is available to us all – if we want it. It can make all the difference.

Reverend John Girtchen

Autumn Services at All Saints Church

Friday 8th October	7.30pm	Harvest Festival Evensong followed by buffet supper
Sunday 10th October	9.30am	Family Harvest Communion
Sunday 14th November	10.45am	United Service of Remembrance at the Memorial Hall
	2.00pm	Act of Remembrance at Airfield Memorial, Horsegatefield Road

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Tuesday 2nd November 7.30pm All Saints Church (All Souls Day).

This is our annual service to remember our loved ones departed, whether we have been bereaved recently or many years ago. During the service there is time for quiet reflection and to light a candle in memory of our loved ones.

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SCHOOL REPORT

I hope that I'm not tempting fate as I write this, when I say that we can't complain about our summer this year – not so far anyway! In fact, we all know from the constant need to water our vegetables in the school garden that since Easter, there have only been about two decent downpours of rain and one wet playtime. Let's hope that this situation has not changed by the time that the Gander deadline has been met, everything edited and put together, published, printed and delivered by the excellent Gander team.

On the topic of watering the garden, we have been fortunate enough to have been able to raise funds to lay a water pipe across to the garden. It has been a real issue for us to be able to transport water over the field. We hope that we will start the new academic year with a stand pipe that will help the children to water their produce. At the beginning of July, Mr and Mrs Wilson (Beth and Emily's grandparents) very kindly hosted an open day at her house with lots of activities and refreshments. She donated the proceeds of this to the school garden fund which has enabled us to continue with the laying of the water pipe. We are really grateful to Mrs Wilson and all those who helped her make such a terrific contribution to our school.

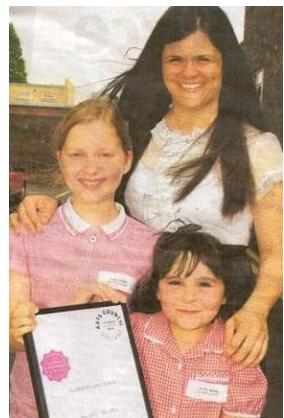
As always, there has been a huge amount of enrichment in our curriculum. All year groups have

been on trips at some stage of the summer term. We have also had lots of enrichment activities in school. These have been on a multi-cultural theme and have included: Gamelan – a series of Indonesian musical instruments – they look absolutely

fantastic and sound even better – even with a group of enthusiastic amateurs banging away on the gongs with beaters. We also enjoyed a visit from a Bollywood dancer who taught our children the moves and gyrations of the famous Indian style – even some of the staff joined in. Finally, our children spent two days working with Bea, an actress who taught the children to express multicultural stories through drama. The enrichment to the education of our pupils was significant and we were delighted that so many young lives could be touched by these experiences. The downside is that this kind of enrichment is quite expensive – in the case of these three separate events, there would be a dent in our school fund approaching £1500. It is for this reason that we value the contributions that parents make to our fundraising events such as our Summer Fayre, raffles etc.

The types of experiences mentioned above have

really made an impact on our children in terms of their creativity. As a school, creativity has been one of our priorities over the last year. We are pleased to announce that we have recently been awarded the Gold Artsmark – an accreditation aimed at promoting creativity in schools. Many thanks to all of our staff who worked really hard to achieve this status, particularly Mrs Kell who was the driving force behind it. Such accreditations are important to us as a school as they show what we stand for and value – and they also serve to reinforce key messages to our parents and pupils. We are proud to announce that we have also recently had our Healthy Schools status renewed for another three years. Well done to Mrs Brown who has led this area.



In the next academic year, we will be working with professional writers within a scheme called Creative Partnerships. The pupils involved in this will benefit from working with professional writers for a significant amount of time over the year. It will be an exciting time for our children that will have a direct impact on the standards of their education.

The end of the summer term is always a time of mixed feelings for everyone in education. On one hand we have children leaving us who have been at our school since nursery, as well as staff who are moving on to pastures new; but on the other hand we usually have some events in the autumn term that everyone is looking forward to. This year is no different.

Our Year six children are just about to leave us. They thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip at the end of June. They had a fun packed week and showed themselves to be sensible, grown up young adults, ready to move on to the next stage of their education. They have worked hard all year and have managed to the levels of attainment that they have reached are extremely high in both English and



Maths. Our SATS scores are always good, but a new record was beaten this year, when every single pupil in the class reached Level 4 in mathematics – a 100% record which is very difficult to reach! We hope that these standards that they have reached are



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transferred into their secondary careers and we wish them well for the future.

We also have some staffing changes this year. Mr Langdale has decided to move on to another school closer to his Grimsby home in order to spend more time with his young son and partner. He has an interest in Special Needs and has secured a job at a Grimsby Special School. The staff and pupils are very fond of Mr Langdale and we will miss him. We wish him the best of luck in his new position.

As one member of staff leaves our school, another arrives. Miss Laurie Teasdale was appointed as class teacher during the summer term. Having spent the summer teaching our Y2 class as a trainee teacher from Hull University, Miss Teasdale will be bringing her enthusiasm and sporting experience to us on a more permanent basis. She has already shown herself to be a dedicated member of our staff and we are really pleased that she decided to begin her career with us.

Another exciting beginning that will occur in the new academic year is the opening of our new Integrated Services Building. The new building will be used for a wide range of extended services such as our breakfast and out of school clubs, pre-school and

other services in liaison with Barton Childrens' Services. We are sure that this building will be really successful and will help us achieve wrap-around care of the highest standard. As part of the new building, our school have provided funding to create a fantastic outdoor play area for all users of the building. This has been organised and managed by a small group of individuals connected with school and pre-school who have come together to create an impressive space at as small a cost as possible. Many thanks for all those involved. In addition to the works on the new area of the school, the existing playground will be enriched when we have a 'tyre park' installed in the autumn term. This consists of a series of tyres, set in to the ground and arranged in a way that will allow the children to have great fun clambering over them and jumping from tyre to tyre. Our school councillors have been involved in the design for this.

On behalf of the staff, pupils and governors, we would like to thank all members of our community for the help and support that they have given us over the last twelve months. We look forward to working with you in our next school year.

Caroline Breslin

LOCAL WORDSEARCH

By Olivia Manifold and Millie Wilson

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CONGRATULATIONS DYNAMOS

The Dynamos have been working hard to achieve their Bishops Awards. This involves them having to give help in the community. Amy Walmsley, Emma Howarth, Becky Hutson and Emma-May Bates received their Standard Awards from Bishop David during The Family Service at All Saints Church. They are now working to achieve the next level. They are also sponsoring a young girl in Kenya called Christine.

We always hear when young people do wrong but not so much of their achievements. So well done all of you.



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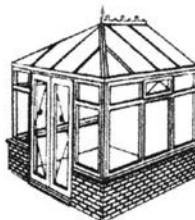
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Two Tombolas were run on both days. One was run by Enid Girdham to raise funds for the Memorial Hall and the other, a Cushion tombola, was run by Janice Leather to raise funds for *Help for Heroes*. Both Tombolas proved to be extremely popular and both ladies had to replenish their stalls more than once. We were lucky to have lovely weather over the weekend and the Global Twirlers Baton Display Group were able to carry out their exciting displays on the grassy area outside as people sat in the sun and picnic'd. Once again Goxhill Primary School Singers did us proud with their wonderful medley of Summer and Folk Songs over the Saturday lunchtime and their enthusiasm and excitement really lent a holiday atmosphere to the day.

All the stallholders said that they had really enjoyed the day and would love to return next year and many also complimented the Cafe staff for looking after them so well. We are pleased to say that £500 was raised for the Memorial Hall by the Tombola and the Cafe refreshments team on the day.

Kind regards,

Steve Wrightson (On behalf of Goxhill Memorial Hall Committee)

GOXHILL ART GROUP



This year's exhibition of our work was held as part of the Goxhill Art & Craft Fair in the Memorial Hall. A lot of people came in to see the variety of crafts resulting in greater numbers viewing the group's watercolours on display. Comments were good and the standard was greatly admired.

The Fair was a great success and the quality of wares was excellent. The tea and cakes ladies, helped by some of our villagers' polite youngsters, were kept busy over the two days.
Same again next year, please.

The Art Group meet from September to April in the Bowling Pavilion, off Manor Lane. Our programme for 2010/2011 commences on Thursday 16th September.

10am - 12 noon for beginners to Watercolours.
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Our meetings take place on the second Monday of the month, except August, commencing at 7.15 p.m. Hope to see you there.

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QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 22nd October 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom. Entry £3.50 adults (£1.50 for any accompanying child) includes supper.

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DYNAMOS YOUTH GROUP COFFEE MORNING

invite you to a coffee morning on Saturday 30th October, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at Owl Lodge, North End Goxhill (next to the school).

Admission will be £1.00, with stalls to include a Fair Trade Stall, Christmas cards, cake stall, raffle, bring & buy. Everyone welcome, please come along and support our young people of the Dynamos youth group.

THE AUTUMN CHURCH BAZAAR

takes place on Saturday 20th November with the usual stalls, etc, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Goxhill Memorial Hall.

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Auntie Wainwright is Bowing out

As you may know, the "Last of the Summer Wine" is on its final run and Auntie Wainwright has decided it is time to hang up her fingerless mittens so the Christmas Bazaar on 20th November, 2010 (11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.) will be the last time she will man her Bric a' Brac stall.

Would you therefore search high and low for those forgotten / unwanted treasures and donate them to her for display and sale on her last stall.

She would like to thank you all for your very generous support over the past years which has raised much needed cash for our local Church. She will be happy to receive your offerings from the middle of October, but as always is unable to accept any electrical goods.

Yours sincerely

Iris MacLeod aka Auntie Wainwright

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Goxhill Methodist Open Gardens

This year was the 21st year of Open Gardens.

We became of age!!

A big thank you to all who have taken part over the years. Thank you to the gardeners for all their hard work and many thanks to anyone and everyone who has contributed to making Goxhill Open Gardens a success. Many thanks also to the many bakers for all their cakes. We now have a reputation for excellent teas!!

Over the 21 years in excess of £20,000.00 has been raised. Without this money the chapel may well have closed by now. Instead it is in good decorative order and sound. Next year we would like to try something different. It has been proposed to have Spring Open Gardens in early May. Is yours a spring garden? Would you be willing to open it just for one time? This would be in addition to our June Open Gardens.

If so please contact either **Geoff Brown on 531794 or Betty Plumtree 530215.**

DEADLINE

Please have submissions for the Winter edition of the Gander in by **Saturday 6th November**
Distribution 1st week of December

(for date sensitive information)

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GOXHILL SQUARES - Modern American Square Dance Club

Earlier this year about a dozen people decided that learning to Square Dance might be a bit of fun and something different to do on a Friday evening. Over the following weeks a few more folk joined up and a few dropped out but enough

of us have stayed the course to keep things interesting. A 'square' consists of 8 people and so you tend to learn your steps together, make your mistakes together and have a good laugh together when it occasionally all goes wrong. As Friday evening entertainment it costs less than going out for a couple of pints and definitely beats flicking through the television channels trying to find something worth watching. We suspect it also counts as gentle exercise, but you tend not to notice when you are busy dancing.

John & Rosemarie Guggiari

In the Autumn it is hoped to start off another couple of beginners Square Dancing groups. It would be great to have a square of dancers in their teens or twenties keen to pick up the steps quickly and perhaps another group learning at a more sedate pace. You can come along on your own or bring a partner or even bring along seven of your friends to form your own square if you wish. Goxhill Squares meet at Goxhill Memorial Hall on a Friday evening from 8pm to 10pm. We have a highly experienced teacher and the cost is just £5 per person. Everyone is welcome, no previous experience is necessary and it is suitable for all ages. You can come along and watch us first if you wish - just give me a call on **533011** to let me know.

Pam Jeffery

DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

We have had so many requests to publicise forthcoming Drama Productions that they have all



had to be put on a separate page.

Hambledon Productions Present -

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South Bank Players - UNORIGINAL SIN

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Before County Councils, Unitary Authorities, Environment Agencies, Water and Sewage Companies, Parish Councils and the like proliferated within the country each parish had its own vestry meeting. The vestry meeting appointed a Vestry Committee. This committee was for one year responsible for everything that happened in the village from the ringing of the Church bells in the tower to the clearing of the drains in the ground it maintained the town streets of the village and in Goxhill even built the Humber Bank to prevent flooding by the Humber. It did this by appointing a Village Constable, Dyke Reeves, Overseers of the poor and Surveyors of the Highways and a number of other functionaries to oversee or to do the work. It raised money for these works by making an assessment charging everyone who owned land or pasture a price per acre. Not only was the money raised but it was accounted for meticulously to the last farthing. Sometimes the wealthier people "laid out" money from their own pocket until the assessment could be collected.

Things have changed, areas of public involvement have increased and we have progressed a long way in the care and wellbeing of the people and the environment but what of responsibility? How do you express your concern about things in the village now that you no longer meet the Dyke Reeves and the Constable in the street?

I was interested to read what Mike Gathercole Chair of the Parish Council wrote about flooding in the summer issue of The Gander. The failure of North Lincolnshire Council to maintain its moratorium on all new builds in Goxhill could have been foretold by anyone who has watched the relationship between the various County Councils and the village over many years.

The suggestion that if like the Parish Council you have serious concerns about approvals of this nature you are urged to write to the North Lincolnshire Council Chief Executive outlining your concern may not work. I have tried to raise the matter of the Brick Surface Water Drainage Culvert in Willow Lane. (Just beneath the grass verge and over run by Lorries and cars). I did it in writing with photographs but the reply that I received was a telephone call.

She was a nice lady, trained in the art of verbally allaying fears and belittling the importance of reported facts but obviously knowing nothing of the architecture of old village street drainage systems. After a long telephone conversation it was reluctantly agreed that someone would come and look at it.

Perhaps someone did but I was not told and more

importantly, nothing has happened.

In the past changes in the County authority have enabled the incoming authority to quietly forget what had been done by their predecessors. Our school and playing field are built upon ground acquired by the Lincolnshire Council to build council houses for the thousands of people who would work at the new oil refinery. In connection with the house building Road works were to be done and Services were to be installed. It never happened but on that ground Humberside built a school. We are fortunate in that a large and very good village school has developed but it is attached to the ancient sewage system and the old narrow village roads which flood.

I wonder if the proposed industrial hub for the wind turbine industry is built whether Goxhill will be chosen as the site for Wind Turbine City.

Could it be that our council chairman has hit upon a more fruitful alternative to that of writing to the Chief Executive of the North Lincolnshire Council? It is very probable that Mike Gathercole's piece in The Gander could arouse greater concern to the North Lincolnshire Council than his visit to them.

We need publicity because publicity is the enemy of inactivity. I hope that this article and future contributions from people who have concern for the village will help to fulfil that need. We should use the Goxhill Gander to express our concerns. We have a unique village magazine which is distributed to everyone in the village. What is written there will be read by many people. A letter to the council may rest in a file or a waste paper basket and no one will see it or know of its existence. After the pleasant lady has attempted to mollify the writer the silence of the years will descend upon the matter. No one will be aware that it has been quietly set aside.

I think we should make sure that the Executive and our Ward Councillors receive a copy of the Gander.

Maurice Brawn.

Seen in Goxhill: good looking redhead with green jacket.

A green parrot with a red head has been visiting the bird feeders in the North End and Ruards Lane area of Goxhill. If you have recently lost this parrot then that is the place to set any trap or lure to enable you to recover him (or her).



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Quite a mixed bag of issues this week to make you aware of. Some require your help and support others are for info

LIBRARY SERVICES

You will know from a previous article that as a result of a wider cost cutting exercise North Lincs Council (NLC) in line with all other councils are reviewing Library services around the county. NLC would like to replace the service we currently enjoy i.e. static library and librarian with a mobile library as this is the cheapest option. Goxhill Parish Council (PC) had in-depth discussion with NLC and has stated that the Mobile Library (cheapest) option is not in the best interest of the village. Accordingly the PC is now looking at entering into a 10 year Service Level Agreement with NLC which sees responsibility for the day to day running of the library i.e. staffing, opening hours etc will fall to the PC. To enable this to work we need the support of the village and you are requested to let your feelings known to NLC by writing to:

Neil Laninman, Service Director, Community Planning and Resources

Pittwood House, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe DN16 1AB

Please ensure that you have been a regular user of the library in the past if you intend to write as this will give the argument more weight.



The Library at Goxhill is under threat of closure or at best a serious reduction in the service

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Join the Goxhill Library immediately
- Sign the petition in the Post Office

USE YOUR LIBRARY OR LOSE IT!

This campaign is supported by [the Gander](#)

MULTI USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

For some time now the PC has been concerned about the lack of sporting facilities in the village and have recently had short order costings obtained for the provision of a MUGA within the parish which contains an area for football, Netball, tennis and basketball. The detailed drawings are complete and the cost, excluding ground works has been identified as circa £40,000. The PC is now approaching charitable organisations in an attempt to raise the funds or at least some of the funds with the remainder coming from the PC. The chair and committee of the PC is keen for this project to succeed in order to furnish the youth of the village with much needed facilities. We need your support and invite you to come along and view the drawings at the PC rooms.

GOXHILL CEMETERY

It is becoming increasingly difficult for the mowing machine to manoeuvre around the cemetery to the number of vases and other items that are being placed in and around the graves rather than at the headstone. Would visitors please show consideration and limit the positioning of vases et al to the area of the grave headstone.

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE CRIME

Please be aware that you can receive and share up-to-date information and alerts on wildlife and countryside crime by visiting www.safelink.info and clicking on the country watch link to register.

And finally

BROWNIE PACK

Anyone interested in volunteering to help the Brownie Pack should contact SAM (PC) or Lucy through the Parish Clerk.

Contact the Parish Clerk: Telephone: **01469 533971**

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OFF THE HOOF

"I suspect that for 95% of riders, it's the rider's aspiration that limits the partnership, and not the horses' ability".

Sonya Cunningham

As usual it is my last minute scramble to write the article for the Gander. Life seems so hectic and I never was a great planner. – Well perhaps that's not true. – I do plan but I tend to diversify or set myself tasks which are humanly impossible to achieve in the allotted time. I suspect I am not on my own in this. It has been a hot summer so far so hopefully there will be some decent hay and straw around.

I seems hard when the sun is beating down to try and plan for the coming months. Now is the time to sort our rugs out and send for washing, reproofing and repairs if necessary ready for the colder weather.

Stables and feed stores could also be cleaned and perhaps the medicine chest gone through and all out of date products disposed of responsibly.

Pelham Tack is on the move and will be having some opening bargains and offers. They are moving to the Farm Shop at the Little London Hotel, which is not far from where they are now. The Farm Shop is hoping to expand and include animal feeds, which would make a visit worthwhile. The parking is excellent which will mean you could take your horse for fittings etc.

Talking of fittings it is worth remembering the girls are both qualified in the fitting of hat and body armour by Rodney Powell.

The move should take place over a weekend to avoid as much disruption as possible. Watch their website for further details.

It is always sad when you loose a much loved member of the family. It is with great regret I report the death of Medoc the Hanoverian stallion belonging to Mr and Mrs Walker of the Ravendale Stud. Many of you will have at least heard of him as he sired many foals in this area as well as elsewhere.

He was a proved 20 – 300 day Performance Stallion of which there was only one other in the country.

In his early days he was a Grade B Show jumper and an Advanced Dressage horse and he has passed this on to his prodigy. They have excelled in all spheres including showing at County level, show jumping, dressage and eventing.

Medoc was a true family member and his passing has left a huge void of sadness in the Walker family.

One of his last foals was born at the end of July to Carol Sanderson's mare and the filly is one of the nicest foals I have seen for a long time. She is big and leggy and really "fills the eye". An artist could not have painted the star on her forehead any better, a very pretty, showy filly. Carol was delighted with her and was going to use Medoc again but unfortunately he died the week she was due to take her mare.

Mr and Mrs Walker stand another stallion that is the

same stamp as Medoc although smaller standing at 16.2 hh. His name is Le Docteur and he is a German West Phalian. Like Medoc he is fully graded and it is hoped he will give the stud something to build on for the future. This handsome local stallion is certainly worth looking at if you have a decent mare for breeding. Carol chose to use Le Docteur on her mare so we look forward to seeing the offspring next year.

Jo Burns took her horse Magali to Bramham and the going was slippery and the mare had two down, which was disappointing although Jo said the shopping at Bramham was good!

At another event Magali came 7th out of 170 contestants, which is encouraging, and in May the combination won an Amateur Grand Prix in Cheshire. They certainly do some miles!

Jo has been working on a 3 y.o that is showing promise. He is called Tempting Business, Sonny to his friends. He has now been turned away until next year when it is hoped he will have matured and be ready to start competing as a 4 y.o.

Goxhill show was once again a great success and the weather remained dry to pull out the competitors and spectators.

Most of the classes were filled and the new ex-racehorse class went down extremely well with some superb animals entered, which will hopefully encourage more competitors next year.

When all the accounts are balanced it is expected the have raised in excess of a thousand pounds for the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance so well done to all those involved both on the day and throughout the year.

Many thanks once again to Mr and Mrs Faulding for the use of their land.

East Halton show is taking place as I am tapping away writing this. I drove past this morning and the show ground was absolutely buzzing and I am sure it will be a good day for all.

It is a bit late in the year for tips on poorly tummies abroad but I have it on good authority that flat Coke is a good cure as it kills nasty bugs. It is difficult to control what you eat and even if you do not drink the water it can be a bit dodgy so worth remembering to try but it must be flat. At least it is easily available and not expensive.

Thank you for all those who have dropped used stamps in for the Bransby Home Rest for Horses. They are much appreciated. The Post Office also collect them if you find it easier to pop them in there.

That's all for this edition. Until next time.

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By the time you read this article, we will hopefully have moved into the new Integrated Services Building located at Goxhill Primary School. This move marks a new era for the Pre School which we are all very excited about.

However, we also said a sad farewell to the

Memorial Hall, which has played an integral role in the life of Pre School over the past 25 years. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank the Memorial Hall Committee for all their support.

Moving to the new Integrated Services Buildings has enabled Pre School to open additional days, including Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. We have also been very fortunate to receive a new outdoor provision which allows the children to explore and discover their surroundings along with the foundation children, thus making the transition to school easier.

Looking back to last term, the children enjoyed a trip to the Pink Pig Farm near Messingham. Exploring the farm trail, the children had an opportunity to meet lots of different animals including, ducks, sheep, goats, cows, rabbits and alpacas. The children also enjoyed a tractor ride to see the pigs and had lots of fun playing in the bale pool, sandpit and the fort. All was quiet on the way home as most of the children fell fast asleep. Everyone agreed it had been a fantastic day out, and the weather could not have been better.

The end of term open morning, our 'Jungle Jamboree' held on the 22nd July, (last day of term) was a huge success. We had lots of parents/ carer's, both old and new attend. The children enjoyed lots of jungle themed activities, including decorating monkey feet, making spiral snakes, and going on a jungle animal hunt in the Pre School garden, to name but a few. This event also gave us the opportunity to say a goodbye and thank you to all those past members of staff and committee who have made Pre School possible at the Memorial Hall over the years, thank you.

Goxhill Pre School is a registered charity and is run by voluntary committee members. We rely



on fundraising events in order to help towards purchasing new toys and equipments as well as supporting the day to day running costs. We have therefore organised a number of up coming fundraising events, including a Children's Halloween Party on Friday

29th October 2010 to be held at Goxhill Primary School, look out for posters advertising this event. We also have our fantastic Christmas raffle in which we have been donated some wonderful prizes. The raffle will be drawn on the 15th December 2010 at our Children's Pre School Christmas Party. If you wish to purchase raffle tickets these will be available at various businesses around the village or from Val Gorbutt (Chair) on 531012 or Kerry Welton (Treasurer) on 532695 or Jayne Hutton (Supervisor) on 531587 as from the 25th November 2010. As always we would appreciate your support.

However, if you are interested in knowing more about supporting Pre School or would like to join our committee and help with our fundraising events, please contact Val Gorbutt on 531012 or Jayne Hutton on 531587.

Our Pre School is open to children from 2 yrs to 5 yrs of age. Three year old children are entitled to up to 15 hours a week free flexible funding from the term following their 3rd birthday. By being on site, we continue to have excellent links with Goxhill Primary School and work together in supporting children through the transition process. Breakfast and after school care are also available through the Goxhill out of School Club.

For more information please call in during our opening times, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at the Integrated Services Building at Goxhill Primary School or contact us on **07873428906** (during opening hours).

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This years pantomime is called
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by TLC Creative and is an Arthurian Tale based in and around Camelot. Full of good clean family entertainment with lots of corny gags, songs, and audience participation it is a guaranteed fun fest for the whole family! As usual it will be performed at Baysgarth School the **first weekend in December**. We are hoping to raise more money this year for another worthy cause associated with the younger generation. If you know of any such group/individual/charity (locally based) who you feel would be an ideal recipient for this years donation please contact **Lynne 01469 531207**
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GOXHILL FRIENDSHIP DAY

Friendship Day took place on Saturday 24th July in Goxhill Memorial Hall. Its aim was twofold - to raise funds for both Cancer Research and Goxhill Memorial Hall; and to celebrate the life of Christine Gouldthorpe and her contribution to our village.

The day itself was a great success and we'd like to think that this was due to Christine's popularity. Originally, the idea was to take part in a 'Strawberry Tea-Party' being organised at a national level by Cancer Research. It was decided, with John Gouldthorpe's permission, to organise this in memory of Christine. As initial plans began to be laid, it soon became apparent, that we would prefer something more substantial than a tea party. We knew that Christine was an important and well loved member of our community and we hoped to create an event that would show this.

On the day, the sun shone throughout, fitting the daffodil theme perfectly. On the outside of the hall, Tracy and Tony Morley and Laurie Teasdale served up hamburgers and hotdogs, overlooked by frantic groups of children trying to beat the records on Dale Coulam's 'keepy-uppy' game and Sandra Smith's 'forking marble' game , whilst others tried their luck on the more sedate 'name the bear' run by Tina Clark.

On the inside of the hall, a wide range of activities took place – such as the 'name the holiday destination' game – the prize being a huge (and I mean huge) box of Thornton's chocolates very generously donated by Rachel Belcher. Some of the stalls on the day worked on donations rather than set prices. On the cake stall, the generosity of the visitors shone through, helped along with the persuasiveness of Jane Arnott and Sharon Coulam. Those visitors who required refreshments were gallantly served by Lorraine Wilson and Jill Kirby who served gallons of tea and coffee accompanied by buns and cakes and the Roe family were there selling their delicious dairy ice cream. Blythe and Grace Holland ran a stall of their own, providing their own resources (even their own table) where they helped younger visitors to decorate biscuits and have fun. Jayne Savidge occupied her usual face painting position, resulting in lots and lots of animal faced children dashing round the hall, some dashing next door to the tuck shop manned by Clare Robinson. One of the more sombre activities on Friendship Day was the 'Wishing Tree' manned by Toni Hostad. Individuals were invited to write messages to either Christine or loved ones they had lost on daffodil shaped tags and hung on a decorative tree. The tree was placed in the Methodist Chapel after the event.

No fund raising event in Goxhill could take place without Enid Girdham's tombola- this received a steady stream of visitors throughout the day (so many that Christine Brace was amongst the helpers gathered by Enid, including her sister) making a great contribution, as did the raffle run by Janine Cook.

Entertainment was provided by pupils from Goxhill Primary School. We were very proud of their performances, despite being very thin on the ground due to the beginning of the holiday season. As well as singing, we also listened to Madeleine Dudding play her violin and Joe Manifold play his drums. A guest appearance by Rebecca Hewitt was also well received by the audience.

As organisers of the event, we were bowled over by the generosity of the community in the run up to the event. We had many donations, including substantial amounts from the parish council and the WI. Our raffle had some great prizes, all of which were donated as were the cakes and buns that were sold during the day. Each of the craft stalls made a contribution to the event that was kindly received. When the takings of the day were totalled, we were astounded - including the donations we had already received, - a total of £1050. This amount will be divided equally between the Memorial Hall and Cancer Research. In addition, three pupils from Goxhill Primary (Madeleine Dudding, Sally Belcher and Lois Newton) had completed a sponsored event as part of their 'Lifestyle' project and raised over £100 for Cancer Research.

Christine Gouldthorpe was involved in many different aspects of the community. The photographs that Jill and Lorraine displayed in the hall showed Christine in some of her roles, often involving children, always involving a smile. During the day Christine's life and involvement in her community was remembered fondly and celebrated by her friends. We had hoped that the day would be a fitting tribute to Christine. The generosity of the friends who attended the event and the amount raised show that it was. Sarah and I would like to thank everyone who helped to organise Friendship Day, particularly Jill Kirby and Lorraine Wilson. Most of all, we'd like to thank the community of Goxhill who all played some part in supporting the day and making it a great success.

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ASK THE CHEF? with Nigel Brown

At last summer has arrived and is hopefully still with us, so now that we're all in good spirits it's time to dig out the garden's most fierce but protected piece of kit - the sacred fire breathing salamander - the Barbecue!

The problem with BBQ's is that all of a sudden everyone and his wife seems to be an expert on the subject and the truth is it's a territorial thing us men have going on here.

Number one rule is don't leave your BBQ out all year round and expect it to fire up like a pre-warmed F1 engine, "that just isn't going to happen".

Number two, draw up a contract of responsibility because when it comes down to it if the chicken is raw the sausages are pink and the salmon is verging toward the dreaded carbon crusted diamond stage then they will be looking to blame someone and best its not you!



Number three, plan, prepare and cook, it's that simple. Being organised is key here, make sure you have an area for raw foods and an area for cooked foods, left and right is usually a good start for this system.

Number four, always wait for the flames to die down and disappear completely if you're cooking on charcoal or wood, if you're using LPG gas manage the temperature by turning it down after you've preheated it.

If you stick to these rules then you're off to a good start.

So on to cooking. It's always best to marinade your meats, poultry and fish prior to cooking, it adds flavour and also helps keep it all moist and succulent to eat.

It's been a very exciting time for cookery school. We transferred our kitchen to The Ropewalk in Barton and the brand new academy is up,



running and proving to be a great hit with customers old and new. There's still a few available places on our existing courses plus some great new bitesize evening master-classes, check out the website www.nigelbrownchef.co.uk for details.

My new show Yes Chef! started at Lincoln Theatre Royal on 3rd September and promises to change the face of cookery demonstrations as we know them. The show involves glamour, surprise and great entertainment.



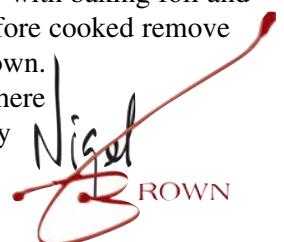
Top Tips for Roast Beef

Q How can you tell when a piece of steak being grilled, griddled or BBQ'd is rare, medium or well done, without cutting it open to see?

A This is technical so pay attention! Touch your index finger tip on your thumb tip, turn over your hand and poke the squidgy bit under your thumb – this is what rare steak should feel like. Middle finger and thumb is medium rare, ring finger is medium and your little pinky and thumb is well done.

Q What is the best way to cook a Beef joint for a Sunday Roast that does not leave it dried up and flavourless?

A Apply the rule of 20 minutes per pound and 20 minutes over to determine the cooking time. Place the beef joint onto a bed of root vegetables, add approx ? inch cold water into the roasting tray. Season the joint with pepper only (salt will dehydrate the joint). Cover with baking foil and roast at 180C. About ? hour before cooked remove the foil to allow the joint to brown. Allow to rest before serving. There will be enough liquid in the tray to create a fab homemade gravy.



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1ST GOXHILL AND BARROW SCOUTS

Beaver Fun Day

May bank holiday weekend saw 12 excited beaver scouts enjoying a fun packed day at Raywell scout campsite, on the northbank. Here they got the enviable opportunity to meet our Chief Scout, TV presenter and survival expert, Bear Grylls. He found a warm welcome from all and was overjoyed to see such a good turnout of children all participating in fun activities, including play bus, grass sledging, face painting and toasting marshmallows on the open fire.



District Cub Camp

A scorching hot weekend resulted in the district cub camp being a blazing success. Nearly 100 cubs from across the region attended the activity weekend at Primrose Hill, Broughton. Events varied from branding, rocket making and backwoods cooking, In the afternoon, each section was asked to build and decorate a totem pole and the 1st Goxhill & Barrow troop were awarded first prize. In the tug of war competition they valiantly fought their way to 3rd place so very well done boys.

Scouts and Explorer Glanboree Weekend

21 Scouts and Explorers attended this annual event at Primrose Hill campsite and it was a well subscribed event from across the district.



The weekend was packed with activities for all abilities and they ranged from air rifle shooting, archery, climbing wall to a blackout obstacles course. Scouts enjoyed a fantastic weekend of weather which culminated with a massive water fight for our section but unfortunately the leaders came off a poor second!.

Summer Camp

At the end of August the Scout and Explorer section will be heading off on their

week long summer camp to Bradley Wood Scout Campsite and Activity Centre at Brighouse, West Yorkshire and providing the leaders survive, there will be more on this event next time!

Chief Scout Gold Award

Lastly, a special mention must go to Scout and (soon to be Explorer Scout) Henry Fielding, for achieving his Chief Scout Gold Award. This highly prestigious award is a result of months of hard work and dedication and saw Henry complete his final challenge when he presented his Global Challenge project. Henry is only the third member of the group to receive this award and previous winners were Explorer Scout Josh Goodburn and ex Scout James Bruce.

Henry doesn't know yet that he is to receive this award as he has been away for most of the school holidays, but we would like to take this opportunity to say CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE from all your friends at 1st Goxhill and Barrow Scouts.

Rachel Mitchell Scout Leader / Acting GSL



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



In the Summer issue of The Gander, I warned against the risks of leaving doors and windows open in the warmer weather. Shortly afterwards I received the following report of an incident in Goxhill. Apart from removing references to protect identities, these are that person's own words:

"On the evening of the 23rd of May we were sat in our living room, curtains drawn and some lights on when we heard someone trying our front door three or four times - enough for us to hear it. At first we thought it was name trying to open the door but had his hands full .On getting up and going into the hall the door was open and on stepping out two youths were running away from the house along Howe Lane. The incident was reported to the police and they did attend promptly, checking the area. We have lived on Howe Lane ... and have had other incidents that we haven't reported: solar lights, potted plants, ornaments all stolen from the front garden. But I feel this incident needs to be brought to your members' attention: make it less obvious that a house was unoccupied."

There seem to be several lessons for us all within that story:

- Keep front and back doors locked to make it difficult for sneak thieves.
- Deter thieves by making it obvious that the house is occupied.
- Quiet and pleasant as our village may be, we are not immune to crime.
- Please report even minor incidents to the police so that they can be logged (even if the crimes remain unsolved).

If you are unlucky enough to suffer a theft or to otherwise need to contact the police then here is a reminder of the options available to you:

☎ **999** only if you need to report an emergency e.g.: life at risk, crime in progress, public disorder, violence used or threatened, serious danger or fear.

☎ **0845 6060 222** to report or pass on information about a crime or incident that has happened – it could fit in with other people's reports.

✉ Email for non-emergencies – contact your local Police Community Support Officer via email the police website at www.humberside.police.uk.

☎ **0800 555 111** to speak to someone at CRIMESTOPPERS if you have information about a crime but are unwilling to identify yourself.

John Guggiari, GNeW Area Co-ordinator

GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB

The outdoor bowling season is once more coming to an end with only a handful of league games left to play. We are doing well in all three leagues in which we participate but final positions will not be to hand for about three weeks.

The English Bowling Federation County competitions are now over with two members, Harold Dixon and Chris Ellis, each gaining a County singles title, which means they will now compete in the National Finals to be held at Skegness and another member, Tina Morris, was runner-up in her competition. There were also other members who reached the Quarter Final stages in the Federation competitions. Tina Morris also gained a County singles title in a competition under English Bowling Association rules.

We have gained several new members this season who are doing well and seem very pleased with their new found activity! We are always looking for new members and hope to recruit more next year. Please think seriously about this as you may be pleasantly surprised.

We are hoping to run monthly Domino Drives on a Friday evening which are open to members and non-members. The cost is just £1.50 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. For further information regarding the commencement of the Drives, please telephone 01469 530083.

For any information please telephone Chris on **01469 530579**.

Thank you. **Chris Ellis, Secretary.**



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BAYSGARTH NEWS



Sports Day

On Wednesday 7th July, Baysgarth held our annual sports day. It was a little chilly to start off with but the sun managed to make an appearance just before it started to rain! The events were very successful and as always house rivalry was at its most competitive! Newton ruled at the 1500, winning almost every race from year 7 to year 9. Ancholme, Bardney and Treecce did have their moments but the overall winners were the almighty Newton. They won both year 7 and 8 overall but Ancholme pulled it out the bag for a win from the year 9's. A huge thank you to all the members of staff responsible for the organising of the day, without you this special event wouldn't happen, and thank you to all the participants and the heads of houses, with out that little bit of competition, what's the point? It was a very good day overall and I'm sure everyone looks forward to next year, let's see if Newton can hold their spot at the top? Beth Griffiths, year 10

Alice Whall, year 11, completes 3 peaks walk for charity.

As we drove out of the villages I knew we were off on an adventure! Just an hour later we started walking to the first peak, Pen-y-Ghent. The easy part lasted for about 2 miles, then for the windy climb up, 11 miles later, we had completed the first peak, touched the top and came back down. Whernside was next, this was by far the hardest peak; the shortest and steepest route took the most energy out of us all. The view on the way up was immense. The patchwork fields and scenery was bliss complete.

The last peak was Ingleborough. This was easier to get up, as it was structured more with steps, when you are then at the summit, you can see everything for 20 miles around! The walk back was hard! A sign post that told us it was only 1.5 miles to go! I was so glad I completed it!

This walk was to raise money and the awareness of Cystic Fibrosis. The walk was 25 miles, and had to be done within 12 hours. If anyone would like to donate money to the charity just visit the site - <http://www.justgiving.com/Abi-Pearson> This charity was very close to my heart, as my cousin Jessica died of Cystic Fibrosis, and it was important to me and all her family to raise as much money as possible, and complete what we had set out to do.

By Alice Whall

Young Enterprise students put Enterprise into Action !

Since September, pupils in the Humber region aged between the ages of 13 and 15 have participated in this exciting, hands-on programme, with 6 teams competing in a grand final recently held at The University of Hull Business School. The mini-company from Baysgarth

School, Barton-upon-Humber "Quantum Quality" were singled out as the winning team!

Their product was a "cable catcher" designed to tidy up all those cables around your computer!

The Chair of Judges, Lyn Green said that Quantum had really understood their customer and their target market and their product had been tailored accordingly taking into account the market research given. They had worked hard to adapt their prototype product accordingly.



Quantum Quality from left to right Jayde Sleight (Head of Manufacturing), Colette Walkington (Head of Finance), Carla Potter (Company Director) and Sam Wright (Advertising Manager)

Link teacher George Beastall from Baysgarth School said "this was the first time I've run anything like this at Baysgarth School. I'm so proud of the team who showed amazing commitment and maturity throughout the whole experience. The students are presently in Year 9, and next year in Year 10 they will have the opportunity to become a Director of a Young Enterprise Company, running a real business. I have high hopes for Quantum Quality-one to watch out for in the future!"

North Lincolnshire Skills Centre

The new skills centre at Baysgarth School is near completion and we are very proud and excited to have this unique building on our school site. Pupils in the area will be able to take advantage of the vocational courses that will be available, such as construction, motor vehicle mechanics and hair and beauty. There will also be adult education courses on offer and further details of these will be distributed to pupils and the wider community in the very near future.

Website Makeover

The school website has been updated and is now more user friendly, thanks to Mr Keeton. We are now hosting and managing the site and will be able to update events on a more frequent basis. Please visit us at www.baysgarthschool.co.uk and tell us what you think.

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Memories of Goxhill - The 1930's

I first came to live in Goxhill Marsh at the age of 7. My mother was a widow with six children; when my father died as a result of being kicked by a cow we had to leave the 'tied cottage'. We went to live in Goxhill Marsh in what was then known as 'Birkett's cottages'; situated in the Marsh three and a half miles from the village, in an area known as Dawson City. (This is now a nature reserve called by the same name) This was close to the Humber Bank, and near Klondike, another name of obscure origin; consisting of a brickyard with two clay pits from which bricks were barrowed through two tunnels to waiting barges.

There was quite a close community in the Marsh in those days. All attended the small chapel dressed in 'Sunday Best'; getting warmth from the 'pot-bellied stove' as we sat in the tiered seats; memorable is the fact that people came from the village at special times such as Harvest Festival to swell our congregation to capacity demonstrating the strength of community.

Further along at Goxhill Haven was Mr. Arthur Wright's (Tarry) sailing barge, in which he used to take fishermen across the water to Paul Sands, on the North Bank to dig worms, to be used later to fish the Humber for cod. There was plenty of cod in those days He also carried Road stone chippings, which were collected by horse and cart. This stone was stored by the sides of the roads for later use by road-men who arrived with a horse drawn tar-barrel to repair the road. He also brought large lumps of chalk from 'Ferriby Cliff' to repair the Humber bank. After 70 years there remain tiny stones, washed away over the years. He also used the barge as a 'carrier service' for groceries from shoppers in Hull. (Can anyone remember what his barge was called?) I would love to know.

For many years Mrs. Wright sold 'pop' and crisps from her riverside cottage.

I travelled to school in Mr. Trimmingham's horse drawn 'bus'. Two horses were used; one for the outward journey and one for the return journey by the opposite route; woe betide the times when it was necessary for a horse to do the opposite journey; for as we know horses have a will of their own.

All our shopping was done by taking a barrow three and a half miles to the village; just before war came I was surprised to see the first 'Steam Lorry' I had ever seen; delivering 'huts to Dawson City' Soldiers moved on site in tents and an 'Anti-Aircraft Gun-site' was constructed. I remember my mother doing the cooking for these men; Alas when the 'testing' began our houses were declared unsafe and we had to move to Field Farm Cottage. This still stands, greatly modernised on the corner of Ruards Lane and Horsegate Rd. (or maybe that name is changed now). From here we had to walk two miles to the village, where there were four Grocer shops, Giles, Wilford, Dales and Thompsons, each one selling miscellaneous articles as well as groceries; including at Giles, cattle foods, patent medicines, and clothing. There were two butchers, Wardle and Thompson. I remember 4 fish and chip shops. There were 3 joiner shops, Allisons, Will Turners, Frank

Thompson; a blacksmith George Parker known as the 'singing blacksmith' lived in The Square. He made ornamental gates; I think the cemetery gates were of his construction. Another blacksmith, Bob Cook had his shop close by 'The Generous Briton', one of the two public houses in that time. Bob Cook was the one who shod horses and made and repaired farm implements.

There were two bakers; firstly Nelson Dale with his Shetland pony pulling a small 'van' delivering products. Arthur Gibson had a bakery where we could purchase products if we visited the premises.

Fred Dale had a grocer shop also a grinding mill for farmers' corn There were two cobblers, Farrows and Hutchinsons; a post office, three shops run from front rooms in various parts of the village, and two Pubs, The Generous Britton North End Goxhill which was in later years converted into a house and the Brocklesby Hunt, on Howe Lane which is still open. Ringroses' Hairdressers was there too. Added to these were two hardware shops, one of which was Mick Atkin's, and one paper shop (Parkers) in the square, which also sold wool and had a lending library. These shops survived the war but are now sadly depleted, leaving only two food shops, two paper shops, post office and very little else.

The Horse drawn school 'bus' was replaced by a motor 'bus' when the Immingham Secondary School opened (1937) and the older children had to be taken there; the vehicle also took us into Goxhill

The Headmasters at Goxhill school, (which was on Thorne Lane,) in my day were Mr. Ridge and Mr. Huxtable.

Memorable 'Characters' of these days were Mr. T Raby; a portly gentleman land owner, who commanded respect from all young people insisting that they wished him Good-day in a respectful manner. He was dressed in black Frock coat, spats, a top hat and carried a cane

Mr. Crampin lived at a house called Mayfield on Thorne Lane (later became a residential home, with the addition of Manor in its name). He owned Maydale Pig Farm and had other business interests.

Mr. Thompson, father of the grocer was a tailor and could be seen making clothes behind the grocer's shop.

I remember a recluse, who lived in a hut down the Middle Marsh Rd. He was Billy Button. On the outbreak of war, some of the less caring folk started to tell him the enemy was after him. This caused great distress. Houses are built there now.

I'll always remember the 'Dilly-man' Mr. Holgarth; whose job was to empty earth closets. At this point I will point out that this service did not extend to us in the Marsh. We had to dig a hole and dispose of our own.

The employment in the village consisted of Farm-work; brickyard work; employment by the Railway Company; we had a station master, porters and signalmen in those days. The Market Garden industry was very strong. Many were employed by Van den Bos, and van der

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Slutan families; obviously of Dutch origin. When produce was being dispatched to Hull for distribution by the warehouses, the train was used and had extra 'standing' time allotted; so great was the amount to be loaded. We always saw 'Goxhill Grown' on boxes in the shops

Lastly I will mention that we were able to travel by train to Barton; New-Holland, to catch the ferry to Hull; or to Grimsby and Cleethorpes. Another Railway ran between Barton and Immingham; that has long gone.

When the war came we found that we lived on the corner of the airfield; which we watched being built. To achieve this Grange Farm was demolished, as was Spilman's bungalow in South end because it was in the way of a runway. On asking an 'official' what would happen after the war he told us that everything would be put back as it was; of course that never happened. All this meant that we were in a dangerous position all through the war. I will finish here as I'm sure someone will talk about war-time Goxhill.

Ramona Percy

NEWS FROM THE ALLOTMENTS

It was about this time last year when my husband, in his infinite wisdom, decided that he would like us to have an allotment. I must admit that at first I was a little dubious, what did we know about growing vegetables? Yes we have been keen gardeners for many years but had never attempted growing produce, would we have enough time to work the plot and would we know what to grow? So it was with some reservations we signed on the dotted line for a year's rental and we were allocated our plot. Eager to start our new project we headed for the allotments to be faced with a plot of grass and weeds (approximately 300 square yards) no soil in sight. We began clearing the plot and after some hard work (it is much cheaper than gym membership) and lots of encouragement and praise from our fellow allotmenteers, by the end of the year we had cleared the ground, dug in lots of well rotted manure and were ready to start planting.



Our recent summer family BBQ on the Allotments which was attended by about 20 adults and some 10 children.

fantastic. They generously give their advice and time. Just the other day we returned to our plot to find some leeks had been planted and when we were away on holiday our plot was well looked after.

A real bonus has been the opportunity to meet likeminded people and already friendships have been formed. If you were to ask me now if I would do it again, the answer would be a definite and resounding YES. Taking on the allotment has been a life changing experience. I can no longer pass a skip without looking in to see if there is anything useful for the allotment and recipes for jams and chutneys are eagerly cut out from magazines and newspapers.

I would thoroughly recommend to anyone to take on an allotment, yes it will take some hard work to get it started and then to keep the weeds at bay, but what other hobby allows you to be in the fresh air, to develop well toned biceps and provide your family and friends with top quality fresh fruit and vegetables?

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