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Autumn 2011



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Watching the young children at Goxhill School this summer, competing at Sports Day, performing at Goxhill's Got Talent at the Summer Fayre and the Year 6 pupils delivering their Leavers Concert, it is wonderful to see so many of them enjoying life to the full. They demonstrate an enthusiasm and pleasure in performing in front of their parents and families, and many have definitely got the GoX factor.

I hope they continue to develop and mature into the citizens of the future, who can add to the talent in the village and continue to make Goxhill such a nice and fun place to live.

Just take a look at the Notice Board. It used to be one page now it is 3 pages, packed with things that are being organised for your entertainment. All you need to do is turn up and support as many of these events as possible and ENJOY! If not enough attend, these activities will sadly disappear, and so would the life of the village.

Many groups in the village need more support, for example the Tennis Club could do with more players, the Scouts have only just managed to get a few new people involved to stop it having to close, but still need more because there are so many beavers, cubs and scouts in the troop. The Gander also needs more helpers, we particularly need someone to deliver at South End, but any help with distribution, administration, advertising or even editing would be greatly appreciated.

One particular local facility that needs the support of the village is the pub. It would be great to see 'The Brock' flourish but the landlords cannot do it on their own. They need more to pop in there for a drink rather than going out of the village all the time, and to support the many entertainments they put on.

The Gander is in the happy position that it is in great demand as an advertising medium. We have just finished signing up advertisers for the next 4 issues and we are having to turn away anybody who is not providing a local service to the Goxhill area. We are very grateful to all our advertisers for their support and hope our readers use these local services as much as possible, thus supporting the local economy.

It has resulted in yet another bumper 48 page issue. But that leaves a lot of pages to fill with local news and stories. So please make sure you send in any articles, notices of forthcoming events or reports on past events. Tell us about successes or unusual things. About what is going on now and how things were in the past. Contributions to a page for the youngsters in the village would be a welcome addition. We could also consider including a Classified Advertising section to sell or swap unwanted items.

I must say a really big thank you to all our regular contributors for their hard work writing the articles and notices that make the Gander such a good read, and hope they will continue to do so. I know how hard it is to fit in these things in busy lives, so we all appreciate your efforts and creativity. I also thank the rest of the team, particularly the delivers, that are so vital to getting the Ganders through all the letterboxes in the village.

As well as the actual newsletter, we have a website and we are also contemplating having a Facebook page, what do you think about that? If you have any other suggestions how we can improve the Gander, please get in touch. Thanks.

Jeff Teasdale

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Holidays or Holy days?

Holidays as we know them are, historically speaking, quite a recent innovation. Indeed the very idea of having paid time off work to go away somewhere else or to do something else for a few weeks in the year seemed a little ridiculous to our ancestors. The only time off that many people used to have in days gone by was when there was a Holy Day or a religious celebration like Christmas or Easter which still survive in the popular imagination as times of rest from work so as to celebrate the feast. Arguably these great festivals have survived through their often excessive cultural associations (parties and presents especially), other lesser holy days have lost their popular significance and with it the time off - for instance Ascension Day and as last month, the feast of the Transfiguration. No holiday on these holy days. Interestingly, many of us who like to holiday in Spain or Italy will have noticed how many holy-days are still observed as holidays without losing their religious significance.

But we don't take our holidays on holy days any more anyway. For many, the summer months are the times to disappear for a break when schools are out and the sun is shining. Others enjoy Autumn and Winter breaks. Should we perhaps stop calling them 'holidays' and refer instead to a 'vacations', literally an 'emptying' as in academic institutions, creating a space, a void, to be filled with nothing in particular? For in reality what is holy about them now?

Even though we no longer take time off to celebrate all the red letter days in the church year, saints days and all, we generally still make it a communal habit to take a decent chunk of rest at least once a year, and this, I believe, is a 'holy' activity. Rest is good for you, the more the better, a genuinely holy opportunity to be yourself rather than to have to do what others expect of you - after all, God himself rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:3).

But rest should not be restricted to the Sabbath day. It is the chance to discover what God made you to be, free from the pressures and distractions of life. Rest is time to think and time to meet with God in your break from routine. It's a valuable and precious commodity. Holidays are potentially far more important than we probably think. Holiday time can very easily become holy time. Enjoy it and make the most of it.

Reverend John Girtchen

Autumn Services at All Saints Church (unless specified)

Friday 7th October	7.30pm	Harvest Festival Evensong followed by buffet supper
Sunday 9th October	9.30am	Family Harvest Communion
Sunday 30th October	11.00am	United Holy Communion for All Saints followed by buffet lunch
Wednesday 2nd November	7.30pm	Goxhill Methodist Church: Annual Bereavement Memorial Service
Sunday 13th November	10.45am	United Service of Remembrance at Goxhill Memorial Hall
Sunday 13th November	2.00pm	Act of Remembrance at Airfield Memorial, Horsegatefield Road

See Parish Magazine and notices in Church Room windows for details of other services and events.

Elvis comes to Barrow on Humber!

A CHURCH minister who doubles as an Elvis impersonator is coming to Barrow on Humber's Holy Trinity Church to strut his stuff! Steve Caprice is known as the "Rockin Reverend" and will be appearing at in a special one off Elvis Gospel Tribute Show on Friday 23rd September at 7.30pm.

Steve has been a fan of Elvis since he was introduced to his music when he was seven and says his act inspired him to become a performer. The singing minister says a spell in the American Bible Belt had a profound effect on him, which was to change his life considerably in the following years.

Steve works for the UK Outreach Ministries and found part of his calling was to use his abilities as an entertainer to spread the word. Steve was the UK Elvis gospel award winner in a competition in 2007.

His award was presented by Charles Stone, Elvis's tour manager in the 1970s, who was particularly pleased to meet Steve, telling him that he was one of the best Elvis impersonators he'd ever seen!

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

As I write this article, the school has just broken up for the summer break, literally minutes ago. The Year 6 children have gone home for the last time from our school, in many cases, smiling through tears. They are all ready for the next stage of their education and the more grown up world of secondary school beckons. We wish the children well and hope that they will come and see us in the near future. We often have ex-pupils visiting us on work experience and it is lovely to see how they have developed into young adults in just a few terms of secondary school education.

Our Year 6 had a very busy end of term. In the penultimate week, the residential trip took place. Based at the University of Hull accommodation, the trip crammed in activities such as The National Coal Mining Museum, The National Railway Museum, Frankie and Benny's, Odeon Cinema, swimming, bowling, as well as excursions to Magna, Filey and Eden Camp. Both children and staff arrived back exhausted on the Friday evening having had a great, action-packed time.

The main task for y6 after the residential trip was to prepare for the leavers' concert which took place on the penultimate night of the term. The children performed for their parents, sharing their thoughts on the future as looking back at their time at primary school. Barton Lions then presented them with a dictionary, which we hope will be a lasting reminder of this stage of their lives. Many thanks go to Barton Lions who are regular supporters of our school.

Within their last few weeks at our school, Y6 also worked with Kimberley Clark. The staff of Kimberley Clark visited our school each week in the summer term, working with the children of Y6 and Y4 on themes connected with problem solving and enterprise. Both year groups thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and their parents were involved when they were invited to an awards ceremony. Our school have greatly benefitted from our partnership with Kimberley Clark and we hope that this is a relationship that will grow and prosper. Jim Oakshott, one of the Kimberley Clark managers who has worked closely with the



On the Year 6 Residential trip

school, now has another challenge in his sights. He is currently fund-raising in order to build a day centre for a South African orphanage. On our last day of term, we held a non-uniform day and bun sale. All in all, including a contribution from the school towards this worthy cause, we will be presenting Jim with a cheque for £400 in the autumn term.

We have been fund-raising for our own needs during the summer term. We held our annual summer fayre in July which was really well attended. It was a blustery, cloudy day, but our crossed fingers must have helped as it didn't rain and towards the end of the day, the sun put in a performance. As always, we aimed to provide a fun afternoon out for all of the family and we hope that we achieved this. Many thanks to all parents, pupils and friends who supported us and helped us raise over £1500 to enrich our curriculum over the coming term.

In terms of enrichment, we have had a variety of clubs running after school. Miss Teasdale has been organising netball club with regular practices and also inter-school competitions. Mrs Morley, Mrs Cottam and Mrs Watson have also been running our cookery club which is very popular. In addition, Mrs Spencer has run twice weekly French clubs. Many thanks go to all those involved with the running of these clubs.

There has also been a variety of enrichment
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Pupils of Goxhill Primary School, who were leaving to move into secondary education, were each presented with an Illustrated Dictionary by David Lee of Barton Rotary Club. The Rotary Club gives a total of 240 of these books to schools in the Barton area.



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Sports Day was a great success with the whole school involved competing on the same afternoon, organised by Miss Teasdale. Family and friends lined the track on both sides and enjoyed a lovely sunny day for a change.

happening during the school day: we have had visitors from the Blue Cross and Sky Angels. As well as this, all year groups have taken part in educational visits in places such as: Cleethorpes, Normanby Hall, a working farm, Woodside Falconry and the residential trip with its many destinations.

As part of our curriculum, we use the outdoor classroom as much as we can. All of our children spend time in the school garden, sowing, nurturing and harvesting their products over the year. Their efforts have been rewarded recently, when we were awarded the title of 'Best School Garden' by the Council for Rural England. Thanks go to Mrs Kell who oversees the garden and who entered us into the competition.

One of the features of working in education is that things never stay the same and every day is different. There are occasions however, when these changes are not welcomed and this is the situation with some of our staffing changes this autumn. We are very sad to say farewell to three of our members of staff this term. Mrs Watson has moved to a part-time position closer to her home in Scunthorpe. Two of our teaching assistants, Mr Coulam and Mrs Cottam have sadly reached the end of their contracts and will also be missed in the autumn term. Each of these three members of staff have made significant contributions to our school – each in different ways, and all three will be missed. We wish them well in the future and hope that they will stay in touch.

Not all changes are sad, however, and we are pleased to welcome two new members of staff to our school.

Miss Amiee Gibbs is our new Y2 teacher and Mr Jon Boyton will be teaching Y6.

Miss Breslin has been asked to help a local school and will be acting as their interim Headteacher for the autumn term. In Miss Breslin's absence, I will take on the role of acting Headteacher and Mrs Brown will support me in the role of acting Deputy. All three of us are looking forward to the challenges that the term will bring. We wish Miss Breslin all the best in her new, temporary, role and look forward to welcoming her back in the New Year.

As always, on behalf of the pupils, staff and governors of Goxhill Primary School, we would like to thank all of our friends and supporters for their on-going support.

Phil Brown and Caroline Breslin



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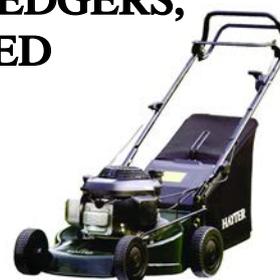


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Goxhill Memorial Hall

Goxhill's 2nd Spring Craft Fair was held in the Memorial Hall in May and was another success with 16 craft stalls taking part and Stan Short once again representing the Goxhill Art Group. Raising funds for the hall was Enid Girdham and her grandson Reece Cook with their Tombola.

Mrs Penny Carnell, Heather Nettleton and Janine Cook organised the cafe and £600 in total was raised for the memorial Hall funds.

A Table Top Sale was also held in July, unfortunately the constant rain must have made it the wettest day of the year but everyone sold something from their stalls and £100 was raised for the Hall funds.

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Goxhill Memorial Hall Committee

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In September we will be shown how to make Seasonal Flower Arrangements. October is our Harvest Supper. In November there will be a visit from representatives of Lindsey Lodge, December sees our Christmas Party and January is Members Night - hopefully these latter two evenings won't be cancelled this year due to bad weather. In February John

Hankinson is giving a talk on Wildlife which should be very interesting. If anyone would like to come for a 'try before you buy' taster, please come along to the Memorial Hall or telephone

Mrs. Iris MacLeod for more details on
01469 530772.

Quiz Night

Friday 14th October 7.30pm in the Chapel School Room. Admission £4 which includes supper. To book a team ring
Jane 530962 or **Sandra 530065**

Tuesday 11th October

An Evening of Sugar Craft with Sue Sharp
7.30pm in the Church Room

Tuesday 8th November

Christmas flower arrangements by Barbara Giles, 7.30pm in the Church Room

Saturday 19th November

Church Bazaar, Goxhill Memorial Hall
1pm onwards. Various stalls and games.
Soup, lunches and afternoon teas.

For further information on any of these events please contact **Sandra Smith** on **530065.**

Bereavement Service

Wednesday 2nd November 7.30pm

At Goxhill Methodist Church. A time to remember our loved ones departed. During the service there is a time to light a candle in memory of our loved one.

Act of Remembrance Service at the Airfield Memorial

Sunday 13th November 2.00pm

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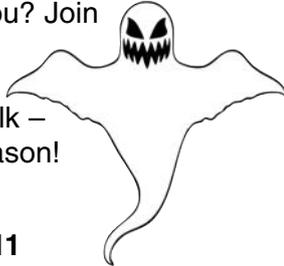
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By the time this article has gone to press the Barton based Potty Panto' Players will once again be rehearsing for this years Pantomime. Some of you may be aware that last years pantomime was not performed as Baysgarth school cancelled our booking due to the inclement weather. Regrettably, due to several of the players having commitments with other Amateur Dramatic groups the show could not be staged at a later date within the panto season. However.....the scenery is prepared, the costumes ready, music edited, and special effects bought and stored in preparation for the staging (weather permitting) of "KNIGHT FEVER" by TLC Creative. Naturally the cast all know their lines and dance moves so I am sure that a read thru', and a dress rehearsal will see us all raring to go on opening night!! Seriously.....come along and support the players who work really hard to provide good clean family entertainment for ALL ages and who donate the proceeds to local groups and charities. Look out for our advertising boards and colourful posters around Barton and local area (mid november) for relevant details.
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A Choice between Friends

I like Honey, and providing that there is a reasonable distance between us I like bees. I even thought at one time that it would be nice to become a bee keeper. I began to spend time with a friendly gentleman who had a lot of hives. Unfortunately after several bee stings it became apparent that I was allergic to bee stings and as each incident was worse than the previous one, my friend advised me to give up the idea.

However when the blossom opens on the Prunus Accolade in spring I love to stand beneath the trees and listen to the Hum of the Honey Bees. There are at that season few flowers available and so on sunny days the bees come in large numbers to gather the early harvest. For the rest of the year there are far fewer honey bees in the garden, I suppose as more flowers open we share the bees with other gardens and of course there is the Oil Seed Rape.

This year as last year there are an abundance of apples and soft fruits however the honey bees probably did not fertilise the blossom. Much of that work is done by hover flies, bumble bees and other insects. The honey bee lives in large colonies and stores honey and these stocks of honey enable it to survive the winter and inclement weather. In fact it is a bit like us if the weather is bad it relies on its food stocks and avoids going out to find more.

It is a little unfortunate that so much is said and written about the importance of the honey bee as a pollinator. It is true that honey bees do pollinate a lot of flowers to produce fruit and seed but to suggest that without them there would be no fruit and seed is quite wrong. Honey bees, because they live in large colonies in hives, are the only bees that can be taken to the fields and orchards where large areas of flowering crops which need fertilisation in a short period of time are grown. Taking bees to them ensures that there will be lots of bees whilst the crop is in flower. It is then possible to move them on to another crop which needs their attention. It is for this reason that the idea of the honey bee as the primary pollinator in fields and orchards has become established. In gardens and in areas of mixed cultivation where the services of the bees are required less intensively and where nectar becomes available throughout the warm season as successive flowers open, honey bees can take their place with the vast population of other pollinating insects.

There are more than two hundred species of bees in the British Isles and most of them do not live in colonies but are solitary. Each nest is made by a single female

and although some bees locate their nests in close proximity to each other only Honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) and Bumble bees (*Bombus*) are truly social. They live in colonies. Queen bumble bees are the only bumble bees that survive through the winter and they spend the time alone in holes beneath the ground or in wood and leaf litter in sheltered places. At the beginning of the year the queen lays her eggs and sterile workers are born. They work in the nest taking care of the larvae and as they become older go out to forage for pollen and nectar. Of the British bumble bees only one is solitary this is the Forest Cuckoo Bumblebee. This bee lays eggs in the nest of the Early Bumble bee where they hatch and are cared for until they are fully grown and leave.

The British bumble bees live in colonies of up to 200 bees. Although there are many solitary bees which lay their eggs in holes in the ground and hollow stems of plants the hole in which a bumble bee colony is established is much more interesting to watch as minute by minute the bees come and go as they collect pollen and nectar. A colony of Buff-tailed bumble bees (*Bombus Terrestris*) established in a hole in the ground near to a loganberry bush provided quite an interesting study.

Only a small amount of pollen and nectar are stored in the bumble bees nest so they, unlike the honey bees have to go out to find food even when the weather is not good. This is quite important because in foraging for food in bad weather they pollinate the blossom which might otherwise not form fruit.

One great advantage that the bumble bee has as a pollinator is its size and weight. Nowhere is this more important than in our row of runner beans. This buzzing bumbling insect is strong enough to force its way into flowers where it causes vibration which distributes pollen. Queen bumble bees are placed in glass houses in spring where they establish their nests and raise colonies of bees whose weight enables them to fertilise the valuable indoor crops.

There has been a terrible decline in the Honey bee population as disease has wiped out many hives of bees and so reduced the number of people who still keep bees. When I was a boy there were quite a few bee keepers in my village and bee hives were a common sight. We had honey and better still Honey comb. Not those lovely square wooden boxes which held a pound of honey comb and which graced wealthy tables from Victorian times. We had the capping which was cut off before the honey could be extracted. There was not a lot of honey mainly wax but to a small boy at a time when there were few sweets that was a tea time treat.

So pollination is not everything and with that memory in mind I shall join with the poet Rupert Brooke to ask. Stands the Church Clock at ten to three?

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As we approached the summer holidays, the end of term was a very busy time for us. The children together with their parents/ carer's enjoyed a visit to the Pink Pig Farm near Scunthorpe to see a variety of different animals including; rabbits, guinea pigs, cows and some very hairy pigs. The children also enjoyed a tractor ride; digging in the enormous sandpit and having a go on the zip wire, although the staff seemed to enjoy this experience as much as the children did! On our journey home all was quiet with a few of our little ones falling fast asleep.

Our end of term 'Pirate and Mermaid' Open Morning was a huge success, with over 20 parents along with parents/carer's of future children wishing to start Pre School in attendance. As well as having a treasure hunt in our outdoor play area, the children also made pirate telescopes, pirate eye patches, and enjoyed a delicious fruit platter and ice cream snack (as a treat!). During the open morning there was also a presentation for those children going up to school, in which we said a sad and fond farewell to them. However that said, we are very privileged to be able to see the children and watch them grow and develop during their early days at school by being fortunate to share the outdoor facilities with them.

Looking ahead to the new term, we will be welcoming 10 children who will be starting Pre School for the first time. It is fantastic to see that a number of these children and families are from outlying villages, which is helping to sustain our numbers, since the government allowed all primary schools to be funded for 3 year old children since September last year. It is difficult in this economic climate to keep charity run Pre Schools sustainable however we are fortunate to have excellent links in continuing to work in close partnership with our primary school to

provide a seamless transition from Pre School to school for the children in our care.

As a charity run Pre School, we also continue to organise fundraising events to raise money, not only to purchase new equipment but also to replace resources and to support the day to day running costs of the Pre School. We are planning a quiz and bingo night soon, a cake stall and off course, our annual 'Halloween Party' which will be held on Friday 21st October 2011. Please look out for posters around the village advertising these upcoming events. If you are willing to help out with any fundraising, then do not hesitate to contact Val Gorbitt (Chair) on 01469 531012.

This term along with settling in our new children, we will be busy in our Pre School garden tending to our vegetables and plants. This will also give the children an opportunity to learn about harvest time, along with making harvest baskets and baking bread. Also as the weather changes we will also be talking about autumn and the changing colours of the trees. The children will have an opportunity to go on a nature walk, collecting leaves, pine cones and acorns to make a collage and or to paint/print with. Further activities, play opportunities and experiences are planned around the children's interest, in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework as,

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Dog Fouling

Whilst on the subject of footpaths I am sorry to report that despite previous notices and request the incidents of people allowing their dogs to foul the pavements and surrounding area is on the increase. A gentle reminder therefore that allowing your dog to foul public byways is an offence liable to a fixed penalty fine. If that wasn't enough please consider the appearance of your village. Nobody wishes to see the pavements

adorned with dog muck especially since it is so easy to prevent. If none of that concerns you then you should be aware that dog muck can transmit disease (Toxocariasis) which in extreme cases can cause blindness and may provoke rheumatic, neuralgic and asthmatic systems all of which can be avoided if you clean up after your pet.

I started this article referring to footpaths and pathways but please be aware that allowing your pet to foul in the open countryside is also frowned upon and in some cases is classed as an offence. Equally the habit of clearing up the dog mess placing it into a bag and throwing the bag into a tree or bush is not acceptable or responsible behaviour. Please have some pride in your village and concern for the health of the villagers and clear up your dogs mess. It's your dog.

You would not take your dog out for a walk without a collar and lead so please in future do not take it out for a walk without a suitable receptacle to collect it's mess in which you should deposit in one of the dog bins in the village or take home and deposit in your grey waste bin.

PJ Shields MBE QGM

FLOODING UPDATE

My initial feeling about what has been done in the village since 2007, to avoid the flooding happening again, was "Not a lot!"

By coincidence when I asked a water board employee, who had come to clean up recently after neat sewage had backed up down Willow Lane and all over my drive because of a blockage they were clearing on Ferry Road, he used the same expression!

It is 4 years since that terrible day and the fear of a repeat is always there, with the flash flooding in other parts of the area recently, an untimely reminder.

So it was with great interest that I attended the meeting with representatives from North Lincolnshire Council for a Flooding Update, on 13th June, organised by the Goxhill WI.



and consultations both locally and nationally, North Lincolnshire Council are now legally responsible for coordinating all the various agencies involved in drainage and flooding in the area. They have set up a drainage team specifically for this purpose.

Nationally the Pitt Review made 92 recommendations with the key issue for the Environment Agency and Councils to strengthen their technical capability for flooding/drainage, and lead to a new Flood & Water Management Act passed in 2010. As a result, the Environment Agency is responsible for the strategic overview and the Local Authority role is to take the lead on all local flood issues. They are responsible for all surface and groundwater issues, though the Environment Agency are still responsible for the flood gates into the Humber.

They outlined all the actual works they had carried out in the village so far and touched on the future plans by Anglia Water to improve the situation by building a new trunk main sewer from South End passing to the east of the village to the North End pumping station. They also said they would be improving the pumping station at South End.

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UPDATE MEETING

Rob Beales, David Harrison and Rod Chapman represented the Council, and each addressed a large audience in the Memorial Hall. They explained that as a result of the huge amount of committee meetings



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Checked system from Greengates to Chapel Street via Westfield Road and Stothards Lane – removal of tree roots, construct new manholes (particularly in Stothards Lane), create additional capacity by removing pipe within a pipe and obstructions; repaired replaced damaged pipes.

Stothards Lane – pipe conflicts with new service connections removed, constructed new manholes to assist future maintenance (enable rodding & jetting) and create additional storage capacity.

Chapel Street - Repaired blocked drain/gully at junction with Howe Lane.

Howe Lane – Horse Chestnut tree roots cut, drain traced and drain capacity improved. Gullies emptied at entrance to St Michael’s Court. Found large diameter pipe crossing Howe lane to west of Railway crossing.



North End – new outfall to ditch near “The Lilacs”, Ferry Road. Constructed new manhole at conflict with sewer system near “Northferry” rectified highway collapse on sewer system and alleviated restriction of surface water sewer created by foul sewer at invert level.

North End – entrance to Primary School – installed new gully to deal with ponding water and resurfaced the footway at the entrance. Cleared the drainage system locally.

Thorn Lane – cleared ditch, cleared tree roots and other debris from sewer. Uncovered buried chamber and replaced chamber frames and covers for maintenance access.

South End – Jetted carrier drain and remove debris including footballs. Currently completing topographical and drainage surveys to consider options for a realigned water-course.

Soff Lane – at access to Field Farm. Located pipe/ditch outfall.

ANGLIAN WATER PROPOSALS FOR GOXHILL

The proposed Anglian Water scheme will provide an increased level of flood protection to properties in the areas of Ferry Road, North End, Horsegate Field Road, Mill Lane & Willow Lane of Goxhill.

Sewers will be constructed within the highways of all of the above locations, along with link sewers to the fields between Horsegate Field Road and North End (southern and northern ends). These link sewers will feed into the new storm trunk main running through open land to North End pumping station.

It should be noted that the growth allowance has been included for in the scheme but that local sewer networks may require upgrades to cater for flows, dependant onto the exact nature and quantity of flows from any development

The solution takes account of growth predictions (based on the village's growth plans), to ensure a future proof design. The scope includes for approximately 3.6 km of relief sewer network ranging from 225mm dia to 525mm dia and 300m3 of storm water storage (near to North End Pumping Station). As part of the detailed design stage we will be serving Water Industry Act notices on affected parties, following a consultation process. We will also need to serve highways notices, including road closure applications, where necessary.

Final financial approval is planned for later this calendar year with construction (subject to approval) likely to commence in early 2012. The construction duration is estimated at between 10-14 months, but will be reviewed in detail. The solution developed will require some work within highways, however the majority of the solution is within 'soft' land, limiting the impact on the community as far as possible.

SO NOW YOU KNOW.

NLC have obviously done repair and maintenance work, but the recent blockage on Ferry Road shows the problem is still there. Anglia Water have made more significant plans. But they have not received financial approval yet so don't hold your breath.

The cynic in me also wonders about the significance of the positioning of the new drain to the east of the village where large areas of land are sitting waiting to be built on by Keigar Homes

In the meantime, the moratorium on building is still in place, although there are a surprising number of new houses being built, even in areas that were flooded in 2007, so I don't know how effective the moratorium is.

At the start of the meeting we were told that the floods of 2007 were a 1 in 150 year occurrence, so we can relax. Tell the people in Goole and East Yorkshire who got flooded for a second time this year, that they need not worry!

Until the antiquated and inadequate drainage system is actually improved, not just talked about, and can cope with the increasingly erratic weather and an expanding village, none of us can relax while our insurance premiums continue to escalate and the value of our homes are affected.

Thank you to the WI for organising the meeting and for the refreshments.

Jeff Teasdale

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Who is the odd one out of these lady detectives and why?

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Answers to the above questions will be published in the next issue of the Gander. If you have not previously come across any of the detectives mentioned then why not check them out by borrowing a book from your local library?

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John Guggiari

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We can now boast a self service book take-out and return, which although it is state of the art is very easy to use and staff are there to help should you find any confusion. The library offers a book reservation service in partnership with the central library in Scunthorpe, so if you can't find the book you want you can reserve it and it will be delivered for you to collect, usually within a few days! In addition to these two excellent services you can also use the computers for free! You can check your e-mails, update your facebook status or do your shopping online. This unique service is unheard of outside of the village and needs to be used more!

Parents, can take their children to use the library. There are hundreds of books in a special designated corner just for children and plenty of reading schemes to get kids into reading for life!

Goxhill Library is at the heart of the village and is continuing to beat strongly. If you haven't yet visited the new library or haven't got a library card then get yourself there and keep the beating heart of the village healthy!

Sam England

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Primary School Links

Baysgarth School is very proud of the relationships that it enjoys with the surrounding primary schools and we organise and enjoy many events that involve the students. Here is a selection of events from this year.

Maths Project

“We were chosen by our maths teacher, Miss Kent, to produce and deliver a maths lesson to year 5 and 6 students from various schools. The topic was topology, which is the study of knots and surfaces within maths. We carried out the Mobius strip investigation which involved twisting and cutting paper, and looking at and comparing results, for example; different patterns. The primary school children worked very well and it was nice to see them working in a different environment. We were pleased we were chosen and would recommend this experience to anyone!”

Sophie Cook, Hannah Snell, Isaac Hall, George Thompson, Zoe Dixon.



Literacy work with primary schools

Literacy coordinator Miss Pilley has been visiting primary schools with Mrs Codd, to work with year 6 pupils on literacy skills. Looking at characters and story openings, the students have produced some excellent and interesting work. Here is a selection of the pupils' work:

Jack Dickinson from Bowmandale

“Here I am, 2037 August 4th. I feel like the last one alive, although I have a few people on my side, you know that game, what is it...? Ah, LEFT 4 DEAD, yes, totally good game, turned into reality! There are 4 of us, Harry, Daniel, James and myself. We are the survivors, all 4 of us verses 15 billion zombies. They really need more zombies...”

Charlie Bowtle from Barton St Peters

“Aaron had never really liked Mondays. There were the usual reasons of course, the weekend was over, and he would have to go to school. But this Monday, 15th January 2953, stood out. This Monday he woke to the end of the world. It started slowly, and then the monsters arrived...”

Connecting Schools

Mrs Gardner and Mrs Woodwood from Baysgarth School have organised a linking schools project with South Axholme School. Pupils from both schools in Year 7 supported classes have linked up and are now pen pals! Letters, photos and emails have passed between the two schools and pupils have enjoyed talking to pupils in a similar school in Doncaster. Mrs Gardner is now considering taking this further & linking with a school in Birmingham and maybe in Africa! If you have any links with schools abroad please contact her to discuss your ideas on: sharon.gardner@baysgarthschool.co.uk

DT, Jitterbug Project

At the beginning of June the Gifted and Talented ambassadors team (Taya Woodhouse, Kira Smith, Samantha



Frith, Jack Campbell, Jack Dunn) for the primary school days were set a challenge to teach pupils how to use the Economatics Control Station to control their electronic jitter bugs. We received one day's training in preparation for the actual teaching days and had to create a presentation, learn the tricks of the trade, teaching strategies, questioning styles, voice projection and lots of other things that teachers do without students realising.

First we taught Goxhill Primary School. Kira Smith and Taya Woodhouse were the first to present and teach the jitterbugs. According to the Goxhill teachers they did a really good job. On Monday 27th we taught Wootton and South Ferriby Primary Schools. According to the primary schools teachers most students said, 'they thoroughly enjoyed the day and they didn't want to go back to school'. Jack Dunn and Jack Campbell presented to these schools and started off nervously but gained confidence as the teaching session progressed.

On Tuesday 28th the team presented the programming software to Ulceby. The school really enjoyed this day and went home very enthusiastic. This has been a great experience for all the team involved and we have all learnt new skills, including confidence when talking to big audiences, and how to teach large groups of children in a classroom situation. Jack Campbell stated, 'I enjoyed the day but was nervous when it came to the teaching aspects'. Samantha Frith, 'I enjoyed the teaching the most.' Kira Smith 'enjoyed helping the students'. Jack Dunn 'liked the helping more than the presenting' and Tanya Woodhouse 'enjoyed all aspects of the day'.

Written By: Jack Dunn, Samantha Frith, Kira Smith, Taya Woodhouse and Jack Campbell.

Games Evening

Around thirty year 6, soon to be year 7, students from Primary Schools in the local authority came to the Learning Resource Centre at Baysgarth School for an evening of fun and games and pizza! Their task was to design and create a board game for their chosen audience using the resources available. Each group then presented their finished product and explained the rules of the games. Mr Scruton and Miss Pilley had the difficult task of choosing the winners. Everyone worked so hard to produce a game and had worked in their teams very well.

These evenings give a unique opportunity for students to meet their peers in a social environment and are especially beneficial for students from the village primary schools. They gain confidence and learn more about what extra-curricular activities that the school and in particular the LRC has to offer.

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As a further note, patients are requested not to use the BT Ringback facility as this does not always function correctly on multi-line exchanges, as patients often ask why they didn't get the ring back on their telephone.

The surgery also says its goodbye's to Drs Chapman & Lavery who are leaving us for pastures new in Scotland. We all wish them well in their new life. The surgery are looking to appoint new doctors as soon as is practically possible.

Gary Hunter, practice manager

GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB

A number of people took advantage of Goxhill Bowling Club's recent open afternoon - another free opportunity to try out something new. Hopefully that will translate into new memberships because again that is what is necessary if we are to keep it a thriving and successful club. We have people joining the club from Barton because of the quality of Goxhill's facilities - so find out what they know that you do not.

The club are doing well in the 3 leagues and my partner and I won the County Ladies Pairs final last weekend and will represent the County in the week long Nationals at Skegness next month.

Please check out the Club's web page on Goxhill Village Links at <http://goxhill.moonfruit.com/#> or you can telephone **Chris Ellis** on **530579**.

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- Sign up to the GNeW mailing list by emailing gnew@tesco.net. All bulletins are blind copied so that other recipients will not see your email address.
- Check GNeW's page on <http://goxhill.moonfruit.com> at the Goxhill Links website.
- Look out for an article in a future issue of The Gander.

Currently if you need to contact the police then your options are:

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- ☎ **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.
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What did you do in the Summer Holidays?

I REMEMBER in my teaching days, asking that question when returning to school after the long six week break.

So living in Goxhill, what did we do in the early 1960's? To name but a few of our family activities: a memorable one is :

'A day on the River Bank'

On one particular day, Dennis and Myself (Ramona), Kevin and Wendy teamed up with our widowed neighbour, Eva Morris and her children Irene, Peter and 'Tiggy'. We had prepared our bikes, the night before (some borrowed). Each person carried some 'equipment: this consisted of balls, bats, bottles of water, tin kettle, teapot, tea, a cup each, sausages, bread and individual jellies (my bright idea).

Arriving at the Haven, after a three mile bike ride; we selected a spot, where there was a decent sized grassy patch, beside the river. Now to work! In those days, the bank was very different from today. We collected brick waste, stones, and anything which would make a base for our fire. Now everyone picked up twigs and wood washed up by the tide; there was always plenty of that in those days. We built the fire ready to light; then fixed ourselves up with a 'Rounders Pitch' Never was there such fun and hilarity as this game of rounders, the ball going into the mud, and one of us after it, slipping as we ran.

Now the children, and us were hungry! We had brought matches for the fire (cheats!). Eventually we got it going. I think it was we who invented smokey sausages, and smokey cups of tea; But Hey we were hungry! We ate everything, buns we had made; apple pies now for the jelly!! Oh dear they had melted, so everyone enjoyed a fruity drink.

At the end of our day, muddy, bedraggled, tired but happy; we loaded our bikes, and set off on the three mile ride home. We were so 'mucky', we had to wash before having a bath. Tomorrow there would be all the muddy clothes to put in the 'dolly tub' (no washing machines). But we were all happy 'mudlarks', and slept soundly.

Another favourite activity enjoyed by Kevin and friend Jim Brennan (Still friends today).was:

'Let's build a bike'

This was a job, lasting several days; Off they went to the rubbish dump! In those days things were just thrown in there, no 'keeper'. They would come home

with wheels, pedals frames, chains, mudguards and whatever they could find for the bike. These took several days to collect.

Now they could start work. Dad's sheds were raided for tools to construct the bike; they spent hours on the project.

Sometimes they came home with a set of pram wheels; to make a trolley; steered with a rope, no brakes!

At the end of the holiday, most of the things found their way back to the tip.

How about a Rag Doll?

This was for Wendy and her friends; we had loads of material; I spent hours with them, cutting out and sewing, by hand, to make the doll. We chopped up all sorts of material into small pieces to stuff the doll. We made Doll Beds out of cardboard boxes; clothes from old scraps; we always had a 'rag bag' in the days before the 'throw away society'.

Well I could go on forever, but that will not do! Just one more activity that was enjoyed by all the Village. That was the annual "Sunday School Outing" to Cleethorpes on the train. We all packed up changes of clothes, swimsuits, and as much food as we could carry to last the day. The day was spent on the beach, as much as possible; only at the last few minutes did we go near the 'slot machines'; money was limited. On a sunny day it was great. Rainy days were best forgotten.

How different the children of today spend their holidays, many going to foreign lands, or to stay in hotels in this country. Most people have cars to travel away from home. Then we only had bikes, if we were lucky. A bike then was a means of transport not a toy.

Today's children will have a very different tale to tell of their holiday. Well we must move with the times; but not throw away our happy memories **Ramona Percy**

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Golden Days of Milk or a Life of Slavery

This article was conceived in the farmhouse at the Simons's farm in North End by the late Jack Simons and myself in Jack's living room, beside the fire in the house where he was born. Jack lived there all his life and worked on the family farm from the age of 14 until ill-health made him retire, living on his own after the loss of his twin brother Lesley. Had they been alive today they would have been ninety and myself eighty two. I can remember all the farms in the Marsh that sold milk or made butter from the mid thirties and with Jack, having an eight year start, could remember more. In those days everyone in the village knew everyone else unlike today. I used to call on Jack usually once a fortnight for a natter, as we were both from a Goxhill farming family we had much in common. My Grandfather from the Parker's side came to occupy a farm on bottom road in Goxhill Marsh in April 1894, from Humberston, with his new bride while his Grandfather on the Simons's side had been farming in North End for many years before. My father being his mother's younger brother made us cousins. Having so much in common we reminisced on farming, for Jack knew nothing else, and the deterioration of dairy farming in the village going out of business including his own. So we started to recall those who were dairy farming in the nineteen thirties and forties, his farm selling milk for the liquid market while mine made butter for the local shops. As a child I was made to turn the handle of the separator most evenings and the butter churn on a Tuesday if we were off school unless I could get off this disliked chore. Jack milked the cows twice a day for all his working life and possibly before he left school. I never knew him have a day off or a holiday. His grandfather before his father, made and sold butter. How many years the Simons family produced milk from this farm is unknown but it must have been for over a century.

History. Goxhill has a parish of approximately 5,800 acres of land and being on a floodplain most of it was pasture. The old drainage system of these pastures can still be seen in the form of ridge & furrow used before the modern land tiles were invented. After the war effort began in 1940 a fair percentage of it was ploughed up to grow grain. Much of it was too wet so it was drained after the war when modern drainage machinery became available and then ploughed up. As this was happening in the post war years the livestock became less each year for the arable did not need the daily attention livestock did, while the farm-workers were leaving the land for commercial or industrial jobs which gave better wages. To say how many farms and smallholdings in nineteen thirty five to nineteen fifty era were producing milk is difficult because they changed hands at times and the new occupier didn't always do the same as the previous one for he could have reared calves, so I believe it is best to count the premises which were built with buildings that could accommodate milk cows, be it whether they sold milk or made butter and its by-products. These premises can be of three sizes. A smallholding, a small farm or a farm, according to the acreage. The smallest of smallholdings is no more than a large garden with some of the parish road sides rented from the local council to graze the cows on. As far as I know there is no given acreage to define

between each of them, so a count up including all will give a better idea, naming them as Farms or Smallholdings as I can remember them. These dwelling which were built for a smallholding in the nineteenth century after the enclosure act of 1775 had a cow stable, a loose box for calves, a pig sty and a barn. If it had a small acreage it would have a shed built within the stables called the Meal House instead of a barn to keep the animals food in. These were the essential buildings needed. With money being in short supply they wouldn't build a cow stable with ten stalls for ten cows if the acreage was only sufficient to support five and the same applied to pigs. In later years a few of these premises, after changing hands, didn't keep cows for they maybe could not afford one. A cow was worth eight to fourteen pounds according to age and quality during the thirties. No smallholders could afford a Bull let alone keep one so most larger farms allowed them to take their cows to visit their Bull for a small fee. Also he would need a horse for light work and two if he had any arable to plough or pull grass cutting or binding machines at a time when farm-workers wages were only one pound five shillings (£1-25 pence today) per week. To save having to buy these horses and implements the smallholders usually got a farmer to cut and lead their hay along with other carting jobs and paid them by working for them at Hay-time, Harvest and Threshing days with no money changing hands.

Premises built to keep Cows around mid nineteenth century

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Neatsgang Lane	1	1	Church Side		3
Goxhill Haven		2	South End	3	10
East Marsh Road	5		North End	2	4
Horsegate Road	3	1	Ruard Road	1	1
Chapelfield Road	2	3	Westfield Road	2	
Barrow Road	2		Elm Lane		1
Gatehouse Road		4	Mill Lane	1	1
Thornton Road		5	Willow Lane	1	
College Road	1	5	Manor Lane	1	1
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This makes 82 premises, farms or smallholdings which were built to keep cows regardless of acreage. By the mid nineteen thirties and later possibly, as many as ten of the smallholdings had become only residential and the grassland let off or sold to a neighbour and they continued to decline as things got better. So this leaves us with 72 keeping cows for milk and the number declined as the years rolled by. On looking at some of these old dwellings there are half a dozen more potential ones that could have been built as smallholdings by the design of the house and what few of the original outbuildings are left makes it unsure or in doubt. A few barns have been made in to houses along with the odd stable. Some stables have been demolished or converted to make way for new buildings of modern day use such as garages for the car or horses. I think it is safe to say that by 1880 there were at least 82 premises producing milk.

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Milk Producers who Retailed it

- Delivered milk produced to customers door.
- H Buckley. Westfield Road.
 - H Naylor. Station Road. (Howe Lane)
 - A Knight. Garness Hill. Thornton Road

Prescotts Dairies. Herbert Prescott started a milk round in the early nineteen thirties for door to door sales at Manor Farm, South End, next to the phone and post boxes, where his Father was dairy farming. Herbert



Harry Buckley when he first started selling milk to the village residents, it shows the churns/buckets before bottles that all milkmen used in this era, I think it must be around 1930, it was from the farm at bottom of Westfield Road

installed a bottling plant on the premises and started deliveries in the village under the title "Littleworth Dairies" Way-a head of his competitors who delivered in the original covered buckets and a one pint measure hung inside. Then delivery man used to put the milk in the pint measure direct into the customers jug on the door step. Today it would be considered unhygienic by the Elf n Safety brigade. The method might give the customer an infection or the delivery man might fall off his bike with the buckets, hurt himself and spill his milk, poor man....



When these bottles first came into use they had a cardboard disk in the top to seal them, with a smaller hole marked out in the centre so one could press it in with a finger and insert a straw through the hole to drink the milk, or pull out the disk completely. Later they were replaced with silver foil tops. These bottles were then left on customers' doorsteps and if one didn't bring them in soon after delivery the Blue and Great Tits had learnt there



was cream to be had for breakfast and would peck a hole through the top and drink their fill from the cream which had settled on top of the milk. Some customers left a shallow dish on the doorstep so the milkman could put it on top and deprive the birds of breakfast when he left the milk.

Until approximately the early nineteen thirties all the milk had been sent on train from Goxhill station, until Herbert purchased a lorry and started to collect milk from the farm gates and deliver it to the Grimsby Dairies. The change over from train to lorry took a few years

for it was the outlying farms from where the lorry first started collecting. Later Herbert changed the name from Littleworth Dairies to "Prescotts Dairies" and it grew until it employed over one hundred staff. It was later sold on. To sell milk the producers had to sell it through the Milk Marketing Board which was formed in the recession between the wars in 1933 by the government to control milk production and distribution to guarantee farmers a minimum price when the farmers and dairies were haggling over the price until the last moment each year. It also ran a number of excellent facilities for milk producers that improved the herds and conditions until 1994 when its powers were reduced and finally dissolved in 2002. The farmers received a cheque each calendar month for the milk they sold from the MMB.

Any comments, correction or additions are welcome.
Ron Parker. Church Side. Goxhill.

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OFF THE HOOF

“The further back you look, the further forward you are likely to see” Sir Winston Churchill

The “Off the Hoof” article was noticeable by its absence in the last edition of the “Gander” for which I apologise. So much seems to have happened since the last edition it is hard to know where to start.

It was well reported in the Telegraph of a horse being rescued from the drain down Sykes Lane. This goes to prove that no matter how experienced a rider is or how old and quiet a horse may be accidents can still happen in the blink of an eye. The horse sustained lacerations to its legs, which happened whilst it was being assisted out. I believe it is now almost fully recovered and the rider is still here to tell the tale. The Fire Service was called to the incident and I believe a helicopter was also involved in the rescue.

People in Goxhill are generally quite sensible and helpful in these situations as they were when horses escaped their field and were running loose down Thornton Road a few months ago. Everyone stopped their cars and several people jumped out their vehicles to assist. These were people I recognised as

having horses so were quite aware of the dangers it could incur as horses natural instincts take over and a person could be mowed down as the horse would not necessarily see or hear a human. Thankfully all the horses were returned unscathed to their own yard and the owner breathed a sigh of relief.

Goxhill Show has been and gone for another year and thanks are extended to Mr and Mrs Faulding for their kind permission for the use of their land.

It was a beautiful day the attendance was high as was the quality of the competitors. A raffle was held with many prizes from local firms including a beautiful signed painting by Dianne Hennchen. Ann Lawtey donated one of her bespoke fascinators as she has started her own business to make hats and fascinators which are unique to the wearer. If you have a special occasion have a chat to her on 07811180833 or visit her website www.MabelLilyHats.co.uk.

The final proceeds are not known at the time of writing but it is estimated exceeding £1000 which will be donated to the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. The Committee is now starting to plan for next year.

The British Horse Society ran its annual “Ragwort Awareness Week”. It highlighted the need for more to be done to remove this extremely poisonous weed and the fact that the Ragwort Control Act of 2003 was not being enforced. We can see this particularly on the verges of motorways and roundabouts. There are a few spots on the roadside in our village, which should be dug, out and

burnt. Rubber gloves should be used when handling the weed. For those who do not recognise it they should watch for a bright yellow daisy like flower with leaves not unlike a dandelion but with wavy edges.

The BHS also ran a National hi-viz survey to investigate what and how, if any, riders are wearing. If one is worn it gives Drivers an extra three vital seconds to respond. For a car travelling 30mph this is equivalent to the length of a dressage arena so come on walkers, cyclists and riders more hi-viz.

I am pleased to report Jo Burns is “officially” back in the saddle after her injury although she still has to attend Physiotherapy sessions. After being given the all clear she had a 4y.o roll on top of her but she assures me she stuck her broken leg out to the side! For a change Jo was on the other side of competing and ran the Area 24 Show at Western Lawns Cambridgeshire and will be with a team at Arena UK in September. Unfortunately she missed all the Championships she had qualified for so hopefully next season will be better for her. Jo has started teaching again and is now studying for her Level 3 teaching exam so we wish her luck with that.

Good news for the would be show jumpers amongst us. An initiative by British Showjumping to create a Club which should provide members with money saving and other perks. It also makes it easier to qualify for championships. For more details on the Club and categorisation visit www.britishshowjumping.co.uk or call the British Showjumping Sport Team on 02476698812.

For those who need jumps at home I can recommend Sam who will make jumps to your own specification or BSJA Standards. These are excellent jumps at a competitive price. Call him on 07541541966.

Carol Sanderson’s horse “Final Desire”(Twiggy) gave birth on 29th June to a very handsome leggy colt by Le Docteur. As Le Docteur has now been castrated, the foal has been named “Limited Edition” and Eddie to his friends.

Twiggy is in foal again to “San Malo” who is the replacement stallion for Medoc who sadly died last year. Carol’s horse, Casse Cou, ridden by Kate Johnson qualified for the British Dressage Masters at Hickstead at both Medium and Advanced Medium. They came 10th and 12th in some very experienced company so they were very pleased.

Another aspiring dressage rider is Theresa Leaning who is having brilliant success with her 16.3 chestnut Dutch Warmblood “Witness”. “Witness” is only 8 so has plenty of time to mature and develop further so a very exciting prospect for the future.

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They qualified at Hill House and Syke House for both the Novice and Elementary Championships taking them to Stoneleigh Warwickshire for three days. They came 2nd in the Novice and 3rd in the Elementary. The winner of the Novice scored 192 to Theresa's 190 and the winner of the Elementary scored 177 to Theresa's 173 so she was just pipped at post but a brilliant performance in very good company. They are competing at the Regional Championships next week so hopefully a good result for next edition. Her family supported her and she is extremely grateful for the help of her coach, Tracey Woodhead from Weelsby.

A new service being set up is an "Elite" trailer valeting service. This entails a deep pressure clean inside and outside and all the points which should be greased would be greased. For more information contact **Julian Nugus 07850857988**.

The tip of this issue - If like me you are on a water meter and keep leaving taps on put a wide bright strap on your wrist. While the trough is filling and this should remind you it is on. When the tap is turned off leave the strap with the tap. It is then there ready for next time.

Wow! That's about it for this edition.

Keep your news and tips coming in.

Take care – Ride safely.

Aileen 01469 530643

One, two, tree bumblebees

A FRIEND commented to me the other day that since I decided to take a break from owning bee hives I seemed to be spending almost as much time helping other people with their bees. I am pleased to have been able to help new apiarists get started in Barrow and Barton this year in addition to my role as swarm advisor for the North Lincolnshire District of Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association (LBKA). Swarm advisor has always been a debatable description since a call is almost as likely to be about wasps, bumblebees or solitary bees as about a swarm of honey bees. 2011 certainly seems to have been the year of the bumblebee, at least in our part of the country, with a couple of theories about why that might be. Whilst bird boxes have been taken over by bumblebees in previous years, there seem to have been many more this year. Possibly this was because the favourable spring weather encouraged the bird population to breed a little earlier – leaving the boxes vacant at just the right time for a passing queen bumblebee to move in. But it might also be because a relatively recent arrival in Britain – the Tree Bumblebee - has been gradually moving northwards and is now establishing itself in larger numbers in our area. The Tree Bumblebee was first recorded in Britain in 2001 in Hampshire having presumably made its way across from mainland Europe. As the name suggests its native habitat is on the edges of woodland, nesting in trees and nearly always well above ground level. In the man-made environment that often translates into bird boxes, house eaves, soffits and under roof tiles. According to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust (BBCT) there have been several cases of nests in the fluff within tumble drier vents - but fortunately none of those calls were to me! Bumblebees are identified mainly by their colour patterns and the Tree species has a red/brown thorax (its top half) and a grey/black

abdomen (its bottom half) with a white tail. But what makes it particularly different to other bumblebees – and can worry people if they do not realize what is happening - is the behaviour that has been termed 'nest surveillance'. Unlike other bumblebees, the drones (males) tend to fly in a small cloud around the nest entrance waiting for the emergence of virgin queens. It can look a bit like a honey bee swarm, especially if you are not sure what you are seeing, and create the impression that a colony of perhaps a couple of hundred bees is a lot larger. This activity tends to peak in May and June but could be later depending on weather. If you find bumblebees of any type moving in, rest assured that they are unlikely to cause damage - though you may need to clean a nest box out if you want the birds to use it next year. The bumblebee nest will only be a short term arrangement and the colony should be gone by the end of the summer. Make the most of your opportunity to watch nature close at hand – it beats the second-hand experience of a television programme. There is usually no need to interfere with a bumblebee colony unless the bees' flight path puts small children at risk or if the surface that the nest is on is subject to vibration, which can upset the bees and make them a bit defensive. Out of ten calls about bumblebees this year I have only had to move a couple of bird boxes and put them at the bottom of my garden where the bees could fly in and out in peace.

To find out more about bees or pick up links to the LBKA, its North Lincolnshire District or the BBCT just visit the website

<http://goxhill.moonfruit.com/#/bees-beekeeping/4545761348>. If you need advice about bees then my telephone number is **530363** but if I am unavailable then **John Hankinson** on **531029** would also be happy to help.

John Guggiari



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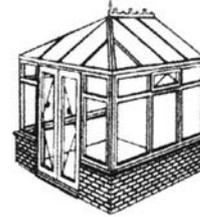
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HOT & TROPICAL

Your guide to what's hot and what's not for an Indian Summer BBQ

Question: Firstly, what is an Indian summer?

Answer: An unseasonably warm, dry and calm weather, usually following a period of colder weather or frost in the late Autumn

Secondly, what should I be cooking for an Indian summer BBQ?

Answer: See below!

Well, to be very British, how could I not mention the weather or lack of those scorching hot summer days that we now find to be just a distant memory of our childhood days of the summer of 76, and yes, I do remember that far back!

So, what should we be thinking of cooking as the latest meteorological rumours going around are that we are in fact, wait for it, drum roll.... yes, in for an Indian summer. OMG, LOL, whoop whoop! Barby time at last!

Here are a couple of cracking "Hot" little recipes for your Indian summer BBQ's using lamb and peaches.

As for what's "Not", I'd say stay clear of any thing on the bone, like chicken drumsticks and thighs, as they tend to take too long to cook over those hot charcoals and if you're not careful you may have them still a little on the pink side in the centre, not a good start to an Indian summer or any summer in fact.

Top Tips By cutting a relatively tender cut of meat such as a leg of lamb into small pieces, you can quickly grill it to medium rare or whatever temperature you like. Leave a little space between the pieces so that the heat can get to all sides.

Always keep the left side of your BBQ table for the raw meat and the right side for the cooked and salads.

Stick to these simple tips and you really can't go wrong, enjoy!

Happy cooking! Chef & Food Features Editor – **Nigel Brown**



HERBY LAMB KEBABS WITH TOASTED COUSCOUS

Ingredients

For the marinade

- 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh mint
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

For the couscous

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 100g couscous
- 50g toasted pine nuts
- Salt

For the kebabs

- 1 red or yellow pepper, quartered, cored, and seeded
- 1 courgette, trimmed and halved lengthwise
- 1 bunch of asparagus
- 1 boneless leg of lamb, about 2lbs salt and pepper

Method

To make the marinade:

In a small bowl whisk together the marinade ingredients along with pepper to taste.

Arrange the vegetables on a plate and brush all sides with some of the marinade. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to grill.

Trim the leg of lamb of any excess fat and cut into 1-1/2 inch pieces. Place the lamb pieces in a large, resealable plastic bag and pour in the remaining marinade. Press the air out of the bag and seal tightly.

Turn the bag several times to distribute the marinade, place the bag in a bowl, and refrigerate for 2 to 8 hours, turning occasionally.

To make the couscous:

In a medium saucepan over low heat warm the oil and cook the garlic until it sizzles. Stir in the couscous. Cook, stirring over low heat until the couscous begins to turn golden. Add 1-3/4 cup of water and the salt and heat to boiling. Stir once. Remove from the heat and let stand, covered, 10 minutes or until all the liquid is absorbed. Sprinkle with the pine nuts.

Remove the lamb pieces from the bag and discard the marinade. Thread the lamb pieces on skewers. Grill the skewers and vegetables over direct medium heat until the meat is medium rare and the vegetables are cooked through. Serve the lamb kebabs warm with the toasted couscous and vegetables.

Makes 4 servings.



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BBQ'D PEACHES WITH MASCARPONE



Ingredients

4 Fresh ripe but firm Peaches 4 tsp Caster Sugar
2-3 tbs Melted Butter 4 level tbs Mascarpone

Method

Cut each peach in half and remove the stones.

Brush each peach with melted butter & sprinkle with half of the sugar.

Cook over medium hot coals (rounded sides down) for 2 minutes.

Brush the cut sides (which are uppermost) with more butter and sprinkle with the remaining sugar. Turn (so the cut sides are down) and cook for 3 minutes.

To serve - transfer to warmed serving plates (cut sides up) and place a dollop of mascarpone in the centre of each peach. Serve immediately.

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DO YOU RECOGNISE YOURSELF OR A FAMILY MEMBER ON THIS OLD PHOTOGRAPH?



This picture of a Sunday School group, probably in the Church Rooms, was supplied by Mrs L Clark. Although she has managed to identify many of those on the photograph, I hope anyone who can identify themselves from all those years ago, can fill in the blank spaces and name all those on the picture. These are the ones Mrs Clark has listed - Margaret Neave, Elizabeth Neave, Betty Neave, Fitz Neave, Kevin Percy, Wendy Percy, Colin Lamming, James Brennan, Brenda Towle, Audrey Dent, Anne Dent, Graham Catley, Kathleen Jarvis, Linda Jarvis, Susan Clark, Michael Clark, Karen Clayton, ? Reeves, Christine Finch, Howard Lamming, ? Shearwood, Suzanne Parkin, Margaret Smaller, Janet Smaller, Maureen Spence, Gillian Coggan, Lesley Spilman, Graham Thornton.

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 General Enquiries 636600
 Emergencies 632573
 Appointments (for Goxhill also) . 636600
 Prescriptions (Barton) 636600
 Prescriptions (Goxhill) . 01469 532560
NHS Direct 0845 4647

Hospitals

Scunthorpe General .. 01724 282282
 Hull Royal Infirmary .. 01482 328541
 Grimsby - Diana P.O.W. 01472 874111

Dentist - Barton

Barton Dental Centre . 01652 633580

Chemists - Barton

Lloyds

Boots

Veterinary Surgeons

Barton Vet Centre 01652 636359

Swan Beck Vet Centre 01469 588637

EMERGENCIES

Electricity Emergencies

Freephone (24 Hours) .. 0800 375675

British Gas Emergencies

Freephone (24 Hours) .. 0800 111999

Anglia Water Emergencies

(24 Hours)

HELPLINES

Alcoholics Anonymous

..... 0845 769 7555

Childline (Freephone) ... 0800 1111

Citizens Advice Bureau

Grimsby

Scunthorpe

Barton (appointments) . 01724 296800

Cancer Support Group 01724 282282

Crimestoppers

Drugline

Lone Parent Helpline 0800 018 5026

Marriage Guidance (Relate)

(Lincoln)

NSPCC (Freephone) ... 0800 800500

Police Domestic Violence Unit

(Scunthorpe)

RSPCA (National Linkline)

..... 0990 555999

Samaritans (Lo-call) ... 0345 909090

Social Services

Emergency Duty Team 01724 296500

TRAVEL

National Rail enquiries

24 Hour Linkline

National Express Bus Services

Enquiries

Humberside Airport

..... 01652 688456

GENERAL

Goxhill School

Baysgarth School 01652 632576

Clerk to the Goxhill Parish

Council - Mrs. C. Tooby . 533971

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Wednesday:	9.00am to 5.00pm
Gents:	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday:	9.00am to 7.00pm
Friday:	9.00am to 7.00pm
Saturday:	9.00am to 4.00pm

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