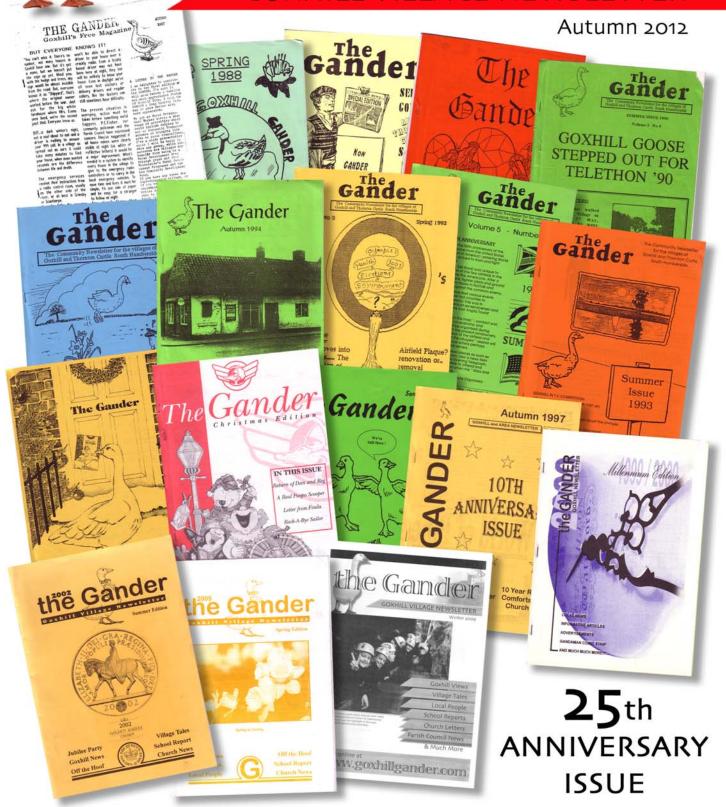
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I was given piles of old files about the Gander, by Joan Gould after her husband Alan, died. I finally got round to going through it all on one of those wet days this summer.

There were loads of old Ganders and other paperwork, and in fact I was able to get together at least one of every issue ever produced. To my surprise I realised that the Gander had been going for 25 years and 100 issues.

That is a fantastic achievement, not just by all those who originally started it, but all those that have kept it going over so many years.

Thanks must go to so many people including Alan and Joan Gould, Laurence Boxer, Michael and Alyson O'Leary, Paul and Carol Thornton, Richard Owen, Don Noble, Moira Abbott, David Hemstock, Len Dixon, John Guggiari, Paul McDonagh, Darren Walker, Stan Robertson, Caroline Atkins, Janet Holland, Elaine Hughes, Peter and Victoria Rose, Adam Ellis, Ron Parker, Maurice Brawn, Ramona Percy, Aileen Hanlon-Bennett, the current committee and every one of our contributors, deliverers,

advertisers and readers. Plus Newton Printers who have been printing the Gander ever since the old duplicating and Roneo machine could nolonger do a good enough job. If I have missed someone vital off the list, I do apologise.

So to add to Jubilees and Olympics we now have the Silver Anniversary of the Gander to celebrate.

However I do have to admit that by the time I had discovered this momentous occasion, the Summer Issue, the 100th had already been published. It does not make it any less of a cause for celebration, that this issue is the 101st. Even that is not strictly true for there was a prequel that I have only just tracked down. This was a 2 sided A4 sheet used for all candidates for the Parish Council elections that year, to inform the village about themselves. But this does not really count as a proper Gander newsletter.

So we have splashed out with a bit of colour to mark the occasion and to do the collage of summer celebrations on the centre pages full justice. Well done to all those who marked the various events, particularly Sandra Smith and the Churches together group for organising the Jubilee Picnic which was a great success with traditional fun and games.

despite the gloomy weather. And the ladies (and a few gentlemen) of the WI for their fantastic Jubilee Tea Dance. Isn't it great when people are prepared to put in so much work for the pleasure of others. It makes the village such a good place to live.

There was another cause for celebration on the 9th July, when Goxhill's oldest resident, Frank Thompson, had his 100th birthday. Belated congratulations to him.

Jeff Teasdale. Editor of the Goxhill Gander



We have a facebook page so you can publicise events between issues of the Gander, so check it out!

HELPERS WANTED

THE GANDER

We need volunteers to help out with the administration side of running the Gander, such as preparing invoices and statements, sending out copies of the Gander to out of village advertisers, supplying information and costs to potential advertisers and helping on the editorial side if you have that talent. All these can be done at home at times to suit you.

If you are prepared to help or want to know more about what is involved, please get in touch with any of the Team below. **Thank you.**

The Gander Team

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Please contact any of the above with any queries that you may have regarding the Gander.

Articles should be sent by email to: goxhill-gander@fsmail.net or direct to the editor.

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Growing up as I did, on the very edge of a big city, I've had an appreciation of nature for as long as I can remember. It was just something that was always there – whether it was the wild birds that were seemingly always in our garden or in the dazzling array of stars that were visible from a back garden largely unpolluted by the glare of street lamps. An interest in ornithology and astronomy has remained with me to this day.

As I grew up and grew in faith I developed a sense of awe and wonder at the extravagant design and purpose that seems to run through the universe and although I was aware of attempts to theorise it all (Darwin, Big Bang, Higgs boson and so on) it struck me that it was all so incredibly beyond our comprehension yet so incredibly beautiful. I am of an age that I can clearly remember Christmas Eve 1968 when Apollo 8 circumnavigated the Moon and the astronauts on board were moved to read from Genesis "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" Seen from the vastness of space our home, the earth, is stunningly beautiful and begs the questions "how" and "why"

I can understand how ancient people actually worshipped the Sun, the Moon, the rivers, the mountains and trees – they could perceive the mystery of God in the natural world: they just failed to distinguish between the creator and his creation and ended up focusing their worship in the wrong direction.

We are much more sophisticated today, or so we like to think, but do the remnants of 'idol' worship linger on in our society today? Whatever it is we worship – in other words attribute absolute worth and value to – if it's not God then it's an idol of sorts and will ultimately disappoint.

If it is the God and Father of Creation who we decide to worship then we need to ask how will it be made known in our lives. How will we 'walk the talk'? Yes, God shows us his glory through the wonders of the Universe and the created order of things but also through the life and teaching of Jesus. He tells us that what we profess to believe should be obvious in how we behave and, most importantly, in the quality of relationships we maintain. If anything, a study of creation shows an incredible harmony of purpose and interrelatedness. God doesn't just want us to observe this, but to be part of it ourselves.

Rev John Girtchen

Forthcoming Services in All Saints, Goxhill:

Friday 12th October 7.30pm Harvest Festival Evensong followed by buffet supper Friday 2nd November 7.30pm Annual Bereavement Memorial Service to remember the dear departed Sunday 11th November 10.45am United Service of Remembrance at Goxhill Memorial Hall

dvance notice:

Friday 7th December 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Barrow: The ELVIS Christmas Show featuring top Elvis tribute performer Steve Caprice. Tickets only £5-00- now available from Annette on 01469 531613. Steve has performed before at Holy Trinity and we anticipate this will be a full house: book now to avoid disappointment!

Details of all services, events and activities are given in the Parish Magazine.

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Come on in – the water's lovely!

Summer has arrived and thoughts of holidays fill our thoughts – perhaps like me you enjoy a trip to the sea side. Stopping on the promenade, clutching my fold up chair, bottled water and sun cream, flip – flops and beach towel I gazed at the view below. It was a wonderful sight – the sea shimmered silver and blue and the sands looked golden. All along the water's edge, like a string of coloured beads were the paddlers.

Some had rolled up trouser legs, or skirts tucked in to expose their knees, whilst the waves washed around their ankles. There were shrieks of laughter from some children as they paddled in the shallow water splashing one another. Then from the deeper water where swimmers heads bobbed up and down in the blue sea, a voice called out "Come on in – the waters lovely!"

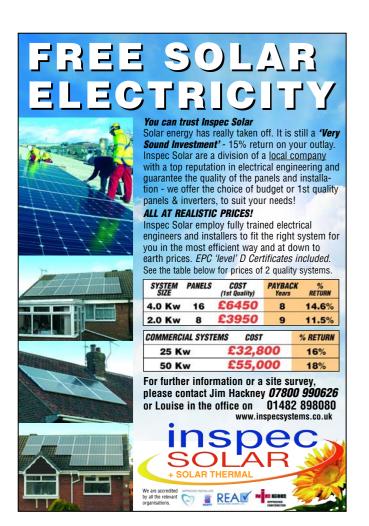
Some of the paddlers inched their way forward as the waves splashed around their knees, whilst others decided to retreat up the beach, to the safety of a deck chair and sunshade. The rest seemed content to remain at the water's edge. Its a scene you may have witnessed, or can imagine.

There are paddlers in the sea of life – not quite in, not quite out. Hesitant, nervous and unconvinced, the paddlers hover on the edge, watching the swimmers, afraid to take the plunge themselves, uncertain about getting involved. Most are content to paddle at the edge where its easy to make a quick retreat if the water's too choppy. Some hear the call and follow and gradually, as their confidence grows, the paddlers become swimmers.

In the Book of Acts we can read how Jesus changed the lives of those who believed in him. The shy became bold, the scared became brave, and those who lacked confidence received a new purpose and direction in their lives. Jesus Christ is still calling people to follow him, to dip their toe in – test the water.

"Come on in – the waters lovely!" There's only one way to find out.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Sue





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Goxhill's Wartime Photographs now on Screen

These photographs have been put on a DVD to record them for posterity, as those born after 1940 would not remember it. Or the new residents in the village, who see the remains of an old wartime airfield, will wonder what it was like to have it on their doorstep. So now they can have some insight of when the airfield was a hive of activity and the American personnel outnumbered our village residents on a two to one basis. Goxhill airfield was the first in the UK, on the tenth of June 1942.

No-one who didn't live through the war can visualise the airfield when it was operational for two and a half years with over eighty aircraft in residence. They were running up engines for test at daybreak, yes even in summer time, no need for alarm clocks in the village in those days. It was operated by the USAAF [United States Army Air Force] Eighth Air Force, now known as the Mighty Eighth, the bombardment group, with bombers and fighter protection to bomb Germany. While the 9th Air Force was the technical ground support for the US army after D-Day.

When the new pilots arrived at Goxhill from the States they could already fly aircraft but most had not flown the combat types of aircraft, such as the P-38, P-47 and P-51 aircraft. The P prefix letter before the number, stands for Pursuit, so the pilots mission at Goxhill was to familiarize themselves with their aircraft, gunnery, the English countryside and get to know the English people, their homes and ways of life, before moving to their bases in East Anglia, where they met the real world of combat with the Germans. Replacement pilots lives were often short lived...

This DVD of Goxhill Wartime photographs is now available to see on your TV screen instead of in books. It consists of the American and RAF occupation of the airfield, bomb damage at Goxhill and Barrow, The Goxhill Home Guard, better known as Dad's Army, and Evacuees from Craven Street school at Hull, with the photographs/documents moving on every eight seconds. It runs for 1 hour 3 minutes, with approximately 450 photographs, that includes a few documents from the Ron Parker Collection. If anyone wants a particular photograph or document from the DVD, they can arrange for a copy to be printed off...

Obtainable from Michael and Kim Parker, 8 All Saints Close, Goxhill, Nth Lincolnshire, DN19 7LL Tel. 01469 532517. Price £12-00 at door or £14-00 by Post.

Michael and Kim also have the DVD of "The Americans at Goxhill" where an American Officer removed a Gun Camera from a crashed aircraft and with a 24 Volt Battery pack on his shoulder went around filming the airfield, our village, New Holland to Hull ferry, Hull and Grimsby bomb damage, a visit to Derby and Newark Castle, price £5-00 or post £7-00

Ron Parker. Rtd

AIRFIELD NEWS The Northern Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage project involves eight airfields across the area, including Goxhill Airfield, RAF Elsham Wolds and RAF North Killingholme. Although there will be no guided tours running as part of the project each site has a newly installed interpretation board giving a brief history of the airfield. You can also find out more about the project by visiting www.nlaviationheritage.com or picking up a copy of the leaflet from Brigg Tourist Information Centre, Waters' Edge Visitor Centre or other attractions and council venues across the area.

GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL SUMMER QUIZ - BRITISH BIRDS

There were 8 fully correct entries, so there had to be a draw and on this occasion Mrs Mary Blanchard of North End, Goxhill was the winner and received the £20 prize. Congratulations to her and thank you to all those who entered. The remaining funds raised go to the Memorial Hall. **THE ANSWERS WERE** -

We do it to eat or drink	SWALLOW	It holds the meat together	SKUA
Tenth letter	JAY	A joke or a bit of fun	LARK
There were 24 in a pie	BLACKBIRD	Hung out on festive occasions	BUNTING
Fast	SWIFT	Spare time occupation	HOBBY
Name of a country	TURKEY	Cowardly	CHICKEN
Flies well when windy	KITE	Noise made by a steam train	CHOUGH
Boys name		Husk of corn with a short length	CHAFFINCH
Go about selling goods	<i>KAWK</i>	Picking blackberries	BRAMBLING
Grumble		Time of darkness with glass container.	NIGHT JAR
Brag or gloat	CROW	To lose courage	QUAIL
He killed 'Cock Robin'	SPARROW	Celebrity with heather	STARLING
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Found on the chessboard	ROOK	Take evasive action	DUCK
Dark time in high wind	NIGHTINGALE	Cowardly hand tool	YELLOWHAMMER
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"	129	Mrs Hilda Lamming	£30.00

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Barrow Band Concert

at Goxhill Chapel on 24th November at 7.30pm

Chapel Harvest

is on **September 16th** with services at **10.30am** (Bill Smith) and **6pm** (Fred Williams), and the traditional **Supper & Sale** the following evening.

Can you play the piano or organ?

Among the late Jack Elwood's many contributions to the chapel, he was our regular organist. Thanks to a group of volunteers from across the area, we have covered services since Jack's passing, but if there is anyone in Goxhill or around able to play the organ or piano on a rota, please get in touch with **Adam**Ellis on 530713 or by email to

aje15782@btinternet.com. Services are at 10.30 every Sunday morning. Thank you.

The Airfield Remembrance Service

will be held at the Memorial on **Sunday, 11th November at 2pm.** All welcome.

The Methodist School Room

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Quiz Night

The next Churches Together Quiz Night will be on **Friday 19th October** at 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.

Admission £4 which includes supper.

To book your team of four in, please contact Jane 530962 or Sandra 530065

If you enjoy quizzes but can't get together a team of four, just come along and make up a team with like-minded people and make new friends!

Saturday Monthly Pop In

Every one is welcome to pop in and enjoy relaxed refreshments

In the Chapel Schoolroom. 10am- 12noon
September 15th
October 20th
November 17th

Various refreshments available, book stall, Fair Trade stall.

Annual Bereavement Service

Friday 2nd November 7.30pm

at All Saints Church Goxhill

A time to remember our loved ones departed, whether bereaved recently or long ago.

During the service there is a chance to light a candle in memory of our loved one.

All Saints Church Autumn Bazaar

Saturday 10th November 2pm at Goxhill Memorial Hall

A date for your diary

FOURUM CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday 18th December 7.30pm All Saints Church. An evening of entertainment, with audience participation Carol Singing!

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Diamond Jubilee Tea Dance

See Pages 24 & 25 for photographs and an article on this highly successful event.

If you require any further details on any of the above please telephone **Mrs. Iris MacLeod** on **01469 530772**.

Broadband Survey

If you are frustrated by the slowness of the internet, whether for business or home use, your comments can help to get a quicker broadband in Goxhill. The survey can be found at www.northernlincsbroadband.info/rs

Can anyone provide information about my great grandfather

John Robert (Robert John) WARDELL.

My father was from East Yorkshire and married my mother in London during the war. I moved to this area because of my job, living in Barrow and working in Goxhill. A relative of mine told me, much later, that my grandfather had a farm in Mill Lane and lived in Bridlington House near the Spar shop. Bridlington House was so named because he was born in Bridlington. This I think was in the 1920's. shops in Hessle Road, Hull which he sold to Boyes. My grandmother told me, long ago, that she worked on a farm, therefore I think that four generations including myself have lived or worked in Goxhill.

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NOTICE BOARD Part 3

Local Comedian set to entertain the village at Christmas

The Stage Reviews

Summer Spectacular 2011

Published Monday 4 July 2011 by Mark Ritchie

Comedian Joey Howard stars in this year's other thrice weekly offering at the Spa and the format of this show gives this unsung hero of comedy free rein to show exactly what he can do.

Howard is as equally at home as a front of cloth, warm-up comic as he is joining the rest of the cast in a Les Miserables musicals section, in which he plays Thenardier in a bawdy rendition of Master of the House. Howard may now have arrived at the stage of his career when he can be best described as a huge comic talent who somehow slipped under the radar. Hopefully it isn't too late for this brilliant gag man to go on to shine on even bigger stages.

Local comedian Joey Howard will be appearing at The Goxhill Memorial Hall on December 8th in his Christmas Comedy Show.

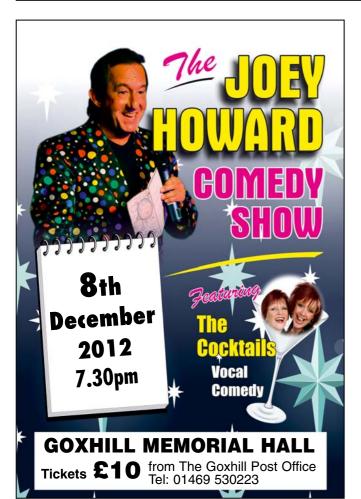
He will be supported by 'The Cocktails', a talented female duo already well known in our region. The Cocktails will be offering a slice of their style of comedy and vocals.

Joey Howard has been a professional comedian for 30 years. As a young man his apprenticeship involved 'treading the boards' of the Northern Clubs. He is an extremely funny man, delighting audiences with his genuine observations. His visual comedy is unique. Joey is currently headlining in his third Summer Season at The Spa Theatre Scarborough. He also works nationally and abroad for the corporate holiday market.

Together with 'The Cocktails' Joey has produced '**The Joey Howard Comedy Show**'. They will be touring small Theatres and Community Halls from October this year.

Tickets for the show are £10 and are available from The Goxhill Post Office Tel: 01469 530223.

The Memorial Hall will be licensed for drinks on the evening.





NOTICE BOARD Part 4

South Bank Players

South Bank Players have had a busy few months recently since their annual pantomime in January, which was the ever popular "Sleeping Beauty". Entering the All England Theatre Festival once more, with a nomination for "Best Visual Moment". Both plays were then performed for delighted audiences at Ropery Hall at the end of April.

The group also assisted CHAMP with the North Lincolnshire's Museums at Night, as they portrayed different characters from the years gone by who have inhabited Baysgarth House.

June saw the youth group hold their 3rd Annual Awards Presentation. "Most Promising" Isabelle Golden and Emily Leaning, "Best Actress" Amy Guy and Kate Jackson, "Best Actor" Alex Raithby and George Thompson, and finally the "2012 award for contribution and commitment to the group" went to Alex Raithby. Complete with 'red carpet' and glamorous frocks, the event is one of the highlights in the calendar for the youth group.

The group runs every Sunday in Ropery Hall with the junior youth group from 5.30pm-6.30pm, the senior youth group 6.30pm-7.30pm and the adults from 7.30pm-9.30pm. We always make new members very welcome, whether your passion is for acting, singing, dancing, painting and building scenery, making costumes, makeup, hair, sound, light, or ensuring that props go on at the correct time!

Our next production will be a full length comedy, performed at Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk, Barton-upon-Humber on Friday12 and Saturday 13th October 2012 @ 7.30pm. "Hello Is There Any Body There?" written by Ian Hornby and directed by Alun Friend is sure to have you chuckling as the story unfolds. This hilarious farce steadfastly refuses to take itself (or anything else) seriously. Tickets will be on sale shortly from the information office at the Ropewalk or via the groups website (check website for more details) priced at £4 adults / £3 concessions – for group bookings of 10 or more, please contact the group directly.

Following this will be the start of our ghostly season as we take to the streets with the **Barton Ghost Walk**. Our Halloween special is on **Wednesday 31st October**; meet at Baysgarth House Museum car park at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. Wrap up warm and bring a torch – If you Dare!!!! Booking is advisable for the Halloween walk, this can be done by contacting the chairman – **Mr Dennis Bloor** on Tel: **01469 531003**. Future dates for the Ghost Walk are Wednesday nights – **28th November**, **30th January**, **27th February and 20th March**.

For more information on the group, visit our website www.southbankplayers.weebly.com where you can also send us your comments, queries or be added to our mailing list for future productions.

Potty Panto Players

A huge thank you to villagers and friends who supported the recent "Comedy Nite" by "the Potty Panto' Players" in the newly refurbished Memorial Hall.

The magnificent sum of £853.17 was raised and will pay our rent for storage for the next year and a good sum left over to go towards badly needed new technical equipment.

We congratulate the Memorial Hall committee on the refurbishment of the hall and stage and a special vote of thanks must go to Penny Nadin for her help in promoting the show and the extra effort she and her husband, along with the caretaker, put in so that the stage was finished in time for the show. Thank you Penny!

We look forward to a return visit next year and for those of you who were unable to get tickets due to popular demand....remember "the early bird catches the worm!"

In the meantime our ever popular pantomime tickets will be going on sale in September for the production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" to be shown as usual in Baysgarth School Hall, early December.

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There are many ways in which volunteers are encouraged to help raise money and commit time and energy to this charity. One way is to have a small collecting box in your home and to pop odd pennies/change into it. Many years ago a neighbour of mine asked if I would take over the role of coordinating a small local group of Box Holders. I was keen to commit to the local community and believed in the work of the Children's Society so I readily agreed.

In the early days when my children were babies they would sleep whilst I collected, as they grew up I encouraged them to help and enjoy conversation with a wide range of people and I would like to share a favourite recollection.

My youngest daughter queried why one box never rattled. I explained that the whilst most people use the boxes to collect spare change, one lady, made a point of putting a £5 note in the box for each week that the window cleaner did not come -when he came to clean the windows she paid him and then went back to putting the money in the box each week until he came again.

My children loved the story and their respect for the lady whose box did not rattle has stayed with our family for all the years we have collected. It has helped children far less fortunate than them and taught them a valuable life lesson about the community in which we live and enriched their childhood.

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Although for someone with more time and a willingness to develop local donations this could be Please contact Janet Holland 01469 531193 expanded in a number of ways.

Barton's Christmas Festival – 24/11/12

Barton will be celebrating the Season of Goodwill traditionally on the last Saturday in November. Father Christmas, pulled by real live reindeer, will be in charge of the Town's colourful procession as it marches through the streets full of colourful stalls, children's entertainments special Christmas catering. Just right to get everyone to in the Christmas Spirit.

On Burgate Corner will be a stage to provide entertainment for old and young alike most of the day from 13.00 to 20.00, hopefully hosted by Viking FM. Featuring Almost Adele, Darren Bramley, Rushby



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Barton's shops will be bedecked with Christmas fare aplenty so

why not enter the Chamber of Trade's window competition to find the secret hidden item as you go round? Free entry forms can be obtained on the day from Euronics on George Street.

A distinctive feature of the Festival is the dramatic lantern parade through the town, ending with singing of carols to the Salvation Army Band and the switching on of the Christmas lights throughout the town and on the majestic Christmas Tree. Don't miss it.

12.00 Stalls Open

Reindeer and Father Christmas Community parade from The Ropewalk arriving at the reindeer enclosure on George Street around 15.30

Lantern Parade leaves The Ropewalk 17.00

17.30 Carols

18.00 Lights Switched on

20.00 Stage entertainment finishes

How about making a day of it and have a meal in one of Barton's excellent eating places?

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

As we come to the end of our academic year, I have been reflecting on what has been a time of great change in our school. Most of these changes have been in terms of staffing. In the autumn term, I was seconded to Winterton Junior School, giving Mr Brown the opportunity to become Acting Head teacher. Mrs Brown moved on after being promoted to Deputy Head at another school. Mrs May and Mrs Kell took maternity leave (both have recently returned). During this time, we also welcomed new teachers to our school - Mrs Spencer in Y1, Mrs Hogg in Y5 and Mrs Doherty in Y4. Each of these has made a great contribution and they will all continue to work in some capacity in our school. As I informed you in the previous Gander article, Mr Brown has been promoted to Head teacher of Bottesford Junior School where he will take up headship in September. I think by now you will know that we will miss Mr Brown greatly! We did go through the process of advertising and interviewing for a new deputy but unfortunately we weren't able to find anyone to fill the role, especially since it was always going to be hard to equal the strengths which Mr Brown possessed. We will try again in the spring of next year. In the meantime I will be supported in the management of the school by Mrs Smith and Mrs Travis in the Foundation Stage, Miss Teasdale in Key Stage 1 and Mr Boyton in Key Stage 2. We also must sadly say 'Good bye' to Miss Gibbs who leaves us to go off on an around the world adventure. Who could blame her? She has been such an asset to our school and our door will always be open to welcome her should she want to come back. We wish her much love and best wishes for an exciting and enjoyable time on her travels.

Unfortunately, poor weather led to the cancellation of Sports Day. We will attempt to run this again in September. With our changing weather patterns, we may have to consider moving this traditional event to the autumn term on a permanent basis.

We have recently invested in some terrific new ICT equipment in school. Each class is now equipped with a 65inch dual touch plasma screen with a state of the

art visualiser. This is essentially a very large, crystal clear television screen fixed to the wall that connects to a computer. These are having a really great impact as it now means that the children can see the 'board' more clearly, even in bright sunlight. We have also invested in an exciting multi-sensory room where children can go to stimulate their creativity. (Mr Brown laments that it has come too late for his usage!!) The children really love it and I'm proud to say it is another thing which makes us different and exclusive from most other schools!

The children have had a fantastic end of term. All year groups have been on trips and we have had a great deal of enrichment in school - from Street Dancers, Theatre Groups, German workshops, to Maypole Dancing! The Year 6 children had a very successful residential trip and proved themselves more than ready to move on to Secondary School and the next phase of their lives. It was lovely to see those children perform so confidently in their leaving concert where they performed the musical Grease. It was a great production and the children were a credit to their families and to our school. We will be sad to see them move on, but we hope that they will take us up on the offer of coming back to see us in the near future.

I would particularly like to thank Barton Rotary Club for donating Illustrated Dictionaries to each of the thirty-five Year 6 children who were leaving Goxhill School and moving on to secondary education.

I am also extremely grateful to Barton Lions and Barrow Rotary who have each donated £300 to go towards building a shelter in the school playground.

Mr Brown has asked to write the second part of this article – so I have two last things to add – I'd like to thank all of the school's staff, parents, pupils, governors and friends for their support this year, and a bigger 'Thank You and Good Luck' to a great deputy and a good friend, Mr Brown!

I hope everyone has a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the autumn term.

C. Breslin. Headteacher

As I leave Goxhill Primary School to move on to my own headship at Bottesford Junior School in Scunthorpe, I thought it would be a nice idea to share some of my memories of my time at the school.

I'm leaving the school after fifteen years of service. I was appointed in 1997 as a newly qualified teacher. The headteacher was John Bailey at this time. Ted Bellamy (the deputy head) had recently retired and I took up his teaching position. At that time, the staff at Goxhill was very settled and there wasn't a great deal of movement. John had a great sense of humour and we had some great times playing the guitar and singing (both badly). At interview, I had been asked, would I play hymns in assembly on my guitar? I (obviously – it was an interview) said yes, that I would try. One day, John took me up on this and asked me to accompany the hymn. I was quite nervous, chose one with simple chords and began. After a short time, John stopped the singing and asked 'Mr Brown, are you playing the right hymn?' To this day, I'm not sure whether he was

teasing me or whether it was truly that bad. I have done my own fair share of winding people up, but more of that later.

John used to have a favourite assembly – about a young man and a woman disagreeing on a train due to his pipe smoking. She throws his pipe out of the window, he throws her dog out of the window (very PC I know...) and at the end once they have made up, the dog comes bounding up and what did it have in it's mouth, he used to ask? – Wait for it....'it's tongue!' Not long ago, I was asked to cover an assembly at short notice and I retold this story. I have to admit, it wasn't as well received as when John told it, he must have been the Frank Carson of Goxhill Primary.

It is usually the funny parts of life that I recollect, so most of my memories of the last fifteen years are humorous.

In my first year, I enthusiastically set about a topic on weather. I learnt all about the instruments you use to measure the weather and then, only one small step in front, set about teaching the children. I had an instrument used to measure wind speed. On the side it stated

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'Osmoroid'. I taught the children what it was, taught them to spell the word and even involved it in my class assembly to parents. Some kind soul took me to one side shortly after this and explained that Osmoroid is the name of the company who sell resources to schools. I was quite red faced when I explained to the children my mistake and that the instrument was actually called an anemometer!

Around this time, I was working with Mrs Neve. We were showing the children how to glue 2D shapes (nets) together to make a 3D shape. Each child has a shape and a little pot of glue and were waiting for the instruction to smear the glue onto the tabs of the shape. Upon hearing Mrs Neve taking a child to task, I turned to watch what was happening. She held up the soggy mess of paper and said 'Mr Brown has told you NOT to use the glue until he says!' The look upon her face was priceless when he replied 'I haven't used the glue Mrs Neve, I sneezed!'

Shortly after I joined the school, Andrew Jackson became the new deputy head and taught in Year 5. Miss Teasdale, was in this class. This makes me feel very, very old! In the last year, Miss Teasdale has been working with me as part of the Senior Leadership Team of the school, yet was in Year 5 as a pupil when I started!

Mr Jackson became headteacher within a couple of years of joining the school. I remember John Bailey's leaving assembly – Bruce Margetson (a parent at that time) painted a mask representing John and we carried out a spoof version of 'This is Your Life'.

During his headship, Andrew taught me the need for attention to detail and that preparation is the key to any success. I do hold these two principles close to my heart and try to stick to both of them. In most cases that I can think of, if something has gone wrong, it is down to one or both of these principles. Andrew taught me the importance of building a relationship with both pupils and parents. I have always tried to combine this principle with the rapport that John Bailey built with people – he was a people person through and through.

One of my proudest moments in school was taking my eldest son, Stan, into assembly as a newborn. This is another thing that makes me feel old, since he will have entered year 8 at secondary school by the time that you read this.

As time went on, I gradually developed my role within school, becoming literacy coordinator and later on, Key Stage 2 manager.

For about three of four years, I ran an adult education ICT course at the school (it was started by Andrew Jackson). I thoroughly enjoyed meeting a different generation of Goxhill people and I am still in touch with some of the people who I taught basic ICT skills to at that time. When I think about the technological leaps that have taken place in the last fifteen years, it is amazing. About ten years ago, Andrew and I were thrilled to have PCs in school that were multimedia ie, they had sound and could play an encyclopaedia CD called Encarta. Here we are, what seems like the blink of an eye later, with laptops in each class, dual touch plasma screens and state of the art visualisers. When I progressed from a chalk board to an overhead projector, it felt like a leap into the future, yet the ICT capability has improved beyond all recognition in such a short time.

By the time that I was on the senior leadership team, Sarah, my wife, had decided to fulfil a lifetime ambition to become a teacher. She initially came to us as volunteer

helper, moved on to become a teaching assistant and then a year or so later, left to carry out teaching training at Hull University (where John Bailey was and is working as a teaching practice supervisor). When she qualified, as luck would have it, there was an opening for a one year contract suitable for a newly qualified teacher. She was appointed and began to teach alongside me, which is fairly unusual for man and wife to teach in the same school. It became even more so, shortly afterwards, when both of our sons were of school age – the entire family spending the entire day in the same workplace. This situation developed into an even more strange set of coincidences. Sarah eventually became a full time and very much valued member of staff at the school. In the last twelve months. Our son, Sid, can say that whilst at primary school, he was taught by both of his parents separately during one year (Sarah left the school at the end of the autumn term to take up the role of Deputy in another school and I took over her teaching responsibility for a short time), and that in the same academic year, his dad was headteacher (acting head during the autumn term) and his mum was deputy (acting deputy in autumn term). I would wager that there are very few children, if any, in history who can make that claim! When I write that down, it seems very strange, but in reality, it worked fine and I wouldn't change a thing. It was nice to be the boss for once (if only at work, and only

Just over three years ago, Caroline Breslin was appointed as headteacher. This was to be a monumental change for me (and our family). Caroline has always allowed me to develop my career at my own pace (with a few pokes and prods along the way). Her philosophy has been one of developing people and allowing them to move forward. I am truly grateful to her for this and I very much hope to develop this approach in my own school, as I know that it has a tremendous impact on the lives of those that it touches, as well as some knock on positive benefits for the school community. I know that I will be staying in touch with Caroline both as a friend as well as a colleague.

I found my leaving day quite difficult emotionally- lots of nice words were said and I did comment at one stage that it was like attending my own funeral. I have thoroughly enjoyed working at the school and being involved with the pupils, parents, governors and staff for so long. I'm really going to miss the daily life of the school and the banter with so many people.

As a leaving gift, my friends at the school bought me a lovely watch and also presented me with Amazon vouchers that I have since spent on a set of ceramic knives. My favourite present of all was a bottle of Blue Nun and a mug to drink it with – but that's a story for another edition.

I will miss many, many people from the school – too many to mention here. Anyone who I share a joke and a smile with whether it be a parent, pupil, staff member or governor– I mean you.

Of course, I will be in touch with the school both as a parent and as a colleague from another school (I intend to be challenging the school to meet Bottesford's finest at sporting events etc – that will be a difficult one to call – who do I cheer on?).

When invited to speak at a long-standing member of staff's leaving presentation, I said that I suspected that if you cut one of her fingers off, it would read 'Goxhill Primary School', just like a stick of rock. I hope, now that my new ceramic knives have arrived, I am not tempting fate, but I suspect that this may also be true in my case.

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Immigrants

I was going to begin by explaining that I was not referring to immigrants with two legs but at that moment the Collar Dove on the chimney spoke up and reminded me that there were birds with us that are recent arrivals. Let me then make it clear that we are not concerned with people but with animals and plants, the birds and the bees.

When the ice melted after the last Ice Age the land was quite barren but gradually plants and animals began to move northwards and to spread from southern Europe. After a couple of thousand years sea levels rose and as the world became warmer the waters of the sea broke through the land joining England and Ireland to Continental Europe and created the British Isles. That was a defining moment because from then on it became almost impossible for flora and fauna to come from Europe. The best known illustration of this is that there are snakes in England which had arrived from Europe but there are none in Ireland because they had not reached there before the Irish Sea cut them off.

Help was however at hand. From the earliest times

Help was however at hand. From the earliest times mankind has carried food plants and domestic animals with him on his travels. Much of the food that we produce and eat came here in this way. We are still importing food and decorative plants from all over the world. It is in this way that we have built up the rich diversity which we now enjoy. Not everything is sweetness and light there are many very nasty problems arising from our desire to acquire. Stinging Nettles were brought here by the Romans who cultivated them so that they could extract the long tough fibres from the stem which they then spun and wove into cloth. They also brought Horse Radish and herbs which are far more acceptable.

Some of the worst problems arise from decorative plants which were imported for the flower garden. The Dutch flower growers have sent us quite a few undesirable diseases along with their plants. The first of these was probably the Tulip breaking Virus. This caused the breakup of the colour of plain coloured tulips to produce the beautiful stripped and flamed Florists Tulips. It was later realised that this eventually destroyed the bulbs but it also infected other members of the Tulip family (Lillyacea) the genus to which it belongs. Many years ago there were in the gardens of the village where I was born large clumps of Madonna Lilies every year the flowers were gathered and taken to the Church of St Mary for the Saints Day festival but now there are none. The virus has killed them all. A most bizarre incident occurred a few months ago when a firm in the south east of England imported 2,000 Ash trees from Holland it then sold them on to 90 customers only to find that the trees were infected with a virus which kills Ash trees. The virus had never reached this country and frantic efforts are now being made to trace and destroy all of the trees. Although there are few Elm trees left alive here we must not overlook the disease which bears the name of the supposed country of origin, Dutch Elm Disease.

The biggest menace in the plant world which has reached this country is without doubt the Japanese Knot Weed. This plant was introduced in Victorian times as a decorative plant for the garden. There is Japanese Knot



Japanese Knotweed has pretty little shoots but grow into destructive stems.

Weed growing in Goxhill. Fortunately the light soil of most of the village dries out in summer and this does not suit the weed.

Recent wet summers have meant that the soil has retained moisture and this favours its growth. This could be important for us in the village. In the wetter parts to the west of the country The Knot Weed has colonised large areas of ground smothering everything that grew there. Most Banks and Building Societies will not provide mortgages for property upon which the weed is growing or which has it growing upon neighbouring ground. That makes it impossible for the property to be sold. There is detailed information about Japanese Knot Weed to be found on the Internet.

The suppliers of plants for garden ponds have brought in foreign aquatics which have escaped from the ponds into waterways and are now creating problems as rivers and streams become blocked. We also have a new kind of bumble bee. In 2001 the Tree bumblebee or New Garden bumble bee (Bombus hypnorum) was first observed in southern parts of the country. It can sting and the colony defends its nest in a very aggressive way. When disturbed a great cloud of bees emerge and fly around the entrance. It has now reached Goxhill and there is a nest under the roof of an out building. We and the bees have not as yet come into conflict.

My father always insisted that "two wrongs did not make a right" The rabbit was introduced many centuries ago. When the wild population was no longer culled for food as in former times this caused a problem for gardeners and farmers. I cannot feel that the introduction of the terrible disease Myxomatosis to reduce their numbers can be justified.

Although the things that I have included here have all had some undesirable features there are vast numbers of aliens that have been imported and which are of great value to many of us. It is of course plants shrubs and trees that are the most obvious examples. All of the half hardy Annuals and Perennials and many of the flowering shrubs that we rely upon for our colourful displays have come to us in this way.

Finally we must mention once more the creatures which are now in charge of the trees at Highfield, the Grey Squirrels. Imported from America and released as a garden enhancement by the Victorians they gather all of the walnuts before they are ripe and ready to fall to the ground and carry them away to plant in the gardens of our neighbours. Not an endearing habit but when their agility is watched from a comfortable seat on a summer's day it may just be possible that the Victorians had some justification.

Maurice Brawn

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What a jam packed half term it has been for all of us. It began with us all saying a sad farewell to our supervisor Jayne Hutton who has left to become a supervisor for another pre-school.

Rebecca Astle has been appointed as our new supervisor, she has met and spent time with both the staff & children and we look forward to her starting with us full time in September.

On the 4th July armed with wellies & raincoats 55 staff, parents/carers & children went on our annual trip to Pink Pig, thankfully other than a few short rain showers, the weather was kind. As you can see from the pictures the children had fun feeding the animals, playing in the sand, water activities and of course the tractor ride around Pink Pig.







During this half term the children have made bread, buns smoothies; they have also enjoyed junk modeling, making puppets, music shakers and of course plenty of Olympic themed activities from potato 'the olympic rings' printing to medals and it all culminated in our end of term Olympic Open Morning. At our Open morning the children took part in a variety of activities including an obstacle source.

variety of activities including an obstacle course,
Olympic torch making & eating our homemade fruit
lollies. We said another sad farewell to our pre-school
children who are leaving to start at Wooton school and
full time in the foundation unit of Goxhill School.

We look forward to seeing their continued growth and development in the outdoor play area, which we share with the foundation unit. We also look forward to welcoming the five new children that will starting with us in September.

Goxhill pre-school is ofsted registered and we are open to children from 2 years to 5 years of age. Children who are 3 years of age are entitled to 15 hours a week of free flexible funding from the term following their 3rd birthday. This funding can be used across more than one early years provider/setting (i.e. Goxhill pre-school and school). We also offer a stay and play session on a Thursday morning 9-11am open to parent/carers with children aged 0-3 years at a cost

of £1.50. For more information please call in during our opening times which are Monday through to Friday 9am to 3.30pm (Term time only) at the Integrated Services building located at Goxhill Primary school.

Contact Rebecca Astle (Supervisor) or Zoe Murphy (Deputy Supervisor) on 01469 535061 or Val Gorbutt (Chair) on 01469 531012 or email us at info@goxhillpreschool.co.uk

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SNOOKER AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Ken Cox and Norman Wilson were sent a pair of braces to wear when playing snooker, by David Cavanagh, Chairman of the GOXHILL BRACES ASSOCIATION. He said that if he ever found that they were not always WELL BRACED, they would be expelled from the Association and reduced to BELTS ONLY, and BEER!

Ken and Norman are seen here as the Red and Blue team. Not everyone who plays snooker at the Memorial Hall gets this extra privilege.

To book a table call in at Colin's Store, at £3.00 per hour.

WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THIS SUMMER FULL OF FANTASTIC EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS?



Goxhill School Summer Fair - Sadly excessive rain forced most of the fair main indoors but there was still loads of fun and games for the children and adults. Lots of stalls, amazing

cakes, refreshments and a delicious BBQ. A brilliant display by Phoenix Gymnastics Club and superb performances by the Barton Youth Band, with Goxhill's Got Talent as the climax, won by Bethany & Joshua Carn singing a beautiful duet.



Jubilee Garden Party Fun and frolics for everyone, despite the cold. Traditional games such as skittles & a coconut shy and a little music and refrshments to keep everyone entertained.

Goxhill Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall Committee decided to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth 11 by planting a decorative weeping cherry tree. During the W.I. Tea Dance on 2nd June Geoff Girdham did the honours of planting the tree. Geoff was invited to plant the tree in recognition of his many years service as groundsman to the Hall. His work

was very much appreciated, a lot of which was done at no charge as his contribution towards the upkeep of the Hall which he regarded as a focal part of village life.

Thank you Geoff for all your years of interest in our community and wish you well in your retirement. **Penny Carnell.**



David Carnell and Charlie Leaning, watching Geoff Girdham planting the Diamond Jubilee tree.

Bell Ringers

Goxhill Church Bell Ringers rang for the Diamond Jubilee and also for the start of the Olympics.

We were very fortunate to be chosen by Radio Humberside to feature live at 0812 on Friday 27th July to ring for the start of the Olympics. They sent their radio car and presenter Sarah Burton to record us along with Beverley Minster and Hull Guildhall. We feel very proud to have taken part in this event.

The ringers on the photo for the Olympics were:- Sarah Burton, Presenter, Doreen Atkin, Tony Watson, Stuart Cooke, Becky Hutson, Liz Hayes, John Hankinson.

The photo was taken after we had finished ringing.

The ringers for the Diamond Jubilee were:-

Back Row Liz Hayes, Tony Watson, Tina Saynor, Stuart Cooke, Sue Sharpe.

Front Row Rose Guggiari, Doreen Atkin, Becky Hutson, Alan Tullock, James Hutson.

London Olympics 2012

You might not have recognised Michael Lewis of Willow Lane, Goxhill and his girlfriend Ellie Sandars from Bristol, in the spectacular Opening Ceremony for the London Olympics.

Diamond Jubilee Tea Dance

Goxhill W.I. would like to thank everyone who attended the Tea Dance on Saturday 2nd June and helped to make it a resounding success. Thanks also to all those who in any way contributed to the success of the afternoon, especially those stalwarts in the kitchen with never ending cups of tea, etc. Alyson and her Sister-in-Law who bravely took on the task of making all the sandwiches and all the ladies who made cakes, not forgetting Shirley for the cars 'out front' which were a great attraction. Some brave souls even took to the floor for a dance to the music by the 'King of Swing' All in all a great afternoon. Thank you everyone.



It is always satisfying when a community can come together and enjoy fun and friendship. The Diamond Jubilee was one event when our village had the opportunity to do just that. Eight weeks prior to the event a group from both the Methodist Chapel and All Saint's Church decided to arrange a celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 5th June. Miss Breslin, head teacher at the Primary School kindly offered the use of the

school and its grounds for the family picnic. Although the weather could not be anticipated it turned out a fairly settled day and a steady stream of families arrived by 12md when a short prayer recognising the Queen's sovereignty started the proceedings. About 200 children and adults enjoyed their picnics before heading to the various attractions. Old favourites, tug-of-war, quoits, welly wanging to the bouncy castle, the new football scoring game and much more kept everyone occupied throughout the afternoon. Churches Together in Goxhill extend their sincere appreciation to

Churches Together in Goxhill extend their sincere appreciation to all who turned out to help on the day, to Miss Breslin, Goxhill Primary School, Glenys and Steve Wrightson who were co-opted to the working committee together with Derek Thompson who helped with the popular football scoring game. Thanks also to North Lincolnshire Council for their £250 donation which helped to offset all expenses incurred. Sargeants Ice Cream are kindly donating 10% of their ice-cream sales to the Lymphoma Cancer Charity on behalf of the Jubilee Picnic Lunch. **Churches Together in Goxhill.**







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BAYSGARTH Specialist Technology College NEWS

Oxford University Trip

In July, James Dowdle, Thomas Hornsby and Jessica Cameron were all given the opportunity to visit Oxford university for the day and take part in various activities with children of the same age from all across our area.

The trip, run by John Leggott College, meant travelling on a bus with around 40 other pupils down to Oxford, this gave us our first opportunity to make new friends, and it was these new friends that we would be staying with for the remainder of the day and completing various tasks with. On arrival in the amazing Saxon town we were taken into Lincoln College- one of the smallest yet most prestigious colleges within the university campus, with just over 200 undergraduates. Once seated in the college we did several exercises with

one of the tutors about college courses and how to get

into them. Following that, an English Phd student came into our class and explained to us his theory that you could mix up a book into any order and it would stupidly make sense, it was then our challenge to try and do the same but with a newspaper article.

We then developed our own course poster that would try and convince students to take our course. We had lunch in Lincoln College's huge dining hall where we were served by butlers and given a taste of just what it

would be like to study and live at Oxford University. In the afternoon we had a course that would soon be run at Oxford about computer programming and developing. This was run by one of the leading experts in the field and we followed instructions carefully to end up with our own finished computer program.

The final activity of the day was one of the best, a treasure hunt. Going around Oxford in groups of 10 with an undergraduate and a disposable camera, we took photos of the sights and the amazing architecture that fills this ancient city. Once this was finished we went back to the collage and had one final chat by a tutor who kindly gave us all a prospectus.

Outward Bound Trip

A group of 40 Baysgarth school students visited the Lake District recently, to take part in an Outward Bound course. Upon arrival in the centre which sat 4 miles from the nearest town we were shown to our rooms which were the perfect base for our upcoming adventure.

The instructors thn took their group on their own adventures, my group ran straight down to Lake Ullswater, the second biggest lake in England, and jumped into the water. This was the first challenge, the jump into the lake was freezing cold yet it was the just the start of what was to come...

After some team games to bond and get to know the rest our group better and to gain the vital trust that

would be needed for the challenges ahead, we had tea and went for a good night's sleep because there was a large possibility that we would not get a lot the next night and we would be exhausted after a very full day.

After meeting back with the instructors, it was decided that my group would join two kayaks together to form a catamaran and paddle down to an area of the lake called Kailpott and then jump or fall from various heights into the water. We came together as a team to help the less confident members of the team jump from 15ft into the water. On the return journey we decided to test ourselves in the wind and separated the catamarans into individual kayaks and after some work arrived back at the shore. After a wet walk back to the centre we got changed into fresh clothes ready for the next adventure which was gorge walking.

> Once we returned from the afternoon's excursion we began to pack our bags ready for the overnight expedition. We had to walk with heavy rucksacks for miles until we reached a suitable spot, ours looked out across the sea. Once we arrived Elaine gave us the challenge of building a bivy at the base of Hallen Hag, the mountain on which we would be staying which we accomplished as a group and





Baysgarth's group Outward Bound in the Lake District

then set about cooking tea. The food was excellent and there was a huge variety to choose from so everyone was guaranteed to like something and have a decent meal. The food, which is what the British army eat, was from sachets which we dropped into boiling water from the lake, and filled us up for our night's sleep and the trek back the next day.

Once we arrived back at camp we went into the tunnels, this was a major challenge for much of the group but together we made it even if it was only though the first tunnel. After a final jog and dip and shower we headed home across the lake on the steamer ferry to finish off this amazing journey where we started... Looking out across the lake without any regrets and knowing that we tried everything once, even if we might not choose to do it again.

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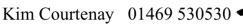
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GOXHILL OPEN GARDENS

To open your garden or not, now that is a question. There are many very nice, sharable gardens around Goxhill and it is far easier and more rewarding, opening your garden in support of Goxhill Open Gardens than you might think. The only thing that can often make it a challenge is the weather!

In what has been a very challenging year weather wise, it has also made it quite difficult for the gardeners of Goxhill to maintain their passion, their prides and joy and sometimes, even just to get plants to grow!

Nevertheless, on 17th June this year once again a

number of householders opened their gardens, large and small, to share them with visitors from and to Goxhill; from the surrounding villages, the counties of North & North East Lincolnshire and as far as Derbyshire (although I am sure that someone knows someone else who travelled from farther afield).

In the run up to the Goxhill Open Gardens event the weather was posing some real obstacles to the preparation, tidying up and just trying to get the grass cut however, come that Sunday afternoon, the weather played fair and well over a hundred people marched around the streets of Goxhill visited the eight gardens that opened and, some of us even managed a BBQ

afterwards. Unfortunately though, the allotments were too water-logged to open this year.

From the courtyard gardens, to the family and larger gardens, colours and scents, and structure were the order of the day along with the teas and cakes available from the Methodist Church and plants, jams and things to buy at some of the gardens.

Organised and coordinated each year by the Methodist Church members, the Goxhill Open Gardens event raises much needed funds that go to support the Allotments, the WI and the work of the Methodist Church in Goxhill.

For all those who choose to open their gardens, their enjoyment is that they love to share their take on a perfect outside space; to share their colour choices and the scents that make up their gardens with others who also enjoy the flowers, the shrubs and the varieties in the form and function of every garden.

Next year in 2013, the Methodist Church supported

by the team that call themselves the 'Goxhill Green Fingers Group' would like to invite many more people to share their gardens and help to raise funds that work for and within the community of Goxhill. There are some really interesting gardens in Goxhill. You can walk around Goxhill and take a peek over some fences and think to yourself "that is really nice, I would love to take a walk around their garden". So why not let others, once a year come and walk around yours?

If you like your outside space; even if you have just a corner of your garden that you enjoy, why not

consider sharing it with others? Opening your garden is neither difficult nor daunting and we would happily come along and talk to you about it.

If you want to know more, go to www.goxhillvillage.net and use the contact form there to get in touch. Twitter: @goxhillvillage

GAGA

So far this year, the weather has been especially unkind to us on the allotments, with frequent bouts of flooding, some plots being totally or partially submerged several times. This had a devastating effect on early potatoes, many of which rotted away quietly underground. Other early sowing of carrots, parsnips etc. also failed to germinate. Many members were further disheartened when subsequent sowings also failed as the rain kept coming. However not all is lost. Some members are making a few late sowings of carrots, beans, peas etc.

Personally I don't think the ground warmed up sufficiently, early in Spring, to allow proper germination. A blast of hot weather at the end of March was not enough, especially when followed by incessant cooling rain for most of April.

To add to our problems, just before the Open Gardens, one of our water storage platforms collapsed and had to be dismantled and made safe. We also had to pull out of Open Gardens, due to

flooding on the Friday before. Now our rain catcher platform is buckling under the strain and is now out of bounds until repairs can be effected. Having painted a gloomy picture, we are gardeners

Having painted a gloomy picture, we are gardeners and we are British and British are best in the world! We will overcome all of these problems and bounce back next year with renewed enthusiasm.

In the meantime we will have to harvest what we can, and as usual, swap some of our surplus produce amongst ourselves.

If you fancy having a go, please contact Chris Tooby, or come down and have a look and a chat first.

No matter what, enjoy your gardening. Martyn Taylor

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Summers in the past

Having previously mentioned the way my children spent their summer holidays, finding fun locally on the river bank and making their own ways to enjoy their break from school, when present day options were not available, I feel it appropriate to mention a few more 'formal' events we attended.

There was the 'Sunday School' outing to Cleethorpes; on a (hopefully) sunny day the children and parents would congregate at the Railway Station, usually far too early, such was their eager anticipation of a great day out! The train would arrive, children, carrying buckets and spades, kept from last year's outing; mother's carried bags of food, sandwiches (we thought they were so called because they invariably had sand in them), buns, baked the day before and water to drink; maybe 'pop' if it was available.

All the way to Cleethorpes the children would watch eagerly out of the window until at last 'we're here' was the shout. What a scramble to get off the train! Every one was eager to get on the beach; sometimes the tide was in. Good! We can paddle! Or it would be so far out but would come in before home time, hopefully. Now every child had been given some money to spend, from the Sunday School; wise parents situated themselves as far from the 'Amusments' as possible, saving the pennies to be used shortly before home time.

After sandcastles had been laboriously constructed, with towers, moats and shell decorations; the tide came in and demolished all the work. But who cared, we could now go into the water and have a really great time. Home time came, tired children and weary parents caught the train home, If we'd had a wet day; well maybe next year----?

Then there was a very special event

Pat Phoenix, who played the part of Elsie Tanner in Coronation Street, came to open a Fete in Goxhill in 1963. This took place in the grounds of New Hall; occupied by Mr Wardle. Those grounds no longer exist as they were then. At that time, the grounds of New Hall extended to the Station, the 'conker' trees were there lining the path to the station, in the Spring the candle like flowers were a sight to behold, in the Autumn children gathered there to pick 'conkers'.

Before the day the organisers of the event came to our house to borrow our paraffin stove which we used in the summertime so that we did not need a fire in order to

cook. They used it to make 'Hot dogs', very popular money raisers. Our daughter, Wendy Percy was one of the 'dancers from the school'. Many other attractions were there. Most important at the time was the signing of autograph books by 'Elsie Tanner'. I remember it as a great day. I'm sure someone could add more to this.

The Church Garden Fete

In the 1960's this event was usually held at 'Rose Marquee' the home then of Mrs Potts, who taught at the school. In those days people dressed in their 'Sunday Best' for this annual event. We went as a family; everyone was expected to be on their best behaviour. Well one year's garden party really sticks in my mind! We entered all the competitions available, hoopla, bowling for a pig, guessing the weight of a cake, made by

one of the church members and on this occasion guessing how many dried peas were in a jar. I had a go

at this; estimating carefully, how many peas in the top section and multiplying the answer by number of peas down the jar. I had never done such mental arithmetic as on this occasion! Lo and behold I won a box of chocolates for my effort. I was very pleased until I read the report in the Lincolnshire times, which went something like this:--Mr Brown, Bowling for the pig; Mrs White guessing the weight of the cake etc. and Mrs Percy 'peas in a Jar'. Now I can look back and laugh. Those were happy years.

Jubilees and Coronations

At Oueen Elizabeth's Coronation, on 2nd June 1953, it poured with rain all day. Our eldest son was 2 years old. There was a village celebration of this event, but it was spoilt by the weather.

Dennis remembers that he, at the age of 8 or 9 planted one of the trees on the road that passes the cemetery; known to us as 'middle Road'. That was either for the Jubilee of King George 5th, or the coronation of King George 6th.

The recent Jubilee celebrations brought to mind events of the same celebrations in the 1930's. Many events were celebrated by even small communities during my childhood; such as the Jubilee Celebrations for George 5th and Queen Mary in 1935 and the Coronation, two years later of George 6th in 1937. These celebrations were organised by the people of our very small hamlet of Barrow Haven.



The photo shows the Fancy Dress contestants at the latter event. I am the girl, Ramona Parkin, with a crown and all the paraphernalia of wash day. My sister Audrey Parkin has a pram, and is dressed as a nurse. The two boys on a tandem are Jack and Royce Foster, who at that time lived on the bank of the Humber. I think the 'fairy' was Winifred Johnson, who lived in the small cottage next to the windmill. We paraded from the Railway Station to a grass field next to the chapel. There, after the judging of the fancy dress, we played games and ran races for prizes, of a penny in the field by the chapel. My grandmother Naomi Mason, a farmer's wife and Landlady of Haven Inn, supplied the usual enamel pail of milk for the children to drink, all sharing the same cup, un-hygienic? Well we did not seem to suffer too much from 'germs' passed on in those days, we gained immunity from our way of living.

I remember that each child was 'given' a new shining penny on one of the occasions; only for the 'generous' giver to take them all back at the end of the day, saying that they were admission tokens.

I am sure we all enjoyed those simple celebrations as much or even more than the modern celebrations today.

Ramona Percv

PARISH COUNCIL

Dog Walking

An incident has recently been brought to the attention of the Parish Council by the Public Rights of Way Officer of North Lincs Council. In summary it appears that a member of the public crossed a piece of land using Public Footpath 53 which currently has cows and calf's in the field with 5 loose dogs. In her haste to leave the field the fence attached to the kissing gate was broken and two calves' ended up on the road. The landowner has now effected repairs to the fence and has been advised by North Lincs Council to report the incident to the police.

In addition we have been asked by North Lincs council to inform/remind dog walkers that dogs must be under close control i.e. walking at heal especially when near livestock. Further to inform/remind that legally a person may only be in control of four dogs at any one time.

The following links will take you to the Kennel Club and Natural England where further advice regarding walking dogs in the countryside can be found:

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There continues to be an unacceptable amount of vandalism taking part in the Play park. The latest trend is for the swings to be thrown at force until they end up wound around the framework causing damage that due to Health & Safety regulations have to be repaired straight away of the facility will have to be removed. This is a selfish act which not only causes inconvenience to other's but places and extra burden on the available funds of the Parish Council to continually pay for the repairs. If you see anyone causing this type of damage then please report it.

Village Youngsters

Are you one of the many young who live in Goxhill? Do you have any ideas that you think might improve facilities in the village for your age group? If you fall into this category are then why not let the Parish Council know your thoughts.

Wheelchairs

A recent discussion in the Parish Council has prompted the article below which outlines the procedure to enable members of the public to get access to a wheelchair either for long or short term, through the NHS or funded privately.

Under normal circumstances a wheel chair will be issued to the patient if their medical condition dictates it. However on occasion this appears not to happen and if so you should ask your GP/Physio or Social services to refer you to Wheelchair Services. Once the Wheelchair service receives the referral you will be invited to attend an assessment by an expert e.g. occupational therapist. This usually takes 2 - 4 weeks to get tot the assessment stage. If a wheelchair is recommended it may be available in a further couple of weeks but this varies due to type of wheelchair required. This system is normally for people with a long term need. If however your needs are short term, or one cannot be obtained using the service outlined above and /or you are happy to hire a wheelchair then The British Red Cross is usually the cheapest place to do so i.e. they will ask you for a donation which amounts to circa £30 for a 6 week period. Further details can be found on their website at: http://www.redcross.org.uk/ where details of their local offices can be found.

Finally there are many agencies and outlets which will sell you a wheelchair but please be cautious. If you think that you might need a wheelchair for a protracted period then you should always ask your GP for a referral as outlined at the beginning of this article. In the event that you wish to go private then The Disabled Living Foundation have an info leaflet about choosing a wheelchair and information about suppliers. Have a look on their website: http://www.dlf.org.uk/ or call: 0845 1309177

PJ Shields MBE QGM

£2.5 MILLION FLOOD ALLEVIATION PROJECT

A £2.5million Anglian Water project to improve drainage in Goxhill, Lincolnshire, started on 11 June. When completed the flood alleviation work will see 22 locations around Goxhill removed from the flood risk register.

Antony Innes, Anglian Water, said: "The project will see over two kilometres of new sewer pipes built to increase the capacity of the network and reduce the risk of surface water flooding. The project, which has been designed together with a working group including the Environment Agency, the Internal Drainage Board and local councils, is due to be completed by Spring next year. We have already invested around £2million on flood prevention projects in the Goxhill area and hope that this final phase of works will mean the problem is resolved and the planning moratorium can be lifted. Unfortunately, a project of this scale is bound to cause some disruption to the local area. We are sorry for this and will be working hard to keep any inconvenience to a minimum. A number of roads will be closed at different times during the work."

The schedule of Road closures is supplied by Anglian Water. Alternative routes will be sign posted.

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No. 1 - Ruards Lane	Junction of North End	Outside Talos	01-08-12	29-08-12
No. 2 - North End	Junction with Mill Lane	Junction with Willow Lane	23-07-12	31-08-12
No. 3 - Willow Lane	Outside Perran Cottage	Junction with North End	03-09-12	17-10-12
No. 4 - Mill Lane	Junction with Bridleway Junction with Mill Lane	Junction with North End Outside Owlett Cottage	18-10-12	21-11-12
No. 5 - Ferry Road	Junction with Sykes Lane	Outside Brenmar	18-10-12	21-12-12

	Points	Max	Give	n Judges' Comments
1	General Tidiness:	30	30	No litter or graffiti found
2	General Appearance Natural:	10	8	Some hedges abutting footpaths and roads had not been trimmed
3	General Appearance Manmade	: 15	14	All seemed to be but there seemed to be a lack of public seating in the vicinity of shops and the doctors' surgery
4	Community Facilities:	15	15	All appeared to be well used especially the playing field
5	Gardens & Community Areas	30	25	There were very few publicly planted flowerbeds although the private gardens were very colourful and well tended
6	Churchyards etc:	20	16	The cemetery was well maintained with a delightful lavender walk up the access road. The churchyard was in need of mowing at the time
7	Business premises:	20	15	Some business premises within the inner village appeared untidy and accounted for this lower score.
8	Signs:	10	10	All present and correct
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fault for the rather low score in what otherwise is a very attractive village.

READER'S COMPLAINTS

Goxhill's Moto Grand Prix circuit

We have a new Moto circuit on the European bike scene. I refer to the Thornton Road, Ferry Road, Howe Lane, race track. This only applies to those motor bikers who seem to think that trying to get upto 80/100 mph on roads designed for 30 whilst trying to deafen anyone within a range of 250 yards, is acceptable to the general public. If you want to race, find a deserted runway far from the roads of the village, and save, what will at some stage, be a nasty, maybe fatal, accident. Please keep the revs, and bike speed, below rocket launching level. And bear in mind that there are other people, children, horses and pets on the road.

More Peace & Quiet

The beauty of living in a place like Goxhill is the fact that we are still very much a rural community and being outside and listening to the birds sing is an everyday

pleasure. Given our climate, the days when you can spend time in the garden are precious and therefore its all the more important to be aware how noise affects other people. The playing of music and loud radio's does affect other people trying to enjoy the peace and quiet of their garden, so can we all make a pledge to be a good neighbour and keep unnecessary noise to a minimum.

Dumping of Rubbish

Residents have been witnessed dumping garden waste in ditches. This might seem completely harmless, but with the summer flooding we have experienced, blocking ditches even with grass cuttings, can add to the problem. What is wrong with putting it in your recyclable bin or taking it to the skip?

There has been a report of someone regularly throwing out whole loaves of dry sliced bread on a footpath off Greengate Lane. I don't know what nutrition there is for animals or birds, but it certainly looks unsightly.

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The Water Mill

Mill Field according to the Goxhill Enclosure Award in 1775, already had the name when it was an open field of 629 acres. The history of windmills in general say that the Post Mills were the first type of windmill that in the early days were small and flimsy and often blew down. It was not until the 19th century that stronger versions were made that could stand up to the gales. Water mills were built centuries before the wind job came into its own. The field obviously got its name from a mill that was built in it long before the enclosure act. My belief is it was a water mill, as evidence can still be seen. The reason is that Goxhill was a naturally drained flood plain in those days before man intervened, first by building the Humber Flood bank and later a gravity drainage system after the enclosure act. On the map/plan of the open fields there is a natural drain or water course that comes from Goxhill Haven towards Mill Field. I know the area well and have been in every field at some time in my life. Before the Humber Flood Bank was built I believe that small boats of the flat bottom type for shallow water would be able to navigate at far as the village on what is now Ferry Road. These inland rivers made by fresh water from land drainage, blow-wells and natural springs were only about two meters deep, while the tide in the Humber rises and falls for six metres on neap tides and increases by two more on flood tides. So when the tide goes out it leaves them high and dry giving the surplus fresh water time to drain off. A typical example of this is the East Halton beck, that was a river before man built the flood bank and made a clough or sluice at Skitter Haven. The river would not be deep enough for sea going ships to enter so their cargo would be unloaded at the river mouth and reloaded onto small flat bottomed boats for delivery up river that would allow them only about 2 hours before high tide and 2 after, for there would be little water in it between these times in dry spells without rain, leaving it dry between high tides. In wet times there would be a fast current running out and the small hand paddled boats would not make it against the strong current as it drained the fresh water from the land, so when the tide came in pushing the fresh water back and making the water deeper the current would take them upstream with little effort, other than steering them, and would bring them back with it running out. Then for the next eight hours they would have to wait until it was repeated.

Many of these inland rivers from the Humber were harnessed by constructing a lock at the entrance that makes the water deeper with few or little currents to contend with and allows larger boats through into the river such as the Humber sloops. An example of this is the river Ancholme at Ferriby. The river from East Halton Skitter to Brocklesby had had a sluice constructed to stop the salt water penetrating inland and was in the process of being converted into a canal for the Brocklesby Estate to carry produce or provisions to and from it, in canal boats with a connection to sea going ships, when the project was made obsolete by the coming of the railways and Brocklesby got its own station instead of a canal. There are still two bridges that were built to allow these boats through, in existence as an example, at Langmere and Thornton Abbey.

The water course having reached the haven would back up when the Clew, Clough, Flu or Sluice (they had a number of local names) doors closed at high tide, building up some height of water until it reached the mill and the pond beyond the wheel. A good example of this build-up is to be seen in the East Halton beck when the Haven doors are



The site of the Mill Pond in the field bounded by Willow Lane & Ferry Road closed, the current stops and the depth of water rises for a long way back. After they open, releasing the water, there would be a fairly strong current as the stream emptied. It would be a stream before the enclosure act and a drain after the parish was drained by man. The build-up of fresh water would come from land behind the village, from Butters Wood area and beyond. In the early 1700s I have seen records where there was a bridge in Howe Lane that needed repairs, this means there was a stream running through, I would say somewhere near the station for this is the lowest place in Howe Lane. The water coming from Butters Wood meandered its way to Gatehouse Road following somewhere in the region of the railway line (opened in 1848) over Howe Lane, through Greengate Lane, Westfield Road, Manor Lane, Willow Lane. All these lanes have low places in them that indicate this is where it joined up with the delphs that is still to be seen in the field between Willow Lane and Mill Lane.

If you stop at the corner of Manor Farm home paddock on Ferry Road and look into the corner next to the housing estate at Chestnut Way and opposite Tudor Lodge, there is a low, often water logged area, where several delphs meet, with one coming from over the other side of Ferry road and the ridges of these fields are all running downhill from different directions into them, bringing the land drainage water to feed the delphs, that in turn feed the millpond, that fed the mill, where Mill Farm now stands, giving it the name. There is some doubt whether these ridges for drainage were made before or after the enclose award in some places. The direction of most of these old natural water courses have all been changed by man with the construction of the drains after the enclosure award. When flying over the parish in an aircraft many of these natural water courses can be seen.

The Mill would only be of a crude type as the wood working tools were restricted to the local blacksmiths ability. First to increase the power of the current in the delph/stream it would be reduced in width for a short distance by making the sides vertical with timber shoring or stone walls if stone was available and a water wheel made to fit the width. The wheel would have to be of the under-shot type for there would be no head of water as there is no supply of water from any hills as in the Pennines or Dales for the over-shot type. The water goes under the wheel of the under-shot and pushes it round, they have far less power than the over-shot wheels. But in those days any power would be better that was more powerful than a man could produce by himself alone.

The wheel would be like a paddle with blades or buckets pointing towards the current of the stream. A shaft that carried the wheel would have a peg type cog wheel at the end that linked into the peg cog on the end of a vertical continued on p 37

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shaft on which was fixed the millstone that turned, the other being stationary. The cogs would be greased with cart grease, a product made of animal fat from the knacker man who had recycled it from dead animals of local farms, to reduce the wear and tear on the shafts and cogs made of wood. The mill stones would have to be much smaller than those of the later windmills, such as the one on Barrow Road, for the power from the stream would be low compared with the large sails (when the wind blew) of the windmills. Possibly with no automatic feed, the miller dropped the grain between the stones by hand. The grain would be ground coarse but it would make it more palatable and digestive for man or beast.

The Mill could be run for possibly 5/6 hours twice a day, after the doors opened at the haven, though no-one knows how far the tide affected the streams or drains into the village by backing up at high water. Only the daylight hours could be worked because no portable lighting, such as paraffin lamps, had then arrived. I doubt those that burnt animal fat (if the miller could have afforded one) would be bright enough so the miller could see to keep his fingers from between the millstones. The mill-shed would no-doubt have a thatch roof over it and sides to keep the grain dry and the miller warm.

All the evidence points to a water mill, first by the name of Mill Farm in Mill Lane, which at that time would only be a hovel, where the miller lived and it would be known as the Mill House. The lane or rather track at that time, would continue into Mill Field where the peasants walked with their animals to graze on the pasture land and also meadowed it with a few strips of grain on the best and driest parts. As the peasants would have plenty of meat due to the grazing marshes for their livestock, I assume they would trade their surplus meat for grain from the peasants on the Wolds, for this sort of trading was how the markets came into being. The Mill would be sited where there was a good current at a low part of the stream. By looking at the lay of the land when I stand in the farmvard looking toward Willow Lane, there is a low wide hollow coming into the vard slightly from the right that fed the water to the mill, known as a Millrace or Flume. It would have a clew door in it that could be lowered to stop the flow that in turn stopped the mill or lift it to start the wheel. Further up the field, toward Ferry road is a large flat deep hollow that I believe is the remains of the mill-pond of approximately one acre. This could have been originally made by flowing water and later expanded by man to increase the amount of water it could hold. On Ferry Road, at the bottom of Totney Hill. there is still a good example of this old gutter/delph that shows these small water made lagoons alongside. When the doors at the haven closed and stopped the water flowing out or when the millrace door was closed for the night there would be a build-up of water coming from up stream in the station area and beyond. This would be held in the pond to stop flooding up stream and keep it for the mill-wheel when the doors at the haven opened and the mill started to turn again. It would give the wheel more power with the weight of water behind it as is usual with water wheels.

The Mill Pond would have an Overflow to bypass the millwheel to release any surplus water in times of heavy rain or when the mill was not working and the clew/clough doors were closed it would hold the build-up. The old course is marked on the open field system for some of the way and still used today, though the route has been changed by man to convey water from the village to the haven. I believe from what can be seen from the farmyard the mill was sited there, with a Hovel for the miller to live in with his job, now

demolished to make way for the house and farmstead. In the years beyond recall there is a record of a water mill at Barrow Haven, two at Thornton Abbey and one at Brocklesby in the railway triangle that is situated on the top end of Ulceby Beck, belonging to the Brocklesby Estate. At the lower end of the beck when it reaches the Humber it becomes the East Halton beck. The cottage there was called the Mill House and was lived in until around 1950 by 3 German POWs. During their occupation they found it a little cold so they went to the searchlight camp on Killingholme Road and nicked one of the stoves to fit in the cottage. If these other villages had a watermill, why not Goxhill and any other streams on low land in North Lincolnshire or the UK, for that matter, where a water supply was there in the form of Delphs and Streams with a current strong enough to drive an undershot wheel. This stream through the village would be essential for life

within. Every thing needs water to live, man, animals, insects, grass, grain and plants which produce food for one another in a cycle. In a hot summer with no rain for a long period, the natural springs (I remember a number in the 1930/40s) that fed the streams and possibly a blow-well or two, for there were some at South End along side the East Halton Beck and at Barrrow Beck spewing out pure water by the ton, also the pasture land was drained into the streams by ridge and furrow that helped the water supply to keep going, would dry up. This would make an emergency arise in the village, No water. The peasants and residents would dig a hole over the springs into the receding water table until they reached water, then have to scoop out the water with a bucket made of animal skin for themselves and their animals. As the water table receded further they would have to deepen the hole, this would lead to the invention of the old Water Wells that were bricked out below ground level. When the sides started to slip in, they would be shored up with a ring of bricks (there are still examples left in the area) and then found out they could deepen the wells further by undermining the bricks and go deeper into the water table and lift out the water in buckets. A later addition is the old wells with winding gear to lift the buckets, now wishing wells for garden ornaments, but no such novelty if you had to rely on one for your water supply! Some of these old wells are 30 feet deep and beyond. Life revolved round the water supply of a village in days beyond recall. It is evident that there was a watermill on the

As for age of the mill. It is claimed that the church is from the fifteenth century so there must have been a village or settlement established by then to make it worthwhile to build a church. So the mill could already of been there at the time, for it would be important in helping to process a food supply. Or built at a later date, sometime in the next three centuries, a number of years before the enclosure award in 1775, for that is well before the windmills came into their own. There is an old Yorkshire saying "Nobody built a Wind Mill that could afford a Water Mill". Who Knows...

site of Mill Farm in Mill Lane for all the evidence can be

seen today. It would only be small due to the lack of a head

of water and would become disused when the two windmills

were built, that had more power, in the nineteenth century,

After the enclosure award 1775, the marsh and village were

drained with dykes that included the mill pond, followed by

ridge & furrow, to remove the surface water from the

pasture field in which it stood, eliminating much of the

evidence of the existing mill pond and race, though on a

Ron Parker's Jottings

survey they are still to be seen.



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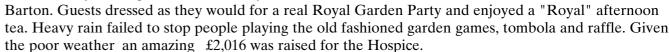
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The presentation followed the Year Six entertaining and fast moving production of the musical "Grease".

Barton Rotary Club recently held a "Royal" Garden Party in the grounds of Bardney Hall,



Almost all of the members, partners and friends, marshalled or operated water stations for the Humber Bridge Half Marathon recently. About 1,500 runners took part in the event which is organised by Hull and Barton Rotary Clubs. The main charity to benefit this year is the Teenage Cancer Trust's new unit at the Castle Hill Hospital. The unit treats teenagers from East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire.

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THE ROTARY CLUB BARROW MERIDIAN



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Our Rotary Club is made up of members from Barrow, Goxhill and New Holland and work to raise funds for the benefit of our local communities and charities.

We are supporting Goxhill Primary School by donating £300 towards the building of a shelter in their playground.

We marshalled Barton Bike Night, which went roaring ahead despite the rain. We had a barbecue selling Roger Sergeant's burgers to the hungry bikers, cooked by Ben and Sarah Sergeant. We also did a bucket collection for the charity Afghan Heroes, to help injured soldiers.

With two sponsored walks, we raised funds to help 'When You Wish upon a Star' children's charity and

Lindsey Lodge Hospice. Starting from Barrow Haven Inn where Paul & Jill kindly supported us and made us very welcome. We raised over £5000 through the generosity of the people of Barrow and Barton.

We funded two local fifteen year olds - Arron Finnis and Jazz Cox to take part in a youth leadership course at the Rotary camp at Castleton.

Three of our Rotarians visited a Rotary Club in Luneburg, near Hamburg, for the Hanseatic festival (600 years since the last celebration of the festival in the town).

We have Rotary visitors from Brazil in September. This coming December there is another Christmas Concert in Barrow Market Place. With even more attractions, we plan to create an even better function.

Anyone interested in coming along to take a look, or indeed wishing to join, would be made very welcome. We meet at Barrow Fitness Centre every Wednesday evening at 7.15.

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

Please have submissions for the Winter edition of the Gander in by Saturday 3rd November Distribution 1st week of December (for all date sensitive information)

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OFF THE HOOF

"You have to be in it to win it" - Anon

Before I start "Off the Hoof" I look at the previous article to see what I need to follow up or update. I cannot believe the last one started "We are now in May!" as we are now in August! Time certainly does fly and life seems to be hectic with not enough hours in the day.

The Olympics are in full swing at the time of writing and I must say that even though I do not usually spectate any sport, the Olympics have certainly grabbed my attention and, on occasion, have caught me bouncing on the edge of the settee waving my arms and shouting at the television screen. I am sure I am not alone in this and think on the whole we have put on a really stunning occasion, despite the initial setbacks. I am not sure just how this region will benefit on money spent but I hope it inspires some of the younger members of the village to start running or cycling and perhaps there is someone out there who would be willing to encourage such pursuits?

August 15th will be the first of a series of meetings of a "Neighbourhood Plan" for Goxhill; I am hoping the residents get behind this as it is a chance to shape and improve the village. Hopefully either Viv Sharland (533800) or I will be able to update for the next edition of the Gander. I am sure it will be a lively meeting.

In the past some planning applications have not been passed owing to the sewage problems but now that is being addressed. I believe the ten year hold on further building by Keigar Homes is now at an end and planning applications will go in for the large area of land at the centre of the village.

Large areas of land have also been sold on the village perimeter under sealed tender. I am led to believe it has been purchased by Able UK, the renewable energy firm who already own land along the Humber Bank. Most has been let out to local farmers for now. What this means long term is yet unknown but it has certainly pushed up the value of land in this area, which is good if you have any to sell, but if you want a couple of acres for a pony paddock it puts it just that bit further out of reach.

I have mentioned before about trying to have the railway line opened up until such time as they need to use it. Last year it almost happened but was stopped by North Lincs Economic Development Department, saying it would be opened up again shortly.

All of these points need to be taken into consideration on any further developments in the village. This could be the only chance to secure amenities and possible bridleways. With over 300 horses in the village it is of great importance as the roads will get busier as developments progress. I can only urge the horse fraternity to stick together and put their case forward before it too late and there is nowhere to ride off-road safely.

The British Horse Society has a fund of £2million for a 'Paths for Communities' project which must include some element of new Public Right of Way. I am in contact with Anita Greener of North Lincs Council and also the B.H.S. Representative for this area but support from others in the village would be appreciated, especially if you are a member of the B.H.S. and if not please join as the bigger the membership in the area the stronger the vision.

Whatever your interest in the village, be pro-active in putting your ideas forward - even if you cannot attend meetings – write them down and pass them to Viv so your ideas or objections are noted.

A few months ago I attended a seminar at Rase Veterinary Centre on 'Ulcers in the Horse'. Several horses were examined after a brief history as to why they were suspecting ulcers. Not all of them had ulcers, so investigation in other direction will ensue. They were all scoped and it was really interesting to go right into the stomach which was shown onscreen and explanations given. The only way I can describe it is to get a jar and put some water in it. This represents the horse's stomach. Now make as though the horse is walking and progress through trot, canter and gallop and jump. You will notice the water splashes up the sides of the jar. The inside of a horse's stomach contains acid and each splash can cause ulcers, as it burns. It is prevalent in horses which do a lot of competitions, particularly racehorses, as stress does

It has been proven that a double handful of Hi Fi Lite (or its equivalent) twenty minutes before being ridden helps to neutralise the acid. Such a simple thing, but it completely shatters one of the 10 'rules of feeding'.

I can always remember my mum making my brother have a glass of milk before he went out drinking, to "line the stomach". I guess it is the same principle!

I am still collecting items for the Ark Animal Rescue so please look and see if you have any unwanted bedding, towels or cat and dog food as I will be holding a Tombola for them on their Open Day and will take any gifts with me.

At the time of writing, haymaking is in full swing after all the rain we had which made it difficult to get on the fields. I am not sure how good it will be and at the moment it feels like I must be the only person in Goxhill who still has hay standing so I am beginning to panic, but no doubt I will get it in!

An alert has been raised about a 'suspicious couple see in the areas of stables and looking at horses in fields, so please be alert and report anything which does not seem right and take vehicle registrations. That's it for this edition. Please keep the news and items coming in.

Take care – Ride safely Aileen (01469 530643)

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The Great British Picnic

With Royal Jubilee celebrations, Olympic torch bearing parades, parties in the parks and Wimbledon's tennis season now in the past and we hope a late Indian Summer, what more could you ask for than some tasty little classic recipes to fill your picnic hampers with.

In this issue you'll find all the inspirational picnic recipes you'll need so go grab a blanket and get out there and enjoy the summer and the great outdoors while it lasts!

Happy picnics, happy days and happy cooking! An all time favourite of mine for a picnic sandwich!

The Classic Club Sandwich

Ingredients

2 rashers bacon

- slices bread, toasted
- tablespoons mayonnaise
- leaves lettuce
- (30g) cooked sliced chicken breast, turkey or ham

Place bacon in a heavy frying pan. Cook over medium high heat until evenly cooked. Drain on kitchen roll. Toast the bread then spread each slice with mayonnaise. On one slice of toast, place the sliced chicken, turkey or ham and lettuce. Cover with a slice of toast, then the bacon and tomato. Top with last slice of toast.

ROWN

Vegetarian Picnic Quiche

Ingredients

225g plain flour

140g butter, chilled, diced

mature Cheddar, grated 115g

115g peas

115g baby broad beans

asparagus spears, chopped 115g

green beans, chopped

free-range eggs 4

200ml double cream

100ml whole milk

small bunch flat leaf parsley, chopped sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 bunch watercress, roughly chopped baby plum tomatoes, chopped

Method

Sift the flour into a large bowl and rub in the butter until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Mix in the cheese and just enough chilled water to bind the mixture together. Wrap the dough in cling film and place in the fridge for 15 minutes.

Roll out the pastry on a floured work surface and use it to line your individual tart tins. Chill in the fridge for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5.

Meanwhile, steam or boil the peas, broad beans, asparagus & green beans until al dente then drain. Refresh the vegetables in iced water & drain well.

Line the chilled pastry cases with aluminium foil and baking beans and bake for 15 minutes. Beat the eggs, cream and milk in a bowl, then add the parsley and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Remove the tart tins from the oven, discard the aluminium foil and baking beans and reduce the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Place the tart tins on a baking tray, arrange the blanched vegetables, watercress and tomatoes over the base of the pastry cases and pour over the egg mixture. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes or until the filling is set, then remove the guiches from the oven and set aside to cool slightly before removing from the tins.

Strawberry Pavlova

Ingredients

250g fresh strawberries

medium eggs, whites only

pinch salt

180g sugar

1 tbsp_cornflour

1 tbsp lemon juice

whipping cream

icing sugar

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Method

Preheat oven to 150°C. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper and draw a 20 cm circle on the parchment. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Add 120 g sugar while continuing to whip



and mix well until sugar is completely dissolved.

Mix the remaining sugar together with the cornstarch. Fold into the egg whites mixture and also add lemon juice. Spread a layer of meringue onto the circle on parchment paper and spoon swirls around the edges to form a bowl shape.

Bake for 1 hour. Turn off oven, but leave meringue in oven for an additional 30 minutes. In a large bowl, combine the cream and confectioners sugar, and whip until thickened. Decorate with strawberries.

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Unfortunately, the run of wet weather, that began when Anglian Water banned the use of hosepipes, did not disappear when Anglian lifted the ban. But although it was not the best of Spring and early Summer weather for bowling, there are signs that August might just be our saviour.

Despite the rain, bowling in local leagues has continued over the past months even if our wet-weather gear has seen more use in two months than it normally would in two years. At the time of writing, Goxhill Bowling Club team is well placed in two of the leagues we compete in and we are optimistic of finishing well. We send our congratulations to Harold Dixon for his recent singles success and to Peter Cox, Tina Morris and Christine Ellis for their victory in the Denny mixed rinks - all at the county finals in July.

Several of our club competitions have had to be cancelled, largely because people did not fancy getting drenched for what is meant to be a fun, social event. That is a shame for our new members who have joined this year because I remember the club competitions as a great opportunity to get to know other club members in my first year. Hopefully, even if 2012 has not been the best of introductions to the sport for them, they will be staying with us to give bowling another try in 2013. Bowling can be taken up by adults and children of almost any age and accommodates a wide range of fitness levels - try it yourself if you are not convinced. To find out more about joining Goxhill Bowling Club take a look at our website at http://goxhill.moonfruit.com to see what we are about, or give me a call on 530363 for a friendly chat. John Guggiari

Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service

Jubilee recognition for local volunteers.

Amongst those nominated by East Midlands Ambulance Service, to receive a Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of their long service to the community, were three volunteers from the local branch of LIVES. By chance they were one each from Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland - the three villages in the local branch name. The Gander's readers will surely want to offer their congratulations as well as their thanks to all of the volunteers who keep LIVES going in this area. The Jubilee Medals are well-deserved

ending March 2012.

recognition for the local branch and the service. Our local branch has 7 qualified responders with a further 3



Barry Staves proudly showing off his Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of long service to the community

every year. Each year it costs over £3,000 to run our local LIVES group. As well as our affiliation to LIVES for accreditation, medical equipment needs renewing and medical consumables have to be replaced as they are used, so that we keep our kits at the necessary standard. Last year the cost of oxygen alone was over £230 and our annual mobile phone bill was a similar sum. In return for that investment our first responders attended over 250 emergency call-outs during the 9 months period

responders in training and 4 volunteers in other supporting roles. But equally importantly there are a whole load of groups and individuals supporting LIVES through their donations and fund-raising activities

LIVES is a registered charity number 1098364 and would like your support for its efforts locally. If you can help by volunteering or fundraising then Bob Dasey, the local branch co-ordinator, would be delighted to hear from you. Email bobdasey@btinternet.com or telephone 533037 for a chat; you will be under no pressure to take it any further if you decide LIVES is not for you. John Guggiari

The Wizard of Crescent Moon Mountain by Oldman Brook

My dad asked me to review this book as he wanted to know what a young adult would think of it. He didn't tell me at first that it was written by local author, Oldman Brook. He sprang this on me after I told him that it was one of the best books I have ever read (and I have read lots of books!) Here is the review...

This book is a fantasy story primarily aimed at confident readers, which is set in the imaginary world of Everlast. Whilst a wizard is preparing for war, he meets lots of new friends that are ready to battle by his side!

The main character throughout the story is Greybeard, an old and powerful magician who is trying to stop a wave of evil creatures from taking over Everlast. He

travels all around Everlast (with his friends) trying to gather as many people as he can to join him?

The characters are very credible, once explained a bit more thoroughly, throughout the book. It is a very fast paced book and is action packed right up to the very end. The setting of the book is very atmospheric in certain parts e.g. when the goblins are all in the wood it is perceived as a very spooky place.

I would certainly recommend this novel to anyone who enjoys being transported to a world of fantasy. Although the book is lengthy in size, the skill of the writer has the reader wanting to read more and I found it difficult to put down - even when mum was shouting lights out!

I have never read a fantasy book before, however having being absorbed into the world of Everlast, I would certainly like to read more! By Stan Brown



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