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et again another packed issue. Despite losing a few of our regular advertisers we have filled the space with new advertisers. The Gander team have been beavering away throughout the summer with the mammoth task of invoicing all existing and prospective advertisers and getting in the payments that make the Gander possible. So many companies value the benefit of local advertising, it is very cost effective in the Gander and really works. So please continue to support local companies and individual tradesmen and keep the local economy turning.

The Notice Board pages are again full of events and societies and all kinds of activities, plus there are several reports on highly successful events within the newsletter.

Don't miss the entertainments advertised on page 13, especially 'An Apple a Day' by Hambledon Productions. Their last performance in the Memorial Hall was brilliant. Plus there is lots of other fun entertainment and drama on offer from our local amateur groups.

There have been some great fundraising events during the summer, notably the appearance of 'George Michael' (well actually the best impersonator in the country) at the Garden Rocks evening organised by Gary and Gill Payne which raised a fabulous sum for When You Wish Upon a Star. I was also told that the Strawberry Teas, organised by Stuart and Diana Cooke and the Bell Ringers, to raise funds for LIVES, was a fantastic event. My reporter said "she had never been to anything like it before, brilliantly organised, major precision, everything worked like clockwork with a team of very nice volunteers who worked really well together, as if they had know each other for years."

There are many other equally worthy events going on that I don't know about. Just drop me an email with a brief description of the event, what it was in aid of etc. It would be good to spread the news around.

I did go to one event, a rounders match, which you would presume would be good clean fun. Well it ended with one in Hull Casualty with a broken hand and cracked ribs, several pulled hamstrings, several scraped elbows, many near misses and one lost contact lens. It was actually very well organised, but it was just a bit too much competitive enthusiasm by some. Those who survived thought it was great fun nevertheless.

Yet again there are also some fascinating stories and reports to read in this issue. It is the quality and variety of the contributions that are sent in, that makes the Gander such a popular read. I cannot thank these people enough for spending time writing these articles, issue after issue, their efforts really are appreciated. It shows what a rich resource of information, news and history there is in the village.

But we can always do with more, especially from the younger members of the village.

Finally, I thank our army of volunteer deliverers who distribute a copy of the Gander to every house and business in Goxhill. They are just as vital to the organisation as our advertisers and contributors.

Jeff Teasdale, Editor of the Goxhill Gander



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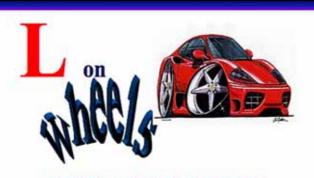
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The unknown boy's generous attitude sets a good example, especially so in the context of the local church and its dependency upon our generosity. In the story, the boy's role was to assist by putting into use what he happened to have at that moment, which was, presumably, his own lunch. What Jesus did with it was incredible, beyond our imagination.

This is how it should be even today. God does not need people with special gifting or great ministries, although he might use them. He needs people who assist him with what they have got, be it ever so humble. The boy had not been fishing all night or baking in the early hours of the morning in anticipation of Jesus needing them. He had the fish and bread because he had thought about the practical needs of that day, nothing more.

Many people still think the church is a wealthy organisation and I would be the first to agree that the ancient churches and cathedrals in our care are literally priceless. The problem is, their value, as such, is meaningless when it comes to their day to day running, maintenance and repair: the practical needs. That is where the generosity and goodwill of local communities is so vital. The support we get from local people who see All Saints as 'their' church is absolutely crucial to ensuring that the church will continue to be available for the spiritual needs of Goxhill and will remain so for generations to come.

We launch our funding renewal campaign on September 8th at the 9.30am service. If you would like to become a regular supporter of your local church, motivated perhaps by an appreciation of all that it stands for, we'd love see you then. Alternatively, contact the Vicarage, 530357 or Church Treasurer Sam MacLeod, 530772, if you could give a regular payment or would just like to make a "one off" donation. Your support is not just welcome...it's vital.

Rev John Girtchen

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Dear Friends,

The dry summer weather has certainly given us a lot to talk about, especially after the wet summers of recent years. Its prompted memories of hot Summer days often taking us back to childhood and the fun we had camping in the garden, enjoying outdoor picnics and cooling off under the hosepipe slung across the bough of a tree.

Do you remember those hazy days of childhood summers? The long hot days, when shops ran out of icecream and lemonade, and evenings when we sat in the garden till the stars appeared, and hot, sticky nights when we couldn't sleep. Were they really as euphoric as we remember?

Certainly, now as then, when Summer comes, we smile and say "Isn't it lovely to see the sun?" but then as the days go by and the fields and our gardens are parched, flowers fade and the grass turns dry and brown, we soon find ourselves saying, "we could do with some rain!"

So it is in life. When things are going well and we are happy, it's as if the sun is smiling down on us. It's easy to forget that life also has its rain clouds with its problems and times of sadness.

The difficult and challenging times in our lives help us to appreciate the good and happy times.

A few years ago, I was one of many thousands of people who were privileged to hear the Christian Evangelist, Billy Graham, speak at an open air rally. As he started to speak it began to rain, he stopped and looking heavenward, as the rain poured down, he smiled and said, "it's raining liquid sunshine!"

Every Blessing, Rev. Sue

Forthcoming Services at All Saints, Goxhill (unless otherwise stated)

Sunday	8th	September	9.30am	Launch of 2013 Funding Campaign
Friday	11th	October	7.30pm	Harvest Festival Evensong. Supper is provided after the service.
Sunday	13th	October	9.30 am	Family Harvest service.
Wednesday	30th	October	7.30pm	(at Goxhill Methodist Chapel) Annual 'Churches Together' Bereavement Memorial Service. Please note Change of date from our usual 2nd of November.
Sunday	3rd	November	11.00am	United Patronal Festival Service
Sunday	10th	November	10.45am	(at Goxhill Memorial Hall) United Service of Remembrance
Sunday	10th	November	2.00pm	(at the Airfield War Memorial) United Act of Remembrance



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Churches Together in Goxhill

would like to thank everyone who supported the Quiz Night, coffee morning and soup lunch in aid of Christian Aid. We raised over £500. The next **Quiz Night** will be on Friday 13th September 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom. Admission £5 which includes supper. The monthly **Pop In** is held on the third Saturday of the month in the Chapel Schoolroom from 10am – 12MD Various refreshments available, second-hand bookstall and Fairtrade goods. All welcome.

DATES FOR FUTURE POP INS

September 21st
October 19th
November 16th
For any further information, contact
Sandra Smith on 530065

The Airfield Remembrance Service

will be held at the Airfield Memorial on Sunday, 10th November 2013 at 2pm. All welcome.

Goxhill Art Circle

Is your hobby painting,if so why not join us every Wenesday afternoon in the Methodist Church Goxhill (2pm to 4pm) or call **Peter Hornby 01469 208625**

The Methodist School Room

is available for hire at a competitive price. To book, contact **Jane Arnott** on **530962**

The Memorial Hall

is here for every one and has excellent facilities for a number of activities. The main hall has a marked court for soft ball tennis, badminton and carpet bowls, plus full size snooker tables and table tennis. All enquiries should be made to Mrs Iris MacLeod tel. 530772

Goxhill Women's Institute

The Goxhill WI meets at 7p.m. on the 2nd Monday of every month, except August, in the Memorial Hall in Goxhill, when talks are given on a variety of subject. These meetings are also open to the public for a small admission charge. Our next meeting is on Monday, 9th September when Michelle O'Brian will be showing us how to decorate 'Polka Dotty Cakes', hopefully with a green theme in readiness for our Big MacMillan Coffee Morning at the end of September.



Join us for coffee, cake and fun Friday 27th September Goxhill Memorial Hall 10am-1pm

Last year we raised £575, with your help we hope to beat this.

Poppy Person Appeal

When we came to live in Goxhill over 40 years ago, Mrs. Mary Sobey was the Royal British Legion representative. Since then Mrs. Sue Sargent and subsequently the late Rhoda King took over and I have been the co-ordinator for the RBL "Poppy Appeal" for the past 20 years. I am looking for someone living in Goxhill to help me with the Appeal this year leading to taking over from me next year. It would be a shame to lose Goxhills connection with the Poppy Appeal. If anyone would like to find out more please ring Penny Carnell on 530138.

BEEKEEPING

North Lincolnshire Beekeepers' District meets monthly at Broughton Village Hall.
Our next meetings are as follows:
September 30th Open Forum & Honey Analyses October 28th District Honey Show November 25th District Cake Competition More details on our website www.northlincsbeekeepers.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/northlincsbeekeepers Kevin Seddon, Secretary North Lincolnshire Beekeepers District Tel 01469 531285 Email:kevinbeeseddon@hotmail.co.uk

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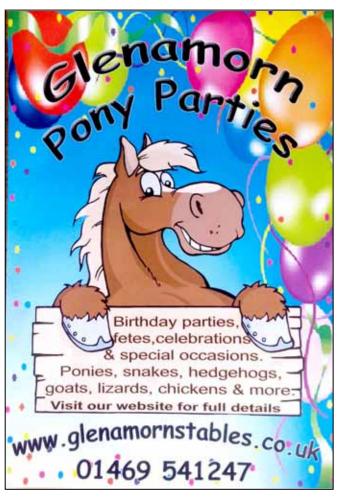
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To reserve a stall ring Penny on 01469 532223

Plea for help

Please can any one help me as regards any photographs taken at the Open Day & Garden Party for the Brigg & Barton Methodist Circuit held on Saturday July 13th at 15 The Bridles, Goxhill.

The person who should have taken them found he had not got his sd card in his camera that day so i am desperate to find any one who has any pictures of the opening of the garden party with the Mayor & my self on.

Please can you help me

MRS.HILDA LAMMING 01469 530779

robinday44@btinternet.com

Wine Tasting Evening in Goxhill

Mike Ruddock, our local wine merchant, has agreed to return for another wine tasting evening on Friday 22nd November. There will be nine wines to sample each with a different cheese to complement the flavour and bouquet of the wine.

Tickets are now available priced £10 each from Margaret Goodhand, Norfolk Lodge, Chapel Street, Goxhill. Telephone 01469 530951.

Cheques made payable to All Saints Church, Goxhill with your application please. Due to the room size tickets are limited and sold on a first come first served basis.

BARTON AREA FOOD BANK

The Food Bank would like to express our thanks to everyone who helps us in the work



We have now been open for 18 months, and in this time have given

out food parcels for 364 vouchers, representing 564 adults and 363 children, from 31st January to 31st December 2012, and a further 315 vouchers representing 453 adults and 363 children from January to the end of July this year. Of course, there is some double counting, where people's problems are not solved quickly, but nevertheless, this does represent several hundred different families from Barton and most villages in our area.

For this reason, we wish to thank all our communities. Some people donate food and toiletries to the Food Bank, whist others donate cash, and many of our volunteers come in on a regular basis from the villages. It is not only all the churches sharing in this project, but local organizations and some schools. It is a growing, successful venture, although a sad reflection on the necessity for it in our society.

So thank you once more, and if anyone needs any further details, please do not hesitate to contact **Margaret Sidell** on **01652 632512**.

The Luncheon Club

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NOTICE BOARD Village News

Goxhill Women's Institute 70th Anniversary

Fifty members and guests of the Goxhill Women's Institute met in the Goxhill Memorial Hall on Monday evening, 8th July to celebrate their 70th Anniversary. After a reception with champagne, the evening was opened by the Goxhill WI President, Iris MacLeod, who welcomed members, their husbands, friends and the guests. Amongst the guests were Mrs Susan Hawney, the Humberside Federation Chairman, Mrs Karin McCollin, Federation Treasurer, Helen Whelpton and Jill Gowans from the neighbouring Thornton Curtis WI. Special guests at the event were Madge Austin, who will be celebrating her



100th birthday during September this year, and long standing members Joyce Shearwood and Vera Blanchard.

Also present were Enid Girdham and Betty Plumtree, who have been very good friends to

Goxhill W.I. over the years.

The 70th Anniversary cake was cut by the Federation Chairman assisted by the Federation Treasurer. The evening was rounded off by entertainment from the close harmony group 'Harbour



Lights'. An excellent buffet was provided by Cooks, of New Holland, finishing with coffee and a slice of the Anniversary cake.

DEADLINE FOR THE WINTER EDITION OF THE GANDER

Please have submissions in by Saturday 2nd November. Distribution 1st week of December (for date sensitive items)

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Goxhill Craft Fair

The Goxhill Craft Fair which was held on the 11th and 12th May 2013 was once again a great success and well attended by villagers who were able to meet, chat, eat and drink and browse and buy crafts and handmade items over the two days. Many of the stallholders are regular attendees and thanks go out to them for their willingness to be involved in the Craft Fair and their support for the organisers which always makes it a very enjoyable affair.

Funds for the Memorial Hall were raised by the stallholders fees and the Cafeteria also donated £127. Enid Girdham had the best ever Tombola and was also able to donate a large amount to the Memorial Hall funds so thank you to everyone who bought cakes, bacon buns, ham and cheese sandwiches and Tombola tickets.

The prize winners in the Photographic Competition were:

1st prize - Duncan Knowles, Goxhill – Hedgehog gathering nesting twigs

2nd prize - Peter Elsom – Winter Scene, Millennium Green East Halton

Certificate of Excellence – Chloe Foulston, Goxhill

The ever popular Pot Shot footballing skill game winners were:

1st - Ben Foulston - score 175

2nd - Aaron Hickman - score 150

Goxhill Primary School came up trumps once again with their presentation based on Georges Seurat "Bathing at Asnieras". Everyone who viewed the presentation was impressed by the standard and skill shown in the exhibit so congratulations go to the School, staff and children and thanks for supporting the Fair.

Last but not least thanks go to the unsung heroes of the weekend, the washer-uppers, the bakers, the cleaners and the meeters and greeters – you know who you are but special thanks must go to Charlie Leaning on kitchen duties, Derek Thompson for Pot Shot and parking, Enid Girdham for Tombola and all the ladies who volunteered to bake cakes which were delicious and different.

Steve Wrightson (Organiser – Goxhill Craft

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Potty Panto' Players

The Potty Panto' Players annual Charity Panto' is being performed in Goxhill Memorial Hall for the first time this year. After a warm response to our "Comedy Nites" in the village we are hoping that our traditional panto' Jack and the Beanstalk will be well received. Pantomime is often children's first experience of "live theatre" and the potty panto' players are proud to bring "good clean family entertainment" for all ages to your doorstep. There will be plenty of fun and audience participation with Dame Dotty and Dozy Den and buttercup the cow. The players will be ably supported by the children (some from Goxhill) of the KLM Academy of Dance under the direction of Miss Kelly.

Make a note in your diary of

Friday 29th November 7.15pm and Saturday 30th November 2.15pm matinee and 7.15pm evening performance.

The proceeds from this years' pantomime will be donated to the Lindsey Lodge Hospice, a charity which all to frequently touches the lives of many of us, and Goxhill, New Holland and Barrow LIVES FIRST RESPONDERS who do a sterling job assisting people in distress whilst waiting for emergency services!

Tickets will be available early November. Please look out for our advertising boards and posters for further details, and please help us to support these worth while causes.

Thank you Lynne Brocklesby

AN APPLE A DAY

From the theatre company that brought you Educating Rita and A Hard Act to Follow comes a new comedy by local playwright John Hewer. Set in the serene backwater of Pulham Down, An Apple A Day tells the hilarious story of two doctors locked in a desperate bid to remain sole representative of the villages practice.

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'had the audience in, yet more, fits of giggles' *** - What's on Stage 'rife with word play, puns and satire' **** - Louth Leader



We are delighted to announce that the South Bank Players have just Players completed their first Variety Show tour which has seen us

perform at Brigg Catholic Church, Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Hall, Willerby Methodist Church Hall and East Halton Primary School. The group performed songs, sketches and dances spanning the 1920's to the 1970's to appreciative audiences. As well as this the group assisted with the Victorian Day at Wilderspin School where an enjoyable day was had by all who attended. We finished the youth group rehearsals for the Summer in style with our 4th Annual red carpet awards evening with much celebration. The adults meanwhile continue their rehearsals!

The next performance by the South Bank Players will be their full length Sherlock Holmes play "The Hound of the Baskervilles". Adapted and dramatized by Tim Kelly and based on the story by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, this adaptation has been referred to as "Professional, witty and suspenseful... Conan Doyle would be pleased!" This tale of mystery and suspense will take place at The Ropery Hall, Ropewalk on Fri 11th and Saturday 12th October. The show will start at 7.30pm each evening with an additional matinee performance at 2pm on the Saturday. There is also a licenced bar available prior to the show and at the interval. Tickets will be on sale soon from The Ropewalk Information Office, and the chairman of the group - Mr Dennis Bloor (tel: 01469 531003) priced at £5 / £4.

Shortly after this performance the group will once again take to the streets with their "Barton Ghost Walk" which commences at 7.30pm outside Baysgarth House Museum on Halloween. Booking is advisable for the Halloween walk by contacting the Chairman - Mr Bloor. Wrap up warm, dress in costume, bring a torch and bring a friend.....walk the streets of Barton – if you dare!!!!

For more information on any of our events or to join the group, please email us at southbankplayers@yahoo.co.uk where you can also ask to be added to the mailing list of upcoming events by the group. We also now have spaces in our junior and senior youth groups again simply email us for more information about joining and rehearsals times etc. Best wishes as always -Jeanine Guy (South Bank Players).

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After spending time thinking about the variation of our weather this year, it almost seems ironic to be reflecting on the marvellous weather we have been having over the past month or so. It's been stifling hot in school and at times when tempers were fraying and little people were coming in from the playground with red, sweaty faces you'd almost want to turn the temperature down or at least flick on the air conditioning but unfortunately this wasn't an option open to us. We all feel guilty when we grumble about the weather especially as hot summers have become a thing of the past. However now that school is finished for the term we can regulate our own temperatures by staying in the shade and enjoy the pleasure of our gardens.

This year has been amazing as well as hectic! This time last year when I was thinking about coming back in the autumn term knowing that we didn't have a deputy, anticipating an imminent Ofsted inspection and settling new staff into school, I wasn't quite sure how things were going to pan out. But in true Goxhill style our amazing group of staff pulled together and got behind me to ensure we did the best for the school in the hardworking way we could!

We had our Ofsted (which you all know about); we had yet again a lovely run up to Christmas with a number of performances from the children which parents enjoyed; we launched January with a massive focus on improving writing across the school (which I have spoken about before); We hosted a very successful writing project for the Local Authority in conjunction with TT Education; two of our teachers were accredited as Leading Teachers within the LA (which basically means their brilliance as practitioners has been recognised and future visits to our school by other teachers within the LA to observe these two key people, is a real accolade). We had a fantastic summer fair which was hugely successful and a really enjoyable day; a Hinduism day; the 'Cook - Off' which saw all of the classes' efforts recognised in different categories of awards; we have been accredited as a Centre of Excellence for writing and to finish it all off, a very happy year 6 group trundled off for their residential week which ended a perfect year for a perfect group of prefects!



Year 6 Leavers Performance, Goldilocks.

Singing is a great feature of our school and we are very proud to be told on a regular basis from visitors who spend a lot of time in primary schools that our

children's singing is of a fantastic standard. We do have a substantial emphasis on singing in school, with regular hymn singing practices, and a choir (thanks to Mrs Neve and Mrs Cain). Another element to music and singing in school is that we buy in expert tuition in the form of Ms Dawson and Mr Robson. Ms Dawson teaches Y3 and 4 violins and recorders. Parents were invited recently to be entertained by the children from these year groups singing and playing their instruments - an event that showcased the talent we have; a big thank you to Carol Dawson who is a great friend of the school. Mr Robson previously has been coming into school to teach Y5 to play trumpets, as well as more singing. The children love his lively and energetic style, so a big thank you to him also. He will continue to do this next year but I am so excited to say that Mr Robson will be joining our team of staff from September for a further two days a week and will be teaching in Year 3 as well as year 6. Viv Sharland, who is also a great friend in our school, will be coming in more to share her brilliance in art with our year 4 and year 6 classes. Viv inspires all of us to celebrate the children's work in the best way we can and we can't thank her enough for this. Visitors are always complimenting our children and staff for the great range of colourful displays which are a wonderful reflection of some really good teaching.



Some of the entrants for Goxhill's Got Talent at the Fair.

In my last Gander article I mentioned that the standards in writing have improved so greatly across the school and that in future articles there may even be some contributions from the children. I'm pleased to share with you some recollections from a number of our children across the school.

My Reflections on the Past Year by Anya Russell

Being in year 4 has been one of the best things in my life! This is because of all of the interesting topics we have covered in the past year. I really loved learning about Pirates - this topic was so exciting, mysterious and interesting to learn about.

I also liked learning about the Rainforests. We found out a lot about endangered species such as the Orangutans. We had a bun sale to raise money for the orang-utans and we got loads of money too! We used the money to adopt an orang-utan, which was called Coya. We had some money left and so we donated this to the Lindsey Lodge Children's' Hospice. We got a certificate to

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acknowledge all of our hard work!

In year 4 our Christmas play was called 'Cinderella' the Pantomime. We did this with the year 3 class. Everybody got a part in it. Viv the artist came into help us make the horses and carriage. It was EXTREMELY good fun!

We learnt about Antartica and decided to make a lifesized igloo in our classroom made out of plactic milk bottles. It took the whole half term to build and we all had to bring in milk bottles. When we finished the igloo we could sit inside it and read our books. We also made a giant snowflake out of card and we took them home when they were finished.

I've had a great year and have loved settling into my school since joining it in year 3. I hope next year will be equally exciting!



The winning entry at the Cook Off by Year 1.

My time in year 4 by Josh Carn

I have learnt so much and achieved so many things – I think Miss Twidale has pushed us all on so much. I have grown in maturity and this is thanks to her.

My Reflections on the past year by Hollie Goodwin

This past year has probably been my best so far out of all my entire school experiences. My teacher has brought me on miles with my literacy and my reading. I am now a quiz answer sheet, knowing everything a year 4 child should know; I am a calculator because I am great at numeracy. I have done loads of things reached targets and even met a couple of new friends. We have different people who come to help us with our work such as Mr Bennett for Reading, Mrs Cook to help us win our category for the Cook Off and Mr Byrne from Baysgarth who came and helped us with our Science.

I am really proud of my year in year 4 and I hope next year will be as good!

My Experiences in year 4 by Toby Beaton

The best part of year 4 for me was when we went to Yorkshire Wildlife Park – It was great!

I also enjoyed our swimming so much in the spring term. Some people didn't want to go swimming at first and then when we settled into it they loved it! My favourite topic in year 4 was The Rainforest. In art we made 3d pictures of the rainforest and we raise money to foster an orang-utan. One day some people called Safari Sam came into school and brought snakes, snails and millipedes. We made terrariums.

In the Foundation Stage by Thea Adams age 5

I have had lots of fun this year. My favourite thing was writing books and writing about animals and insects.

I liked going to Woodside Falconry and I loved the parrot. On Sports day I came first and second in my races. My mummy and grandma were very proud. The Cook off was good fun also – I made a ladybird bun. Mrs Smith sings lots of songs with us and I love to sing. My sister Almena loves to sing too. We also learned lots of French with Mr Travis. I love all of my teachers in the Foundation Stage unit.

In the Foundation Stage by Tiana Mai Redhead age 5

I loved writing stories. I loved doing my tricky words and I became really good at games. My favourite story which I have written was about a snail. My Mummy came in and did the Cook Off with our class. I helped my mum do the legs on the caterpillar cake and the insects on the biscuits. I have enjoyed learning lots of French and singing songs with Mrs Smith.

The above is just some of our children's recollections of the year and I would like to thank all of them for doing so well.

Before I finish this article I feel it is only right that I should mention two of our staff who really hold the fabric of our school together. Mr Wood and Mrs Coulam! I am so fortune to be able to work with both of these two people who in their own ways bring so many strengths to our school. Without Mr Wood we wouldn't have such a kind person to make sure our school is open, tidy, decorated, repaired and warm. Although he has his little calamities now and again, he is such a kind and hardworking person to whom we need to say a BIG THANK YOU to.

And then there is Mrs Coulam..... Again someone who we wouldn't be able to do without! Mrs Coulam has a great business mind and I am glad to be able to rely on her to know a great many things, which I don't! She negotiates great deals for our school and is also so well organised and reliable. A BIG THANK YOU to her too.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this article. Best Wishes to our year 6 children who move on to the next phase of their learning and to Mrs Amey who leaves us to await the birth of her second baby. So, at the end of a lengthy article – I think you will agree that we have had a busy term and a busy year. It only remains for me to add that we hope you have had a pleasant summer and we hope to see you in school sometime soon. We look forward to starting the new school year in September.

Caroline Breslin



Year 3 children in costume for the Cook Off.

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Since our last article, we have had a very busy time here at Goxhill Pre-school. Now that the glorious weather is here the children have spent a lot of time in the Pre-school garden, where they have planted

strawberries, herbs, sunflowers and much more. All of which the children have grown from seeds. The children have loved going down to look at and water the plants. We have also had fun in the village park as well as going to our supervisor Zoë's house to feed her chickens.

Besides the outdoor fun, we have had fun making space rockets out of marshmallows, cornets and biscuits, baking bread and blueberry muffins and this is on top of all the wonderful craft and art work that we make on a daily basis. Each craft is planned around topics that we may be looking at, the children have made lots of bugs on sticks as well as piggy pictures (based on our trip to The Pink Pig), decorated paper lollipops and much more.

We celebrated the launch of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library by asking the children to bring in their favourite books for us to read to all the children during our circle time. For those of you with children under the age of five, The Imagination Library is a 60 volume set of books beginning with the children's classic The Tale of Peter Rabbit. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be delivered to your home and addressed to your child. This is a FREE GIFT, there is no cost or obligation to your family. If you would like to register for this scheme, please feel free to pop into Pre-school for a registration form.

Back at the beginning of July we went on our annual trip to The Pink Pig. The weather was kind to us and we all had a fantastic day, feeding the animals, going on the tractor ride to see the pigs and piglets and playing in the fantastic play area. The bus journey home was certainly a lot quieter with the happy but weary children than the one going!!

We held our Scarecrow Trail earlier this year than in previous years, we had a total of 11 scarecrows in the trail and would like to thank everybody that made a scarecrow or attended the event. Everybody who participated in the trail was asked to pick their favourite scarecrow, the winner was Mrs Val Gorbutt and family with their "Where's the mole!" scarecrow winning the Pink Pig family day pass. All of the scarecrows were fantastic and there was many a debate over refreshments between families' over which scarecrow they would pick!! In total we raised £83.25, so once again thank you for your support with this.

Finally we held our Teddy Bears Picnic Open Morning, we had a fantastic turn out of both attending and non-attending parents and children. We had fun decorating teddy bear biscuits, going on a teddy bear hunt and having a picnic, though the highlight of the morning was the brilliant performance of Goldilocks and the three bears performed by Zofi (Supervisor) and Nicola (Early Years Practitioner) who had the children mesmerised!

Sadly we said goodbye to ten Pre-school children who will be starting school full time in September, however September will be an exciting time for us, as we will be welcoming nine new starters and have planned lots of

fun things for us to do, such as visiting the village library and Post Office alongside some fun activities to do.

Our 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. Pre-School and School).

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As we have a Good Ofsted, there are places available at Goxhill Pre-school for children who are eligible for the 2 year funding.

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HID HIRE SETTING HORTICULTURAL BUILDINGS

My attention has recently been drawn to the uncommon trees that are growing in the garden. As I thought about them I realised that they must have been planted by Mr William Hewitt many years ago and I began to wonder how he became aware of the existence of these non native species and how he obtained them. Although I have no personal memories of the early years of the twentieth century my father earned his living as a gardener and I learned from him how things were done.

Today we have television and many magazines telling us about plants and gardens and advertising the sale of the current must have specimens in glorious colour. My father had none of these but every week a magazine printed in black and white on glossy paper arrived at the house this was The Gardeners Chronicle. In its early

years it had a print run of about six thousand which was distributed nationally and internationally. It told of plants brought into the country by collectors, of hybrids raised by nurserymen and of Tree Ferns, Palms, and Cycads in the glass houses at a place called Kew. It was full of solid information. It contained advertisements for many items and amongst these were the nursery catalogues. These catalogues contained a few black and white pictures but listed all of the plants available at the nursery together with a description and the price.

Having sent a letter containing your name and address your catalogue arrived by post and you could begin to select the trees and shrubs or

plants that you wanted. There were no garden centres and the plastic plant pot and containerised plants had not been invented. The first garden centre was opened near Bournemouth in or about 1965. Mr Hewitt must have selected the False Acacia, the Ginkgo, Bamboo, Philadelphus, and the cut leaved pendulous Birch from the catalogue together with Ailanthus, Mountain Ash, and Prunus Pissardii, which are no longer in the garden. Then we have to ask did he have a cheque book because most people even of the wealthier classes used cash for all of their business. Probably a visit to the Post Office was needed to buy a Postal Order to the value of the trees and the carriage to send in the envelope with the order.

All of the trees and shrubs were sent out in the winter after the leaves had fallen and they were dug from the ground and all of the soil was carefully removed from their roots. The bare rooted trees were bunched together, often a wooden pole was included to which they were tied and then they were wrapped in straw. This protective straw wrapping was a work of art. It enveloped the entire bundle branches and roots. It was frost proof and allowed the plants to breath and it was held in place with twine. The package was often about 2 metres high (6 ft) and the root end could be more than half a metre in diameter.

Now you may ask how this and similar packages could be delivered to Goxhill bearing in mind the size of

the post man's bag. The Victorians and the Edwardians had a simple solution to that problem things that were too large for the postman to carry were sent by rail. Travelling in the guards van the packages were transferred from train to train until they reached the station nearest to their destination. By the time that I was old enough to remember the event the horse and cart that the railway company had used to deliver the packages from the station had been replaced by a motor vehicle (But it was still called The Dray.) and the railway delivery man brought the trees to the house.

Buying trees in this way was not a rich man's prerogative but to accommodate the list I have given did involve a fairly large garden. Before indulging in decorative trees most people would buy fruit trees and bushes and that

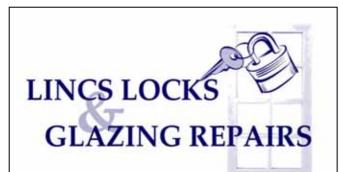
would fill the available space. As a boy I helped my father plant an apple tree in the gardens of several people in my home village. Some of these gardens were of private houses others were council house gardens and my father was working for friends.

There was a wide circulation of information in books and catalogues for all sorts of subjects. This was not confined to the garden and I was interested to realise that Mr Hewitt had also involved fashionable architecture when he enlarged and altered his house. He employed Mr CF Charlton Architect of The Moat House at Killingholme who made a design, the drawing for which appears to reflect the style of the followers of Edwin Lutyens. Followers of fashion have existed

throughout history but the improvements in mechanical printing spread information faster and changes came quickly. Books about the designs and furnishings of the great houses and their gardens were available, some with full page coloured pictures are now very valuable.

Taking our example from what we found in the garden here we too have introduced a few uncommon plants. The man in the nursery shop at the big house in the South said that the Morocco broom Cytisus Battandieri would not survive so far North but it has withstood the cold winters and provides a useful pineapple perfumed alternative to Laburnum. Another plant which does not have a popular name is lochroma Australe (Australe means "from the South" not Australia) it comes from South America and has also settled down very nicely in Goxhill. Its bell shaped blue or white blossoms are carried on the new season's growth so that it can be pruned hard in the autumn without losing the flowers. All of these trees and shrubs are helped by shelter provided by the hardy native trees and hedges particularly in their early years. Not all of our efforts are successful. The Loquat survived sheltered in the shrubbery for several years and I did taste one fruit from it but recent winters proved too much for it and it succumbed to the weather. Maurice Brawn.





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PIMM'S AND PICNIC'S

"Summer in the city and not a sarnie in sight"

So with the summer season upon us and the winter now long gone it's time to air the picnic blanket. First we must turn to the kitchen for those tasty treats that we all love to impress our hamper homies with. It's going to be a summer in the city (or village) and not a sarnie in sight!

In this issue I've created three fabulous hamper recipes that will be sure to delight whether it be for a party in the park or a road trip to the coast, either way you'll love them all!

With the hamper now packed full of delicious home baked foods it just leaves room for that all important bottle of Pimm's and lemonade, don't forget the glasses, ice and fruit, or better still, why not combine your picnic with a trip to the strawberry fields and "pick

your own" to go with the Pimm's. If I were you I'd also grab a carton of double cream and have it with your strawberries too, perfect picnics without the stress!

Happy cooking!

Pimm's & Lemonade Ingredients

250ml Pimm's

1 litre lemonade

1/2 cucumber, chopped

1 apple, cored and chopped

1 orange, sliced

3 strawberries, sliced

handful fresh mint leaves

Optional ingredients

1/2 lime, sliced

1/2 lemon, sliced

2-3 fresh pineapple rings

Method

Mix all ingredients together in a large glass pitcher. Serve chilled or over ice.

Asparagus tart

Ingredients

250g puff pastry1 bunch asparagus1 egg, beaten150g Brie cheese, sliced

1 egg, beaten Salt and pepper

Method

Roll out the pastry to a large rectangle, around 23 x 30cm.

Using the remaining pastry roll and cut out 4 x 3cm wide strips, egg wash them and frame the pastry sheet that you first made and egg wash again.

ROWN

Place your frames pastry square on a baking sheet and chill for 15 mins. Trim the asparagus to fit across the inside of the frame. Blanch it for 2 to 4 minutes in a saucepan of boiling water, then refresh and drain well on kitchen paper. Preheat the oven to 200 C.

Bake the pastry in the oven until lightly browned. Remove and discard the top layer of the inner rectangle to prevent having too much soggy pastry underneath the asparagus. Arrange the asparagus inside the pastry frame, top with the cheese and season well.

Bake the asparagus tart for 20 minutes or until the pastry is nicely browned and the cheese has melted.

Served hot with some steamed Jersey Royal potatoes and a green salad.

Chocolate Macaroons

Ingredients

125g icing sugar

1 tbsp cocoa

100g ground almonds

2 medium egg whites

The filling Ingredients x 11

50g chopped milk/dark chocolate

2 tsp warm skimmed milk

Method

Heat oven to 180C. Line a large baking sheet with baking paper. Sift the icing sugar and cocoa into a bowl and then stir in the ground almonds. Whisk the egg whites until stiff and fold them into the dry ingredients.

Fill a piping bag fitted with a plain nozzle. Pipe 24 small rounds, about 3cm across, onto the baking sheet, leaving a little space between each. Smooth the surface with a wet brush, then leave for 10 mins to dry out. Bake for 15-20 mins until macaroons feel firm to the touch and peel easily off the paper. Cool on the paper, then peel off and place onto your cooking plate.

To make the filling, place the chocolate into a heatproof bowl and gently melt over a pan of warm water. Stir in the warm milk until smooth. Leave to cool and thicken a little, then use to sandwich the macaroons together.

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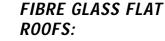
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Once again a fairly mixed bag of notices from the Parish Council which are listed below in no particular order of preference:

Millennium Green: The Millennium Green Committee is in desperate need of some new members. The Millennium Green is the centre piece of the village and needs a band of willing volunteers to keep all in order. The work itself is minimal; in the region of 2 hours per month and centres around ensuring that the green remains intact and that contractors are arranged in a timely manner for such things as grass cutting etc. If you are interested in helping then please contact the Parish Council for further information.

Memorial Hall: The plans for the remedial works to the hall have now been approved and the committee are now engaged in the serious business of fundraising, which has been bolstered by a generous donation from the treasurer to the tune of £538.27. On other business and to clarify a point, you should be aware that the constitution of the hall does allow members to attend all meetings at the Memorial Hall and not just the AGM so if you would like to attend then you are free to do so. The committee meet every third Wednesday of the month except August.

Library: Our sterling band of library volunteers are looking for some extra helpers to ensure that staffing levels can be maintained thereby ensuring that the library can remain open. Are you a regular library user... can you assist, if so please contact the Parish Council.

MUGA: The MUGA is now open and is being enjoyed by many in the village. It can also be used free of charge for Tennis, Basketball, 5 a side football and Badminton. The nets are available for collection from Mike Gathercole or Val Gorbutt of the Parish Council. Additional litter bins, for general rubbish, have been provided by the Parish Council in response to requests by members of the village.

Fly Tipping: A worrying amount of garden waste appears to be getting dumped in certain areas throughout the village. A gentle reminder is

therefore called for to remind those carrying out this activity that not only is it unsightly but that it is also illegal. North Lincs council are now enforcing Fly Tipping regulations within the village, a move that is welcomed by the Parish Council. If you have garden waste to dispose of then please use your brown waste bin or make use of the excellent transfer site on the edge of the village where it can be disposed of free of charge. Please remember that all council supplied services are constantly under scrutiny and it is of interest to all to use the site or lose it (maybe)!

Car parking near the School: A polite notice to remind villagers that the newly tarmaced area at the end of Green Ramper where it joins North End is not a car park and is intended for the use of the two residents of that lane. Villagers / would be users of the lane are asked to respect this and to refrain from general parking at this location.



ASDA Superstore, Hessle have kindly donated the gift of two log planters for the village to celebrate the playing field being dedicated as a "Queen Elizabeth II Field in Trust." The presentation took place today with Mr Gathercole, Mrs Gorbutt and a representative from QEII Fields in Trust.

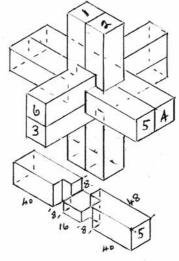
That's it for now. PJ Shields MBE QGM

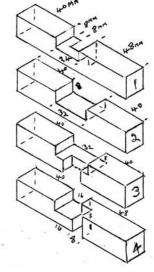
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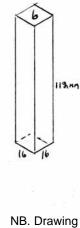
Lots of DIY people have a goodselection of tools and should be able to make this clever wooden puzzle.

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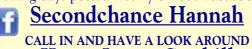


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BAYSGARTH Specialist Technology College NEWS

MAD SCIENTISTS FOR A DAY

Primary School children get an insight into the crazed world that is the Science Department! Twelve different schools arrived at 10am, ready for the day ahead. 144 pupils took part in 12 different activities,



ranging from heart dissection to flame testing. Each task took 15 minutes, and gave the children a taste of a hands-on experience at Baysgarth School. At the start of the day, two different schools came into the room we were situated in. Nerves were running high for us as we began the session. Our task was to guide

the younger pupils through the activity we had planned for them. When the children walked in the atmosphere changed from nervousness to excitement. After safety explanations, the children began their activities. Hearts were dissected, chemicals burned and strawberries analysed. Every activity challenged them in different

aspects of the scientific curriculum we have at Baysgarth.

Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 stood up to the challenge of supervising pupils from years 4 and 5. Luckily the children

were very well behaved, and thoroughly enjoyed the day, proven by lots of positive feedback given by



The children were desperate to come to Baysgarth, and we hope they do in the future. Written by Kenny Metham and Kate Jackson.

PGL, Caythorpe Court 14th- 16th June.

Twelve pupils had a fantastic weekend with inclusion staff and took part in a variety of activities including: raft building, kayaking, zip wiring and climbing.

Fighting Chance

Six pupils completed a ten week course through the fighting chance project at the Martial Arts Chikara gym at 7KS, Scunthorpe. They were each awarded a vellow belt and a certificate. Well done to all who attended.



Cricket Tournament

Six members of the Prince's Trust XL club were invited to play in a cricket tournament at Lords in London. They were awarded 3rd place out of 10 school teams and Liam cook won the Best Male Cricket Player award.



For all these stories and more Baysgarth news please visit www.baysgarthschool.co.uk

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GNEWS FROM GOXHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thefts from the person

In July this year the Home Office published guides to raise awareness of the various types of crime. They have been compiled from information provided by police forces around the country. One guide covers 'thefts from the person' and, whilst it's no great risk in Goxhill to my knowledge, the advice could be of help to you whilst out and about. As you will see, television stereotypes do not entirely fit the statistics but please remember that the numbers are still only averages.



Most thefts- some 75% - are stealth thefts, like pick pocketing or handbag dipping, where you are not immediately aware of it. Snatch thefts, usually using minimal force to separate you from your possessions, are less likely. Thieves tend to be in their early 30s and travel to their preferred 'hunting ground', which could be a mall or even a bus. Two thirds of thefts are in daytime; thefts tend to be on weekday afternoons or weekend evenings/nights. Victims are selected for their vulnerability - e.g. they are alone &/or distracted &/or intoxicated - rather than any obvious wealth. Females aged 18-24 are the largest victim group. Mobile phones are the most stolen item - a guarter of all thefts and increasing as smart-phone ownership rises.

So what are the top tips to avoid problems? Thefts from the person are largely opportunistic so the emphasis must be on not presenting the thief with an opportunity. To keep your mobile phone: keep it hidden from view when not in use; keep public conversations short; keep extra vigilant if using a mobile phone outside train or bus stations (popular venues for snatch theft, often by motor cycle). Use a security code or PIN to make it more difficult for the thief to use your phone and keep a note of your personal IMEI number (type *#06# into your phone) so that if it is stolen, you can block it being used. Download a phone tracking application and mark it with a UV pen, Smartwater or similar to increase the chances of recovering your mobile phone.

More generally, avoid having open top handbags or other bags - if it's easy for you to access your purse or wallet then it will be for a thief too. Never leave a bag, tablet or laptop unattended in public view even if it means taking it with you into the toilet. Especially at night time, be aware of what's going on around you and keep to well-lit, busy areas. Try not to become distracted by chatting on your mobile phone or listening to music on headphones if walking home at night alone. Before using a cash machine take a quick glance to be sure that no one is loitering too close, do not let anyone distract you as you remove your card and cash from the machine and put the money away before walking off. There is no point immediately counting your money in the middle of the street – if it is wrong you will not be able to contact the bank until tomorrow!

I hope that you have found at least some of the above information and advice helpful. For more tips or to stay in touch with GNeW, please see our website at http://gnew-goxhill.clubbz.com and contact me through it to become a member and receive email bulletins. This website allows members to submit their own messages to publicize or share information with other Goxhill residents. You can of course still ring me on 530363 if you need to talk about this or any other issue related to neighbourhood watch. John Guggiari, GNeW-Goxhill

GOXHILL BELL RINGERS

On behalf of Goxhill Church Bell Ringers, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped and supported us in any way at our Strawberry Tea, in aid of Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland L.I.V.E.S.

We all had a very enjoyable afternoon and the weather was kind to us once again.

The total amount raised for L.I.V.E.S. will be announced in the next issue of the Gander.

Regards Stuart Cooke, Tower Captain.

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A least we got some carrots... ... and George Michael!

And so my friends, after 2012 and the great washout 2013 appears to be much improved although it didn't feel it was going to be that way in Spring!

As we moved into early Spring promises of a drier year were afoot but then the air cooled, the rain fell and Spring extended into Summer.

At Rochester House we wondered when on Earth we would be able to start planting the spuds and finally, the weather lifted and about 8 weeks late we managed to get them in.

The long cool, wet Spring ended up by giving us a most spectacular June in terms of the flora and forna arriving at the same time. Rhododendrons that should have long gone over were flowering at the same time as the early Summer flowerers and boy, what a display and scent.

The Goxhill Open Gardens arrived as per normal on Father's Day and providing one of the best years with nine gardens open to visitors and at our house alone, Gill baked cakes and served teas to more than 80 with loads more just passing through, enjoying the garden and aromas. This meant that the total raised from all the gardens? to support the Methodist Church was £1006.02 (let's not forget the 2 pence!). Thank you all so much for your support.

I am also told that since the open gardens started in 1990, a total of approximately £23,000 has been raised. Next year's is on Sunday 15th June - get it in your diary now - please!

After the open gardens the temperature went ballistic, whereas in 2012 we got only one carrot, this year we were well on with plenty of carrots and the harvest looks like it will be a good one. The new additions to the garden were blooming lovely and smelling divine and the



underground water storage was rapidly drying up, oh was I praying for a little rain mid-July - should have kept my thoughts to myself as just at the end of July, just

when we didn't want it, the heavens opened.

July 31st we had been planning and preparing the garden for Summer Rocks, a rock concert in our garden in aid of When You Wish Upon a Star, a charity that makes dreams and wishes come true for children with life limiting and terminal illnesses and conditions.



However, as the day drew closer, the weather forecast on the evening of 30th July forced our decision, the event would be washed out so we had to rapidly move it to the Memorial Hall.

The evening whilst not where we had originally wanted it, thanks to our friends and helpers went brilliantly, a sell-out. The Hog Roast took 9 hours to cook and as it was being served at 7pm, the amazing Tom Wright a magician from Grimsby, astounded all with his deft of hand and magical display, making ice appear from fire in the palm of his hand, coins float and way more.

Then the main event, two musical performances, one from the support act Nomads Rocks (quiet - not!) who set the stage ready for the superb appearance and performance by Rob Lamberti who is the UK's number one George Michael tribute act - simply brilliant!

Everyone who participated donated their time free, from performers, cooks and helpers including Rob Drury from PR Sharpe Butchers in Grimsby who donated the whole Hog, so to speak, free.

Along with the ticket price, the raffle, Gill's amazing cakes and others; a total of more than £2,100 (at last count) was raised for the charity - so thank you all. It seems that Gill and I might just have been bounced into putting on another event next year - watch this space!

And so my friends, Gill and I look forward to the next instalment of this year in Goxhill, a wonderful place, we'll write again soon.

If you see us busy in the garden when you walk by, stop and say 'Hi'. Cheers all! Gary Payne

BAYSGARTH HOUSE MUSEUM - New Displays

Come along to Baysgarth House Museum to experience new permanent displays telling the story of Barton upon Humber. The refurbishment has been funded as part of a £50,000 Your Heritage grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The museum is managed by CHAMP (Community, Heritage, Arts and Media Project) with the help of local volunteers who have helped to design the new displays.

Neil Turner, Managing Director of CHAMP said "We are delighted to be able to give the

museum this refurbishment. The new interpretation is fresh and modern and gives our visitors the opportunity to discover the stories behind the history of the local area and the people who live here."

Louise Walker, who coordinated the new displays said "We are so pleased to introduce these new displays to our visitors. Our volunteers have worked extremely hard on the exhibition galleries and should be proud of what they have achieved."

The museum is open Fridays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays between 12pm and 4pm. If you your like more information please contact CHAMP at Baysgarth Museum on 01652 637568 or email info@champltd.org to find out about our volunteering opportunities.

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Thrashing Days

Ron Parker's Jottings

Agriculture was late in becoming mechanized compared with other industries, for thrashing grain with a flail continued until around eighteen hundred when attempts were made for a mechanical thrasher or more often was known as a thrashing drum in later years. The early attempts were small in size due to the lack of power, possibly they only had hand power at first that would be very limited until horse power was available. The horse walked round in circles at the end of a long pole that had a cogwheel at the end coupled to a smaller cog that drove a shaft which went to the machine, the shaft was covered over with timber for safety and protection with the horse having to walk over it each time it came round. However it worked, for a number of machines were driven in this fashion in the early days, for they were portable and could be moved around with machines, especially hay elevators when stacking in the fields, until the late nineteen thirties on some farms. There were some for two horses to get more power for larger machines. Larger versions of this power were permanent ones built within the farm buildings, usually along side the barn, for up to four horses with a centre beam where the driving cog was positioned to drive an overhead shaft that went in to the barn for grinding corn, cutting straw or turnips etc called a "Mill Race" a few are still in preservation.

Then when steam power became available in later years in the form of Portable Steam Engines, a stationary steam engine fitted with wheels so a horse could pull it from farm to farm along with the drum. This was before elevators were invented and the straw had to be removed by hand. When the elevator arrived it made up the full thrashing set of three machines. In later years the Cut-box arrived for cutting up straw to feed horses, then there was Batter that made the straw into batts [like a sheaf] so they could be used to put on potato pies instead of loose straw, and last of all the Baler for straw. It was only in the mid forties that it began to be popular.

Going back to the portables and drums that had to be moved around with horses, some-one decided that the engine could be made to pull itself as well as drive the drum and elevator, but move the whole threshing set of three machines between the farms. John Fowler of Leeds was one of the leading manufactures of steam that pioneered this vast improvement and the Traction Engine came in to being that was made in four versions; the Farm job, the Ploughing engine worked in pairs, the Road job for haulage and the Showman's for the travelling fairs, both to move them and make electricity on site. Though it took many years to develop them in to the reliable engines and drums that were known on farms in the early twentieth century. The steam engines had a run of around a century before they were overtaken with the farm tractors that began during the second world war and then later the drums were overtaken by the Combined Harvester that remain to be king to day.

These inventions didn't take off immediately for they had a rocky start, some farmers could not afford them or said "these new fangled things are no good." Even some workers refused to use them. When the first thrashing machines arrived on the farms there were the "The Thrashing Machine Riots" in 1830, for many of the labourers were without work. The thrashing machine became a menace in the eyes of the unemployed during the harvest time of 1830 when gangs of unemployed workers went around the countryside destroying them by fire, believing it was doing them out of a job and harassing the farmers in any way they could find. These riots lasted for 2 years. It is claimed that 400 machines were burnt-out, many arrests were made and the culprits brought to justice, 19 went to the gallows and 480 were deported to the prisons in Australia. As a result many of the farmers stopped using their machines and went back to employing



the gangs using Flails.

During the nineteen thirties when the threshing sets were in their heyday we had three sets operating in the village, Jim Parritt, Herbert Naylor and Bill Lewis. The Parritt family were the first to obtain a machine for it is recorded in a directory in the 1880's that a Whitehead & Parritt in partnership were operating one. In the census of 1901 a William Whitehead is a coal merchant and Jim Parritt is a machine operator, so apparently they had split-up, each going their own way. The Parritt's must have run their business for at least three generations with Jim being a name for the first two before it ceased in the post war years due to combine harvesters. It is recorded there were two threshing sets in Goxhill in 1896 Jim Parritt and Henry Spencer. Between the wars, work must have been short but it returned with a vengeance when WW2 started. In this era Jim Parritt's son George had taken over his father's thrashing round with a Ransome engine and Ransome drum to match. Bill Lewis had a Ruston & Hornsby engine with a Marshall drum and Herbert Naylor had a John Fowler engine, the manufacturer of his drum I cannot remember.

In the days of traction engines the driver and his mate who fed the drum, were given meals starting with breakfast, mid morning snack and at dinner time. For in the days of steam the engine driver had to be there an hour before starting time, to get up steam in the engine, so to save time packing up three meals the farmer had to feed them. This died out when the tractors took over for all they needed was filling with TVO once a day. Also saving a water carrier that had to pump and carry 700 gallons of water to keep the steam engine running. How much coal a day it used I cannot remember though it used steam coal that had to be specially bought by the farmer from the local merchant which was grey instead of bright black like the household coal is. But it did not contain all the dirt such as tar that blocked the boiler tubes like the household coal. As for water carrying, as a 13 year old I could have a day off school if I would do it, which meant pumping and carrying 700 gallons to a tank that the farmer had to supply, that was placed near the engine from which it sucked the water up in to a tank behind the engine under the coal bunker, before pumping it in to the boiler. The tank on the ground behind the engine was approximately a hundred gallons in capacity. I had to carry it about 60 yards from the pump with two buckets, one in each hand and work hard so when it was full I could have a rest and watch the threshing crew at work. Alas this rarely happened for when the tank was almost full, I would think two more buckets full and I can rest, but on return with them, the driver had turned on the suction pipe and empted it. So we were back to square one with an empty tank. One then learnt the hard way and it was better to be at school. The decking of the drum folded up to make it narrower for sheeting down and transporting through gateways and on the road. The drum was coupled behind the engine and the elevator or cut-box behind the drum.

Thrashing days were a busy time for the Farmer's wife with more mouths to feed for 3 meals, breakfast, mid morning break and a

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cooked dinner. At some farms they was always a good meal while with a few others, things were not quite so good, for it was said that some kept the pigs head with lashings of potato for thrashing days rather than a joint of beef. Though the reason for this was maybe that they couldn't afford anything better in the times of recession between the wars or even back in the eighteen hundreds. As I have said this tradition died out with the steam era. During the war farmers, and for as long as rationing was on, could apply to the Ministry of Food for extra rations for thrashing days to feed the workers.

Then there were the workers who followed the machines around from farm to farm to get a job during the winter, known as "Tramp Thrashing". For a thrashing team it needed at least 9 with steam, the Engine Driver, his Mate who fed the drum, a Water Carrier, Corn carrier, Chaff carrier, 2 on the corn stack and 2 on the straw stack. A third man was required on the corn stack if it was extra large that made 10. Later when tractors came in to being, it required 2 less so it made a saving in labour and wages. During school holidays or Saturday mornings in winter, if there was a thrashing set working, school boys would arrive to see if there were any rats to be killed as they left the stack to escape. Some would bring their dog along to help for during the winter rats would take up home in the stacks for food and warmth until the thrashing drum arrived, which then exposed them as the

sheafs where removed, one by one to be fed in to the drum. During the war it became law that the Farmers has to erect a net of small mesh chicken wire round the corn stack so the rats could be killed while trying to escape through it usually with the farm dogs running loose within the net. In those days many residents, as well as farmers, kept a dog that was known to be a good ratter, for rats could be found at times anywhere such as under chicken huts or pigsties in gardens. When it became law for rat nets to be used threshing machine owners carried a suitable net as part of the sets equipment.

At the end of the day the engine driver removed the driving belt from the engine and reversed the engine a few yards until it was clear of any straw or chaff that may get a spark or embers on it from the fire box and start a fire during the night when no-one was in attendance. Though it still did happen on a rare occasion. The driver then placed a cap on the chimney and banked the fire down for the night, while his mate sheeted the drum down in case of a shower or rain, while the corn-stack men did likewise. Next morning both operations had to be reversed requiring the driver and his mate to arrive an hour before starting time, get up steam while his mate had to un-sheeted the drum and filled the lubrication pots on the main shafts with oil and all was ready for the days work.

By the Late Ron Parker, October 2011.

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Nothing "Pseudo" about Maurice's Trees

Thank-you for the response to my request in the Summer Gander for anyone who has either Eucalyptus or Robinia Pseudo Acacia trees growing in their Goxhill gardens. If you remember, I had an adverse report from the Trading Standards Department who implied that my honey should not be classed as "local" because it contained some pollen from a "warmer climate" which was actually Eucalyptus. This started me off on a trail of detective work to source this tree which ultimately turned out to be quite common in this area particularly at the Palm Farm, Thornton Curtis, which is well within the pollen catchment area of my bees.

I passed this information back to the authorities and have since received a full apology from them.

This story filtered through to a keen amateur pollen collector and analyst by the name of John Chandler. John has co-authored a book on pollen. He is also a teacher and examiner on the subjects of bee microscopy, pollen and bee diseases and is currently building up a collection of foreign and exotic pollen samples from all over the world.



John contacted me to request a sample of my honey in order to give me an independent analysis. The result was that in addition to the Eucalyptus pollen, he also found pollen from the Robinia Pseudo Acacia tree which apparently is a rare species. John was interested in this as he did not have any samples of the pollen from this tree. He asked me to check if there was anyone in the area who had this tree in their garden. I subsequently put this request in the Summer Gander and shortly after its publication had a telephone call from Maurice Brawn. Maurice informed me that he had two of these trees in his garden on Willow Lane which would shortly be coming into flower.

John Chandler was quite excited when I informed him, and we arranged to meet at Maurice's house as and when the tree started to blossom. This turned out to be 19th June when John, a friend of his and myself met at Maurice's house to collect a sample from one of Maurice's trees. What became apparent when we met there was that the only accessible blossom was about eight metres high and hanging over the road! Taking into account the fact that John had travelled all the way from Harrogate we decided to take on the challenge of how to reach the flowers. Fortunately, Maurice had a dusty pair of old wooden ladders in his garage which we extended and set up against the tree inside his garden. Being the youngest there (at 63 years old) I volunteered myself to climb them with a pair of secateurs on the end of a two metre pole. The flowers hanging over the road could not be seen from my perspective inside the garden so "Golden Shot" type directions were issued by the others who were positioned on the ground in the middle of Willow Lane.

I eventually succeeded in cutting some blossom from a branch which John skilfully caught and immediately placed in a moist specimen bag. He left shortly afterwards a very happy man and I set off home still chewing bits of leaves and twigs!

Special thanks go to Maurice for providing this specimen and hopefully my bees will be busy working on his trees as I write this article. **Kevin Seddon** Secretary North Lincolnshire Beekeepers District

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1st GOXHILL & BARROW SCOUTS



Finally! It has been a long wait but at last we are enjoying some sunny weather and light evenings and our Group has been taking full advantage by spending as

much time outdoors as possible.

Firstly, we would like to congratulate Tracy Morley, our Beavers Leader, for being presented with her 5-year Service Award to the Scouts Organisation. Well done Tracy!

Beavers

We now have 19 beavers who have been working hard to gain their First Aid (level 1) badges.

Fun, of course, has been very much on the agenda for our youngest group members and a day of activities was attended recently at Raywell in East Yorkshire.

Mindful of the long summer holidays ahead, a talk by Police Constable Munday has been arranged to give our young people some sensible and age-appropriate advice to help keep them safe whilst they are playing. Our finale for the summer term for the beavers (along with Goxhill Rainbows) is a Disco with a bouncy castle. Tracy Morley

Cubs

Our Cub Pack is going from strength to strength we now have 22 Cubs (boys and girls) aged between 8 and 10? years attending on a regular basis; we have room for a couple of more so if you would like your son or daughter to attend please contact me or Baloo to discuss.

We started the Summer (I will use that word lightly as it's been nothing like a summer so far) Term with a Group trip to PGL at Caythorpe Court near Grantham. In total 25 Cubs and Scouts attended and took part in a variety of activities aimed at improving their self confidence, team working and gross motor skills. I was very impressed with their overall behaviour and positive attitude, with some remarkable personal goals achieved. Well done to one and all!

We have been concentrating our badge work on World Faith and Nature; so far we have experienced a number of different themed nights from other cultures and religions including the six tastes of Hinduism, Jewish Shavout bread and Buddist Mandalas, finishing off with an American Independence Day party. If you want to know more ask the Cubs or get onto Google!

Unfortunately some of our nature work has been washed out by the awful weather and we have had to revert to inside research and activities. We do have some pond dipping planned at Far Ings Nature Reserve at the end of July - come rain or shine we will be there.

We also participated in the Better Barrow wheelbarrow trail, designing and putting together a cubs campsite wheelbarrow which was awarded a Well Done trophy.

Only a few more session until the summer holidays and some of the Cubs will be moving up to Scouts in

the Autumn, it is good to see them progressing through the various sections and I enjoy popping into

Scouts on a regular basis to see the 'older' version of the youngsters I used to look after. Giving young people a good start in life is what scouting is all about. Akela



Scouts

We have a full Scout pack at the moment with 26 young people, including 4 girls.

In the spring/summer term it is a good opportunity to take out our tents and check them for camping use. We also have to check our supplies for cooking – even the most seasoned scout benefits from a non-stick pan!

It is also very important to us that we provide our young people with a good ethos for community life and we were delighted to assist New Holland Parish Council with litter picking in the village. To date we have collected 9 bin bags of rubbish from communal areas of New Holland.

To finish the summer term, and as a thanks for their hard work and commitment, we will be ten-pin bowling at our last meeting. Kevin Wright

Explorers

Explorers are still training hard for their endurance test (the Fells Marathon) with impressive times.

However, it's not all hard work – we also go iceskating, rock-climbing, 10-pin bowling to name a few! A drugs awareness evening was held at our hut and we also recently had a fascinating evening with Shirley Tull, who talked about her success and passion for racing cars. Our sincere thanks to Shirley.

We have some places available in Explorers so if you are aged 14 to 18 years and fancy coming along, please give us a call. Don't feel intimidated – we are a really friendly group! Kevan Lari

Until next time, Yours in Scouting

For any enquiries regarding your child joining 1st Goxhill & Barrow Scouts or if you are interested in joining as a volunteer (as little as an hour a week would be appreciated), please call **Jo Fielding** on **0774 8173 264**.

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BARTON ROTARY CLUB

Pupils of Goxhill Primary School, who were leaving to move up to Secondary Schools, were each presented with a Scientific Calculator to help them with their education. The presentations were made by Barton Rotary Club members. Pupils from all of the ten Junior Schools in the Barton Rotary Club area received the gifts.

The Humber Half Marathon, held at the end of June, had a very high entry of 1944 runners. The event is organised by the Rotary Clubs of Hull and Barton and, this year, will have raised money for the Carers Trust.

John Fagge, President of Barton Rotary Club, said, "This one of our major events and involves all of our members plus many volunteers who help us with the marshalling and water stations. All of the bottled water and energy drinks were donated by the Co-operative,

who also sponsor the run. We are very grateful for all of the help that we are given."

Barton Rotarians were again "out in force" to help marshall **Barton Bike Night**, with more Bikers than ever coming into the town.

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THE ROTARY CLUB BARROW MERIDIAN



The Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian have recently had their changeover, with Peter Towle stepping down as President, we welcome our new team: President Ian Railton, President Elect Simon Weightman, Vice President Cheryl Patterson-Cox, Secretary Peter Towle.

We would like to offer a warm welcome to two new members to Barrow Meridian Rotary club, Kevin Guy and Jacqueline Setterfield, both have already proved they will be of great value to the organisation and are very active participants both in action, input and fun. Anyone interested in joining or visiting our club, we meet at the Barrow Fitness Centre, Wednesday evenings at 7.00, all welcome.

We will be providing all schoolchildren who start school in September, from Barrow, Goxhill, New Holland and Wooton with a high visability vest to keep them safe on their walk to school.

After hearing from friends of a local artist who has had major surgery and has had both legs amputated, we decided to buy Neil some artist equipment and wish him well on his road to recovery

12th July saw the Louth Male Voice Choir performing at Holy Trinity Church to a large group who thoroughly enjoyed the evening, refreshments were served by the church group. Peter, Andrew, Graham, Cheryl, Zena and Jacqueline turned out from Barrow Meridian to support the function and enjoy the entertainment.

The Christmas festival in Barrow market place is in the planning stage and promises to be even bigger with many more attractions for young and not so young, any local groups wishing to partake are welcome to contact us. Santa will of course be present and good food will be plenty full. Santa's sleigh will be visiting Barrow, New Holland, Goxhill, Thornton Curtis and Wooton. This always starts the Christmas feeling especially for the children. All profits from this function will go to local projects and needs.

Graham Cox 07966 261143

nationalgrid New gas pipeline under the Humber

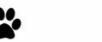
National Grid has announced its preferred route for the replacement of an existing natural gas pipeline under the River Humber.

Over 100 local residents attended a series of events held by National Grid to give their views on plans to replace an existing natural gas pipeline under the River Humber. Events were held at East Halton, Goxhill and Paull in December 2012. Further consultation events are anticipated in 2014.

Robert Earl, senior engineer at National Grid said: "Listening to local people and communities is an extremely important part of the development of this project. We were delighted that so many local residents took the time to view our plans at this early stage and pleased to say that a significant number of people who gave us their views supported the preferred route corridor announced today. While we are happy to have reached this point, we are still at a relatively early stage in the project and look forward to continuing our discussions with local residents and groups in the future."

Information about the project and preferred route corridor and proposed construction methods can be found on the project website at www.nationalgrid.com/riverhumberpipeline. Information is also available by calling the project freephone number on: 0800 988 9144.







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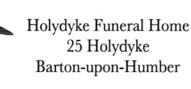
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OFF THE HOOF

"Duty is a matter of the mind. Commitment is a matter of the heart" Anon

Wow! No-one should complain about the warm weather we have been having although we are not used to it. Hopefully everyone managed to get their hay in 'right' and there should be no shortage of really good quality so hopefully the price should not increase.

Although there is plenty about I have had reports of an increase in Ragwort again. You only have to look at the roadsides and roundabouts on main roads to spot this lethal bright yellow flower. Remember, on no account should it be fed to either horses or cattle. It causes serious liver damage and kills. Whilst growing they do not usually touch it if there is grass about but once cut and dried it is more palatable but also more dangerous. Just picking it out is not the solution – it needs to but dug out and burnt to prevent it from seeding.

July 21st saw Goxhill Show, with the kind permission of Mr Len Johnson. All went well despite the chairperson, Jill Latchford, being out of commission. Numbers were down on previous years, but apparently they are at all venues.

As usual, the main charity was Lincolnshire Air Ambulance and this year also a donation to "Lives". This had been decided months ago but when Jill had an accident whilst mounting, Barry Staves from Lives was first on the scene! Jill didn't actually fall off her horse but it would possibly have been better if she had as she still managed to break her pelvisfront and back. She is now at home and will not even be expected to walk for another 3 months. Hopefully friends will rally round and help where they can.

Clara Smith, always a daredevil, is going for the Brazilian Trek and Kayak Challenge which takes place Friday 11th until Monday 21st October. All monies raised will go to our local "Lives". If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please see the 2Gander" Facebook page.

Ravendale Stud (R.S.) near Grimsby are doing well at dressage, especially with some of their homebred horses. Vanessa Worthington (nee Walker) with R.S. Raphael (homebred) and Le Docteur (whose sire Le Noir was the reserve for the German Olympic Team) and Kate Johnson with R.S. Mylo, R.S. Monaco and R.S. Maradonner (not the same as the footballer!) have all enjoyed success recently. At Port Royal, Mylo attained 2 firsts and Le Doc was 1st in one and 2nd in another class. At Sheepgate, Mylo gained a 1st and 2nd. Raphael was placed in the top 10 class for "The Potential International Dressage Horse".

Kate's own horse, Mr T (Teschin Van Het Rondgors) has won 5 out of his 7 classes in 3 outings. He came

from Holland and is by the International Grand Prix horse, Jazz. According to an international judge, Mr T also has the potential to become a Grand Prix horse. Kate certainly has the talent and ambition to follow her dreams, but there is a cost attached for training, entries and transport in addition to the everyday expense of keeping a horse. She is an ordinary local girl with an extraordinary talent and drive which deserves to be nurtured. She was not born into a horsey or monied family which means she has worked her way to achieve what she has so far. If a sponsor could be found, the dream would be that much closer!

Kate teaches local eventer Katie Hurst (nee Williams) and sometimes works her horses for her. In July Katie travelled to Austria to compete for the British Team in a European Event. As part of Team GB they attained Silver and as an individual, Katie was awarded the Bronze Medal. Kate was delighted for Katie. Kate is now taking horses and ponies for schooling and helps tio organise regular clinics at Ravendale Stud with Elke Funk-Hess, an International German Trainer. Both Kate and Vanessa train with her. For those aspiring riders, visit www.ravendalestud.co.uk for further details.

Unfortunately I missed the talk on feeding by Dodson and Horrell at Rase Veterinary Centre. However, more Practical First Aid evenings are planned at a cost of £5 – payable in advance. They are very informative an allow time for your questions and an opportunity for practical bandaging on a model horse. First Aid Kits are also available to buy- for Rase clients only.

I have been recommended to use Kevin Bacon's hoof dressing on dry hooves. It is quite expensive but I have also been recommended Aqueous Cream by my farrier – I purchased a 500ml pot of this from the Pound Shop. Bargain!!

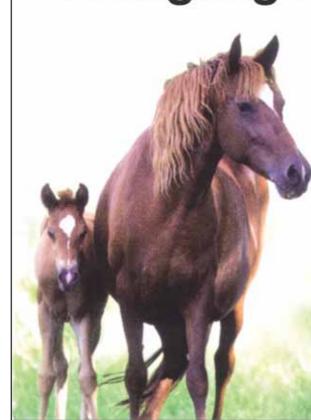
A tip from a reader to remove mud from your horse's coat is to use a rubber car upholstery brush. Extra efficient!

I was helping a friend a while ago putting something together. It wasn't going too ell so I said "Lefty loosey, Righty tighty". It was something my dad taught me and I always think of him when I use this little rhyme. Try it. My friend said "That's fine if you know your left from your right!" I told her to hold her hand in front of her with the fingers together and the thumbs together in the middle. On the left hand the thumb and index finger form an 'L' – sorted! Maybe this will help someone out there.

A tip for those on a diet. If you like sausages but don't like the Quorn alternative, try boiling them for

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The young birds have almost flown from their nests now and I think I have had more swallows than unusual, which is perhaps because my cat, Wellington, sadly died so hasn't been their to harass them. I have been watching a pigeon which had nested in full view of my kitchen window. I hope I kept them as entertained as they did me. It was very educational. I did not know the 'daddy' was so attentive. The mother sat on the nest in all weathers, with very little protection from the elements in the smallest, scrappiest nest imaginable. She manages to raise one chick which was soon up and away. I know they are messy but I will look at pigeons differently from now on. If you are putting out fat balls for the birds, the RSPB recommend taking them out of the nets and putting them in purpose-made holder. Apparently the birds can get their claws caught in the net and get stuck.

At last the bridleways have been mown and are more rideable but they still have fallen trees and rubbish on them. With the increase of popularity of log-burning stoves, I would have though people might be racing to claim free fuel! Doesn't anyone go wooding anymore??

I was recently asked why riders go out at 6pm every

night when he was leaving work. I replied that riders had also probably got home from work and wanted to exercise before it became too dark. Another person chipped in that horses shouldn't be on the road as there are plenty of grass verges and they should go down the marsh. I said the verges are often unsafe because holes and rubbish are not always visible and if we do pull right in, cars often speed past. Also, to get to the marsh we have to ride on the roads. I was quite miffed by their attitude but then I thought this could be a missed opportunity! If everyone who thought like them wrote to the Council asking for more bridleways, they could become our greatest asset! So, instead of moaning about it, please make your feelings known to the Bridleways Department of the Council.

By the time this edition of the 'Gander' goes out, the nights will be drawing in so make sure you have Hi Viz gear. You must be seen, so don't get caught out. It's probably a good time too to make sure you have a working flashlight at the stables and in your car.

From September 30th, those of you taking the towing test will have to have a weight in it to resemble a live horse, so this is something to bear in mind if you are practising.

That's all for now. Please keep news, views and tips coming in.

Take Care - Ride Safely Aileen (01469 530643)

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Once you are a library member there is a lot else that you can do online.

There are huge amounts of information in the latest Encyclopaedia Britannica, Grove Art, Grove Music, the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, and much more. There is a 'project' facility enabling you to compile snippets from those various resources to make things easier for any researchers or students among you with homework or other extended work to complete. Then, for those of you learning to drive, there is Theory Test Pro, an online simulation of the theory driving test. You can also renew online a library book that you already have on loan or reserve books from anywhere in the collection of North Lincolnshire Library Service and collect them at Goxhill library. Simply use your library membership number and PIN code to log in and you are away, without it costing you a penny.

We would like to hear from anyone who can join our team of volunteers running the library. As some of our initial group have left the village, or find they are less available than previously, we are keen to maintain our numbers so that we can keep the library fully open each week.

To contact the library volunteer team about anything to do with Goxhill community library please either email goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk or drop in and ask us to note it in 'the book'. Whatever your question or problem is relating to the library, we will do our very best to sort it out.

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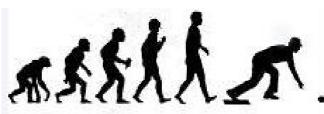
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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB



Midway through July - during the sunny Summer that we had almost given up on - teams from our club were bowling in a league match in Cleethorpes. We were playing an away match against a club called The Vikings on one of the Council owned and maintained bowling greens. However, it was probably debatable whether the conventional meanings of some of those words applied in this case. Certainly the 'green' was, if anything a dusty 'brown'. I felt rather sorry for our opponents having to play all their home games on such a surface and grateful for our own home green. To add to the difficulties of the North East Lincolnshire bowling clubs based at municipal greens, even those facilities are now under threat by Council budget cuts.

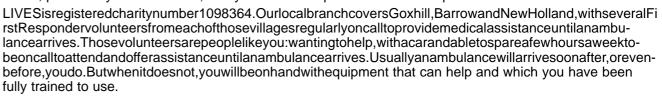
We are very fortunate in Goxhill that we have a dedicated team of green keepers within our club ranks who voluntarily contribute their labour to an extent that would cost us thousands of pounds if it had to be paid for. We are doubly fortunate that our landlord for the site that we occupy is a local charity - Goxhill Memorial Hall - operating for the benefit of the village. All this enables our club to use its limited resources for fertilizer, top dressing, weed killer and watering of the green, plus the maintenance and inevitably replacement of mowing and other equipment - which still runs well into four figures.

It is pleasing to report that we had plenty of interest in bowling at our barbecue and open afternoon in late Spring despite some pretty wet weather on the day. Although quite a few people subsequently became members, I fear that the very extended spell of poor and wet weather over the following weeks deterred a number of you who had taken away an application form. Please believe me when I say that bowling on a sunny afternoon or evening makes up for a lot of wet, dismal days and I hope that you will come along next year and take the extra step of signing up.

Take a look at our website at http://goxhill-bowlsclub.clubbz.com to find out more or you can give me a call on 530363 to arrange to try bowling before deciding if it's for you. **John Guggiari**

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Pleasant as it is to live in a rural location like ours, it does have some disadvantages when it comes to access and transport. It can take an ambulance quite a while to reach us, especially if it has to travel from Grimsby. At best the delay adds to the stress of waiting but in extreme cases, particularly cardiac arrest, every minute can tip the balance for a person's survival chances.



Whilst Goxhill has been fortunate in having a number of dedicated and long-term volunteers, there is always room for new recruits since the aim is to provide cover around the clock and every day of the week. People move away to other parts of the country or their personal circumstances change so that they are unable to participate as fully, so new volunteers are always welcome.

If you would like to support LIVES locally - whether through volunteering or fundraising - please contact **Roger Cox**, the local branch co-ordinator. You can telephone him on **532090** or email **rogerlives@mypostoffice.co.uk** for more details and without any obligation whatsoever.



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