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I like to watch the news in the evening. I keep up to date with what's going on in the world in many ways, but you can often get a good summary of events on TV. The 6pm bulletin on BBC1 is the programme I always watch if I'm in at that time. My main interest may be national events and big stories in politics and international affairs, but at 6.30 I like to stick with the channel and also watch Look North. Well, I did when still in Goxhill and I felt the programme was local to me: Peter Levy in Hull and many of the stories coming from our side of the river. Where I am now is not that far away, but the edition of Look North is from Leeds. Now as pleasant as I'm sure Harry and Christa are, and as beautiful the parts of the country they cover, I am not really very interested in news from Harrogate or Wharfedale. It's not local enough to me.

I expect most people in this part of the East Riding are not bothered by this. Perhaps to them the North Yorkshire Moors are close enough, or they've just got used to receiving the programme they get. Others, of course, wouldn't watch news of any sort and do something else entirely. However, for those dissatisfied like me, there is another group of increasing number to which they may belong: people with satellite, yourself perhaps among them, who get to choose which of the BBC's regional magazines they watch after their tea. With the right package, a Scot living in Penzance can see the bulletin from Perth or wherever means something to them. I watch enough television as it is without signing up to Sky, and wouldn't do so just to get 'local' news, but the technology is there if I wanted it, say if I moved further away and started to feel homesick for the Humber area.

Now the Gander can do even better than satellite TV with its localness. We can finally announce that we have set up our own website, which means anyone anywhere in the world can access issues of the newsletter and information about the village. We are going to keep it as up-to-date as possible with news and features, uploading the latest editions as you receive them through your letter boxes. It is live right now at **www.goxhillgander.com** - please take a look. Though live from today to coincide with publication of this first issue of 2008, the site is still growing. We are going to go back through the Gander's 20-year history, but we also want to have the latest news and details of what is happening. For that we need you to let us have any information and pictures past, present and future, so that it really is a resource for the whole village to be proud of.

There are people who have passed through Goxhill living right across the world who will now be able to learn what is happening and tell us about themselves. If you are in touch with any of them please let them know we are here: we can be Facebook, Friends Reunited and Wikipedia for them and you. And for those of you not computer literate, the most interesting stories will always appear on these pages and be printed in your quarterly Gander delivered free-of-charge through your door.

Adam Ellis

The Gander AGM will be on Friday 4th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

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Goxhill School is an Extended School. This means:

- *We are open from 7.50am -6pm daily including most school holidays.*
- *We provide a base for local community events, activities and services – for example Rainbows, Brownies, Adult Education classes, Goxhill Junior Football Club and Cheerleading classes.*
- *The School Nursing Team hold regular drop in surgeries for parents.*
- *We signpost a wide variety of family and child related services to parents*

The Extended Schools initiative is designed to be an ongoing process so keep your eyes out for new community projects and activities as we introduce them.

Community Events

At Goxhill School there is a strong, positive, community ethos. We encourage our pupils to be active participants within the village community. This promotes good citizenship and prepares our young people for life in the wider world. As part of this:

- *We believe in promoting the immense cultural value of live theatre and as such, we have the pleasure of hosting another Livelincs Community Theatre event 'Does a Monster Live Next Door?'. This will take place in the school hall at 7pm on 27th March 2008.*
- *We are holding an entertainments afternoon for local senior citizens on Wednesday 19th March. These have become popular*

and much appreciated events and all are very welcome. We would love to welcome more of you into school- just come along, we have wheelchair access, a disabled toilet and refreshments will be served.

- *Eyes down for the family Easter Egg Bingo evening which will be held on Friday 14th March. This event is always a favourite with children, adults and all chocoholics alike and we cordially invite anyone from the village to join us that evening.*

Local Links

- Our thanks go to the 'Goxhill Grannies' embroidery group who created a fantastic quilt based on the song 'Twelve days of Christmas.' This was raffled at the Christmas Fayre and raised a staggering £1,030 for the school.
- We are also grateful for the support of Barton Lions who donated £450 towards our residential visits. Pupils from Year 5 visit the Robinwood Adventure Centre in Alston, Cumbria each September for a weekend of outdoor pursuits and team-building activities. Pupils in Year 6 enjoy a week away from home visiting a wide range of venues within Yorkshire each June.

Building Works

- The new administration block was officially opened in December 2007 by a previous Headteacher, known to many, Mr. John Bailey. The office and support rooms are now fully furnished and in use.
- Work has now commenced on the school car park and pathways allowing easier access to the school.

Highlights from the
end of last term

participated in a host of Christmas events including:

- *The Christmas Fayre where pupils enjoyed many stalls and games winning a range of prizes. We were well supported by friends of the school who brought their own goods along to sell, giving many of us the opportunity to purchase some unusual gifts and cards. Thanks to all of you who supported the school.*
- *Two Carol Services attended by the Reverend John Girchen. Pupils worked hard writing poems and prayers to read at the services.*
- *'Father Christmas' visit to our youngest pupils. This gave the pupils the opportunity to check whether or not they were on the 'good list' and give the 'Man in Red' a big hug.*
- *Christmas lunch attended by some of our school governors. This was a festive occasion and a chance to thank our hard-working kitchen and supervisory staff.*
- *The Foundation Unit, Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas productions. Once again pupils wowed their families with their acting, singing and dancing talents in shows based around the nativity story. Pupils in Years 3 and 4 also entertained many of you in a special afternoon performance of the Christmas Story.*
- *The Foundation Open Afternoon for the youngest members of our community. Children from the age of two visited the unit with their parents to enjoy many festive*

As usual parents and pupils par-

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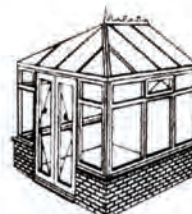
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activities. If you have a small child not yet registered at the school, please call in and we will ensure you have an invitation to these fun afternoons.

- **Carol Singing around the village.** Many thanks to everyone for your recent help and support. The money raised is used to finance enrichment activities for pupils – theatre trips, subsidising school visits, and extra resources for the children.

Looking ahead

Curriculum Enrichment

As ever, we have a broad range of stimulating events planned to enhance the lives and learning of our pupils at Goxhill School this term:

- **French:** Pupils in Years 3 to 6 take part in French lessons every week taught by Mr Pitois, a native speaker. From 2010 it will be compulsory for all primary schools to teach a modern foreign language in Years 3 to 6.
- **Sport:** This term Pupils in Year 2 are enjoying extra badminton lessons and pupils in years 5 and 6 are taking part in a series of karate lessons with a professional coach. They will spend time learning basic karate moves and kata (choreographed patterns of

movement).

- **English:** The whole school are looking forward to a visit from performance poet Dave Webb who will be leading assemblies and poetry workshops.
- **Science:** a visit from a mobile planetarium was arranged to enhance the work of Foundation stage pupils on outer space. In March as part of work on Growth and New Life we are looking forward to taking delivery of some 'Living Eggs'. The children will be able to see chicks actually hatching from eggs in the Foundation Unit.
- **Drama:** At the end of March, Y5 pupils will be working with professional actors from a visiting theatre group. Another group will visit in mid February to perform the pantomime 'Cinderella.'
- **History:** Pupils in Year 1 will be visiting Barton Museum to learn about toys of the past while Year 5 and 6 will visit a museum in Hull to take part in a workshop about Ancient Egypt. They will learn how to read hieroglyphs and about mummification. Other pupils will take part in cookery workshops linked to their studies of life during World War II.
- **Art:** Y2 will be visiting the Barton Ropewalk gallery in as part of their work on buildings.

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Goxhill School remains very popular amongst local parents. As such, if you have a child over 6 months old please feel free to contact the school to register him / her for a place. (tel 530743 or e-mail us at head.goxhillprimary@northlincs.gov.uk)

We look forward to seeing you this term; the school door is always open for you to come and see the lovely things we do at Goxhill School. The staff, pupils and governors of Goxhill School wish you a Happy Easter!

Andrew Jackson,
Head teacher

Senior Citizens **Entertainments** **Afternoon** **At Goxhill School**

Wednesday 19th March
(1.45pm for 2pm)

Goxhill School's choir, musicians and cheerleaders are looking forward to singing, playing and dancing just for you.

If you have never been to one of these events, please give us a try, we would love to welcome more of you into school. If you have been before, please join us again.

Refreshments will be served/ Disabled facilities available.

All are very welcome.

Live Lincs Community Theatre Night

Does a Monster Live Next Door?

The new show for people aged 6+ from 'Tall Stories'

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Letters from the Churches

Those of you who have visited Edinburgh may have experienced the famous 'Camera Obscura'. Visitors gather in a small, dark room around a large circular table and just as their eyes are getting used to the dimly lit room, a wonderful thing happens. Light shines out of the table, showing a panoramic view of the city. The table is not a table at all; it is a large lens, and it displays a mirror image of most of old Edinburgh. A sunny day helps enormously, of course!

People are entertained as they watch the scenery unfold: the castles, the palaces, the gardens, great gothic churches, and classical Greek buildings of Edinburgh are all clearly displayed on the Camera Obscura. It is an amazing event, giving each spectator a never-to-be-forgotten view of the whole city. They don't just experience a bird's eye view of the old city; it's almost as if they had been given a God's-eye view of the people and places of Edinburgh.

In the Bible we're often presented with the idea of an all knowing, all seeing God who perceives the big picture all of the time. But we get so caught up in our own personal lives, troubles, and issues that we easily forget that God holds the whole of creation in his view, and not just ourselves. It's in our human nature though for us to think that we can see clearly what needs to be done to put the world to rights, but only God knows what is really required.

So, instead of getting on our own particular 'hobby horse' and imagining that that the world's problems can be easily solved, we should ask ourselves this question: In his divine perception, what does God see that needs to be changed?

Perhaps the answer to that question is that he needs to change me first. The next question is – are we prepared to let him?

Reverend John Girtchen

Pink daffodils, red Brussels sprouts, 'Midnight Mystique' – the world's first black hyacinth – all have that 'wow factor' everyone's looking for... well every gardener perhaps! For others of us the 'wow factor' may be sought in a new car, computer game, exotic holiday, sports event or something else excitingly different.

Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem on a humble donkey, was surely a 'wow factor' moment in history when '... the whole city was stirred, and asked who is this?' (Matthew Chapter 21). Little did they realise they were greeting the 'wow factor' of all time, Jesus. However, few of us would readily put Good Friday in the 'wow factor' bracket despite the fact it was a 'good' day for humankind because Jesus took our sins and paid the price for them. His suffering, endured for every one of us, makes us want to label it the world's worst 'woe factor' day, BUT as a preacher at a black church in West Philadelphia, USA, put it one Good Friday, 'it's Friday.... but Sunday's comin!'

The ultimate 'wow factor' of Easter Sunday was first shared by Mary Magdalene as she met 'the gardener', but as with the Palm Sunday and the Good Friday crowds she too failed to recognise who Jesus really was. It was not until He spoke her name that she knew Him to be her risen Lord. Jesus calls to each of us – have you recognised Him as your risen Lord and Saviour?

You and I will have different 'wow factors', things that thrill us. Indeed over a lifetime our 'wow factors' will change, but the 'wow factor' that Jesus is alive and longs to be in a relationship with each of us should be the ultimate 'wow factor' everyone's looking for, the only one that is forever.

Happy Easter,
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"Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time. Regret for the things we did not do, that is inconsolable.

Sidney J. Harris

At the time of writing it is blowing a gale outside and since the wind has changed direction no doubt it is heralding worse weather to come.

After the floods of the summer things for some people have still not got back to normal and indeed, some are still living in caravans with a promise of being in their own homes by April. Hopefully lessons will have been learnt by the powers that be and precautions can be taken to prevent it happening again.

The bad weather of the summer also caused the local horse shows to be cancelled. Unfortunately, the only date I have at present is for East Halton Show which is Sunday 10th August. Hopefully the dates for Goxhill and Barton will not coincide as they did last year and the weather will permit them all to go ahead.

There seems to be a few new faces and horses in the village so it will be interesting to see if they compete and what they do.

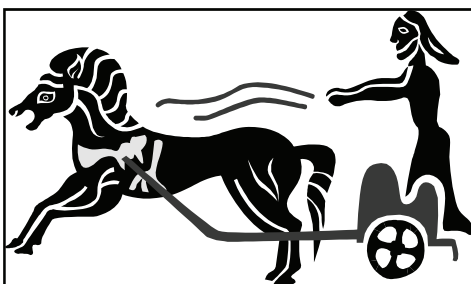
Chloe Foulston and **Billy Wizz** seem to be cementing their relationship and are to be seen regularly trotting around the village and down the marsh with ever growing confidence which is good to see.

Joanne Burns attained 7th place in the Grand Prix Final at Arena UK just before Christmas on Mr. Ward's (of Appleby) **Fine Painting**. She has also qualified two other horses, Swallow and Jeffrey for the Blue Chip Winter Championships in April.

I find it strange that human nature always wants to do that which

is forbidden. With the legislation regarding foxhunting it appears that the Brocklesby Hunt has even more of a following than it ever did particularly amongst car followers. It is also true to say that any new faces are regarded with great suspicion. I do believe they are operating within the law. It is good to see hounds work, particularly this pack as they are the oldest pack with the cleanest lines in the country.

There seems to be an increased interest in driving and Helen Wickham is currently to be seen long-reining through the village in preparation for a trap. Personally, I have only ever been driving once and I must admit I kissed the ground when we arrived back at the yard safely! However, it is good to see and I believe at one time local shows had a driving class so perhaps these will again be resurrected if more interest is shown.



Helen was instrumental in organising a saddlery and table top sale in the Memorial Hall back in October which proved quite successful. I saw many faces I had not seen for years and it is always nice to catch up. Hopefully this will be repeated. Needless to say, I did buy more than I sold!

Thieves have been rife in the area over the past few months and seem to be targeting trailers and 4x4's. These must be professionals because of the lengths they go to and they must have a ready market for the makes of vehicles they are taking. For trailers, make it as difficult as possible for them to take by parking something in front, putting both wheel and hitch locks on as time is important to them. Postcode the top of the trailer so it can be spotted from the air or make it personal to you by having something painted on it so it is easily identifiable. Keep a note

of the chassis number and of course get it insured. The most reasonable rate I have found is through the NFU. If you buy a trailer get the chassis number and the other number checked before you part with your cash, to make sure it has not been stolen. This can be done through the Police or a trailer supplier. Even if it all checks out get a receipt. I say this from the heart as I sold a trailer and two years down the line it was found to have been stolen. I could not find any paperwork and even if I had, no doubt it would have been useless. The outcome was the Insurance company took the trailer away and the person I sold it to claimed their money back off me. In theory I should have then gone back to the person I purchased it from but the trail stopped with me, so I lost out all ways. I will not get stung like that again (I hope).

With more than our fair share of mud it is inevitable that mud fever will rear its ugly head again so the tip of the issue for prevention. Make sure legs are clean and dry. Before turning out, apply Baby Oil liberally to the legs. When they come in at night it should just hose off clean. Inexpensive, accessible and it works... just what we want.

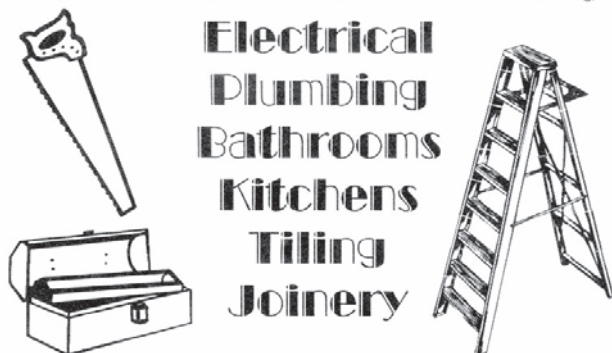
Well all the Christmas parties and Do's are past, but what about getting your glad rags on and going to the B.S.J.A Summer Ball? It is on 4th July at Market Rasen Racecourse. You do not have to be a member and there will be a coach from the village so you do not have to drive or worry about Taxis. If it sounds good to you contact Joanne Burns on 07980137416.

This article would not be complete without mentioning the sad death of Brian Adams who lost his fight with Cancer. Brian

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was a well known character in many walks of life apart from the horse fraternity, which was borne out by the attendance at his funeral. He was well liked and took time to speak to everyone with a laugh and a joke. Deep sympathy is extended to his wife Iris and family. He will be sadly missed

In the light of that dreadful cruelty case in Amersham concerning all those poor horses, there is a petition on line on which they are hoping to get 1000 signatures. The site is: www.voicesforhorses.co.uk and click on the petition button.

I figure that if there are 200 horses in Goxhill and many more people who are involved with them, then Goxhill people can make a significant difference nationally, and all through the pages of the **Gander**.

Keep your news, tips and results coming in. Until the next issue..

Take care – Ride safely.

Aileen
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Thank You

I would like to thank (through the Gander) all those villagers who gave their wonderful support to the raffle of the '12 days of Christmas' Quilt/wall hanging that was made by Goxhill Grannies in aid of the Primary School Book Fund. The raffle raised £1030 profit for the book fund and the cheque was presented to Andrew Jackson (Head teacher) at a special assembly on Mon 21st January.

We, the Goxhill Grannies, really enjoyed making the quilt since September at Hallands Field Farm. During which time lots of refreshments were enjoyed too along with the social side with up to seven ladies stitching away for the school.

The draw of raffle tickets took place at the School Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December and was won by Dianne the mobile hairdresser (related to Lorraine from the school) and other prizes were as follows: Lap Quilt to be made for Caterpillar Nursery, Plants in a basket to Molly Ruth-erford and bottles of wine to Linda, Marion Hurst and V Dunn of North Killingholme. We were all very pleased that the prizes stayed within the village area.

Very many thanks to all concerned.

Janice Leather (Mrs) - Quilt Instigator.



My wife Shelagh and I have recently moved into the village.

I was interested to read the Parish Council article on footpaths as we both enjoy walking.

I realised when we moved here in August that there were many footpaths surrounding the village, but have had great difficulty discovering where they all are.

I emailed the County Council, and visited the Tourist Office. Neither were unable to supply me with a footpath map of the Goxhill area.

I had given up hope until I read your article which requested local people report to you which footpaths they have walked.

This is a fine idea for people who have grown up with the local knowledge of the whereabouts of these paths. But I am sure there are many people in the village like us who would like to see a local footpath map published.

We would love to help fight the calls to close the footpaths but firstly we need to know where they are!!!

Kevin and Shelagh Seddon

Dear Gander,

I am a newcomer to the village, but since moving in to my new home, I have had several reasons to regret moving to the area. The village itself is beautiful and on the surface the residents appear to be welcoming and sociable, however, I have been affected by crime and one particular incident has left me quite disturbed. I ask The Gander for help if I may, to discover the reasons (perhaps printing this in your next issue will jar someone's conscience):

I arrived home from my work one day to discover a small plastic bag filled with dog mess placed neatly in front of my back gate !

I ask WHY; who has done this and why ? I do not wish to disclose my address (I feel victimised enough), but the person responsible for this knows it ! I would certainly like to know the reason behind such a dirty/cowardly action.

If I (or another member of my family) has unknowingly upset someone for whatever reason, then surely the adult thing to do would be to actually talk to me !! I do hope that the person responsible will be in touch to explain their reasoning.

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Warm and Dry

The first time that I wrote a piece for publication in the Gander was in 1993. That seems to be a long time ago now. I was reminded of this when the recent big increases in gas and electricity prices were announced. Fifteen years ago we had just made quite a big change to our house and several people had taken an interest in what we were doing. So I decided to explain.

Before I retired I was involved with thermal insulation. I helped to design and install the insulated enclosure for cold stores. (This is the equivalent in domestic freezers and fridges to the box that keeps the cold in.) Whilst doing this I learned quite a lot about heat insulation and condensation. Our house was originally a small cottage which had been enlarged in 1908 and further improved when indoor lavatories and bathrooms became "essential".

Mr and Mrs Hewitt had lived in the cottage. Mr William Hewitt was a Millwright Joiner and Coffin Maker. He was also a Trustee of the Methodist Chapel and a man of some importance in the village. He was involved in the building of many of the larger new houses that were being built in Goxhill at that time, many of which had the word "field" as part of their name. Now I am told that Mrs Hewitt was not very happy to find that her husband was helping to build fine new houses for other people of the village whilst their house was a simple cottage. She said that something had to be done. So that was decided upon.

William added the Gable wing at the end consisting of a large room on the ground floor and one large bedroom above. He remodelled the front of the house with the bay windows and porch. Inside he fitted a fine new staircase so that access to the upstairs was not through the bedrooms. Joining all of this new brickwork to the existing inevitably

made the old part look rather poor so to blend it all together the outside was rendered with sand and cement. The back of the house was little altered but the work at the front had achieved the desired result and Mrs Hewitt was happy.

Long after Mr and Mrs Hewitt had passed away and others had left their mark upon the house we came along and lived here raising our family. Somehow we felt that the outside woodwork should be Black and White we painted it and were delighted when someone said "You have put the house back into its original colours".

Time and the weather took their effect upon the rendering on the walls and eventually I was told that something had to be done. So that was decided upon. There were however other problems that required attention. All of the old brick built houses were made without cavity walls the bricks were solid and transmitted heat quite well and as a result the houses lost heat very rapidly. They also suffered from condensation because moisture vapour produced by activities within condensed on the inner surface of the cold outside walls. This was worst in the external corners of the rooms where the dampness enabled black mould to grow.

I knew that I needed help and so I found an expert and he came and made some measurements and calculations. The house was way outside the building standards at that time both in heat loss and condensation. An earlier attempt by a former occupant to improve insulation and dry out the walls by internal dry lining had not succeeded and without a cavity only external insulation would be effective.

External insulation is rather expensive. It has been used by councils to upgrade early council houses. The high rise flats at Scunthorpe are externally insulated. A builder who had experience of this work was

found and work was put in hand. The first job was to remove all loose rendering and fill out the gaps. After a spray coat of algacide sheets of Phenolic foam were attached to the walls using plastic anchors with steel drive pins at 8 to the square metre. The foam sheets were pink and the anchors were black so we soon had a pink house with black spots. People driving up the lane were distracted and there was excitement at the double bend. A glass fibre scrim was fixed to the anchors and a coat of polymer based plaster applied when this was dry another coat was applied and crushed sea shell and glass fragments were dashed on and firmed in with a trowel.

We were very pleased with the appearance and the improvement in comfort inside was immediate. There was however no way that the cost of the work could be recovered from the saving in fuel for heating. Or was there? I have never been a very good bean counter and profit and loss was never a great interest but life on a pension in a world of escalating prices makes me wonder. At that time maintenance to the outside was essential, that was included in the cost. The cost of fuel has increased tremendously over the fifteen years since it was done. The new energy assessment involved in valuing the house will take account of the effect and added value of the insulation. If the same money had been put in the bank the annual interest and the sum invested would have been less than the saving and increased value.

There are many houses in Goxhill that are one or two hundred years old which would benefit from external insulation. The cost would be rather high but for small semi detached and terraced houses it would certainly be worth consideration particularly where dampness is a consideration.

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The book **Goxhill Bygones, Number 1**
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Congratulations from the Gander.

Church and Chapel Dates for Your Diaries

- Palm Sunday 16th March: 9.30am, All Saints, Goxhill - Holy Communion
> 10.30am, Methodist Chapel - Chapel Anniversary; Preacher Greg Brooke of Grimsby
- Maundy Thursday 20th March: 2pm, Greenfields Community Room - Easter Service
> 7pm, Goxhill Methodist Church - Holy Communion
- Good Friday 21st March: 7pm, All Saints, Goxhill - United Devotional Service
- Easter Sunday 23rd March: 7am, All Saints' Churchyard - Easter morning service, followed by
breakfast in the Chapel Schoolroom
> 9.30am, All Saints, Goxhill - Holy Communion
> 10.30am, Goxhill Methodist Church - Holy Communion

Deadline

Please have submissions for the Winter issue of the Gander in by **Saturday 3rd May**

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Carers are people who look after relatives or friends with a disability, long term illness or who are elderly and need help. Many people are Carers but do not realise that they are. For instance, a husband may be living with his wife who had a stroke, or a middle aged lady may be helping her elderly mother with shopping or housework.

Some carers feel isolated and may feel they are the only person who is tired. The Carers' Support centre, a registered charity, is here to help all carers in North Lincolnshire. No one is pre-

pared for becoming a carer and the Centre can help him or her find the best services. We have information on grants, benefits, respite care, home based care, services, leisure activities and holidays or organizations for specific disabilities. Please call us and we'll try to help.

We run nine friendly groups for Carers in different locations in North Lincolnshire where new members will be made most welcome. We also run a programme called lifelong learning where Carers can pursue an interest, hobby or attend a course free of charge.

Goxhill Parish Council

Residential Development in Goxhill

Goxhill Parish Council on behalf of the village have successfully have put in place with the authority of North Lincolnshire Council a Temporary Moratorium on any further development within the parish of Goxhill. This is as a result of Public Consultation resulting from the severe flooding in Goxhill on 25/6/2007.

Anglian Water have acknowledged that the problems of Surface Water and Sewage within the village is a very complex issue to resolve and by placing a temporary restriction on new planning applications involving developments involving water run off and sewage. A review by Anglian Water is taking place and the results might be known by April 2008.

GOXHILL FLOOD VICTIMS

On Tuesday 18th December, 2007 local flood victims were invited to a meeting held in the Chapel Room. Mrs. Enid Girdham and Mrs. Mary Blanchard had been fund-raising in the village and, thanks to the generosity of local residents, raised £675.00 which was equally divided between those residents whose homes were flooded.

Each home owner thus receiving £25.00 worth of vouchers. Would those victims who did not attend the above mentioned meeting please contact either Mrs. Girdham on 531957 or Mrs. Blanchard on 531893 before **Tuesday 1st April**, if they would like to claim their share.

To reply to anything the Parish Council has to say,
or make any suggestions on future projects, please let us know.

Contact us at the usual address:

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by **Saturday 3rd May**

For distribution during the first week of June.

For further contact information, or to read more about the Parish Council and things going on in the village, visit the website **www.goxhillgander.com**

The Short Award 2008

This is your opportunity to show your appreciation of someone's voluntary works within the village.

The Short Award is presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Hall.

Nomination forms are available at the Supply Stores on Westfield Road, or below.

Please return forms to Colin Creasey at the shop in a sealed envelope by **Wednesday 19th March**.

The AGM of the Memorial Hall will be held on **Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm**.

As well as announcing the winner of the Short Award, the Committee would be delighted to hear any suggestions for new and exciting uses for the Hall. Please come along and let us know your ideas.

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BAYSGARTH NEWS

Welcome once again to our school update. The visit of youngsters from Gifhorn, Germany went extremely well, but sadly too quickly. Our link school in Gifhorn greatly value the partnership, as do we and a party from Baysgarth will be going to Germany in February 2008. Children in Need day was an enjoyable day culminating in the annual Talent Show – Baysgarth's equivalent to the X-Factor: but even better!

An exciting development currently under construction is our all-weather, floodlit MUGA (multi-use games area). You may well have already heard or read about the MUGA which should be completed by the end of March 2008. This facility will greatly enhance the PE and sporting opportunities provided for both pupils and Baysgarth's wider community. I will keep you up-to-date with its development during the course of time, with publicity and booking arrangements commencing in the Spring months. Kind regards.

Colin Saywell, Headteacher

Talent Show [16th November]

Another massive whole school success but without the hard work in organization, running and behind the scenes stuff done by 6th Formers the show would not happen. The winner this year was also a 6th form student, and there were a fantastic number of performers from Year 7 upwards.

Student Support Service.

The Student Support Service was opened in September of 2007. It is strategically placed in the main corridor to allow for easy access by pupils and staff. Parents can telephone directly to the SSC on 01652 635904

Orchestra is the best!

I have been every week and I wouldn't want to miss one! All sorts of instruments are there and there is always room for more. So far we have a few percussionists, a strong brass section, a strong string section and a small woodwind section.....hint, hint.

Pupils from every year group are there and a



few teachers play as well! Our fantastic conductor is Mrs Bishop, who is always glad to see new faces. The

Orchestra meets on Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:45 pm. Overall, orchestra is great and it's fun to work with other musicians. Hope to see you there!

Thomas Wilson 9T-RJG

The No. 1 Choir hits it big

We have only had our school choir since September, and it is high on success. It has proven popular as we have more than twenty students coming and more still joining. We are learning a great deal about how to use our voices. We have many talented students who are showing progress. The after school singing group is not just about learning – it is also a great deal of fun and you can see different sides to all the teachers. We all have different targets to reach but in the end it all sounds great, and we really enjoyed the concert at the end of last term that included the orchestra, the Cheerleaders, and of course us – the choir!

Catherine Simpson & Bethany Walton – Year 8

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17 May, 10am, St Mary's Church Hall

Civic Society and Barton Arts Week

Coffee Morning

23rd May, 7pm, Winteringham Village Hall

Guided Walk Around Winteringham

with Sandra Clayton

Meet at the village hall for a guided walk to look at the history and architecture of Winteringham, ending at All Saints Church.

Churches Together

The '**J' Team** is a children's group for young people from the age of 4 upwards.

We meet at the **Methodist Schoolroom** every **Friday** from **3.45 – 5.15pm** during term-time; when activities including games, singing, craft, stories and prayers take place.

If you would like your child to come just bring them along one Friday, or for more information ring the numbers below.

Dynamos is a youth group for the 11+.

We do various activities, drama, art craft, cookery, games and bible study.

We also have visiting speakers.

We meet on **two Thursdays a month** during term time in the Chapel Schoolroom from **6.30 - 8pm**.

Congratulations to BEKS - Betty Plumtree, Edward Arnott, Ken Plumtree and Sue Knapton - who won February's **Churches Together Quiz**.

Well done to runners-up The Pot Luck and all other competitors.

The next Churches Together Quiz Night will be on **Friday 25th April**, at 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom, with a guest question master.

Admission is £3 per adult and we request teams of no more than four, please.

If you would like to join us for any of these events, or for more information contact:
Sandra on 530065 or Jane on 530962.

Goxhill WI urgently needs new members. Come and join this friendly, welcoming group of Goxhill ladies.

We have a speaker at most meetings and a raffle, we organise trips and outings and other events. WI training courses are available to members, and there are opportunities to improve your skills levels in all sorts of different ways.

We can also campaign on village issues and have in the recent past successfully campaigned for more people to buy locally-produced food from local businesses, and for something to be done about drainage and sewerage problems in Goxhill - North Lincolnshire Council recently imposed a moratorium on all future planning permissions in the village until these problems are sorted out.

Come along to our meetings (on the second Monday of each month, 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall) and tell us what you are interested in, and get involved in this village organisation to make new friends and improve your community to make it an even better place to live.

Carol Thornton
President, Goxhill WI

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Carers' Support Centre have been offering a range of supportive services to Carers in the North Lincolnshire area for the past 18 years and continue to provide information and advice, advocacy and a listening ear, life-long learning opportunities, a home care and sitter service, and carers' support groups.

Carers' Support Centre's new project (funded by Fresh Start) extends our information and advocacy services to **everyone over 50** and we have local and national information on a whole range of subjects that are relevant to the needs of over-50s. We believe that access to information prepared locally is crucial in maintaining and developing older people's confidence and ability to deal with any situation that may arise.

Information and advocacy services are available by calling **01652 650585**. Please get in touch with the Carers' Support Centre if you think that we may be able to help. We are seeking Volunteer Information Givers and Advocates to support this work. If you would be interested in finding out more give me a ring.

A new volunteer-sustained befriending service for carers and ex-carers will also be available shortly after and we are currently looking for volunteer befrienders.

We aim to be able to offer carers and ex-carers the support of a friend - just someone to spend time with - just chatting or sharing activities that both enjoy. Befrienders will make visits to carers and ex-carers at home and/or support them in getting out and about in the community.

All our volunteers are fully reimbursed for their expenses, including travel costs and child care or sitter costs for their dependent.

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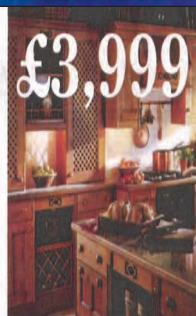
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The village of Goxhill can be described as a village on a hill surrounded by a flood plain, which was reclaimed from the Humber by a flood bank and a drainage system of open drains and dykes, beginning many centuries ago. The first residents being Marsh Shepherds and Peasants building their dwelling, or should I say Hovel, on the highest hill on what is now the village centre. These Hovels would be built where the highest ground was, and the area would expand as the dykes dried out the land, thus building on dry ground around the wet areas is why the dwellings had strips of low Un-built-on land between them 60 years ago. I have seen a reference made in records of a bridge in Howe Lane in the 18th century, this means there would be a drain or stream crossing the lane somewhere at the lowest place, which would probably be the Station area and passing across Greengate Lane towards Ferry Road and Sykes Lane, draining a large area behind the Brocklesby Hunt and beyond. I expect this drain would be eliminated when the railway was built in the 1840s and the water redirected elsewhere. Today some of these wet belts have been built on.

All the Drains, Dykes and Ditches were dug by Hand (the Armstrong Patent) for there were no other means by the early Goxhill settlers... not for fun but to Drain a Village on a Flood Plain, of which they would have had experience of flooding many times, so would get the job done right for its own sake. This proves it did rain before Global Warming was *Invented* ...

It has rained in the past many times and was soon forgotten because the drainage system did its job and no dwellings were flooded. Living in the countryside in the bygone era, life was cruel. Crops often failed, due to drought or a wet summer, wet seasons occurred in 1764 and 1775 (the year of the Enclosure Act at Goxhill), which meant starvation for many villages and the occupants fled to the towns leaving deserted villages throughout England (wonder how Goxhill fared during this Era), which inspired Oliver Goldsmith to write a poem in 1770, 'The Deserted Village', from which I quote a verse:

*"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey
Where wealth accumulates and men decay
When every rood of ground maintains its man
For him light labour spread her wholesome store
Just gave what life required, but gave no more".*

I may be wrong, but I think the second line refers to the Church and the Churchyard (?). In the days

when the Church ran villages, and the other four how the church robbed the peasants.

Myself I can remember the wet years of January 1941 when we had three days of continuous rain, and 194 when we had a wet harvest and winter, followed by the heaviest snowfall in living memory in January 1947, when it thawed there were many parts of the country flooded as never before. This was due to the fields being thawed out before the drains and dykes which were full of frozen snow (an example of blocked drains). Even the River Trent burst its banks, flooding thousands of acres of farmland and dwellings. Then in the late 1960s heavy rain activated the Springs, when one in Beck Lane at Barrow came up under the foundations of a bungalow and ran down the road into the beck. With no flooding of dwellings. Only the exception of un-drained fields with land tiles and the usual overspill of dykes on the flood plain. In May 1978 three days of rain fell and flooded large areas of growing crops. From then on, the flooding began to a small degree and increased slowly until the present day as the filling in of dykes extended.

As for the modern flail hedge cutters which leave their pulp in the bottom of the dyke restricting the flow, previously the hedges were cut and dykes trimmed out with manual labour. The trimmings and trash were raked into heaps and burned. No Problems.

On the front of the Gander Newsletter Autumn issue is a photo of Manor Lane in full flood, I can recall the days of a large pond opposite the farm building. Today this pond appears to have been filled in and is overgrown with trees and vegetation. When this pond was dug it would have had a dyke attached which had a dual-purpose: when it rained and the pond was low in water the dyke would fill up to the intended level, after the dyke would then maintain this level and become an overflow, the result, no flooding in the lane. Today the dyke appears to have disappeared like the pond, hence the flooded lane. This example is typical of many places round the village, the old Carp ponds of 3 centuries ago, where the Millennium Green now is, would act as a large reservoir with dykes to feed it and more dykes for overflows. Today all are gone.

Then came the years of Progress (??) Maybe in the 1960s the modern trend of filling in dykes around the village began with the arrival of larger tractors which needed fields to match and in 1976 a new Clew was constructed at the Haven, deeper

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The Goxhill Shepherd

A poem by Peter Raby in the 1950s, with reference to George Clayton, since deceased.

I am the shepherd , I tend my flock
In summer time I clip and dock
I keep them in with stake and net
And always count them you can bet

With good old Rover by my side
Around the fields we waltz and glide
Up to now we've not done bad
Not lost many sheep, the boss is glad

One broken neck while on the board
But that was Willie, O my Lord
We clip three hundred in a week
With the last one, we played hide and seek

Then my mate comes, I got the rudd
I give him a wave, say hi ya bud
Away we go and talk things over
And into the fields clover

We throw the tup and mark him red
On his breast, not his head
Then all is done, we must wait and see
Until next year what the harvest will be

Then winter comes, the day grows short
But my old ewes are a sturdy sort
They all survive the winter well
Of that I'm proud, you can tell

I've carried them oats and a bit of chaff
And I sometimes think I've heard you laugh
But laugh if you like, I love my sheep
And to see them suffer makes me weep

But now its Spring and I do declare
I can see some green and smell fresh air
My lambs will be coming then I'll be throng
Getting them born, helping nature along

I shall make them little homes of bales
And when they grow I shall cut their tails
All through the summer they will grow
And then will come their turn to go

Then they will go away to be graded
While my old ewes will be sad and faded
But after al it must be done
For the fight of mutton must be won.

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than the old one. In the following years the drains were made deeper and when the excavator reached the bridges which were constructed of brick arches, as wide as the drain at the bottom and as high, letting the water have an unrestricted flow, it ripped the arches out and replaced them with a fabricated steel pipe approximately 4 feet in diameter which restricted the flow by as much as four-fifths. So in times of heavy rain the volume of water cannot reach the Clew as fast as it could under the old arches. After the drains were modified the drainage board opened up a new drain where the drain in Neatgangs Lane meets the drain at Sykes Lane up into the clay pit at Quebec (better known as the Tile Yard today), a wide piece of the bank between this new drain and the pit was removed and a concrete sill fitted several feet above the dyke's normal level. They said it was to act as a reservoir for when heavy rains occurred and it would reduce flooding the area.

The Sewerage System in itself has few problems, then why does it overflow in times of heavy rain? Because some of the builders in the past have fed the fall pipes from the roof of dwellings into it instead of the surface water drains or dykes. This is one of the problems which could be rectified to some extent by disconnecting the Fall Pipes from the sewerage and connecting them to a Water Butt or a Surface Water System.

So to stop future flooding the only thing to be done is to restore the old dyke drainage system for nothing else can take the volume of water it can, though I see this as an impossible task because the local residents will not want to see an open drain in front of their dwelling exposing all the service pipes to the elements, let alone the inconvenience it would cause, and the farmers will not want to see small fields for their modern tractors and implements, nor will the Drainage Board want the expense of replacing their pipes under the bridges with the old type Arches. Though, unless this is done, there is no hope to stop the future flooding unless the three arterial (main service) drains from the haven are restored to the village, this then leaves the problem with the village dykes which have been filled in, let alone the ponds. I can recall two ponds which have houses on top of them and one pond under a road.

So, all I can recommend is for residents to adopt the Boy Scouts' motto "Be Prepared" to protect the dwellings. Any DIY man could make a board with a foam rubber back for a seal to cover the Air Bricks and bolted onto the wall with rawl bolts and for the doors, make a dam board to fit the door frame 2/3 feet high accordingly with a seal on the contact surface and screw it to the frame, making

sure the frame is well sealed at the wall, then for an added protection top have a coal bunker behind the garage filled with sand and a bundle of sand bags to fill and place in front of those already fitted boards which could be removed and stored in the garage or loft for when the evil day arrives (this would give limited protection for given time water will seep almost anywhere). It is now not a question of IF but WHEN the next flood arrives.

And as always we have the Jobsworth who try to Shut the Stable Door after the Horse has Bolted. They know as much about Dykes as Dykes know about them, after making a lot of noise (for talk is cheap) with some brainless suggestions, nothing constructive will be done to prevent future flooding, the Noise will fade into the background until after the next flood when it will flare up once more.

I have heard the Water Table has started to rise (it dropped a number of feet when the pumping stations were constructed in the 1950s), the reason given is that the Humber Bank industries are using less water due to the closure of food factories in recent years. I have noticed this for the past 10 years for the Springs which had been derelict for many years started to flow occasionally and have increased this last three years, and when not flowing the level is only inches below the top of the bore pipe whereas 10 years ago it was several feet.

Until a century ago, Goxhill like other villages built on a flood plain relied on the local farming community to provide them with work and food. This could only be achieved if the drainage system was kept in first class order, so the drainage system was always a priority.

At Goxhill another threat has loomed over the horizon, in an article in the Daily Mail, I quote extracts: HUGE SWATHES OF ENGLAND WILL BE ABANDONED TO THE SEAS, MANY OF THE SEA WALLS AND BANKS THAT HAVE PROTECTED THE EAST COAST FOR HUNDRED OF YEARS ARE NO LONGER "ECONOMIC" AND CANNOT BE MAINTAINED. An article in the local Telegraph a year ago said the farm land at Goxhill was NOT WORTH THE EXPENSE. I recall the flood in January 1953 when the Humber overflowed the Goxhill Bank covering many acres of farmland though didn't enter dwellings, but the flood on 17th December 1921 when the bank was breached, a number of farm houses and cottages were flooded, far more devastating than in 1953, so now we have threats of floods from both the sky and the River Humber. Be Prepared.

Ron Parker
Off the Cuff, January 2008.

tanks'R'us

Advertising Feature

THE new tank division of North Lincolnshire company WH Dale Ltd is set to become a powerful force in the expanding market of environmentally friendly storage systems.

tanks'R'us was formed in January and enjoyed a very successful attendance at the LAMMA (Lincolnshire Agricultural Machinery Manufacturing Association) show.

For some time Thornton Curtis-based WH Dale Ltd has operated a tank distribution and installation service to both domestic and commercial customers for storage of oil, fuel and water using market-leading products from Titan Environmental.

With the increasing demand for these services more and more time has been allocated to this side of the business and the growth has been phenomenal.

From an idea initially triggered by Jago Chapman, eldest son of managing director Barrie 'Badger' Chapman, it was thought that the tank division was developing so rapidly that it needed its own identity in line with the services offered.

This led to the formation of tanks'R'us with Jago as its sales director and Adrian Kay as marketing director. Sam Chapman, youngest son of Managing Director Badger Chapman has also joined the family business recently as a technician for tanks'R'us.

Adrian described it as a 'fresh new approach' to the storage solutions side of the business with the opportunity to diversify into other industries alongside the company's traditional roots in agricultural engineering.

When Badger first acquired the WH Dale in 1980, it was a forge but he developed the business into a structural steelwork fabrication company. It continues to be a privately owned family business also specialising in mechanical engineering, welding and the supply of precision parts.

"We have been mainly on the agricultural side but we are also looking at the construction, haulage and manufacturing industries and local authorities," Adrian continued.

As well as targeting different industries, Jago and Adrian will be taking the business forward with new initiatives to include a new internet shopping site providing the opportunity to supply products nationally and offering a much wider range of products.

tanks'R'us already has a formidable display of tanks and accessories at the company's headquarters close to the Humber bank with a range of up to 10,000 litres capacity offered on the plastic storage tanks. As well as this tanks "R" us can offer Bespoke Steel tanks up to 140,000 litres capacity. In addition to this new products for 2008 include Fuel/Water Bowsers in Site and Highway models. Also a new range of towed spraying devices are being offered to include a 1100 litre jet sprayer powered by a Petrol/diesel engine

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Stephen R Foster

Webmaster, www.goxhilltrader.co.uk

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