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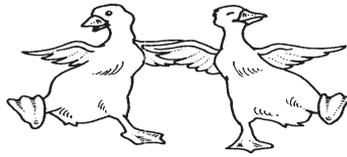


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In addition to constructing the Gander you are reading, I'm also responsible for getting more than 400 copies distributed around the village. Every three months as I knock on the doors of the volunteers who deliver them, the response I most regularly receive is 'Oh, it's that time again already is it?' If it seems to come round quickly for them, just think what it's like for me - I need the best part of a month to check through all the contributions, chase articles and adverts, and put together all the pieces of what is essentially a giant jigsaw. I have always been able to measure my life in terms of medical appointments; these past five years I've also had Gander deadlines as markers of the passing months.

Where does the time go, I often wonder. Two months into the new year, it still surprises me to think it is 2009; all the more so as this means I'm racing towards my 27th birthday. Now I have passed my driving test and own a car, I have a bit more freedom with regard to my work and social life - but still my first consideration as I plan for the future is the Gander and my commitment to it.

Our website has been up and running for exactly a year now and we are very proud of it, but I have yet to find time to fulfil my intention to upload Ganders of the past and add the exclusive web content we have envisaged. This edition will be the first to direct you to [www.goxhillgander.com](http://www.goxhillgander.com) to continue reading an article I just didn't have sufficient room to reproduce in its entirety in these pages - Jayne Bright's recollections of the formation of the Goxhill company of Girl Guides - while another feature offering advice on the best plants to attract bees to gardens will also only be found online. However, I have a list of other items waiting to be worked on ready for transfer and before I know it I'll be preparing the summer newsletter and have to postpone it once again.

A significant annual event for the Gander is the AGM at which we plan for the coming 12 months. This year's will be on **Thursday 19th March** at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, and you are all invited. I realise that the tone of this letter suggests I plan to resign as editor, but I am not yet at that point. There is still work to be done and I do not leave jobs unfinished. Even though Goxhill is no longer my permanent address, it is still my home, and the role the Gander plays in the community is very important to me. We recently agreed to take over the hosting of the Neighbourhood Watch website and will always be available to help individuals or groups in the area in whatever way we can. However, that does not mean the present situation can go on indefinitely. I cannot continue to have sole responsibility for all content and hope to have a life and good health. We need to be making arrangements for the future now, because time passes quickly and I do not want to reach a point where I have to give up the newsletter altogether, especially if that means losing what I believe is a vitally important part of village life and hope will remain so for years to come. If you can help in any way, please come along on the 19th or contact us before the meeting.

*Adam Ellis*

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# School Report



**H**opefully, by the time that you receive this edition of the Gander, our lovely village will be basking in radiant sunshine and our famous blossom trees will be as radiant as ever. It must be said, however, that at the time of writing, this is merely wishful thinking. The past week has seen heavy snowfalls, with many schools in Lincolnshire closing due to this. At Goxhill, the snow was received with glee by both children and staff. Many children commented that Monday morning was their favourite playtime at school EVER! Staff and pupils had a whale of a time on the school field throwing snowballs and making snowmen (named after staff).

At Goxhill School, we strive to play an active part of our community. Prior to Christmas a group of pupils and staff spent an evening carol singing around the village, raising money for school funds. The singers split into four groups and had a friendly competition to see who could raise the most money (there was a prize of mince pies at stake). Team Brown thought that they had a winning strategy after being paid to stop singing. They attempted Cheer- Leading for a very short time. Team Lind performed slightly better and were never actually asked to stop. Team Coulam were the actual winners on the night, helped greatly by the fact that they were performing their medley of carols to the patrons of the Brocklesby Hunt – it is still not clear as to which was

more persuasive – festive spirits, or Mrs Coulam!

At the beginning of December, our Christmas Fayre took place. The evening was very successful, with over £700 being raised for school funds. It was nice to see so many families turning out to this festive event. Many thanks to Mrs Coulam and Mrs Neve who organised the event, the staff members who gave up their evening to run stalls and also to those friends of the school who donated prizes and refreshments for the event, as well as helping out on the evening.

At the beginning of February, the Memorial Hall celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We were very pleased to be invited to take part in the celebrations. Children from a variety of year groups produced work based on the theme of Goxhill during World War Two. This was displayed in the Memorial Hall over the anniversary weekend before being moved to the Education Development Centre in Scunthorpe so that teachers from other schools could view the excellent work of our pupils. In addition to this, a group of our pupils performed a selection of war songs on the Saturday afternoon. Despite becoming involved at short notice, pupils entertained the audience (assisted by Sally Belcher on her violin) and we were thrilled with their performances. The songs were well received by the audience and our pupils were excited to be playing an active part in their community.

Towards the end of 2008, two long term members of staff retired. Mrs Sandra Smith had been trying to retire for quite a few years and almost managed it on

one occasion, but the lure of the classroom had continued. After working with pupils in a classroom setting for many years, Sandra worked exclusively with pupils with special education needs. Her friendly attitude and dedication to the children shone through and her medical advice to staff (Sandra had a previous nursing career) was invaluable. She will be sorely missed by all at Goxhill School and plans are currently being hatched to coax Sandra out of retirement (sorry Eddie).

We faced the unenviable position last term, in that the most crucial member of staff in a primary school was leaving. By this, I mean that Norman Wilson, our caretaker, retired. The range of tasks that caretakers need to be able to do is immense (look after the building, turn out if the alarm goes off, retrieve footballs from the roof, put shelves up, mend machinery and gadgets of any age/condition, put up with moaning teachers etc, etc). We know that Lorraine Wilson has a long list of jobs that she has been compiling in advance of Norman's retirement. We wish you well in your attempts to hide the list Norman.

Both Sandra and Norman will be sorely missed around school. The staff and governors of Goxhill School would like to wish them both a long and happy retirement and express a heart-felt thank you

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## School Report - 2

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for their contribution to the school over the years.

Balancing our sadness at losing two members of staff during the autumn term, we are pleased to welcome two new members. Our new caretaker, Mr Richard Wood, has settled into his position really well. During his training period, Norman seems to have taught Richard the skill of being able to get a job done in less time than it takes to write job down in his little red book – maybe some people are born to be caretakers?

Finally, we would like to officially

welcome our new headteacher, Miss Caroline Breslin. We waited with baited breath to find out what Goxhill Primary School's first female headteacher would be like. A few of us had notions of Miss Trunchbull from Roald Dahl's Matilda, but we're delighted to say that this couldn't be further from the truth. Caroline has a bubbly, approachable nature and she has quickly become a firm favourite with pupils and staff (she even buys buns, biscuits and cakes). She is excited at the prospect of building on our school's 'good with excellent features' Ofsted grading and has already begun new initia-

tives that will lead to higher pupil attainment. Caroline has a strong commitment to taking our pupils into the community, as well as bringing the community into school. Staff and governors can already recognise that Caroline is a strong leader who will take our school onwards and upwards. We all look forward to working with her over the coming terms.

The staff, pupils and governors of Goxhill Primary School would like to wish you all a happy Easter.

*Phil Brown*

*Miss Breslin writes on p.25*

## Skip Finally Retires After 28 Years

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January Mrs Christine Creasey finally retired as Goxhill Guide Leader after a massive 28 years of dedicated voluntary service to young women in our village.

Christine has been an integral part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Goxhill Guide unit and over the years has helped nurture many girls and young women during their teenage years. The guides have remained committed to serving the community and helping each other. They have regularly attended local church events and supported the annual uniformed groups parade in all weathers.

They met on a weekly basis during term time and explored many different types of activity, producing inventive creative crafts and often experimented with delicious recipes. There have been regular trips away camping, to Lincolnshire Poacher, sailing on a narrow-boat and a recent trip to Switzerland to name but a few.

The point is that Christine, ably and loyally supported by her daughter Caroline, have tirelessly given of their time and energy to our families. They have offered social and educational opportunities for girls to meet and explore their abilities in safe and local surroundings. This is an important part of our village life and now, sadly, it has come to an end.

No-one could be found to take over the job as Guide leader.....

So, a gathering of local people met with the remaining guides and their families to say thank you and best wishes to Christine for a well-earned retirement and thank you to Caroline for all of her support too!

A local collection was organised and Christine was presented with a crystal hurricane candle lamp. Christine and Caroline were both presented with bouquets of flowers and the guides did a marvellous job of singing "For she's a jolly good fellow!" and tried to raise the roof of the Methodist Church Hall.

The local Telegraph came to cover the event and local photographer Eva Border also came to photograph the remaining guides, Caroline and "Skip"

Finally a BIG thank you to everyone who came to join and celebrate with the guides for one last time, everyone who contributed to the collection and of course to Caroline and Skip, best wishes from us all.

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# Letters from the Churches

**T**here is a bird pole just outside the patio doors of the Manse and, I suppose like most people, we enjoy watching the birds as they feed. Regulars are a male blackbird, a collared dove and the occasional blue-tit, but by far the most frequent and prolific visitors are sparrows. Indeed we could re-name 7, Humber View, Barton Upon Humber, DN18 5QZ 'Sparrow Haven'.

Sparrows are, in our human eyes, somewhat 'ordinary' garden birds, with dull brown plumage, 'two a penny' as we read in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 10 verse 29. 'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny...' but reading on we find Jesus continues 'Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father' showing us that in God's eyes sparrows are as significant as the rarer, more colourful species that are eagerly watched for, and recorded, at the nearby nature reserve, Waters' Edge. Jesus follows His remarks about sparrows by saying, 'And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.' Such attention to detail about you and me helps us to realise how much we mean to God...

Life on the bird pole can be quite frantic with birds pushing each other aside in order to access the nuts, fat and seed, not unlike the rush when the doors of a shop open at sale time! However for you and me there is a place, our perfect 'sparrow haven', where we never need to queue, push to the front or go short, a place of ready access and generous provision 24/7 right into eternity. If you would like to find that place contact me with your details and I will send you a free copy of 'Steps to peace with GOD' as an Easter 2009 gift because Jesus says to each of us, 'So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows'.

God bless, Gillian

*Reverend Gillian Belford*  
*01652 632148*

**S**t. George (whose Feast Day is April 23rd) is probably England's most successful immigrant. Although he is our Patron Saint, we hardly know any provable facts about him other than he was not English! It seems he died a martyr's death around the year 303 when Roman Emperor Diocletian was trying - and failing - to destroy Christianity. And that's about it. But of course, we all remember him as the knight who courageously slew the dragon, and rescued the princess from a grisly death.

The actual story of St. George and the Dragon dates back to the Middle Ages when the use of a dragon in literature or drama was commonly used to represent evil, so it's an excellent tale of good triumphing over evil. And such is the power of myth and legend, that he is not only the patron saint of England, but of at least six other countries and many organizations around the world, including the Scouting and Guide Movement.

Like St George, most of us too, have our own dragons to slay. Maybe there's something you've been dreading doing. Perhaps it's an addiction or a lifestyle habit you know you should conquer. Are you courageous enough to take on your dragon? The challenge for many right now is just to weather the financial storm that the world is going through.

I recently read that the Chinese language character for the word 'crisis' is the same as that for 'opportunities'. So, in every crisis there lies great opportunities to develop and better ourselves. That which is perceived as a crisis today could well furnish the beginnings of new things in our lives, but the foundation of that future has to be laid today. Jesus told a parable about wise and foolish builders. One built his house on foundations of sand, the other on rock. When the storms came only one house remained standing. He wasn't, of course, simply advocating sensible building practices as much as prompting his listeners then (and to readers now) to ask "on what is my life founded?" On the solid rock of faith in God? On a foundation of hope in the salvation Jesus offers?

If not, this is a good opportunity to rethink the basis of your life and to make the most important decision that you will ever make. Make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life and his word the firm foundation for that life. You will then be prepared for whatever comes your way. You will thus be prepared for all seasons, ready to meet all challenges and not be overwhelmed - just like St George in fact!

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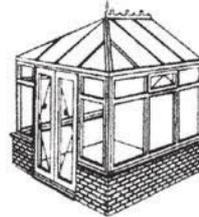
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# Thomas Smith, Yeoman of this Parish

**T**homas Smith lived in Goxhill. We have no idea where his house was but we do have quite a lot of information about him and his family.

On the twenty sixth day of April sixteen fifty four Thomas "Being aged but of sound memory" made and ordained his last Will and Testament

These were difficult times the country was ruled by Oliver Cromwell and his Parliament and religious reformation was changing the way in which the people of Goxhill lived. Not that they were completely opposed to the reformation because in 1641 every man in Goxhill had signed the Oath of Protestation.

(The Oath of Protestation The acceptance of the Anglican Religion and rejection of the authority of the Pope was taken by all men in England.)

The names of Richard George, Robert, Robert the elder, Thomas Jnr John Thomas and William Smith were all on the list. His will shows that he was a little uncertain of what could be permitted because after a full declaration of faith he commits his body to be buried in the church in the same part where his first wife was buried "if it can be possible."

Thomas was married twice and had two sons Robert and Richard and a daughter Mary by his first wife. His second wife gave him two sons John and William but she too had died before he made his will.

Robert and Richard were it seems married and had received provision to enable them to raise a family. Mary received a legacy of Twenty Pounds and her daughter received Ten Pounds. The sons and daughters of Robert and Richard received Five Shillings

each.

Of the younger children of his second marriage, John had already been granted a home and some land. William was to receive Ten Pounds and inherit the house in which Thomas lived together with the land belonging to it. This and the land that John had was Copyhold land and William was made responsible for the rent of thirty six shillings per year together with any other out rents and yearly payments due to the Lord or Lords. William was not married and so Thomas willed that if William should die without Heirs to his body the house and premises that he had received should pass to his Executrix Sarah daughter of John. However if William left a widow she was to be allowed to remain in the house. He also gave some detailed instructions saying who should plant and harvest the crops of the field. He also said that Sarah and her sister Katherine were to have the Bell Parlour and the room above so long as they remained unmarried.

Katherine was to receive Fifty Pounds and she and Sarah were given "That half rood of ground Now called Mill Hill Lying in a place in the fields of Goxhill called The Swallows Mill quarter and all that my Moiety or half of the Windmill now standing upon the same".

(The site of this mill was behind the houses and bungalow now standing on the west side of Ferry Road opposite Willow Lane. It was a wooden Post Mill.)

Thomas arranged the disposal of his three silver spoons and went on to bequeath his Bible and his book of sermons together with another book to his two sons. He gave to his two daughters Mr Fox

book Arts and Monuments otherwise called The Book of Martyrs. (In 1563 John Fox published a Book of Martyrs commemorating those who had died for their protestant belief it was one of the most celebrated books in the English Language.)

Thomas gave to the poor of Goxhill Twenty Shillings and to the poor of East Halton Five Shillings. After his Debts Legacies and Funeral expenses were paid he left the residue of his estate to his Granddaughter Sarah whom he made his Executrix. He entrusted Mr John Sandes and his nephew John Wakelin to be the supervisors of his will and gave them Two Shillings and Six pence each for their care and pains (John Sandes was buried in the church and is commemorated by a stone set in the floor)

The will was witnessed by Margaret Melburn (her mark) William Sergant Sen. and John Malkin.

Thomas died and probate as granted to Sarah on the twentieth day of May 1655. Sadly his intentions for his family were not realised John Also died he made his will in May 1566 and probate was granted in August of that year.

All of the records, Census, Enclosure, and other sources in the village since that time include people with the name Smith. I do not know if anyone at present living here can trace their family back to Thomas and his children. Money and ownership of land come and go but I wonder what happened to the book of sermons and Mr Fox's Book of Martyrs.

*Maurice Brawn*

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# Memorial Hall Anniversary Weekend

On the 31st January/1st February the Goxhill Memorial Hall Committee celebrated its 90 year anniversary with an Open weekend at the Hall.

There was a display by Kevin Stillyards that recognised our local War Dead from the First World War and who are named on the Hall remembrance plaques. Kevin has been researching these men for the last 5 years and is currently extending his research to include the survivors of the War and their stories.

Other displays included the Second World War memorabilia that has been collected by Mr. Ron Parker along with his extensive USAAF collection, books and videos and information on the American War Memorial on the airfield site and Mr. Maurice Brawn's collection of beautiful embroidered postcards that his relatives had sent home from France during the First World War. These 3 displays certainly brought home the personal cost of war and visitors said how poignant they found them.

The Guides and The Women's Institute provided interesting displays of memorabilia from over the years and drew many people interested to look through their albums and photographs. Both of these wonderful institutions would love to increase their members from the village.



Shona McIsaac MP

Goxhill Primary School had worked on a thrilling display where the children had written diary entries as though they had been evacuees and the School Choir were up on the stage and gave a brilliant performance of War Songs that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Committee member Jill Kirby displayed the Goxhill Pre-School memorabilia and The Mother and Toddlers Group also had a very colourful and inventive display.



Mr Frank Thompson

Penny Carnell and Anne Burford ran a very busy "cafe" with homemade cakes and scones and Enid Girdham ran a Tombola stall that did so well that it had to be completely re-stocked for our second day!

Charlie Guillatt gave a display of old wood-working tools and showed photographs of wooden items that he had made including a marvellous carousel and the wagons to transport it.

Albums of Goxhill School photos through the years and albums from the Goxhill Amateur Players were displayed down the length of the room and caused much laughter, surprise and interest from the many people trying to pick themselves out from 20, 30 and more years before.

The Bowling Club and Snooker Room also displayed trophies and memorabilia and would also love to hear from anyone who is interested in participating in the sports.

Slimming World, one of the newest groups using the Hall held a display and provided some lovely calorie-conscious chocolates for visitors to try. A vintage Tractor was displayed outside and drew attention from the public even before opening time. Union Jack flags were displayed outside courtesy of Mr. Parker.

The attendance was exceptional with continuous crowds of people throughout both days. Local MP Shona McIsaac popped in on Saturday afternoon and said that she had thoroughly enjoyed the event.

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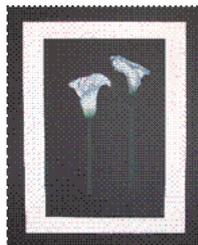
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# Notice Board

## Cash Bingo

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**Easter Prize Bingo** is on  
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Congratulations to the **Pot Luckers** - Jean, Louise, Sue and Carol - who won both the November and January Churches Together Quiz Nights.

The Cobnuts - Ruth, Sheila, Mary and Josie - were runners-up.

Look out for details of the next quiz coming soon.

On 13th December 2008 the Memorial Hall Committee held a Pie and Pea Supper and Christmas Raffle that was very well supported. The Committee would like to thank local businesses and individuals for their donations and everyone who supported and participated in both events, which raised more than £1,000 for Hall funds.

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14th January saw a special Committee Meeting held to commemorate the first very first Committee meeting in 1919. Treasurer Sam MacLeod read from the 1919 Minute Book. The meeting was well attended and people also brought interesting memorabilia to this event.

The **Gander AGM** will be held on **Thursday 19th March**, at **7.30pm** in the **Parish Room**.

Everyone is welcome to come along and comment on the newsletter and website over the past year and make suggestions about how we can improve.  
We hope to see you there.

## Memorial Hall 200 Club Winners

<u>Month</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
November	62	Mrs H Jauncey	£28.00
	193	Mrs V Ellwood	£28.00
December	77	Mrs S Munro	£28.00
	142	Mr W Wraith	£28.00
January	86	Mrs L Laws	£28.00
	168	Mr I Marsden	£28.00

The **Methodist Schoolroom** is available for hire at a competitive price.  
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Jane and Edward Arnott wish to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers and well wishes after the death of beloved mother and grandmother Ethel Collingwood in October.

If anyone is interested in a copy of the Airfield Plans in 1944 showing all sites, buildings, shelters, runways and dispersals, I can supply them - on two sheets of A2. Tel. Ron Parker on 532183 for details. e-mail [ron.parkgox@btinternet.com](mailto:ron.parkgox@btinternet.com)

## Forthcoming Church Services:

- **Sunday 15th March**, 10.30am, Methodist Chapel, Anniversary Service, led by Gwen Agar.
- **Mothering Sunday 22nd March**, 9.30am, Family Service at All Saints Church
- **Palm Sunday 5th April**, 8.30am, Holy Communion at All Saints Parish Church
- **Maundy Thursday 9th April**, 2pm, Easter Service at Greenfields Community Room; 7.00pm, Holy Communion at Goxhill Methodist Church
- **Good Friday 10th April**: 7.30pm, United Service at Methodist Chapel
- **Easter Sunday 12th April** 7.00am, Vigil Service in All Saints Churchyard, 9.30am, Holy Communion in All Saints.

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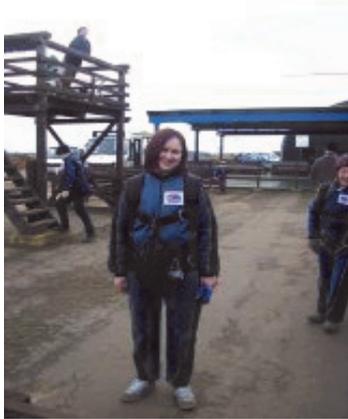
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Laura Malkin would like to thank all those people who sponsored and supported her in a skydive at Hibaldstow Airfield in aid of Breast Cancer Care on Sunday 15th February. They helped her raise £310.50, and Royal Mail are going to match the total raised by all the skydivers.

Below are photos of Laura and the team of jumpers who joined her: Lisa Tipple and Sarah Toop (of Barton), Laura Malkin and Clara Smith of Goxhill, Laura Alkhazali (Winterton) and village postman Martin Wharton (of Barton).



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Dear Gander,

I am writing to you due to a recent personal disappointment. I am 25 years old, married with two children and have lived in Goxhill my whole life. My eldest daughter recently turned three, and had her very first birthday party. It was a lovely day filled with much as happiness a parent could wish for. However, this had not come easily. When first organising the party my first thought was to book the hall. Now being a Goxhill girl, the Memorial Hall seemed the obvious choice. Little did I know about how difficult this would be.

Firstly I had to find out who to contact. This seemed such a simple task, but unfortunately took nearly a week to find out who to contact and how to contact then. I thank a friend from the pre-school for pointing me in the right direction. Then I rang the number, only to be greeted by a very rude man who gave the distinct impression he had better things to be doing than talking to me. I was told it was his wife I needed to speak to, so I asked if she was there, only to be told she was busy. I then asked when would be a convenient time to call back as I was wanting to book the Hall - again I was told his wife was busy. Then after a few seconds of heavy sighs from the man I was told to wait a minute. He then came back on the phone and I ended up having a three way conversation with the man and his wife about whether or not I could rent the Memorial Hall. I was asked a lot of questions, such as why did I want it, when did I want it, how many people would be going, and what would we be doing in the hall. Some of these questions were relevant to the rental, and some were not. I was made to feel like I was one big inconvenience. I explained I wanted the Hall for my daughters 3rd birthday as we wished to have a party for her with the other children we knew, and I was hoping to hire an indoor bouncy castle. I was replied to by the man saying, "we don't allow that", and the phone been put down.

Now I assume he meant the bouncy castle was not allowed and I will also assume this is down to insurance, which is understandable. However, I do feel it would have been better if I had been told this, rather than the above. Now my reason for this letter. I feel sad, very sad, that the village I live in and love has such rude people in charge of hiring out the Memorial Hall.

As I understood things, the Hall is there for people to use, as either a community or for private hire. Why is it so hard to find out how to hire it? And why do those people act like you are a huge pain. When hiring the hall you are using it for the purpose it is there for. Why have a village hall that no-one is allowed to use. I know from talking to others I am not the only person who has had these problems. In the end I took my business to Barrow Village Hall, where I shall go in the future, or at least until Goxhill Memorial Hall is made more accessible.

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## The Formation of the Girl Guides in Goxhill

Below are some notes I made when Mrs Jackie Ellis and I started the 1st Goxhill Guides. I stayed with the Guides for about a year until my children's competitive swimming took more of my time. Jackie stayed a little longer before leaving to be Post Mistress in Worlaby. With the ending of the company in the village, I thought readers might find them interesting.

*Jayne Bright*

**July 1971:** Mrs Ellis and myself have been approached by Mrs Brawn of the Brownies with regard to forming a Girl Guide company (this was because she had learned that both of us had been Guides, although neither of us had continued with the idea of becoming 'Guiders' but both of us had enjoyed this time in our life).

**7th September 1971:** *Goxhill County School, 6.30-8pm. Number of girls expected: 10. Number that turned up: 9.*

After general greetings had been exchanged, we got the girls seated in a horseshoe formation for a general talk about Guides and Guiding. Surprised to find very few girls actually knew anything about the movement, which can, on reflection be a good thing as Mrs Ellis and myself have not only to remember our Guiding days but also keep abreast of present day ideas.

Girls were shown handbook, also old copies of the 'Guide' were issued to be read during the coming week and exchanged among themselves. We decided to split the girls into two patrols but not to decide on a leader and 2nd until after enrolment as we wish to observe girls' progress and work capabilities and not make this an age decision.

... Approximately halfway through the evening we went into school yard for games lasting approximately 20 minutes. After returning to schoolroom we explained the promise and eight points. This was not very easy as we only had two handbooks. We decided to set up the girls a task which would cover becoming a 'homemaker' and asked them to make their own beds for one week (this was greeted with silence and then 'we haven't made them before' from the majority of the girls). We next explained the necessity of looking smart and well turned out in uniform. This was done with the aid of a copy of 'Today's Guide' which showed a full page picture of a Guide in uniform. After a general chat we broke up for the evening, 20 minutes later than planned.

We let the girls decide for themselves what patrol emblem they would adopt. The patrol consisting of Shirley Lamming, Brenda Lammiman, Jacki Lamming, Margaret Finlay and Tina Burford decided on red, and the other consisting of Janet Dent, June van den Bos, Lynda Percy and Julia Shearwood decided on daffodil.

**10th September 1971:** Mrs Ellis and myself, plus Mrs Sims and Mrs Brawn of the Brownie pack have attended an 'at home' given by Mrs Wood our district commissioner during which she introduced Mrs Mollett who is to be our new DC. Mrs Frank of South Ferriby is to be her deputy. Had some quite useful conversations with various other guiders from the area. We also discussed the registering of our company (which has to be going for approximately three months), also the warranting of Mrs Ellis and myself and the enrolment of our girls. We understand that we have to attend at least one training session before we can be warranted and are thus hoping to be able to attend a local one, i.e. Scunthorpe or Grimsby. We had arranged to go to Waddow w/e 17/9/71 but this was not possible as no vacancies existed upon application. This will now have to be postponed until spring of next year as weather conditions will not be good during the winter and family commitments for Christmas will need planning.

If you would like to read more of these reminiscences,  
they continue on our website [www.goxhill-gander.com](http://www.goxhill-gander.com)

And if you have stories of your time as a Guide in Goxhill over the past 37 years, we would love to hear them. Please get in touch in the usual way: [goxhill-gander@fsmail.net](mailto:goxhill-gander@fsmail.net)

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# Goxhill Parish Council

I hope you all had a great Xmas and New Year and have now settled back into the 'groove' full of new ideas and resolutions. We have three different types of notices for you in this edition; two of them are too large to be appended here so I will only outline them and direct you to the Page number where they can be read in their full glory as stand-alone articles elsewhere in the Gander.

Our first article however can be read below and deals with a topic near to most of our hearts and none more so than the self-employed tradesmen and women amongst us; I am of course referring to the downturn in available work as a direct result of the credit crunch. So if you fall into this category i.e. you are a bricklayer, electrician, joiner etc then this article should be of interest to you.

## LOCAL TRADES REGISTER

From time to time the Parish Council has small jobs that require the attention of a qualified tradesperson. Historically the council identified the problem and let their fingers do the walking and would hire the necessary person to do the job. With the downturn in work however it might be that we have all the necessary people with the correct skill sets here in the village that would be available and willing to carry out the necessary repair/job. The idea is that interested and qualified tradesmen/women pass their details to the Parish Clerk who would enter them in the register. As and when a job that requires their skill set is identified they will be invited to tender for that job. This is seen as a win-win situation for all involved all you have to do is register your interest. To do so simply contact the parish clerk: 01469 533971 or by email to: [goxhillparishcouncil@btinternet.com](mailto:goxhillparishcouncil@btinternet.com) She will need to know your name, contact details and your trade.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM (NAT).

In the second of our articles Mike Gathercole outlines the very valuable work being undertaken by the NAT. Further outlined is the many partnerships that have been forged and some of the work undertaken thus far, in an effort to make our village a safer place. It is informative and well worth a read. The article can be read in full on Page 23.

## GOXHILL CEMETARY PLANTING SCHEME

You will have seen I am sure the improvement that has been made to the cemetery grounds and you will be aware of the new planting scheme due to start in the spring. Our final article therefore serves to update us all on the scheme which when completed will bring our cemetery to the very high standard that it deserves. The article can be found at Page 25.

Thank you for taking the time to read all of our articles and hope you found them to be useful.

Please remember the Parish Council is here to serve the village. If you have any concerns or worries that you think we may be able to assist you with then please contact any of the individual councillors or the Parish Clerk.

See you next tissue.

*Pete Shields*

## Goxhill Art Group

When I first came to Goxhill in June 2000, the County Authority ran an Art class in the Memorial Hall. For a few years it was quite well attended until, due to monetary cutbacks, it was dispensed with. For a year local artists around the area into whatever class they could find. In 2005 Violet Dixon and I decided to form our own art group and hold sessions in the Bowling Club Pavilion. We had a good response and the group as grown in friendship and painting expertise. Sadly we lost Violet in October 2006 and she is greatly missed as a colleague and friend.

However, the Art Group has continued to grow and we are now in our fourth year. We meet regularly throughout the Winter months, September to April, on Thursday afternoons 1pm-3pm, enjoying tea and biscuits at 2pm. The artwork produced, mainly watercolours, is of a good standard - not only my opinion but also of visitors to our annual exhibition. In fact, so impressed are our viewers that several expressed a desire to join us. These new recruits had the will but not the know-how, so we started a "Watercolours for Beginners" class in September 2008. We meet on Thursday mornings 10am-12noon. Coupled with the ongoing afternoon sessions we now have a long but most enjoyable day for me and my "Tealady" wife Mave.

The afternoon sessions are fully subscribed. The morning 'Beginners' session has a few places available. Anyone interested should phone Stan Short on 01469 530722 for information.

Our annual exhibition will be on **Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April from 10am—4pm** in the Bowling Pavilion off Manor Lane. Come and see the standard for yourselves and support your local artists.

*Stan Short*

# GNeWs from Goxhill Neighbourhood Watch

Website: <http://beehive.thisisscunthorpe.co.uk/GNeW-Goxhill>

The Humberside Association of Neighbourhood Watch Groups requires each of its affiliated members to hold a public meeting at least once a year. Our annual meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday 24 March 2009 in the Parish Room, Howe Lane and is open to any Goxhill resident.

As well as the usual business – review of the year, finances, appointment of officers – we will be talking about our website. The bad news is that our existing free website hosting, courtesy of Scunthorpe Telegraph, is shortly to be withdrawn in its current format. The good news is that The Gander will be hosting some pages for us on their website, so we will be even easier for you to find – many thanks to Adam and the rest of the Gander team. If you can attend our annual meeting then you would be very welcome. If you will be unable to attend but have suggestions or views to contribute then please let me know by emailing [gnew@tesco.net](mailto:gnew@tesco.net) or telephoning 530363.

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John Guggiari, GNeW Area Co-ordinator

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# Your Village

## Humberside Police Monthly Open Surgery 20 March 2009

Following consultation with members of the public and looking at the needs of the community I will be holding a monthly surgery at Goxhill. This will be held in the Library in Howe Lane on **March 20** between the hours of **1530 and 1900** to coincide with Library opening hours.

This is an opportunity for you to meet me and to report non urgent incidents, be informed of the actual crime trends and reported incidents. You will be able to discuss your policing needs and concerns and be able to generally discuss any issues first hand with my self and other officers.

I am offering this service after discussions we have held with yourselves and hope to develop the service in order to meet the needs of the community. I look forward to meeting you this day and should you wish to discuss non-urgent other matters in the interim period you are welcome to contact me at the police station in Barton upon Humber in person or by the general phone number **0845 60 60 222**. For urgent police matters and for incidents and crimes in process you should call the national Emergency number 999. The Humberside Police is committed to serving its community and your feedback is always welcome.

*Pc John White*

The parish council is pleased to be associated with the Humberside Police Open Surgery which commences on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at The Howe Lane Library. This service is being provided after discussions with the community and the Police about bringing the face of the police to Goxhill at a dedicated time and place. The parish council in the past, following parishioners representations have raised many concerns about the level of policing provided in Goxhill, and whilst many of you would wish to have a dedicated police presence in the village we need to look at the policing needs of the whole of North Lincolnshire and have to concede that other areas do have more pressing needs for policing and it is only right those areas are policed accordingly. You will be aware that Pc J White and additionally his Police Community Support officers do spend more time in the village and this Open Surgery is another initiative by John to listen to your needs. Please support the surgery and should you wish it to be developed further then contact John or any Parish Council representative.

You should also be aware of the Ferry Ward Neighbourhood Action Team which is supported by many partners including Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue the Ambulance Service, North Lincolnshire Council (all departments), and other agencies. This service is there for the community of Goxhill and its neighbouring Villages and takes reports of incidents causing concerns to residents. These include Policing, Anti Social Behaviour, All North Lincolnshire Council Services which impact upon the community. The Team meet six times per year and discuss all areas of concern, these concerns are then collated and actioned with a strategic action plan to resolve issues. Those issues which cannot be concluded are then taken to a monthly North Lincolnshire Action Team so that a more concerted effort by the respective agencies can be formulated. As an example South Killingholme had in the past a major Anti Social Behaviour problem in the vicinity of its community centre. This issue had been raised by residents and its parish council to the police in order that action should be taken against the offenders. The Ferry Ward Neighbourhood Action Team looked at the problem in conjunction with the Police, the housing association, The Parish Council, The North Lincolnshire Council Safer Neighbourhoods Team and the probation service. It would be easy to have had a major police presence at the Centre, however a more collective response was instigated, this consisted of the Local Housing Association writing to its residents explaining the issues, The Safer Neighbourhoods Team visiting known offenders, the probation service clearing the overgrown vegetation in the vicinity of the Community Centre, and the Parish Council accepting its responsibilities for the protection of its own buildings by the provision of CCTV Cameras. The result of this concerted effort by the various agencies has now resulted in the community centre having much less Anti Social Behaviour and it has freed up the police to police other pressing needs and to have more time to have a general patrol of areas like Goxhill (South Killingholme is policed under the same policing area as Goxhill).

I do hope this has given a picture of the N.A.T. and what it can do for the community, should you have an area of concern which you feel the Team should look at please contact either the Parish Council or myself on 01469 532208 (Mike) and it will be investigated. You will always be informed of the outcome of any matter investigated by the Neighbourhood Action Team.

*Mike Gathercole*

<b>TREES</b>	<b>Total to be planted</b>
Amerlanchier Lamark (June Berry).....	6
Japenese Maple Acer Palmatum “Sango-Kaku”.....	2
Crab Apple Malus “Golden Hornet”.....	6
Crab Apple Malus “Red Sentinel”.....	6
Cherry Prunus x Yedoensis.....	6
Holly Ilex x Altaclerernsis “Gold King”.....	6
Holly Ilex Aquifolia.....	6
<b>SHRUBS</b>	
Laurel Aucuba Crotonifolia.....	6
Berberis “Wilsoniae”.....	4
Choisya Terenata.....	8
Dogwood Cornus Alba “Flaviramea”.....	35
Dogwood Cornus Alba “Westonbirt”.....	35
Dogwood Cornus Kousa.....	4
Dogwood Cornus “Midwinter Fire”.....	35
Cotoneaster Frigidus “Fructu Luteo”.....	4
Cotoneaster Lacteus.....	6
Cotoneaster Watereri Cornubia.....	6
Deutzia Scabra Candidissima.....	6
Eleagnus Ebbingii Limelight.....	8
Euonymus Europaeus “Red Cascade”.....	8
Exocordia x Macrantha “The Bride”.....	6
Forsythia x Beatrix Farrand”.....	8
Hydrangea Paniculata “Grandiflora”.....	8
Holly Ilex Golden Mikboy.....	16
Kerria Japonica “Flore Pleana”.....	28
Lonicera Fragrantissima.....	6
Mahonia Media “Charity”.....	24
Paeonia Delavayi.....	6
Mock Orange Philadelphus “Belle Etoil”.....	6
Mock Orange Philadelphus “Aurea”.....	6
Mock Orange Philadelphus “Manteau D’Hermine.....	6
Photonia x Fraseri “Red Robin”.....	6
Photinia Villosa.....	4
Pyracantha “Orange Glow”.....	8
Pyracantha “Red Column”.....	8
Rosa Moyesii.....	8
Sarcococa Confusa.....	8
Spirea Arguta.....	6
Yew Taxus Baccato “Fastigiata Aureomarginata.....	16
Viburnum Plicatum “Mariesii”.....	8
Viburnum x Bodnantense “Dawn”.....	4
Viburnum Macrocephalum.....	4
Weigela “Bristol Ruby”.....	4
<b>LAVENDER</b>	
Lavender “Hidcote”.....	400
<b>CLIMBERS</b>	
Clematis “Comtesse de Bouchaud”.....	12
Clematis “Jackman”.....	12
Clematis “Lasurstern”.....	12
Clematis Cirrhosa “Freckles”.....	12
<b>ROSES</b>	
Rose “Bonica”.....	36
Rose “Rambling Rector”.....	6
Rose “Kliftsgate”.....	6
Rose “Alberic Barbier”.....	6

# Your Village

## GOXHILL CEMETERY PLANTING SCHEME

As previously announced in the Gander, the Parish Council will commence a landscaping scheme in the Cemetery this Spring. Several people have already expressed an interest in contributing toward the scheme or sponsoring a particular tree/shrub, and a list of the plants is given on the page to the left.

As some people may wish to make a more general donation, the Parish Council would prefer not to dedicate each individual plant with a name plate, but will be happy to supply people with a site plan showing their chosen plant and location. The scheme was designed by Jacky & Mike Tucker (Planting by Design) who will be happy to assist people with any enquiries if they want to pop down and have a look whilst planting is underway.

For further details, please contact any councillor directly or the clerk on 01469 533971. Donations should be in the form of a cheque/postal order made payable to "Goxhill Parish Council", and forwarded to Goxhill Parish Council c/o 4 St Michaels Court, Goxhill DN19 7HF. People wishing to sponsor particular plants should mark this clearly, together with their name and address if a receipt and plan of the landscape scheme is required.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has taken the trouble to write or telephone to compliment the recent grounds maintenance – your comments are very much appreciated.

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## A message from the new primary school head teacher:

I would like to introduce myself and express my excitement and delight at being able to take up the post of head teacher at Goxhill Primary School. Having heard many great things about the school and the children from Mr Jackson, other staff members and the governors, I am looking forward to making my contribution to both the school and the village. I am also looking forward to getting to know all of you and working closely with you. I think the Goxhill Gander is a great publication and I will look forward to continuing the contribution the school makes to it. It is my intention to create as many opportunities for community involvement as possible. In terms of the school I am committed to ensuring Goxhill Primary School will continue to offer the best possible opportunities for the children of the village and to helping them develop and achieve their maximum potential academically, socially and emotionally. In partnership with parents I will look forward to working with you in developing our children as well rounded young adults of the future. I am always happy to make myself available should you have any worries or concerns you may need to discuss and to also celebrate the successes from your children's contribution within the school. I will endeavour to ensure that the systems that you have become accustomed to continue to operate and will not be making any changes to school policy without consultation with you.

Best Wishes to the Goxhill Gander during this spring term.

*Miss C. Breslin*

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## **TWAM Comes to North Lincolnshire**

**What Is TWAM?** - Tools With A Mission

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**Who Will Use These Items?** The items are collected by a local volunteer, checked and then sent on to the main centre in Ipswich. They are packed into containers and shipped to Third World countries. One sewing machine can support three families in Africa.

Volunteers give their time and do not receive any payment or costs.

If you have any of the above, please contact Ian Ross, Goxhill Parish Councillor, on **01469 530526** or **07752612316**, or J Marshment on **01652 618441**.

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# OFF THE HOOF



“A word to the wise ain’t necessary – it’s the stupid ones that need the advice.”  
*Bill Cosby*

**A**s I sit to write this article it seems hard to imagine that a week ago I was on the sunny beaches of Benidorm whilst England was in the grips of appalling weather. Today I have many layers on and a woolly hat. – And that’s indoors!

Layers work for horses too. Sometimes I believe it is better to put two lighter layers than one thick heavy one. At least if we have a warmer day one layer can be removed for a few hours and easily replaced.

If your horse is spending more hours in the stable owing to the weather try and think of more ways to relieve the boredom. A radio helps and there are several mineral licks on the market which are presented on a rope or in a ball which they have to work harder for. Even if you usually hay on the floor try using a hay net with smaller holes as for haylage and if you do not have one or do not consider it big enough put one net inside another misaligning the holes so the hay lasts longer. You may feel the need to give your horse extra feed in the cold weather. Think about what you are feeding. Perhaps instead of giving an extra feed it may be better to divide one feed in two and add extra carrots and apples.

Speedi-Beet is a good source of fibre and can be used after ten minutes of soaking. As it is unmolassed and 95% sugar free it helps to keep the weight on and adds condition without the fizz. It has been awarded the seal of approval from the Laminitis Trust so for those prone to Laminitis or Cushings it is a valuable feed and

offers great value for money. On colder days try making it with hot water- they love it.

Dried grass also has a place in any feeding regime particularly at this time of year

It goes without saying but I am saying it anyway – do not forget to worm your animals be it dog, cat or horse but in the case of dogs and cats they also need de-fleaing as they are both of the same cycle and one is useless without the other.

There is now no doubt the recession is hitting hard and the price of horses has dropped again. Some people are now looking to give their horses away. Whilst last year I was looking for a 12.2 and could not find one I am now turning them away. Really cracking little ponies too. They are all too late though as we now have a pony called “Rosie”. Although she is not the most beautiful of ponies she has a beautiful temperament and so far has not put a hoof wrong.

All the animal charities report they have more animals than they with cope with and over the Christmas period there was no room at the inn for dogs in the Cleethorpes area and I ended up with one which had been abandoned on Christmas Eve. She cost me a fortune as she had a skin condition and had not had injections but the normal kennels had no room and I have since heard they are closing. It does not bode good for the future and I now wish I had done more to try and save H.A.R.A. from closing.

Luckily I have found a super home for the Staffy I took in and have visiting rights!

More horses are being given over to the charities, which leaves them struggling financially. But – you can help. I would like you to save all the used postage stamps you can and any old or damaged mobile phones. These can be turned into much needed cash. Last year Bransby Home Rest for Horses raised £6,000 but with your help I am sure we can increase that. Either drop them off to me or to Caroline in the Post Office and I will make sure they

get them. Ask your friends to save them too. It costs you nothing but means such a lot to those horses and ponies.

It could be that many more horses will go to sales and possibly be exported for meat. This trade should be abolished as it is totally unnecessary to export live horses. In a recent report conducted by the World Horse Welfare it was found 100,000 horses are transported each year through many countries in appalling conditions. In shipments totalling 1519 horses, 4 out of every 5 were considered unfit for transport and had one or more clinical signs of disease. Not only is this totally unacceptable for any livestock it raises the question of disease spreading in this country. World Horse Welfare now has just over 70,500 signatures on its petitions but it desperately needs more in order to strengthen its case to the European Commission. It costs you nothing. You can make a difference. If you love animals please help them and sign the petition on line at [www.makeanoise.co.uk](http://www.makeanoise.co.uk) or call 01953497262 for more information of how you may help.

Whilst browsing through a horse book the other day I stopped on the “Ageing” page and the teeth which said unscrupulous sellers of horse-flesh could attempt to “doctor” the age of the animals teeth. “However, what is tolerated in the case of lady film stars, actresses and the like – the majority whom suspend the laws of time around the age of twenty one years – it is definitely not permissible when you, the innocent purchaser, are looking for a long-eared and four-footed friend.” It made me smile.

Closer to home it is hoped to exchange the Public Bridleway which runs down by the side of the church to the other side of the church yard. This would make it

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# Run for Lindsey Lodge Hospice

**Strap on your trainers and run for Lindsey Lodge Hospice this year.  
Marathon, half marathon, 10k, 6k – what’s your challenge?**

If you have a place in the London Marathon or any other running events and you can raise money for Lindsey Lodge Hospice we want to hear from you.

Vivian Vincent, Fundraising Administration Manager says “By supporting Lindsey Lodge in this way fundraisers can make an enormous difference to people suffering from life threatening illnesses cared for at Lindsey Lodge.

If you would like to help or would like a running pack which includes information about the hospice, sponsor forms and running vest, please telephone Vivian at the fundraising office on 01724 843731,  
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## The Short Award 2009

Here is an 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 to be held on Wednesday 15th April, at 7.30pm.

Nomination papers are available at the Supply Stores, Westfield Road and below. Forms are to be returned to Colin Creasey at the Supply Stores in a sealed envelope by Wednesday 18th March, 2009.

I nominate..... for the Short Award because .....

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Signed .....

Off the Hood, continued...

much safer to exit from King Street onto the main road. I urge you all to keep using the few bridleways we have and if there is a problem to contact Anita Greener at the Council or myself. Hopefully we will have more news on bridleways for the next edition but things are never as straight forward as they seem and take much longer to resolve.

In the last edition I mentioned Jill Latchford and her judging expertise. Not to be left out her eldest son, Simon, is facing a riding challenge of a lifetime. Simon entered for the opportunity to ride in the "John Smiths Race" which was promoted by the "Market Rasen Mail." At the time of entering he thought it would be fun but he has progressed far beyond his expectations. He is currently in the final 16 of which 10 will be chosen a week before the race which will be on Grand National Day at Aintree. He has been training at the Northern Racing College at Doncaster and at the time of writing he has lost 16 pounds in 14 days and still has another stone to go. That alone should be inspirational for those trying to loose weight and it is not compulsory to ride a horse! Perhaps Simon will divulge his secret in the next issue because he obviously still has to keep exceptionally fit. The Prize is £50,000 for a favourite charity.

Joanne Burns is back on a high after her car crash last year as she came 4<sup>th</sup> in the British Amateur Championships on her horse "Magali" in the 120 Grand Prix at Arena UK just before Christmas.

Congratulations are also in order as she has now passed her U.K.C.C. (United Kingdom Credited Coach) for B.S.J.A. (British Show Jumping Association). Joanne is the only Accredited B.S.J.A. Instructor for this area which is area 24. Very well done!

Pelham Tack at Immingham had been nominated for the Small Business of the Year Award. I am pleased to report that out of 2,000 nominations they are now amongst the last 5 in the National finals.

The girls have worked extremely hard to open their doors six days a week. They constantly seek to improve their stock and will "special order" when required. They currently stock an innovative synthetic saddle which is fully adjustable for all spheres of riding as alternative saddle flaps can be purchased separately. These look really good and synthetic saddles have certainly improved over the last couple of years. Well worth investigating. They are hoping to be able to offer a saddle fitting service in the near future.

In this dreadful weather please remember to break the ice on water

troughs and put out separate water for the birds. You certainly do not want it contaminated or a bird falling to its death in it. Remember to put whatever you can out for the wildlife as it gets increasingly difficult for them.

Hopefully next time the sun will be shining and if all you avid gardeners require quality fertilizer for free please contact me. For parents or teachers who want to create a small wormery ready for the spring to help feed the fledglings just bring a bucket or container round and I will fill it for you. You will have hours of fun watching the parents feeding the young and later the young learning to fly. Nature at no charge!

No matter what the weather let both yourself and your horse be seen.

I was impressed by Eva Border, who has to lead her horses along the road to get to the field. Her jacket is high-vis but she has sewn high-vis material on the browbands and a strip on the tail flap of the New Zealands.

I think that's enough of my ramblings for now. Please keep your news and views coming in because if I don't hear about it I can't write about it.

Take Care - Ride Safely

*Aileen*  
01469 530642

The Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Hall will be held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 at 7.30 pm. The Management Committee would love to see some enthusiastic young people eager to come up with exciting new projects and different activities for the community to enjoy. Do not think there is "nothing to do in Goxhill" – there is if only volunteers would give an hour or two each month. The Hall is here for everyone – it has excellent facilities for a number of activities. The main hall has a marked court for soft ball tennis, badminton and carpet bowls. Full size snooker tables and table tennis. All enquiries to Mrs. Iris MacLeod, tel.no. 530772.

We would also like to advertise for a minutes secretary for the monthly meetings at the Memorial Hall. Starting April 2009. Due to work reasons Heather is retiring but will work with anyone interested in taking up this voluntary post.

Do not forget the Gander AGM is to be held on  
Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Room (by the library).

# History of Goxhill Control Tower or the Goxhill Brick-Making Industry

In 2003 the Control Tower (Watch Tower for RAF) on Goxhill airfield which was built in early 1941, was demolished and transported to America in Virginia Beach at the Military Aviation Museum, where it is to be reconstructed for its original use controlling preserved airworthy wartime Fighters of its era in flight and house Museum exhibits.

This building was constructed of bricks made within the Parish. The brick making industry at Goxhill goes back something like one-and-a-half centuries with the know-how passed on with each generation of workers. There were seven brickyards here on the banks of the River Humber for two reasons: the supply of clay and the river transport for the products. Before road vehicles were available each had a jetty into the Humber for loading Sloops as the Humber Sailing Barges were called and the bricks could be sent to any ports on the east coast as far away as London. It was the Spreety Barges from the River Thames which came to collect them for the Capital and other towns in the area, also into the rivers that led from the Wash to the towns inland which were situated on these rivers in Lincolnshire and Norfolk. They were also carried inland with sloops up the rivers such as the Trent and Ouse, then further in-land by canals, also up the coast north if need-be. They possibly covered half of England if the orders arrived. Five brickyards were working until 1915 or so, when they had to close down due to the work force volunteering or being conscripted in to the Army during the First War of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

It is interesting that several of these brickyards were named after the renowned Gold Rush towns, Klondike and Dawson City. It is believed they were opened for manufacturing at approximately the time the Press printed the news of these Gold Fields, as an old map of the sites in the 1890 era shows only farms and no existing brickyards. The Goldfields rush came at Klondike in 1896 and Dawson City in 1898 so one can expect they were opened around 1900. Then we have number 3, Quebec, which is now known as the Sandtoft Tileries making concrete tiles today. Goxhill Brick Works was founded in 1899 by the Hull brick maker Mr David Goy, who bought a

49-acre field on the south bank of the river Humber in the parish of Goxhill. In 1901 came the erection of a continuous Hoffman Brick Kiln, Chimney, Brick Mill, Drying Sheds and six cottages, brick making commenced and the name of Goy Works was changed to "Quebec" until the 1914 war when production ceased, (the history of the Quebec gold rush covers a period from 1849 to the 1960s) so no-doubt Mr Goy not to be out done for a name with his operation chose the much publicized name of Quebec, to compete with Klondike & Dawson City just up the road.

Quebec was the only yard to open up again after the war when in 1920 a Hull Company acquired this non-productive yard and appointed a manager, Mr George Smith and production of bricks restarted, until he retired in 1926 when Mr A Oldridge was appointed manager with Mr E Lacey as his assistant. In 1932 a second yard was built for making facing bricks and clay roofing tiles, named Goxhill Brickworks Ltd. In 1939 the making of Roof Tiles ceased under the direction of the Ministry of Works since the making of bricks was more essential for the building of air-raid shelters and airfield construction - during the recession of the 1930s unsold stock had piled up to some extent and with the construction of Goxhill airfield and others in Lincolnshire, Goxhill Bricks became an asset to the War Effort as a supply was already there: the Control Tower and most of the other buildings on our airfield were constructed with them..

Briefly Goxhill bricks were made of Clay baked in a kiln fired by coal, controlled by a skilled operator, the correct heat decided by the amount of coal fed in and the control of the air flowing through, combined with the length of time: too hot and they melt into a block or heat too low and time too short they are soft and will disintegrate in face of the weather. When the kiln was filled with bricks for burning, the doorway was sealed with a mixture of Humber mud, sand and cement before the fire was lit, the mixture was called "Pug"..

First, the clay was dug in the winter by hand and wheeled in barrows along planks and tipped into a large square stack so it could weather (mature)

for a time. At different levels there are different types of clay when digging down and they are mixed accordingly, as it was made into a stack, a layer of one type of clay would be dug and spread horizontally across it and then another type, and then another, layer upon layer of different types all in repeated orders, (due to the experience of past generations of brickyard workers) until it was approximately 12-feet high. When it was reloaded into barrows for transportation the Mill, it was dug in strips in a vertical direction so it mixed all the different clays together in a skip on a small railway line and transported to the Mill, where it was again remixed and churned up into the correct texture so it could be forced through the die in the shape of the brick in a long length. When it was at a certain length, the operator brought over a handle, in a half circle of movement with a frame of nine wires attached, (like a cheese-wire) all at the same distance apart.

The bricks had a set of holes in them for two reasons. First was for a wooden fork with the prongs made to fit the holes so they could pick up the bricks (three at once) because they were too soft to pick up by hand. With the fork these wet bricks were loaded onto barrows and wheeled into the drying sheds (each known as a chassis) and allowed to dry out naturally, no artificial heat, being turned over several times in the process until they were ready for the kiln, then to the kiln for burning. With the burning finished, and the kiln cooled after the fire had been allowed to go out, they were removed and stacked outside to for a further period of cooling before delivery to the builder.

When the clay digging finished and Brick-making began in April it was the same time the Pied Wagtails, often called "Willie Wagtails", would return to their summer nesting sites and could be seen on the clay stacks feeding on the insects that lived there. When the brick-yard workers first saw them, they said, "the 'Brick Makers' are back!!"

During the American occupation at Goxhill the USAAF had at times a need for bricks and sent their transport to collect them. One day in 1944, a Jimmy (nickname for their GMC trucks) went to Quebec for a load of bricks. On arriving, the GI who was riding with the driver got out and asked for directions where to load; he then got on the step at the side of the driver's door to direct

him to the bricks. They had to pass under the walkway that was used to gain access to the top storey of the Hoffman Kiln, where it was fed with coal for the fires, when the top of the canopy that covered back of the truck hit the walkway and dislodged some planks which fell down onto the truck hitting the GI on the step and killed him.

So now a piece of this once little-known village in Lincolnshire (now North Lincolnshire for Political reasons) is to become established on American soil by using a raw material of the village land in the form of Clay, then made into bricks by Goxhill Residents 70 years ago, built into a building and operated by our American Allies who helped us to defeat our common enemy in the 1940s, at the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA.

During the 1930s and beyond, Goxhill was known as "The last place God made and he forgot to finish it." When the United States Army Air Force arrived in June 1942, most of the personnel, especially those from the Southern States such as Florida and Texas, agreed!

On 12<sup>th</sup> November at Virginia Beach, VA, USA, the first stage of planning permission to rebuild the Goxhill Control Tower at the Military Aviation Museum was presented to the Council and was granted. On 9<sup>th</sup> December it went to the City Council for its final hearing and was granted with a nine-to-two majority. Test boring of the soil began on 7<sup>th</sup> January for the foundations. A German hangar from the Berlin district has also been transported in sections to the Museum and the planning permission included a clause that these two buildings were only to be used for their own aircraft. The Museum has 40 wartime aircraft, 35 of which are kept there, many of them Fighters including a British Spitfire & Hurricane - the largest private collection in existence.

Anyone who has further interest in this project and are on the internet can look up the Military Aviation Museum at Virginia Beach, VA, and Fighter Factory, Virginia Beach, which finds and restores wartime aircraft to airworthy condition. Also there is the Aviation Institute of Maintenance which trains students for jobs in the aircraft industry, all owned by Mr Gerald Yagen, Virginia Beach...

*Ron Parker, January 2009*

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