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GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2010



The snow may not have been as bad as some years. But it has been a long hard winter and getting out of the village has been hazardous on many occasions.

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I hope that by the time you read the Spring issue of the Gander we will have seen the last of the Wintry weather for this year.

It was nothing like the winters in the past. I can remember being cut off from the outside world for a few days, having to wade through snow drifts, up to my waist down Willow Lane. I think that was in 1987. It was great fun, for a while, as I could work from home. But that winter was tame compared to 1947.

Although we were not cut off this year, it certainly cut down on my trips in the car, to absolute necessities, as the roads were so treacherous. It is at times like this that you really appreciate all the facilities we do have on our doorstep in the village; food shops, hairdressers, post office, fish, chips, pizzas and take away food, café and deli, animal feeds and supplies, pub, car servicing and repair, accountants and solicitors, beauty and health therapists, builders, plumbers, decorators and home maintenance businesses, furniture, window, door and conservatory companies, driving instructors, gardening and garden machinery services, childcare organisations, doctors surgery and many more.



Many of them advertise in the Gander and help to pay for its production. But it is vital that we use our local businesses as much as possible, all year round! It cuts down on unnecessary journeys, which we should all be doing to cut down our carbon footprint, and it keeps the local economy going. And they are your friends and neighbours, so help to keep them in business or employed, especially during these hard times. Why let work go out of the village if there are perfectly good services within it.

The same applies to the local facilities, the library, the various function rooms, the playing fields, the school, the riding stables, the clubs and groups. All need using and need your support and help to keep them going. They do not run by magic, it is down to dedication and work by volunteers. The more people to help the less of a burden it is and the pleasure of doing it is greater. There are two articles in this newsletter alone, the Rainbows and the Bowling Club, asking for help or more members to keep things going. The school are also keen to have more community activities there, please see their article.

So please keep Goxhill thriving!

We have one or two new features in this issue of the Gander, our resident Celebrity Chef is going to do a regular piece and answer any questions, so if your Yorkshire Puddings come out as mine do, like Yorkshire biscuits, then send in those queries. Our bee keepers are offering to deal with unwanted swarms in the village, perhaps our experts at the allotments could answer any fruit and veg growing queries. Send in any questions preferably by email to **goxhill-gander@fsmail.net** or to any member of the Gander team.

We are always on the look out for new ideas and articles related to Goxhill, about people and places and events, so please don't hesitate to make contact with me.

Finally, **the GANDER's AGM** has been set for **Wednesday March 24th at 7.00pm** in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome to come along and ask questions of the Gander team or make your views known.

**Jeff Teasdale**

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# LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

By the time you read this, a date for the General Election may well have been set. We can look forward to several weeks of being bombarded with party political broadcasts and leaflets through our doors. The political journalists will dominate our news and current affairs programmes, and there will be countless interviews and debates.

The parties will be at pains to explain why their manifesto is the one that is going to lift the country out of the doldrums and on doorsteps, at meetings and on 'Question Time' candidates are going to make promises about what they will do if we'll only vote for them. Our responsibility and task will be to decide: will they fulfil those promises?

The political profession has recently been held in very low esteem by the public. Sleaze and scandal seem to crouch at the door of many politicians, some of whom have always been cynical about their profession. Someone once asked the great Winston Churchill what was the main qualification for being a politician. He replied, "The ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year – and the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen."

Whether we like it or not, we have an important duty come polling day. We have the right to help choose the person we want to be our representative in parliament. We have the right to influence the policies that will govern the country over the next few years. People have fought and struggled and many have died to win us the right to vote, and we have a responsibility to use our vote wisely. Millions in the world today do not have the privilege of what we so frequently take for granted.

So what qualities should we look for in choosing which candidate to vote for? The Bible outlines the qualities that God expects of Christian leaders which are also relevant to MPs. The leader, says the Bible, must be above reproach ... faithful to their partner ... temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, persuasive, not given to excessive wine, gentle rather than violent, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money ... have a well organised personal life, be of good reputation, and be sincere and worthy of respect.[1 Tim 3:2-4, 8]

That's certainly a pretty tall order! How many politicians measure up? How many of US would measure up? But, some might argue, we are entitled to expect more of those in positions of power and authority than we are of ourselves. We are allowing them to have great power over us. They may even take our country into war. So, once again, a book written many years ago has guidelines that are as relevant today as when they were first written. If our new political leaders embody the values and principles within that book we can look with optimism to the future.

**Rev John Girtchen**

## LENT & EASTER SERVICES

14th March Mothering Sunday	9.30am	All Saints: Family Communion & Baptisms
28th March Palm Sunday	10.00am	Short service in All Saints Church followed by walk of witness to Goxhill Methodist Church, at 10.30am for a United Service which will include Holy Communion
1st April Maundy Thursday	2.00pm	Greenfields Community Room: Easter Service, all welcome
	7.00pm	Goxhill Methodist Church: Holy Communion
2nd April Good Friday	2.00-3.00pm	All Saints: "Dressing the Cross" – a devotion based on the Passion of Christ.
4th April Easter Day	7.00am	All Saints' Churchyard: Vigil Service
	9.30am	All Saints: Holy Communion
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# LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Under the heading 'Is anything as hopeless as New Year resolutions?' a national newspaper encouraged us to 'forget it; leave it till Lent, a cleverly designed stretch of 40 days when you'll probably have God (or the fear of God) on your side. Be it cigarettes, sweets, swearing or sex that sometimes works. It may not do you any good, but at least it proves you can do it.' The thrust of the rest of the article was - is a year too long or why stop after a year if the resolution is right?

Whenever we decide to work on a new approach it is easy to lose heart, especially if we feel alone in this decision. Another recent article spoke of the pain of recycled memories that only unsettle, stopping us from moving on confidently able to leave behind our own past foolishnesses and mistakes or the hurts inflicted by others.

Thankfully help is at hand in all these areas where we struggle, and that help comes from the one person who loves, cares, understands and offers the release of forgiveness to each of us, Jesus.

When you and I focus on the cross of Jesus, where the Saviour of your world and mine gave His life for our sins we can know the joy of our sins both forgiven and forgotten and the strength to tackle New Year / Lent resolutions. Why not read the Apostle Paul's guidance in Philippians Chapter 3 of the Bible?

Easter Day will soon be upon us with its thrill of resurrection life celebrated throughout Christian communities, not just on April 4th 2010, but every Sunday throughout the year. Like those resolutions if it is worth starting it is worth continuing! As I typed this 'what a friend we have in Jesus' began on my accompanying CD. Indeed - Friend, Saviour, Lord and best helping hand of all time, right into eternity!

God bless, Gillian

**Rev Gillian Belford, Methodist Minister 01652 632148**

## A TRIBUTE TO DORIS JONES

My grandma first came to Goxhill in August 1948. She travelled over from Liverpool to meet the family of the man who was to become her husband, my grandfather Ronald Jones. It was like an alien world to her. She had spent time in several places round the country during the war, but had never seen anything like Goxhill was then.

Ronald's grandparents John and Selina Foulston had worked Glebe Farm down Horsegatefield Road until retirement, when they had moved into Highthorn closer to the village, handing the farm to their youngest son Frank. Sadly, earlier that summer John had died and the family were still in mourning, so she did not meet them in the happiest of circumstances. Nonetheless, what shocked her was how they lived off the land, with cows for milk, chickens for their eggs and a pig kept for Christmas. Coming from urban Merseyside, my gran had never seen anything like it.

For both grandma and her soon-to-be in-laws, there was also the language barrier. My gran came with a recognisable Scouse accent and met a family adept at the Lincolnshire dialect. They all came to rely on Ronald to translate!

By the time she came to live in Goxhill in the mid-1990s, after 45 years living in Grimsby, all traces of my grandma's Liverpool upbringing had long since stopped being evident in her voice. Goxhill too had moved on. Glebe Farm had passed through several families since, and had had running water and electricity for decades. All the same, gran strongly remembered those early visits and never quite got used to the ways of life in a village like ours, past or present.

She would see me, my brother Simon, or Mum every day; she was active with the chapel; and for the best part of 10 years walked around Goxhill on constitutionals. She made friends and lived comfortably, but I know she still looked on the village with an outsider's eyes.

In trying to find the best way to pay tribute to my grandma, following her death on February 8th, these memories became increasingly important. Ultimately, it has to be her family - in my parents, who have lived in Goxhill for almost 35 years and been involved in the community for all that time, in Simon and my childhood here and continued sense of the village as home, and, dare I say it, in this newsletter, which I hope for five years represented her while I was editor. It is my gran who gave me the sense of how Goxhill had changed and would continue to do so, who shared a love of the countryside without familiarity with agricultural processes, who came in some way to speak the language of the area. I got my love of words through Gran (via my mum), attention to detail, certainty about what is right.

My gran had three children and six grandchildren. For her, like most of you, who may not have done much exciting in life, been on a few holidays, but always come home, the only thing that counts is the people you leave behind. The number of people who attended her funeral made the family proud, and now we will do the same in the years to come. From Merseyside to Humberside: just one more step in a story bigger than us all.

God bless, Grandma!

**Adam Ellis**

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# SCHOOL REPORT

As I write this article, memories of snow and ice, school closures (thankfully, not ours) and dark, miserable mornings seem very close. However, by the time that this edition lands on your doorstep, we may well have had a touch of sunshine and, hopefully, early signs of spring will be showing around our village.

As always, our school has been buzzing with excitement and there has been lots going on, both during and outside of the school day. In fact, today has been a very exciting day because we had a very important visitor; the Right Reverend David Rossdale, Bishop of Grimsby. Bishop David took part in an assembly hosted by Y5 and was then treated to tea and cakes, followed by a school tour organised by our newly elected School Council.

In the last Gander, we mentioned the upcoming Ceilidh - an Irish barn dance that we were holding as a fundraiser. The evening was a massive success and a really good time was had by all. Live music of a fantastic standard was supplied by 'The Workshy Profits', a professional Ceilidh band. We raised approximately £500 on the night and we are really grateful to our friends in the band who played during the evening, as well as Stuart from Goxhill Chippie who kindly donated the pie and pea supper.

The festive season was enjoyed by all. Christmas productions were staged by all year groups from Foundation to Year 4. We held a traditional Christmas Carol service in All Saints' Church featuring readers ranging from our youngest pupils in school right up to our young adults from Year 6. On the last afternoon of term, the school gathered together in the hall alongside members of the community to sing traditional Christmas carols. Both of these events were well received by parents and members of the community and we hope to make them a regular feature of Christmas time at our school.

Another very successful fund raiser for our school was the Christmas Fayre. We had a great evening with a traditional mix of games, competitions and activities. Much excitement was generated towards the end of the evening when the winner of our grand prize draw was announced. We would like to thank all of the companies and individuals who provided prizes to be raffled – with special mention to Mr Matthew Barrick who donated a PS3 Slim as the star prize!

As you know, the New Year brought snow. We were very lucky and managed to keep the school open throughout with virtually no interference to our pupils' learning. Due to the fact that many of



our staff live within walking distance of the school, it is highly unlikely that we would close due to snow.

As the spring term unfolds, so too do lots of opportunities for our pupils. We will shortly be performing at Brigg Festival - in a variety of categories and we will, hopefully, add to our previous successes. We will hopefully be raising more funds to enrich our curriculum by holding events such as Easter Egg Bingo and a Valentine's Disco.

Around the time of publication, we will be having a steel band in school for the day which we are all very excited about and looking forward to.

We are very much aware that our school is, for many people, the hub of the village. We take this responsibility very seriously and with great pride. We enjoy welcoming friends new and old into school and showing off the skills and achievements of our pupils. We work hard to actively encourage links with as much of our community as we can, from toddlers taking part in our sensory sessions (kindly provided by Barton Children's Centre), to pensioners being given sneak previews of our performances. We would very much like to expand our relationship with the community and we would like to offer community members a chance to suggest ways that we could build even better links. For example, there has been a suggestions of holding traditional dancing sessions (old-time / ballroom) in the school hall. If you think this would interest you, or if you have any other suggestions of the kind of activities that we could provide, we would really appreciate it if you shared your ideas with us. The easiest way to contact us is via email on [info@goxhillschool.com](mailto:info@goxhillschool.com) (or use the suggestion box on the website- [www.goxhillschool.com](http://www.goxhillschool.com)). Alternatively, feel free to ring the school on 530743.

We are very proud of our school and our village and look forward to a bright spring time filled with lots of interesting and enjoyable experiences for our children and our community.

**P. Brown, C. Breslin**

on behalf of the Staff & Governors of Goxhill School

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# SHELTER BOXES FOR HAITI

Goxhill Primary School has been helping to raise money for the Barton Rotary Club ShelterBox appeal for Haiti. The school raised £405 during a no uniform day, to help pay for ShelterBoxes which have already been sent to provide people in Haiti with somewhere to live, following the devastating earthquake. Each box contains a ten person tent, sleeping bags, water purifying equipment, a cooking stove, pans, plates mugs and tools. There is also a bag of toys to provide a little enjoyment for the children.

Following collections outside supermarkets, Barton Rotary club has recently paid for three boxes, which cost £490 each, and it is hoped to pay for a further five or six, thanks to the help of schools in Barton and the villages.

Roger Sargeant, the Rotary Club President, said "When we started collecting we had a target of paying for one box but because everyone is being so generous with their donations, we are now hoping that this will be increased to eight or nine from our area". Donations can be left at Sargeant's Butchers



shop in Barrow or with Colin Creasey at the Supply Stores in Goxhill.



Over three thousand Rotary ShelterBoxes have now arrived in Haiti and they are being used as hospital accommodation as well as setting up large camps in most areas of the island. They were featured being erected on BBC News recently. Further up to the minute information about the boxes can be found on [www.shelterbox.org/news](http://www.shelterbox.org/news). If you are interested in helping Barton Rotary Club, or would like information on becoming a member please ring **Roger** on **01469 531054**

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Once again Goxhill residents have shown their generosity and compassion for our troops in combat overseas with another overwhelming amount donated for the Poppy Appeal. The amount donated for 2009 amounted to £1,209.90.

My sincere thanks go to the few house to house collectors for their sterling work within the village and the local businesses, namely, Mrs. Jane Arnott, Mrs. Sheila Gray, Mrs. Enid Girdham, Mrs. Angela Holland, Mrs. Heather Nettleton and Mr. Allan Coggan, The Spar Shop, The Supply Stores/Post Office, The Scissor Box, Penny Lane, The Pet Shop, The Lincolnshire Pantry and Barricks Haulage.

My thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook for their help in managing the Poppy Appeal in New Holland once again. Thank you to both the Goxhill Parish Council and Memorial Hall.

We also received the collection from the United service held at the Memorial Hall.

I was pleased to be invited to the Goxhill Primary School Remembrance Service and impressed with the children's knowledge and appreciation of previous conflicts and their generous contribution to the Poppy Appeal.

If anyone would like to become a "Poppy Person" and give an hour or two to this worthwhile appeal please contact me on **530138**.

**Penny Carnell**

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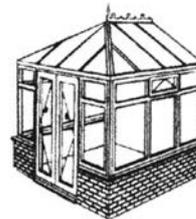
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-  **999** only if you need to report an emergency e.g. life at risk, crime in progress, public disorder, violence used or threatened, serious danger or fear.
-  **0845 6060 222** to report or pass on information about a crime or incident that has happened – it could fit in with other people's reports.
-  **0800 555 111** to speak to someone at CRIMESTOPPERS if you have information about a crime but are unwilling to identify yourself.

For non-emergencies Humberside Police can also be contacted via email through their website at [www.humberside.police.uk](http://www.humberside.police.uk). In March or early April, GNeW will hold its annual meeting in the Parish Room, Howe Lane. Humberside Association of Neighbourhood Watch Groups requires each of its affiliated members to hold a public meeting at least once a year. It is open to any Goxhill resident so please keep an eye out for our posters that will appear once a date is fixed. Come along if you wish to be involved, ask questions or know more. 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**. Have a safe and crime-free year.

**John Guggiari, GNeW Area Co-ordinator**



## LIVES

### Can you help improve our LIVES?

LIVES stands for the Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service, a registered charity no 1098364. One disadvantage of Goxhill's rural location is that it can take an ambulance longer to reach us – especially when it has to come from Grimsby rather than Barton. At best the delay can add to the stress of waiting but in extreme cases, particularly cardiac arrest, every minute can literally be the difference between life and death.

LIVES consists of volunteers like you and me, with a car and able to spare a few hours a week to be on call to attend and offer emergency care until an ambulance arrives. Most times the ambulance will arrive soon after, or even before, you do – but in those exceptions you will be on hand with equipment that can help and which you have been fully trained to use.

Our local branch of LIVES covers Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland with several volunteers from each of those villages regularly on call.

But we need more volunteers to enable us to provide as much cover as possible for every day and every week. No previous medical experience is necessary as you will receive full initial training, with monthly updates and support from your fellow volunteers. All equipment, except your car, is provided for you and you only commit to being on call when you can fit it in. Even when on-call you can continue to do many of the things you already do and just break off if you need to respond to an emergency.

If you would like to know more then you can contact **Maurice Cole**, who is the co-ordinator for our local branch, on **530512**. If you just want a chat with someone from Goxhill about what is involved then please feel free to ring me on **530363**. You will be under no pressure to take it any further if you decide it is not for you.

**John Guggiari**

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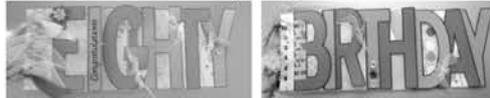
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how it keeps getting stronger. With the continued hard work from staff and committee, we still hope to improve this in the future and strive for an 'outstanding.'

We are very excited with the prospect of the new integrated services building which is under

way on the school site. The building work is going well despite the recent bad weather. For up to date information on this please look on Goxhill Primary School's web site. We are very excited about the possibilities this will bring. We continue to work well with Goxhill Primary School, with our older children visiting there on a Tuesday morning which helps with the transition going up to school. We also continue to support each other with our fundraising and community events.

In the new term we have welcomed some new arrivals to the Pre-school. They are beginning to settle in and enjoy their sessions with us. They are enjoying many activities such as crafts, painting, puzzles, singing, role play and much more. We have also enjoyed playing out in the snow, but look forward to warmer weather in the coming terms.

Our pre-school is open to all children from 2 to 5yrs. We are situated in the Memorial Hall, Chapel St. We are registered with Ofsted and North Lincolnshire Council. Three year old children are entitled to 5 free sessions a week from the term after their 3rd birthday. Our opening times are as follows:

Pre-school have some exciting fundraising events in the coming months. We are selling quiz papers at the end of January with an 'ole English' theme. In March we will be having a cake stall at Goxhill Primary School after the success from the last one. I guess we all like to have a treat!!! We are also hoping to have a village treasure hunt/ scarecrow trail in the summer to get the whole community involved. We are grateful for all the support you have given to pre-school over the past year. Please continue supporting our pre-school.

9.15 – 3.15 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, including the lunchtime period.

9.15 – 11.45 Friday.

We have just had our Ofsted report and have been graded 'good'. This is a big improvement for us at Pre-school and we are very happy with the overall result. It has been noted how much the pre-school has grown over the past few years and

For more information please call **07873428906**. (During session times only)

Alternatively contact the supervisor or chair person **Julie-Ann Whall** on **01469 532265**.

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We look forward to a busy new year and continue to work hard.

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# I was there

The weather is improving and as I am writing for the February deadline everyone is hoping that we have seen the last of the snow and ice. During the very cold weather Television Presenters have been raking over the statistics to compare the recent cold spell with record ice and snow of former years. As the days passed the dates became earlier, the eighties passed to the sixties and then we arrived at the dreaded 1947. The younger presenters were at something of a disadvantage when the more senior or ancient, related personal experiences of 1963 but few if any of the people still presenting could remember 1947. Old photographs and old people were produce, by retrieval or exhumation, to tell us how terrible it was but I can remember because I was there.

Weather records can be somewhat misleading because we view them from life as it is today. Let us look at the way things were in the winter of 47. First of all I think we should say how well our council coped with the emergency, working throughout the night with grit spreaders salting our roads.....Back in 47 we had no gritting vehicles or salt but I do remember a snow plough. It did not belong to the council and it only appeared quite late in the winter. It was attached to the front of a bus and the bus company was clearing the routes which it served. There were shovels and they did not belong to the council either because everyone used their own shovel (spade or dust pan) to clear the pavement in front of their house whilst groups of men were organised to dig through the drifts to clear the roads.

All of the difficulties which have recently been shown on television were unknown to us, we had no television. News on the wireless had to be proper news and if you could see snow out of the window you did not need a radio announcer to tell you it was there and of course the BBC in 1947 had no way of getting sound recording equipment to the deepest snow and coldest places.

There was no National shortage of Gas because we did not have a National Grid. Gas was made in Gas Works in the towns and villages and in many villages such as Goxhill there was no gas. Coal was kept in the coal house and people kept a stock of coal so that they did not rely on frequent delivery; it was cheaper by the ton. How did our central heating work? Although there was a fire grate in the best room that only saw heat on rare occasions. Most people had one fire burning in the house, they sat around the fire grate which was the central and only source of warmth and often it had to provide heat for kettles saucepans and ovens as well. Much of the heat went up the chimney. Heating was minimal, in bed rooms there was none and radiators and hot water taps were unknown in the average home.

We were not of course completely primitive, in some places there was water in pipes but inevitably the pipes froze and burst. Pipes were made of lead and so a plumber had to come with a paraffin lamp and after draining the pipe, heat it with solder and using a cloth with tallow he



*Digging out a road in 1947*

“wiped the joint” a slow and skilled job. Others were not so fortunate and when the pump in the yard froze melted snow had to become the water supply.

Transport was a problem but people did not move about as much then as they do now, few had cars and as long as deliveries were made to the

shops we still “ran errands for mum” so we could survive. The only blockages in the roads were of snow not of vehicles. We went to school on a bus. It was a normal service bus but we children had bus passes and were allowed on to the bus first. (Then you got up and gave your seat to an older person.) I don’t think the schools closed but people from outlying farms and villages just stayed at home. One day when it snowed very heavily the roads were full of snow the busses stopped and it was a blizzard. That afternoon the history master who lived in our village went to each class and gathered all of us together and we walked home through the snow. It was about three and a half miles the road ran north to south the wind blew from the west and my right ear remembers it well.

I do not remember anything about Health and Safety. Health and Efficiency, well possibly I may have heard of that, but definitely not Health and Safety.

Clothing was of course completely different. 1947 was just two years after the war finished in 1945. Food was still rationed and so was clothing. We had clothing coupons and this enabled us to have a choice of garments but only a limited quantity. I had to have a school uniform and this included a blazer coat, flannel trousers, a gabardine mackintosh and a school cap but most importantly for the day of the walk home I had a scarf. This had to be in the school colours and was machine knitted. (Grandma could have knitted a warmer one.) A thick overcoat was not school uniform and coupons did not permit both. I had wellington boots and I carried my shoes. The history master relaxed his normal antipathy towards those with hands in their pockets.

Many people wore a Balaclava helmet which was a hand knitted head cover the like of which if worn today would immediately identify the wearer as a terrorist or a bank robber. These helmets had been knitted for soldiers and sailors during the war and so were plentiful. Hooded garments, coats tops and the like did not exist outside monasteries.

In 1947 I lived in Northamptonshire and if variation of temperatures and depths of snow across the country were similar then to those at present, Goxhill would have been a rather more congenial place to have been. The vast sweep of the river Humber extending around the village keeps us warmer in winter and cooler in summer which is something I have learned to appreciate since I came to live here.

If global warming brings heat, waves or floods and eliminates the joys of winter’s ice and snow, remember the winter of 2009 - 2010 and when you tell the story to the younger people you can say, “I was there”.

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The first issue I would like to address is that of the PRECEPT. Hopefully everybody understands the premise of the PRECEPT. This is the amount of monies that that the Parish Council requests from the local council to manage its business in the parish on behalf of the residents. The PRECEPT is bid for annually and this year is no different.

The total amount bid for the year 2010/11 is: £38955

For your information the breakdown of this amount is listed below:

Administration & Insurance	£13555	Parish Rooms	£3400
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Church Clock	£200	Playing Field	£4000
RBL Poppy Appeal	£100	Footpaths & Highways	£4900
School Fair	£500	<b>Total</b>	<b>£14800</b>
Millennium Green	£500		
Church	£800		
Scouts	£500		
Voluntary Car Service	£500		
Mother & Toddler	£500		
Allotments	£2000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£24155</b>	<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>£24155 + £14800 = £38955</b>

And now for something completely different. During the last few months the amount of dog fouling in the village has increased dramatically. This is not only unhygienic and unsightly but is also illegal (to allow your animal to foul the public highway) and the owners of animals who foul our roads and footpaths are liable to prosecution. The remedy is really quite simple and relies upon the owners to take with them on their walk a plastic bag to remove the waste produced by their animal. Please don't expect someone else to clean up after your animal. It is the responsibility of the owner and no one else. There are strategically placed receptacles around the village where the waste (in the bag) can be deposited

Our penultimate topic relates to identity theft. We have recently received a report from a resident of the village who reports hearing someone going through the contents of their 'blue' box. This is the one that contains paper waste etc. On reflection there can be no other reason for this than the person searching was hoping to find personal details relating to bank accounts, credit cards etc. With this in mind you are advised to ensure that all paperwork that may contain such personal details are shredded before being disposed of.

Lastly I would like to touch on the subject of crime in the village and the reporting thereof. It is of the utmost importance that all crimes committed against you or your property is reported to the police. By doing so accurate statistics are maintained that reflects the true nature of crimes and offences that take place in Goxhill. You should be aware that when the police allocate budgets to specific area they will look at the amount of crimes that have been reported and allocate their finite resources accordingly. Therefore by not reporting the crimes or offences a false picture can be presented and give the impression that Goxhill does not require any or a reduced police presence as no crime is being committed there. It would be great if this was the case but unfortunately it is not. It is more likely that the persons having a crime or an offence committed against them or their property do not bother reporting it as they are convinced it would be a waste of time to do so. It is not, I can assure you. Please report all crimes no matter how trivial as without the statistics we have no argument to support the call for a (regular) police presence in Goxhill.

That's it for this edition.

**PJ Shields MBE QGM**

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“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain”

Dolly Parton b.1946

What a winter it has been so far!

It was lovely to see so many snowmen around the village and some of them were superb.

Christmas is long gone and we are well into 2010. At last the daylight hours are stretching out with a promise of Spring on the way.

Usually this brings panic, particularly with pony owners, with the first flush of grass with the threat of Laminitis. It has been reported that owing to the snow laying so long it has sparked off an early growth of fresh grass and Laminitis has come early this year catching a few owners out. No doubt there will be another flush so we cannot afford to be complacent.

After reporting in the last edition of the Gander how well the bridlevays were looking when Martin Peeps had cut them back, I walked through Nan Brigham to see the remains of a burnt out car leaving all sorts of debris. Rubbish has been thrown into the dyke and someone has tipped hedge rubbish down there.

I will never understand the mentality behind this. A vehicle must have been used to take it down there so why not take it to the tip. The only days they are closed are Wednesdays and Thursdays so this should leave every opportunity to go. In the summer months they are open until six.

I have reported this to the Public Rights of Way officer and it should soon be cleared. Our Council Tax pays for this so if you do know who the culprit is, please report them and help keep Goxhill a village to be proud of.

On the subject of bridlevays, I had hoped to have some good news on the access of another one but unfortunately it has not come to fruition.

For many months communication between myself, Anita Greener (Public Rights of Way) and Network Rail, along with North Lincolnshire South Humber Bank Development Officer, have been ongoing to use the disused railway as a permissive bridleway. North Lincs Council were prepared to clear, maintain and take on the liability of the scheme but at the last minute it all changed and the reply which came back was, “It is Network Rail’s position, supported by Economic Development and Transport Planning that, in view of possible future developments the status of the disused line remains as it is.”

I am really disappointed as on the face of it I cannot see why not, but obviously they have plans to reopen it in the future and I wonder if it is in any way linked to the developments at Immingham. Only time will tell.

Going way back to November, Jo Burns took three

horses she had qualified for the National Amateur Championships. Although she came home with several places she did not win. Apparently there was a points system running, where first prize was a car and second was a jumping saddle. Jo dipped out and came third for which there was “nowt”.

Audrey Hunt’s horse, Mac, who Jo is jumping, has his first competition in a couple of weeks and is going well.

A new addition to her yard and another one for her to compete, is an eight year old named “Red Bolero” (no prizes for guessing the colour!) He was imported as a four year old and it will be interesting to see his progress. As her yard is full, Jo is having to employ staff to keep up with it all, which I think has taken her quite by surprise.

I mentioned in the last edition that she had been nominated to stand as a prospective candidate for the B.S.J.A. Area Rep for Lincs and Humberside and I am happy to confirm she has been duly elected, so well done Jo.

The area AGM is on 12th April so those wishing to attend make a note in your diary.

A date still has to be arranged for Pelham Tack’s lecture on bits and biting which will take place at the Civic Hall Immingham. It is hoped to attract students from Bishop Burton, Lincoln Agricultural College and other training establishments as well as the general public so watch out for advertisements and their web site.

The book signing they organised with Emma White, for “My Internet Horse” went quite well.

The British Horse Society needs your help to back a campaign they are launching which affects everyone involved in the horse industry, albeit a once a week rider, a yard owner, farrier, horse dentist or vet. For more information please go to a new campaign website [www.RethinktheHorseTax.org](http://www.RethinktheHorseTax.org). The BHS are urging everyone to sign the on line petition to the Prime Minister and to write to your M.P. It only takes a few minutes, it is important and it keeps our ever increasing costs down. It is a very unfair tax, so make your views known.

For those people with small ponies who have been struggling to get brushing boots which fit and do not roll around. Woof Wear are manufacturing extra small ones for ponies under 12.2 and under £20 so ask your stockist, telephone 01208 265920 or [www.woofwear.co.uk](http://www.woofwear.co.uk).

By the time this drops through your letter box Spring will be here so check your fencing, spring clean stables

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and spruce up tack and feed rooms.

Organise your spraying. I will be having mine done off a quad so if anyone is interested please contact me. Order the fertilizer.

Ensure your saddle still fits as horses shape changes with age, (as do humans) and flocking in saddles compresses.

So much to do. So little time!

Just a final word on dogs. It is illegal to have dogs on the roads not on a lead.

Generally dog owners are very good and respect horses and even if they are off the lead they take control and call them to heel.

This was not so the other day when a black crossbred dog was getting excited about going into a field and was rushing backwards and forward into a gateway. This

meant it was in sight and then out of sight which is very confusing to even the quietest horse, as horses cannot see in front of them and have peripheral vision (mainly to the side and a little in front and behind) because their eyes are on the side. I asked if he could get his dog and he indicated he would be going into the field. As we passed the field he threw something for the dog, which really startled the horse I was leading, which spun into the back of me and I nearly fell over. She shot out into the road, which was icy and nearly went down. There was a car coming behind us and the driver was very good and stopped, so to him I both apologise and thank.

This all happened so quickly so please be aware of horses and riders. If cars slow down for you acknowledge them. Manners cost nothing but earn respect.

That's it for this issue. Keep your news coming in. Take care - Ride safely.

**Aileen 01469 530643**

## A CAUSE FOR CONCERN!

### **Letter to the Gander.**

I have spent a long time trying to write a catchy article that's funny, direct and will hopefully change people's attitude towards a certain issue. However, I've come to the conclusion that the subject of dog poo cannot be anything other than boring. I'm going to write it anyway, as it is something I feel very strongly about.

I walk a lot around the village, with my children to school and to exercise my dog, and on every street I find myself on a poo slalom course.

Taking on a dog is a big responsibility, not just financially but physically, as no matter their size, dogs need a good walk every day, and inevitably empty their bowels. Now, I understand that as a responsible and law abiding person I would have to clean up after my dog (except in a 60 mile an hour zone, a rule I don't understand, as if it is safe to walk your dog then surely it is safe to clean up after it!)

Unfortunately, it seems not every dog owner in the village feels the same.

My son used to say "naughty dog" when navigating his way past all the dog mess on his journey to school, now however, he says "naughty owner", as I've explained to him that it is not the dogs fault, but the irresponsible owners who have decided not to clean up after their pet.

I'm writing to the Gander as I sincerely hope the said dog owners will read it and feel some guilt towards their lazy and law breaking attitude.

I have become increasingly angry about the amount of poo on our footpaths and I would very much like to name and shame the owners; however they must take their dogs out late or very early.

I encourage all villagers who see these irresponsible dog owners to shame them, personally if I knew their address I would take my shoes, children's shoes, pushchair etc... to their homes for them to clean, after one of us have inevitably stood in or run over some.

The point to my little rant, boring and smelly as it may be is: **PLEASE DOG OWNERS, CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET, AND FELLOW VILLAGERS, SHAME THE ONES THAT DON'T.**

Thank you and a happy (footpath clean!) 2010

Mrs M Wallis.

**FOOTNOTE** - NLC have an excellent reporting system of such Anti Social Behaviour by channelling any complaints through to their dog warden system, if this fails then any inaction by the NLC can then be followed up via the Ferry Ward Neighbourhood Action Team ( NAT) for them to take it to senior managers of NLC, it is then actioned and a thorough time line is drawn up of the action(s) taken or not, for it then to be pursued. Any person wishing to report a matter to a NAT is welcomed to contact me and I will progress it for them. **MIKE GATHERCOLE Chair of Parish Council**



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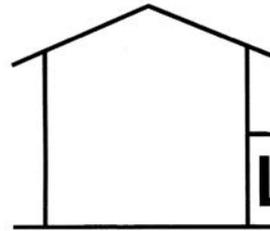
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## ALLOTMENTS - NEWS & VACANCIES

Since the last edition we have welcomed 4 new allotmenters to our merry band, although we still have room for a few more!

We are all of course looking forward to spring by when we will have the potatoes planted and quite a few other crops as well. Inevitably we start to think about the prospect of delicious, super fresh, home grown veg and fruit for our families.

Having an Allotment is just the remedy for the kind of winter we have had and we have 3 remaining vacant plots (half plots are available if that would suite you better). Whilst we are keen for them to be taken by people in the village, if after this further 'advert' there aren't enough takers then we will ask the Parish Council to consider the requests we are receiving from those outside of the village, rather than see plots remain vacant – so now's the time to step forward if you've been thinking this is for you!

Don't worry if you are a novice you'll be in good company and with help, advice and inspiration from the likes of Kev, Martin, Stan and Andrea – you'll quickly see results. Our membership is very diverse and many plots are looked after by couples ... Maybe you are looking for a new shared interest ?

I know we might sound a bit mad but it really is fun. It's also a lot cheaper and nearer, than the gym (it's off the Green Ramper at North End). We'll even throw in the fresh air free and you'll also be close to nature – what could be nicer as we enjoy spring & summer.

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## NEW FREecycle SITE FOR THIS AREA

Some years ago a group in the States got together to form a web site where people could offer or request items. The idea was that there were lots of people throwing useful things away simply because they were no longer of use to them. The idea of the site was that people could offer these items for free collection to others in the area. They extended this to allow others to ask if anyone had certain items to offer.

This has now expanded around the world and so areas now have their own sites. My daughter has been on the system in Sheffield for quite some time and has found it excellent for giving away items which she would have probably just thrown away. I have just set up a site for the Barton area so people in Barton and the surrounding villages can use the internet to offer or request items. There are groups going in Scunthorpe and Grimsby and there are the odd member within our area but this group would mean less travelling for people. There are only two main stipulations. Firstly no animals ( including humans ) and secondly it has to be free, you cannot ask for any form of payment. You can access the site by logging on to <http://www.freecycle.org/> and search for Barton upon Humber.

The group has only just started and so will take time to develop so why not be there from the start and help the group form. I hope to give more information in the next issue of the Gander.

**John Pullen**

## GOXHILL TALES - an apology from the Editor

The Goxhill Tales, which appeared in the previous issue of the Gander, seem to have caused a bit of a stir amongst some of the elderly members of the village. The original author had asked not to be named and I respected that wish. However there was speculation as to who the author actually was.

I have been requested to confirm that Ron Parker was not the Author of Goxhill Tales in the Winter Issue & did not supply any of the Information in the article. Helen Baxter would like to make it clear that she wrote down the Tales based on the memories of events of her father, Don Faulding. As made clear in the article they were "recollections, not necessarily historical fact and may have been coloured by the years, retelling and for the sake of a good yarn".

I apologise if respecting the author's wish for anonymity has caused any upset to any of our readers.

I also hope that this will not put anyone off supplying stories to the Gander, about the past and present Goxhill, as this is what makes our village newsletter so much more interesting.

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If you would like to advertise in the Gander in  
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# ASK THE CHEF?



I heard a rumour on the jungle drums that there is a chef in our midst that appears to be doing rather well – then my family dotted around the village pointed out it was me!

Who am I? What do I do? Well in a nutshell, if it involves food then that's what I do.

Everything from catering for weddings,

prestigious events – even royalty in January, exclusive cookery classes, filming and live demonstrations at food festivals around the country. I'm very excited about my next appearance at Hull Truck Theatre on 7th March with fellow chef James Martin, it's great to work so close to home using local produce.

By nature, chefs need to be very resourceful - you

never know if your supplier is going to deliver spam instead of foie gras because of a computer glitch or the gas supply runs out half way through a demonstration in a marquee 10 miles from anywhere.

To that end, when the Gander team suggested a regular 'Ask The Chef' feature?

I thought hey, why not!

In my 25 years in the kitchen, on stage and on film, there's probably not many culinary quandries I haven't come across at some point. So if your yorkshire's are soggy, your sponges are flat, not sure how to use that flat egg turny thingy you found at the back of the cupboard, then write or email the gander team and I'll try and cure as many kitchen calamities as space allows.

Until then, happy cooking!

**Nigel Brown**

[www.nigelbrownchef.co.uk](http://www.nigelbrownchef.co.uk)

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Prep time 10mins

Cooking time 8 – 10 mins

### **Ingredients:**

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150g fresh tagliatelle  
50g capers  
50g small gherkins  
50g peas  
175g mange tout  
75g baby leeks  
100mls fish stock  
200mls hollandaise sauce  
Olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste

### **Method:**

Cook the tagliatelle in boiling salted water for 3 minutes

Sear the haddock in a hot pan with a little olive oil

Add the capers, gherkins, peas and fish stock to the pan and cook for a further 2 minutes

Finally, add the hollandaise sauce, season with salt and pepper and serve on a bed of the tagliatelle

### **Serving suggestion:**

Serve with steamed baby leeks, mange tout, peas and a wedge of fresh lemon and black pepper





During 2010 we hope that you will support a local charity that helps local people. Lindsey Lodge would love to be your chosen charity. If you

already support us, whether it is through our Supporter Group, Barton upon Humber shop, by donations or arranging fundraising activities, thank you, your support is genuinely appreciated.

- The hospice is supported by the NHS but still has to raise £1,300,000 to balance its books

#### How people in Goxhill can help:

- Cash donations are always welcome and can be sent to the fundraising office, taken to our Barton upon Humber shop or made on-line through [www.charitychoice.co.uk](http://www.charitychoice.co.uk)
- Arrange a fundraising event or activity as a valuable way of raising money
- Donate unwanted good quality clothes, household goods, books and other useful items to our hospice shop, 21 Priestgate, Barton upon Humber. Call 01652 636622 for information
- Our Barton upon Humber Hospice Supporter group organises activities throughout the year – look out for publicity posters and pop along and say 'hello'

- Run in the London 10k (May 31st) or Great North Run (September 19th). If you commit to raise funds we may be able to offer a guaranteed place

- Come to our Garden Party at Lindsey Lodge on Sunday June 13th from 1-4pm. Classic cars, stalls, games and loads to do

- Get a team of people together from your pub, club or workplace and enter our It's a Knockout competition, 12.30-5pm, at Lindsey Lodge on Sunday, July 18th

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The world challenge organisation offers opportunities to young people to travel (almost) independently, widen their life experience and give them the chance to learn more about themselves. The group consists of 7 students of a variety of ages from Baysgarth School. This expedition is about helping and giving back to the local community and the environment. We will be participating in community projects such as helping renovate or build a local school. We may even have the chance to teach a class of the local children. As an environmental project we may be working with endangered wildlife, such as leatherback turtles, to help conserve them for future generations.

We have already begun our fundraising efforts by taking part in a variety of fundraising projects, such as bag packing, a stall at the towns Christmas fair, a race night, charity meals and many other small projects.

We would much appreciate any help, be it financially or in the form of goods or services that would assist us in raising our total of £3095 each. This would cover the cost of the trip, kit and equipment and the necessary vaccinations for visiting Costa Rica.

If you would like any further information please visit the world challenge website at [www.world-challenge.co.uk](http://www.world-challenge.co.uk) or contact one of the team at Baysgarth.

In order to help boost the funds, one of the team has also arranged an "All Night Sponsored Trampoline Bounce" in conjunction with the PE department and approximately 40 KS3 pupils. The money raised will be split between the Costa Rica expedition and the PE department. Any donations would be very welcome to Emily Whall, Joanna Wilkinson, Philippa Hartley or Jeanine Guy.

## CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

Once again Baysgarth played host to the Interschool Cheerleading Competition organised by Claire Farrow and members of the BSSP at the end of January. The special guest was North Lincolnshire Mayor - Cllr Sue Armitage who told us that she "thought it was fantastic, all the sparkles, make-up and costumes were great! A lot of effort had gone in and the teams should be very pleased with themselves!" A total of 8 schools entered teams with dances and a chant. Claire Farrow told us "Cheerleading is a healthy fun activity which can be enjoyed at any age, it's something different. You can also get creative with outfits and pom-poms".

## CYCLING TO SCHOOL

The fabulous looking new cycle storage is open for business and it is available for everyone to use.

Some important notes for our cyclists:

Make sure your bike is roadworthy

Do the brakes work properly?

Ride safely. Use your cycle training knowledge to keep safe.

Use lights when riding in the dark.

Wear a helmet.

Lockers for a helmet and other gear are also to be installed inside the entrance to the B-TEC centre. Bikes will be locked to the racks (keep the key safe!) and the door will be locked just after 9am and remain locked until just before 3.30pm. For anyone needing their bike during the day (and only if they have permission to leave site) it can be unlocked from the administration office. The new cycle store and equipment cost just short of £20,000 with money from Sustrans the government funded Sustainable Transport Charity.

## VISIT BY JOHNNY O'BRIEN

Following on from the success of the visit by author Alan Gibbons we were delighted to welcome Johnny O'Brien. His latest book "Day of the Assassins" was available for pupils to buy and have signed by him. Whilst with us, Johnny gave talks to pupils about his experiences, how he became an author and what he likes most about his career. We would like to thank Mrs Lindsay Codd (LRC manager) who organised this event and we look forward to reading more books from this author in the future!

## STAFF CHANGES

At Christmas we said farewell to Miss Howitt (History Teacher), Mr Baker (Maths teacher and KS4/5 Team Leader) and Mr Sutton (Network Manager).

Earlier in the winter term we appointed Mrs Pandor (Maths teacher) and Mr Linley (History teacher) who will be joining us in April. We will be appointing a new Network Manager at the start of next term.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Parent Governor for the school: Mrs Sandra Hood. Hers was the only nomination received, and she is therefore elected unopposed.

All these stories and more visit [www.baysgarthschool.co.uk](http://www.baysgarthschool.co.uk)

### Reminder of Term Dates

April	1	School Closes for Easter
	20	Pupils return
May	3	School closed: May Day
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## WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!

The bowling club has been a feature of Manor Lane for 50 years and has enjoyed a healthy and increasing membership until recent years. For a variety of reasons, the number of members has dwindled and without new members, as with any organisation, the club will be in danger of going out of existence. This would be a great shame and would be a loss not only to Goxhill but also to this area.

Visitors come to bowl at Goxhill, not only within the North Lincolnshire area, but also from North East Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.



Apart from bowling in three leagues, we also have social bowlers. The current cost of membership is £20 per year which is only a little over £1 per week so the cost is not prohibitive. The charge for anyone wishing to bowl occasionally is £1.50 per session.

The green is usually open 7 days per week from late April to September.

Please consider trying your hand at green bowling—it is a great outdoor sport and if you try it, you may even enjoy it. If you are interested and would like any further information, please telephone me on **01469 530579**.

Thank you. **Chris Ellis, Secretary.**



## ATTRACTING BEES



*Honey Bee*

This time last year I put together a list for those of you keen to welcome bees into your gardens. It contained a selection of hardy shrubs that bees and other pollinating insects seem to favour for nectar &/or pollen collection. Unfortunately I got a bit carried away and the list ended up a bit longer than the Gander had space for in that edition. It was, however, posted on the Gander's website and this is a reminder that the full list is still available there if you are interested.

Alternatively you can download an even more comprehensive list that includes tender varieties (leaflet L3) and a similar list of trees (leaflet L2) from the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA) website at [www.britishbeekeepers.com](http://www.britishbeekeepers.com)

If you ever need advice about bees, or are concerned about a swarm of bees that has settled nearby, then you can ring me on **530363**. I offer my services free and only charge to cover any expenses (primarily mileage, so pretty irrelevant for Goxhill residents). I am covered by the BBKA Public Liability Insurance policy. It helps me to know the following information when you contact me:

- That the creatures are indeed honey bees; most other bees are relatively solitary and harmless. I cannot collect wasps or hornets.
- The position of the swarm or cluster of bees - e.g. whether on the ground, the height if in a tree or bush, how accessible it is.
- When the swarm arrived.
- The size of the cluster – e.g. tennis ball, football, (spacehopper!).
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# 1ST GOXHILL AND BARROW SCOUTS

**FUND RAISING** - The Race Night held on Friday the 13th of November raised £999.49. We have received a grant of £680 from the North Lincs Youth Fund to pay for the external kitchen door to be replaced with a fire door, we also received a donation from BAKKAVOR towards the replacement of the Scout Hut windows and an advance notice of a donation from Goxhill Parish Council of £500 towards the same project.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** - This years Remembrance Day Service was held on Sunday the 8th of November at the Memorial Hall Goxhill. The Group flag was presented by Adam Mitchell, Henry Fielding and James Bruce during the service. Also present were Cubscouts, James Skipworth, Alex Goodburn, Matthew Gale, Jasper Fielding and Casey Dommett. Scouts, Bradley Campion, Liam Kerins, Andrew Lill, James Dowdle, Jack Dommett, George Sagar, Sam Richardson, Connor Franks, Max Crawford and Fabien Morpeth. Explorers Sean Guggiari and Josh Goodburn. Leaders, Tom Coppack, Neal Bruce, Rachel Mitchell and Terry Hill. The boys were all very well turned out, their behaviour was impeccable, and once again, we the



leaders are full of pride for how they conducted themselves, they make us look good.



**FELLS MARATHON** - This years Fells Marathon was held in North Yorkshire at Langdale near Scarborough, we had a team in both the Scout and Explorer sections.

They actually hiked in and around Dalby forest. The Scout team was Fabian Morpeth, Henry Fielding, James Bruce, Max Crawford and Alex Lari, they hiked 33km over the two days carrying everything they needed to camp and feed themselves, this team was placed 4th. A number of teams were disqualified after having



to be rescued when off course and returned to a Checkpoint by vehicle, teams are also disqualified if any member of the team drops out. All of our Scouts completed the course and were less than an hour behind the winning team, 4 of these boys are able to take part again next year and should be bigger, stronger and now have the experience of this previous attempt. The

Explorer team was Adam Mitchell, Kieran Procter, Will Needham and Sam Richardson, they hiked a distance of 43km and were actually placed last, however they were the youngest team taking part by far, they all finished which is the main thing, and next year they can have another go and of course they will also be bigger and stronger with this experience behind them.

We were very proud of all of them, firstly for finishing the course but also because of their behaviour which once again was above reproach and makes it a pleasure for us the leaders who were with them to say that they are our Scouts.

The leaders were, Rachel Mitchell, Tom Coppack, Neal Bruce and myself, Terry.

**SCOUT CODE OF CONDUCT** - On the 2nd of November the Scouts debated and wrote a Code Of Conduct re their behaviour whilst at scouts.

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## THE CHIEF SCOUT AWARD GOLD

Two Scouts have now completed all their challenges and will be awarded the Chief Scout Gold Award and Certificate. Joshua Goodburn and James Bruce.

**CAMPING COMPETITION** - During the first weekend of October East Glanford Scout District held a camping competition at Primrose Hill district camp site at Broughton. A number of Scout troops were invited to send a team to take part, on the day 5 teams took part. Our team consisted of PL Fabian Morpeth, APL Henry Fielding, and scouts Bradley Campion, Liam Kerins and George Sagar who came in as a reserve at the eleventh hour to replace Kyle Walters who had broken his ankle, throwing himself off a wall I believe, a bit of a drastic way of dropping out he could have just had a tantrum. The Scouts were tested and marked on all aspects of camping over the weekend, our Scouts did very well finishing in second place, for some of the activities they scored the highest marks, and for some the lowest marks, in particular they scored highly on setting up the campsite and orienteering, and scored lowly on site tidiness and first aid which gives us a clue as to what we need to concentrate on, they also did pretty well on any marks relating to cooking and eating!



The bottom line was that we were very proud of them, my last words to them when I dropped them off was that the most important part of the weekend was to enjoy themselves and be well behaved, judging by their comments and the organisers report about the camp, they certainly did both.

**Terry Hill**

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# 1ST GOXHILL RAINBOWS - please help?

Hi, I'm Paula Russell and I am the unit leader of 1st Goxhill Rainbows. I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself and the Rainbows unit.

I'm married to Mark (he's on the Gander team, the allotment committee and also is a school governor) and we've lived in Goxhill for 8 years. I work part-time and I've also been involved with Rainbows for 3 years, initially as a parent helper and now as a unit leader. Both our daughters attend Goxhill Primary School, Megan is also a Brownie and Hannah is a Rainbow. We all love being part of the village and it's many activities.

That's enough about me, now down to the nitty gritty!

Rainbows is part of Girlguiding UK for girls aged 5-7 years and there has been a Rainbow unit in the village for nearly 20 years. We meet during term time on Tuesday evenings, 5.00pm - 6.00pm, in the school hall. We always have lots of fun and our activities include crafts, group discussions, games and songs, coupled with learning about ourselves and the wider world (it's amazing what you can pack into 1 hour!) We have close links with Goxhill Brownies and I'm sure that all Rainbows moving up to Brownies do so, smoothly. We always have a waiting list, so if you think your daughter/grand daughter/niece etc. would like to join us, please don't hesitate to contact me either at school or at home.

However, now that I have explained about us, I need to tell you about the situation we are currently in.

Until September 2009, I was co-leader of the unit with Elaine who has since retired, although I do have continued support from an ex Rainbow, who is now 16 and also a few parents who are able to help at meetings, for which I am always grateful. However, I am at a stage now where I need someone to become a more permanent addition to our unit who is prepared to share some of the responsibilities of running it with me. Being the sole leader, I do fear for the unit's future and although the planning and preparation is not in depth, I find it difficult to fit everything in along with my home and work life. I'm sure you'll agree that not only will the Rainbows themselves lose out if the unit closes, but also Goxhill as a whole. We've already lost the Guide unit in Goxhill, please don't let it happen to the Rainbows.

So, if you are aged 18 or over and can share the responsibilities of planning the activities and running the meeting with me, then I'd love to hear from you. Many thanks, **Paula Russell. Tel: 01469 532009**

## PATIENTS' FORUM

The Central Surgery in Barton has established a Patients' Forum to improve communication with patients and to garner opinion. The main aim of the initiative is to further improve services in the area.

The Forum committee comprises six patients, the senior partner of the practice, Dr Robert Jaggs-Fowler, and the Practice Manager, Mr Gary Hunter. It is chaired by one of the patients and together they will attempt to reflect patient opinion and identify need. It is also one way in which the practice seeks to inform patients of new developments in the services it provides.

This is the first committee of its nature for Barton and the surrounding villages. It is not intended to deal with serious individual complaints, as a rigorous complaints procedure already exists. The committee seeks to find more general opinion on such matters as opening hours, patient appointments, prescriptions, the breadth of services available etc.

The committee has already looked at surveys conducted by the NHS and in the vast majority of cases this practice exceeds national averages. However, the practice is always seeking to improve, hence the move to establish another means of communication between the patients and their health carers.

The Chairman of the Patients' Forum would welcome your comments and suggestions. Proposals for change and criticisms will be communicated to the practice, as indeed will expressions of gratitude and satisfaction. There is always the possibility that our patient body could influence local NHS policies. Wherever possible we will attempt to advertise any changes that are made.

Patients can contact the Chairman by letter c/o Central Surgery, Kings Street, Barton-upon-Humber. There is also a web site operated by the NHS where comments can be made about the services this practice offers. Go to [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) click on "Find and Choose Services" then enter your postcode. Patients may make anonymous suggestions but those who contact the Forum can be assured that all matters will be dealt with in a confidential manner. Those who do provide their name and contact information can be more certain of receiving feedback.

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Clamart's twinning group is very active and keen to promote good relations between our respective areas. Our own twinning association has well-established links with its twinned town. Over the years there have been several school and sports club visits and exchanges of families. Recently, a group of young adults from our area participated in a series of activities in the French Alps, alongside contemporaries from Clamart.

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The Twinning Association meets monthly in Scunthorpe & we are looking for new members to support the group & help to further develop our relationship with Clamart.

We would also like to appeal to North Lincolnshire residents who would be prepared to welcome families from Clamart into their homes. We expect the next visit to be during Easter bank holiday weekend.

If you'd like to join the twinning association or host a French family, please call Michèle Servaud on 01522 888754 or email: [Michele.servaud@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Michele.servaud@yahoo.co.uk).



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- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- oil or margarine

**Preparation time:** 20-30 minutes. **Cooking time:** 30 minutes

Lightly fry or grill the sausages until just cooked without browning the skins. Peel and dice the potato; peel and finely chop the onion or shallots. Put both into a saucepan with a little oil and cook over a low heat, just long enough to soften the potato without browning. Take the sausages and the potato/onion mixture off the heat. Cut the sausages along their length, unfold and allow them to cool a little.

Divide the pastry into three and roll out each piece into a circle about 1/4 inch / 0.5cm thick. Spoon a little of the potato/onion mixture on to the centre of a pastry circle, with a sausage above and a slice of cheese on top. (Avoid overfilling the pasties or the pastry may split when you try to close them.) Dampen the pastry edges with water and carefully draw up two edges to meet above the filling. Pinch the pastry firmly together to form a crimped and curved pattern across the top. Make a small air hole on either side of each pasty.

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