



the Gander

GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2013



The front end of the Memorial Hall has to be rebuilt due to major structural and damp problems. This provides an opportunity to improve and add extra facilities.

All residents are invited to attend a meeting, where the plans will be on show and to express your opinions. See page 13.

Viewing starts at 7.00 pm
FRIDAY, 15th MARCH, 2013
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It is with great sadness that I learned of the death of Ron Parker in January 2013.

'A local yokel' was how he often signed off his emails to me. He was certainly not a 'yokel', as defined in my dictionary. For he was a man of enormous knowledge about a wide range of interests, particularly the activities by the Americans on the airfield during the war, as well as a love of nature and the ways of the country in this area.

As a keen historian, Ron amassed a huge collection of photographs and film, and information about Goxhill Airfield during the Second World War and he has had several books published on the subject. He was also determined to preserve much of this archive of unpublished photographs, for future generations, whilst he was still able to do so. It was only towards the end of last year that a DVD of this photographic archive was finalised and available to purchase. I bought one just before Christmas, but it got put aside because of the festivities and I only came across it after taking down the Christmas decorations. I finally sat down to go through this fascinating collection of photographs on a quiet afternoon. It was the 3rd January, the very day, I discovered later, that Ron died.

Only a few days after Ron's funeral, I received an email from a gentleman in America, requesting details about the decoration and furniture in the Goxhill Airfield Control Tower. Ron was instrumental in organising the sale, dismantling and shipping of the control tower to the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where it is currently being rebuilt. I was at a loss, who could I turn to for help now!

Over the course of the last year, Ron had also emailed to me a large number of unpublished articles, on a wide variety of subjects about our local area. He was making sure they would be available if he was no longer able to work on his computer. I am very grateful to Ron's family for allowing the Gander to publish these articles in this and future issues as a testament to Ron Parker's contribution to the newsletter over many years.

Ron's son Michael has already taken over caring for the Airfield Memorial, another one of Ron's major contributions to the village, plus the organisation of the annual Remembrance Day service held there.

His family said Ron was a plain speaking man, he called a spade a spade, and he did ruffle a few feathers at times. He fell out with me when I first took over as editor of the Gander, over publishing an article explaining the construction of the Ridge and Furrow system of farming, still visible in fields in the village. I was very pleased when he forgave me and welcomed me into his home. He was also a very determined man and he continued to pursue this idea further and had another article on Ridge and Furrow farming published in the Yorkshire Post just before Christmas. They were convinced that his explanation, that differs to the previously held ideas, could be valid and are investigating it further.

Unfortunately, many contributors to the Gander are getting older and others in the village have suffered severe illnesses or the sad loss of loved ones recently.

We cannot rely on these stalwarts of the village for ever. Every organisation in the village needs young blood to keep things going for the future. PLEASE HELP!

Jeff Teasdale, Editor of the Goxhill Gander



We have a facebook page specifically to publicise events between issues of the Gander!

**THE GANDER
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, 24th April 2013 at 7.00.p.m.
in the Parish Rooms**

All are welcome to come along and ask questions of the Gander team or make your views known. Any ideas for different articles or information in the Gander are always appreciated.

The Gander Team

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

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

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

What will you be doing at Easter? Perhaps you'll be on holiday? Will it involve the Easter bunny, and baskets of sweets, chocolate eggs, or taking the family out for the day? All perfectly ok and potentially very enjoyable (weather permitting, of course, as far as the day out is concerned)

But will the central aspect of Easter impinge upon you? That Jesus lives! That someone who was a real flesh and blood man, who walked this earth some 2000 years ago, is actually alive and active today - because he was not just a man, but God's Son. He has destroyed the idea that death is finality, is infinite nothingness. The message of Easter is that He has been transformed, just as we can be if we turn to him in faith and trust. He has so loved us that he gave his life for us and gave his life to us. He continues to come to us when we meet in his name, and in his Holy Spirit that inspires us.

The fact that we commemorate Easter at the beginning of Spring is a reminder that nature is also coming back to life. We look at the fresh growth of the trees and flowers, the greening of the world, and we know that we have the opportunity to experience the same thing in a spiritual way. Easter is a promise that life is good now, Easter is a promise that God's power is active in this moment, in all place, in all lives. Easter tells us that our eternal life begins now and goes with us through death into God's future. Happy Easter to you all!

With every blessing, Rev John Girtchen

Easter Services in Goxhill

Palm Sunday	24th March	9.30am	All Saints: United Service of Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday	28th March	7.00pm	Goxhill Methodist Chapel: United Service of Holy Communion
Good Friday	29th March	7.30pm	All Saints: United Service
Easter Sunday	31st March	7.00pm	Vigil Service in All Saints' Churchyard
		9.30am	All Saints: Holy Communion
		10.30am	Goxhill Methodist Chapel: Holy Communion

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Believing the Impossible

"One can't believe impossible things," said Alice. "I try to believe as many as six impossible things before breakfast!" said the Queen. So Lewis Carroll introduces his heroine and his readers, to a world where anything is possible.

For many people today the celebration of Easter is more about chocolate eggs and time off work and the Christian message of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus is considered a nonsense. Such people are more likely to say 'one can't believe impossible things!' and that's just what those first followers of Jesus said. Believing that Jesus had been raised to life was - impossible. They wanted proof, they wanted to see Jesus for themselves. Thomas, one of Jesus' disciples said "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands --- I will not believe." All Thomas wanted was to see for himself the wounds of Jesus' crucifixion, poor old Thomas, remembered forever as 'doubting Thomas'. Jesus appeared to him and said, "Look, see my hands," Thomas saw the risen Christ and he believed. Jesus' hands bore the marks of his crucifixion; they were living proof of who he was.

The impossible happened at Easter when God showed us that he was not a distant, remote God, but a God of love, and the impossible truth of what happened at Easter is that people believed and they became followers of Jesus Christ.

Our hands say a lot about the kind of people we are. From the kind of work we do with our hands to the way we use our hands to help others, to show kindness, express our love or whether we use our hands to hurt or destroy. People judge us by what we do with our hands.

Today, our hands are needed to reach out to a needy world and if we are prepared to believe that we can make a difference - then anything is possible.

Easter Blessings, Rev. Sue



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Goxhill Women's Institute

The WI meet every 2nd Monday of the month throughout the year except August, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. New members and visitors, including gentlemen, are welcome at any of the meetings. For further information please contact **Mrs. Iris Macleod tel: 01469 530772**.

The following programme for April, May & June has been arranged. We hope to see you there.

April 8th – Shirley Tull will be talking about cars and racing – you saw the cars outside the Memorial Hall when we held our Tea Dance, now come and hear about them.

May 13th – Stan Short is going to give a demonstration of 'Water colour painting made easy!' and give us a chance to have ago!!!

June 10th – A talk by Jenny Hayes on the issues and concerns surrounding the protection of the countryside and rural England.

The Luncheon Club

Meets at the Chapel at 12 noon on the third Wednesday of every month. If you would like to come along and share an excellent two-course meal and conversation, phone **Jane Arnott** on **530962** to book your place.

The Methodist School Room

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

FOURUM CONCERT CANCELLED

Unfortunately the Fourum Concert planned for 23rd March has had to be cancelled because one of the singers is undergoing medical treatment. It is hoped to have the concert in September, all being well.

Churches Together Quiz Night

Friday 5th April 7.30 prompt start

In the Chapel Schoolroom, Goxhill

Entry £4.50 includes supper

Get together a team of four people, give yourselves a name, and then ring Jane Arnott on 01469 530962 or Sheila Leadley 01469 531954 to book in. Apologies to everyone for the postponement of the 15th February quiz.

Bingo Evening

in aid of Goxhill Methodist Chapel and All Saints Church, Goxhill, **Tuesday 14th May** at the Chapel Schoolroom 7.30 p.m. come along for an evening of fun.

Saturday Pop-In

every 3rd Saturday in the month
 10 a.m. – Noon, Chapel School Room
 Goxhill Methodist Chapel

Refreshments, Book stall, Fair Trade Stall
 Come along and enjoy some friendly company – everyone welcome.

If anyone would like to make a contribution towards the cost of Lilies in memory of a loved one, in Church at Easter, donations can be sent/given to Sheila Leadley at Mount Pleasant, North End, Goxhill (junction of Manor Lane/Chapel Street).

All Saints Church Summer Fete

Saturday 8th June

in the Memorial Hall starting at 2pm.
 More details in the next Gander.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE GANDER

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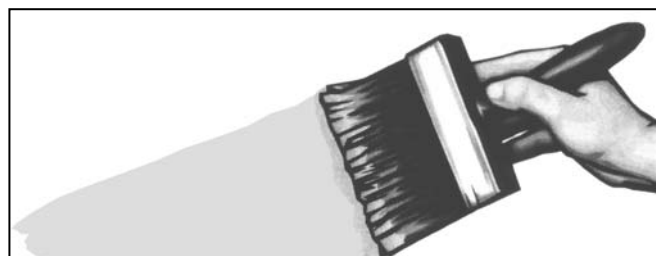
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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 17th April, 2013 at 7.30.p.m.

Take this opportunity to come and share your views with the Committee whether you are a new comer or long time resident of the village.

Find out about the forthcoming events, remember you do not have to join the Committee, your support and any ideas will be greatly appreciated.

Spring Craft Fair

This will be the 4th year for the Spring Craft Fair at Goxhill Memorial Hall and it will be held on the **11th and 12th May from 10.30am to 4.30pm** on both days with free entry. We expect to have our usual contributors who provide an extensive range of crafts including hand painted china, glass, decoupage, soaps, cards, baby clothes, local art woodcraft and many other items.

We will be hosting the Photographic Competition again which was so popular last year, open to all ages, free entry, on the subject "Village Life".

The entries will be displayed in the side room at the Craft Fair. There will be a prize for the best entry and runner up voted for by the public over the weekend. The winning entries will be announced before we close the Fair on Sunday 12th May and will have photos taken receiving their prizes in the Hall at the end of the day.

Photos should be delivered to Willow Cottage by **Friday 26th April** (post box on wall at gate).

The Pot Shot football game will also be back on both days by popular demand.

We hope everyone will come along at some time over the weekend and look forward to welcoming friends old and new.

Tables still available for hire - please contact Steve Wrightson (01469 531720)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lance and Barbara Barrick who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 3rd January 2013.

The occasion was celebrated by having a private dinner party on January 3rd, followed later by a party for family and friends at the home of their daughter, Helen, in South End.

They were married in All Saints Church on January 3rd 1953 by Rev. J.B.Gale and had a honeymoon in London.

BEEKEEPING

The meeting dates are as follows:

March 25th - Helen Frankland and Roger Britt are giving a talk on the Beekeeping Microscopy Course they attended last year.

April 29th - Basic Good Bee Husbandry Techniques - A talk by Andy Wattam our local Bee Inspector

May 27th - Taking your bees to Heather - A talk by Nick Turner plus Bee Friendly Plant & Seed Sale.

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2013 kicked off with a great start as the group performed their annual Pantomime based on Beauty and the Beast, written by one of our

members - Kate Wilcox. It had plenty of extras thrown in, including a rather pink fairy with a catch phrase of "Hi - Yah!" who had a success rate of 11 1/2% for 'her' magic spells, and two assistants completing their NVQ's in fairyfiness. A traditional Pantomime Witch accompanied by witchlets and a poignant ballet scene by our youngest members. Special mention to year 11 Baysgarth student, Sophie Bullingham who played the lead role of 'Beauty', learning the part in just 3 weeks - a true star! We look forward to doing it all again next year - "Oh yes we do!"

The group will once more be performing their one act plays at North Ferriby, competing in the "All England Theatre Festival". Our youth entry is "Aliens at School" by Raymond Blakesley, where we find out how important a goldfish can be in saving the planet. The adult entry is "Figments" by Alan Griffiths, where a playwright's characters assume a life of their own, taking over the plot with bizarre results. Pop along to Ropery Hall Theatre, Barton on Fri 19th or Sat 20th April to see both plays performed each night starting at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale from the Ropewalk Information Office, Tel: 01652 660380 or from Chairman of the group, Mr Dennis Bloor Tel: 531003, priced at just £5/£4.

Finally we have one "Barton Ghost Walk" left for this season, so if you are not afraid of the dark, then get yourself wrapped up warm and meet us at Baysgarth Museum at 7.15pm on Wed 20th March. To book telephone 531003 tickets £4/£3.

For more information on our productions or to join the group, go to www.southbankplayers.weebly.com, or email at southbankplayers@yahoo.co.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our productions in the near future! **Jeanine Guy**

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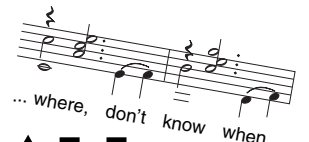
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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL "SHORT AWARD" 2013

Most of us like to know our voluntary efforts are worthwhile and appreciated.

The "Short Award" is a thank you to the village resident deemed an important volunteer for the good of our community, last years the nominees were;

Mr. Frank Thompson for his support to village life for many years.

Mr. Ron Parker for the upkeep of the Airfield Memorial.

Mr. Malcolm Dunderdale for his help to residents of Greenfields.

Mr. Stan Short for his fundraising for the bowling club through his art classes.

Malcolm Dunderdale received the award and his prize, a voucher for Brigg Garden Centre, at the Memorial Hall's A.G.M.

The "Short Award" is open to any village resident wishing to say "thank you" to a volunteer who makes a difference to our village life. Please keep this in mind and watch out for nomination papers available from Colin's Supply Store, any committee member or cut out the form below.

All you have to do is complete the nomination form below, place it in a sealed envelope, and pass it to either a member of the Goxhill Memorial Hall Management Committee or Colin Creasey at the Supply Stores, Westfield Road, Goxhill, by 13th March 2013.

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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL WINTER QUIZ - SWEETS & CHOCOLATES

There were 3 fully correct entries, so there had to be a draw and on this occasion Patricia Ferrari from South End, Goxhill was the winner and received the £20 prize. Congratulations to her. The other correct entries were from Maria Lowe and Steve Cook both from the village.

THE ANSWERS WERE -

RAPID ROTARY MOTIONCurly Wurly
COOL SPORT FOR PRINCESPolo
MOTHER'S LOCALMars Bar
FRANKIE VAUGHAN WANTED THISMoonlight
LORRY DRIVERS SNACKYorkie
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THE SUBJECT OF CONVERSATIONTopic
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MUSICAL BARDSMinstrels

THE RESPONSE TO THIS QUIZ WAS PATHETIC

There were only 17 entries out of a village this size. Only 3 entries were handed in at the school, even though every parent was sent the quiz.

Surely it was not that hard, it was just intended to be a bit of family fun and a super prize for a child at Christmas.

In fact, not enough was raised for any contribution to go to the Memorial Hall.



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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE

As the Management Committee approached 2013 it looked as if the refurbishment of the Gentleman's toilets and the Mother and Toddler store cupboard was finally on the agenda, the intention was to get rid of the terrible damp and unsightly walls.

The problem turned out to be far greater than anyone could have expected, the Architect was called in after a considerable amount of water was coming in from the ceilings, more roof repairs you might add, but NO the ingress of water has been proved to be none other than condensation from the water pipes and lack of ventilation causing further damage, together with rising damp, the tiles are rotten from the bottom upwards. There is no insulation in this part of the Hall. To refurbish as is, providing insulation to walls and ventilation plus redecorating and the proposed improvements to the gent's toilets it is estimated at around £26,000.

It now appears that this end of the building is in a terrible state of repair, it has been suggested that the whole of the building at the front end be demolished through to the double doors, digging lower to add a damp proof membrane with under floor insulation; the insulation will carry on up the walls.

The Architect has done some plans to show the residents of the village a new proposed front end, this includes refurbishing the toilets with an additional separate disabled toilet with access from inside the Hall, on the other side of the double doors there will be the usual store room together with a cloak room for those who wish to hang their coats. The estimate for this work could cost as much as £52,000.

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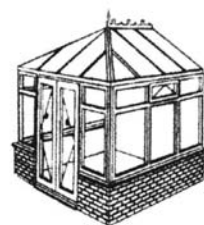
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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

It seems like quite a long time since I last wrote an article for the Gander – we had an early deadline date for the winter edition! Since then such a lot has happened in school, least of all the Ofsted Inspection which fell over the 22nd and 23rd November. It's so strange to think that it has come and gone in such a short timescale. For any school it is probably the



biggest thing a school plans towards. Whilst we never stand still, almost everything we do in terms of school improvement and evaluating our practice works towards the scrutiny of being under the spotlight for two days when Ofsted inspectors come to call. Getting the initial phone call the day before and then checking that all systems are in place, it was a time when all staff really wanted to show just why our school is such a great place to learn and work in. Needless to say we had a very positive outcome and everyone's hard work was noticed and commended however with the high expectations we have we were still slightly disappointed not to get that 'Outstanding' grade. It's a shame that even though we excel in achievement outcomes for our children across the school and are highly rated within this Local Authority, we are achieving within the top 25% of schools in this country, the difference between a four letter word and an eleven letter word starting in 'O' and ending in 'g' leaves you feeling deflated and thinking what next once the inspectors say 'goodbye'.

I think as a staff we had the best Christmas ever knowing that we were returning in January without having to face too much pressure from external visitors. In saying that all of our staff have come back full of fighting spirit wanting to strive to improve our current 'good' provision so that it is even better. I think we all know that a 'Good' judgment under this current framework for school inspections would have been 'Outstanding' under the old framework but I suppose goal posts always

need to be moved!! Our school looks forward to the coming year for some exciting and challenging hurdles which we are confident we will overcome. We had such a lovely run up to Christmas with all of the festivities and celebrations; our only disappointment was that the Carol Singing around the village in the last week had to be called off due to the unforgiving weather. Our Christmas performances to parents just keep getting better and better and we were amazed to see such a turn out for performances such as 'Whoops-a-daisy Angel' by the children in the Foundation Stage – (can you imagine the logistics of getting 58 little children ranging from just over 3 years old to older 4 year olds ready to perform on cue and sing for Mummies and Daddies? I continue to be in awe of our staff in the Foundation Stage who work so tirelessly to make their next performance even more memorable for parents and grandparents than their last); 'Scarecrow's Christmas' performed by children from years 1 and 2 and 'Cinderella – The Pantomime' performed and enjoyed by all in years 3 and 4. The working Space Theatre Company came and performed 'The Nutcracker' for all of our children in school as well as Magicella performing for children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 on Christmas dinner day!!! Again our Christmas Fair was an amazing success thanks to our Parents in Partnership committee (PiPs); we had a lovely Carol Service at the church; and finally we finished the term with our annual carol singing around the Christmas tree joined by parents, grandparents and friends from Goxhill and the staff and pupils from East Halton school.

We are into our third week back in the spring term and are challenged by the freezing temperatures, icy roads and cold east winds. Both before and after the Christmas break we have had a number of children off school because of various bugs and ailments. My hope is that this cold spell will pass



quickly and kill off all of the germs and microorganisms.

Looking ahead we have lots planned for this term; We are so grateful to Viv Sharland who will continue to come and work with our budding artists; we have made an exciting contact in

the scientist Dr Rossington who is coming from Lancashire University to carry out a number of science days with our Key Stage 2 children; we have world book day to look forward to in March; class assemblies for years 1, 3 and 4; and a whole host of exciting curriculum themes ranging from Dinosaurs and Antarctica in



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the Foundation stage, Wonderland in Year 1, Man on the Moon in year 2, Titanic in year 3, Pirates in Year 4, Rising from the Rubbish in Year 5 and Natural Disasters in year 6! (The Ofsted inspectors loved our approach to curriculum planning having had feedback from the children and seeing their excitement in being able to contribute to planning themes.) It's also lovely to see the children inspired at home as two of our pupils were, with building their own igloo, following their topic last term on Antarctica! Let's hope we have an equally successful spring term!

We are always happy to welcome volunteers into our school who may want to come and help in our classes,

it's always nice to have additional adults listening to children read and helping in groups.

As always, our staff, governors and pupils would like to thank all members of our school and wider community for their continued support.

Caroline Breslin, Head Teacher

Goxhill Primary School and East Halton Primary School are consulting on the proposal to Federate with effect from 3rd June 2013

It is important to note that we are not proposing that the schools merge; this is quite simply a 'leadership and governance partnership'.

Miss Breslin explained, "It is an exciting prospect for Goxhill Primary School to formally work with East Halton School through a Federation agreement. This will allow us to share one strong vision of education, which will build the future for children in both of our communities.

As the two schools have already built strong professional links over the past fourteen months, the option of a 'hard' federation appears to be the natural and sensible progression for both schools and communities."

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At the end of last term we took the children to see Father Christmas at Cheeky Chimps, this was a great success, the children thoroughly

enjoyed playing on the equipment and telling Father Christmas what they would like, we are all looking forward to going again next Christmas. We also had our Christmas party where Father Christmas came to see us again, we also invited Magic Ella to join us, and she did a great job at entertaining all the children. We also had a presentation for the children who were starting school in January. A great time was had by everyone, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, committee and parents for all their hard work and support with the Christmas Party and with the Fundraiser Raffle.

This term the children have already been very busy, talking about the wintery weather and doing various activities such as making penguin masks. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year, and this year is the Year of the Snake. The children will have the opportunity to taste Chinese foods at snack time, make a lucky money purse, which is a Chinese tradition, create and make spiral snakes, a hat, as well as a lantern and we will be having many discussing to promote the their knowledge and understanding of the world. We will also be discussing Valentine's Day with the children and doing various activities such as making Valentines Day cards and making buns; and for Shrove Tuesday we will be making pancakes for the children at snack time.

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The flat of the land

Yes I know that it should be the “fat of the land” and for hundreds of years the flat fields around the village provided the farm land from which the wealth of the village was derived. The four great open fields, the Hallands, the Mill, the Horsegate and the Chapel field, provided the arable land and the marshes provided the grazing and hay meadows for the animals. But last year in 2012 things were not as they should be and England’s wettest year on record was reflected in Goxhill as the fat became lean.

I have only lived here for just over forty years and it has always intrigued me that all of the older residents of the village were deeply concerned about drainage. With the notable exception of 2007 which was an event which concerned sewage as much as surface water and which we hope Barhale and Anglian Water will have rectified, I had seen nothing other than water disappearing down a drain. Certainly last year there was plenty of water to be seen but not running away, over so much of the land the water simply did not get to the drains. I joined the older residents and became concerned about drainage.

What is a drain? There are many varieties but generally in country terms it is a ditch dyke channel or tunnel into which surface water from the surrounding land can flow. Some usually smaller drains are made with short lengths of clay pipe called tiles and the joins between them are left open so that water can seep in. A modern equivalent is a perforated plastic pipe which can be drawn into the ground by a “Mole plough”. One thing that all of these drains have in common is that water can flow into them all along their length. In land drainage an impervious pipe be it metal concrete clay or plastic is not a drain.

Water on the surface of the land, without assistance flows down hill and the steeper the hill the faster the flow but where the land is flat there is no flow. Fortunately however by percolating down through light soils the water can find its way into drains. Clay is a more difficult problem.

When the fields of Goxhill were enclosed and divided it was realised that to drain many of them would require water from one to flow through the drains of adjoining properties. A system of drains was awarded which carried the water to Barrow Haven or to Goxhill Haven the exact route that these drains were to take and their depth and dimensions were specified by the surveyor Mr E Johnson of Hull. He used only a surveyors’ chain and a level for this work but the results were very accurate. The difference between the areas he awarded and those shown for the same fields on modern Ordnance Survey maps is very small. His drains were successful but the difficulties that he faced were considerable. To see the problem for myself I made some measurements. Not in the field but using Google Earth. I looked at the Mill field map and I found that there was a fall of 1 metre over a distance of 200 metres the fall along

the line of the Burman drain to the Moors drain and on to Budford drain was fairly consistently 1 in 200. This is a very small slope but although I have said flat fields they do

have some undulation and in the shallow depressions the only way that water can drain away is through the soil. When the soil is saturated this cannot happen and pools of water are formed which do not go away until the surrounding soil dries.

Mr Johnson laid out twenty four drains around Goxhill their width and depth and location were specified in the award. There was also an order within the award that all drains whether by allotment or ancient enclosure shall from time to time and at all times hereinafter be opened scoured out and cleaned by the respective proprietors there of no wise to hinder or interrupt the water draining from any other allotment or ancient enclosure. The award was enrolled in an Act for the Dividing and Inclosing of several Lands and Grounds in the Parish of Goxhill in the County of Lincoln which was signed by George III and became law on the eighth day of June 1775. (Four days after his birthday.) It has not been repealed.

The long term weather forecasters who work with statistics to predict weather trends are telling us to expect more periods of extreme weather both warm and dry and heavy rain in the future. There is little that can be done locally to ameliorate the consequences of heat and lack of rain. However we have just lived through a long period of excessive rain we have seen that where the water can get away crops can survive but in large areas of many fields the crop has drowned. We have the warning but it is too late to take action when the crop is standing in water.

Since Mr Johnson laid out his system of drains there have been many changes in Goxhill. The arrival of the railway required modification of the Moors drain and Howe Lane drain. The building of the airfield altered Lopham Drain and the Mill Firth drain. Various building projects by the councils and private builders have piped or filled in parts of other drains. Other considerations such as Health and Safety have to be taken into consideration and the cost of these measures may conflict with the requirements of the drains.

The development of mechanical equipment has made the clearing and scouring process much quicker and economical and satellite technology enables improved depth and positioning to be maintained. Another modern innovation has created a problem of its own. The hedge cutting machines chop up the sticks and twigs into short pieces which fall into the ditch where they remain until rain fills the ditch with water and floats the debris away. If it meets an obstruction such as the pipe beneath a field entrance a blockage can form and stop the flow of water.

We must ensure that if the worst happens and heavy rainfall becomes the norm that the fields around the village do not revert to marsh and that the flat land still produces the fat of the land.

Maurice Brawn.



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GOODBYE GOXHILL

Somewhere along the way, Denny Coppack retired as Parish Clerk and I took over. I held the post for around 6 years, and really enjoyed liaising between the village and North Lincolnshire Council. Planning was one of the duties of the Parish Council – plans are sent for parish councillors to comment. At one point, I heard that some people thought that on my regular walks around the village, I was spying on them and reporting violations of planning regulations. Wasn't true – I can't see that far!

Paul served a term as councillor for East Halton & Killingholme on Glanford Borough Council but the workload was rather punishing when he was also holding down a full-time job. Later he did a stint as a Goxhill Parish Councillor, when many of the Gander team stood for office, just before the Gander started. Our first edition was a sheet detailing the candidates for election with some brief details. Paul, Alan, Lawrence, and Glyn Coppack were all elected, at the time I was clerk. We felt like a powerhouse for a time – we renovated the Parish Room, adding the second room in the yard where the outside toilets used to be; we carried out a Tree Survey – the village had many, many trees then, which gave it a unique atmosphere. The survey resulted in lots of listed trees which survived until the sudden village expansion, when many were either removed or severely pruned to make way for estates.

The Parish Council received a letter from YTV. Would the village like to put together a team for a new competition, to be called 'Parish Pump'? We asked around and came up with a team of people to compete in the different rounds, and eventually found ourselves being loaded onto a luxury coach to go to West Yorkshire for our round. Lin Cutts won her cookery round – not a surprise as she's a wonderful cook. Geoff Brown didn't win the gardening round – we thought that was rather unfair as his garden looked far better than the regimented rows in the other village's entry. We lost the tug-o-war competition because the football team didn't show up for the coach and the men who were there had to club together and make a scratch team. The Gander danced around to encourage them, but failed. The final quiz round was won by our opponents – we reckon we woz done! – but we had a fun day and ended up with an exceedingly silly and somewhat excruciating video when it was finally broadcast!

Paul founded a company, vimac, to provide services and equipment for people with visual impairments, which was quite successful for a while. He worked with Lincoln University and others to make a laser 3d copy of the frontage of Thornton Abbey, at a time when this wasn't done, so that people who couldn't see up to the top would be able to feel the copy and gain some appreciation of the fantastic sculptures which still remain. Unfortunately, at the beginning of the last 'recession' the market dried up as people who need support are one of the first groups to lose government support when times are hard. Paul closed his company and went back to working part-time for the Visual Impairment Service.

Alan Gould, while serving on the Parish Council, proposed a survey and detailed write-ups of the "Footpaths of Goxhill". He undertook all the work himself,

Part 2 - From Paul & Carol Thornton

with only a few comments and suggestions from the rest of us, and it resulted in a booklet detailing walking routes around the village. Many of us then continued to walk them for quite some time, keeping the footpaths open for others and reporting any problems that arose on them. Most of the farmers whose land was crossed by the paths were supportive, keeping the paths cut and stiles in good order. There were a few who were upset about having a right of way across their land – though it must have been there when they bought/rented it – and the Parish Council kept up a steady correspondence with the Footpaths Officer at the Council to negotiate with them.

(Carol) finally began work 2 days per week for Glanford CVS (which later became Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire) and as the job expanded I lost touch with much that happened in the village. At last I understood why so many people lived in the village but didn't turn up to events or support their local churches, school, shops, etc. It's just that while you're at work you don't get home in time, or with enough energy, to join in. It's sad, but it's a fact of life nowadays and the task of local groups is to find ways for working residents to join in without having to make such a large commitment – i.e. put on services and events they can pay to support. Tricky without making them too expensive to be viable.

I joined the WI at one point, in an attempt to get more involved again, but found it too difficult to keep track of meetings and doing the necessary jobs to put in my fair share. (Served me right for agreeing to be secretary, I suppose!) One success from that period was the WI Flooding Survey – to find out where the flooding was, the WI facilitated a public meeting – we'd intended to offer tea and sympathy, and ended up doing the survey! Caroline Atkins, Paul and I compared maps from the Enclosure Award with modern ones and marked at the meeting where flooding had occurred. It rapidly became obvious why much of it had happened – blocked drainage ditches – so we reported back to North Lincs Council and liaised with their engineers, and this year when it rained heavily the problems were not so bad. Apparently much of the information had been lost in the various changes of council areas (Lincs to Humbs to North Lincs). Many people in the village helped us with their historical knowledge and local expertise, and it was a surprise when we were invited to Downing Street to be thanked for our work! We didn't go – they weren't offering to pay the transport costs!

Hilary and Fiona benefited from their time in Goxhill. They both attended Hereford Upper School after leaving Goxhill and obtained good grades at GCSE and A level. Both went on to university, as Mrs Brawn had predicted: Hilary got a first in Modern Languages from Cambridge and became a languages teacher on the Isle of Man; Fiona got a 2.1 in Journalism from Lincoln and joined a Norfolk council as part of the PR team. Both have now moved on – Hilary is back home, in her final year as a medical student at Hull & York Medical School (well, she fancied a change of scene!!); Fiona is a young mum in Norfolk (where apparently they now do say 'hello' in the street!), married to a Graphic Designer and working in PR as a consultant in her 'spare' time. She has two gorgeous children who appear to be even brighter than the previous generation!



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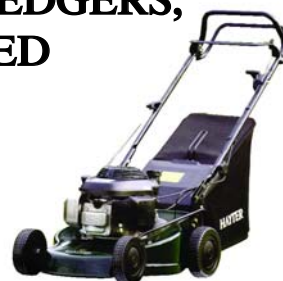
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PARISH COUNCIL

A mixed bag of notices this edition.

Memorial Hall: Public Meeting 15th March 2013 – Over the last (circa) 10 years the Memorial Hall has had in region of £40,000 spent on maintenance and repairs (full list is held by the Parish Clerk) . Despite this and in the main due to the age of the building a further £26,000 pounds (£15,000 funding is already agreed in principle with further funding possibly available) is now required to address a major issue regarding the building. In an effort to address this Memorial Hall committee commissioned two sets of Architectural Plans and members of the Parish are invited to view these plans and express their opinions on them. The Memorial Hall is at the Heart of the Parish so please give your support to the Committee who would be grateful of your views and opinions.

BMX/Skate Park – Following a request from a younger member of the parish it was agreed that the Council would part-fund a BMX/Skate Park for use by the youth/children of the village. To ensure that we progress in the right direction the children and youth of the village are invited to express their opinions and expectations on what exactly the park should deliver. Indeed if there is/are any member(s) of that particular age group who would

be interested in assisting in designing and identifying the requirements of the project then they should make contact with the parish clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan – The steering group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Parish Rooms. Volunteers are still required. Further information can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or Mrs Freda Dunkley.

Dog Fouling – The incidents of dog fouling go on despite many (many) requests for dog owners to clean up after their pets. As a result the parish clerk is receives many calls from village members to report that they have witnessed someone failing to carry out the simple task of removing their own dogs waste. These complaints are passed to the Dog Warden but he unfortunately cannot take any action on the call unless it is received from the actual person witnessing the event together with , date, time, type of dog and location. We are advised that all calls will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Should you witness such an event then please call the **Dog Warden** direct on: **01724 297988** with the information previously mentioned.

PJ Shields MBE QGM

Ted Lewis, Writer, Artist and Musician



Ted Lewis is best known for the film Get Carter starring Michael Caine. Brought up in Barton and mentored by the writer Henry Treece, he attended Hull Art College emerging as a talented career graphic artist. His his first novel, All the Way Home and All the Night Through (1965), was a largely autobiographical account of his final year at Hull Art College with detailed references to identifiable areas and characters in the Barton area.

Jack's Return Home (1971) with its backdrop of Scunthorpe was the novel on which the Get Carter was based although the North East provided a more dramatic backdrop although

drawing on Ted's experiences in London's underworld. Nevertheless, the well-known final scenes were based on the disused Adamant Cement Works east of Barton.

Lewis's importance as a writer is widely recognised as instigator of the "noir" novel featuring an anti-hero with his or her own moral code which is followed ruthlessly.

The Rabbit (1975) is wholly based on Barton, Melton Ross and other local areas and is a biting accurate account of growing up in the early 1960, describing cinemas pubs, streets and industries which will be familiar to those who lived through those times. Ted wrote nine books altogether as well for Z Cars and the Bill.

Ted Lewis spent many years away but spent latter years in Barton, often playing his beloved jazz piano in pubs where he was a regular visitor. His illustrations for Yellow Submarine are not presently identifiable but his sketches of Old Barton hang in Wilderspin National School. Ted sadly died when he was only 42.

The Ted Lewis Group is group of people in Barton-upon-Humber who knew Ted Lewis or who are in interested in his life, works and times, dedicated to promoting Ted's writings, preserving his works and profile and creating a local memorial.

The Ted Lewis Group is part of Barton Arts, Charity No 1121736 www.bartonarts.co.uk 35, High Street, Barton upon Humber, DN18 5PD bartonarts@bartondirect.co.uk **07950425908 or 0774560981**



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England, Humber & East Riding Under 19 Boccia Championships.

What is Boccia? Boccia is a sport for all but is one of just three Paralympic sports that does not have an Olympic equivalent; and is played at this level by athletes in wheelchairs with severe disabilities. Boccia is strategic target sport requiring skill, accuracy, mental toughness and an ability to think clearly and execute tough shots when under pressure.

It is similar in principal to bowls or boules with the principal aim to get your balls closer to 'the jack' than your opponent, using a high level of technical skill to apply match winning tactics. It is played indoors on a court measuring 12.5m by 6m which is roughly the size of a badminton court.

Boccia has become a popular sport at Baysgarth School and recently sent teams to the Boccia England Humber and East Riding under 19 Championships. Josh Windle, Jack Thompson, Will Dent and Adam Smith all made a significant contribution to the team and worked well together. There are three games for each match and Baysgarth played all of their teams three times.

Baysgarth were the winners of the league and were then victorious in the final and have made it to the regional finals.

North Lincolnshire Dodge ball Competition

Baysgarth entered seven teams from years 7 to 10 in the North Lincolnshire Dodge Ball competition. Dodgeball is a game in which players on two teams try to throw large balls at each other while avoiding being hit.

In year 9 and 10, Dani Bullivent, Jess Saiche, Alfie



Haylock, Bradley Lawtey, Tom Dunderdale and Jake Bradley from the Baysgarth A team made it to the final which means they qualify for the regional championships in 2nd place. From year 7 and 8, Abby Meades Georgia Bullivent, Jordan Britton, Ryan Broadbelt, Rob Petherbridge and Euan Train made it to the final and won, which means they qualify for the regional championships in 1st place.

Year 9 and 10 A and B team made it to the semi-final where they played each other. Baysgarth A came out on top by winning 2-1. They faced St Lawrence in the final, and Baysgarth won their first game but unfortunately lost the next two. A very close match and a great battle; either team could have been triumphant.

Year 7 and 8 B team made it to the final where they faced strong opposition. Baysgarth B lost their first game of the match but they didn't give up. They worked as a team to bring it back to win the final 2 games. Well done to all the teams involved.

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

Cannon Balls

Have you ever visited or seen pictures of a castle or military establishment which was decorated with cannons with a neat pyramid of cannon balls beside each one? If you attempt to make such a stack of any type of balls you will find it to be impossible because those in the bottom layer simply roll away and the stack collapses. The solution to this problem is to make a small triangular tray from a thin sheet of brass and to turn up a shallow rim at each of the edges. The size of the tray is important because it must fit exactly around the bottom of the stack so that the rim just touches the surface of the balls. The rim must also be very shallow so that it is not seen. It is made of brass because when it becomes wet it will not rust but it is usually painted black. This little tray is called a Brass Monkey.

Unfortunately in very cold and frosty weather the brass contracts more than the cast iron cannon balls and when that happens one of the balls in the bottom layer may be forced over the rim of the brass monkey. As it rolls away the pyramid collapses. It is then that we say "it is cold enough"

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Firstly, here are the answers to the final detectives quiz, which appeared in the winter edition of the Gander.

We asked you to match fictional detectives with the television actors who played them.

The answers include a couple of tricky ones where names doubled up (actors' names are before the = sign and character names after):

A David Jason = Jack Frost
George Baker = Reg Wexford
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John Nettles = Jim Bergerac & Tom Barnaby
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We are repeating a previous request to the teenagers of Goxhill, as we would very much like to see more of you using your library on a regular basis. Whilst homework and school reading probably occupy much of your spare time we would like to feel that, when you do want something to read purely for pleasure, it will be on our shelves. So if you are a teenager, and reckon that we are not offering the authors and titles that you would like to borrow, please let us know which ones we should be trying to provide. Remember too that you can reserve books online from anywhere in the collection of North Lincolnshire Library Service and collect them at Goxhill library - without it costing you a penny.

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John Guggiari

GNEWS FROM GOXHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A WARNING ABOUT COUNTERFEIT £20 NOTES

I was sorry to hear recently from the owners of a Goxhill business that they had been left out-of-pocket when paid some £300 in counterfeit £20 notes by a customer. They only found out when paying the money into their bank account.

I felt doubly sore about it because I had circulated details of this risk only a couple of months earlier to everyone on GNeW's email bulletin list. Had they been on our email distribution list then they would have received the following information:

"Many counterfeit £20 notes have been used in the Scunthorpe area recently. Commercial premises have been approached by people attempting to purchase items using the £20 notes. The notes are good quality counterfeits; the main deviation is the detail within the print of the queen's hair which is not as distinct in comparison to a real note. The silver embossed foil is also not of quite the same detail or quality in a fake. The notes do have a watermark, but if put beneath a UV light the number 20, which appears on the Queen's head side, does not show up on the counterfeits."

Serial numbers for the fake £20's in Scunthorpe are: AH03117856, AH03258371, CD04258173 & HA03853216. Other serial numbers on notes seized in South Yorkshire are: AH03258372, CH088523377, DE03258313, DF12111432, & H06173852.

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John Guggiari, GNeW-Goxhill



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Memories of a Childhood in Goxhill in the 1950's

I was born 15th Feb 1950 in my parents' bedroom at 3 Abbey Garth Villas, Goxhill, delivered by our G.P. Dr.George Birtwhistle, known affectionately as just 'Dr.George'.

I suppose it must have been a bit like the BBC hit series 'Call the Midwife'; you were born at home in those days, not in hospital. Hospital was for when you were ill !

Through my early childhood I survived whooping cough and goodness knows what other diseases which seemed inevitable that you would catch in the 1950's such as mumps and measles I do remember Dr. George visiting us for some of my illnesses. He was a tall kindly man who'd say "open your mouth, let's have a look at your tongue....ok shut it now, there's a bus coming". No child could have possibly not liked Dr.George.

I had a very happy childhood at home. I started Goxhill Primary School, at the age of five years. I was lucky; my Mum had taught me to read prior to going to school. She was a schoolteacher (later to work for a time at Goxhill School) and had made a large 'chart' upon which were all the letters of the alphabet along with something to remember the letter by A a is for, and there'd be a picture of an apple. B b is for picture of a banana.

I do remember my first day at school. It was Mrs.Potts who welcomed me into her classroom where I was introduced to George Wilford, who lived at "North End" the other end of the village. We seemed to 'pal-up' for the duration.

The school morning assembly was always held in our classroom, at the back of the school, where, with Mrs Labourne playing the piano, we would sing such hymns as 'All things Bright and Beautiful' followed by prayers of course. I remember that my first teachings seemed to involve a lot of 'play' such as learning about capacity (pints, quarts and gallons, not much said about anything

metric like Litres etc.) We poured sand, into and between imperial measure jugs, all within the raised wooden sand pit in the classroom.

The next years, 1957, 58 were spent in the next classroom along the school with Mrs. Cowley.

This was followed in 1958/59, by Mrs. Labourne (who had been unkindly dubbed with the Christian name 'Fanny' by our predecessors!)

I remember Mrs. Labourne kept strict control over her pupils, but you felt safe. You knew the rules, and the boundaries over which you did not cross, and you darned well listened to what she had to say! She was a good teacher, with a loud voice!

We sat at individual ink stained oak desks, with a lid and an inkwell at the top right hand corner. A groove along the top front of the desk allowed you to place your wooden shafted pen and nib into it when you weren't practicing joined-up writing.

One memory of Mrs. Labourne is of her standing in front of the blackboard and easel, upon which a map of the world was pinned, showing great swathes of red covering such places as Canada, Africa, Australia, New Zealand etc and she would announce 'This is the British Empire', and somehow you were in awe of it; you felt some pride in being British.

Everyone got a 1/3 pint of milk in those days at play-time, and dinner meant walking down as a group, two by two, to the Memorial Hall where Mrs Osgerby had prepared a proper meal of meat, potatoes, vegetables and gravy. There were no chicken nuggets and chips, or beef burgers in those days. You had proper meals, and you all ate the same food.

If for example, we had to wait for the rain to stop before walking back to school, it would be Mrs Labourne who would have us singing the alphabet, "abc, defg, hijklm, nopq, rstu, vwxyz" over and over again. She was a good teacher.

1960/61 was spent in Mr Foster's (the Headmaster) class. I seemed to remember at some time I was placed next to Susan Martinson at the front of the class. Once when I had trouble with my maths I asked Susan what her answers were. We had to go one at a time to Mr. Foster to get our work marked and, unbeknown to me Susan, who'd been to see him just prior to me, told him I'd copied her work. Served me right of course! Funny the things that stick with you eh?



School photograph taken in 1958:

Top Row: John Hepworth, ?, Gordon Mayhew, Colin Lamming, ?, Jennifer Towle, Peter Morris, Paul Gurnell, (George Wilford?).

2nd Row: Susan Shaw, (Alan Allison?), Duncan?, Kevin P ?, Helen Portas, Susan Martinson, Audrey Dent, Susan Horsefall.

3rd Row: (George Wilford?), ?, Janet Horsefall, (Brenda Towle?), Janet Chapman, Elsie Shearwood, Steven Van Den Bos, Peter Hewitt, Carl Kerby, Anne Van Den Bos.

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The latter part of my primary school years I spent sitting next to Paul Gurnell and John Hepworth (the cleverest lads in the class who would eventually go to Grammar School). Not much rubbed off on me I'm afraid to say, as I distinctly remember not understanding some of the questions in the 11-plus and as a consequence ended up at Beretun Secondary Modern School.

Our apparel in the primary years were short trousers and knee socks; no ripped trouser legs, just cut knees from playing rough games. The girls wore skirts. They played hopscotch, skipped and danced round a Maypole. We had sports day with sack races and egg and spoon races on the green area behind the school.

If a child fell over and hurt themselves, they got attended to by either one of the teachers or by the school secretary Mrs. Collingwood and innocently and genuinely 'loved better'. Even to write those words in this day and age conjures up a sick alternate meaning. What a crying shame!

As boys, we climbed trees and roamed the countryside, played on home-made wooden carts and hung on the back of the coal lorry (or Laws' pop lorry) as they drove off so we could run with great strides along the road.

We dug holes, made bows and arrows and played 'Cowboys and Indians'. Jim Brennan and I hung up the Union Flag from his big wooden swing, much to the disgust of his ex-Royal Marine Dad who told us, "You bu**gers have got that flag upside down, put it the right way up", (an 'affectionate' name which he always used to describe us). To this day I know the right-way-up for the flag.

My sister Wendy (born 1954) and I attended Sunday School, hosted by Betty Neave and Evensong with our parents. The vicar was Mr. Evison. The church would be nearly full. Wendy and I would watch our parents, campanologists, with the lead bellringer, Sep. Neave, saying, "Stand to trebles going, gone"...or something like that, as he rang the first of the six bells.



School photograph taken in 1959:

Top Row: Maralyn Johnson, ?, Maralyn Breeze, Susan Shaw, (Elsie?) Shearwood, ?, Elizabeth Neave, Brenda Towle, e George Wilford,
 2nd Row: Paul Gurnell, Jim Brennan, Kevin P?, Janet Labourne, John Hepworth, Susan Martinson, Alan Alison, ?.
 3rd Row: Barry Clayton, Carl Kerby, Angela Ellis, Anne Turner, Margaret Pearcey, Jennifer Chapman, Janet Chapman, Pam Parkin, Peter Hewitt, Peter Atkin.

Christmas meant a children's Christmas Party in the Memorial Hall. Fitz Neave was always there at the entrance handing out an orange and a threepenny bit for each of us children. What a kind man he was.

Christmas also meant a brilliant present from my Uncle Frank who had lost a leg at the D Day landings, but managed to get around on his cycle, from his home at Field Farm Cottage to the village as needed. I think he managed nearly all his Christmas shopping at Jim Austin's shop (now Penny Lane, hairdresser's). It was one of those shops that sold just about everything you needed from DIY items to Dinky toys.

Jim had one left arm and it was fascinating to watch him handle things with his one hand holding the item against his chest as he did so.

It was outside Jim Austin's shop about 1959, whilst walking back to school with the rest of my class after playing football in Farrow's field next to Bridge Hill, that the Headmaster, Mr. Foster, stopped everyone to talk to them. It was at this point that I accidentally passed wind, quite loudly I seem to remember. Being somewhat embarrassed I attempted to blame my walking companion Gordon Mayhew by exclaiming, "Gordon!" He protested (as one would), but no-one really knew who'd done it! Poor Gordon. It was very shameful of me really. My Dad could mend almost anything. We had to mend things in those days as money was tight. This, his maxim for life, has stayed with me until this day. We even fixed our valve radio once, with neither of us really knowing what we were doing.

A few times I went with him to work on George Brown's farm when harvesting. I got to drive the tractor with not a little help from the other farm worker John Portas, who lived at No.6 Abbey Garth Villas.

TV didn't appear in our street until about 1956 (we were the first to have a TV and many of the local kids came to watch it).

There were very few cars on the road at this time. We cycled most places.

Mr. Gurnell at 2 Abbey Garth Villas had a Messerschmitt followed by a Bubble Car in the early 1960's.

Perhaps most peoples' childhood conjures up happy memories, but I wouldn't swap my memories for anyone else's.

Kevin Percy. Lived in Goxhill 1950 to 1966.

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I am very grateful to Ron Parker for supplying this article and a number of others, for publication in the Gander in future. After Ron's sad death in January this year, his family have kindly agreed that Ron's legacy to Goxhill should continue and they have given me permission to publish these articles in this and subsequent issues of the Goxhill Gander. Thank you. **Jeff Teasdale Editor**

Prickly or Giant Lettuce

Ron Parker's Jottings

Around nineteen eighty two the owner and farmer of the airfield asked me if I knew what the tall plant was growing on side of the short runway that run between Horsegate Field Road and Chapel Field Road. He said it is about a third of the way down from Horsegate Road, on the left and you can't miss it for it stands about seven foot high. So a drive down the derelict runway I saw this plant fifty yards or so before I got to it, standing five feet higher than other plants or weeds as they are so often called. With a good look at it I saw it had small yellow flowers on the top, for I had to look up way above my head, and noted the small spikes on its leaves. I hadn't seen one before so when I got home, out came a guide book on wild plants and it was easy to identify as a Prickly or Giant lettuce. It belongs too the same family as the lettuce we eat and this can be compared when a leaf is broken off and out comes a pure white sap. Since I first saw this lone plant I have seen it spread, first around the airfield runways and peritrack sides and later across a wide area of the village, on road and dyke sides, in most derelict or waste places and beyond in to crops of rape and wheat, along with the airfield memorial having its share. Five years ago I saw some growing here in Church Side near my home. In July this year, now thirty years later after seeing my first lettuce, I had a visit to Scunthorpe hospital and as we turned off the B road from Barrow on to the A15 there was a prickly lettuce five feet



high on the traffic island. And on leaving the hospital there were about twenty plants growing against the boundary fence and later on a visit to Waters Edge at Barton there was one growing on top of the haven bank. Then I found a number growing here in Gatehouse road at the opposite side to the houses so I now

assume most of North Lincolnshire is hosting them.

It grows to a height of anything from six inches to nine feet. When we lived at Brockhampton on Ruard Road we had one that reached eight feet nine inches and at mid-day when the sun was out it just touched nine feet for a few hours.

It can be eaten when it is raw in salads or cooked as a veg, said to taste bitter, though personally I haven't tried it and it has been used in several forms of medicine in the past. In Victorian times it was used as a substitute for opium...

On Internet and in books it states it is mostly confined to the Midlands and Southern England, having come from the continent, though this may now want updating as many things do.

It has colonised almost every State in the US, having come from Europe two centuries ago, so I vaguely wonder if this lone plant grew from a seed brought over from the US in a packing crate during the American occupation of the airfield in the war and laid dormant for many years. Being on a runway side it may have fallen off an aircraft for they were built in the US and test flown before they were taken apart and put in crates and shipped to Liverpool, where they were assembled and flown to Goxhill from Speke airfield, now known as John Lennon airport. At the factory the lettuce could have been growing on surrounding waste ground and the wind blown a number of seeds on to the aircraft, while they were waiting to be packed and crated, for there are plenty of nooks and crannies on an aircraft for them to settle in. Then later at Goxhill when the aircraft was taking off, down this runway, it was blown off with Prop-wash from the propeller.

The Prickly Lettuce flowers from July to September with a cluster of yellow flowers at the top of the plant. The seeds are carried on the wind like dandelion seeds and the same way as the Oxford Ragwort, that was brought from Sicily around the seventeen nineties to the botanic gardens at Oxford University, where it soon escaped from the garden onto the surrounding walls and then on to a nearby railway line and established itself in the clinker beds



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below the line. This was at a time when the railways were in their infancy expanding across the country, a few more miles each year. The suction from the trains drew the seeds along the line after them and the carriages had no glass in the windows at that time and in later years when they had they would be open due to the summer heat when the ragwort was seeding. A gust of wind would take the seeds in to a carriage for a few miles or possibly more than a few and then another gust would take them out to be planted on the line or embankment, to grow the following year. Their seeds would have a repeat of its parent plant as they spread across the whole countryside in the UK with the railways' expansion that arrived at Goxhill in eighteen forty eight.

Did this happen to the Prickly Lettuce on Goxhill airfield to colonise North Lincolnshire by the lorries that visited the airfield hangars, delivering or collecting goods, for they grow around them and the seeds sticking to various places on the lorry chassis and bodies for a few miles and then blowing off or pulled along by the vacuum created by their speed along the roads to plant them by the wayside and grow in the following years. Well, it is worth a thought after reading about the Oxford Ragwort.

The Oxford Ragwort, like the common ragwort, is

poisonous to animals if eaten and it hybridizes with the common variety through pollen but the seeds of the hybrids are sterile and do not grow. Regarding the reports of ragwort and how it poisons animals is somewhat over stretched, for as a youth on a farm we had about two acres of pasture that was infested with it and I found that cattle never eat it, but grazed around it, with nature telling them to leave it alone so it was no problem. But it was obvious that if they had been short of grass or food they would eat it to stave off the feeling of an empty stomach or hunger. In other words it is only when pasture is over grazed that they will eat it. Possibly with the hay, if it is good meadow hay, I expect they would leave the ragwort in the bottom of the manger. To avoid this it can be collected after the mower and before baling. We found controlling it no problem, for when it had reached the flowering stage before seeding, after a heavy rain, it could easily be pulled by hand and came up complete with roots and disposed of accordingly. After the first year of pulling the following years had only a fraction of the plants to pull, having almost eliminated it.

The old saying comes to mind, "one years seeding makes seven years weeding." Too true!

Ron Parker, August 2012

Photographs by Duncan Knowles

GOXHILL OPEN GARDENS NEEDS YOU

June 16th 2013 will see the gardens of Goxhill opening once again to all those who either have a passion for, or just simply enjoy looking around others' gardens.

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

Your garden may well hold some interest to others. Have you either a whole garden or a small part of your garden which you take a pride in and others might find interesting? Then why not contact us and open your garden to visitors on June 16th? If you are thinking, "Well why not!", then make contact through www.goxhillvillage.net and you might also enjoy an invite to a celebration BBQ party afterwards too.

2012 was a challenging year weather-wise yet many gardens still managed to open and show themselves off in a reasonable light. Hints and tips were the order of the day and there are many good gardeners in Goxhill, each with their own take on how to grow plants, shrubs and vegetables.

GoxhillVillage.net is also looking for those who wish to become contributors to the web site and to share their gardening ways with others. You do not even have to be 'computer literate' or 'internet savvy' so if you are interested, simply get in touch either through the web site or with myself, Gary Payne at Rochester House on Ferry Road.

Many gardens will be open in June and we look forward to welcoming you, your families and friends once again this year. Rochester House, our own garden that Gill and I enjoy work on so much, will be opening once again and we have over the past year, made the whole garden pretty much wheelchair accessible as well.

A new Rose pergola is under-construction and should show the first signs of its future glory this summer. New beds to the front of the house have also been planted and whilst they may take a couple of seasons to really get established, you should be able to start to see what they intend to be by June.

Oh, and yes, before I sign off today an apology. It feels like the wet weather of last year is all down to Gill and I. The day after we installed a rain-water harvesting system for the garden, storing 1500 litres underground, the heavens opened, filled the tank within two hours and it hasn't stopped since - so that must be our fault!

So on one final note for 2013, "Keep your face to the Sun and you will never have to see the shadows".

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Members of Barton Rotary Club have had a very busy Christmas. In November local Schools in Barton and the villages filled 183 Rotary Shoeboxes as gifts for children in Eastern Europe. These were delivered by Rotary volunteers in time for Christmas. Mike Knapp, Barton Rotary Club President said "We are very grateful to the children, parents and teachers at these schools for their help with this project, which will have given possibly the only Christmas present that the Eastern European children would receive".

A Christmas Concert was staged in Baysgarth School Hall for 85



OAP's from Barton and nearby villages. Guests came from Goxhill and the other local villages. They were collected by bus or car and taken to the hall where they were entertained by Barton Town Band and Barton and District Operatic Amateur Society - and provided with supper by Barton Rotarians and their partners. This year a record number of sixty Christmas Day Dinners were cooked by Barton Rotarians and delivered to elderly people who would be on their own or could not cook a meal. As well as Barton, meals were delivered to people in Barrow, New Holland, Goxhill and South Ferriby.

Following successful Christmas collections around Barton with Santa, part of the proceeds were donated to "Cash for Kids", a charity organised by Viking Radio, who do a great job of distributing toys to needy children in our area.

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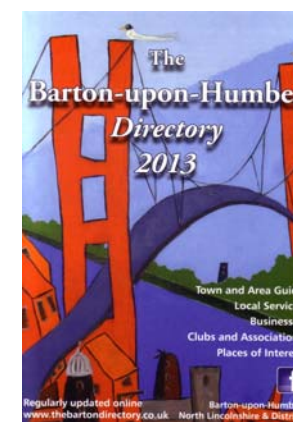
Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian, covers all the villages around Barrow, and we are looking for new members particularly from Goxhill.

Since the last issue of the Gander we have organised several successful and sociable events, raising approximately £3200 for our chosen charities, including £1800 for LIVES. The picture is of the Winner of the Fancy Dress at the Carol Concert in Barrow Market Place.

If you are considering joining us or require more information, contact a member on 07966 261143 or drop a letter to **The Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian, Barrow Sports & Fitness Centre, Thorngarth Lane, Barrow upon Humber, North Lincolnshire DN19 7AW**



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The 2013 Barton-upon-Humber Directory was distributed by Royal Mail in January to all accepting households in Goxhill as well as Barton and its surrounding villages. The publication, which is intended to be retained for reference throughout the year, continues to be available at official outlets, features the facilities, organisations and services in the area.

Seeking to complement and not duplicate contents in the Gander, Barton Direct, welcomes comments and information from Goxhill as well as other areas.

Publisher, Barton Direct, is a voluntary community organisation which updates all information regularly on www.thebartondirectory.co.uk.

Contact is welcomed either from the website or direct with Debra Brewin, 35, High Street, Barton-upon-Humber, DN18 5PD debra@thebartondirectory.co.uk 01652 637924. Additional copies of the Directory are available on request.

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OFF THE HOOF

*"A horse doesn't care how much you know,
until he knows how much you care" Sharon Cooper*

Well that's another Christmas gone and we are well into the New Year. I hope you all had a good time despite the unpredictable weather.

Other regions had it far worse than us and although we complain about muddy fields, at least they are not totally under water. With careful management, hopefully they will recover in the spring.

I attended a 'Caring for the Elderly Horse and Pony' seminar in November; it was held at Caistor Equestrian Centre which is a brilliant venue. A talk by Norrie Chapman from Rase Veterinary Centre was given with wonderful slides of old horses and their ailments and very graphic ones of the internal organs. Stephen Ashdown from Global Herbs followed with an equally interesting talk about the benefits of feeding herbs and what they do to help movement and general signs of old age. They later did a brisk trade on selling tubs at half price. Personally, I wish I had known there would be products on offer as I would have bought more if they had facilities for paying by card" I must say I have seen an improvement in my horses and am currently using one which claims to eliminate sarcoids. The mare I am using it on has only been on it for 2 weeks and photos have been taken so hopefully there will be an improvement by the next editions. The other good thing, apart from the brilliant buffet, was we were given a really good, simple-to-understand handout which is always useful to keep for referral. A free lameness booklet is on offer if you email your address to info@globalherbs.co.uk.

Caistor Equestrian always have things going on apart from their Pony Club for the children, which is superb for those who do not own their own pony; there are lessons and hacks for all ages and all the BHS grades and more for the adult enthusiast. Throughout the year there are clinics being held with Piggy French, Joe Whitaker and Jane Bartle Wilson. Hopefully you will not be too late to book for the one on Sunday 10 March. I think it will be fantastic as there will be much going on and the Restaurant on site is worth going to at any time, even if it is just for Sunday Lunch. If you are not a rider but would like to try or if you have not ridden for some time, why not try one of the "FREE" 20-minute taster sessions? March 22 there is an evening Dressage Competition and entries close on 18 March. There is a One Day Event on 29 March; entries close on 25 March. There is also: Evening Show jumping 12 April, 10 May and 14 June; Evening Dressage 24 April, 24 May and 28 June; Daytime Dressage 1 April. One day Event 6 May and 27 May; Show Festival 2 June. There is always something going on and the yard is a hive of activity 24/7. For more information call **01472859341** or visit their website www.caistorequestriancentre.com

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Christmas and offer a wide range of essential equestrian supplies and country clothing. Whatever you need they will order for you so worth a look if you are in Queen Street Market Rasen.

Another date for your diary for the whole family is Lincolnshire Festival of the Horse at Lincolnshire Showground on 6 and 7 July. More information is available at <http://lincsfestivalofthehorse.webs.com> It is considered to be the Olympia of the North!

Are you a trailblazer? For those who enjoy showing, either ridden or in hand, dressage or show jumping or have a retrained ex-racehorse, there are inexpensive competitions to take part in towards a Championship. Just take a look at

www.trailblazerschampionships.com and see if you are interested. The championships are a ten day equestrian extravaganza held annually at Stoneleigh Park. Unlike other competitions, there is no registration or membership fee.

Have you joined the British Horse Society yet? They are now offering the facility to pay in monthly instalments of £6.30. This entitles you to special offers, free equestrian and legal advice and with Gold membership, both public liability and personal accident insurance. There are four informative magazines a year, as well as regional information. The welfare of horses is paramount and they also fight for brideways and promote safer riding on the roads- can you afford not to be a member?

In the last edition of the Gander, Barhale kindly donated some hi-viz waistcoats. I still have some up for grabs so if you are a rider of horse, cycle or motorbike or a dog-walker, just phone me and collect one. They are useful to keep in the car in case you breakdown and have to get out. It can give vital seconds extra for braking if you are clearly visible to other traffic. If you fall off and need the Air Ambulance, you can be more easily spotted from the air – and they are free!

Talking of free, I have some 'Lucie Brix' to give as a sample for your horse as a treat. These are brick-shaped and are compacted Lucerne which is very good for the digestions, particularly ulcers. I feed mine one if they come in early and it is not teatime. It keeps them amused for about 20 minutes and they really enjoy them. For your chance to win one, please phone and ask. They are available in bags of 20 from Wild Bird Feeds on Stallingborough Industrial Estate who carry a large stock of animal feeds and more. They also deliver free in Goxhill on Tuesdays.

I do not have a date for Goxhill Show yet as a new venue is required for this year so if you have a large field and are willing to enable the continuation of the show, please contact **Jill Latchford on 531319**.

On 13 January I attended a Judges conference in

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Rugby for the British Skewbald and Piebald Association. It was most enjoyable. It started with a talk on "Unusual Colour Markings and Blue Eyes" followed by the renowned Judge Mr Paul Cook who spoke about the Do's and Dont's in the show ring from a Judge's perspective. This was followed by Mark Watson, a farrier, who showed slides of horses' feet and spoke about the importance of shaping and balancing the foot. He recommended all foals should have their feet trimmed from the age of 3 months to help the limbs grow straight and healthy.

This was followed by a talk from Jane Hastie, a veterinary surgeon who has her own yard of competition horses and her talk was "When is a problem not a problem". Much debate ensued on this one as it was the difference between lameness and being unlevel. We were given booklets and handouts and copious amounts of coffee.

Owing to the weather, we carried on through the lunch break as people came from all over the country

and the weather was starting to get worse so it was thought better to wind up earlier and bags were provided to select lunch from the buffet.

It was an enjoyable day and I learnt much about coloured horses. It surprised me that a chestnut with a pink muzzle and a white spot in its body could indeed be classed as a coloured. It may have to have a blood test to certify it has a certain gene but could be shown as coloured.

Whilst coloured were mostly considered a gypsy horse, today they can command a high price and take part in all disciplines. It seems to be encouraged and even Arabs can be classed as coloured, though I am not sure how the Arab Society would view this!

Above all, in whatever showing classes, confirmation is the first priority. Great emphasis was put on condition, as for many years 'showing people' have had their animals too fat and they are trying to curb this. I can't wait for the next one.

That's about all for this issue.

Take care - Ride safely Aileen (01469 530643)

1st GOXHILL & BARROW SCOUTS

It has been a little while since we last reported in The Gander so we thought we should re-introduce ourselves.....



1st Goxhill & Barrow Scouts provides a fantastic facility for our community. We have approximately 80 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers who enjoy many diverse activities ranging from crafts, games, sports, hikes, orienteering, endurance challenges and camping.

Not only do we offer this great, non-discriminatory, facility to the young people of our local villages (who are so easily overlooked), but also to the wider community e.g. attendance at Remembrance Service, charity/fund-raising collections, environmental awareness/action, etc.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our team of dedicated, hard-working (and, it has to be said, patient) team of volunteers who run the Group!

Our highlights for 2012 were as follows:

Our **Beavers** section (ages 6-8 years) have made contact with a group in Canada and it is hoped that this will develop and flourish in future years. A trip to Pets at Home for animal care badges was thoroughly enjoyed and, fortunately, no pets were smuggled home!

Cubs (ages 8 - 10½ years) have been busy with camping, hiking, chopping wood and, not entirely unrelated - first aid skills. They participated in their own version of the Olympics to earn much coveted badges instead of medals and learned cooking skills, which included visiting a local restaurant and getting Master Class lessons from a Chef. They also enjoyed an adventure weekend, along with the Scouts at PGL (apparently this mean Parents Get Lost)!

Scouts (ages 10½ - 14 years) have also been very busy with hiking, camping, building bonfires, cooking and first aid. They finished 2012 with an evening of ten-pin bowling and we were very proud of their behaviour.

Explorers (ages 14 - 18 years) have spent much of the year being very active with rock-climbing, survival skills, clay pigeon and target shooting, bowling, ice-skating and hiking. In addition, they have helped with the maintenance of the scout hut and grounds and also hosting and cooking BBQ's for the younger sections. We would like to thank them very much for their hard work, particularly when they have combined this with their school studies and exams - well done!

Now, if you can cast your minds back to a week in late April last year we actually had some fine (albeit short-lived) weather. Fortunately for us, this was the week that our roof was re-clad and finally made watertight! It was certainly put to the test for the rest of the year.

The roof was a major expenditure and it took a momentous effort to raise sufficient funds over the past two years. To name a few events - we organised a race night, quiz night (questions were on a par with University Challenge) and bag packing. We were also greatly assisted by the Parish Councils of Barrow-upon-Humber, Goxhill and New Holland, Costcutters (Barrow), Barrow Charities Group, and the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Barton and Barrow. We would very much like to take this opportunity to thank these organisations for their support in helping to provide a safe environment for our young people to enjoy.

And so to the year ahead -

2013 looks to be a good year for 1st Goxhill & Barrow Scouts as it is our 40th Anniversary. A new sign is being designed for the hut to commemorate this event and I'm sure a few celebrations will be arranged! Until next time, Yours in Scouting

1st Goxhill & Barrow Scouts

For any enquiries regarding your child joining 1st Goxhill & Barrow Scouts or if you are interested in joining as a volunteer (as little as an hour a week would be appreciated), please call **Jo Fielding on 0774 88173 264.**

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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

It's not an easy thing to think about lawn bowling when you are looking out of the window and your own lawn is entirely hidden beneath a carpet of snow. Hopefully things will have warmed up a bit by the time that you are reading this and the prospect of bowling in the open air will not send a shiver down the spine!

In March our club holds its spring general meeting where we make our plans for the forthcoming outdoor bowling season and set our subscription rates. From 2013 we have introduced a new category of membership especially for new bowlers and those who do not yet wish to participate in the local bowling leagues. Whilst our fees have yet to be agreed, it is intended that this will provide an even cheaper entry into the sport and result in



more of you trying bowls out during the coming year.

So, if you or your family have previously considered taking up lawn bowling then make 2013 the year that you do so. We want Goxhill

Bowling Club to be a vibrant and active part of our community with as broad a membership as possible and to be a sport that truly bridges the generations.

Bowling can be taken up by adults and children of almost any age and it accommodates a wide range of fitness levels. Come along and try it first for yourself if you are not convinced. To find out more about joining Goxhill Bowling Club take a look at our website at <http://goxhill.moonfruit.com> or you can give me a call on 530363 for a chat.

John Guggiari

Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service

At the recent AGM of the LIVES Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland branch I was once again staggered by not only the fabulous performance of our First Responders but also the incredible generosity and financial support that we receive in return. They are the two sides of the same coin that go to ensure that LIVES continues to deliver its service to our village community.

Local LIVES First Responders attended over 300 ambulance callouts during the year which requires them to keep their first aid skills right up to date by attending regular training - all of that done on a voluntary basis in their spare time. Across the whole of Lincolnshire, LIVES has about 160 branches attending 18,000 calls a year so you can appreciate that, even within that great level of service, our branch is covering more than 2? times the average number of callouts. But none of that can happen without the funding to cover our running costs and, on behalf of LIVES, I would like to thank the whole of Goxhill for showing their appreciation of that with both individual donations and, as you may have seen from the minutes of Goxhill Parish Council, the money allocated from the annual council tax precept.

Investment in new and replacement equipment during 2012 meant that the running cost of our local LIVES branch was a bit higher than usual at just over £5,800 but nevertheless that was met almost entirely from donated income.

If you would like to support LIVES locally, whether through volunteering or fundraising, please contact Roger Cox, the branch co-ordinator, by emailing rogerlives@mypostoffice.co.uk or you can telephone me for more details on 530363. **John Guggiari**



PROGRESS ON THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION PROJECT - the final stages

This updated schedule of work is supplied by Barhale.

The new storage tanks have been in use for a couple of months and the connection to the pumping station was completed at the beginning of January. The work on Ferry Road is now complete and that on **Ruads & Horsegate Field Road** is due to be completed by the 1st week in March 2013. This will complete the new sewer scheme which will all be connected up by then.

All that will remain after that will be some tidying up, reseeding verges and replacing hedges. Plus Jetters and Tankers will be going round to make sure all the system, including existing sewers, are clear and running properly.

The Editor hopes this investment will solve the problem.

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