

the Gander

GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2014

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE'S
COMMUNITY CHAMPION OF
THE YEAR!**

Enid Girdham showing off her well deserved award, to Jill Kirby who nominated her, and some of the children from Goxhill school that she still works with. Full story on page 3.

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ENID GIRDHAM – ‘COMMUNITY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR’

What a fantastic achievement for Enid to receive this accolade, chosen from 150 nominations throughout North Lincolnshire.

Enid was nominated by Jill Kirby on behalf of Goxhill School, because of the amount of wonderful things she does for the village, in so many different ways, and for so long. Not just at Goxhill School where she is a much loved and vital part of the team, as a lunchtime supervisor, even at 75, and also runs an after school knitting club. But also in many other ways, in the village, including running tombolas at virtually every charity function.

Enid was shortlisted and invited to the Awards ceremony, held at the Baths Hall, Scunthorpe on November 28th 2013. Accompanied by her sister Sheila and daughter Janine, they were wined and dined



and entertained with the Mayor and all the Civic Dignitaries, and local business leaders, before the actual announcement of the winners.

I was fortunate to be one of her supporters invited to the second part of the evening. It was just as prestigious as the Oscars, and was unbelievably nerve racking, as we had to wait while they went through 11 other awards with all the accompanying speeches and tributes. We even had to endure an interval before it was time for the category Enid was shortlisted for.

Radio presenter Blair Jacobs read out the full list of the charitable and community events Enid is involved with and the biggest cheer of the night greeted the fantastic news that Enid had won.



From the Editor

What more can I say. Goxhill should be enormously proud to have someone in their midst, as special as Enid. But there are many more in the village, who do almost as much as Enid to help others. It is this community spirit that should make us proud to be part of Goxhill.



GOXHILL GRAPEVINE

Those of you who have used the Gander Facebook page to publicise events in the village or to find out information, will have seen the recent change to a new page called 'Goxhill Grapevine'. Nicola Jones and Lisa Adams have taken on the full responsibility and set it up completely independent of the Gander. But it is there for just the same reasons as before, to publicise any events and functions etc, in the village and to provide a vital forum for the exchange of information relevant to the village. The Gander Team are delighted Nicola and Lisa are continuing to run this valuable village resource. They deserve our support and I encourage everyone to make use of it.

Jeff Teasdale Editor Goxhill Gander

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

The Christmas celebrations at All Saints Church were rather dampened - literally as well as symbolically - by the distressing discovery that a considerable amount of lead had been stolen from the roof of the south aisle. Thieves returned after Christmas to remove more lead - unfortunately coinciding with severe rain which led to severe flooding inside the church and it was only thanks to the strenuous efforts of a band of volunteers that worship could continue virtually as normal. This was not the final blow, however, as the thieves decided to begin removing the lead from the north aisle roof!

Since then we have had to make temporary repairs and Goxhill's beautiful mediaeval church has large amounts of black plastic sheeting to keep out the rain! Obviously this is not a permanent solution and the Church Council are determined to do their utmost to restore All Saints: not just to how it was but even better! We would like to repair the roof with stainless steel which has less attraction for thieves and which is visually compatible with the rest of the church. The problem is, you have already probably guessed, is one of finance. Although we are insured, lead thefts from the nation's churches have in recent years become almost pandemic and insurance payouts have been 'capped' at £5000. When we estimate that the task of re-roofing in steel will cost up to £50,000 you can see there is a serious challenge to our financial resources. The church does have a 'fabric fund' currently in the region of £11,000 but prior to the current crises this was earmarked towards addressing a number of other structural problems identified by the recent Quinquennial Inspection as costing in the region of £30,000 to remedy.

We have no alternative, we feel, than to make the local community aware of all this and to invite them to participate in addressing the immense challenge we now face. The church belongs, not to the PCC (and certainly not to the Vicar!) but to the local community which it exists to serve. Many reading this will have attended weddings, funerals, baptisms, school services in addition to regular Sunday and festival worship which has gone on, and for centuries All Saints has been the spiritual heart of the community of Goxhill.

Sadly, there are those for whom this is meaningless and have deliberately entered our community to desecrate its heart - caring nothing for the implications of their deeds. Hopefully we can rise to the occasion and pull together to raise what is needed to repair and restore our church. An appeal is therefore being launched and a leaflet is to be found in this edition of the 'Gander' There will also be a 'Gift Day' on Wednesday April 2nd to conclude this appeal which we hope will allow us to finance the work needed to restore God's House for this and future generations. Please consider how you might come to the aid of your church.

Rev John Girtchen

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

For Everything There is a Season

Of late, one thing is clear: we are ready for Winter to be over and for Spring to arrive. We yearn for longer, drier days with more sunshine, a warm breeze, green grass, and some brightly coloured spring flowers.

For us this year, Spring may seem a long time coming, but Spring is always a season worth waiting for.

Spring is the season when Nature bursts with the beauty and variety and colour of new life. Its as though Nature itself proclaims the message of new life that is at the heart of Christian faith. Spring heralds that Easter is not far off.

As Christians, Easter is the celebration of the God who brings joy in place of sadness and hope in place of despair. Easter celebrates the power of God's love, a love that is limitless, a love that cannot be destroyed or overcome. Easter tells us of a God who does indeed make death a gateway to new life.

Looking forward to Spring can give us hope during the Winter. Looking forward to Easter can give us hope of new beginnings in our lives and in the lives of those we care about, as the writer of Ecclesiastes puts it: *'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'.*

Easter Blessings, Rev Sue

Services at All Saints (unless otherwise indicated) for Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Ash Wednesday	5th March	7.30pm	Holy Communion for the beginning of Lent.
Wednesday	2nd April	8am-7pm	Gift Day at All Saints. Church open for refreshments, organ recitals, prayer and fellowship.
Palm Sunday	13th April,	10.00am	Meet at All Saints for walk of witness to Methodist Chapel and United Service at 10.30am
Maundy Thursday	17th April,	7.00pm	Holy Communion at Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Good Friday	18th April,	7.30pm	United Service "Following the Way of the Cross"
Easter Sunday	20th April.	7.00am	Vigil Service in All Saints' Churchyard followed by breakfast at Methodist Chapel Schoolroom
"	"	9.30am	Holy Communion for Easter Day


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"	190	Mrs T Whyley	£30.00
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"	68	Mr G Fisher	£30.00
"	70	Mrs S Knight	£101.25
January	113	Mrs D Atkin	£30.00
"	143	Mrs Morris	£30.00

Goxhill Memorial Hall.
 The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Goxhill Memorial Hall Management Committee will be held on Wednesday, 16th April, 2014 at 7.30pm. All residents of Goxhill are welcome to this meeting.

The positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Minutes Secretary are open for nominations together with the Treasurer of the 200 Club.

Goxhill Women's Institute
 The W.I. 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 - 01469 530772.**

The Luncheon Club
 Meets at the Chapel at 12 noon on the second 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.

Goxhill Art Circle
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Churches Together in Goxhill
Pancake Party
 Tuesday 4th March 11am- 1.30pm
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 Chapel School Room (NOTE CHANGE FROM USUAL VENUE)

Christian Aid Quiz night
 Friday 9th May 7.30pm
 In the Chapel Schoolroom
 Admission £5 which includes supper.
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Coffee morning and soup lunches
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All Saints Summer Fayre
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Monthly Pop In
 Are you new to the village, or on your own and would like to share time with others? If so, pop into the Pop In, where we have various refreshments, second hand books and plenty of good company. Come and make some new friends.
 The Pop In is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month 10am -12 noon in the Chapel Schoolroom.
 15th March
 19th April
 17th May
 21st June
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THE GANDER
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, 23rd April 2014 at 7.00.p.m.
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The only thing the Bell Ringers have done this quarter was to ring for the School Carol Service which they appreciated very much.
We do not have practice nights from December until March as it is too cold in the Church without any heating on.

R.B.L. Poppy Appeal

The 2013 Goxhill and New Holland Poppy Appeal raised the grand total of £2,095.70. My thanks go to everyone who willingly donated to the Appeal and the Poppy People who made this possible. Offices, businesses and schools in both villages kindly allowed boxes on their premises and the House to House collectors out in November weather conditions did sterling work. Sincere thanks go to Jane Arnott, Mr. and Mrs. Cresswell, Sheila Gray, Ann Lawtey, Amanda Lind, Barbara Nettleton and Sandra Smith for their contribution to the fund raising. Thank you to Enid Girdham for raising £266 at her Bingo night. My thanks also to Sheila Cook for her help in organising the New Holland collection.

2014 Poppy Appeal will have special significance as this year is the centenary of the start of World War 1. **Penny Carnell**

Thank you

My name is Joyce McDonald and I live at King's Well, Howe Lane in Goxhill. My husband Rod and I moved to the village almost 19 years ago.

We were made very welcome immediately and have made many friends here and could not live anywhere else after coming from a town.

Recently my husband sadly died after many years both in hospital and nursing homes.

I have been overwhelmed by the many kindnesses with mainly beautiful cards with words of comfort that have helped me enormously. Some friends are regularly in touch and invite me to their homes and that is a wonderful break, as after nearly 50 years together, it is lonely.

Three friends in particular Tina, Ann and Joy have accompanied me visiting Rod and without them I feel that I could not have coped so well.

One of my sons lives in Toronto and the other son in the South of France, so being entirely alone it is times like these when friends are so greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank every-one concerned and someday, should they ever need a friend, I will be there!

Thank you for all the flowers also.

Bee Keeping

Our next three months meetings programme is:

March 31st - An Illustrated talk on Pollen and Honey Analysis by John Chandler

April 28th - District Forum facilitated by John Hankinson

May 26th - Bee Health Issues, a talk by Ivor Flatman followed by Annual District Bee Friendly Plant Sale.

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A belated Happy New Year to all our friends and supporters of the South Bank Players amateur dramatic group. We kicked off 2014 with our annual pantomime, which this year was "The Princess and the Pea", written especially by one of our own members, Kate Wilcox. This story had a cheeky goblin, magical Fairy of Tomorrow, an evil witch and a mysterious housekeeper called Boris. Throw in your Prince, Princess, King and 2 queens and what more could you ask for? We are now working on 3 different plays; 2 one act plays for the annual All England Theatre Festival in April at North Ferriby and a full length play for May.

The brilliant 'Inspector Drake and the Time Machine' comedy written by David Tristram will be performed at the Ropery Hall Theatre Friday 9th and Saturday 10th May at 7.30pm. With the professor's dead body found floating in the library and his daughter vanished, everything points to the mysterious time machine. Can the intrepid Inspector Drake, ably hampered by Sergeant Plod, solve the crime of the century? Our hero is sent hurtling into the year

2950 and onto the deck of an alien spaceship where Plod becomes momentarily super-intelligent, and tries to make love to a robot. Drake meanwhile, uncovers a fiendish plot to take over the world and meets the sex-starved High Priestess of Zircon. Surely, this time there's no escape?

There will be a licenced bar prior to the show and also at the interval. Tickets will be on sale shortly from the Ropewalk Information office Tel: 01652 660380 or from our Chairman, Mr Dennis Bloor on Tel 01469 531003 priced at £5 adult / £4 students / £15 for a family of 4.

For more information on any of these performances or to join the group onstage, backstage or front of house, either telephone the chairman on the telephone number above or alternatively you can contact us via our website at www.southbankplayers.weebly.com or via email at southbankplayers@yahoo.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you soon at one of our performances.

Best wishes as always – **Jeanine Guy** [on behalf of the South Bank Players]

Potty Panto Players

Well, what can I say? The Potty Panto' Players production of Jack and the Beanstalk shown early in December in Goxhill Memorial Hall, was a resounding success. The support we had from local families and the complimentary reviews we received were overwhelming and made all our efforts worthwhile. Thanks to the generous support from everyone who performed, helped, and came to watch we were able to donate £700 to the Lindsey Lodge Hospice and a further £700 to Goxhill L.I.V.E.S. I have been informed this donation will enable them to buy another "responders kit" which can be kept in the village. So a huge THANK YOU to all and we hope to see you all again in the coming year.

Lyne Brocklesby

GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL "SHORT AWARD" 2014

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

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 as well as here in the Goxhill Gander village newsletter.

Please place your nomination in a sealed envelope and leave with Colin at his Supply Store by **16th March, 2014.**

The award will be presented at the A.G.M on **16th April, 2014.**

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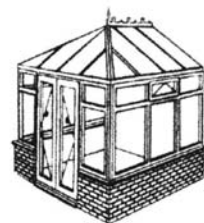
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Booking for this event is essential, please contact Cath Farrell on 01652 633924 or email cathfarrell@btconnect.com by Friday 20 June 2014.

NEWS FROM CENTRAL SURGERY

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On 25th November the surgery received a routine inspection from the Care Quality Commission. We are pleased to announce that we have been assessed as compliant in all areas. The full report is available on www.nhs.uk and www.centuralsurgery-barton.co.uk

Thank You For Your Feedback

We are seeing some positive feedback about our practice on the NHS Choices website (www.nhs.uk). We have worked hard to improve the telephone issues and access to appointments over the last few months so it is pleasing to see it having a positive impact.

Children In Need 15th November 2013

The staff at Central Surgery raised £325 for Children in Need 2013. We would like to thank all who took part, donated, dressed up and ate. Thank you!

THE GAMBIA - HERE I COME!

As a student studying childcare, I always wanted to go abroad with a charity and work with children less fortunate than myself. Time passed and I never got round to going and soon I got married and had my two boys. My husband went off to Kenya a few times with the Military and spent time building a school amongst many other tasks. Still I was no closer to being able to full fill my dream.

In June last year my dream came a step closer. I met a lady, Katie Major who lives in Wootton and she told me about the Gambian Project, a small local charity founded by her friend Sheena Carroll. Sheena who lives in Grimsby set up the charity in 2009 after her daughter married a Gambian man. On her return from a trip from the west African Coast, Sheena set to fund raising so that when she went out again to the capital Banjul she was able to use the money raised to improve the life for some of the poorest children and their families. Katie and Sheena decided to take a small group of students from the Oasis Academy Immingham out on a two-week trip to help, each student having to raise £1000 to secure their place.

Since then, Sheena and Katie go each year with a different group of students from the Academy with a different task in mind. The charity has been able to build a library in St Joseph's school, renovate some classrooms, repair the school windows, add some solar panels to a small village as well as support the poorest families who can't afford to send their children to school, by sponsoring over 64 children to complete an education. This costs around £2 a week per child. In addition to all this The Gambian project also undertake jobs in and around the SOS orphanage, who look after approximately 100 orphans, as well as spending time at the centre for mainly abandoned babies, supplying them with nappies and of course lots of cuddles.

Now in June of this year I am going to be fortunate enough to fulfill my ambition to work with children in Africa.

A group of 15 ladies made up of students and adults fly out on what I think will be just a fantastic experience.

Goxhill Primary School (where I work as a teaching assistant) have been very supportive. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of staff, children and parents who have been leaving bags of toys, clothes and books for me to take with me, as well as wanting to support fundraising ideas.

Only a few weeks ago I had Enid Girdham, one of the schools dinner supervisors bring me a box of beautiful knitted teddies made by herself and the wonderful women from the village and surrounding areas Knit and Natter group. A few days later Enid arrived again with bags of hand and finger puppets. Still these bags of colourful bears keep arriving in school. The Gambian children will just love these bears and may well be the only thing they have to call their own.

Goxhill Primary School have also been busy clicking the knitting needles and are making more of these colourful toys.

To top all the donations of toys, bears etc Jane Arnott, who works at the out of school club and helps in the school office has offered the collection made from her Easter Sunday breakfast that she cooks for the village parishioners in the chapel rooms after they have finished the Easter Sunday service.

So I would like to end by saying a massive thank you for all of the support that has been shown and I look forward to writing again in the Gander on my return and include some photos of what this amazing charity does.

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

So far, the start to the spring term has been very different to the starts of previous years. Last year we had a huge snowfall and at one point, received a letter commending us for being 'the only school in the authority that was open,' you can imagine the delight of the staff! Due to the fact that there has been no snow, so far, we have had a very full month into 2014. Opportunities have been provided for East Halton children to come across for a



KS1 enjoyed a fantastic grammar inspired production

production to highlight grammar in writing - Captain Grammaticus. Year 6 children from both sites were selected to go and represent the school at a Holocaust memorial service in the council chambers. Our mixed netball team of Year 6 boys and girls had a tremendous win at Bowmandale with a final winning score of 25 - 2 and we are now looking forward to the weather improving to enable us to host further tournaments throughout the year. It's clear to say that we have some incredibly talented sporty children, ranging from gymnastics, football, squash, ice-skating, dance and many other specialisms.

We are very fortunate to have Viv Sharland on our team at Goxhill Primary School. She provides children with an excellent introduction to a variety of art skills and techniques in some of our key stage 2 classes and takes these skills and techniques to a new level with our art classes on a Friday morning. As part of this group, the children, with Viv's guidance, are creating a display to commemorate 100 years from the start of WW1. A lot of thought and detail has gone into the work produced for this display and will be a memorable tribute. The work that children produce when in these sessions is of a very high standard, we cannot thank Viv enough for the commitment and hard work she brings to the school – thank you!

Last term there were some really engaging themes going on around school:

Year 3 studied the Rotten Romans and spent an afternoon learning about the diets and foods they ate when a 'Taste

of History' came to Goxhill School. The children enjoyed cooking a variety of delicacies, and most of the children enjoyed the tasting session! As well as this they were given opportunities to dress up and role play as citizens and soldiers from Roman times.

In Year 4, as part of their 'Once Upon a Time' theme, the children studied a range of different story structures. This was followed up with a visit to Grimsby Auditorium to watch the pantomime of Sleeping Beauty. Two of our children were selected to go on the stage with the cast and perform a dance routine in front of the audience – needless to say, they received a huge applause and were rewarded for their confidence with a range of prizes.

In Year 6 the children spent the first half of the term 'blacked out' with newspaper, for their WW2 topic. Much of their work was done by candlelight so that children could empathise with the life and times of WW2. It was quite blinding when the paper came down!

In the busy run up to the Christmas holidays last term, classes from Foundation Stage through to Year 4 were creatively preparing for their Christmas productions. Every year the children put on such wonderful performances, bringing a tear to eyes of many parents, staff and friends of the school. Each year's performances just get better and better, the children thoroughly enjoy putting on a show and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

The Christmas Fair was a massive success – with just under £3000 raised for both Goxhill and East Halton schools. Again, we thank our generous community and our parents for always supporting our fundraising events. It was a full turn out again. Every child in school wanted to win that giant chocolate hamper and well done to Tilly in Year 1 who was picked, it should be noted as well, that at the end of the day she gave every child in her class a chocolate bar and still had an Everest of chocolate to devour over the holidays – just one example of how kind we feel our children are to each other. We have to thank Mrs Cawkwell, through her connections with Barclays Bank and their match-funding scheme, which our school has benefited hugely from over the last few years. This money always goes to provide enriching experiences for all of the children within our care. Some of the money will go on to further our IT provision at Goxhill and fund our expansion of laptops at East Halton. In addition, to enrich science within the school, we have booked a huge, inflatable planetarium this term for the whole school to access throughout the day,



Year 3's Romans homework project proved a success with excellent support from parents



Our school choir performed at the carols round the tree service

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which the children are already eagerly awaiting! During science week, the children will also participate in a world record breaking finger prints challenge...look out for further details!



Year 5 children playing a range of musical instruments in front of a packed hall

One event that is always enjoyed in school is the carols around the tree – it is the day of the school calendar that sees us feeling thoroughly festive before we break up. This year, it was the service to top them all. We had HUGE support from our community and were performing to a full house! All of our guests were treated to a warm mince pie and a hot toddy. We were especially humble to have Mrs Austin (100 years old) join us for the afternoon and she made one remark to us that had a lasting impact, 'The children are just so lucky'. She made that comment in relation to the experiences our children have. For more than an hour we witnessed a whole array of instruments: violins, an accordion (WOW Jonathon), trumpets, recorders and then there was Kyle and Milo from East Halton with their dancing. "Was it body popping!?" Miss Breslin asked (and was made to feel very out of touch with the look the boys gave!) We are thrilled to have a staff of so many talents and the event was really well planned and humorously hosted by Mr Robson and Mrs Dawson.

The training day on the first day of term was a busy one. We had first quality training on grammar, held for 40 staff from East Halton, Goxhill and Cowick, a local primary school located in East Riding. The feedback from the training was excellent and we are impressed with the results that we see when we are in and around school; Year 1 telling us what a noun is, and what proper nouns are; Year 3 telling us at playtime all about fronted adverbials and many more examples. Parents - there is a quiz at the end! But, joking aside, we are putting a consistent and whole-school approach to the teaching of spelling and grammar, so that our children leave us with a secure knowledge and a progression in skills, beginning all the way down in the Foundation Stage.

Year 6 boosters are now if full throng. As a school it can be taken for granted how well we all pull together for the children in our care. We are a real team. This can be highlighted well in the example of boosters. At Goxhill School we see Year 6 attainment and progress as a whole school energy and as such we all pull together to boost the children in these crucial few months. We would like to say thank you to those staff giving freely of their very valuable time to give extra support to the Year 6 children; Mrs Cain, Miss Teasdale, Miss Twidale, Mrs Neve, Mr Boyton, governors Steve Bennett and Cliff Scott. This is

just another example of why we find Goxhill School a truly wonderful place to work and to be a part of and why we stand out!!!

We regularly visit our local church for seasonal services throughout the year and were deeply saddened by the recent news of the church roof. Our committed PIPs team (Parents In Partnership) has decided to hold another Community Café, suitably named 'Raise the Roof'. We have scheduled this for Friday 14th March at Goxhill Primary School (9:15-10:45am ... 2:30-4:30pm). Please come along and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and cake in a warm and friendly environment. The first time we did this for Wear it Pink, was such a lovely way to bring our community together and in the process raise such an incredible amount for a great cause. We hope to make this next Community Café just as great a success to enable us to show our support to our friends at the church. The children are busy preparing for the fundraising event in different activities such as advertising, so please come along, bring a friend and pull together to support our local community.

We have lots of exciting times coming up in the next term at Goxhill Primary School.

A particular favourite of the children's is the 'Easter Egg Trail', organised by Anne Scott and Kate Wilkinson, along with the rest of our committed PIPs team members. This will be our second trail after its successful first run two years ago. This event will be held on Saturday 12th April, during the Easter Holidays and will consist of an Easter trail around parts of the village, followed by numerous fun themed activities back in the school hall with refreshments. More details will be advertised nearer the time but we look forward to you joining us on the trail to hunt for a few eggs!



Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Hull & East Riding Museum as part of their stone age theme

All in all we continue to enjoy school and love creating exciting learning opportunities for the children. This coming year we really want to open our school up to the village and host as many events for all to enjoy. Please check out our website www.goxhillschool.com and notices will be placed around the village, in the library and in the Post Office of events which you are all welcome to attend.

Best wishes from all of the staff at Goxhill Primary School.

Antje Kell and Laurie Teasdale – Assistant Heads

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We invited a local paramedic into the setting, to talk to the children about what they did. We would like to say a huge thank you to Bev Manifold who took the time to come into Pre-school and talk to the

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for ourselves and the environment, which led to us making bird feeders, expression puppets and activities that promoted sound recognition. At the moment we are busy with the children learning about the Chinese New Year, we have been tasting Chinese foods for snack and have been busy making lots Chinese related crafts, such as Chinese money wallets, lanterns and hats. We will be discussing Valentines Day with the children, talking about who we love. We will be holding our Annual Easter Open Morning -

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The first combines were not as big as those we see today which seem to become wider and larger with each new model. The first combines could be driven through a farm gateway (but as Billy Teat said if the gate moves as you are going through there is nothing you can do about it).

The Combine Harvester was fine but it left the straw scattered on the field and so a baler was needed. This together with a tractor and trailer brought about my retirement and that of the horse from matters agricultural. The farm was small and there was a local demand for straw bales which it was able to satisfy but for many bigger farms which were solely arable there was nothing for which the straw could be used and so it was burned as it lay in the fields. Burning the straw was not easy. Vast clouds of smoke covered the landscape and as fires got out of control hedges and adjacent fields of standing crops were sometimes burned. The fire service received many calls for assistance and chaos ensued.

Eventually the burning of straw and stubble in fields became illegal A new shredding and spreading device was fitted to the combine which chopped the straw into small pieces and spread it over the ground from which it had been cut then either by first ploughing or direct drilling next year's crop could be planted. This enabled everything except the grain to be returned to the land to maintain the humus level in the soil.

Long before the invention of artificial fertilisers maintaining the fertility of the soil was recognised as being of prime importance not just by clever academics but by the ordinary people of Goxhill. Not only was straw used as food and bedding for animals but it was also used for the thatched roofs of buildings and straw mattresses upon which people slept. Whatever use it was first put to it was eventually returned to the land from which it came. In the year 1762 Thomas Hardy paid out Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence for manure at Ten Pence per cart load. He bought from Simon Nelson George Carmel Richard Young William Chapman

William Bedom Sen and William Bedom Jnr. At that time Wm Bedom earned Six pence per day for cutting Barley and his wife was paid four and a half pence per day for cocking the barley.

By farming in this way the fertility and humus content of the soil was maintained. Farmers, people with gardens large and small and all who enjoy the beauty of the greenery of our village are indebted to those who over hundreds of years have built up the level of humus in the soil. By returning straw and animal and human waste to the land the alluvial clays, silt and sand which, when sea levels were higher, formed part of a tide washed marsh were improved to become the soil upon which we depend.

In recent times some straw was baled to be used through the winter on farms where animals were kept. In upland areas where the land is not suitable for arable crops straw is bought in and during the autumn large articulated vehicles travel through country lanes to deliver bales of straw ready for the winter. Recently baled straw and grain have become industrial raw materials the grain to make Bio-fuel and the straw for fuel to make electricity this will create some serious problems.

Global warming and the need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions have created a demand for green energy resources. Every possible source of energy that does not involve fossil fuels is being examined. All of the alternative sources of energy have supporters and opponents, the pros and cons are widely known but a relatively new process has made straw into an industrial fuel. Baled straw is being collected and taken to an electricity generating plant in Lincolnshire where it is burned to produce steam and generate electricity. The straw is loaded onto a conveyor belt which feeds it into the fire quite quickly so that a bale is burned every few seconds. The process is described by people who do not understand the importance of straw in maintaining the humus content of the soil as "burning waste straw". When straw has an industrial value it will become too valuable to use on the land. The farmer is paid; the generator has a cheaper source of fuel than gas or coal, but how long will this last? Will longer straw varieties of corn come back into use to provide for this demand?

We have seen that over the years the soil upon which we depend for our crops has been maintained by returning the manure and straw to the land. We do not have to travel far to see that this is only just sufficient to sustain the sandy soils of this locality. When high winds come at seed time and dust blows across the land we see why humus is needed to retain moisture and soil structure. Similarly the exploited peat bogs of Thorne and Hatfield show us what happens when a natural environment is destroyed. The lessons from nature are here to be seen. We should heed them before we burn The Last Straw.

Maurice Brawn

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Chop the dried apricots and Brazil nuts into small pieces of irregular size. Place all the dry ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix well. Next, stir in the golden syrup and orange juice until evenly combined.

Line a swiss-roll tin (20cm x 30cm) with greaseproof paper and spoon in the mixture. Smooth down with the back of a spoon so the mixture is tightly packed and of even thickness.

Place in the oven for 20 minutes, check after 15 minutes to ensure it does not burn. Remove from the oven and leave to cool for an hour or two, then chill in the fridge overnight.

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Nigel BROWN

ACCESS TO TOWNSIDE ROAD AND BLACKSMITHS SHOP ROAD - THE GREEN RAMPERS

These two green lanes in Goxhill were awarded in the Act of Inclosure passed by Parliament in 1775 as Public Roads or Ways. A question now arises as to whether it is possible for anyone other than parliament itself to change this. North Lincolnshire Council wish to prevent the residents of North End whose houses back onto the Ramper (and presumably the public) from having access from their gardens or garages

These are a few extracts from the Award of the Act:

Roads Page 141

And we do hereby further order and award set out and appoint to be made the Public or private Roads or Ways on over and upon the Lands and Grounds so intended to be included as aforesaid as follows that is to say we do order set out and appoint

Townside Road

Also another public High Way or Road herein called the Town side Road Extending Southwards from the West end of Ruard Road aforesaid along the East side of the said Town of Goxhill the West End of the Blacksmiths Shop Road aforesaid

Blacksmiths Shop Road

Also one other Public High way or Road herein called the Blacksmiths Shop road Extending from the Town Street of Goxhill aforesaid to the South East Corner of an Antient Homestead of Edward Westoby and from thence Eastwards to the said Horsegate Road

Public Highways 60 feet wide

And we do order and Award this and Appoint that all and every the Public Highways or Roads shall be Sixty feet wide at the least betwixt the respective Ditches and Fences bounding the same

Public and private Roads to be repaired as Public Highways by Law are repaired Pg154

And we do order and direct that all the said Public and private Roads or ways respectively shall be made and forever hereafter repaired maintained and kept in repair in the same manner and according to the proportions of Work and labour thereon with respect to property or occupation of Lands in the parish of Goxhill aforesaid as public Highways are by Law directed or required to be repaired

Westminster Act

Pg 12

And all such public Roads, Bridges and Drains shall be made and at all times forever after the setting out and completing thereof repaired, and kept in Repair as the public Highways Bridges and Drains within the said parish of Goxhill are by law repaired and kept in repair. Information supplied by Maurice Brawn

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PARISH COUNCIL

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From the 1st of March there are new opening times for the library

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And on Saturday 15th march, the volunteers are holding a Tea /Coffee morning, so you may go along and get registered, and take advantage of the new Wi-Fi. If you have any further questions regarding the library you may contact them at goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk

NETWORK RAIL

The disused railway line that runs from Goxhill to

East Halton, is privately owned by Network Rail. They welcome people using it to ride / walk etc, despite what some residents believe. However they do have plans to reopen it some time in the future.

MUGGA

Just to remind you that nets, ball, and tabbards are available to use on the mugga, contact **Mike** on **532208** or **Val 531012**

PARISH COUNCIL

To remind residents, that Parish Council meetings are held in the parish rooms every month, date and times are always displayed in the notice boards, one is on the library wall and the other notice board is on the green on North End.

Val Gorbitt

GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB


Last year we introduced a reduced £15 membership category especially aimed at what we have called 'social bowlers', for want of a better term. These are people who do not wish to bowl competitively against bowlers from other clubs or to represent Goxhill in any leagues. Typically our social bowlers either want to try out bowling for a season to see if it is the sport for them, or just fancy being able to turn up for a gentle afternoon game with friends every now and then.

Another innovation last year was our combined open afternoon and free barbecue for those of you wanting to try bowling. On Sunday 11th May 2014 we will be repeating that from 2pm until about 5pm except that this year I am confident that the weather will be better (based on my optimistic logic that it surely should not be as wet as that for two years in a row). Everyone is welcome so, even if you turned up last year and never took things any further, please come along and we will hopefully be able to demonstrate bowling in dry conditions. To just try out bowling, all you will need to bring along by way of 'special equipment' is a pair of shoes with reasonably flat soles; slippers are fine if the weather is too!

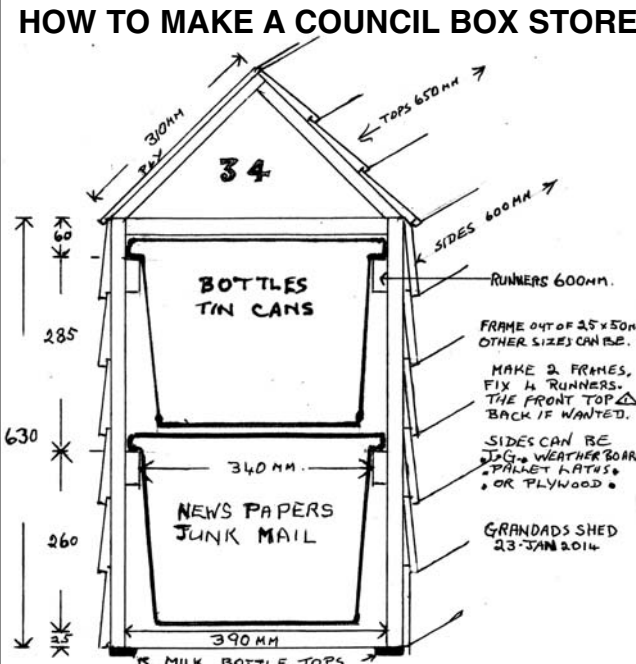
Goxhill Bowling Club's facilities on Manor Lane are great, with a well-maintained bowling green and a club pavilion where members can quench a thirst on sunny afternoons or grab a hot cup of tea when it is not so warm. There is much flexibility over using the bowling green so members can turn up for a friendly game, or simply to practice on their own, pretty much whenever the green is not being maintained. Even if a home league match is on there will usually be a rink free for use. If new members want to dip a toe into something a bit more testing, we run several club competitions during the season. Our emphasis is firmly on enjoyment and, with pairings selected at random, our newest and most experienced bowlers can find themselves team mates for the afternoon.

Please visit our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.clubbz.com> to find out a little more about the club, catch a flavour of what we were up to last year, or contact us by email. If you think you might fancy trying or taking up lawn bowls this year then please feel free to ring 530363 for a chat and I will ensure you are kept updated.

John Guggiari



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County Cross Country Championships

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Well done to everyone who participated and thanks to the PE department for organising the event.



Oliver!

Staff and pupils entertained audiences with this year's school production of the popular musical Oliver! Local primary school pupils enjoyed the first show of the week in a special matinee performance organised just for them. Three further performances

were presented over the week and were very well received by the audience. Once again the performers were



accompanied by live musicians who further enhanced the experience.

Well done to all of the staff

and pupils involved in the performance, you have made us all very proud. A special thanks to everyone back stage and front of house for their help over the weeks and thanks to the staff in the EPA department for organising the production.

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Robert Jaggs-Fowler

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GNEWS FROM GOXHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Towards the end of last year, a newcomer to the village said to me "Neighbourhood Watch - that just about sums up Goxhill". I would usually have been quite pleased to hear those words but, unfortunately, the individual did not intend it as a compliment. It is a shame that neighbourhood watch is sometimes perceived negatively (unless it's by the criminal fraternity!) but hopefully such folk are a small minority and can be won over in time. So this is just a quick reminder of why GNeW-Goxhill's constitution says we were set up in 1996:

- Keep Goxhill village a pleasant place to live in.
- Help foster a community spirit where neighbours take an interest in each other's welfare.
- Make a positive contribution to the security and safety of all residents and property.

We do not have the regular meetings and newsletters that were a feature for many years and we have tried to move with the times. Instead, today please see our website at <http://gnew-goxhill.clubbz.com> for security tips and do join it to receive bulletins or warnings that the police and other local agencies send us. The website also allows members to submit their own messages to publicize or share information with other Goxhill residents.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

John Guggiari, GNeW-Goxhill

DOG POOH!

I have received a moan from a reader about a dog walker down the Churchside footpath, putting dog pooh bags in her rubbish bin.

Dog owners are responsible for their dogs and should put pooh bags in the designated bins or take it home. It is not fair to put it in someone else's bin – bags can burst!

I recently counted 6 piles of dog pooh on the grass outside my house, even a used pooh bag. So I endorse the previous persons complaint.

Please clear your dog's pooh up and take it home to dispose of. It is not fair to inflict it on the rest of the village.

It's Spring and things are looking good.
No, they're looking Great!

Did you know that seven months have 31 days and March is one of them?

Whilst March is the third month in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars it was also the first month of the earliest Roman calendar; derived from the Latin word Martius it was named for Mars the Roman God of war. The first day of March is the meteorological beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere and on the 20th March at 16:57, it will be the astronomical beginning of spring when the Earth's equator passes the centre of the Sun.

The month of March is marked in many northern countries and cultures as either when 'earth becomes visible under the snow' (maallinen kuu - Finland) or 'the earth becomes dry enough so that it is possible to cultivate it' (su%ec - Slovenia).

Hopefully when this article, being written in January is finally published, the phrases above will have come true; that the harsh winter weather will have moved away, the Somerset Levels will have started to drain if not drained completely and the earth will be ready for the first potatoes to be planted.

Winter didn't stop work in the garden completely

though; we (that's the Royal 'we') have been busy reconstructing fences and borders, Sally's been hard at work digging a new rose border and we have received great news; this year will see both daughters getting married - yeah!

Spring is arriving in many forms, the literal season of spring with the plants and trees clearly budding and the spring in Gill's and my steps as the first of the two weddings fast approaches - time for new suits and frocks I think! Gill will also be finishing the wedding cake for April's wedding of Helen and Dave.

Just as spring marks the new dawn, new growth, so both daughters and partners will be starting on their new lives together as many other young couples will too; and just as it is important to plant well in spring to get all the fruits and blossoms in autumn, we trust that their new lives are well planted and will be full and long together.

So March for us will be a busy month, working in the garden, preparing it for many events and of course the Goxhill Open Gardens on Father's Day, working too in the kitchen and the house, readying for guests and feasting.

We both hope that your year ahead looks and is going to be, as exciting as ours looks right now, cheers all!

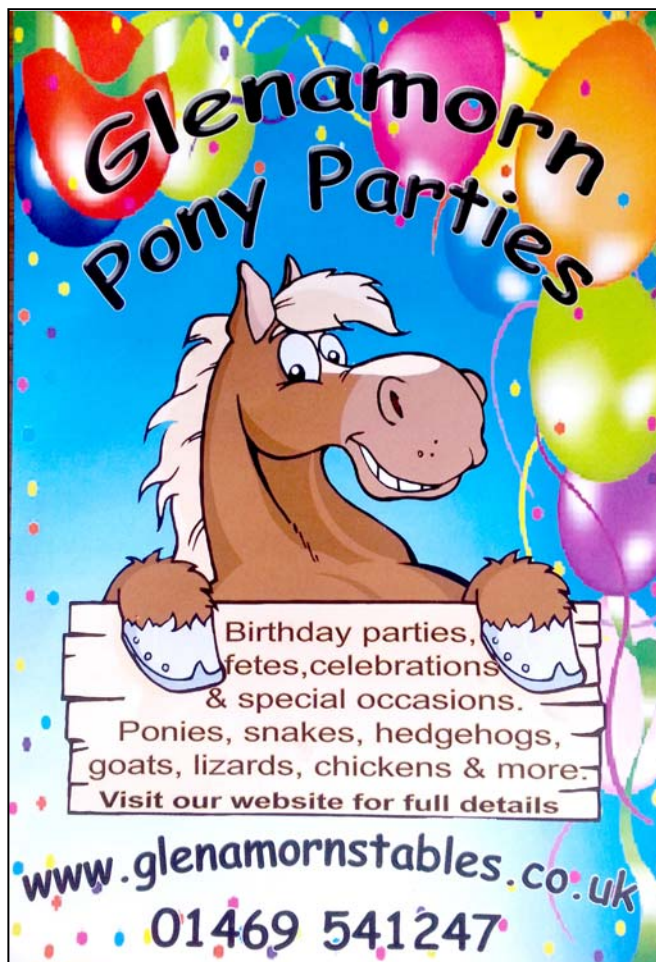
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Signs of Spring

It's not just 'Spring has Sprung, and the Grass has riz', new beginnings are sought, restlessness comes, and an urge to start a new way of life leads some of us to search out new surroundings - a better home. It is a busy time for those seeking a different home. Is it the 'nesting instinct', which we possibly share with the other living creatures?

What are they looking for; larger rooms, modern kitchens, splendid bathrooms, more than one! En-suite shower rooms, a large number of bedrooms, study rooms, and the latest ideas in decor?

Oh how different it was when Dennis, as a young boy, moved house with his mother and siblings, from a cottage on the Humber Bank to 'Field Farm Cottage', a little nearer civilisation but still almost two miles outside the village of Goxhill.

This cottage is still there on the corner of Ruards Road and Chapel Field Road. We often pass it and say how much it has changed. During World War 2 it was on the corner of the airfield, which Dennis and his family watched being constructed, and where they witnessed many operations happening. But that's a story for the future.

So back to Field Farm Cottage, just a year or so before World War Two. The family consisted of Mother, five sons, two of working age (14 years old was working age then), and one daughter. The cottage was available because one of the working brothers worked at Field Farm, and was entitled to a 'Tied Cottage', where they could live for as long as he worked there.

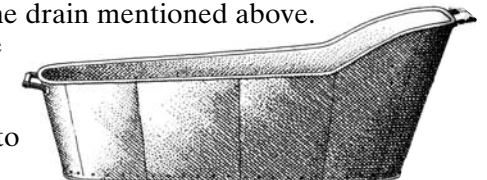
Now to compare the living accommodation with modern day standards. This consisted of a 'scullery', where all the washing of pots and linen was done; washing was done using a dolly tub and wash tub with plenty of 'elbow grease'; a coal fired copper stood in one corner of this room; there was a 'pantry' for food storage; a shallow stone sink which emptied into a bucket placed underneath; when full this was poured into the sink outside, this drained into a ditch outside the front of the house, to join the foul water from the farm house. The sons of the family constructed a bridge over this drain to make entering the property easier.

The adjoining room was the living kitchen, where all the cooking was done on a coal range, a boiler at the side of the range was the only hot water supply to the house; apart from the copper which was used to heat water on bath night, usually on a Friday night. This was also the room where all spent their time after work, playing cards, dominoes and darts, in winter months by light from a pump up 'Tilly Oil Lamp'. A type of cricket was played in the field during the

summer time, friends would come around to join in. There was another room downstairs, which was used as a bedroom, this was also the room, which during the war housed the 'Morrison shelter', a heavy metal table, with a bed underneath where all could shelter during an air raid.

Upstairs were three rooms, one of these had a bath in and a bed. On bath nights buckets of hot water, heated in the copper were carried upstairs. This bath had a plug which let the water drain into the outside sink to end up in the drain mentioned above.

All the rooms were occupied, no one had the luxury of having a bedroom to themselves.



Now to the lavatory facility. This was an Earth Closet in a small building in the back yard. The wooden seats on these earth closets were scrubbed every day, great pride was taken in keeping these, obviously smelly lavatories spotless. Squares of newspaper, for use as toilet paper were usually hung with string on a nail behind the door; the reading on them was quite intriguing but they were always left in doubt about how the story ended. For quite a few years this lavatory had to be emptied by the family, as it was quite a time before the 'night soil' cart visited this property. This was done by digging a large hole in the garden, to dispose of the contents! Then when all the space had been used, holes were dug in the field.

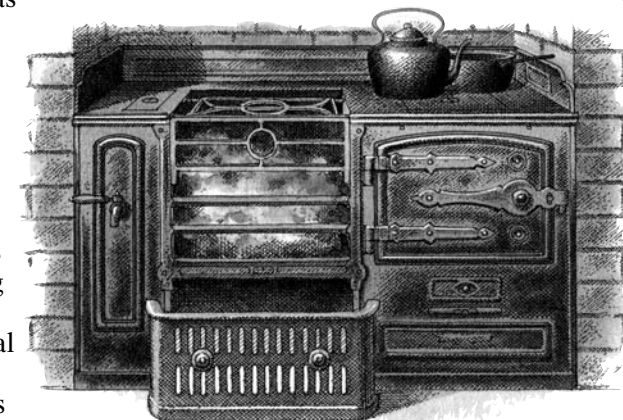
Years later, after Dennis and I were married, a friend fell from his motorbike into the foul drain. We

washed his suit in the 'dolly tub', and when dried and pressed he wore it and no one noticed that anything had happened to it. How we would have wondered at a 'washing machine' - we were the washing machines then! We note that the drain has since been filled in, and there is now an entry for cars

How different things were then!

Good luck to all who seek new accommodation this Spring-time. I would not like to go back to the old ways - it was a busy life, and a happy one. But I love my creature comforts.

Ramona Percy



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The Staveley House Mine

Ron Parker's Jottings

On a cloudless night with a full moon shining in the late evening of the 13th March 1941, Mr Alan Robinson of Staveley House, on Ruard Road at Goxhill was an ARP (Air Raid Precaution) Warden. He was standing on the road outside his home after the Air Raid sirens had sounded an Alert. A lone German aircraft had passed over, the German aircraft could be identified by the sound of their unsynchronised engines. But it was all quiet when a lorry drew up, the driver got out and was asking directions for the entrance to the partly constructed airfield when they looked up and saw a Parachute floating down. Believing it to be a

German Airman having bailed out, the driver said "lets get him". They started off towards the falling parachute which landed down the drive 30 yards beyond the house in front of them and it turned out to be a Parachute Mine. A few seconds later it exploded, Mr Robinson and the Driver were blown backwards from the road over the grass verge to the dyke behind them and were knocked out for a few seconds though without any injuries. Mr Robinson then went into the house to find his wife laid in the passage with the front door on top of her, ripped off by the blast, fortunately again without injuries. Mrs Robinson had been looking out of the back door when she saw this object floating down and not knowing where her husband was and not able to see him, she thought he may be at the front so she had been on the way to the front door when the explosion occurred. Their two children, Thelma & Derek, were sleeping in the front room as many did during the war due to the air-raids, were uninjured.

Such was the blast that it moved the house complete half an inch on its Damp Course with the result that it had to have a complete rebuild after the war instead of being repaired. Staveley House was a Market Garden with a number of Glass-houses which of course were left devoid of glass after the explosion. The Parachute was blown onto the chimney of the Boiler House which heated the

glasshouses, and it was recovered by someone finding a ladder and climbing up to get it, in the presents of the local Policeman, PC Cook of Barrow, and the Commanding Officer from the Ack-Ack site in Goxhill Marsh, who had arrived in his Utility Truck. An argument began as to who should take procession of it, apparently the Army won the Night. Later Mr Robinson said that he saw the mine for a few seconds before it exploded and it looked just like a Cambridge Roll laid on the ground. A Cambridge Roll is an agricultural implement made up with 3 inch wide ring sections two feet in diameter, in those days they were made for horses to pull, much smaller than the modern ones used by tractors today.

There were actually two mines (the type used for sinking ships that the Germans dropped in the



An example of a parachute mine that didn't explode

Humber, if they could hit it), the other dropped in a field without doing any damage near the crossroads of Ruard Road and Horsegate Field Road (Middle Road to Goxhillians) belonging to Bill Howsham, a 1/4 of a mile from Staveley House. That night the Home Guard post at the crossroads was manned by Ernest Marritt, of Quebec Cottages, Goxhill Brickyard and a

companion. He took home with him a piece of shrapnel from the mine for a souvenir, which was still hot when he found it. At the time the airfield construction was well under way with the runway just over the hedge from Staveley House laid out with its Chalk Foundations, shining white in the Moonlight and many locals said the aircraft had mistaken the runway for the Humber, while others said it could have been all the Glasshouses at the Hawthorne Gardens shining in the Moonlight which had led to the release of these two unwanted mines by the aircraft. However no-one ever knew the truth, it was only anticipation by a few of the village characters who liked to tell a good story. In later years one can only wonder what the story was that the Lorry Driver told his mates of that dramatic night?

By the Late Ron Parker.

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LOCAL COUPLE DANCE AT STRICTLY BLACKPOOL



Goxhill couple, Natalie & Steve Griffin had a truly memorable experience to finish 2013, when they were invited to the Strictly Come Dancing held each year at the Blackpool Tower Ballroom – not just to watch the show – but to participate!

The invitation came from Keith & Judy Clifton of Clifton Dance

Academy in Grimsby, their son Kevin Clifton was partnered with the BBC Breakfast presenter Susanna Reid & Keith got a last minute call from the BBC asking if they could bring along 21 couples including themselves to dance with the professionals in the opening performance of the Saturday night's Strictly Come Dancing show at the Blackpool Tower Ballroom.

Keith explained: "The BBC wanted to show how social dancing is for all ages & levels to enjoy, some of our couples like Natalie & Steve haven't been dancing very long and here was an opportunity for them to dance on the Strictly show. It's almost impossible to get tickets to the show, never mind having a starring role."

No strangers to the Blackpool Tower Ballroom, seen as the spiritual home of ballroom dancing, Judy & Keith have spent may times there, Keith as a Judge, Judy competing in the not too distant past and their son Kevin & daughter Joanne, a fellow professional and world champion professional ballroom dancer, also competed at the Tower every year as youngsters.

Social dancing for Natalie & Steve Griffin began when they started looking to do something to keep fit, that was enjoyable & that they could do together no matter the weather. The social dance classes seemed the answer, "It's really good fun" said Steve, "Natalie finally persuaded me to have a go & even though I have two left feet I am really enjoying myself & we've got a whole new social life as well & lots of new friends. There's a weekly practice session for anyone from the classes & Judy & Keith regularly organise dance parties & we even got to see a dance performance at Christmas by Kevin & his fiancé Karen Hauer which was spectacular."

But the chance to see the show, meet the stars & actually dance in the show was all nearly scuppered for Natalie &

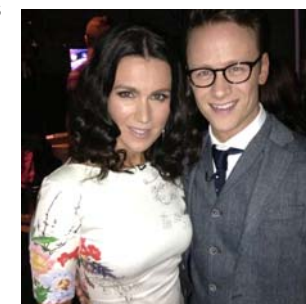
Steve due to work. Steve is a self-employed projects manager in commercial refrigeration & was working on a busy project at one of the branches of a main supermarket in Leicester. The dates of the show coincided with an important day at the supermarket and Steve knew he had to be in attendance; but the main contractor turned out to be a mad Strictly fan and told Steve in no uncertain terms that he had to go & that he would cover for him.

"When Keith first rang about the show I thought it was a joke," said Natalie. "We've only been dancing just over a year & trust me we are still very much beginners, and there are a lot of classes with plenty of experienced dancers. But Judy & Keith wanted a group of their social dancers ranging from beginners up to those from the more experienced classes. I tried not to get excited as we were very busy with work & thought we would miss out, so you can imagine how delighted we both were & surprised at the show's popularity amongst the contractors we work for – mainly builders, engineers, electricians & contractors whom you would never dream of as being avid fans of the show. Once word got around, each time Steve spoke to any of them he'd get a chorus of the Strictly theme tune, it was so funny but also great that they felt involved too."

The excited group of social dancers, some of whom live in Ulceby, Brigg, Waltham & surrounding areas of Grimsby and ranging in age from 30s to retirement age travelled by coach to Blackpool on the Friday before the show so that they could start rehearsals & learn their dance routine for the show to be televised live on Saturday.



Kevin Clifton with fiancé Karen Hauer



Kevin 'from Grimsby' with his Strictly partner Susanna Reid



The group arriving at Blackpool Tower

"Nobody got a lot of sleep, we were too excited and nervous," said Natalie, "and audiences don't realise just how hard the professional dancers and stars work at getting their dance routines right with many of them having to do their day job as well. It was incredible to watch behind the scenes, all the work from production, the camera crews, the dressmakers for the dancers outfits, everybody squeezed into small rooms, all working at such a pace that I found a whole new respect for what goes into a show for us the audience to enjoy at home."

"But the absolute best bit," continued Natalie, "Was when we came out to join the professional dancers, the audience went wild, it was so exhilarating, any nerves just melted away."

"Yes", nodded Steve in agreement, "It was absolutely fantastic, a day we'll never forget." **Natalie Griffin**



Clifton Dance School social dancers performing at Blackpool Ballroom



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Hopefully we have turned a corner with cold weather, dark nights and dreadful tidal surges. Fortunately for us, the tide kept at bay and our hut was undamaged. Our fundraising efforts over the past year, in order to have the interior of the hut painted, were not in vain and the hut remains in great order for the year ahead!

Firstly, we would like to start with a plea:
 We are looking for a treasurer for our scout group, ideally with financial experience. The duties include keeping records of income/expenditure, banking and general accounting, paying bills etc. The handover of duties would be supported by our departing Treasurer.

You would be supported by a loyal, friendly team who meet every other month, over a drink, for a meeting to discuss events and issues concerning our scout group.

Please contact Jo Fielding on 0774 8173264 if you think you may be able to help. Thank You.

Beavers
 Our Beavers, with the help of their parents, made a tremendous effort to donate toys for Christmas presents to children affected by the local floods in December. An amazing 3 car boot-loads were collected and have been distributed. This was a great effort, at very short notice, and brought much happiness to many youngsters. As a Group we always endeavour to attend the annual Remembrance Service. This year, unfortunately, a sickness bug resulted in a low attendance. However, the beavers will soon be having some visitors to discuss their wartime experiences. We hope this will inform the younger members of our group and inspire them to attend the 2014 service which marks 100 years since the outbreak of WW1. On a lighter note, the beavers have enjoyed Halloween and Christmas activities which also included a disco and a surprise visitor Batman (who knew he travelled so far from Gotham City)!

If your child is aged between 6 & 8 we have a few places available. Please contact as below.

Cubs
 Our Cub Pack is very active and has a very lively group of young boys and girls. Recent activities have included working on their camping, hobby and animal care badges. A trip to Pets at Home has been arranged and also 'Sam Safari' is visiting along with some more unusual and exotic pets. Fish are also included so a trip to The Deep has been planned. Excitement is building now for the annual activity trip to PGL; we have 29 kids attending who will be climbing, raft building, facing challenges and getting very muddy and wet (which they love).

Scouts
 Ten of our intrepid Scouts achieved their survival badge which entailed building their own camp and preparing/cooking their food without adult supervision (not a ready meal in sight). As always, they did really well and proved that they really are often more capable than we give them credit for!

Lots of camping and hiking activities continue to be undertaken and a DIY badge is the current goal.

Explorers
 After our good results in The Fells Marathon we said goodbye to 4 members of Explorers – Fabian Morpeth, Will Needham, Max Crawford and Alexander Lari. These young men have been with the Group from the age of 6 and we wish them well with their future ventures. The remainder of the group will soon be putting their building skills to good use by building us a new shed in the coming months. We have some places available in Explorers so if you are aged 14 to 18 years and fancy coming along, please give us a call. Don't feel intimidated – we are a really friendly group!

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), call Jo Fielding on 0774 8173 264.



THE GRAND OPENING OF THE MEMORIAL HALL on the 7th March 1925.

It has changed quite a lot over the years but is still a vital social facility for the village. It is also the Memorial for those from Goxhill who lost their lives in the two World Wars.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

The choir of The John Harrison School in Barrow, along with Barton Town Band, provided the entertainment for the annual Barton Rotary Club Christmas Concert. About ninety OAP's from Barton and the villages, including Goxhill, were transported to Baysgarth School Hall by coach and car, where they were also served with supper.



Forty-eight Christmas Day dinners were cooked and delivered to elderly people who would be on their own on Christmas Day, by members of Barton Rotary Club. They were distributed within the town and surrounding villages, including to some Goxhill residents.



The club's busy Christmas included collections around the town and villages with Santa and at supermarkets. This raised money for St Andrew's Children's Hospice in Grimsby and the When You Wish Upon a Star charity, both helping children suffering from life-shortening illnesses. The annual Barton Christmas Festival included club members taking "Photos with Santa". As well as a picture, the children were given a present.

At the same time club members and partners were helping people who suffered flooding in their homes in South Ferriby and Barton. Three members wives



organised and sorted the large amount of clothing, cleaning materials and food handed into Ferriby Village Hall. At the villagers request, Santa, helped by Barton Rotarians, was able to attend and switch on the Christmas Tree lights and make a "no collection" tour of the village.



Earlier, collections were also held in supermarkets to buy ShelterBoxes to help the People of the Philippines. A ShelterBox was also taken around local schools, and, so far, four £590 boxes have been paid for, plus a £500 donation. Money is still being collected towards a further box. The box contains a ten person tent, cooking equipment, sleeping bags and tools.

Generous local schoolchildren, have again filled 175 Rotary ShoeBoxes to be delivered to Romania. Members visit the schools to tell the children about the boxes and then collect them ready to be sent to Eastern Europe.

Barton Rotary Club - doing great things in Barton and the villages since 1977

THE ROTARY CLUB BARROW MERIDIAN



Well it's been a whirlwind Christmas period. The 5th December brought floods to many in our area, and we have given some help to Barrow Haven, hopefully with more to come.

From the 8th through to 14th of December we walked the streets of Barrow, New Holland, Wooton, Goxhill and Thornton Curtis, with our very own Santa in his sleigh. We were very well received and the children loved the visit.

At our Christmas Fayre, for the first time, we held our hundred club draw. First prize was £250 and numerous raffle prizes were won on the evening including the super hampers put together by R Sergeants butchers.

When You Wish Upon A Star - received half the profits made at the Christmas Fayre.

The Andrew Clark Trust- we sponsor three children in Burma for schooling and medical treatment.

Philippines Disaster - A very small donation has gone so, so far. Barrow Meridian was contacted by Barton Lion, Jeremy Walker of Weir Engineering, who was working out in the Philippines when the disaster struck. We then managed to transfer funds straight to Jeremy, enabling him to direct help at the source, supplying the needy almost immediately. Jeremy enclosed these details of how we assisted during the aftermath of the recent typhoon in the Philippines. "Firstly may I convey thanks to Barrow Meridian Rotary Club and Barton Lions, from all the people that we assisted during the recent typhoon aftermath. These people are extremely grateful to you, and without your assistance, life would certainly have been even more uncomfortable than it already is. Your assistance was very timely, and, indeed, because it came so quickly, we were able to assist well before the aid channels started opening and getting through."

Barrow Meridian (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)

We are again funding the places for two people from Baysgarth School to go to Castleton camp for four days, on a prestigious yet fun filled stay. As the title reads, leadership and teamwork are the theme, and numerous speakers will visit the location and broaden there understanding of Rotary.

Action For The Flood Victims Of Barrow Haven

A musical extravaganza, on the 28th of February at the Queens Club Barton, organised by Kevin Guy, will entertain all while raising much needed help for the flood victims of Barrow Haven. We are in receipt of an individual donation of two hundred and fifty pounds, many thanks, donations large all small will be gratefully received and used to help those in trouble from the flooding.



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OFF THE HOOF

"Life is really simple, but we insist in making it complicated" Confucius

The months seem to be galloping by and at the time of writing it is the end of January. Outside it is really wet and dull. My fields are a quagmire and for the first time two of my horses have a bit of 'mud fever'.

It has been horrendous for our neighbouring villages in particular as the floods took their toll. I know of people who lost pigs, calves and chickens as the river broke its banks.

Those living in the centre of the village may be quite oblivious of this.

I nearly ended up with eighteen chickens as a result of the floods in South Ferriby where it really hit hard and it will take some months before it returns to anywhere near normal.

On 19th January I attended the British Skewbald and Piebald Association Judges Conference in Rugby. I always enjoy these and this one was no exception. Firstly, a talk with accompanying slides was given by Jane Hastie, a renowned vet, on optimising the performance of the Show Horse, including conformation and causes and management of voluntary and involuntary headshaking.

Secondly an interesting talk on colour markings and how they could be just an optical illusion or a confirmation fault and how judges should be aware of these.

A speaker from a relatively new "Gypsy Cob Association" was the first to speak. These are the hairy cobs we associate with gypsies but for my part, I still do not know how they differ from the "Vanner" but the talk was interesting and invited many questions from the floor.

The next speaker was Jo Plane from an organisation called "Headway" The Brain Injury Association and covered Horse Riding and Brain Injuries.

I confess I thought it was going to be boring but how wrong I turned out to be.

The reason Jo was invited to speak was because the Skewbald and Piebald Association were having consultations with the members about whether to enforce the wearing of hats with chinstraps for all their events for both competitors and judges.

As the statistics were being given, a lady in the audience put up her hand and stated she was totally against it and it should be freedom of choice and she had written and told them so.

Deadly, stunned silence filled the room.

Another lady in a very stilted, choked voice said both she and her daughter rode and always wore chin straps. She related a story where her daughter was at a show when she was thrown from her horse head first into a pile of jump poles. The lady ran across the ring as a mother but by the time she reached her daughter, her other self as a Paramedic took over. She stated that if her daughter had not been wearing a hat with a chin strap she would have been visiting her in the graveyard. She said (through teary eyes) that as a

Paramedic she had seen horrendous and sometimes fatal injuries in both horse riders and cyclists not wearing chin straps or appropriate headgear. Tumultuous applause ensued.

From the back of the room someone spoke and there was a bit of joviality rippling the air. The person was invited to the front accompanied by shouts of "Go on, Roger".

It was Roger Stark, one of the organisers for 'Hickstead'.

He invited a show of hands for hats with chin straps and those without. Those without was the original lady and her friend, who only managed to raise her hand to her shoulder.

He said it would eventually come to all events and in his opinion it was a question of vanity and went on to say the judges would be more interested in the horse not the chin strap. He predicted within 2 years it would become a rule for all societies as the Insurance companies would impose it.

Another lady, Vicky Mathews, from the audience spoke and said she had hunted for 45 years. She had been Hunt Secretary for 15 years and was collecting cap money when a horse in front of her lashed out at hers, which took evasive action and she fell off. She remounted and carried on but felt unwell after an hour so went home. Four days later she was admitted to hospital where they discovered she had a small bleed on her brain.

At one time, she stated, out of 100 people hunting, there would only be one crash hat. Now 40-50% in her hunt wears them.

Closer to home, Dianne Hennchen had an accident when a youngster she was riding took exception to a farm vehicle and leapt into the air, dispatching her onto the road. Her head hit the ground and she was knocked unconscious. She does not remember a lot about it but thinks the First Responder attended as well as the Ambulance which took her to hospital. She was wearing a hat with a chinstrap but still sustained lacerations to her head which were glued together. The hat is no more and she will be investing in a new one with the correct Kite safety marks. A very lucky woman. The driver of the farm vehicle had stopped and has since been to see her. It really shook him up. Would you know what to do in an accident? Her daughter, Zoe, was with her so in this instance there was one horse with Zoe, one galloped off and her mum laid on the road. Difficult. Apparently Sarah Raby took charge and called an Ambulance. Nice one, Sarah!

Everyone should think about taking a Basic First Aid course. They are not long or expensive but could make a difference.

The debate for wearing hats with chin straps no doubt will go on as each Society has its own rules but I hope common sense will prevail. Whatever the head injury,

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you must go to the hospital to get it checked.
As I write, Jo Burns will now be a Mrs from yesterday
and sunning herself on honeymoon in Mexico, so
congratulations, Jo.

It has been reported that the online mail order firm,
'Derby House' has gone into liquidation so if you are
still waiting for a Christmas order you know why it
hasn't arrived.

"Hot to Trot" at Stallingborough (Wild Bird) have a
good offer on the stretchy self-adhesive bandages. 12
for £19. Bargain and well worth getting some. I have
been using them and they are real value to have in
your First Aid chest.

I recently needed some Peroxide to treat an abscess in
my horse's foot. This is another simple thing we used
to be able to get from any chemist. I managed to
borrow some which I have to replace but it looks like
I will have to order ten bottles! Anyone else want a
bottle to make it worth my while?

Going through my rugs I now have an excess all
washed and ready to go. They are mainly 6ft-plus, if
anyone is interested, either indoor or outdoor.

For the Pony Club enthusiast the 'B' test is
undergoing change to make it more appealing to the

older rider. It used to count equivalent to
"Horsemasters" but I am not sure how it compares
now. It's quite deep and shows a professional
approach to horses. I believe any qualification
attained whilst still in full-time education has to be a
bonus in the job market.

It has been reported that more horses and ponies
have been euthanized with 5,000 over the last two
years. Some of these are where they have been turned
out on private land and referred to as 'fly grazing'. I
find it distressing.

Talking about fly grazing, what about fly tipping? We
are not as bad as some villages but if the Council have
their way, I can predict an increase in the future.

For those who use the dump regularly to dispose of
our rubbish responsibly, it is all about to change.
Trailers will have to be registered and only allowed in
once a week. For the avid gardener this will not be
enough when it comes to cutting hedges. I am totally
against the changes and urge residents to make their
feelings known to the Council before the enforcement
begins.

That's about all for this edition.

Keep your news and views coming in.

Take Care - Ride Safely. **Aileen 01469 530643**

GOXHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Goxhill's community library is situated in the Parish Rooms on Howe Lane, run by
volunteers and free for all in Goxhill or neighbouring villages to use. To publicize our
library and give people the opportunity to find out a bit more about what we have to
offer, we will holding an open morning on Saturday 15th March from 10am to midday.
Please drop in and join us for a cup of tea or coffee. Library volunteers will be on
hand to talk about the facilities on offer, Goxhill's book club, what is involved in being
a library volunteer, our opening times, and anything else related to the library -
including books! The library will be open for the normal business of borrowing or
returning books if you are already a library member. And if you are not yet a member
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We do not just have books; there are computers available with a broadband connection. As a library member
there is much that you can do online including renewing and reserving books. There is a huge amount of
information in the latest online Encyclopaedia Britannica, Grove Art, Grove Music, the Oxford Dictionary of
National Biography and more. Having reviewed the numbers using the library for the various days and times,
from 1st March we will be trying out new earlier hours for Fridays. That will give the following new opening
times:

- Mondays from 3.30pm until 7pm - unchanged
- Wednesdays from 2pm until 5pm - unchanged
- **Fridays from 3pm until 6pm - new times** (previously as Monday)

If you cannot wait for our open morning to ask about anything related to Goxhill community library then
please either email goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk or just call in when the library is open and speak to the
volunteer on duty. We are keen to hear from anyone who can join our team of volunteers running the library.
Our numbers have dropped recently as some of our initial group have left the village or are less available
than previously. Volunteering need not mean a commitment to work every week, but for that we need a
reasonable pool of people to ensure that the library is fully available at the published times. **John Guggiari**

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Brazilian Trek & Kayak Challenge for LIVES

Last 21st October many of us were in the Memorial Hall watching the play An Apple a Day. By contrast, away in Brazil, Goxhill's Clara Smith was completing a charity challenge raising funds for LIVES. This was a thank-you to LIVES for helping her mother, and Clara's third time



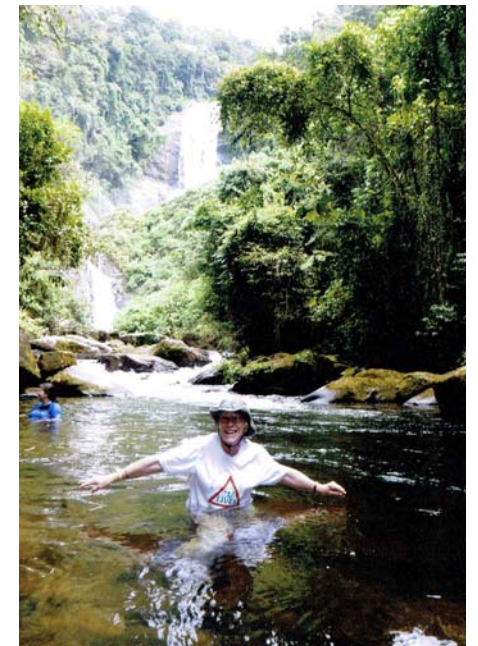
combining adventure with fundraising after previous trips to Peru and the Himalayas.

With local guides and six like-minded individuals aged from 20 to 73, Clara set off from just south of Sao Paulo and headed north east. Not content with the standard three day trek, she was among those who walked an extra 3 miles on day one after doubling back when their guide took them beyond the crossing point! However, the trek through rainforest was not all walking; it included a rudimentary hand-operated 'cable car', crossing rivers by log bridges or wading, and sleeping in tents. The insects proved to be entirely indiscriminating, whatever repellent you chose; if they missed biting you the first night, they made up for it the next.

On arriving in Paraty, Clara received a reminder of why it is called rainforest when there was a really heavy downpour; fortunately that night was to be spent in a pousada (small hotel) rather than in tents. Refreshed after washing off the trail and

a night sleeping in beds, the group were back on their way but this time in two-person kayaks. It was a round trip of three days, camping on shore each night, so the first challenge was stowing everything needed within the kayaks. Having learned to kayak on the River Ancholme in Brigg, this was Clara's first experience of open water. Whilst it proved to be very demanding and tiring, that just added to the sense of achievement at the end. Her trip concluded with a visit to Rio to enjoy modern amenities and the more standard tourist attractions prior to flying back to the UK.

Written by John Guggiari on behalf of Clara Smith



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It costs some £3,000 a year to run our local group. This includes our affiliation to LIVES for accreditation, renewal of medical equipment, replacement of medical consumables as they are used, oxygen supplies and the mobile phone bill. We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who has given a donation or raised funds for us. Whilst we are extremely grateful for every contribution, we particularly wish to thank the following for their most recent and substantial support: Lynne Brocklesby, for raising £700 through pantomimes in by the Potty Panto Players; and Clara Smith, whose sponsored trek in Brazil raised well over £1,000.

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

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