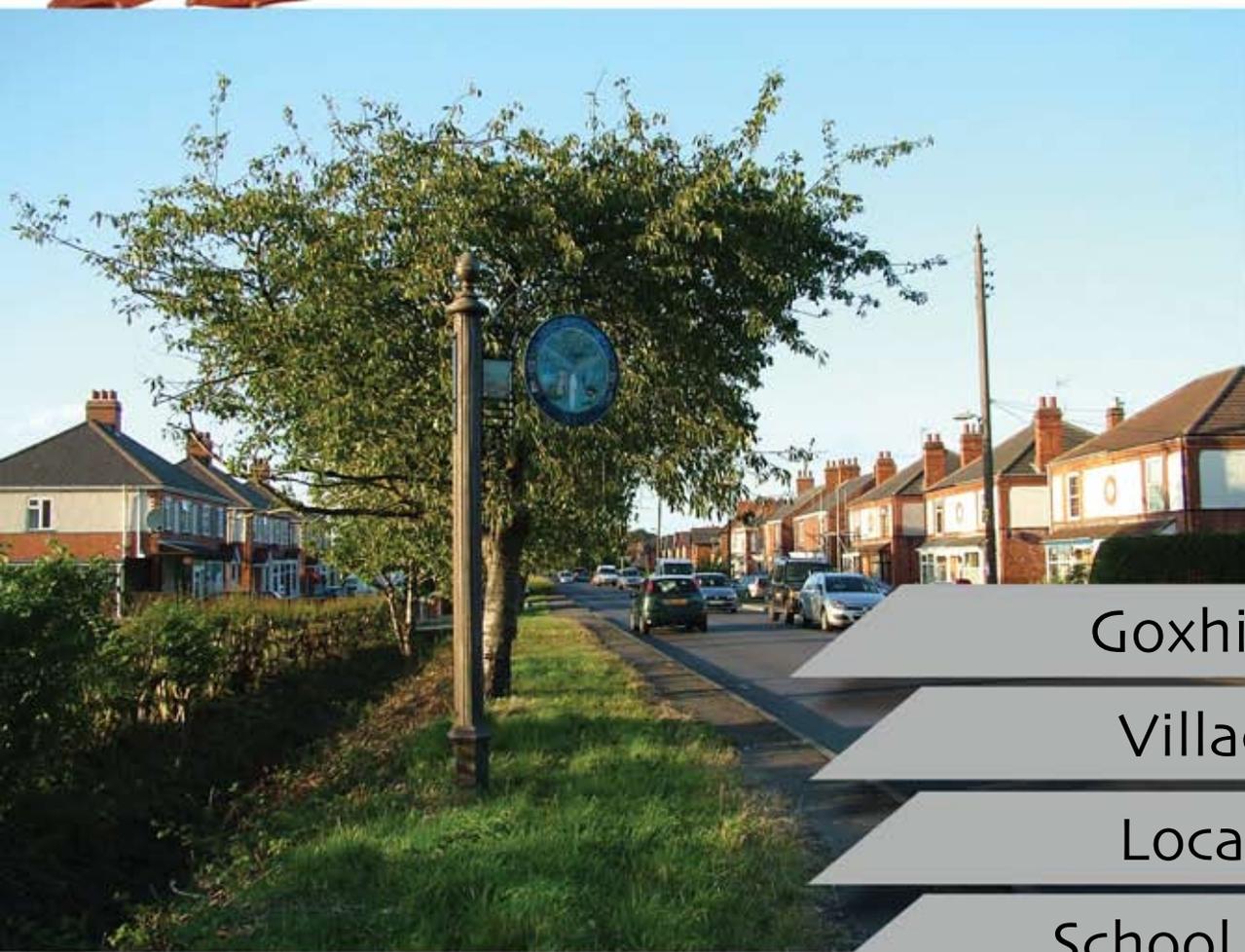




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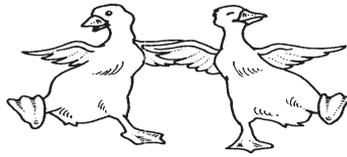


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I've been thinking quite a bit about babies recently. Spring is in the air and that always makes me think of new life, one of my friends and his wife had a daughter in February, and Troy, who many of you will know has lived with us for 13 years, becomes a father himself in early June - indeed his son may already have been born by the time you are reading this.

Though Troy isn't my brother, I consider the baby to be as close to being my nephew as possible without being my blood, and that goes for my whole family. Because he came to us aged seven, my parents were building on foundations that were already in place, and as the Jesuits' famous saying tells us, much about him was already set before his arrival in Goxhill, but they should feel proud of what they have done, as he should of himself, as he moves into the next stage of his life.

I have also been thinking quite a bit about babies recently because it is usually the metaphor I call on to describe the Gander. At job interviews or in career-related conversations I produce copies to show not just what I can do but where I come from and what contributed to making me who I am. Though I say the newsletter is "my baby", perhaps it is actually more like Troy is to my mum and dad - in my foster care. Other people are responsible for the existence and appearance of the Gander, have laid down the template, set the example which I build on. And like him, it has to stand on its own two feet, pay its own way - and has now produced a baby of its own.

The Gander team did not sit down and decide to launch the website just for ourselves. The suggestion came out of our AGM over a year ago, and coincidentally launched about nine months after we had decided to go ahead with it. Though I hope many of you have taken a look and were pleased with what you saw, it is still a work in progress. When the website cries, we are still learning if it needs changing or more food; and the technical language of its construction is to me like the goo-goo ga-ga-s many say to newborns. After a few teething problems (yes, I know I have moved on several months, but it is only a metaphor) it is up and running - links are established, I can upload news and features, and receive feedback messages from visitors.

Now I'd like to hear some of that feedback, as well as receiving stories, photos and ideas. Like any new parent, the newsletter itself cannot be responsible for everything the website does. We need you, so speak to us and we can make it grow into a part of the village everyone can feel proud of. From now on when you see Troy, he will look slightly different - as a father he will be - even though much will stay the same. For that reason we have changed the outer appearance of the Gander too. The new cover is a sign we have moved forward, even if essentially the same. We have added significant long-term responsibility - but we cannot, will not, do it alone.

*Adam Ellis*

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# School Report



**B**y the time that you read this article our Summer Term will be well under way and hopefully we will be seeing better weather than we saw in June last year. We are still finalising the £20000+ insurance claim for the 25/6/07 flood and like many local residents we certainly don't want a repeat performance this year!

Having said this, looking on the bright side, although it damaged the building, the flooding caused minimal disruption to our pupils' education. Indeed we are proud to be able to share with you a selection of the many activities and events that make our local primary school a very busy and exciting place.

## Highlights from the end of the Spring term

Some of the activities that were crammed into the final part of the Spring Term included:

### Decorated Easter Egg Competition

Pupils from all classes entered this competition by decorating a hard-boiled egg and placing it within a scene. The judges had a very difficult time deciding upon winners, but eventually a first place and runner up were awarded. A range of prizes were given out in recognition of the tremendous thought and hard work that had gone into each and every one of the cleverly designed settings.

### End of Term Production and Talent Evening

Year 5 helped us mark the end of term with their excellent production entitled 'The Lemonade Kid'. This 'Wild West' musical included a range of superbly performed songs, and colourful acting.

On the same evening, more of

our pupils were given the opportunity to show off their talents. The 'Cheer Dancers' gave us a display of their cheerleading influenced dancing skills. Music was provided by a group of our violinists and woodwind players, accompanied and supported by our music teacher Mrs Carol Dawson. The school choir also added to a memorable evening with a medley of traditional and action tunes.

### Easter Egg Bingo

Our annual Easter Egg Bingo event was a great success and proved to be just as popular as in previous years. Great fun was had on the night, with our guest bingo caller (Alan Travis) adding comedy to the family atmosphere.

### End of term Prize Giving Assembly

Pupils who behave well and work hard at our school are awarded 'white slips'- the Goxhill School version of traditional merits. As well as holding weekly merit assemblies to celebrate these on going achievements, we also organise a grand end of term event. This involves a prize giving ceremony with congratulations all round. At Goxhill School our pupils are keen to succeed and as such we ensure that they are duly rewarded for their efforts!

### Professional Live Theatre

Goxhill Primary is an active member of the Live-Lincs initiative. This is a scheme that brings live professional theatre to rural communities. As part of this, we hosted a production of "Does a Monster Live Next Door?" Although rather sad and poignant, the show was much appreciated by the audience of both children and parents.

### School Disco

As always our Spring term disco proved very popular with the pupils. We would like to thank Mark Russell and Alan Travis for providing the sound and music on the night.

### Entertainment afternoon for local pensioners

Many thanks to the local people who supported this event. It is always

nice to see pensioners in school- the children really appreciate the opportunity to show off their good behaviour and talents!

## The Summer Term 2008

*As ever, we have a broad range of stimulating events planned to enhance the lives and learning of the pupils at Goxhill School.*

### Curriculum enrichment through educational visits

In order to enrich our curriculum, all pupils take part in a variety of educational visits. These visits are used to back-up the work going on in the classroom thereby stimulating and promoting a joy for learning.

### Year 6 Pupils - their final term in primary school

In recognition of their hard work in the run up to National tests, Year 6 pupils will enjoy a post-SATS activity day involving both swimming and ice skating.

At a later stage they will visit Hull University as part of an initiative to enhance and celebrate educational aspirations.

Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> June marks their residential visit. Year 6 pupils will visit a wide range of venues throughout the North of England, thereby allowing them to end their time with us in a fun, exciting and hugely valuable manner.

As a result of close liaison with our partner schools we spend much time this term preparing pupils for the move to secondary education in September. We see this as being crucial in ensuring smooth induction and transition at a key time in a child's life.

At the end of term there will be a grand Graduation Evening for Year 6 pupils and their families.

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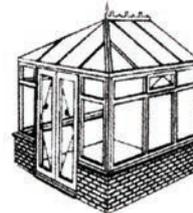
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Pupils will reflect on their life at primary school and provide their parents with a poignant and entertaining evening.

## Further Enrichment / Other Activities

Within school there is a strong, positive, community ethos. To encourage our pupils to be active participants in society, we like to hold community focused events and activities. External speakers and theatre groups also bring the wider world into the classroom hence adding extra relevance to the learning experiences on offer.

Music- As part of their music education, pupils in a variety of year groups will take part in the much acclaimed 'Wider Opportunities in Music' scheme.

Cookery- Pupils from a number of year groups will experience cookery from a historical perspective. This involves a visiting cook helping pupils to prepare dishes from across the ages.

Summer fayre- On Saturday 12th July, we will hold our annual Summer Fayre. As usual, there will be lots of games and attractions, providing a fun day out for all the family.

Goxhill Station- Our adoption of Goxhill railway station in partnership with Northern Rail has continued to stimulate positive interest. Pupils make weekly visits in small groups to take care of the station, keep it free from rubbish and report any damage.

Open Afternoon- On July 24<sup>th</sup> we will hold our termly afternoon for pre-school pupils. Parents of registered 'Goxhill pupils of the future' will receive a personal invitation to this important event.

Garden Area- As part of a drive to raise awareness of healthy eating and a variety of environmental issues, our school wildlife and gardening area has developed into a well-established and very valuable resource. As well as having an allotment to tend, the children also maintain a pond.

French- Pupils in Years 3 to 6 take part in French lessons every week taught by Mr Pitois, a native speaker. From 2010 it will be compulsory for all primary schools to teach a modern foreign language in Years 3 to 6.

English- after successful work in the Spring term, the whole school is looking forward to a return visit from performance poet Dave Webb who will be leading assemblies and poetry workshops.

## Other issues of interest

### Extended school provision

*Goxhill School is an 'extended school' that provides Childcare from 7.50am – 6.00pm daily.*

Children can take part in a range of play, craft and sporting activities at the Goxhill Out of School Club. The club is affiliated to the school and opens daily from 7.50am to 8.55am and from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. During the school holidays it runs from 8am to 6pm. Simply ring the school to reserve a place.

We also host a range of extra curricular activities such as boxing, netball, football, athletics, choir, music tuition, Dance, Brownies, Rainbows, Cycle Training, and pedestrian training.

### Website & an appeal for information

If you would like to find out further information about our school, please visit our website:

[www.goxhill.ik.org](http://www.goxhill.ik.org)

The site contains essential documents about the school as well as links to the local 'Gander' and 'Goxhill Trader' sites. It is highly ranked by search engines; for example if you enter the word 'goxhill' into a Google search, the school site will appear at the top of the list.

As a result of this, people researching family histories with a Goxhill background often contact us. One such recent enquiry came from a Mr Nickerson who is researching Sylvia Joan Barrick and Kate Barrick, who lived in the village just af-

ter the First World War. We have been unable to find references to these people in our school records, and so passed on the information to the Gander. If any local resident has any background information on them we would appreciate you contacting the newsletter, and Adam will pass it on to Mr Nickerson.

### Future Pupils

Our School is very popular amongst parents from Goxhill and the surrounding villages. As such, if you have a child over 6 months old please feel free to contact the Head to register him / her for a place. (tel 530743 or [e-mail: head.goxhillprimary@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:head.goxhillprimary@northlincs.gov.uk) ). NB The Head / Deputy are always very willing and proud to meet with parents of prospective future pupils and to show them the fantastic facilities that we have on offer.

*We look forward to seeing you this term; the school door is always open for you to come and see the lovely things we do at Goxhill School. The staff, pupils and governors of Goxhill School hope you have a wonderful (and flood free) summer!*

**Andrew Jackson,  
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# Letters from the Churches

**F**our years ago in May our daughter and son-in-law flew to America. Their flight booking was the millionth received and, to acknowledge this, US Airways presented them with tickets upgraded to first class travel.

We may be wistfully thinking ‘dream on’ when it comes to ourselves being one in a million, but I have good news because that is how God views each of us. We are precious to Him and He loves you and me as if we were the only one. That makes us one in millions!

Tora and David did not go on holiday they emigrated with Ellie the dog; all three set off to start a new life. Many of us will not travel so far in our quest for new opportunities and challenges, or to leave behind the old and have a fresh start, however we can all experience a new life this very moment without physically moving an inch.

What life in the States would bring was of course unknown, but what life in the Lord Jesus Christ brings is peace, the knowledge of going to heaven when we die, a love that accepts us as we are and a power to weather the storms we all experience. Our ticket to all this is found in the Gospel of John Chapter 3 verse 16, ‘For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that ..... *(insert your name)* who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life’. Once you personalise that verse before God, with the intention of being in an intimate relationship with Him, you are safe wherever and forever, one in a million not just for a journey across the Atlantic, but for all eternity.

*Reverend Gillian Belford*

**W**ho ‘G.W.’ was is now lost in history, but G.W. himself has certainly left his mark. In the year 1785 he (I’m assuming it was a man) carved his initials into the stonework of the porch at All Saints Church, Goxhill. I note this historical act of petty vandalism virtually every time I unlock the church. It is also difficult to imagine that the interior of All Saints, now so light and dignified, was itself once the target of ‘official’ vandalism.

Centuries ago, few ordinary people could read and write, and the Bible itself was only available in a Latin translation. Pictures, therefore, played a big part in people acquiring an understanding of Christianity and the walls of most of our churches were ablaze with images from the Bible and pictures of Saints. When the great wave of religious reformation came in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, all this was declared superstitious nonsense and bands of enthusiastic puritans white-washed or scrubbed out an irreplaceable part of our religious and cultural heritage. Some pictures escaped obliteration and in All Saints some artwork in a porch was overlooked and traces of a unique painting remain to this day.

Some people might bemoan the fact that the Christian foundation of our nation has also been eroded over the centuries and only small traces remain. I’m not sure this is the case. What may well be happening is that the traditional way in which we have worshipped and met has changed and the old ways are not reaching the contemporary generation in the way they did. The simple result is not that people stop believing – they stop attending.

Nationally the church is investing much thought and energy into developing and experimenting with alternative services and new ways that people can meet to explore and express the spiritual dimension of life, without which we are all diminished. If you feel that there is something missing in your life and you haven’t been to church recently (or even if you haven’t been to church at all), why not come along on Sunday morning and give it a try.

*Reverend John Girtchen*

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“He’s no failure. He’s not dead yet”  
*Gwilym Lloyd George. 1894 – 1967*

I have just finished watching the Badminton Horse Trials at which Great Britain attained 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. It certainly looked hard work and one has to be dedicated to put that much hard work and commitment in. Those fences do not fall down on the cross country.

In the last edition of “Off the Hoof” I reported that Joanne Burns had qualified two horses for the Blue Chip Winter Championships. Joanne, on Mr. and Mrs. Wilson’s, *Swallow* won the class and came 4<sup>th</sup> in another event so is doing extremely well. Congratulations. Joanne is now working for the Summer Qualifiers and has seven horses to compete towards them - so more hard work.

Andrew Sater has returned to the village after working in Germany and is busy both competing as well as producing horses for both competing and selling on.

The BSJA have recognised there is a big gap in classes. To allow youngsters and young horses coming through they have introduced a new Qualifier for the Horse of the Year Show which is a 1.2 metre height. (4 feet). This gives a better chance for the one horse rider to progress and opportunities for all.

One up and coming rider is Chloe Foulston with *Billy Whizz* who seems to be going from strength to strength. They now go to the Pony Club which offers so much to encourage young riders of all disciplines. At their second rally Chloe was off the lead rein and on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May they went to their first show of the season at Messingham where they came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Nursery Stakes. We will

certainly keep watching them.

We all know Foot and Mouth, Bird Flu and Blue Tongue are notifiable diseases to Defra. They have an alert service which advises subscribers of any outbreaks. Did you know that Strangles is still a notifiable disease? Well it is and when I phoned Defra they said it was not on the list as no one ever reports it! How scary is that. We had an outbreak in the village a few years ago, so if you hear of it again or get it in your yard please report it and maybe it can go on the Alert system.

In a previous issue of “Off the Hoof” the question of a special licence for towing caravans and trailers was highlighted. The latest is a “Certificate of Competence.” This applies to all persons transporting horses for reward or as part of a business or vehicles sporting a logo. I am a bit sketchy on it but for further information the Defra Website: [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk) or for information regarding training for the certificate [www.haddontraining.co.uk/transport](http://www.haddontraining.co.uk/transport).



At the time of writing the weather has just started to improve but with typical Goxhill soil which has horses on; it is wet in some parts, rock hard or poached in others which makes it difficult to get on. The fertilizer is now due to go on, and at £300 a ton, it does not bode well for future expenditure on hay and grain foods.

As always, this time of year brings with it Laminitis, particularly for ponies. Sweet Itch from the bites of midges and allergies from the rape fields. With Laminetic ponies reduce the intake of grass, which does not mean starving them. Perhaps a muzzle should be considered.

Sweet Itch – keep a good fly repellent handy or turn out in a fly sheet. Keep them away from muck heaps or ponds where insect activity is at its worst and remember to remove droppings off the fields. If possible, bring in the stable and put a fly curtain up at the door.

Allergies – seek advice from the vet but it could help to ride early morning and watch the pollen count on the weather report.

Remember, this is the time we must all be vigilant in pulling out Ragwort in a bid to stop it spreading. A bright yellow daisy like flower with crinkly leaves. To be dug out and burnt.

Now for the tips of the issue. What I am finding most useful are cable ties. Apart from keeping cables together I am using them to suspend bird feeders and fat balls. Using them as a tie up point in both the stable and in the trailer. They can be extended by joining them together as a temporary repair to fencing. I have even been known to lace the back of a rubber/plastic curry comb with one to extend its life. Whenever you are tempted to use string a cable tie is neater.

I had some sharp edges in the stable, so I used a water pipe protector which I just opened up and snapped on. This can also be used as a stable guard. A length of rope or chain with a clip either end. Cover with pipe protector and put across the stable door, handy if you wish to leave the door open.

I still do not have a date for Barton Show but East Halton Show is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August and Goxhill Show Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

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

Take care – Ride safely.

*Aileen*  
01469 530643



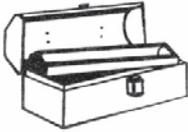
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# BAYSGARTH NEWS

Welcome to the first school update of 2008 which sees the school vibrant and busy as usual. The visit of youngsters from Gifhorn last term was exchanged during the February break when the Baysgarth pupils involved went to stay with their German friends. They had a thoroughly enjoyable experience and their host families were extremely kind and welcoming. Half-term also saw our annual skiing trip take place led by Assistant Head Jim Hackney and the group experienced a thoroughly enjoyable time. Back at school an exciting development is well under way and should be completed during the next few weeks. It is an all-weather floodlit sports facility known as a MUGA – multi-use games area – and it will greatly enhance the PE and sporting opportunities provided for both the school's pupils and also for Baysgarth's wider community. I will keep you up-to-date as to the completion date, and with publicity about booking appointments shortly. Kind regards,  
*Colin Saywell*



Stoney and Amelia Shackles. Congratulations to all involved and to their coach, Claire Charge. Well done.

## Half-Term Ski Trip February 2008

Between forty and fifty people visited Partenen, near Gaschurn in Austria for the Baysgarth ski trip during the half-term. After an exhausting trip of 22 hours on the coach – Folkestone to Calais, then through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and finally Austria they arrived tired but excited. Fortunately the weather was perfect all through the week, but unfortunately there were some accidents, which stopped some people from being able to ski. However, the Hotel was excellent as was the food, and the hospitality was tremendous. A great time, and a super holiday. *Alex Briggs 10A-BB*



## Sculptures in Wood

Kelly Hunt (Year 8) has been learning wood carving since April 2007. She attends a Wood Carving class in Horkstow every Tuesday with her Grandad from 7pm to 9pm. The tutor in charge is Mr. O.H.Boyd, who is a professional wood carver. Here is a picture of Kelly with some of her work. She is really



carving her way to success!!

## Scunthorpe & District Girls' Football

This Tournament was held at High Ridge School and was open to all Year 8 girls' teams in the Scunthorpe and District area. Baysgarth Girls played three matches and managed to get into the semi-final. They then went on to win the final against



South Axholme by four goals to nil. The Baysgarth players put some exceptional performances in to every match showing the high standards that girls' football is reaching at the school. The team was: Jasmine McNaught (Captain), Stacey Heseltine, Alissia Graham, Katie Eldridge, Kate Ward, Amy Griffiths, Rachel

## ICT Faculty Trip to Barcelona (March 2008)

The ICT faculty was really proud of the pupils' results and interim assessments at KS three, four and five for the last academic year that, during a faculty meeting, it was decided to reward the pupils for all their hard work by organising an ICT specialist trip to Barcelona and Port Aventura during March of this year. The trip was to last for 5 days, flying from John Lennon airport in Liverpool and would include 50 pupils and seven members of the ICT



Faculty. The trip was meant to be fun but also included educational seminars for the pupils, which they will now relate to their coursework. During the seminars at Port Aventura theme park, pupils learnt some interesting ICT facts about the park and had a fantastic time. Some are already asking about future trips; but first there is some hard work to be done to ensure that results this year are as good as last. *Patrick Sprakes, Head of ICT,*

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I was very surprised to see the presentation and the way that it all worked. There are plenty of people to tell you that viewing things on the screen is not as good as seeing them for real. Sitting here in comfort and looking at the report of the council meeting is a lot better than standing in front of the notice board on a cold day with rain in the air. You can be a little too real. With an advertisement list from Accountancy to Window Cleaning included on line the whole world can find the best of services and supplies here in Goxhill.

The front cover of the Gander often has very good black and white pictures of a part of the village but these cannot do justice to the colour photographs from which they are taken. The small illustrations that have been included on the web site are very good and I hope that we shall have more pictures from the village photographers.

There was a blank page which I found when I tried to look at Village Tales. I cannot believe that there are no tales but think that the people with the best ones may not be confident that they can write them down. If you have something that you would like to send to the Gander if you tell me about it I will

write it for you and you can have your piece with your name in the Gander.

We have looked at a very modern development but there have been many changes during my lifetime and the pace of change seems to increase with every passing year. Many people are unhappy about this but I feel that I have been most fortunate to live in a time when so much has happened to improve the way in which we live. Although I was not here to see it, during my lifetime many roads in the village were first treated with tar and stones. Piped water, sewers, electricity and telephones are all "recent" arrivals here.

If we go back much further the comparative wealth of the people living in the village has changed completely. There was very little other than sleep and work in most people's lives. Commuting to work involved walking from the village to the fields and back again. When you arrived home there was work to be done to grow food in the Home Close. Wives had a full day of work but at certain times and seasons they had a change from cooking washing cleaning. At Hay time and Harvest they went out into the fields with their husbands.

1759 Ezabell Watson

July 22

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August 5

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August 12

3 ½ days 1 Shilling 9 pence

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There is another piece of information there. Ezabell was working at the Hay in August, now late July is the time of the Barley Harvest and Hay time or Silage

time is over. Times have certainly changed.

There has also been a change in the harvest field. When I first helped on the farm wheat grew waist high. The straw when cut by scythe reaper or binder could be used for thatching, providing that it was not broken by thrashing. Now there is so little straw that only specially grown wheat straw is long enough for thatching houses and because of the bad weather last year the thatchers have no material to work with.

I have made a list of the names of the people who worked for Thomas and Joseph Hardy and of their annual wages. The names change regularly. The rate of pay for each person usually increased year by year but then there was a newcomer to take the place and start again at a lower rate. I have a bit of a problem in deciding where Goxhill servants lived. In Barrow and in Barton there are many houses with three floors where servants could live in the garret rooms but in Goxhill there are only about two of these. Has anyone a suggestion? It is always interesting to look at the old deeds and Copyhold documents of Goxhill houses; they often tell us where people lived. From these it seems that many people built small houses called Tenements close to their houses where their workers lived. It is always a pleasure to read old deeds and to make a Modern English translation of their content.

Change does not necessarily take a long time. I notice that nowadays as I move about the village I seem to look at puddles in the road, where the drain gullies are, and matters of that nature. I hope that like me North Lincs council will soon Have a Gander<sup>1</sup> at the puddles and drains in the streets of Goxhill.

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Do you know of a **Kate Barrick**, born in Brigg  
in 1896, who worked in domestic service on  
Thornton Road in the village. What about **Sylvia  
Joan Barrick**, born 1917, who is may have spent  
the first 10 years of her life in Goxhill?

Any help much appreciated.  
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March for those deemed worthy of promoting  
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At the recent AGM for the Memorial Hall the  
following nominations were received for the  
2008 Short Award. Mrs. Betty Plumtree for her  
voluntary work within the village, Adam Ellis  
and the Gander Team for their sterling efforts in  
producing our village newsletter, David Morris  
for his help during the summer floods, Anne  
Burford for her many years input to the bingo  
sessions at the Memorial Hall and Brian Burford  
for his efforts towards maintaining the snooker  
tables at the Hall.

The committee unanimously agreed to make a  
joint award to Mr and Mrs Burford and they  
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## Deadline

Please have submissions for the Winter issue of the Gander in by **Saturday 2nd August**  
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## Footpaths of Goxhill

The above book originally written by Alan Gould is available for purchase from the parish council at £3.00. This book is a reproduction of Alan's Book with his authority and when enough money has been raised by the parish council they intend to republish an amended version showing the new footpath 62 together with maps.

## Allotments

Only one remaining plot is available for rent. The Parish Council are now supplying additional fencing to the site in order to restrict access to the site with the imminent opening of the new footpath 62 extension. The Parish Council are also liaising with tenants to form an Allotments association so that the needs and requests of the tenants can be represented at future council meetings. If you are interested in forming such a group please liaise with M Gathercole 01469 532208.

## The Memorial Hall

Extra CCTV cameras and monitoring equipment have been installed at the Hall. This now gives digital images that are acceptable to the police. Any instances of damage or unruly behaviour to the property or on the grounds can and will be provided to the police for further action.

**Snooker Room** - Funding is now available to renew the wooden flooring of the snooker room. The contract has been let and will be commenced in the near future. This will mean that the tables will have to be dismantled and stored to allow the old floor to be removed and a new concrete one installed. This will mean the snooker room is not available until the new floor has dried sufficiently for the tables to be re-assembled. The committee hope that those effected will bear with us during this period.

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# GNeWs from Goxhill Neighbourhood Watch

**I**t has been a while since I wrote anything for the Gander with news about Goxhill's Neighbourhood Watch.

Largely that has been because, after about 10 years, it was beginning to feel a bit repetitive and forced. However, there have been some developments of late that I would like to tell you about, so here I am once again.

During March and April about 300 houses in the village were posted with flyers about SmartWater - a new development in property marking.

- SmartWater is a liquid that you dab on to your property. It is virtually invisible except under strong ultra-violet light - when it glows.
- It has been described as DNA code in a bottle of nail varnish - though I expect its inventors might feel a little insulted by that.
- A bottle is uniquely registered to you and all you do is paint it on to your property. If you move house you just notify SmartWater of your new address and they update their database.
- The bottles are normally quite expensive to buy (we were told £40 at the presentation I attended), with an annual administration fee.
- Safer Neighbourhoods North Lincolnshire obtained a grant so that it could be supplied free (with no ongoing fees) in our county - but only whilst stocks last.

Sorry that we were not able to cover more houses but it is not just a matter of posting flyers. Each bottle needs to be registered and signed for, plus any questions about its use answered. Even at just 5 minutes each, plus abortive visits when recipients are out, it can take quite a while. Many thanks to Roz Abbott, Martin D'Alessandro, Dave & Penny Carnell, Denise Holtby, Don Noble, and Stan Robertson for all their help with that. At the time of writing about 90 households have taken up the

offer and the first batch of 50 bottles issued. Once all the outstanding registration forms from those are back I should receive the second batch for the remaining 40.

If you would like SmartWater but were not amongst those 300 homes canvassed - or even if you were but failed to take up the offer originally - then please get in touch. If there are still some bottles available then I will do my best to obtain one for you.

This all takes us a big step forward from where we were a few years ago: marking up items with our postcode and house name/number using a marker pen or engraver. Nevertheless, if you want to visibly and permanently mark bikes, mowers, tools, et cetera then you can still borrow GNeW's engraver for a week or so at a time.

Talking of steps forward, another one has been the creation of a GNeW website at: <http://beehive.thisisscunthorpe.co.uk/GNeW-Goxhill>

My main aim has been to provide help, advice and useful information, so do not expect anything very flash. Why not give it a visit and let me know if you find it helpful - and especially if there is anything else that you would like to see on it? For those of you who do not use the internet and would prefer to stick with the printed word, I have put much of the same information into a GNeWsletter. It is printed on bright orange paper and copies have been left at Goxhill Library; I will call in every now and then to top them up if they run out. If anyone has a problem reading it because of the fonts used or the orange paper then just let me know what the problem is and I will print it out differently for you.

That's all for now but please feel free to get in touch either by emailing [gnew@tesco.net](mailto:gnew@tesco.net) or by telephoning 530363.

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# Global Warming And the Wildlife

**W**e are constantly hearing of this global warming every day and every time a so-called rarity in the wild bird world appears it is due to this Global Warming, well one has only to read in the natural history books of 200 years or so ago on the British Resident and Migratory Birds due to the fact they were food for the nation on a commercial basis, anything in those days which had flesh on its bones was good for the table, and when reduced in numbers by this trade they became a rarity and were then pursued by collectors for both bird and eggs until they were driven out of the country or made extinct within it, I now quote from the book, Lincolnshire and the Fens, chapter "The Wealth of Wild Life."

"Those who like Eels and look in vain for them in fishmonger's Shops, will regret the passing of the days when rents paid in the Manor of Ely (the name means "eel-district") included 3,036 sticks of eels, and a further 14,500 eels in Lent, The Monks of Ramsey, before the Conquest, were receiving each year 60,000 eels from one fenland manor, and the other rivers of Lincolnshire and of the Isle of Axholme were no less fruitful.

The meres and dikes were also the home of water-birds in numbers that the twentieth century can scarcely conceive, In the Middle Ages they must of formed part of the diet of common folk, as well as finding their way by purchase and gift, or as customary, to the tables of the rich, In the sixteenth century the household of the Earl of Northumberland in East Yorkshire consumed not only wild fowl such as Mallard, Teal and Widgeon, but also Seagulls and Terns, and a great variety of birds of the seashore and marsh, Plovers, Curlews, Bustards, Cranes, Reeves, Bitterns, Knots, Dotterels, Stints, Seapyes ( Oyster-catchers ) Redshanks and Shollards ( Spoonbills ) birds that some of us have never seen and none have eaten, some of the supplies consumed at Wressle and Leconfield may of come from the Isle of Axholme and the Humberside.

In Elizabeth's reign, the corporation of Lincoln presented the Lord Treasurer with one dozen Godwits, five dozen Knots and a dozen Pewits. In the past two centuries so much destruction of wildlife has gone on in Europe and North America, and to a lesser extent in the other continents, that it has reduced some species to extinction, and others to a rarity that makes observing and photographing them an esoteric sport. In no part of the world has man reduced wildlife more drastically than in the Fens. The Ruff was already so rare in the 17th century that it was taken young and fattened in captivity. It fetched a high price, commercial

exploitation reached a peak in the 17th and 18th centuries, nearly all the 40 or so Decoys which once existed in this area date from that time. The best known is that at Borough Fen near Peterborough which was made in about 1670, but the greatest number was in the Friskney neighbourhood between Skegness and Boston.

The ten decoys there in the eighteenth century, before the enclosure and draining of the East Fen, are said to have sent as many as 31,000 Mallard, Widgeon and Teal to the London Market. There was a famous family of decoy-men at Friskney named Skelton. George, born about 1760, built decoys in Norfolk, Thomas his grandson died in 1918 at the age of 85. All that remains of the decoys there now are the clump of trees which surround the sites, an unexpected break in the expanse of ploughed land.

The management of a decoy, with its six or so pipes down, which the wild birds were led by decoy-ducks and driven by terriers, required a subtle skill, unlike the stupid practice of driving meres with boats in the moulting season, or in the nesting season before young birds could fly, The drainage of the Meres put a stop to the source of the supply, as it did to many other occupations."

As well as these decoys for ducks, there must have been a large number of men who made a living netting the Waders such as the above mentioned, Plovers, Godwits and Knots to supply them in the quantity required by the markets. For the Plovers this went on until around 1950 in Lincolnshire, and of course the shotgun came into its own rights about 200 years ago which helped to increase the supply, but not the quality of the netted birds due to wounds and flesh damage incurred. Also the noise of the gun gave alarm to the birds which weren't killed, making them wary in the future, unlike the nets which were silent and could make a larger number captured with one pull than one shot could kill from a gun. Also, I doubt there was any closed season for protection of breeding stock, and their eggs were collected on a commercial scale for markets and household use by country folk. The birds are now returning to the areas and habitats of their ancestors which were persecuted and became a rarity or extinct in this country almost 2 centuries ago because they are now protected and not because as some persons would like us to believe Global Warming.

As for the birds returning to Goxhill, the Marsh Harrier has nested successfully for the last 6 years, within the Parish, it had not been known to nest at Goxhill in

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# Carers Support Centre

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## Information and Advocacy for Over 50s - Befriending for Carers and Ex-Carers

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

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

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Please contact: **Jenny Robinson**, Volunteer Co-ordinator at Carers Support Centre for more information or to make a referral. Direct email address: [jennyrobinson@carerssupportcentre.com](mailto:jennyrobinson@carerssupportcentre.com)



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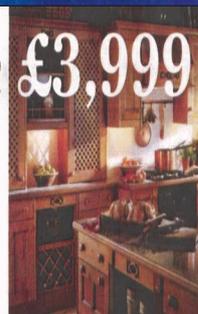
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Global Warming, continued...

living memory, and on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May last year 07 I counted 26 Avocets on the Out-marsh, one incubating eggs, though 2 days later they had vanished with the eggs becoming a first class breakfast for the Carrion Crows, their arrival was said to be due to the colony which was washed out at Reads Island when the Tide broke through the bank, they first nested at the Island about 5 years ago, their short stay at Goxhill was maybe prompted by the Public Footpath which runs on the Humber Bank top, only yards from their habitat and nest, In mid July I saw 5 Little Egrets on the Goxhill side of Skitter Haven feeding in the pool of water there, a few weeks later one lived on the Out-marsh for a week where the Avocets had been seen, for the last five years or so we have had around a thousand Black-tailed Godwits spending the winter with us on the foreshore and marshes, whereas before it was a rare sight to see any other than the odd one, along with increased flocks of both Green and Golden Plovers, which at times must total approximately 3,000 each, again all due to the protection they are now given, and the Green Plover is now attempting to nest here as they did 50 years or so ago, while the flocks of wintering Curlew have increased in numbers..

We now have another invader, or aliens which hasn't been seen in the UK until recent years, that is infesting the countryside, whether one travels to Lands End or John of Groats, they can be seen all along the wayside, a parasite or fungus taking root on the hedge-rows and trees, Witches Knickers, we have always had the Witches Brooms, (an abnormal bunch of twigs growing on trees, mostly on the Silver Birch and Lime that looks like a Magpies Nest)) and I have a Witch Stone from days beyond recall that was hung over the stable doors to keep evil spirits away by the Superstitious ones, these Witches Knickers grow in every colour and shape, fluttering in the breeze, The Plastic Bags and Packaging which escape from captivity, and colonise themselves, multiplying faster than the local Rabbits, while the Super Markets get the blame for introducing them, it is not they who lets the Witches Knickers escape into the environment.

*Ron Parker, February 2008*

## Christmas Postie

On Christmas Eve, Goxhill residents were treated to the wonderful sight of John Whitwell in fancy dress (pictured right) delivering our mail.

Well done John for doing it.

Well done the Royal Mail for allowing it.

Well done Goxhill residents for contributing £750 to Stars in their Eyes. More of the same, please.



The Gander would like to hear about any charitable activities village residents are involved in. If we can help, in the newsletter or on the website, just let us know.

Email us at: [goxhill-gander@fsmail.net](mailto:goxhill-gander@fsmail.net)

## Barton Upon Humber Civic Society Up-Coming Events

**13th June, 7.30pm, Barton Assembly Room**  
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**18th July, 7.30m, Barton Assembly Room**  
*Annual General Meeting*

**August - No meeting**

**4-7 September**

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**6/7 September**

*51 Fleetgate Open 10am - 3pm.*

Congratulations to **Ladybirds** - Maureen Scowen and Christine Brace (with help from Penny Carnell and Hilda Lamming) - who won the **Churches Together Quiz** in April. The runners-up were the **Golden Girls** (Elsie Van den Bos, Betty Richardson and Anne Lawson), and **Stone the Crows** (Michael and Alyson O'Leary, Paul and Carol Thornton). The next quiz, will be in September.

Martin and Sarah, your Goxhill pedalling posties, are attempting the challenging **London to Paris** bike ride for **Christian Aid** on 23rd July. They have to raise at least £1,200 each, so need all the support Goxhillians can provide. In order to assist, our friends at Penny Lane and the Spar shop have kindly offered to keep a sponsor sheet. Martin and Sarah will be very grateful for all sponsorship/donations.

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- Accounts 2007/08

I am pleased to report that in the last financial year we earned a surplus of our income over expenditure of £840. The surplus has enabled us to launch our new website. We also retain balances on reserves sufficient to cover the costs of two quarterly issues of the Gander.

Overall the finances look healthy but obviously we need to be cautious as we are reliant on the continued support of our distributors, the Gander team and income from our advertisers. So please continue to support them.

*John Noton, May 2008*

The Gander deadline  
for Summer 2008 is

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## Save the Honey Bee

I was reminded to write this article by the Mayor of London. Not personally but, when I switched on the radio to hear whether Boris or Ken had won the election, I caught the end of Farming Today and heard a Defra spokesman talking about honey bees. It reminded me that I had promised Adam an article on that very subject.

Honey bees are under threat as never before from viruses and diseases. In the UK much beekeeping is by individuals on a hobby rather than commercial basis – so if such diseases are to be effectively combated it will need to be led and funded by government. Bees do more than produce honey; they play a vital role in pollinating food crops, making an estimated contribution of £165M annually to the agricultural economy. Bees also have an important environmental role: by pollinating wild plants, they help provide seeds and fruits on which our wild birds and animals depend. So a decline in honey bees arguably threatens what we eat, the colour in the meadows around us and the range wildlife we encounter.

Strictly speaking Defra's spokesman was not talking about bees as much as arguing that it was duly concerned about the disease threats to UK bees. As the Gander aims to keep political debate out of its pages I will say no more than that. The British Beekeepers Association was also on the radio as part of their campaign to instigate a programme of increased research costing £8M over five years (during which time our honey bees will contribute over £800 million to agriculture). It seems a large sum but I understand it is less than 15% of Defra's contingency fund.

Thanks to everyone who has signed the petition on this subject, and to Colin & Christine Creasy for hosting it in their shop. I have written to tell Shona Mclsaac MP of my concerns and if you wish to do likewise then there is a sample letter on the Gander and Goxhill Trader websites.

On a related topic, if you are concerned about a swarm of bees that has settled near you then ring John for assistance: either John Guggiari on 530363 or John Hankinson on 531029. As members of the British Beekeepers' Association we only charge to cover our expenses (primarily mileage) but otherwise we offer our services free. We are covered by the BBKA Public Liability Insurance policy.

It helps us to know the following information when you contact us:

- That the creatures are indeed honey bees. We cannot collect wasps or hornets and most other bees are relatively solitary and harmless – but we would still need to charge mileage if we attended.
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*John Guggiari*

## GOXHILL TRADER - Celebrating 6 months Online!

It doesn't seem more than a few days ago that I sat here at my computer writing my first article for the 'Gander' introducing the Goxhill Trader website, [www.goxhilltrader.co.uk](http://www.goxhilltrader.co.uk), but actually it was at the end of October 2007, well before Christmas!

So suddenly, here we are, six months down the line! If you haven't visited it recently, please take another look. You will be amazed how it has grown, there are now over 30 pages in total, and it is receiving an *average* of 150 visitors a day, not only from Goxhill and North Lincolnshire, but all over the world!

As it continues to claw its way relentlessly up the internet search engine rankings it also continues to grow strongly and I have high hopes for the next six months of achieving my original vision of establishing it as a true one-stop-shop for all local information and events, advertising, and buying and selling online;- a true trading platform supporting the local economy.

In pursuit of this goal, the latest addition to the site is a page entitled 'News Feature'. Similar to a

newspaper editorial page, it is designed to give free publicity to start up businesses, items of interest, local news and events, charities, community services, and recognition for individual's achievements. Please do take a look and your contributions are invited (email: [enquiries@goxhilltrader.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@goxhilltrader.co.uk)).

My thanks to all who have helped getting things 'up and running' over the last six months and particularly to the established local services who have greatly assisted in integrating Goxhill Trader into the community.

As ever, Goxhill Trader relies entirely on your support so please continue to send in your free classified ads, support the trade advertisers, and visit the site as often as you can. Explore the corners too, it is fast becoming an 'Aladdin's Cave' of interesting information and links, so you never know what you might find!

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## Beaver Colony

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## Cubs Section

Over the past few months we have said goodbye to some of our older boys as they have moved up to Scouts and we now have a full pack of boys who are relatively new to Cubs so we are looking forward to an exciting time over the next few months as we start to teach them the essential scouting skills of camping, out door cooking, map reading and hiking. We recently took part in a District event at Caythorpe Court PGL centre near Grantham. A total of 62 Cubs and Leaders enjoyed a weekend of climbing, abseiling and raft building along with a range of other organised activities. All the boys were extremely well behaved through out and I was immensely proud of their team spirit during the activities. One of the PGL helpers who was in charge of the Jacobs ladder stated that he had not seen team-working like it for such young lads – a fantastic accolade!! The highlight of the weekend was our mud slide adventure in the pouring rain which produced a monster washing task for the parents – sorry about that!! We had a very noisy bus on the way there but it was spookily quiet on the way home for some reason! The event was so good that we intend to run a similar trip next year specifically for the Barrow and Goxhill Scout Group and will be holding fund raising events in the near future to help fund

it.

## Scouts Section

Although January to April are not the best months for good weather the scout section still managed to keep itself very busy. We have had several camps, one at Primrose Hill and a weekend camping at the Scout HQ with Wellington & St Matthews Scout Troops from Hull. This weekend with scouts from Hull gave our Scouts an opportunity to meet young people with very different backgrounds to themselves.

Scout nights have been used as preparation for several badges the Scouts will work towards during the summer term. Several weekends away are planned for the Scouts to complete badges such as Survival, Navigator & Cooking.

Plans are also under way for the Scouts to meet one Wednesday evening each month to work towards completing the Chief Scouts Gold Award; this is the highest award available to Scouts and will take each one many months of hard work to complete.

During this time the Scout section has grown ever larger and we now run Scouts on a Monday and a Tuesday evening from 7:15pm until 9pm. If anyone would like to get involved, either as an adult helper or as a Scout then please call 01469 532696.

## Explorer Section

The Explorer section membership is made up male and female young adults between the age of 14 and 18 years old. There are presently ten active members who regularly enjoy the Friday night activities and trips away at weekends. The members have a lot of influence on the choice of activities and the leaders assist in making them happen. Friday nights are sometimes within the Scout hut at New Holland between the hours of 19.00 – 21.00 and the activities here are aimed at planning and preparing events away. The social side of the Explorers has included trips to the theatre, bowling, Barrow squash club and the Rock City

climbing wall. Some people outside of scouting have old fashioned ideas or opinions of Scouting and although we recognise the origins of Scouting we are not stuck in the past. Although the Scout promise and laws are retained there really is no 'Dib, dib, dob', sorry to spoil the illusion of many. Explorers is aimed at young people making the most of their spare time, having fun and getting the best from themselves.

We recently had a weekend away at the Viking centre in Claxby which is an excellent hostel facility. The weekend consisted of some late night navigation exercises and a hiking. The members took care of themselves in terms of meal preparation and keeping things tidy and organised. Weekends like this are for some their first taste of independence and although they are rarely completely free from a problem or two it provides great experience. At the Explorer level the members are encouraged to have confidence in one another and develop life experience with a bit of support and guidance when needed. Throughout 2008 we will enjoy some camping trips with outdoor activities and the members wish to get stuck in to some water sports and climbing this year. The group also participates in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and many of the members are progressing well with this.

The Explorers are open for membership to all, all we ask of potential new Explorers is that they try their best and be respectful of others. 28 million people are involved in Scouts worldwide and the membership is growing, they can't all be wrong. If you are interested in becoming a member, helper or leader, no experience is necessary then please call Martin on 01469 533119.

## Other News!

The next fundraiser for the group will be a Race Night at Goxhill Village Hall on Saturday 14th June – the last Race Night we held was a great success, so come along and enjoy the fun! For more information on tickets please contact Louise on 01469 531636.



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Appointments	632565
Prescription Line	632257
Facsimile	632122

**NHS Direct** 0845 4647

### Hospitals

Scunthorpe General	01724 282282
Hull Royal Infirmary	01482 328541
Grimsby - Diana. P.O.W.	01472 874111

### Dentist - Barton

Jeremy T. Walker 01652 633580

### Chemists - Barton

Lloyds	01652 632129
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### Emergencies

#### Electricity Emergencies

Freephone (24 Hours) 0800 375675

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(24 Hours) 08457 145145

### Helplines

**Alcoholics Anonymous** 0845 769 7555

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#### Citizens Advice Bureau

Grimsby 01472 359005

Scunthorpe 01724 8484645

**Cancer Support Group** 01724 282282

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**Drugline** 0800 526475

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#### Marriage Guidance (Relate)

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**NSPCC** (Freephone) 0800 800500

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**Humberside Airport** 01652 688456

### General

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