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GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010



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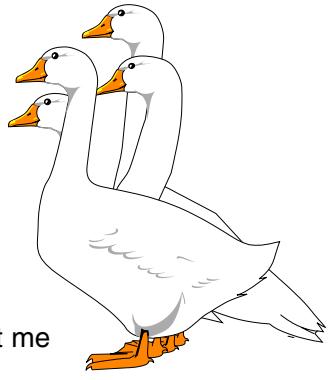
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Commissions to the Grimsby Town and Hull City supporters amongst us and congratulations to Scunthorpe United on staying up to play Hull and Leeds amongst others next season.

But how did Goxhill's football team get on, or the darts and dominoes team?

It would be good to know and celebrate any success. The Gander is your newsletter and is the best place to keep the rest of the village informed of how your club or society are doing. I am sure there are lots of things going on that would benefit from a bit of extra publicity. And it's free for local charities and voluntary organisations.

The picture on the front cover is an excellent example of this as a result of being invited to the Bowling Club Open Day. You don't have to be an expert journalist to let me have a few lines of news before the deadline for each issue.



The Gander Team really appreciate the deliverers who bring this newsletter to every house in the village, come rain or shine. Some have been doing it for years and some inherited the round when they bought a house in the village from a deliverer. I recently conducted a survey of all the deliverers, as they are a good cross section of the village, to see if they were happy with the Gander and any ideas of how to improve it. All were very happy with it and many suggestions were made of what they would like to see in it. I am happy to say that most of these ideas are already included, some of their suggestions are beginning to appear and others will follow in future issues. So thank you to all those deliverers who took the time to fill in the questionnaire. As a reward for them we held a prize draw amongst all those who replied. The draw took place at the AGM and the winner was Jane Arnott, who certainly deserved it.

I was going to include the minutes of the AGM in this newsletter, but because it is jam packed with news and stories, there is no room. So it will be published on the Gander website instead at [www.goxhillgander.com](http://www.goxhillgander.com).

I have an apology to make. It only recently came to my attention that one of the two email addresses on the Gander website was not being directed to one of the Gander team. I think this goes back to when I took over as editor, but I have apologised to all those that had tried to contact us by this method. I can confirm that you can now rely on either of the email addresses on the website or the main one listed in the newsletter, will reach us and be acknowledged.

For those who prefer a pen and paper, items can still be submitted in this way to any member of the team.

Finally I must draw your attention to the tribute to Alan Gould on page 37 of this issue. Alan was one of those responsible for starting the Gander and his sad death deprives the village of one more of its great characters. Our condolences to his wife and family.

**Jeff Teasdale**

#### **WANTED - NEW DELIVERERS**

**Due to retirement we are looking for a new person to deliver the Gander to part of the Marsh. If you are prepared to volunteer to do this please get in touch with any member of the team.**

#### **SPONSORS FOR A NEW BOOKLET OF VILLAGE MAPS**

**It is many years since the last detailed maps of the village were done and a lot of new building has taken place since. The Gander team have volunteered to produce a new set of maps showing and naming every house in the village. If any local companies are willing to sponsor this vital publication and place an advertisement in it to help to cover print costs, please get in touch with us.**

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

What a shame the Goxhill Gander cannot be a 'scratch and smell' village newsletter; this article could have been impregnated with lavender oil! Unlike Whisky Mac roses, for example, with their immediate heady perfume, lavender flowers require squeezing before we can smell their full aroma.

Many of us love gardens, and I want to remind you of the 'Open Gardens' hosted by the Chapel, and many village friends, on June 20th as a time to share such a love together. The opportunity to wander into someone else's haven is, to many of us, very inviting! With their sense of beauty and peace, gardens often prompt the comment: "I can be nearer to God in a garden than anywhere else".

Indeed gardens are lovely outlets where God and humans can work together in a productive and peaceful partnership. One of the joys of being a Christian (a person connected to God the Father after accepting that Jesus the Son died for the sins of each of us, and rose again to offer us 'life to the full' through the Holy Spirit) is that we are never alone. Gardens have their seasons, some more attractive than others, however 'Jesus is the reason for EVERY season' and through Him we can know closeness to God any time.

Life may crush us, as we can crush a lavender head, but if we include God the sweet fragrance of His love and peace will eventually win through. I rarely pass a lavender bush without crushing a flower head, smelling its perfume, and offering a prayer. However, I am grateful that when summer ebbs or when I cannot get into a garden, God remains close enough to hear each prayer.

Please do not leave God in the garden, invite Him into your life and enjoy the only relationship that is beyond time and location and lasts forever.

God bless, Gillian

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

## LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

In the year 1785 GW carved his (I'm assuming it was a man, women usually have better things to do!) initials into the stonework of the porch at All Saints Church. In the year 2010 visitors to the church will have noticed the results of sustained and regular attacks on the church's notice board.

The basic message of the church is not however, 'when the next service is' or 'what's on in the Parish' but the Gospel. The message of what God has done in this world through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is a message that has changed millions of lives, has initiated countless social reforms and has provided the spiritual 'glue' for our nation for over a thousand years.

This is a message that some have found difficult or have rejected. We are a free country and rejoice in recognising a multiplicity of faith and belief systems but some are now concerned that the Christian foundation of our nation has also been eroded over the centuries and only small traces remain. Some local authorities have started calling their town centre Christmas lights "winter lights" and you get the occasional reported refusal to advertise a carol service in case it offends those of other faiths!

I think it's all too easy to become over defensive about this because the message of the Gospel is simply too big to be suppressed by attacks on the public image of the church (or even on its notice boards!) It's a message that is either vitally important or is of no value at all. At Easter a small group of defeatist, rather self absorbed followers of a supposedly executed Messiah turned into powerful advocates for the transforming, saving power of God. Their fear of death was overcome by the evidence that Jesus had defeated it, offering a share in his eternal life to those who are open to his redeeming power. This Gospel message cannot be moderately important – it's an 'all or nothing' event, a permanent challenge to people down through history!

Is it important to you?

**Reverend John Girtchen**

### **DAVE BILBROUGH, CHRISTIAN SINGER AND SONGWRITER COMING TO BARROW**

Dave Bilbrough, international Christian singer and songwriter, has kindly agreed to appear in Concert in Holy Trinity Barrow on Saturday 19th June at 7.30pm. He will be accompanied by his wife Pat on percussion and we are greatly looking forward to welcoming them both to our Church. Some of us have seen Dave live at Spring Harvest and other venues but usually with thousands of others so to have an event in the intimate atmosphere of Holy Trinity will be really special. Dave has three decades of experience in Christian song writing and singing. All Hail the Lamb, I Am a New Creation, Holy Ground and Abba Father are among his many compositions that have been sung worldwide by Christians of all denominations. Recent years have seen Dave developing a vision towards integrating musical influences from around the world to create authentic new sounds of worship. Alongside his music he is in regular demand as a seminar speaker on themes related to worship. His ministry brings an emphasis on the grace and faithfulness of God.

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# SCHOOL REPORT

Out of every challenging experience there comes a positive. When I look back over the year to this time last year we have achieved such a lot and I don't feel so much like the 'new' person anymore but someone who is enjoying very much the challenges each term brings. Over the weekend when I was looking through the newspaper one of the headlines stated that one good thing to come out of the harsh winter was the fact that this year is one of the best for the blossoms on the trees. I think we can rightfully agree with that as we drive along Thornton Road into Ferry Road. Goxhill most definitely looks stunning.

We have had a number of events during the course of the spring term ranging from really interesting trips out, visitors in and a number of enrichment activities all linked to the curriculum for all the year groups. The children enjoyed the Valentine's disco and the Easter bingo for children and parents before the term ended, was also an enjoyable experience. One of our many highlights was the success from our involvement at the Brigg Festival. We had successes with our children playing the violin, those reciting poetry and our choir. We are all so proud!

Our children have also enjoyed the experience of



learning to play the steel drums and participating in the puppet making and puppet shows, a competition which saw a record number of children decorating Easter hats and eggs. All of this was topped off by another spectacular performance from Year 5 presenting 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'.

We were supported by the Children's centre at Barton in being able to offer Sensory Sessions for babies and toddlers. This was a massive success and we hope to continue with these when the new integrated services building opens in the autumn term – more about that later! Proving equally successful this term are the 'Our time' sessions for

the younger members of the community. They have been running over the first half of this term.

Our new school garden which is located towards the back of the football field is really taking shape and thanks to the excellent direction from Mrs Kell



and the support of parents, grandparents, other staff members and the children we are now at the stage of planting.

Currently, we are waiting to find out if we have been successful in achieving an Arts Mark accreditation. This is awarded to schools who emphasize the importance in the Arts in the curriculum. This includes everything from creative arts (dance, drama, music) to practical art so fingers crossed that we get this positive recognition soon.

Our school has also been successful in securing our Healthy School's status for another 3 years and this has been down to the hard work and coordination of Mrs Brown who amazingly can juggle so many tasks at one time. I think that this time last year I was saying how fortunate I have been to come to a school with so many talented and committed staff. I am certainly seeing that so many people are eager to secure many successes



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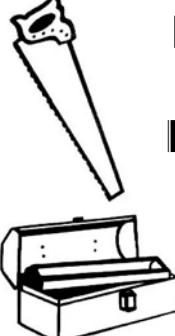
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We have an equally busy and exciting term ahead and I'm sure with everyone's commitment it will be a successful one. (It's actually quite frightening but I'm finding that time is marching on at such a rapid pace!) Many events are planned. We have the dance class for children after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and boxing on Thursdays. Outdoor after school clubs will be starting soon.

The Integrated Services Building on our school site is developing nicely and with its completion drawing near we are all starting to get very excited about its potential for drawing important services for children, parents and families into our village. At the time of submitting this article for publication, we are in consultation with members of our staff, pre school staff and other associates in developing business plans to enhance the outdoor area which user groups of the building and our Foundation stage children will be able to benefit from and use.

Once again we are starting to think of the Summer Fair and set a date. We would welcome as much support as possible with the process of planning and the actual organisation on the day. We are

welcoming anyone who would like to come and help out on the day. Last year's was a great event but we're confident that we can top that this year. More details will follow in subsequent newsletters from school or you can get up to date information from our school website at [www.goxhillschool.com](http://www.goxhillschool.com).

As always we are very conscious that we can organise and participate in events which are useful for the whole community. Even if you do not have children at the school to get regular information about events, you are most welcome to contact us and we can supply you with a regular newsletter. One very touching experience for all of us was at Christmas time when we invited members of our community to join us in singing carols around the Christmas tree. We had some of our older members of the community take us up on this and we all had a lovely afternoon with Mrs Neve offering the warm hospitality of sharing mince pies and brandy. We want you to think of us as a 'listening' school. Share with us your ideas for what you want us to help with or organise and we will do the best we can. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school this year.

**Caroline Breslin**

## SHELTER BOXES - UPDATE

The total of Rotary ShelterBoxes sent from Barton and the surrounding villages following the appeal for the victims of the Haiti earthquake, is fourteen. The original target was three but with massive help from the general public and local Junior Schools (including Goxhill) the quantity of the £490 boxes quickly increased.

Four young people from Goxhill and Thornton, did a sponsored walk from Goxhill to Barton, followed by bag-packing at Tesco, raising an amazing £1,250 for ShelterBox. They were Emma Branford, Georgia Robertson, Caitlin Anderson and Matthew Finch.

There are now around 13,000 ShelterBox ten-person tents in Haiti. The boxes also include sleeping bags, mosquito nets, a cooker and pans, water treatment equipment and even a bag of children's colouring books and crayons, etc.

Humber Bridge Half Marathon. On June 27th over 2,000 runners will take part in the Rotary Humber Bridge Half Marathon, expected to raise over £70,000 for charity. The main charities are "When You Wish Upon a Star", Dove House Hospice and "Cash for Kids". The runners will arrive on Ferriby Road

in Barton at about 10.45 and travel through the town, along Holydyke and Barrow Road, down Falkland Way, Butts Road, Far Ings Road, Gravel Pit Road and back over the bridge. This event is well worth watching on any part of the route, although the runners are more bunched together in the earlier stages. Please check on any road closures or diversions before driving through Barton during the morning and early afternoon. The event is organised by the Rotary Clubs of Hull and Barton.

Many thanks

**David Lee 01652 660986**



*The Goxhill "sponsored walkers" receive Barton Rotary Club ShelterBox certificates from Club President Roger Sargeant.*



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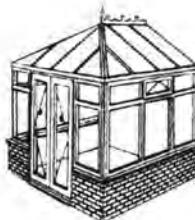
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As the warmer weather has arrived (or at least it was creating that illusion when this was written) please be careful about leaving doors and windows open. Every year our local police report a spate of sneak in thefts where a burglar just walks in and takes anything readily to hand. Sometimes they may hunt in pairs: one attracts your attention at the front door while their accomplice goes in at the back door. Goxhill has been lucky in recent years but once a village is targeted there tend to be numerous thefts in rapid succession before the culprits move on.

If you are unlucky enough to suffer a theft or to otherwise need to contact the police then here is a reminder of the options available to you:

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



## LIVES

### Could an ambulance find you easily?

When somebody calls 999 for an ambulance there is obviously a time issue. It is vital that the ambulance reaches the patient as soon as possible. How easy would it be for them to find your home?

Next time that you are driving home, especially if it is at night and/or raining, ask yourself how easy it would be for an ambulance to find you. Perhaps it would be worth repainting that house name sign or even fitting another one in a more visible position?

If you do ever have to call an emergency ambulance then it can be a good idea to do whatever you can to help your house stand out. Even something as simple as switching on all the front room lights could help the ambulance to spot you at night.

Time is especially important in cases like cardiac arrest, where every minute can be the difference between life and death. Volunteers from LIVES, being more familiar with local addresses, can often be there quickly to offer emergency care until the ambulance arrives. Frequently we are told that the visibility of the LIVES sign on our vehicle was helpful for an ambulance driver trying to locate a house.

LIVES stands for the Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service, a registered charity number 1098364. LIVES consists of trained volunteers with a car and able to spare a few hours a week to be on call to attend local emergency calls. Often the ambulance arrives soon after, or even before, us – but in those exceptions we are on hand with equipment that can help.

Locally LIVES covers Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland with several volunteers from each village regularly on call. We urgently need more volunteers to enable us to provide as much cover as possible at all times. No previous medical experience is necessary: you receive full initial training, regular refreshers and support from fellow volunteers. All equipment, except your car, is provided and you only commit to being on call when you can fit it in. Even when on-call you can continue to do many of the things you already do and just break off if you respond to an emergency.

To find out more please contact **Maurice Cole, the local branch co-ordinator, on 530512**. If you would prefer to chat with someone from Goxhill about what is involved, please feel free to ring me on **530363**.

**John Guggiari**

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Congratulations to Sam and Iris MacLeod on their being awarded the "Short Award" for 2010.

Both Iris and Sam have for over thirty years since their move to Goxhill, have supported and worked in different capacities for the benefit of the community. They received their award, a voucher to be spent on gardening items at the

AGM of the Goxhill Memorial Hall. The Management Committee also received nominations for the following residents. Betty Plumtree, Barry Staves, David Carnell, Elaine Raynes and Mike Gathercole. The committee wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all those nominated for their voluntary work for the community.

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## Goxhill Memorial Hall 200 Club

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"	206	Mr W. Leaning	£30.00
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"	144	Mrs M. Moore	£30.00
April	12	Mrs Mager	£30.00
"	220	Mrs P. White	£30.00

## Autumn Craft Fayre

There will be a Craft Fayre in All Saints Church on the Saturday 11th September 10am – 4pm and Sunday 12th September 1-4pm. If you would like to display your art or craft items please contact **Delia Simons 530630** or **Sandra 530065**

## Goxhill Women's Institute

Goxhill Women's Institute meet on the second Monday of each month, except August, at 7.15 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

We are now into the new programme for April 2010 to Mar 2011 - doesn't time fly.

In April we had a presentation by the local Air Ambulance ambassador and during May we have a talk about the Inca Trail - sorry you will have missed these - but at the June meeting there will be a talk about the Baltic Capitals, in July the Duchess of Windsor's Jewellery.

September brings a presentation on Gold Embroidery and in October we have our Harvest Festival meeting.

In November there will be a talk on Food Safety, which may be of interest to anyone thinking of doing catering and December brings us to our Christmas meeting with Floral Decoration by Goxhill's own Barbara Giles.

January and February speakers are still to be arranged and hope the weather doesn't make us cancel at the last minute as happened this year.

## The Memorial Hall

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## DEADLINE

Please have submissions for the Autumn edition of the Gander in by **Saturday 7th August**

Distribution 1st week of September

(for date sensitive information)

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## Daffodil Bulbs

The appeal for Daffodil Bulbs to extend the beds at the Airfield Memorial in the Autumn was excellent, the result could be seen during April, photos were sent across the Pond, (Atlantic) Thank You to all who responded. **Ron Parker**

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## **MS Society**

A Cake Break held at Willow Farm raised a massive £317 for the MS Society. Thank you to all Pip's carers and friends who made the cakes and all those who showed their appreciation in such a generous way. The best result of the day though was that Pip was so stimulated by seeing so many old friends that she has started to smile again at people and try to speak.  
**Jeff Teasdale**

## **Northern Lincolnshire CPRE Best Kept Village Competition**

There are four categories. These are:

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**best community planting scheme** which receives vouchers from Oakland Nurseries, and, in its second year, **best kept war memorial**, sponsored by Pooley's Tearoom in Messingham. Entry to the competition is open to all villages and small towns in North and North East Lincolnshire. Judging takes place at the end of June and the end of August.

Please help to show Goxhill in its best light. Judging takes account of a number of issues, including: litter and vandalism; private gardens and community planting; general maintenance of public buildings such as village halls and other structures; and churchyards, cemeteries and war memorials. The purpose is to establish how well local residents look after and care for their surroundings.

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## **Marie Curie Cancer Care**

A collection on Howe Lane, for the Marie Curie Cancer Care raised £80. Thank you to all who contributed. **Elaine Turgoose**

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# Goxhill the place where it all began

In an idle moment as I sat before my computer I entered Goxhill Lincolnshire into Google Search. I was confronted as the second item on the list with “The Descendants of Thomas Hardy and Susannah Wares”. I decided to take a look at this site and I encounter more people with the family name Hardy than have ever had that name in Goxhill. (And the family are recorded here from 1604 and perhaps before that.) All of the people on this list are or were residents in Canada.

These people trace their origin and family name to Thomas Hardy and the village of Goxhill. Not however to Thomas the Gentleman Farmer but to Thomas Hardy Labourer.

Thomas the gentleman farmer was a very important man in the village he was a farmer of 175 Acres of arable and meadow land. As a leading member of the vestry committee he carried out many duties including that of Dyke Reeve when he superintended the rebuilding of part of the Humber Bank.

Thomas the labourer was not part of village society and we should probably know nothing of him were it not for some fortunate information in the Award of the Enclosure. Thomas lived on a small plot of land (big by today's standards) and had a house but he did not have title to it other than by occupation. There were several people in this situation and the Act of Inclosure gave them the award of their home and the surrounding plot of land so Thomas the labourer is to be found in the list of the small awards. By a further fortunate coincidence we know exactly where he lived because he lived at the end of an existing piece of the town street where a new public road began.

*One Public Highway to extend from the town of Goxhill afs<sup>d</sup> at the South East corner of the Ancient Inclosure of Thomas Hardy Labourer Southward along the Town Side of Goxhill afs<sup>d</sup> to the South West corner of an Ancient Homestead there belonging to Charles Marshal and from thence in a South Direction over the said Mill Field and Hallands Field to the Lordship of Thornton afs<sup>d</sup> and herein called the Thornton Road.*

The names of the roads have changed a little since they were laid out in the award. Ferry road ran from the North End of the village to the Haven and Thornton road ran from the Thornton boundary right up to where the houses are, opposite Nan Brigham on the West side of the present Ferry road. The junction between the

existing village street and the new road is still visible because the new road was sixty feet wide which was wider than the old street and the change in the hedge line can still be seen.

There is an interesting little anomaly in the hand written village copy of the award. Whilst the parchment roll in the Lincoln Archive reads quite clearly Thomas Hardy, the village copy says Paul Hardy. Paul does not seem to be a name used by the Hardy family. Did the scrivener who wrote the village book feel that the terms Gentleman and Labourer did not sufficiently differentiate between the two Thomas's?

Mary Susannah Wares was born in Barrow and married Thomas, they lived in their house in Goxhill and several children were born there, Mary 1766, Thomas 1768, Esther 1769, Anne 1773, Catherine 1775, and John 1777. They then left Goxhill and went to live in Barrow where George the last child was born in 1779. The family then moved to Hessle. (The Canadian researcher has given the birth place of George as Barrow and Hessle, what a ferry crossing that must have been.) George was married to Mary Saunders who was born in Hessle. In 1817 they went to Canada in the ship Valiant which was owned by Mary's father and they settled in Prince Edward Island and founded the Hardy family dynasty in Canada.

It is quite remarkable that the award of the plot of land upon which Thomas's house stood was the beginning of the improvement in the family's fortunes. Thomas like several people in the village who received small awards, was able to sell his property and move on and his son George could then marry into a wealthy family in Hessle. There was a row of ten other plots of land along the west side of Ferry road beside the one awarded to Thomas. They were all awarded at the same time. (If you live upon one of these plots of land then you can find the name of the person to whom it was awarded in 1775 in the Award of the Act of Inclosure.) Some people who received awards of land found the expense of fencing etc to be too great and they sold their land and became engaged in trade. Others bought up more land and established farming families. At the other end of the row from Thomas lived Widow Raby whose plot was of similar size to his. There is no other mention of the Raby family in the award so we know that they had no farmland. Was this also the beginning of another family's prosperity?

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# PARISH COUNCIL

I only have a couple of topics to share with you this edition. The first is Unfortunately a warning from the Police and the second is about the Parish Council Committee.

The Police have advised the Parish Council that the incidents of theft in the neighbourhood are on the increase. Two main areas have been identified and concern horses and lead. It appears that horses are being stolen to order and all horse owners in the village and indeed all village members are advised to be vigilant and report any sightings of anyone behaving suspiciously in the vicinity of their livestock. It appears the thieves have a way to identify/mark the horses (knots in the horse's mane) they wish to steal and do this in daylight then return during the hours of darkness to steal the horses. I am sure the many horse owners in the village are aware of this but a timely reminder does no harm. The second problem is to do with the theft of lead from buildings. At one time this act was restricted to Church roofs but the increased rise in the price being paid for scrap lead has convinced the thieves to be more prolific in identifying targets. Recently all of the lead was removed from a bus shelter in Barrow and once again you are asked to remain vigilant about anybody you perceive to be surveying your property or indeed asking to inspect your property. Many of the houses in the village have low level extensions and it would be no effort for the thief to gain access and remove the lead flashings if given the opportunity. If we all remain aware we can help in combating these thefts.

Finally, there are two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you feel you would like to contribute to the council and can afford the time to attend the monthly meetings (1st Thurs evening of every month) then please contact the Parish Clerk. The duties of the Parish Council are not onerous and can make a difference to all aspects of the village.

Contact details for the **Parish Clerk** are:      Telephone: **01469 533971**

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That's it for now.

**PJ Shields MBE QGM**

## FLOODING

Are you one of the many residents of Goxhill who are concerned about flooding in the village of Goxhill?

After the floods of June 2007 North Lincolnshire Council gave assurances that remedial action would be taken to avoid a reoccurrence and subsequently place a moratorium on all new builds until the flooding issue could be rectified. He we are in 2010 and yet the route cause of the issue has not been rectified, an inadequate sewerage system which needs updating to the 21st century.

It is somewhat strange therefore that North Lincolnshire Council although the moratorium is still in place have now started granting applications even in areas which indeed where under water. Namely Stothards Lane approval in Feb 2010 for a single property with North Lincolnshire Council stating the lane did not flood. Your parish council leader Mike Gathercole attended their meeting in March 2010 Stating that the council should take account of villagers concerns and pend approvals until the two authorities namely Anglian Water and the Environment agency update the sewerage system to the satisfaction of North Lincolnshire Council.

Regrettably it appears the Council took little notice since on May 5th they again approved another development outside the school in Northend, another area subjected to severe flooding in 2007.

If like Goxhill Parish Council you have serious concerns about approvals of this nature the parish council urge you to write to North Lincolnshire Council Chief Executive outlining your concerning.

Additionally if the village is subjected to flooding and again it is attributed to the sewerage system unable to cope like the experts state then you are urged when making your insurance claim to bring the Councils inactions to their attention.

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**Mike Gathercole Chair Goxhill Parish Council**

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## OFF THE HOOF

**"Perhaps the ultimate benefit of having a domesticated pet, whether it be a horse or a dog, is that they can train us to be better people"**

*Kathy Carter*

It's May Bank Holiday and all seems quiet as I sit to write "Off the Hoof". Usually on a Sunday there are signs of activity and the gentle buzz of lawn mowers, but not today. I think it is still so cold people do not feel like venturing out. It will certainly not be to watch the television as at the time of writing it is all Politics and the forthcoming elections. By this time next week it will all be over and no doubt we will all get to know what impact the results will have on our lives if any.

Normally in the Summer edition I would be urging horse owners to think about taking their rugs in for washing and repair but I think most people are still putting them on their equine friends if only at night. In the last edition of the Gander I reported Jo Burns had been elected for the B.S.J.A. Area 24 Rep. The AGM took place on 12th April and the Head of the B.S.J.A. was present to lend her support. There is now a new website for this area with photos and venues of shows and the qualifiers. It is [www.bsjarea24.co.uk](http://www.bsjarea24.co.uk) for those who wish to browse. Jo has just returned from a much deserved holiday in Egypt and she assures me she did not bring any camels back!

Audrey Hunt's horse, Mac has had his first outing and went clear to go through to the jump off where he had a pole down but it was an excellent performance for his first competition.

Once again Jo will be chasing the Horse of the Year Show Amateurs and is taking her horse, Magali to Bramham at the beginning of June and the Hickstead Derby at the end of June so we will watch with interest.

Perhaps people have read about it in the paper but no doubt some have not so here goes. Back in April a Miniature Horse was stolen from Wootton. If it were not for some quick thinking people heaven knows where she would have ended up. A local man was driving past a field where he saw a Transit van parked. He saw six men. Three were one side of the fence and they were passing a 28 inch pony over a fence to the three on the other side who promptly put it in the back of the van. Our quick thinking local captured it all on his mobile phone. He then flagged two girls from

Goxhill down and asked them to call the Police. They could not get through to Barton so called 999. Our local followed them and in the meantime the girls saw someone they knew and had horsey connections coming toward them so they flagged him down. He did know who the owner was and promptly set off to Chris and Harvey Rudkins to inform them. By this time the Police had two cars this side of the bridge and two on the North Bank and a helicopter on the case. An off duty local policeman heard the radio calls and rang the Humber Bridge to ask if the Transit with the appropriate number plate had passed through and they were able to confirm that it had. A chase ensued and eventually the Transit pulled off on the Howden slip road where the villains were apprehended and read their rights.

Chris and Harvey went to pick the little lady up from the Police Station where she was tied by a rope around her neck. One of the policemen had been to the Spar shop and bought her some carrots! (Bless him). Apart from the strong smell of Diesel the mare was unharmed and quite oblivious of all the mayhem of which she was the centre. She has now had a bath and is safely home.

(It all sounds like a Dick King-Smith novel!) Subsequently the men have all been to court and have just been given a fine. – Not enough in my opinion as they no doubt will continue their lives of crime. No words can praise the people involved enough and I know Chris and Harvey will be eternally grateful for the actions taken by them. – They know who they are.

What can we learn from this? This could have been one of your horses or ponies. It is clear only small ponies fit into vans but it is also clear these men are ruthless and would take anything even if they come back with a lorry or trailer at night. They obviously have a ready market organised to move them on or even out of the country. If you see anything suspicious call 999 straight away. Minutes are precious in a situation like this. If possible get a license number. Do not put yourself in danger.

I have mentioned in previous issues to put your phone number or contact details on *continued on p 23*

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the gate in case of an emergency. If you can't afford to have one made, make one yourself and laminate it. If you haven't a laminator yourself bring it to me and I will do it for you. A notice which says – THESE HORSES ARE POLICE IDENTIFIABLE. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT ----- . So simple, but so effective.

Have your horse micro chipped. Call out on a Monday with Rase is free so take advantage. To safeguard your trailer a new device, which sounds really good, is a Zenlock. For more information, go to [www.equine-secure.com](http://www.equine-secure.com). Apparently they can be leased, hired or bought. Now is the time of year to those horrid little midges to make an appearance bringing the misery of Sweet Itch to some animals. To down load the BHS leaflet "Advice on Sweet Itch" visit the Horse Care section or alternatively call the Welfare department on 01926707839.

In the last edition of the Gander I reported that my pony had been badly spooked by a dog and an irresponsible owner. Since then I have had several reports of horses being attacked by dogs and one being bitten. This has now been taken on board by Defra who are changing the Dangerous Dogs Act. At present it is at the Consultation stage but for

more information [www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/dangerous\\_dogs/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/dangerous_dogs/index.htm). All dog owners should read this.

This year Goxhill Show is introducing a new showing class for ex-racehorses so I hope you will support it particularly if you have an ex-racehorse. The other week I followed a couple of girls riding out and noticed the one at the back was sitting decidedly and dangerously to the left. The right stirrup was six inches higher than the left. I wound down the window and said, "Did you know your saddle has slipped over to the left?" To my horror she replied, "Yes, it always does that". May I just say - the saddle does not fit! Untold damage is being done to the horses back and indeed to the rider's back, not to mention the real potential for an accident. If you are this person or know who it is please, please, please get your saddle checked or if you are unsure perhaps I can help you get it sorted.

To close this issue without the mention of the awful accident suffered by Dave Lamming a few months ago would not be right. I feel sure we all wish him well with his recovery and extend our best wishes to Julie and family at a very difficult time.

That's all for this edition. Happy Showing - Until next time,  
Take care - Ride safely. **Aileen 01469 530643**

We would like to wish the children that have moved upto school all the best and say welcome to our new recruits!

I would just like to say a big Thank you to all those that helped out with the Easter morning and the cake stall held in the school car park, we managed to raise £175!!

We have a few events that we are planning for the not so distant future, one of which is a Scarecrow trail and also a Treasure Hunt, so if there is anybody out there who would like to help out or to make a Scarecrow we would be very grateful and if you could please either let a member of Pre-School or a member of the committee know.

Watch out for the Posters!

By September we are hoping to be in a new building at school so we are getting very excited about that, it will be sad to leave the Memorial Hall as we have been there for over 25 years



now. So a big Thank you to the Memorial Hall committee for allowing us to hire the hall and enable our children to learn through play.

Just one last thing to say Julie-Ann our supervisor has decided to move on to pastures new, she will be missed so on behalf of myself and the rest of our committee and staff a HUGE Thank you for all your help over the past few years and for all your hard work and dedication. We would like to wish you all the best for your future.

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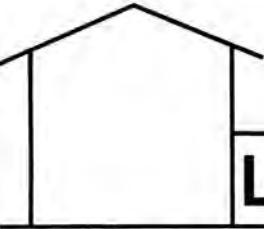
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# Local School's Headmistress Tells All...

Hi! I'm Alexandra Noton and I'm 10 years old. I live in the village and love going to the local school.

At the beginning of February my dad told me I could write in the Gander. I got this opportunity when I was telling my parents what I wanted to be when I grew up. I said "I'd love to be a journalist!"

My dad replied "well you could always write in the Gander! They always want new and interesting articles!"

A couple of days later I asked Miss Breslin if I could interview her (for the Gander) she was delighted and said "yes of course!" and clapped her hands. Soon I was prepared with some questions, so I booked a time slot with Miss Breslin and asked my friend Daisy Smith if she would like to help me do the interview! She said "yes" and soon was as excited as I was. When it came to the day we went down to the office and began to ask the questions, this is how it went...

**"What made you want to be a headmistress or a teacher? And is it the job you've always wanted?"** "Yes it is the job I've always wanted. I used to play schools when I was younger and use newspapers, I'd use them as students work and I'd mark them. I was a teacher first and I really enjoyed the job but one day I told myself 'I can go further. I know I can!' And soon I became a headmistress."

**"How many years have you been a qualified teacher?"**

"20 years"

**"How are you finding working at Goxhill primary school? And is it in any way different from your old school?"**

"I love it! The parents cooperate really well!" she said "And the children here are well behaved and kind when I first came they were very welcoming. But it is very different to my other school. On a Hull estate."

**"What do you think about our village?"**

"Well you could say it's like Dr Who's tardis! I thought it would be very small but it's much bigger than I expected. I like the greenery, the park, I also enjoy bingo at the Memorial Hall and the Parish Council work very hard!"

**"Have you had any other jobs before teaching?"**

"Yes in kitchens and shoe shops (because I really like shoes!)"

**"What are your favourite hobbies?"**

"Well I love to read and tease my cat. I also like to listen to music and to draw!" she answered

**"Do you have a favourite book or film? If so what are their titles?"**

"For my favourite book I'd have to say – I am David by Anne Holm and I enjoyed Night at the museum (1 and 2) because they were funny!"

**"If you could meet any famous person who would it be?"**



"I think it would have to be Johnny Depp because he's a great actor, quite creative and personally I think he's nice!"

**"Where abouts were you born in Ireland?"**

"Derry in Northern Ireland"

**"Finally what are you looking forward to in the future of Goxhill primary school?"**

"I'm definitely looking forward to make it the best possible and getting the new building finished also organising exciting events!"

**"Any thing else you'd like to tell us?"**

"Yes! I'm very happy!"

And that's all, but a big thanks to Miss Breslin!!!

**By Alexandra Noton and Daisy Smith**

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If you would like to advertise in the Gander in the next issue, please contact either **Mark Russell on 01469 532009 or Nicola Jones on 07772 519421**

# ASK THE CHEF? with Nigel Brown



In the world of demonstration chefs the last few months have seen the start of our 'silly season' with food festivals and roadshows up and down the country. I was thrilled that two of these events were right on our doorstep starting with the incredibly successful Hull

Truck Food Festival in March which was a 'first' for the theatre with James Martin and myself demonstrating to 3 sell out performances.

April saw me meet up with my mate Jean-Christophe Novelli at the Lincolnshire Fine Food and Drink Festival at

Meridian Park in Cleethorpes, it was great to catch up and swap ideas for both our cookery schools.

Breaking news for my cookery school is we're expanding! June sees us moving to The Ropewalk in Barton where we'll have the room to increase places from 4 to 8. It's a fantastic venue for us in a Grade 2 listed building with plenty of free parking, café and art gallery – try the hot chocolate in the café, it's 'to die for'! We'll be having an open day which will be advertised on our website, blog and facebook so be sure to keep checking and come and have a nosey around our new facilities.

Nigel  
BROWN



Thanks to all those who sent in their culinary queries, we haven't got room to answer all of them but keep them coming and you may see yours in print next time.

## Q Yorkshire Puddings

"This is my problem! How can I get my Yorkshire puddings to rise? Is there a foolproof way as mine are always a disaster more like Yorkshire biscuits? I have tried all ways of making the batter - by hand, in an electric mixer. Tried the batter thick and thin and I have the oven very hot."

## A Ingredients:

3 medium free range eggs

6 heaped dessert spoons plain flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 pint full fat milk (or until the batter is of a milkshake consistency when mixed)

## Method:

Combine the eggs, flour, milk and salt and mix by hand. Pass through a sieve to remove any lumps/ eggshell etc. Stand for 20 minutes.

Put a teaspoon of oil into each mini pudding tray. Get the tray really hot in the oven at 200°C until you see a blue haze over your tin.

Ladle or pour in the batter to the tray to two thirds full.

Bake in the oven for 20/25 minutes on the middle shelf and don't open the oven for the first 15 minutes. After 15 minutes turn the oven down to 180°C.

## Q Ice Cream

"How can I make ice cream, without going to the expense of buying a machine?"

A Use any ice cream recipe you come across. The key factor is churning the ice cream. If you don't have an ice cream machine an alternative would be to churn the ice cream in your freezer, however this is a lengthy process as it will require you to churn the ice cream by hand every 5-10 minutes whereas an ice cream maker will usually complete this process in approximately 20 minutes based on a half litre ice cream recipe. My advice would be to buy an ice cream machine – sorry!

## Q Crispy Crackling

"How to get crackling really crispy?"

A Firstly buy your loin of pork boned rolled and scored. Pre heat the oven to 200°C.

Place the loin of pork on a bed of vegetables on a roasting tray.

Liberally pour either vegetable or rapeseed oil over the scored loin of pork and rub in by hand.

Apply liberal quantities of table salt and rub into the oiled scored pork.

Apply the principle of 20 minutes per pound plus 20 minutes to ensure thorough cooking. After the first 20 minutes of roasting turn the oven down to 180°C and baste regularly. Perfect crackling every time!

## Q Fresh Salmon

"What do you suggest to do with a big piece of fresh salmon, ie a whole fish?"

A The perfect recipe for a whole side of salmon would be to make a classic salmon coulibiac which is like a fish version of beef wellington. When you've made one invite me round for dinner – it's fantastic.

See p29 for Nigel's delicious recipe

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100g/3½oz long grain rice, rinsed  
½ fish stock cube  
1 free-range egg, beaten  
200g/7oz small prawns, boiled and peeled  
1 tbsp chopped fresh dill  
1 tbsp chopped fresh flatleaf parsley  
1 tbsp chopped fresh chives  
50g/2oz mushrooms, chopped  
1 lemon, zest only, plus 1 tsp lemon juice  
salt and freshly ground black pepper

**For the salmon coulibiac**

2 blocks ready-made puff pastry  
100g/3½oz baby spinach leaves  
1 x 400g centre-cut salmon fillet, cut in half lengthways, skin removed, pin bones removed  
1 free-range egg, beaten, for glazing

### Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.
2. For the filling, place the rice and the crumbled stock cube into a saucepan and cook the rice according to the packet instructions. Drain well and cool.
3. Mix the cooled rice, beaten egg, cooked prawns, dill, parsley, chives, mushrooms, lemon zest and juice in a mixing bowl until well combined. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
4. To assemble the coulibiac, roll one of the blocks of puff pastry out to a rectangle 4cm/1½in bigger all round than the salmon fillets. Roll out the second block to make a rectangle 5cm/2in larger than the first one. (You may not need to use all the pastry.) Sprinkle half of the spinach leaves over the smaller sheet of puff pastry, leaving a 2cm/¾in gap around the edge of the pastry. Place one of the salmon fillets on
5. Brush the edges of the puff pastry with beaten egg and cover the salmon filling with the second, larger, sheet of puff pastry. Seal the edges of the pastry parcel together with your fingers, trimming off any excess. Carefully transfer the salmon coulibiac to a greased baking tray.
6. Using a knife, cut one or two small holes in the top of the salmon coulibiac, then brush all over with the remaining beaten egg. Transfer the salmon coulibiac to the oven and bake for 25-30 minutes, or until the pastry is crisp and golden-brown.

**Nigel Brown**

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## 1ST GOXHILL AND BARROW SCOUTS

### PGL TRIP

32 boys and 4 adults went to Caythorpe Court PGL over the weekend of the 19th to 21st March. The weather was not brilliant but it did not seem to dampen the boys' enthusiasm at all. Generally their behaviour was excellent, with only one or two misdemeanours over the weekend. On the rafting sessions, the boys had to take a change of clothes etc to a shower/changing area prior to the session, to wash and change afterwards. One group of ten boys took only one towel between them, which made the process of showering and changing problematic!

Unfortunately Fabien, whilst entertaining the cubs, fooling about in his sleeping bag in the corridor, fell over trying to walk in his bag and was in A&E on Sunday with a broken wrist.

This was a great opportunity for the younger boys to meet and spend time with the older boys from the scouts section, the scouts met the challenge of helping to look after the younger boys which included having to help some of them to pack, you'd have to

be there to see what the cubs mean by "I'm packed ready to leave", unbelievable. There will be a DVD for all the boys who were on the trip, so you get the chance have a look at one of the cub bedrooms after they had packed!

The boys were well thought of by their various instructors, in particular their behaviour in the dining hall was fantastic.

### ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

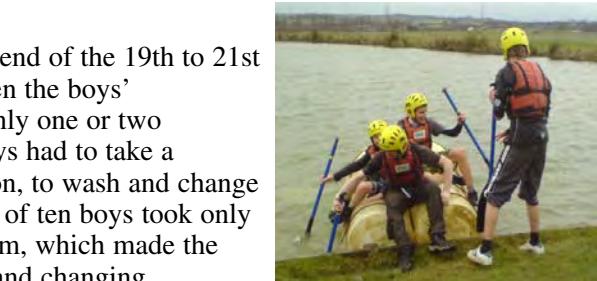
This years St George's Day service for the East Glanford Scouts and Guides was held at St Mary's C of E Church in Barton.

All sections of the Scouts and Guides were represented, from

Rainbows to Explorer Scouts, as were all the local Groups. The Parade started at Baysgarth School to St Mary's, the streets were lined with people, many taking photographs of their relatives in the parade, there really was a good turnout of people to witness the parade.

Bradley Campion, a Scout, gave the reading together with a Brownie, and Rachel Mitchell, our Scout Leader recited the Scout Promise together with a Scout from another troop who recited the Scout Law.

Our Group flag was carried by Alison Morley, with Kyle Walters and Liam Kerins forming the rest of the Flag Party. The weather was kind, the kids were well turned out, actually they were very smart, and their behaviour was excellent.





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Not only do we also bowl in three leagues, we have social bowlers who are encouraged to play in the leagues alongside more experienced bowlers as this helps to improve their game.

Having attracted some interest from my appeal in the last edition of The Gander, I would like to extend that appeal further. Please give some thought to joining us to help keep the bowling tradition going in Goxhill especially if you think you have the potential to become a future County Champion ??? You will never know if you don't give it a try – and after all you have nothing to lose. You are just as welcome even if you only want to be a social bowler and you can be sure that the club will be very pleased to welcome you.

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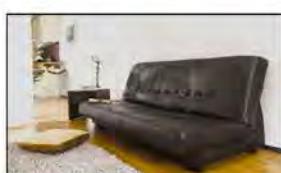
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# BAYSGARTH NEWS



## Sporting Roundup

The school achieved some excellent sporting results last term. In rugby our year 9 boys' team became District Rugby Champions for the 3rd consecutive year, conceding only one try on the way to the final before winning 35-0.

In football the Year 9 Football team have won their Cup Semi Final this week, away at

South Axholme. A 3-1 victory has secured a place in the final on the 28th April with fantastic performances from



the whole team, especially Josh Davies, George Ellis, Jack Waller and Luke Campling. Not to be out-done, the Y7 boys' football team have also reached the District Plate semi final. We are delighted to announce that our Y10 Girls' Football team are once again District Champions - for the 4th time running.

A special mention for Ben Herrick, Tom Bowes, George Ellis, Ryan Morton and Dom Ryan who have reached the final of the Jack Kalson League, Britcon Trophy to be played at Glanford Park on the 3rd March. They play for Cemex Juniors under 14's and proud manager Kevin Powell updated us with this fantastic achievement. Well done boys and good luck.

Other sporting achievements; in badminton, our year 10 and 11 girls' team came third in the district championships and in netball our U13 team came 3rd in the district competition and U15 team secured 2nd place

## Costa Rica Expedition

Seven of our pupils are currently fundraising for their trip to Costa Rica in 2011, preparations are underway for the exciting



expedition and the team are working hard to raise the much needed funds.

One of the team told us about the trip. *'This expedition is about helping and giving back to the local community and the environment. We will be participating in community projects such as helping renovate or build a local school. We may even have the chance to teach a class of the local children. As an environmental project we may be working with endangered*

*wildlife, such as leatherback turtles, to help conserve them for future generations'.*

They recently hosted a Race Night at the school and as well as 'bag packing' in local supermarkets, they plan to run a traditional Summer Fayre at the school.

Advance notification of a Summer Fayre being held on 17th July 2010 which promises to be a great day out for all the family and includes stalls, activities and games! If you would like a stall at the Fayre, pitches are £15 each (including a table and £10 return on arrival). Please contact the school for more details, booking and availability.

## S-p-e-l-l-i-n-g B-e-e

This year a team of year 7 students entered the Times Spelling Bee. It is an annual competition held at local and regional heats with the grand final held in London.



The team, consisting of Katie Dodds, Jade Mills and Sophie Evison put up a great fight but did not make the next round. A special mention for Harriet Burr, she attended all of the training sessions but couldn't make the competition. The girls had a brilliant experience and enjoyed it thoroughly. The Baysgarth Bees will be back next year!

## Bike Shelter Official Opening



Patrick Davis from Sustrans with Head Colin Saywell

marked increase in the number of children cycling to school and 180 will take part in Bikeability safety training run by cycling specialists. All these stories and more visit [www.baysgarthschool.co.uk](http://www.baysgarthschool.co.uk)

## Reminder of Term Dates

June	7	School reopens 21&22 am. Wake & Shake Festival
	26	VI Form leavers' prom
	30	GCSE/GCE A levels end
July	2	Sports Day
July	21	School closes for Summer
Aug	12	AS & A2 results (provisional)
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# FAMILY COOKED ON A COAL FIRE

I came to live in Goxhill when I was married to Dennis Percy of that village in 1949. I was Miss Ramona Parkin of Market Place, Barrow, and before that I lived at Barrow Haven.

We were able to rent a council house, which was newly built and situated in the estate called Abbey Garth Villas. Our house was number three and was in School Lane off Thorne Lane. The road was and still is an unadopted



*George Birkett and Dennis Percy on Brown's Farm*



*Dennis Percy on tractor; George Birkett and Pearl Brown (daughter of the farmer) behind.*

road, which means it was and still is, as seen by my visits there, a road full of potholes.

When we moved in we had the joys of earth closets for about a year. We had a coal fire, which heated the water and so had 'modern' bathroom facilities. However, the only lavatory, as mentioned before, was outside.

The coal range was a 'Yorkist' model, which had an oven. For a long time we cooked on the open fire which was so usual for us all our lives that we demanded no other. It was quite a number of years before we acquired an electric oven.

We shopped in the village but food was still rationed due to the wartime and post wartime restrictions.

My husband, Dennis, worked on a farm for some years, which meant we had extra rations for his packed meals in times such as harvest. The rationing system made sure that your shopping was largely done with the grocer with whom you were 'registered', in our case Giles of London House, Howe Lane.

We attended All Saints Church as a family. Our son, Kevin was born in 1950 and Wendy in 1954. We were both campanologists under the expert guidance of Septimus Neave, a well known and well loved character.

It is regrettable that the rise of supermarkets has brought the closure of many village shops where one could meet friends while shopping. The loss of shops has helped to destroy the community spirit.

I taught in Goxhill School in 1958/9. The school on the

corner of Thorne Lane and School Lane, was just over the road. It is now used to accommodate some businesses.

In those days it was a happy school. The children had to walk to the Memorial Hall, where their meals were cooked by Gladys Osgerby.

We left Goxhill in 1967 to live in Ferriby Road, Barton. I had spent 19 years in Goxhill but Dennis was there for 40 years.

**Ramona Percy**

## FRAN'S CHALLENGE

(You may remember her as Frances Boxer, teacher at Goxhill School)

### NEW YORK TO CALIFORNIA BY BICYCLE - IS SHE MAD!!!!

In July I will be cycling from New York (near Boston Lincs.) to California (on the Norfolk Coast) so not in the States but our own rural versions. I am hoping to raise a lot of money for cancer research.

Last year my niece, aged 37, died from cancer and my sister had a second bout, which resulted in a mastectomy.

As I am 60 this May and am still fit and well I decided to go for it and complete a challenge.

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# ALAN GOULD - FOUNDER, FOUNDERED



*Alan in doorway of the Parish Rooms circa 1993*

## **“Gander” Founder, Parish Councillor and much, much more...**

Often to be seen reading between trains as he manned the signal box at Goxhill, Alan Gould took a lot of subjects seriously and was very committed, though he usually also had a twinkle in his eye. Whatever he was involved in and whoever with, we usually came away full of his infectious enthusiasm. A pocket dynamo, his impact on the

village was huge, even though his height was not!

Well-known in Esperanto circles, among his many talents he was a crossword compiler for the Observer. The Gnome of Southend, so called because of his beloved woolly hat, was a keen organic gardener and smallholder. He was an expert on organic growing, and later in life he wrote advice blogs alongside Charlie Dimmock and Alan Titchmarsh. In fact, Alan for many years did some very advanced work on computers, from the Amstrad at the beginning, to advanced publication programs later on. He was usually working on something at the forefront of technology, yet was quite behind the times in other ways – he was a keen member of the North Lincolnshire Local Economy Trading System (LETS – a barter system) because it didn’t use cash, and he hated banks.

Alan was at the forefront of the Humber Against Nuclear Dumping (HAND) campaign, and a spokesman for those in the local community who were against the proposal to site a nuclear waste dump at South Killingholme. In fact, he gave a home to the HAND campaign caravan, which sat in his garden until recently. He was for many years an activist in the local Green Party.

Alan stood for election to Goxhill Parish Council. In fact the first outing of the Gander was a single sheet publicising all the candidates equally – no favouritism from the Gander! In 1988 he finally became a Parish Councillor, and became a particularly enthusiastic champion of trees, footpaths and other rural issues. He was always very good at putting his point across, despite being deaf, and he always stuck to his guns. In fact, his deafness sometimes helped him, as he did not hear the Chairman asking him to stop!

He will be remembered for the Footpaths of Goxhill booklet, which he wrote and which has recently been reprinted. This is the definitive work on walking routes around the village, which involved an awful lot of research collecting historical and geographical anecdotes to make his routes pleasurable for walkers. The footpath from Chapel Street to the school playing field was named Alan Gould Way in recognition of his tireless work, and we understand a sign will soon be erected to that effect.

Alan was instrumental in the extension of the Parish Room to its present glory. He served on the Parish Room committee which oversaw the library extension and formation of storage room, kitchen and indoor toilet (and central heating – what luxury!)

And so to the Gander. Alan was at the first meeting to discuss the founding of a village newsletter for Goxhill, and became a founder member and secretary. He was a staunch supporter for many years. He was involved in fundraising events including the Gander Walk, which raised money for charity by the team walking the bounds of the village, with one member always wearing the Gander costume. Later he had his luxuriant locks and beard shaved to replenish the funds depleted by the production of the village’s first free Village Directory.

The early Gander was put together in a party atmosphere. Articles were edited by the team with several glasses of wine (which accounted for some of the daffy stories). Once typed up into suitably sized

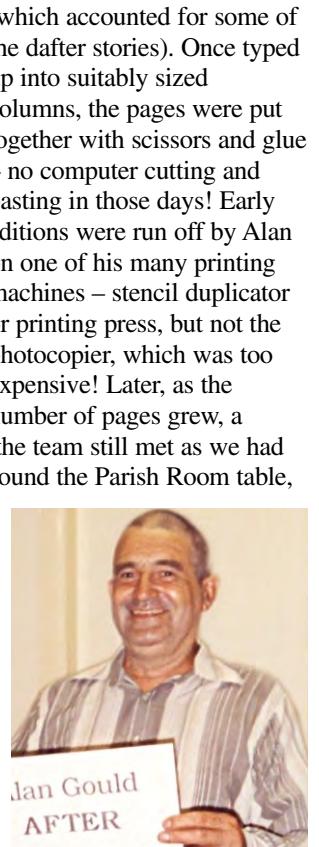
columns, the pages were put together with scissors and glue – no computer cutting and pasting in those days! Early editions were run off by Alan on one of his many printing machines – stencil duplicator or printing press, but not the photocopier, which was too expensive! Later, as the number of pages grew, a

commercial printer was used, but the team still met as we had in the beginning to go round and round the Parish Room table, picking one page at a time from the stacks, then stapling the completed copy and starting again. Alan loved this, especially as we got further down the various bottles which lubricated the process.

Sometimes on the larger editions we broke into song!

Alan died in April. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and worked with him.

**“Vi estos memorita.”**



*Telethon Gander Walk was 27 May 1990 Alan Gould, Sophie Abbott (in goose) & Tony Abbott.*



*Alan Gould  
AFTER*

*Haircut in Autumn 1992*

**compiled by Paul & Carol Thornton, Mike & Alyson O’Leary and Caroline Atkins**

I would like to say a huge thank you to all my many friends and neighbours for coming to Alan’s funeral and giving me a lot of support. Also thank you for all the lovely cards.

I will be forever grateful for all the help and kindness that so many friends have given me, especially Kate and John Mellor, Iris Adams, Shirley and Bill Tull, Frances and Laurie Boxer and Karen and Kevan Lari. They have taken me everywhere that I needed to be taken, nothing has been too much trouble.

Thank you all so very much.

**Joan Gould (Mrs)**

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