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Summer 2011



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You will be able to read on the Noticeboard the results of the votes for the Short Award.

This award is given each year to someone in the village who has done something special for the village. Giving their time voluntarily for the benefit of a club or village activity.

All of those on the list have been working away for many years and all deserve the recognition the award gives.

It was, however, very touching that this year the votes were overwhelmingly for my wife Pip Teasdale. Sadly she died in February this year after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis and had become completely handicapped by it and was no longer able to do any of the good work she had done in the past. Even close friends who knew her through one or more of the groups she was involved with, did not realise the length of the list of her activities until after she had died.



When we first moved to Goxhill, she was a bit lonely to begin with. She wanted to meet the fun, slightly loopy, people in the village, so she joined GAPS, Goxhill Amateur Players. That certainly worked, and we soon had some brilliant life long friends.

But she also decided she had to throw herself into village life.

Our two children were born and were growing up, Pip joined the committee for Mums and Toddlers, soon becoming Chair, then she progressed up to Chair of Pre School and then FOGS, Friends of Goxhill School. John Bailey, Head Teacher at the time, said that during her time the committee meetings were always great fun and full of new ideas for fund raising events that were highly productive. Pip had a way of getting people to work for good causes but always made it fun at the same time.

She joined HAND, Humberside Against Nuclear Dumping and was actively involved in fighting off that threat to our village life. She was a helper with Riding for the Disabled, on the local committee for the Save the Children Fund, did Cycling Proficiency for the school, was a Beaver Leader and on the Goxhill and Barrow Scout committee and a collector for the 200 Club. She learned sign language so she could help out at the Deaf Club in Scunthorpe, and was a Victim Support Councillor. She even found time to do an O Level in History. Pip also enjoyed horse riding and went on a weekly cross-country hack with Stephanie Gough, falling off all too often.

She also attended the Chapel regularly and helped with Sunday School.

Whatever Pip did she made it fun for herself and others. Everybody she came across loved her and everyone was happy to be involved and help with all the things she organised for the benefit of the village, especially for the children.

It was therefore very fitting that she should be the first to receive the Short Award posthumously.

I am grateful to all those who voted for her and to the Memorial Hall committee for organising the award.

This brings me to the point of this editorial. Goxhill needs more people like Pip. You only have to look at the clubs and groups in the village who are struggling for new members on committees to replace the older ones who have been doing it for years. Or even new people to take part in the activities themselves. The Scouts are desperate for helpers, the Memorial Hall needs new committee members, the Bowling Club need new members, Goxhill Squares has just had to give up, to name but a few who need your support.

It is so sad, it doesn't take much time and commitment to keep these vital village facilities going, if enough people volunteer. If you want Goxhill to continue to be an active, fun place to live, then please come forward, help a little, and you will enjoy and appreciate it all the more.

Jeff Teasdale

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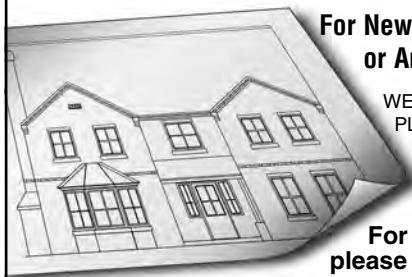
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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

It all started with the faintly highbrow “Going for a Song” with Arthur Negus, and the rather more proletarian “Antiques Roadshow”. Then came “Flog it!” and “Bargain Hunt”, and “Cash in the Attic” and (seemingly) a dozen other shows about things that people own and collect – and try to sell off at a profit!

As a nation, we seem to be fascinated to learn of the history of this piece of pottery, to find out who made that object d’art, to discover something of the life of the painter of such a watercolour. A regular visitor to my Vicarage is something of an expert on antique pocket watches and delights in telling me about his latest acquisition.

For many viewers, one of the delights of the above TV programmes is finding out how much something is worth. It’s often a cause for celebration when someone is surprised to discover that they own something very valuable. But – confession time - do we not on occasion think “serves you right” when someone discovers that the item they’re so smug and confident about, is in fact a worthless fake.

They call the feeling of taking pleasure in another’s misfortune schadenfreude, and it’s naughty and we shouldn’t do it; but don’t some of them seem to deserve it – especially when they argue with the programmes regular experts!

I don’t have much in the way of antiques or heirlooms myself. I’ve not inherited anything by Sheraton or Faberge. Ours wasn’t that sort of a family. But what I have inherited is what we all have irrespective of whether we were born with a silver or a plastic spoon in our mouths - a rich tapestry of memories; some good and uplifting - others not so, but all contribute to making us what we are now.

And, of course, we are creating and leaving memories for others to recall us by. We bring nothing into the world and we take nothing out – but memories we do leave behind.

Every Sunday millions of Christians around the world meet together to remember Jesus by sharing in a symbolic meal, in the eating of which we renew our commitment to the values and lifestyle he advocated. The burden of his teaching was that ultimately It really doesn’t matter about material possessions, nice though they may be. Jesus told us not to hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or - worse! - stolen by burglars. Instead, stockpile treasure in heaven, where it’s safe from moth and rust and burglars. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be. It all boils down to “what really matters” to me now and what I’m pinning my hopes on. It won’t be found lurking in the attic!

Rev John Girtchen

Services at All Saints, Goxhill:

1st Sunday	8.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
2nd Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion or Family Service & Baptism
3rd Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion

Changes to this pattern and all other details of church events and regular activities are given in the Parish Magazine.

Forthcoming events

Hull’s **HOT GOSPEL** Community Choir are coming back to Barrow’s Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 9th of July , exactly a year after their last concert here on a glorious summer evening.

They were very well received last time and many of us are still enjoying the CD that we purchased at the time. They have been involved in several prestigious events since but they are very much looking forward to coming back to Barrow again. Starts at 7.30 pm, doors open 6.45.

Following the success of last year’s event this concert may well sell out and tickets are now on sale from **Annette Cherry** on **01469 531613** , and **Sue Girtchen** on **01469 530357**.

ELVIS PRESLEY may well be no more on this earth, but tribute acts to The King of Rock & Roll abound. Among these, Steve Caprice offers probably the most unique slant on the music of surely the most legendary figure in pop music. Steve is actually a free church minister and as ‘The Rockin’ Rev’ he offers a gospel event based on the music of Elvis which he presents in the style of the ‘King’

If you are a fan of good ol’ rock n’ roll and want to hear the gospel message presented in an exciting and original way you will not want to miss this show on Friday 23rd September. Tickets are now on sale from **Annette Cherry** on **01469 531613** , and **Sue Girtchen** on **01469 530357**.

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

After spending time writing about the extremely harsh winter that we experienced this year, it almost seems ironic to be reflecting on the marvellous weather we have been having over the past month or so. It is rare for teachers to return from their Easter break that they have spent at home, to be complaining of sunburn. We are all hoping that the summer weather will also live up to this standard.

Looking back over the past few months, it is amazing how much we have crammed in to such a short time, particularly when one considers the amount of breaks that have occurred due to bank holidays etc. All of the children (and staff) are well rested and ready for an exciting but busy term.

One of our prime aims as a school is to enrich the education of our pupils as much as we can in an attempt to make learning even more fun and to make coming to school a great experience for the children. During the spring term, there was a great deal of this enrichment in school. We were visited by Artyfacts Theatre

Group who performed 'Pack up Your Troubles' – a play depicting the experience of evacuation during world war two. Shortly afterwards, 'Vive La France' visited us – a French workshop that all children took part in – their madcap comedy, mixed in with effective French tuition, was extremely well received by both children and adults.

Over recent months we have begun a partnership between Kimberly Clark and our school. As part of



this, the staff of Kimberly Clark, visited school and delivered a series of workshops to Years 3 and 5.

In these workshops, our pupils were taught about a range of skills based on an enterprise theme. Both year groups worked in teams to create sandwiches on a healthy eating theme. The children were then given opportunity to visit Kimberly Clark and sell their products to the workforce in an environment rather

like 'The Apprentice'. Years 4 and 6 are now working with Kimberley Clark and we are hoping that this link will continue permanently as part of our curriculum. We are very grateful to the staff of Kimberly Clark, particularly Jim Oakshott and his team who have been excellent throughout, developing a great rapport with our children and giving them a really valuable experience.

During May, some of our pupils took part in the Brigg Festival, representing the school in poetry recitals and violins. We are very proud of all those who took part, particularly Amy Greenfield who was awarded

2nd prize in the poetry recital and Alex Dawson who also received 2nd Prize for his violin solo. Congratulations also to Jacob Lawson who plays Cornet with a local brass band and was awarded 2nd prize for his solo.

Local magistrates visited school as part of their Magistrates in the Community, working with Year 5. This was organised by Janet Holland, a great friend of the school as

well as a local magistrate. The children loved taking part in a mock trial and as well as being very enjoyable, gave our children chance to explore themes connected to the justice system. We are hoping to visit the Magistrate's Court in the near future to make this experience even more valuable.

We have continued with a range of extra-curricular activities this term – a school newspaper run by Mrs Morley and Mrs Brown, we also have a cookery club run by Mrs Cottam , Mrs Morley , Mrs Watson and a parent helper, Mrs Cook. Miss Teasdale runs netball club and football club. We are very grateful that our staff give up their time to enrich the curriculum in this way.

We aim to share our activities with parents as much as we can so we plan regular events to involve parents in their children's school life. One such example was the Creative Partnership Showcase assembly where Y6 children shared with their parents the great experiences they had had working with Annabel on a variety of writing and film-making activities. All of the children were involved in such things as making short films, interviewing and editing.

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Just before the Easter break, Y5 staged their Spring production 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The singing and acting was top notch and was really well received by parents. We appreciated the amount of support we were given in terms of providing costumes and helping with props. Mrs Cain deserves a special mention for the time and effort she put in as does Mr Cain for putting up with his wife waking



at 3am with a great idea or new line of thought on the stage direction.

Singing is a great feature of our school and we are very proud to be told on a regular basis from visitors who spend a lot of time in primary schools that our children's singing is of a fantastic standard. We do have a substantial emphasis on singing in school, with regular hymn singing practices, and a choir (thanks to Mrs Neve and Mrs Cain). Another element to music and singing in school is that we buy in expert tuition in the form of Ms Dawson and Mr Robson. Ms Dawson teaches Y3 and 4 violins and recorders. Parents were invited recently to be entertained by the children from these year groups singing and playing their instruments – an event that showcased the talent we have; a big thank you to Carol Dawson who is a great friend of the school. Mr Robson comes into school for one session per week and teaches Y5 to play trumpets, as well as more singing. The children love his lively and energetic style, so a big thank you to him also.

The academic standard of our children is second to none in our authority at the moment (we are top of the league tables for KS2 SATS). We are really proud of the school's achievements- this has been recognised by the local authority (who have deemed us to be a 'Good to Outstanding' school) and also by Ofsted who have deferred our next inspection until Summer 2012 at the earliest. Whilst staff and governors are proud of their contribution to the school, we are also aware that it is the pupils who are the mark of a good school. As you have already read, we have a huge amount of enrichment happening in school. These enrichments are at least as important to our pupils as the quality of teaching that they receive – any of the experiences mentioned above leave lasting impressions on children and are a big part of why we

are so proud of the children who leave us and go on to secondary school.

One complication in this, however, is that most of them cost money (in some cases, a lot of money). As well as spending parts of our school budget on such activities, we try to maintain a range of fund raising events. In the past term, we have had smaller scale fund raisers such as non-uniform days and bun sales, but also a Spring Fayre. This replaced the Christmas Fayre that was cancelled due to the poor weather in December. We tried out a new concept this year with an afternoon/evening event. This was really well attended and enjoyed by all pupils. We raised almost £750 which will be spent on enrichment activities planned for the remainder of the academic year. We would like to say a big thank you to all parents who support our fund raising events – much of our success is down to you.

As I have already mentioned, many things that happen in and around school have a cost implication. There are however, many people who offer their services to us on a voluntary basis. These are too numerous to thank individually, but collectively – a big thank you, your support is really appreciated.

One such volunteer is Janet Holland who has been a great friend of the school over a number of years. She has been a governor, parent and all round supporter of the school, more recently in the form of providing cycle training. For ten years, Janet has managed to drum up a team of volunteers and worked with them to organise cycle training for the pupils of our school. This is a complicated task and I'm sure at times requires the patience of a saint. Janet has decided that she is ready to pass this job



on to others and is handing the baton to a new organiser. We are eternally grateful to Janet for her years of support, not only in cycle training but the various other ways in which she has helped us. We are sure that this partnership will continue, not least with Janet's work with the Magistrate's court. So, once again, a big thank you to Janet (and all of the Holland family) for their support and assistance over the years.

So, at the end of a lengthy article – I did say at the beginning that we have had a busy term, it only remains for us to add that we hope you have a pleasant summer and we hope to see you in school sometime soon.

Phil Brown and Caroline Breslin

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Nominations for this years "Short Award" were

Mr. Martin Gorbutt
Mrs. Betty Plumtree
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Teadale
Mrs Pip Teasdale
Mr. and Mrs. David Carnell

By a very large majority the award was made posthumously to Mrs. Pip Teasdale in recognition of her voluntary work with many groups within Goxhill and elsewhere. The award was presented to Jeff Teadale by Mr. John Bailey, former head teacher at Goxhill Primary School at the Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Hall on 20th April, 2011.

"She touched the lives of many"

Goxhill Memorial Hall 200 Club

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As the year has already commenced we'll start with June 13th which is the flooding update meeting to which all are invited to attend. July sees us on a visit to the Wilderspin School in Barton (actually changed to Wednesday 12th July) includes tour of the school and afternoon tea. In September we will be shown how to make Seasonal Flower Arrangements. October is our Harvest Supper. In November there will be a visit from representatives of Lindsey Lodge, December sees our Christmas Party and January is Members Night - hopefully these latter two evenings won't be cancelled this year due to bad weather. In February John Hankinson is giving a talk on Wildlife which should be very interesting. If anyone would like to come for a 'try before you buy' taster, please come along to the Memorial Hall or telephone **Mrs. Iris MacLeod** for more details on **01469 530772**.

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Local Flooding Update

Open Meeting on Monday 13th June at 7 p.m.

You will recall the flooding in June 2007! There is to be an open meeting for all local residents, including Barrow & New Holland – indeed anyone with an interest or who was affected by the floods, can come along to a FREE evening and hear representative(s) from North Lincolnshire Council giving an update on the position with regard to the local flooding situation, and what is being done to prevent further flooding in the area. Hopefully up-to-date maps & figures will be available for inspection. Come prepared with questions and you will possibly get an answer.

Refreshments will be available and also a raffle, so please do bring a little cash with you.

We would like as many people to attend this meeting as possible so please put the date in your diaries. **7 p.m. Monday, 13th June 2011 Goxhill Memorial Hall**

FOUND - Ring

Found in Goxhill Library - ladies dress or engagement ring with red centre stone. May have been lost some time ago.

Please ring **Chris Tooby**, Clerk to Parish Council on **533971**.

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Goxhill Memorial Hall Management Committee

The newly formed sub-committee recently held their first '40's Dance'. This was a sell out, a memorable event to be repeated in April next year.

We apologise to all residents who could not get tickets, next time please buy early.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who helped with the event. Janine Cook for suggesting the idea, Sally Lewis, Dave and Ruth Whitemore, Michele and Ian Gail, Penny and John Nadin and Steve Wrightson. Special thanks to Enid Girdham for her excellent raffle. Keep your eyes open for our next 'evening of entertainment'. **Penny Nadin**

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Saturday 16th July 2011 10am - 4pm
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OTHER OPEN GARDENS IN THE AREA

Ulceby Open Gardens & Scarecrow Trail

Sunday 26th June 2pm – 6pm
Start at the village hall. Further information from Christine Gilbert 01469 589315.

Deepdale Open Gardens

Sunday June 26th 1.30 - 4.30pm

Barton Open Gardens

During Barton Arts Week June 25th - July 2nd Leaflet available from Wilderspin National School or Lindsey Lodge Hospice shop.

Barton Open Gardens

Sat & Sunday July 2nd & 3rd 1-5pm

On seeing this photo of page 11 of the last issue of the Gander, my husband Dennis Percy said immediately "I know where that was; it was a Farm House, on the bank of the Humber at East Halton

Skitter." He lived there, when his widowed mother, left with six young children, was 'housed' there, having to move from a Tied Cottage. It would have been 1933. Before his family lived there, Dennis says that Geoff Brown's family lived there. We visited the site again only last weekend; there is nothing left of it. Apparently, when his Mother moved there it was no longer 'Farmed'. It is thought to have belonged to Mr. Davy. I hear many tales of this place and how it was a 3 mile trek to the village.

Ramona Percy, on behalf of Dennis Percy.

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Counting the Old Folks at Home

The Census which was taken in March made me think about the records of the many censuses which have been done in Goxhill. A favourite of mine is the census of 1871 because it was carefully done by local people and contains a lot of information. It is only in recent years that householders have been asked to fill in a census form. From the beginning of the first national census in 1801 a man was employed to visit each household and to ask the head of the house the relevant questions and to record the information. This person was the Enumerator and the enumerator for the Goxhill census in 1871 was Mr John Catley a Farmer and Tax Collector who was assisted by his son Charles Catley, they lived at Bridge Hill. If you look at the record of the 1871 census on the internet you can see the original forms as they were written by Charles as he visited the houses in Goxhill.

Although the census form was filled in by a man who came to the door, the information that was collected was less personal and private than is believed to be the case at present. People then knew how many occupants there were in their neighbour's houses and what work they did. Goxhill has retained a link with the past in that now as then there are no house numbers. There were also very few house names. The houses and often the streets were known by the name of the people who lived in them. Everybody knew that. The difficulty that arises lies in the fact that the houses were spaced out along the roads and there is no way of deciding whether the enumerator walked up one side of the road and back down the other or if he crossed from house to house. Fortunately there are some "landmark" houses and people which serve to locate individual families.

The head of the household was taken first then the spouse and the children followed by visitors and servants. The age and sex of each resident was recorded together with their occupation and the place where they were born. Farmers gave not only their occupation but also the number of acres of land that they farmed, there were however no records of whether they owned or were tenants of their farms. The people who worked on the farms were all put together into two categories regardless of skill or special responsibility. Those who lived in their employer's house were Farm Servants but the others who lived in separate accommodation were Agricultural Labourers (Ag Lab). Some of the people who were listed as farmers also worked for others at harvest and busy times of the year. There were 1172 people recorded in Goxhill of these about 350 were men of working age and 244 were engaged in some way with farming.

In the forty two years since we came to Goxhill the

village has increased in size as more people have come to live here but this does not mean that formerly all of the people living here were born in the village. Of the people recorded in 1871 approximately fifty percent of them were born in the village. Most of the others were born elsewhere in Lincolnshire about ten percent were born in other counties and four people had come from foreign countries.

Another change of recent times will be illustrated by the answers to the question about central heating. Many people will use Gas to heat their homes but when we came here there was no gas in the village. Oil and Solid Fuel were the two main options but many houses had open fires with back boilers and relied upon several coal merchants who delivered coal and coke in the village. In 1871 there were 2 coal dealers. This change has brought cleaner air. Formerly Lichen would not have been seen on the trees here, that was only to be found in the West Country where there was no smoke in the air, but now the older apple trees in the garden are beginning to have Lichen growing upon them.

The 2011 question concerning Qualifications was anticipated by one man in the village in 1871 and the enumerator noted that he was a General Practitioner / M.D. Erlangen L.S.A. Lond. L.M.Dub. Unfortunately his patients had to wait 100 years until the census was published before they found out how well qualified their doctor was.

We can find a lot of information about the village and the people from that census, the brick and tile works, the tradesmen and women, railway workers, wives and children. Of course the resident village policeman is also recorded. Seven people are listed as retired and there were sixteen annuitants (mainly widows whose husbands had willed their business or property to a son with a provision to pay an annuity to the wife). It is quite certain that the 2011 census will reveal that there are many more retired people in the village now than were registered in any previous census.

Maurice Brawn.

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Only a couple of posts this edition from the Parish Council. One is a vote of thanks and the other, the first entry, seeks your views on a highways issue.

HIGHWAYS

You will all be aware I am sure that the Goxhill to Barrow Road (Goxhill Road) is currently closed for the next month or so to allow major restructuring works to take place. This particular road suffers very badly from potholing and breakdown of the road surfacing in general. It is the view of the Parish Council that the extent of the damage can be attributed to the amount of heavy haulage vehicles that use this road to access and egress the village. With this in mind the Parish Council has made contact with the North Lincs Council Highways and requested that a weight limit be placed upon this road with a view to ensuring that all heavy haulage vehicle over a certain axle weight have to use the main Thornton road / College Road loop thereby avoiding Goxhill Road. The first response from the Highways department is favourable but it would help immensely if there was support from members of the Parish. **If you would like to support this issue then please either write direct to North Lincs Council Highways directly or represent your views through the Parish Clerk.**

VOTE OF THANKS

As you will know the new Goxhill Community Library is now up and running and is operating very successfully given the very short transitional period from it being council managed to community led. This has been achieved by the sterling work and efforts of our band of volunteers who 'stepped up the plate' and have given freely of their time and expertise to ensure that the parish members did not see a drop in the service they have enjoyed for many years. On your behalf I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they have done thus far and long may it continue. On the same vein a special vote of thanks must go to one of our own Parish Councillors Mr Freda Dunkley who volunteered, in addition to her own Parish duties, to take on the role of volunteer co-ordinator for the new Community Library. In no time at all contact had been made with the volunteers, availabilities checked, rosters produced and throughout this liaison maintained with the team from North Lincs Council. This background activity, which should not be underestimated, allowed the library to open as scheduled and for a seamless transition to take place into the Community Library we now enjoy. Well done Freda.

PJ Shields MBE QGM

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Equipment	Ingredients	Method
12 hole muffin tin	Makes 12 muffins	1. Turn the oven on to 200°C or gas mark 6.
12 paper muffin cases	250g self raising flour	2. Put the paper cases into the muffin tin.
Colander	140g caster sugar	3. Wash the blueberries and leave to drain in the colander.
Mixing bowl	1 x 5ml spoon bicarbonate of soda	4. Mix together the dry ingredients (flour, sugar, and bicarbonate of soda) in a mixing bowl.
Wooden spoon	85ml sunflower oil	5. Place the oil in the measuring jug.
Measuring spoons	2 eggs	6. Beat the eggs separately in a second measuring jug and add the oil.
2 measuring jugs	200ml semi skimmed milk	7. Measure the milk and add to the oil and egg mixture.
Fork	1 x 5ml spoon vanilla extract	8. Add the vanilla extract to the wet ingredients.
Metal spoon	150g blueberries	9. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and stir until combined.
Wire cooling rack		10. Gently fold in the blueberries.
Pan stand		11. Spoon the mixture into the paper cases.
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We held our Easter Open day on 6th April which was well attended by parents and carers of current and future children. There was an opportunity to talk to the staff and lots of Easter themed activities including decorating biscuits, making an Easter hat and of course an Easter egg hunt!

We used our Open day to say goodbye to those children who are leaving Pre School to start school on a full time basis – we wish them all the best on their new journey! We also have new children due to start at Pre School and we hope they settle and enjoy themselves as many others before them have.

We are very excited to have been given a plot in the school garden and the children have already been busy planting seeds and learning how vegetables grow.

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the support and encouragement to become confident communicators and talkers. This initiative has been designed to support both families and early years practitioners with ideas and activities to help enhance and develop all children's communication skills. We are thrilled to be taking part in this project and have already seen how the activities are supporting the children's communication.

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MOVING ON

Well, 30 years, just like a good book, have gone by in a flash, and it's time to move on. I would like to thank everyone in Goxhill for the kind words and gifts. I've never had so many cards, flowers and chocolates, and the bell ringers rang a quarter-peal for me from Goxhill Church.

I first started working in Goxhill Library in November 1980. It was a very different place then, only one room, the Parish Room, and an outside toilet in the yard. There was no ceiling in the room; it just went up to the roof. There were two pieces of wire hanging from the rafters at each end with a light bulb connected to it. We had the large parish table and at each end there was a drawer. In one of these there were the largest light bulbs I had ever seen. I don't know that it was healthy or safe, but I would climb up on a chair placed on that huge table and change those giant bulbs myself.

There were no computers and there wasn't even a phone; we had to rely on the old card system. Each book had a card and every one of them was filed by hand, and if I needed to make a phone call I had to use the telephone box just outside.

And, of course, there were the books. Around the walls were metal cupboards, which I had to open every day and lock every night, and it was in these that we kept the most important part of the library.

There have been so many people over the years, and many of them were real characters. Everyone who came had one thing in common: no one could get enough of those wonderful books, from Dickens to Christie and on to Mills and Boon. There was one gentleman who liked

to read H.E Bates because he thought they were "saucy". And I remember one lady who liked to read whodunits. She said she

was a bit fed up with them and asked me for some advice. I asked her if she fancied something a bit racy. "Oh no," she said, "I've tried those. They make me feel all funny at night when I go to bed."

Since then the library has changed beyond all recognition. During the early 1990s an extension was built in the courtyard, where the old outside loo used to be, and we set up in the new room. The library moved into the 20th Century with eight years to spare: we had an inside loo, a ceiling and a telephone.

We didn't have to wait so long for the 21st Century as I

was sent on a computer course in preparation for the library's four PCs for public use and the computer for me to use for organising the books; the old card filing system was finally replaced in 2005.

Now things have changed again and the library has moved on, becoming voluntarily run and I have moved on as well having been transferred to Barton where I have



been made very welcome by new colleagues. I am enjoying my new job very much indeed.

I hope Goxhill library continues to be successful and that it carries on being busy and welcoming to everyone in the community, as I like to think it was during my time there.

Thank you again for all the support I received from within the village during the difficult transition time. It really was made so much easier by those kind words and gifts that I received. Many thanks to everyone who went out of their way to make my 30 years a time I will treasure always.

Wendy Wilkinson



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Doncaster Book Awards

After several weeks of reading the books on the award short list and writing reviews, we were lucky enough to go to the Doncaster book awards presentation event at Doncaster race course. The event started with a song about reading written to the tune of The Black Eyed Peas hit 'I've got a feeling!' called 'gotta keep reading!'

We were then entertained by the two Steves (authors Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore) who have written over one hundred books together, such as their collection of ihero books (Tomb Runner, Dragon slayer and many more).

Next was Tommy Donbavand (author of the book Zombie) who also entertained us with some very



funny stories of his childhood such as when he got scared after reading a book about giant killer crabs coming out of the sea and eating humans so he took precautions, he wore a thick winter coat on a hot summers day. This story turned out to be the one that set him on the path to writing horror stories.

The winner of the awards was finally announced, The Thorntwaite Inheritance by Gareth P. Jones won by a landslide and it was the most popular in our reading group. We are looking forward to following the awards next year.

The reading group meet Wednesday lunchtime at 1.00pm in the LRC.

Gym and Dance Display

The third annual Gym and Dance display proved to be another successful evening, enjoyed by all, from the colourful journey through the History of Dance to Street Dance and Gymnastic displays and the Chicago routine from our A level dance students. This year's performance covered all styles and tastes and kept the audience entertained throughout.

For all of the photographs from the evening please visit our website www.baysgarthschool.co.uk.

South Bank Players Youth Group

The players recently stole the show in the Youth



Section at the North of England Theatre Festival. Carla Potter won the Best Actress award and fellow thespians George Thompson and Bradley Campion were nominated for Best Actor. Other students involved in the performance, directed by Mrs Jeanine Guy, were Luke Bennett, Alex Wharton, Heather Mason and Tilly Needham.

Well done to you all and we look forward to forthcoming performances.

Community News

Mrs Gardner has been working on a project in school to encourage and engage parents to volunteer their skills within school. If you think you could help by reading with pupils, helping with sports fixtures, help with a skill you may have in DT, textiles or Art or in any other way please contact her at school or email; sharon.gardner@baysgarthschool.co.uk



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1ST GOXHILL AND BARROW SCOUTS GROUP

Scouting in Goxhill Barrow and New Holland WE NEED MORE HELPERS!

Scouting is a charitable organisation with a structured programme for young people both boys and girls aged 6 to 25 years of age, and adults aged 18 to 80+. We are currently one of the largest youth movements in the world with over 28 million members. The aims of our movement are simple. To contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. In short to allow our young people to have fun, adventure and experience that they couldn't otherwise have, in a safe environment.

All our adult leaders are volunteers, and we have a series of checks to make sure they are suitable to be working with young people, as well as a training programme to support them in providing the best experience for young people. We have strict Child Protection Rules and procedures, which are approved by the relevant authorities.

We are experiencing a potential problem at 1st Goxhill & Barrow Scouts due to a shortage of leaders or helpers in all sections. If you feel you could spare two hours per week with the odd weekend for camping activities etc. it would be appreciated if you could contact one of the following leaders.

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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB

Did you miss the free open day in May for Goxhill Bowling Club but would like the opportunity to try your hand at bowling? Please check out the Club's web page on Goxhill Village Links at <http://goxhill.moonfruit.com/#> or you can telephone **Chris** on **530579**.



BARTON ROTARY CLUB - Humber Bridge Half Marathon

The runners pass through Barton on Sunday 26th June. The event is organised by Hull and Barton Rotary Clubs and over 2,000 runners are expected to take part, raising over £70,000 for charity. The main charity benefiting this year is Mencap and the main sponsor is The Co-operative. The event starts in Hessle at 10.00am and the runners will begin to arrive in Barton at about 10.15am. The route includes Ferriby Road, Holydyke, Market Place, Barrow Road, Falkland Way, Pasture Road, Butts Road, Waterside Road, Far Ings Road, Gravel Pit Road and back onto the Humber Bridge. There will be delays to traffic until about 12.30pm. Traffic will be directed in a clockwise direction around the route and access onto or off the route will only be allowed when the safety of runners permits. When travelling from Goxhill it would be a good idea to try and plan a journey to avoid the route. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this event.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Government Census – Be Wary of Cold Callers

Now that the official return date for the census has passed, the follow up visits to homes throughout the country will soon start.

It is possible that unscrupulous people will try to use this as an opportunity to gain entry to vulnerable people's homes.

The following outlines the proper procedure regarding census Collectors. Census collectors will be following up non-response from April 6. When they visit an address collectors will introduce themselves, show a census ID card and explain they are from the census. Collectors cannot enter a household unless they are asked to do so. Collectors may need to make several visits to the same address to make sure a questionnaire is returned. Collectors will be working at different times of the day and evening, seven days a week. The majority of collectors will be working by themselves. Between May 9 and June 2 census coverage survey staff will be visiting about 300,000 addresses across England and Wales to conduct a brief doorstep interview. The survey is a way of checking the extent of the census' reach. The households will be aware in advance that they will be contacted. Coverage staff will not enter the property unless invited to by the resident. The staff will be working in pairs and independently.

Between May 23 and August 19 census quality staff will be making pre-arranged visits to over 7,000 households across England and Wales to check the quality of the census statistics. They will enter premises as arranged with the householder. The majority of survey staff will be working by themselves.

So. Ensure you check the identity card. If you are not sure or suspicious ring the police and refuse entry.

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

- ☎ **999** only if you need to report an emergency e.g.: life at risk, crime in progress, public disorder, violence used or threatened, serious danger or fear.
- ☎ **0845 6060 222** to report or pass on information about a crime or incident that has happened – it could fit in with other people's reports.
- ✉ **Email** for non-emergencies – contact your local Police Community Support Officer via email the police website at www.humberside.police.uk.
- ☎ **0800 555 111** to speak to someone at CRIMESTOPPERS if you have information about a crime but are unwilling to identify yourself.

For more useful tips take a look at GNeW's new page on the Goxhill Links website at <http://goxhill.moonfruit.com/#/gnew/4545727371>. Should you want to discuss anything related to neighbourhood watch then please ring 530363 or email gnew@tesco.net.

John Guggiari, GNeW Area Co-ordinator

BEWARE OF WHITE VAN MAN

A local resident has told me that some unscrupulous people in a white van have been seen going around the village and collecting the bags put out for the Salvation Army, before they are picked up by the official collectors.

If you want your unwanted items to go to the intended worthy cause then you may have to keep a check on who is picking it up. **The Editor**

NOISE POLLUTION

Another local resident asked me to remind the people of Goxhill to be considerate towards others with regard to noise disturbance. It is more of a problem in the summer with lots of noisy garden machinery and open air parties. No one wants to stop the pleasures of BBQs and Garden Parties, but do consider your neighbours and warn them in advance if you are holding a party especially at night and keeping the noise to a reasonable level particularly later on.
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A TRIP TO THE PALACE

Recently I got the opportunity of a lifetime to visit St James' Palace in London and receive my Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award in the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh's son, Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has three levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) and comprises of four sections: a Service, a Skill, a Physical Recreation and an Expedition. After completing Bronze and Silver, for my Gold award, I did sports leadership at my school for 12 months; driving for 6 months, in which time I passed both the theory and the practical tests as well as the Pass Plus; and ballet for 12 months. The gruelling expedition took place in the Lake District over four tiring days and three unsettling nights. No cars, no beds, no showers, no mobile phones. It was a definitely a challenge: our particular route took us to the tops of Scafell Pike, Helvellyn and Sciddaw mountains, with a 20kg rucksack on our shoulders. However, the satisfaction and enjoyment you gain from your achievements far outweigh the trials of the journey.

The ceremony at St James' Palace was a wonderful experience. I could take one guest, so my grandmother and I put on our finest dresses and travelled down to London along with many other recipients, including another Goxhill resident, Hannah Guggiari. The presentation, which took place in one of the palace's five picture galleries, started with an introduction from the regional director of the Award, and then followed the meeting with Prince Edward. We were free to talk to the Prince 'as if we were talking to our parents', with the one condition that every sentence ended with 'Sir'. The Prince was very humble, and incredibly happy to talk to us individually about our experiences with the Award. We were then presented with our certificates by the guest personality, Colin McFarlane, actor and voice artist (appearances include Judge John Deed and the narrator in ITV's *The Cube*).

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is such a fantastic scheme, and I would strongly recommend for anyone who can to partake in it. I urge teenagers to find out if you can do the Award through your school or local organisation, and parents should encourage their children to do so. It has changed me as a person, and structured me into a well-rounded young adult. It has taught me leadership, teamwork, and most importantly, to have confidence in myself.

Brooke Powell

Having travelled to London the previous day, I awoke bright and early on Tuesday morning. Excitement and nerves competed to be at the forefront of my emotions as Mum and I caught the Tube to Green Park and walked to St James' Palace. It didn't quite feel real – ever since I began on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program, I had hoped that one day I would come to such a ceremony. All of a sudden, it wasn't a far-off dream; it was actually happening!

We were led through beautifully furnished rooms to the Picture Gallery, where the participants were asked to stand in four horse-shoes. The Earl of Wessex entered and spent several minutes talking to individuals about their experiences, whilst the parents sat opposite glowed with pride. Having completed the Award himself, the Earl was genuinely interested in what I, and everyone else, had to say. After he left, the actor Colin McFarlane spoke of his own dealings with the Award scheme and presented each person with their certificate. And then it was all over, with nothing but memories and that certificate to remind me of a truly fabulous day!

Hannah Guggiari



Brooke outside St. James's Palace having received her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.



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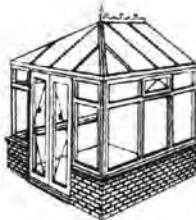
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Teaching at the old Goxhill Primary School

I was viewing some photographs of the Teachers in Goxhill School. (taken in 1959), I realised that I am the only one left. That set me thinking, of my time there:

When my youngest child (Wendy Percy) was due to start school at Goxhill in the year 1959, I was asked to teach there; I agreed to teach there on a temporary basis. This was to be for a period of two years. Previous to that I had taught at East Halton, firstly as Miss Parkin, then as Mrs. Percy after marriage. In those days when families arrived, it was usual for Mothers to stay at home. So I was at home with the children Kevin and Wendy until both were at school.

At that time a teacher had to be a ‘pillar of Society’, living an exemplary life. We attended All Saints church as a family, taking part in village and church events. However when we wished to meet for a night out with friends, involving visiting a public house; we would travel out of the village so as not to be seen by any of the pupils’ parents, even though we were only celebrating with friends. I am sure that such steps to preserve one’s good name are not necessary in this enlightened age. As the village was much smaller than it is today, and everyone knew everyone else’s business, we had to tread very carefully to keep up our ‘image’.

At that time Mr. Foster was the Headmaster; Mrs. Labourne, whom I’d met previously, when we both taught at East Halton, and Mrs. Potts were the other two teachers. Mrs. Collingwood was School Secretary. The children were taken to the Memorial Hall to eat an excellent, nutritious lunch; expertly cooked by Mrs. Gladys Osgerby. We lived opposite the school and so no travelling to work was involved. All the teachers lived in the village, so no car parking provision was necessary



Then, as now we had to be in school before the children arrived. At the beginning of each ‘Half Term’ I had to present to the headmaster my plan of work, taken from the syllabus. Then each week a plan was prepared from the half term forecast and in that way we kept to the syllabus. Any project books were made by the teachers in their own time, at home in the evenings, Art materials, such as paint was prepared in the mornings before the children arrived; we had no ‘assistants’ to do this work. It was hard, time consuming work. I wonder what the reaction of today’s teachers would be to this extra labour, with no help.

Further to this extra work, was the task of being in ‘loco parentis’ If a child was hurt, or ill, we were expected to show sympathy, and to give comfort to them. It was not forbidden, as it is now to touch a child in order to give comfort in the absence of a parent. I remember cleaning up many a child, who’d had an accident due to upset tummies.

All the children really knew their times tables in those days; these being taught by reciting tables at the beginning of each maths lesson; and again if we had a few minutes to spare at the end of a session. I think that was an excellent way to learn tables; as picking out $9 \times 8 = 72$, was as easy as reciting nursery rhymes; no going through the motions of counting in 8’s, as is popular now.

Spelling was treated in the same way. I recall an amusing incident regarding ‘spelling’. I was at home as was my husband; we lived opposite the school and could hear very



This was taken in 1959; I am the only one left. From the left: Mrs. E Collingwood (school secretary); Mrs R Percy (teacher); Mr R Foster (Headmaster); Mrs. Potts (teacher). There was one more teacher, who did not appear on the photo' Mrs. Labourne.

clearly, Mrs. Labourne teaching the children to spell squirrel. She said s qu irr el it’s easy! When she came to my house later, Dennis said “we heard you teaching the children to spell” She told him how important it was to spell correctly; Whereupon Dennis told her he could never spell vehicle correctly. Her reply was “well it’s VE HICLE” in a loud voice. That is the one word where he never makes a mistake even now. Whenever we met her we would remember that. She was a good teacher, as my children (now in their 50’s) will agree

In those days we received no fore-warnings, that inspectors (HMIs) would arrive; we had to be prepared for any surprise visit that happened. Therefore our work was consistent, allowing of no need of preparation for the inspection. We recognised our duty to educate the children; the parents were keen to receive the best education available for their children; and supported the teaching staff in their efforts.

We were shown respect by the children and the parents. If a child had been punished for ‘wrong doing,’ there was no complaint from the parent, just a warning to the miscreants to behave themselves.

Talking to relatives who are teaching today, I find that they are not as happy in their work as I was; I would not trade places with any of them.

I have personal doubts about league tables and the school’s efforts to pour in lots of facts in order to achieve good results in the S A T S tests.

I still believe in educating ‘the whole child’ according to his/her ability, thus equipping them to participate in a full life, in work and leisure.

The last time I was in a school to work was in 1984; I am aware that so much has changed since then; younger members of my family, and friends’ families tell me about their experiences in schools today. They do not appear to get as much enjoyment from their work as I did. Time has brought a different sort of education; Computers and the Internet supply information at the push of a button. Calculators discourage the learning of tables. What will happen to the reading of books in the future? Will they become ‘museum pieces’?

I think I would be ‘lost’ in today’s schools; I do so admire the teachers of today; but do not envy them.

Ramona Percy

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NEWS FROM THE ALLOTMENTS

The Spring months are probably the most eagerly anticipated of the allotment holder's year- the plans hatched over the cold winter can be brought into fruition and every window-sill will be filled with seed trays and plant pots. This year's wonderful weather has given everything green-fingered a boost and everyone on the allotment has been working hard preparing seed beds, sowing and planting.

It is also at this time that the uncertainties of horticulture come to the fore... and many will be heard deliberating on whether their potatoes should be planted, is it safe for runner beans to go in and other such questions. Martyn Taylor has a book called 'Tips from the Old Gardeners' which is a mine of information, some based on scientific fact and some based on old wives' tales. One such example is 'If you want to know when to sow, take your trousers off and sit on the ground!' – apparently, in years gone by, under-gardeners in great estates would use their bare flesh to gauge whether the soil was warm enough to allow germination to take place. Whilst most members of the allotment society will be interested in the temperature of the soil, you can be rest assured that you will not be greeted by shocking sights as you pass by on the playing field. Another example gives advice on the issue of planting potatoes – 'When you hear the cuckoo shout, 'tis time to plant your tatties out.' However, bearing in mind that the cuckoos can be first heard anytime from mid-March until well into May, this piece of information offers little help.

One age old part of horticulture that will never change is the need for water. This has been a regular topic of interest on the allotments as we do not have a mains water supply. We have been very fortunate this year due to the generosity of our landlords, the Parish Council. We were granted enough funds, by the Parish Council, to build rain harvesters on the site – a way of collecting rain water in large amounts. The first of these is now complete and work has begun on the second. Many thanks to the volunteers involved, particularly Kev Wood and Mark Willerton, who provided the know-how and much of the muscle to build the harvesters.

Another new development for the Goxhill Allotment and Gardener's Association (GAGA) is the development of the King Street plots. Four new allotments have been created in the piece of land adjacent to the car park of All Saint's Church. If you are interested in taking on one of these allotments, contact **Kev Wood** on the number shown below.

We are currently building links with Goxhill Primary School and have invited the children to enter a competition – to design a GAGA logo to represent our organisation. Hopefully, our next article will be headed with the winning entry.

Goxhill is very unusual in that we currently do not have a waiting list for allotments. In some parts of the country, prospective allotmenteers can wait for years for a plot to become vacant. If you have an inkling that having your own plot could be something you would be interested in, please contact our Chair, **Kev Wood** on **01469 531544** who will show you around and discuss any plots available with you. As well as being a great hobby or pastime, taking you out into the fresh air and giving you exercise much cheaper than a gym membership, you will find that the members of GAGA are very sociable, offering friendly advice and assistance if needed.

Finally, the members of GAGA would like to thank Goxhill Parish Council for their continued support and assistance, it is much appreciated.

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On Wednesday 4th May, the new play area at Goxhill Primary School was officially opened in a short ceremony at the school.

The main part of the playground is a shared resource where all the younger children who use the site can play in stimulating and exciting environment. We are of the firm belief that children learn most successfully through play at this young age, so we have invested heavily in providing high quality provision for all Early Years pupils.

We decided that it would be fitting to use the play area to remember our dear friend and colleague, Christine Gouldthorpe. During the opening ceremony, a plaque was unveiled by Christine's husband, John. In the near future, we are hoping to rename the Integrated Services Building, in Christine's memory. The ceremony was attended by almost forty community members and friends of the school who enjoyed coming together and viewing this new addition to our provision. Many thanks to all those who attended and also to Mrs Cottam and Mrs Morley who provided refreshments for our guests. We also need to thank those involved in creating the play area, particularly Mr Hutton and Mr and Mrs Tucker.



THE WATER FEATURE

One aspect of our provision for outdoor play has been improved beyond all recognition as part of the development of our play area.



Tucked down the side of the Integrated Services Building is a separate gated area that is designed to allow children to play with water and sand and also dig in soil. We approached Peter Cain (husband of Mrs Cain who works at the school) at the beginning of the project and asked him to give us some help with designing a water feature. Peter set to work designing what can only be described as an engineering and educational marvel. Children pull chords to see water from an overhead tank cascade down a spiral of guttering, open valves and taps, pump water from an old fashioned hand pump, all from a safe gravelled area around its base. After completing the water feature, Peter then turned his attention to the sand pit. We had recently purchased a standard wooden sand pit, but realised that there was a corner of the area that would suit a huge version with a much bigger, deeper digging space. He

then built an amazing sand pit using sleepers within a type of wooden decking. After staining the wood and filling the pit with sand (as well as linking an underground system of pipes to allow children to transfer water from the water feature to the sand), Peter designed and created a flexible cover to keep rain and furry friends out of the sand. Next, Peter created a soil digging area with cover, where children can dig to their heart's content. The area was finally completed when he laid paving stones to complete the job. We are thrilled that generations of our children will be able to learn in such a stimulating environment but also that we have such good friends in our community.

Peter has literally spent hours and hours at the school and hundreds of pounds of his own money (he supplied the sand pit materials and the sterile soil when the budget limit for the project was reached). We are humbled by this generosity and as a small token of our appreciation, a plaque was unveiled when this part of the play area was opened, thanking Peter for his kindness and generosity.



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Following on from my first article about my experiences of Rajasthan's dusty roads, potential snake-bites, Maharajas and beautiful Marwari horses and safe off-road riding at a manic pace, I thought I would share with you another 'treasure' I was introduced to during my time in Rajasthan. And this possibly gave me more exhilaration, inspiration and thought provoking material than merely riding fast horses through agricultural land and camping out under the stars with bush bathrooms.

Namely - The Havelis.

Rajasthan is known as the land of the maharajas and their nobles. The legends that surround these

dashing inhabitants have now passed into history, become the mythical world of blood and blade, of battles won and undaunted spirit and Bollywood movies. But it was not just the battlefield that brought out the best in these brave, wealthy warriors - they

gave equal attention to their residences. While the Princes built the stately palaces and forts in their states- their nobles, were not far behind in building suitably impressive Havelis, which were in keeping with their status. Across all of Rajasthan there are absolutely marvellous Havelis - all monuments in their own right, but, each one an outstanding example of Rajasthan's rich architectural heritage.

The Havelis - not big enough to be rated as palaces, and too elaborate to be called ordinary places of



residence are fabulous pieces of architecture. Almost every little village has a Haveli, the size and workmanship varying according to the status of the owner. These Havelis are intricately carved and frescoes are one important feature. Coloured in various shades, the Havelis look beautiful and quite conspicuous. Mirror work further adds to the charm of these places. Large corridors, pavilions and ceilings very much resemble that of the major palaces. Multiple courtyards and fountains are typical of important ones.

These are just awe inspiring, gold leaf bedecked beautiful spacious homes of the 'old school' wealthy residents of Rajasthan. You went through a very ordinary, unkempt and crumbling doorway with massive padlocks – and what presents itself to you is frequently an overwhelming image/vision of style and beauty that is unforgettable – that if you were wealthy enough by today's standards you would feel desperate and privileged to live in.

However, sadly, many of these beautiful houses are falling victim to ongoing neglect and the ravishes of India's changing climate. These Havelis are on a path of self-destruction as their official wealthy owners have abandoned them to occupy modern residences in the economic boom cities like Delhi, Jaipur and Mumbai.

Their crumbling demise was evident for all to see as we were treated to guided private visits to several Havelis in the towns and villages we rode through. The non-riding manager of our trip, Durgha, had an ongoing restoration project on his own family's Haveli in Jaipur – and when he talked about the plight of the unmaintained Havelis and the lack of a National Trust equivalent organisation in India to encourage saving 'their heritage' for the future – there were tears in his eyes and a feeling of no hope and sadness. Such was India in 2010.

We went into numerous Havelis during our ride, it was so sad to hear that the fabulous frescoes and decorations that covered almost every wall in the major rooms of each building would not exist in 10 years time due to damp and lack of care and restoration. What a huge cultural legacy to loss

If anyone wanted more information about Haveli's I bought an illustrated book while I was there which I am happy to share.

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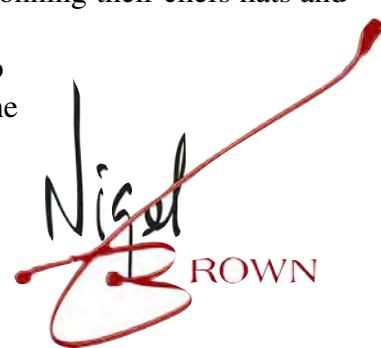
WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES!

Well, here we are, at what seems to have been the fastest year ever for me. It only seems 5 minutes since we opened the cookery academy at The Ropewalk in Barton but in real time it was actually a year ago. We've had teachers, doctors, consultants, young mums, structural engineers, wealth management consultants, plumbers and gentlemen of a distinguished age to mention but a few, all having joined us on courses throughout the past twelve months and who have been inspired beyond their beliefs. Amongst the cookery school days I've had the occasional weekend off but along the way visited many locations spreading my knowledge and recipes far and wide from as far west as Chester, south to Newmarket, to the posh town of Harrogate and as far east as Cleethorpes! It's been a fantastic year despite the downturn in the economy and as we speak I'm hardly finding time to write this with so many other projects and events flooding in thick and fast.

In 2010, as patron along with Alan Johnson MP of the Echoes Foundation, a local charity for disabled children, I helped launch a celebrity chef calendar (I was Mr December – with my clothes on!) and following the event we had a great day with all the kids at cookery school donning their chefs hats and coating my floor with ingredients!

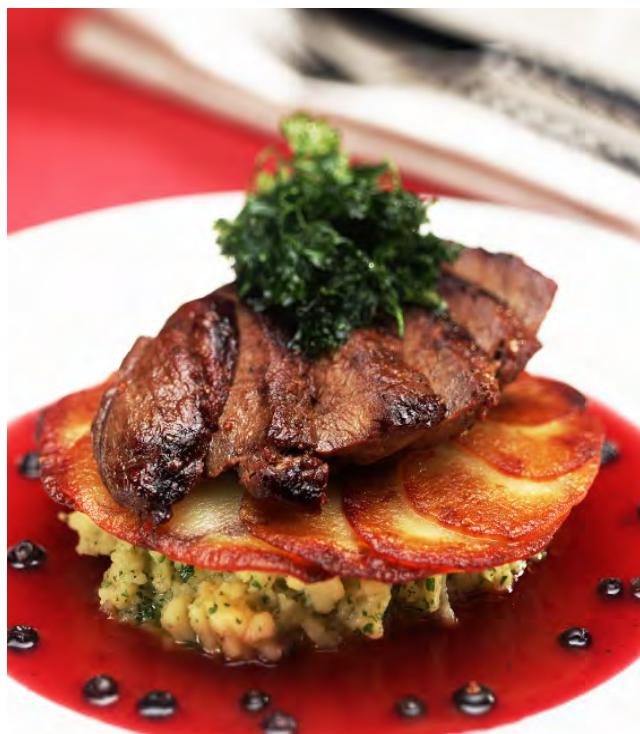
On a local front, I had a great day at Hull Truck Theatre a month or two ago with my old friend Jean-Christophe Novelli and if you fancy a day out at the end of May come and see me at Normanby Hall Food Festival - ask me nicely and I might even let you sample my wares! But in the meantime here's a recipe for all of you who have happened to find one of the last frozen pheasants in the freezer remaining from the winter season. It's time to dig it out and cook it with this great recipe.

Happy cooking!Nigel



SUPREME OF PHEASANT GOXHILL

A reader asked Nigel - what to do with a pheasant left in the freezer from last season?



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1 plump pheasant	4 sundried tomatoes
50g pine kernels	paprika
4 rashers streaky bacon	seasoning
1 red onion	port wine

Method

To prepare pheasant, remove the legs then remove the breasts. Take the meat from the legs and place in food processor. Mince for one minute then add seasoning, sundried tomatoes, half the red onion and a teaspoon of paprika. Mince for another minute. Finally add the pine kernels and blend with a spoon (these need to be kept whole).

Take the breasts and make a slit in the side then divide the leg forcement into two and stuff breasts. Wrap two rashers of bacon round each breast. Roast in a medium-hot oven, 190°C, for 10-15 minutes. Remove from roasting dish. Add the juices in the dish to the remaining diced onion and port wine. Reduce by half and thicken with cornflour, season and strain.

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Wednesday: 9.00am to 5.00pm

Thursday: 9.00am to 7.00 pm

Friday: 9.00am to 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Special Gents Night
Wednesday 5.00pm to 7.00pm

