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Summer 2012



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I hope this issue will reach you before the Diamond Jubilee, and I do hope you will have been able to take advantage of the Jubilee Celebrations organised in the village.

Sadly, I am old enough to remember the Coronation itself. I was at Infants School and we all had to dress in the national costume of one of the countries of the Commonwealth. I was very upset, as I was a Scotsman, and I did not like wearing a 'skirt'. I have not been able to find a photograph of the occasion, otherwise it could have been on the front cover. We went round to a neighbours house on the day to watch the service in black & white, on the only television in the street.

Things were very different by the Silver Jubilee, the company I was working for, booked us all into a Dinner Dance at the Hilton in London a few days before. But it was down to earth on the actual day, with a really traditional party in a terraced street in Teddington with lots of bunting and tables down the middle of the road. We didn't ask for permission from the council to close the road or get insurance cover or do Health & Safety risk assessments. We just got on with it and had a great time. Isn't it sad that you cannot do the same now without so much of this red tape.

I don't know how Goxhill celebrated these occasions, but I imagine you would have done the Queen proud.

Sadly there doesn't seem to be as much made of these events any more. It is all done for us and we watch it all in such fantastic cinema quality on our TVs at home and don't need to make a party of it.

Maybe this is symptomatic of other problems now. When we first moved here, we went to lots of dances and events in the Memorial Hall. Later we became involved in organising money raising functions ourselves. As the few, who still continue to keep these things going, keep getting older, we desperately need younger blood to take over, with new ideas for entertainment and events or just to take part. But this does not seem to be happening enough.

Mind you, some people will be irreplaceable. Sadly Vera Elwood died last year and Jack followed so soon after in March this year - there is a fitting tribute to them on page 7. They both did a fantastic amount for the village and will be an almost impossible act to follow. The fact that it was standing room only at the chapel for Jack's funeral, was testimony to how well respected they were by so many people in the area.

But there are others who also work selflessly for the village, but most are at the stage of their lives when they really should be able to put their feet up. Many of our Gander deliverers definitely come into that category, and we could certainly do with some younger volunteers to take over from them too.

Anyway, that is enough moaning from me. Lets all look forward to a summer full of ... football, rugby, cricket, and of course the Olympics? Do I hear groans from some of you? Yes, we do need to strike a balance of watching these events on television, with getting out and about and enjoying the facilities of the village and joining in lots of social occasions, bbqs and garden parties.

Finally, I must say how grateful I am for all the people who regularly write articles for the Gander. It certainly makes it such a good read. But many of them fall into the same age group already mentioned. So come on all you younger authors. Now is the time to write about what interests you. **Jeff Teasdale, Editor of the Goxhill**



We have a facebook page so you can publicise events between issues of the Gander, so check it out!

HELPERS WANTED

We need volunteers to deliver the Gander, a task that need only take an hour or so, to a small section of the village, 4 times a year. But it is a vital role and it is important for the issues to be delivered promptly after publication.

We could also do with someone to help out with the administration side of running the Gander, such as preparing invoices and statements, sending out copies of the Gander to out of village advertisers, supplying information and costs to potential advertisers and helping on the editorial side if you have that talent. All these can be done at home at times to suit you.

If you are prepared to help or want to know more about what is involved, please get in touch with any of the Team below. **Thank you.**

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Were you one of those who prayed for Fabrice Muamba? I suspect many millions of Britons, whether they have faith or not, will have felt moved to offer a silent appeal to an invisible power asking that the young footballer recovered.

The front page of the Sun newspaper carried the headline "God is in Control" below the subheading "Praying for Muamba". "In God's Hands" proclaimed the Daily Star. Although there is a strong militant atheist lobby active in our nation who would like to assert otherwise – the simple evidence is that people will pray, certainly at times of stress or crisis and look to the God of Heaven in the search for meaning and hope.

A BBC survey in 2004 suggested roughly six out of 10 people in the UK believe in some sort of divine being and research concludes that there is a basic human desire for supernatural involvement in matters of health and wellbeing. There seems to be a 'God shaped hole' within us that only he can fill.

A number of scientific experiments have been conducted over the years to try and demonstrate what effect, if any, prayer might have.

In 1988, the American doctor Randolph Byrd observed the effect a group of Christians praying outside a San Francisco coronary care unit had on a random group selected from among 400 patients. The remainder were not subject to prayers. His paper in the Southern Medical Journal concluded that patients in the targeted prayer group had "a significantly lower severity score" than those for whom no prayer had been orchestrated.

"This data suggest that intercessory prayer to the Judeo-Christian God has a beneficial therapeutic effect in patients admitted to a CCU," he concluded.

I'm sure Fabrice Muwamba would agree with him! But we don't have to wait for a crisis before we pray. We can cultivate an everyday prayer habit as part of a relationship with God. Will God listen? There's a wonderful old prayer that reminds us that God is always more ready to listen than we are to pray. Why not give it a try? It could be the start of something wonderful - and it could well make all the difference in the world!

Rev John Girtchen.

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

'No man is an island entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.'

So wrote John Donne, a Christian writer born in the later part of the 16th century. His words speak of our inter connectedness with each other. This was a theme developed in the film adaptation of the 20th century British author Nick Hornby in his book, made into a film, entitled About a Boy. The film opens with the words of John Donne. Hugh Grant plays the part of Will Freeman a thirty eight year old bachelor who insulates himself from the world with his stereo and computer together with a series of deliberately uncommitted relationships. Marcus Brewer is the twelve year old son of a single mother struggling to cope, who hits on the idea that Will would be the ideal person to sort out their lives. Initially, Will rejects the notion, he lives a solitary life, caring only about himself, and regards Will and his mother as an intrusion into his life and an inconvenient nuisance. As the story unfolds Will comes to a realisation and an appreciation that 'no man is an island entire of itself' - he discovers that he needs Marcus – just as much as Marcus needs him.

Many people try to live the 'island' life – only to discover that they cannot live their lives in isolation from others and there is more to life than having a good time and storing up for themselves treasures on earth. Our interconnectedness means that when someone needs our help we respond. Jesus calls it 'loving our neighbour as we love ourselves'.

In recent times, the people of Barton and area have responded in practical, financial and prayerful ways to help those affected by the current economic crisis. A Foodbank based at Trinity Methodist Church in Barton and run by volunteers opened in February and on their behalf I want to thank you for your generosity. Over a hundred people have been helped since we opened in February.

Whether it's people who live in grinding poverty or suffer the devastation of natural disaster or people who live next door, or in your neighbourhood, who need a helping hand, or a shoulder to cry on, or just someone to talk to, we are loving our neighbour as we love ourselves. Our connectedness with others can change not only the lives of those in need, but it can bring about a transformation in our lives with the realisation that just as people need us - we need other people too.

When Jesus asks, 'who acted like a neighbour?' and the Teacher of the Law answers, 'the one who was kind,' Jesus replies, 'You go and do the same'. The story of the Good Samaritan can be found in Luke Chapter 10. verses 25 to 37.

Every Blessing, Rev. Sue

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The first time I was aware of Jack Elwood came when I was seven. We were in a GAPs play together – The Farmer's Wife – and he was the butler supposed to chastise my naughty schoolboy, put me over his shoulder and drag me screaming from the stage. No matter how many times we rehearsed we just couldn't get it right: Jack was either terrified of hurting me as he hoisted me onto his shoulder or we both 'corpsed' (laughed inappropriately and unstoppably while playing a part) at my indignant wriggling. Director Barbara White was a legendary disciplinarian in her teaching career, but even she struggled to make this short scene work.

Though I spent time in Jack's company many times over the years as he and his wife Vera were central to life at the chapel, those first impressions of Jack never changed. He cared about everyone around him, big or small, and was always ready to chuckle. Even after Vera's sad death last year, his commitment to others, especially within the chapel, but around the village and the area too, didn't waver. He was back in chapel playing the organ just days after he was widowed. His compassion didn't diminish, but though he could still smile with friends, a little light did seem to have left his twinkling eyes.

Whether as a leading light in the Comforts Fund, through the Methodist circuit, on stage with GAPs, BADAOS and others, in small acts of unheralded kindness, Jack touched so many people's lives. Countless children have sat on his knee as Christmas approached and he was chosen to represent Santa in Goxhill and make sure all the present requests made it in time. All of this was possible because he had Vera in support. By providing hospitality and all manner of behind-the-scenes help to each of those groups while Jack was making the noise, more people were touched by the love and generosity they shared.

Because of this, now Jack has joined Vera, we mourn them both deeply. We miss them. We share the sadness of Jo, Andrew and Jacob, Simon and Jane. But like them we are proud and pleased to have spent time in Jack and Vera's company, have been blessed by their kindness and are inspired to continue their work. They will be remembered – and always with a smile.

Adam Ellis

AIRFIELD NEWS

The Northern Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Trail, a project by Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage and North Lincolnshire Council, funded by LEADER, are to start tours of 8 airfields this summer, Sandtoft, Hibaldstow, Kirton Lindsey, Elsham Wolds, Kirmington, North Killingholme, Goxhill and Waltham. Each airfield has been provided with a notice board and erected by the project as many residents have seen here. I have now retired from organizing the Memorial events and up-keep so I have no involvement in this project.

The DVD, Americans at Goxhill is still available at £5-00 unboxed, the money from the sale of them is set-a-side for the future upkeep of the Memorial such as buying a Poppy Cross for Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the village and varnish for the seats etc. I have now retired leaving it for other volunteers to look after and keep it a credit to the village for the visitors to see now these

tours are starting for which I say, Thank You. It is the only one of its design and structure in the UK and it appears in many publications and on Internet both sides of the pond, [Atlantic]. On Remembrance Sunday it is attended or represented by residents from Gainsborough, Dronfield [Derbyshire], North Hykeham, North Thoresby, Humberston, Grimsby, Hull and Llanegryn. [Gwynedd] as well as the village and surrounding area and not forgetting the Ministers who conduct the service each year often on a cold and wet day. Last but not least is the war veteran Piper Cub aircraft that attends and salutes after the service.

A DVD of my collection of war-time village photographs, approximately 475 is now in the making and will be available to the village in due course, details will be in the autumn issue of the Gander.

With hindsight my involvement with the airfield memorial started as a 15 year old at 7pm on the evening of the 26th of May 1944, when I attended the crash of the P-38 minutes after it happened with many other village lads and saw the American crash crew collect the remains of the pilot, spread over several acres in a blanket. Incidentally the Americans only needed 7 lbs of remains and a dog-tag to represent a body for burial. They were taken to the American Cemetery at Maddingley, near Cambridge, as Rail Baggage [American description]. 38 years later I was instrumental in the recovery the aircraft's remains with the propeller blade later being used for the centre piece of the memorial. I was the chairman of the small committee of village residents who were responsible for the Sit-ing, Designing, Building and Finance to pay all debts incurred. It was built as a Tribute to all personnel who served on the base. Our quote by Robert P Grey, Athens. GA.US. puts it into a nutshell as a reminder, "We shared a Place and Time in History"

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At our meeting in July the speaker will be the Barton & Goxhill Surgery Practice Manager, who will be telling us how he came to be in this position and the work it entails.

We look forward to seeing some new faces. Non-members will be welcome although a small charge will be made, to include refreshments."

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Auntie Wainwright

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For any further information contact
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Goxhill Memorial Hall. The "Short Award" 2012.

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

The "Short Award" is a thank you to the village resident deemed an important volunteer for the good of our community.

This year the nominees were;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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South Bank Players latest news!

Following on from our recent entries in the All England Festival North East region competition in March of this year the group performed their entries at Ropery Hall, Ropewalk, Barton at the end of April to delighted audiences. We had been fortunate enough to have nominations for best actor, best actress and best visual moment in adult and youth plays respectively. The group also took part in the open day festivities at the Ropewalk on 28th April, where they greeted and entertained visitors from all over the county as well as some of our friends from the North Bank. The groups' next performance will be Friday 12th and Saturday 13th October at Ropery Hall, Barton, check website for more details of this in the coming weeks. Wednesday 31st October sees the start of the spooky season, with the first of the five Barton Ghost Walks. Arrive at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start at Baysgarth Museum, wrap up warm and bring a torch – if you dare!

If you've ever wanted to tread the boards, sing, dance, paint scenery, assist with costumes, make-up, props etc. then why not give us a call. We have three groups who all meet on a Sunday evening. Juniors (age 5 to 11yrs) 5.30-6.30pm; seniors (age 12 to 16/18yrs) 6.30-7.30pm; and the adults (age, well we'd rather not say!!) Everyone is assured of a warm welcome to the group, whatever your talent or age!!

For more details of these events, about the group or to join us, then please contact the chairman, **Dennis Bloor on 01469 531003** or alternatively you can email us at **southbankplayers@yahoo.co.uk** or check out our website and send us a message via **www.southbankplayers.weebly.com**

PARISH COUNCIL - PUBLIC NOTICE

LOCALISM BILL – GOXHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

This is an issue that will have a potential impact on every member of the village. You will be aware

I am sure that the Government of the day is attempting to give local councils and people the ability to comment on and potentially take control of how things happen within their respective communities or boundaries i.e. giving more power back to the people. The community library in Goxhill is a classic example of this. In November of 2011 the Localism Bill / Act was passed through parliament and as part of that bill local councils and areas are encouraged to produce a Neighbourhood Plan to identify and have a say in what they wanted building and where within their communities, in this case Goxhill. It further states that where established the Parish Council should take the lead. Well, that is exactly what we are doing and thus far a steering group of 4 Parish Councillors has been established and already they are beavering away behind the scenes amassing information and statistics to assist in promulgating and populating the plan. The next step is to hold a presentation / meeting for the whole village where the plan, its formulation and the way ahead, will be explained, and where questions can be asked, and hopefully answered, by the steering group. Following that, volunteers will be required from within the village to form the main working group to assist in taking the plan forward. This group will be selected to ensure that a cross-section of the village is represented. So please come along and see what is planned. This is your chance to have your say and possibly influence the shape of the village for the future.

Goxhill Memorial Hall 15th August at 7pm.

An Apology from the Memorial Hall Committee

We are sorry that the 40's Dance advertised in the last issue of the Gander was cancelled. We wish to apologise particularly to those who had bought tickets. But we had not sold sufficient tickets to cover the cost of the entertainment by the date when we could cancel without incurring the full cost. The intention of these social events is to raise funds for the Memorial Hall, not lose it. So we reluctantly took the decision to cancel it. We would very much like to organise this Dance again next year, as it was a fantastic success the first time, but would urge people to book their tickets early to avoid the problem happening again.

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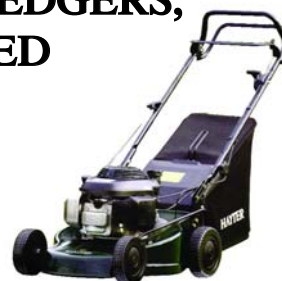
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We do it to eat or drink

Tenth letter.

There were 24 in a pie

Fast

Name of a country.

Flies well when windy

Boys name

Go about selling goods

Grumble.

Brag or gloat

He killed 'Cock Robin'

Royal angler

Found on the chessboard

Dark time in high wind.

Deceive

It holds the meat together.

A joke or a bit of fun

Hung out on festive occasions

Spare time occupation

Cowardly

Noise made by a steam train

Husk of corn with a short length

Picking blackberries

Time of darkness with glass container

To lose courage.

Celebrity with heather

Shaver with account


Take evasive action.

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Thinking back to this time last year we returned to school after Easter having enjoyed a sunny break. We all celebrated the wedding of the now Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and recall memories of the beautiful couple waving to crowds as they drove down the Royal Mall in the dark blue Aston Martin. In contrast the last weekend in April was reportedly the wettest since records began; we've had a few leaks in school (nothing too drastic) indicating that parts of our flat roof could do with a little attention; our soft surfacing around the children's climbing structures are now complete even though that work too had been delayed due to the uncertain weather and we have made further changes to our Foundation Stage playground identifying that our 'telly tubby' hills were becoming more of a health and safety hazard than a positive feature for children's learning and enjoyment. I'd like to thank Mr Hutton for sorting this out for us.

One of our prime aims as a school as always, 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. Thinking back over this spring term, our provision has been enhanced with continued support from Mr Gouldthorpe who came in to do Karate with our Year 5 children; Mrs Sharland giving her time and sharing her creative expertise with our gifted and talented young artists. This group of children went on to achieve success by becoming winners of the Living Seas Art Competition organised by Far Ings Nature Reserve.



Our partnership with Kimberley Clark goes from strength to strength as this local company continues to support our children across Key Stage 2 in projects related to the world of work. Our children in year 4 were able to link up with Magumbi Primary School in Wombane Village in South Africa via Skipe and we held a cake sale in order to raise money to provide them with a flip video camera to support them in communicating with us and to send reports and footage which we can add to our website. We have had various trips organised which have included the Foundation Stage children visiting Rand Farm. The



children were so excited coming back into school seeing signs of spring on their trip and using spring as a development for their learning. They were able to watch how little eggs incubated and later hatched into in chicks. Year 4 children visited the Far Ings Nature Reserve and Year 6 visited Feren's Art Gallery in Hull to participate in animation workshops. A number of classes made use of the superb workshops available for our children at the Rope Walk in Barton.

On World Book day the children had the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters – we had great enjoyment when we saw Miss Gibbs dressed as Wally from the book 'Where's Wally?' Alongside Scarlet Harris, the two of them looked very impressive in their stripped red and white bobble hats and jumpers. Floyd was excellent as the Enormous Crocodile; Olivia was marvellous as Little Miss Muffet; Neve impressed us with her makeover as Puss in Boots, Gabriel as Charles Dickens and we had numerous Miss Havershams and Ghosts from Christmases past, present and future!

In March, children in the Foundation Stage and in Key Stage 1 had a brilliant day learning and practising circus skills. It was a real treat to see some of our staff happily dressed as clowns juggling skittles and walking low ropes.

The children in Key Stage 2 had a most enjoyable day with Mrs Smith from our Foundation Stage unit, who taught them Taiko drumming. Taiko drumming is a traditional Japanese art form performed with high energy and carefully choreographed movements. Mrs Smith was a brilliant teacher of this art form and the children had a very enjoyable time learning how to do it. You can check out our website for some podcasts which you might find interesting (www.goxhillschool.com).

We were visited again by the Artyfact Theatre Company who performed 'The Olympian' for all of the children at the end of the spring term. Since this is going to be such an exciting theme being explored across the whole school we thought a

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performance of this nature would be a great basis for stimulating the children for learning around this theme especially as the whole country looks forward to the Olympic games later this summer.

Year 5 thrilled us all and their parents with a superb performance of 'Edith's Wartime Memories'. 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. Singing continues to be a great feature of our school and as we have stated before 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. 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. Again we would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to both of our music teachers who are very familiar faces around our school.



YThe finalists in the design for the new PIPs (Parents in Partnership) logo. The winner was India Wilson, Year 5



Our busy term ended with a very successful spring Fair and an Easter egg Trail organised by the PiPs group (Parents in Partnership).

The academic standard which our children achieve continues to be second to none in our authority and it goes without saying that we are continuously striving to be outstanding in the quality of the provision we offer. We are really proud of the school's achievements and we are really proud and appreciative of the dedication and contribution made by all of the staff who work tirelessly and often give willingly of their free time as well as in directed time. When I first came to Goxhill I remember commenting in the very first article I wrote for the Gander that one

of the most exciting things about joining Goxhill Primary School is inheriting a team of highly motivated, committed and interested staff who really want to make a difference to the children, their parents and the community. My commitment as a leader is to support the staff in their professional development and pursuit for employment satisfaction. It is important to me that all staff feel valued and know that their contribution is appreciated. I have seen part of my responsibility as supporting and cultivating school leaders and managers of the future. It is with great sadness that I use this edition of the Gander as an opportunity to inform those of you who don't know, that we will be saying 'Goodbye' to Mr Brown at the end of the summer term. He has been successful in securing the Headship of Bottesford Junior School in Scunthorpe and so will start there in September.

What can I say about Mr Brown? Apart from being an outstanding teacher, an excellent whole school data manager tracking pupils' progress and leading and contributing to children's achievement and attainment across the school, he has been the most approachable, empathetic and most personable deputy I have ever had the pleasure to work with – and I have worked with quite a few! Mr Brown has been a great colleague to work with and he has been a good friend to all. He has dedicated a good number of years to Goxhill Primary School and I am pleased to say that in some part our school has been able to give back a 'little' to support him in his journey towards becoming a head teacher in his own right. I will remember with great fondness our discussions and debates around certain school agendas and the times we've spoken at length about what we want our school to look like. At times when we've had different viewpoints and agreed to differ, we've left at the end of the school day knowing that the next day a solution would be found and a consensus reached. We've had many times of laughter around his interpretations about passages from religious texts and his views about topical and political issues particularly when they have had to impact on school matters. I have watched Mr Brown grow in confidence and stature and I see him as someone who will always be willing and able to do the best he can for the children and parents who will have the good fortune to come into contact with him. I speak on behalf of all our staff and governors when I say he will be missed greatly from our school and that his shoes will be very hard to fill!

I will finish by saying that the difference between a good deputy and a great head is knowing that it is not the space 77 words on a page takes up that matters, but what those 77 words actually say and mean! Mr Brown has developed into a great leader, one who can see the 'big picture' and this is what makes him the 'right' head teacher to lead any school in the future. We want the 'right' person to follow in Mr Brown's footsteps and I hope that in the next article for the Gander I am in a position to inform our community of our success towards this end. I see this however as a mighty feat!

So, at the end of a lengthy article – 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.

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The last time that the tide went out

How does the visitor from distant places travel to Thornton Abbey? That may seem like a pointless question in these times of Satellite navigation but to anyone interested in the History of the Abbey, be it for pleasure or for the purpose of Archaeology it can be very important for whether by road or by the Branch line to the Station the traveller from afar receives no indication of the proximity of the River Humber. The water way that was the medieval transport system of the times is almost completely invisible. The important estuary of the East Halton Skitter beside which the Abbey was built linking it through the Humber to the river systems of the Ouse and Trent and the Sea is now farm land. To all intents and purposes our visitors have come to a ruined Abbey with a wonderful Gate House set in beautiful farming countryside. Seeing this glorious setting at a time when we are daily reminded of a water



This detail from a 1612 map clearly shows East Halton Skitter & Thornton.

shortage gives no idea what the Abbey site was like when the monks came to Thornton. If on arrival here a preliminary excursion is made to East Halton Skitter Sluice an understanding of the old skitter estuary can be obtained and a completely different picture emerges. If possible this should be done at the time of the High Tide. Standing on the top of the river bank at high tide the water of the Humber is about a metre below your feet much less if it is a spring tide. If you now turn away from the river and look inland the bank drops away to where the ground is many metres below you. If you can imagine that the bank upon which you stand is not there, (not removed in a moment of chaos but having never been built) you will be standing or floating at something like the level which the tide would have reached in the Skitter Estuary at the time when the Abbey was built. It would not have been quite as high because there were to right and left and all along the banks of the river vast areas of Salt Marsh which flooded at high tide and provided grazing for sheep. Just as the tides of the Humber ebb and flow twice in every day so to the tides would fill this estuary of the East Halton Skitter.

At high tide the water at the Abbey was deep enough to allow river vessels to load and unload cargo. This is how all of the masonry timber and structural materials arrived at site. It is how wool and other products left the site. It is how people came and went. That was the road and it was as important then as the road outside your house is today.

There was however one problem for the builders of the Abbey, which was that the muddy salt water was not suitable for men or animals to drink. Drinking water had to be taken from blow wells and from further up the Skitter above the tide level. To do this the Skitter was

diverted and used to fill the ponds and moats and to power the mill stones on the higher ground upon which the Abbey was built. The modern extraction of water from the springs and blow wells feeding the Skitter at Ulceby Keelby Kirmington etc. has massively reduced the flow of water in the Skitter and the level of ground water on the Abbey site. Flooding, Running Sand, and variable water levels within the ground were phenomena that existed before this recent extraction began and must have been there in medieval times. To ignore this and to view everything in the light of the topography of today would be a mistake.

Whilst the reluctance of the educated to listen to local legend is both wise and understandable, conversation with older local people reveals an in bred preoccupation with drainage which must have arisen from need and which is in total contrast with the present fear of local farmers that there will not be enough water in the soil to enable the crops to grow. Unconventional sources can also provide the reason why some things are found to be as they are. The monks closely followed The Bible, their instruction book which they knew by heart and read every day. Verses 25-6-7 of chapter 7 of St Mathew (authorised) may provide the reason why they moved and build up sand in the place where the less well read Skinner then chose to build his house.



This photograph taken during the 2007 floods could be how the Abbey would have been seen from East Halton Skitter.

I have no date for the building up of the Humber Bank to exclude the river from the Skitter but in the many years that have passed since that was done the valley has been flooded many times. Silt and mud have been washed down to accumulate and raise the level of the ground. Hedges have been planted as at the time of enclosure and they have now grown up so that the appearance of the valley has changed. Another feature that has appeared since the time when the Abbey stood on the site is the causeway at the College Bridge. A verified date for its construction would be interesting. Whilst enthusiastic archaeology might frighten the Highways Authority there are several written sources which might be used such as the Parliamentary Act of Enclosure and possibly records of negotiation with the Yarborough Estate.

There will be no more high tides in the skitter estuary to carry the boats and barges to the Abbey but let us not forget how important they once were. **Maurice Brawn**

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In the last issue of the Gander, the pre-school were just embarking their new venture, a Thursday morning 'Stay and Play' session for parents/ carer's to come

along to with their baby/ toddler (from birth to 3 years of age). The session runs from 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. with a charge of £1.00. It has to be said that since the launch of these sessions at the beginning of February, the number of families attending is rising each week and the sessions are going extremely well. On average we now have between 8 and 10 babies/ toddlers who come along with their parent/ carer's to the hour and half session. It is also really positive to hear the great feedback from parents about how their child/ toddler has enjoyed the session in particular it seems our most popular experience is our sensory/ messy activity. This play opportunity enables the toddlers to play with and explore different textures ranging from custard, to jelly, to cooked spaghetti. It is important that children learn through all their senses including smell, touch, taste, as this is an integral part of a child's learning. Hence,

'Active learning occurs when children are keen to learn and are interested in finding things out for themselves' (DCSF 2008:4.2)

Therefore, within the activities we provide, the children love to explore and investigate all types of sensory/ messy experiences, helping them to discover new things that engage and involve them, thus enabling them to make connections part of their on-going learning.

At the end of Easter we said a sad farewell to a six of our pre-school children who moved up to school. We wish them all the very best, although we will continue to see them in the playground, as pre-school shares this outdoor area with the foundation children and as such, it is lovely to continue to have contact with them and watch them as they grow and develop. It was also really exciting to welcome another six new children and their families to pre-school, and I am sure the children will have fun as they learn through their play. It is play that is an integral part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (from birth to 5 years of age) as,

'Children's play reflects their wide ranging and varied interests and preoccupations. In their play children learn at their highest level. Play with peers is important for children's development'. (DCSF 2008:4.1).

It is this principle that is core to the opportunities and play experiences we provide all the children who attend.

Finally, by the time you read this article, the

children will have enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in which they will have had an opportunity to make a union jack flag, a crown amongst other things to help promote their awareness of this special occasion in developing their awareness of the Queen herself, along with their knowledge and understanding of the World. We are also planning a number of events to celebrate the Olympics including a sponsored fun run around the field and our theme for our end of term open morning in July this year will be 'At the Olympics'.

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REPORT ON SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Goxhill held its Spring Craft Fair on the weekend of the 5th and 6th May 2012 when the weather held firm with two cool but sunny days. Once again various stallholders have participated in the event with some welcome faces who are becoming regular attendees.

The stalls included such diverse crafts as hand turned woodcraft, Poker work, handmade jewellery, baby clothes, cotton and silk patchwork, cards and textile gifts as well as handmade Tiffany glass items, cushions, doorstops, silks, bags and purses, handmade boxes, cards and keepsakes. Again a beautiful display down the centre of the room was provided by our local Goxhill Art Group with some of the paintings available for sale and the local Primary School children had a stall manned by their very supportive teaching staff which included hand knitted toys and other items for sale and a large handmade display of swimming Mackerel. Visitor numbers to the Fair were steady across both the Saturday and Sunday.

This year a local Photographic competition, entitled "Village Life", was held as part of the Fair and was very well received with 27 entries in 2 categories (over 16 years and under 16 years). Many votes were cast by the public who visited the Fair during the course of the weekend.



Steve Wrightson (who organises the Craft Fair) and Mr. Derek Thompson made and supplied a giant goal scoring game called "Pot Shot" which proved to be very popular with our talented village footballers and prizes were awarded for highest score and achieving difficult shots and most of the participants made good use of the free entry and free sweets that were constantly available.

Special thanks go to Janine Cook, Enid Girdham and Penny Nadine who made extra special cakes for sale in the café including Guinness cake, Plum Bread and Passion Fruit cake.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who took part from the stallholders to the behind the scenes volunteers, especially Charlie Leaning as chief washer-up and who all made the Fair such a success but most of all who contributed to what was a very happy weekend.

Pot Shot will be making its next appearance at the Diamond Jubilee Big Lunch at the Primary School on the 5th June.



The winner of the over 16 group was Stuart Cooke and with his wonderful view of Bridge Hill. The 2nd prize went to Donna Redhead's photograph of her daughter Tiana-Mai.

The winner of the under 16 group was Chloe Foulston, 13, with her Rainbow over the Millennium Green. Runner up was Hannah Lee's photograph of the Airfield Memorial. (It must run in the family.)

The prizes provided by the Memorial Hall Committee included photography books, cool bags and cameras and a camera and developing and printing vouchers were generously donated by Jessop's of Grimsby, the two first prize winners also received £10 Gift Cards for use at Jessop's.



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Visit to see Young Bond Author, Charlie Higson

Pupils from Baysgarth School Book Club and other avid readers joined pupils from the Doncaster area at the racecourse to be entertained by well-known author Charlie Higson. As co-creator of the Fast Show, Higson is well-known, at least amongst the pupils' parents, for his comedy writing. His series Young Bond series of books is actually based on the early life of the spy created by author Ian Fleming. The family contacted Higson and commissioned him to write about the characters early life and he said that it was a dream come true! After spending his youth watching the books come to life on the screen, he could not believe he was given this opportunity and when the books became a roaring success it was just the icing on the cake.

Charlie explained to the attentive crowd that he wanted to have a go at horror writing and, using his son as a guinea pig, he would read him passages from his new series. He was only satisfied when his son ran sweating and terrified into his room after having a nightmare from the latest instalment!

The students enjoyed the experience and many of them bought books and got Charlie's signature. The Book Club, which is steadily growing in numbers, are all looking forward to the finale of the Doncaster Book Award at the end of May.



Charlie Higson and student Lewis Snell

Fundraising with Fashion

Talia Roberts, Chloe Brown, Jade McDonald and Sarah Cox, hosted a very successful fashion show at the school on 1st April 2012.

This was a fashion show with a twist as the clothes have all been donated by friends, family and members of staff. After the catwalk section of the event, the clothes were available to buy with some items being auctioned.



The show was compered by John Hayes, who has a wealth of experience for public events and speaking. He made the day very entertaining with his commentating and interaction with the audience.

Overall the fundraising from the girls raised a massive £1453.00; their efforts included a chocolate hamper sale for Valentines and Easter, with special gifts for Mother's Day. They also organised a non-uniform day in the school and filled a name card. There were about 40 raffle prizes donated from companies, staff and members of the public and sale of raffle tickets created a good deal of the money raised.

The girls would like to thank anyone and everyone who was involved in any way in the completion of the project. Your time and contribution were very much appreciated and without the help and donations they received they would not have been as successful in raising as much money as they did.

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

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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

At the time of writing this article we are in the midst of a run of very wet weather that seemed to begin on the day Anglian Water announced that we were in drought and banned the use of hosepipes. Our bowling green, at Goxhill Bowling Club on Manor Lane, officially opened for the season from the last week in April; this wet weather has hardly allowed it to be kept cut short, let alone encouraged bowling.

Hopefully, as you read those words, the sun is setting on another day of gorgeous weather that has been our compensation for the poorer conditions that preceded it. If so then it is pretty much an even bet, if it is a weekday, that a Goxhill Bowling Club team is in the latter stages of a local league game. Or perhaps we have just finished one of our in-house club competitions and are enjoying a cup of tea as we congratulate the winners. Some of those who tried out bowling with us during May are quite possibly part of that action now.

Lawn bowling may only be a summer activity but it can be a fairly packed agenda if you want that. Alternatively it can be comfortably fitted in alongside other sports, barbecues, fetes and all the outdoor delights that summer brings.



How you enjoy your bowls – as primarily a social activity or competitively too – is entirely your choice. Even if you just fancy coming along to sit quietly in the sun (or shade) supporting Goxhill's bowlers one evening then it's a great alternative to television.

Bowling can be taken up by adults and children of almost any age and accommodates a wide range of fitness levels – try it yourself if you are not convinced. To do that or find out about joining Goxhill Bowling Club, please contact our Club Secretary Chris Ellis on 530579. Alternatively you can visit our website at <http://goxhill.moonfruit.com> to see what we are about or give me a call on 530363.

John Guggiari

GOXHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ANOTHER FICTIONAL DETECTIVES QUIZ

In the previous issue of *The Gander* you were challenged to match up fictional detectives with their creators. Here are the answers:

A Jules Maigret created by Georges Simenon
Jack Frost created by RD (Rodney David) Wingfield
Jim Taggart & Steve Madden created by Glenn Chandler
Adam Dalgleish & Cordelia Gray created by PD (Phyllis Dorothy) James
Well done if you knew all of those.

Q *But can you tell me the given first names of the detectives who are better known as:*
Harry Bosch, Jack Frost and Morse?

As usual the answers will be published in the next issue of *The Gander*. If you have not previously come across any of the detectives mentioned then why not check them out by borrowing a book from your nearest local library?

Goxhill's community library is situated in the Parish Rooms on Howe Lane, run by volunteers and free to use. We do not just have books; there are computers available with broadband connection. We have the following opening times:

Mondays	from 3.30pm	until 7pm
Wednesdays	from 2pm	until 5pm
Fridays	from 3.30pm	until 7pm

John Guggiari

DROUGHT? ... OR IS IT A FLOOD?

As it is now 5 years since the floods of 2007 and we are told that we are experiencing the complete opposite, an official drought, I thought I ought to give you an update on how drainage has been improved in our village. The majority of Goxhill is above the flood risk area, so the flooding in 2007 was clearly caused, not by rivers overflowing, but by inadequate drainage systems.

During the recent heavy rain, a resident of Willow Lane reported that water was backing up in their toilets – the first signs they had of the flooding in 2007. Anglian Water were called and were reported to have said not much was likely to get done about the drains as it would cost too much. Another report was that at the height of the heavy rain, the lock gates to the Humber were jammed open again, at high tide, and muddy river water was coming up the drainage dyke, just as the excess surface water from the village wanted to get away. Another one of the prime causes of the flooding in 2007. An Anglian Water engineer was also reported to have said that the pumping station at North End was also out of action at that time.

So here we are 5 years on from flooding caused by a once in a lifetime situation of extremely heavy rain that was enough to devastate the lives of many households in the village. With all the same, never to be repeated,

combination of misadventures occurring all at the same time, that caused the flooding before.

I put a report in the *Gander* a year ago that detailed what was going to be done to solve the problem. A new relief drain to the east of the village, so Keigar can get on with building their vast estates, and new drains for all the roads and lanes affected by the flooding, were promised.

So what has happened? Yet again, not a lot!

However, I have received an email recently via North Lincs Council, from Anglian Water's Senior Design Engineer, advising that the AW programme for the Goxhill flood alleviation scheme shows a construction start of 11/06/12 for approximately 38 weeks. This is to build the new relief drain to the east of the village (no mention of anything else for the rest of us).

I asked for more details of the schedule of works for this new work, so that residents could be forewarned of any disruption, but I did not receive anything for this issue.

Meanwhile Barrow seems to be getting some massive drainage pipes and Goxhill still has Victorian 6 inch ones that can't cope with the expanded village, even in a drought! Come on, we deserve better than this.

Jeff Teasdale, Editor.



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Memories from the childhood of Dennis Percy

A boy aged eight -

He went to Sunday School, every Sunday to the Chapel in Goxhill Marsh. This was in 1935; he also was taken to Evening Service, accompanying his mother and four brothers and sister. His mother being a widow, brought up her children to obey the law, respect others and to help wherever they could. She set them a good example, by her own actions.

Well the young eager lad wanted to play the organ, but was always told that he could not do that; but one day, passing the chapel, he went inside; no one was there, so he stood by the organ; the temptation was too strong; no one would know would they? So he tried to lift the lid; my goodness it was heavy! At last it moved; oh dear the whole keyboard lifted; it would not go back into position. He ran home and was so very quiet that they all thought he was ill. His eldest brother, who helped with the services at the chapel, (later was a local preacher) found the 'damaged' organ; he went to the policeman, to report it.

When the elder brother told the family what he had done, the young eight year old was so scared he confessed his sin to his mother, who walloped him and sent him to bed to think about his sin. The policeman was informed and that was that; or was it?

Some time later, the young would be musician was on his way home from the farm from where he had fetched a can of milk, when he met the policeman 'doing his rounds'. 'Are you the young man who wants to play the organ?' asked the policeman. Yes was the reply; well

mother! Just 'you'll do better in the future'.

The family grew up to be respected members of the community.

What would have happened in that situation today? ...Social worker sent to the family? ...a court hearing? ...a criminal record?

How many of us could get a 'record' for a case like the above, because parents and the police, are not allowed to hand out punishments for simple wrong doings?

Poor and Hungry. An excuse for a crime?

There were several 'poor' families living by the Humber in the time leading up to the Second World War, mainly just poor and hungry, searching the river bank for anything that could be used, for example a cod out of its depth would be pulled out of the water and taken home to make a meal. Many people were out of work, much as today. Life was hard, many were hungry, no help forthcoming from the government then!

A Butter Boat sank in the Humber, barrels of butter, sides of bacon, washed up. The people of the area were given 'gifts' of butter and bacon, by the local 'beachcombers'. The advice was 'sh keep it quiet!' These people were very poor, not likely to throw away this chance of a 'change of diet'.

The 'customs' man came round to say 'if you see any barrels of butter or meat washed up, you must let us know'. No one saw anything of course.

Later it would have been 'Black Market'. Then, well the food helped the poor.

Ramona and Dennis Percy



This photograph was taken by Stephen Van den Boss on Goxhill Marsh in April. I am reliably informed that neither the goose or the fox came to any harm.

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Other business:

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At the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 3rd May 2012 the voting took place to elect councillors for specific posts within the council. The results are:

Chair – Mr Gathercole Vice-chair – Mrs Gorbitt

Committees:

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Mr Shields, Mr Dunderdale

Footpaths: Mr Gathercole, Mrs Gorbitt,
Mr England, Mrs Wood,
Mrs Sharland

Parish Room: Mr Bradnum, Mr Shields,
Mrs Wood, Mrs Sharland,
Mr Gathercole

Playing Fields: Mr Leaning, Mr Bradnum,
Mr Dunderdale, Mrs Dunkley,
Mr Whitemore

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Polite Notice

It is encouraging to see so many members of the village using the waste transfer site in College Road

however there have been a couple of instances lately where rubbish has blown out of trailers on to the main highway and subsequently left to cause a hazard. . When transporting rubbish using a trailer it would be helpful if you could ensure that the rubbish is securely fastened down and is not able to blow out of the trailer; if for whatever reason it still manages to blow out then please stop and pick it up.

The Short Award

The recipient of the short award this year is none other than Malcolm Dunderdale who is on one of the current Parish Council. Well done Malcolm. For those of you who may be unaware the Short Award is presented annually by the Memorial Hall to a villager 'deemed worthy of promoting charitable works to benefit the village'. The award is made possible due to a bequest from Mr Charles Short a former resident of the village.

The final word on this matter should rightly come from the recipient himself and published below is a small note on the subject from Malcolm:

" I would like to take this opportunity through the Goxhill Gander to say thank you to the people of the village who voted for me for the The Short Award. It was most unexpected and I feel very honoured to receive this award. Thank you once again"

Malcolm Dunderdale

'til next time

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GNEWS from NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As part of the Government's agenda to address the disconnection between the police and communities - putting the public 'back in the driving seat' - it has arranged for us to elect Police & Crime Commissioners later this year. Whether this will live up to the hype about engaging with local people, identifying our priorities and delivering a more effective service than the system it replaces, will have to be seen. What has become apparent is that, whilst the role could in theory be filled by anyone, it will almost certainly be either a candidate representing one of the main political parties or an individual of substantial private means. Quite apart from having to risk a 'lost deposit' by standing for election, estimates of the publicity budget likely to be needed for success range from £30,000 upwards. All the same, please take the opportunity to use your vote when the PCC for Humberside is elected and let us hope we can identify a candidate with the necessary strategic planning skills amongst those offered on the ballot paper.

As you may know, GNeW issues email bulletins when there are items that may be of interest locally. So what have you missed if you are not on our circulation list? Well in no particular order, here's a flavour: the top ten items being stolen

locally last year; what the Border Agency are doing; details of a courier scam; Crime Reduction Partnership news; a free tracking system for portable computers; action lists from Neighbourhood Action Team meetings; details of specific vehicles involved in thefts locally. Why not join our circulation list? Your contact details are not shared and you can come off the list at any time.

If you see a crime taking place, please ring the **999 emergency number** immediately and ask for the police. If you wish to report a crime after the event, or talk to the police about anything else, then use their **101 non-emergency number**; the call will cost a fixed 15pence no matter how long you are on the telephone. If it is important that you remain anonymous when passing on information about a crime or criminal, you can do so by ringing **Crimestoppers on 0800555111**.

To keep in regular touch with bulletins and tips from neighbourhood watch, join our email circulation list via our website page on

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John Guggiari, GNeW Co-ordinator



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Bench Marks (Surveying) in Goxhill

Parker's Jottings

The term Benchmark originates from the chiseled horizontal marks made by Surveyors in stone structures into which an angle-iron could be placed to form a "Bench" for a leveling rod, this ensuring that a leveling rod could be accurately repositioned in the same place for future use. These marks are indicated with a chiseled arrow below the horizontal line. This for the Mean High Water Mark in the River Humber. The Mean High Water Mark is a line between the highest high tide and the lowest high tide that usually occurs in the Spring and Autumn, which are the highest of the year. By reading the figures that are taken from 1969 and a few from 1932, plans are assumed to be imperial, you can see how your property is on Sea Level as we always say and never refer to the Benchmarks, until we started this list. This reading in Goxhill is above Sea Level but not flood level such as in January 1953, when an abnormal tide came over the bank top. Remember the Mean High Water Mark is not the highest tide line and if the Humber Flood Bank was not there many acres would be under water. Stand on the bank top at Goxhill Haven and take a look at the high tide debris near the Sluice in the Humber and then look at the height of the land on the inside of the bank that is 7 or 8 feet lower.

Mean High Water Mark. On looking at the 2011 NOAA Tide Predictions, Hull, tide table, I note that on the 13th March the lowest high tide was 7.9 metres and the highest on the 19th April was 11.8. So this makes a difference of 3.9 metres and half of this is 1.95 metres or 6' 6.1/2 inches that will be the Mean High Water Mark height that the benchmarks height is measured from.

Please Note. The list and position of the Bench Marks have been taken from Village plans by the National Grid so we cannot guarantee that the list is 100% correct for we may have missed the odd one, though I remember many of them from days gone by. The list contains 41 and I would say all were there in 1969 when the plans were printed though some have been on buildings that have been demolished since or the outside brick work has been plastered or rendered.

Then there is the Triangulation Pillar or Station, the traditional horizontal control stations built by the National Grid when they decided to do a Retriangulation project in 1935 and from 1936



Triangulation Station



Top of Trig Station

to 1962 they built approximately 6500 pillars in the UK. They are approximately 4 feet high and tapered to the top where a brass plate is fitted with three prongs running from the centre ring as a triangle with a brass plug that screws out of the centre to put their Theodolite Instrument in and then were able to take accurate bearings to other Triangulation Stations. With these three points it allowed places to be mapped and were known as triangulation stations and often referred to as Trig-points. It was in 1936 when they built the one on the Humber Flood bank at Low Risby so it must have been one of the first. It was on the outside edge of the bank and about 3 feet above the bank top. After the 1953 January flood when the bank was strengthened, made wider and higher, they put a large concrete pipe round the pillar and surrounded it with soil to top of it so it is now on the inside of the top of the bank and can be seen by looking in the grass. It is straight from the boundary hedge between Low Risby and Fox Marsh. There is another on the Church and the only one that can still be viewed in this area as far as I know is in the hedge going from Wootton to Elsham on Wold road just past Race Lane crossroads, 250/300 yards on the right approximately on top of the small rise in the road. They are marked on Grid Maps with a green triangle. These benchmarks and triangulation stations have not been updated for thirty years or more for both are now obsolete due to Computer, Laser and Satellite Navigation Technology, so the surveyors can sit in a nice warm office without having to bravely face the elements of the British Weather with their instruments.

Metric and Feet measurements [approximately]

1 metre	=	3'3.1/2" inches
2 metres	=	6'7.1/4" inches
3 metres	=	9'10" inches
4 metres	=	15' 7.1/2" inches
4.5 metres	=	17' . 7" inches

For example the Church benchmark is 45.87 above sea level [Mean High Water Mark]. We are not exactly sure but believe this is Imperial Measure and is feet & decimal parts of inches. Maybe someone can give more information on them for the intention of this list is to record the correct location of sites within the village of the Benchmarks rather than the correct height.

Village Centre

45.87 All Saint's Church
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Church Benchmark



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**Daisy House,
Churchside
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- 10.92 On station end of house of terraced row of 4
between the Station and Thornton road on Howe Lane
- 10.98 Station House, Howe Lane
- 39.34 Old Wesleyan Chapel, Howe Lane, on left-hand
side/corner next to garden wall
- 35.21 Old School, Thorn Lane
- 34.80 Roselyn, Chapel Street and corner of The Square
- 36.76 Hallands Field House, Church Side
- 32.6 On corner of Barrow Road & Thornton Road
opposite Providence Cottage.
- 11.12 Gate House, Gatehouse Road
- 10.60 Hallands Field Farm, Gatehouse Road, up a field
from gatehouse

North End area

- 17.93 Totney Hill Farm, Ferry Rd
- 13.83 Leckmelm, Ferry Road
- 21.23 North End, Altbarn, end of
cottage opposite The Close
- 26.35 North End, opposite Mill
Lane end on farm buildings now demolished
- 30.55 Chapel House, North End
- 17.55 Talos, Ruards Lane
- 17.80 Langley Farm, Ruards Lane,
on fence post in hedge on right-
hand side of entrance



Leckmelm Benchmark



Langley Farm
Benchmark

This gives room for some thought?
This is a lone heavy duty fence post
on the edge of the peritrack to airfield
dispersals. Did it survive the bulldozer
because the BM on it was used by the
surveyors when they marked out the
airfield in this area with their levels?

Bridge Hill area

- 29.35 Level Crossing on Railway Line on Path to East
Hann Lane, Barrow, between Tudor Lodge &
Millfield, possibly on a gatepost nearby
- 15.28 Bridge Hill, Ferry Road, on
New Holland side of wall



Bridge Hill Benchmark

South End area

- 8.03 Priory Farm / Old Hall
- 6.04 Corner House, South End /
Soff Lane
- 7.76 Barricks Haulage, Soff Lane
- 5.80 Travellers Rest, old cottage on corner with BM on
brick shed in lane now demolished
- 5.47 Pumping Station, Littleworth
- 4.64 Littleworth Farm, last dwelling at end of the lane

Ferry Road

- 10.57 Ferry Farm, Ferry Road
- 10.50 Salt Marsh Farm Cottage, Ferry Road
- 12.00 Neatgangs Farm, Neatgangs Lane
- 10.60 Ferry Road, 20 yards past the trees on the right just
past Neatgang Lane on gatepost, long gone
- 11.40 As above, further north on Ferry Road, approx half
way to Haven corner on gatepost, long-gone
- 10.90 Haven Farm, Ferry Road

East Marsh Road

- 11.50 East Marsh Farm, East Marsh Road
- 10.10 Gatepost to 4th field behind farmyard
- 8.84 Uplands Lodge, East Marsh Road [Oak tree wood]
- 9.20 Low Risby, East Marsh Road, corner of building
- 10.03 Low Risby, on gatepost between 3rd & 4th field
behind farmyard

Chapelfield Road

- 9.74 Spring Farm, Chapelfield Road
- 17.60 Chapelfield Road, Ruard Road/Chapelfield Road
junction, on corner of Airfield
- 17.94 Field House, Chapelfield Road, near airfield
entrance
- 26.5 Chapelfield Road, South End side of airfield main
gate on old gatepost, long-gone

Barrow Road

- 33.2 Shawbriggs Farm

This list is subject to additions & corrections at any
future date.

High Tide

Regarding the height of the water in the Humber it is
easy to see, when one leaves South End on Chapelfield
Road and look to the right at North Killingholme
Haven where the Container Ships and Car Ferries are
unloading. When the tide is up they are on the same
level as the road and you can see the low land between.
When on Ruards Lane, especially in winter, when no
leaves are on the hedges and look at the North Sea
Ferries in Hull, when it is high tide they again are as
high as Ruards Lane. At Goxhill Haven end of East
Marsh Road and the Ferries are arriving or leaving at
high tide passing Saltend they are higher than the road.
So much for the Humber Flood Bank that keeps us dry.

How were the Bench Marks made?

On looking at these benchmarks it gives room for
thought. Right across the UK they are all exactly the
same design and size according to photographs on
Books and Internet. So how were they made? If they
were made by the surveyors themselves freehand no
two would be alike, so did the surveyors use a standard
template to mark them out and a set of specially
designed chisels to cut the benchmark and arrow, or did
they just mark the horizontal line and employ a local
stonemason for bricks and stone with a joiner for the
wood on which-ever they were cut? And as most of
them are on private property did they have to get
permission from the owner, or had the surveyors
authority just to put them where they decided the best
position was? Considering these haven't been updated
for only thirty years or so someone must still be around
even if in retirement who was employed by the
National Grid or later when these marks became
obsolete who can answer these questions.
Is anyone out there who can help?

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The Rotary Club of Barton-upon-Humber recently donated £500 towards the cost of a new roof for the Scout Hut headquarters of Goxhill and Barrow Scouts. The building is situated at New Holland.

In July, the club will present all of the pupils leaving Goxhill Primary School, with an Illustrated Dictionary to help them with their education when they move to Secondary school. The dictionaries are very popular with the children and are like a small encyclopaedia.

Barton Rotary Club will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by holding a **"Royal" Garden Party on June 10th, in the grounds of Bardney Hall, Barton.** Tickets, including Afternoon

Tea, are £5 for adults and £2 for children. The event is in aid of Lindsey Lodge Hospice and can be obtained from the Lindsey Lodge Hospice shop in Barton. It is hoped that visitors will be smartly dressed and possibly ladies wearing hats, as they would at a Royal Garden Party. More information from **David Blakey 07885 641788.**

On June 24th, Barton and Hull Rotary Clubs will be again staging the Humber Bridge Half Marathon. This leaves Hessle at 9.00am (an hour earlier than last year). The runners cross the bridge and begin to arrive in Barton at about 9.15am. They travel along Ferriby Road, Holydyke, Market Place, Barrow Road, Falkland Way, Pasture Road, Butts Road, Waterside Road, Far Ings Road, Gravel Pit Road, Ferriby Road and back across the bridge.

There will be delays to traffic on this route until about 11.30am (although the earlier sections will be clear sooner). This is an event that is well worth watching and encouraging the runners. Well over 2,000 runners took part last year and raised over £70,000 for charity. This year's main charity to benefit is the new unit of the Teenage Cancer Trust at Castle Hill Hospital near Hull. The unit treats teenagers from North Lincolnshire as well as East Yorkshire. The main sponsor of the event is The Co-operative.

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GOXHILL PILOT MISSING FOR 68 YEARS

On 7th June 1944 two P-51 mustangs of the 555 squadron of the 496 FTG at Goxhill collided over the parish of Fauldingworth, Lincolnshire, one pilot bailed out and survived while the other stayed in and was not found, officially recorded as missing, three years ago the Lincolnshire Aircraft Recovery Group, LARG. located a crash site believed to be the aircraft of the pilot who had bailed out and in due course obtained a license from the MoD to recover it that took place last September after harvest, in doing so the group found a body still in the aircraft, it transpired that it was the other aircraft that was in the collision and the missing pilot, this occurred because the authorities had given the group the wrong information, in the following months the body was identified as 21 year old 2nd Lt Charles Moritz better



known as "Butch" of Effingham, Illinois, US, the US authorities then traced members of his family, a nephew and niece who are still living to inform them, his remains were returned to a funeral home in his home town on the 26th. April to follow with a full military honors funeral that only the Americans can give took place at 1pm on the 5th May. 2012 where he was laid to rest next to his parents after been missing for 68 years now has a known grave breaking big news in the local press at Effingham, the recovery and the pilots return home was shown on Calendar News in two parts on the 2nd and 3rd of May regardless of information given out it was to be expected on the 30th April 2012.

Ron Parker

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“Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly” - Anon

We are now in May as I sit compiling this. The horses are out in the field with rugs on and it is threatening to rain again.

We all complain about the weather but unfortunately there is nothing we can do about it. It is well documented that climate change is on the increase, as all the seasons seem to be running into one. What really upsets me of late is the number of horses, which have been clipped for hunting, and as tradition used to dictate they are put out to grass at the end of the season.

It seems to me that people are doing just that. There is a ‘roughing off’ process, which seems to have been ignored whereby feed is changed gradually, grooming is stopped and the horses are sometimes put out gradually.

To see clipped, unrugged horses out in the bitter wind and rain, shivering and looking miserable, to me, shows a lack of common sense and is a welfare issue. There are brilliant rugs on the market now so there are no excuses.

Owing to the weather it is unfortunate that some of the early shows have had to be cancelled but just as a reminder – **Goxhill Show in on the 22nd July** so mark it on your calendar. The show is usually run in aid of the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance and one other chosen charity. This year the other charity is “The Ark” Animal Rescue and Retirement Home.

I have volunteered to do a tombola stall and already have some fabulous prizes (more donations for this would be gratefully received!). The Ark representative will also be at the show to promote their charity and collect any donations from the public. They are looking for cat and dog food, beds, blankets, towels, dustpans, brushes, cat scratching posts etc. Either take it with you on the day, or I can collect prior. Whatever you have will be put to good use. They are based at Donna Nook and are worth a visit to see all the animals, or perhaps even take one home. More details can be found at **www.arkanimalrescue.co.uk**

The Show Committee organised a Tack Sale at the village hall previously although I did not have a date in time for the Gander to advertise it for them. Following on from its success here is another date for your calendar - They are holding another one in Ulceby on Saturday 25th August. This should give you enough time to either get a stall organised or make sure you’re available to go and have a look. There were some real bargains at the first one.

Rase Veterinary are holding more talks on ‘First Aid for Horses’ and ‘When to call a Vet’. For a place on one of them contact the surgery to register your interest. The ones I have attended have been really useful so I can definitely recommend them.

On my rides around the village I am noticing an increase in fly tipping. Not your usual fridges and mattresses so not obvious from the inside of a car. No – Grass cuttings! Why do people think it is OK to pop them in the ditch on the opposite side of the road just because it has been done before? Perhaps there isn’t a ditch anymore because years of grass cuttings and garden rubbish have filled it in.

In these days of flooding our ditches are even more important and a small if not significant measure to protect out homes. I cannot understand why with dustbin collections and the tip so close by.

Whilst writing this I have had a phone call from a gentleman asking me to remind horse riders not to ride on the footpath down Green Ramper. We know it is really boggy at the moment and you have to pick your way but please remember the footpath is there for the walkers.

For those of you that would like to go for a really good ride the Lindsey Trail was opened on the 29th April and extends from Willingham Woods to Horncastle. It covers 75 miles of trail!

Mareham on the Hill have a pleasure ride on Sunday 9th of September and it will take in part of the Lindsey Trail. It will incorporate a choice of various distances. The contact is Mrs E Earl, Violet Cottage, Oxcombe, Horncastle LN9 6LU. Send a SAE and £15 cheque payable to BHS North Lincolnshire.

As I have already mentioned Goxhill Show support the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. While the Lifeboat Service, another worthy cause has been exempt from VAT on fuel since 1977 this does not apply to the Air Ambulance. This cannot be right. A petition has been set up with the full support of the British Horse Society. We must remember that any one of us may need this service at some time.

To register your support please go to **<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/29349>**

Sharon Irish, who does Bowen Technique on both horses and humans now also offers a Thermal Imaging service. This shows all the ‘hot spots’ and highlights the points of injury, which is beneficial when treatment is necessary.

My little tip for this issue is a tube squeezer! Usually for toothpaste, but I find it a very useful item for squeezing out every bit of ointment. Mine came from my Kleeneze lady and at £2.75 for two I consider them a real bargain that will pay for itself in no time. If you would like to ring **Christine on 589315** I’m sure she would be more than happy to take your order. That seems to be all for this issue. Keep your news and tips coming in!

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As Nigel says - **Happy cooking!**

Beef Wellington

Ingredients

- 1oz / 25g . . . butter
- 1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 5oz / 150g . . open flat mushrooms, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced (optional)
- 3 tbsp flat leaf parsley, finely chopped
- 1½ lb / 750g . beef fillet (trimmed, seared, seasoned and chilled)
- salt and ground black pepper
- 1lb / 500g . . . puff pastry
- 1 egg, beaten to glaze
- 1 or 2 very thin pancakes

Method

1. Heat the oven to 400F/200C/Gas 6
2. Melt the butter in a large frying pan and cook the onion for about 5 minutes until beginning to soften. Add the mushrooms and cook for a further 5 minutes until soft and dry. Stir in the garlic and parsley and season with a little salt and pepper. Set aside to cool.
3. Roll out the puff pastry (recipe below) on a lightly floured surface to a sheet large enough to enclose the beef.
4. Lay the pancakes in the centre where the beef fillet will be rolled
5. Spread the duxelle mixture down the middle of the pancake and lay the beef on top of the mixture and spread some of the duxelle mixture over the top and sides of the beef fillet too.
6. Brush the edges of the pastry with beaten egg and fold the pastry over the meat to enclose it in a neat parcel, sealing the edges well.
7. Place the meat parcel on to a baking sheet, seam side down.
8. Cut decorative leaves from the reserved pastry. Brush the parcel with beaten egg, decorate with the leaves and chill for about 10 minutes.
9. Bake for 35 - 45 minutes until the pastry is golden and puffed up. Transfer to a serving board and leave to stand for 10 minutes. Serve cut into thick slices.



Puff pastry

Ingredients

- 225g / 8oz strong white flour, plus extra for flouring
- pinch of salt
- 30g / 1½oz cold lard, cut into cubes
- 85-135ml / 3-5fl oz . . . ice-cold water
- 170g / 6oz unsalted butter

Method

1. Place the flour and salt in a large mixing bowl. Add the lard and use your hands to rub the lard into the flour. As you do this, lift the flour with your hands to get air into the mixture and keep it cool.
2. When the flour and lard mixture has the consistency of breadcrumbs, add the cold water. Mix it in with a palette knife to keep the mixture cool. When the mixture comes together to form a dough, turn it out onto a clean, floured surface and knead briefly until just smooth.
3. Form the dough into a rectangular block (this will make it easier to roll out later), wrap in cling film and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
4. Make all the butter pliable to spread, roll out your pastry to the length and half the width of your rolling pin and spread the butter over two thirds of the pastry, fold in three and roll to the same size again, fold into three again and chill the pastry in the fridge for another 30 mins.
5. Repeat this process until you have completed seven rolls, folds and turns.
6. If the pastry is still streaky, repeat the turning, rolling and folding process one more time. The puff pastry is now ready to use.

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Jellied Beetroot

An old Lincolnshire Recipe



Take 5/6 medium beetroots accordingly, cook, peel and cut into slices, or can be diced as usual, into a deep bowl, basin or mould.

Take one blackcurrant jelly or a red one to match the color of the beetroot and break up into a jug. Add 4/5 desert spoonfuls of sugar, make up to the pint with 50/50 of water and malt vinegar and place in the microwave for around two minutes and then stir until the jelly and sugar is dissolved. Then pour onto the beetroot until it is covered and allow to set.

It can be eaten straight away but gets better after a few days.

The sugar and vinegar can be adjusted slightly to suit the taste and the jelly can be made stronger than its instructions. Best result is achieved by trial and error.

A short cut to save time can be achieved by buying a bag of ready cooked and peeled beetroots from the supermarket and a jelly at the same time.

Ron Parker Collection



East Halton Station on the line that ran from Goxhill to Immingham Docks, in 1912. Mr Durham was the Station Master. Photograph supplied by Don Faulding.

Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service

10 years locally: a cause for celebration.

LIVES is a registered charity number 1098364. Towards the end of this year it will be 10 years since our local branch - covering Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland - was set up. The man behind that was Maurice Cole of Barrow, who had a fairly major fund-raising exercise to overcome before he could even start things off. But he managed it and LIVES has - despite a few ups and downs along the way - gone from strength to strength locally.



Today our branch has 7 qualified responders with a further 3 responders in training and 4 volunteers in other supporting roles, including Maurice. But equally importantly there are a whole load of groups and individuals supporting us through their donations and fund-raising activities every year; we never fail to be astounded at how much so many people do and give to make LIVES a success.

Each year it costs over £3,000 to run our local LIVES group. As well as our affiliation to LIVES for accreditation, medical equipment needs renewing and medical consumables have to be replaced as they are used, so that we keep our kits at the necessary standard. Last year the cost of oxygen alone was over £230 and our annual mobile phone bill was a similar sum. In return for that investment our first responders attended over 250 emergency call-outs during the 9 months period ending March 2012.

If you would like to support LIVES, whether through volunteering or fundraising, then Bob Dasey, the local branch co-ordinator, would be delighted to hear from you. Please email bobdasey@btinternet.com or telephone **533037** if you would prefer to have a chat; you will be under no pressure to take it any further if you decide LIVES is not for you.



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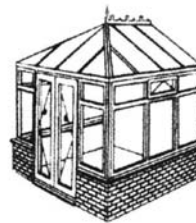
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