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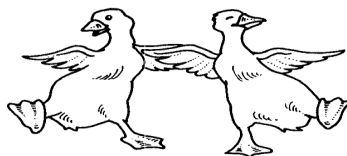
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At the beginning of each December I'd get several pieces of paper of hand-written notes that I put on a page with colour and pictures, and printed several off to be posted across the UK and around the world. One went to Australia, another to the United States. Basic stuff about the children and grandchildren, memorable events; perhaps you send and receive similar - this is certainly the time most people will, whether it's a few words in the card or sheets and sheets reeling off everything. Though you may struggle to think of things to say or ways to make the telling interesting, it is always nice to stay in contact however limited, and particularly pleasant to receive news of old friends if we have not been in recent or regular touch.

Four times a year I have the task of sharing with you the memories and experiences of people who live or have lived in this village for many years. It is a role similar to that of a letter writer at Christmas, it just comes round a bit more often. The Gander will always focus on the bread and butter, the names, the dates. The letters from the schools and churches are integral, as is a touch of local history and the opportunity to respond to recent events. A lot like my Gran's missive.

As promised in the last issue, we will soon give people everywhere the chance to find out what is happening in the village. The website which is going live by the time you are reading this, and will be open to all by the New Year, will hold archives from newsletters of the past, instantly accessible adverts and the promise of a more instantaneous form of communicating events with a message board. Inside these pages we advertise another new internet advance for the village 'Goxhill Trader', which runs free ads for anything you want to sell but would not put on eBay or the like. Rest assured, however, that even as 2008 approaches fast on the rails, none of the old standards will be lost. Our priority will remain with the paper copy that comes through your letter box every March, June, September and December because we know the old-fashioned ways of keeping contact are important, they mark the passage of time. It is as important to inform you of Ron Parker's book on the American stay on the airfield during the war, as of the modern advances. All things contribute to making Goxhill what it is, all the year round. And they all go in your Gander.

Adam Ellis.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Gander team

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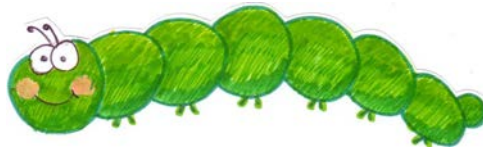
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Extra Curricular / Enrichment Activities

There's more to school life than just lessons held during the school day. Here at Goxhill School we have a broad range of extra curricular activities to enrich the lives of our pupils:

Out of School Club - Goxhill

Out of School Club is affiliated to the school and is based on the school site. It opens daily from 7.50am to 8.55am and from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. It also runs during the school holidays 8am to 6pm. The club has grown from strength to strength and is now a major asset for us.

Other Clubs - this term the school has provided football and netball coaching, choir practices and a cheerleading club.

Health & Fitness - this is a number one priority for us. Our links with the NHS School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme are still very popular amongst pupils. Weekly Fitness and Fun Sessions continue to be well attended and much enjoyed as are our squash coaching sessions held in liaison with Barrow Squash Club. All of these 'Health Promoting' activities are underpinned by a robust and energetic traditional PE curriculum.

Other Curriculum Enrichment -

- Year 3 and Year 4 children have taken part in a Tudor themed event that included dressing up and dancing.
- Year 2 pupils visited

Baysgarth Museum as part of their on going History work.

- Year 5 and 6 pupils will be visiting an art gallery to take part in a History workshop about Greek art.
- All pupils from Years 1 to 6 celebrated National Schools Film Week with a cinema visit to Hull.
- Pupils in Years 1 and 2 took part in a drama day held at the school.
- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 now receive weekly modern foreign language lessons from our visiting French teacher, Mr Pitois.

The Great Robinwood Adventure Weekend -

the highlight of the term for many pupils has been our visit to the Robinwood Adventure Centre in Alston, Cumbria. This weekend is jammed packed with team-building and personal achievement adventure activities such as climbing, canoeing, abseiling, archery, and caving. The weekend has now reached a cult status in our school and is a must-do event for all 10 & 11 year olds.

Fund raising

Goxhill School is well known for having superb facilities. In fact many parents who come to us from other villages tell us that they are the best in the area! Although we are well funded by the local council, we are always keen to raise additional funds to go that extra mile in giving our local children an excellent start in life. At the same time we think it is very important to promote a sense of charity and community spirit in our future citizens. To this end we have organised a number of fund raising events this term:

- We held a successful disco just before the Half Term break and almost the whole school turned out in their finery. This raised £200.

• As part of our Harvest Festival Celebrations we held a Harvest Market which raised £125 for a variety of charities chosen by the children through their Class Councils.

• Pupils and parents have been filling dozens of shoe boxes in aid of Operation Christmas Child.

• As part of their School Council activities, pupils are supporting BBC Children In Need.

• Through our 'Bag 2 School' appeal we collect old clothing and other goods for recycling. In so doing this usually raises over £200 for school funds

• On of our parents, Mrs Julie Donald, took part in the Toronto Marathon and very kindly raised £700 for the school through sponsorship. This money is to be spent on IT resources for the children.

Many thanks to all the helpers who make our fund raising ventures a great success!

Community Links

As the largest village school in the area, we are always keen to build and maintain our strong links with a wide variety of community groups / initiatives. Indeed the Autumn term has been particularly active:

Religious Links - Rev John Girtchen is a frequent visitor in school. This term the vicar

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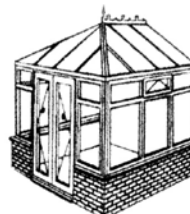
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has attended several assemblies and has led our Harvest Festival and Remembrance Day Services.

Humberside Fire & Rescue Service - As part of on-going liaison, Education Officers from HFRS have visited the school to give fire safety talks.

Northern Rail - the school continues to oversee the station in Goxhill and has been active in looking after the flower tubs on the platforms. In so doing we aim to enhance community spirit and 'village ownership' amongst the pupils.

Crucial Crew - Our Year 6 pupils attended the annual Crucial Crew event held at the EON Power Station. This super activity reinforces the safety awareness and independence skills of our senior pupils. It involves role play in a number of risk based sets devised by agencies such as the coast-guard, Humberside Police, building companies, and the Electricity board.

LiveLincs - Goxhill School is the only local school to support Livelincs, a scheme that brings live professional theatre to rural audiences. This term Strange-face Theatre Company presented a well received production entitled "The Outlaw- Fulke Fitz Waryn"

Building Works - New Administration / Pupil Support Block

All schools receive an annual 'Capital Grant' that is used to improve their premises. We have been accruing our grants and this term these have been used to build a new entrance and administration block. The

enhanced entrance was necessary to enable us to meet requirements relating to disabled access to public buildings. As well as adding this facility, we have built three new support rooms that are to be used to provide pupils with small group tuition in a variety of subjects.

New Garden Area / Copse

Our pupils have been working hard to create a new garden area complete with a greenhouse, vegetable patch, garden shed and a 'minibeast friendly' area. The initiative has been very kindly supported by a number of ex-pupils who raised money for the project through their Operation Lifestyle Teams. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to these very kind young people.

As part of a Woodland Trust campaign, the school will soon be taking delivery of a number of young trees. These are to be planted on the school site to create a shaded copse area.

Christmas is Coming

At the time of writing we are entering the Christmas session. As usual we will be holding a Christmas Fayre (7th December) and organising Christmas parties, concerts and carol services. Our Year 5 & 6 pupils will be around the village Carol Singing raising funds for their end of term residential trip.

As we move towards the end of a very busy Autumn term, the Staff, Governors, and Pupils wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Andrew Jackson,
Head teacher

The RNLI Collection month has changed from January to April.

Collectors will be contacted in due course, and when the time comes all donations will be very gratefully received.

—
A poem about a Goxhill wartime Christmas:

When Goxhill bells are ringing
Across the street below,
We see some others ringing,
In days of long ago.
And placed in Belfry places
are photographs and faces
Of ringers in past ages
Who let the village know
When Goxhill bells were ringing
Above the streets below.
When Goxhill bells were ringing
Above the streets below
Folks think about a Christmas
In a stable long ago
Where angels sang Peace on
earth
Goodwill to men below
So Bill and Ern, Madge and
May,
Malinda and Bettie
Ring out the bells of Goxhill
Church
This coming Christmas Day.
- by then village vicar,
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In June this year I was flooded out of my home, an experience I shared with a number of other people in the village. I would like to give my sincere thanks to friends and neighbours who came to my aid. My son and daughter-in-law were in the Scottish Highlands at this time and travelled back as soon as they could be contacted.

My thanks to Barry and Linda Gilbert, Mr and Mrs Geoff Sandy, and Shirley and Mandy Akester. Their help and support saw me through the first twenty-four hours. Without them I don't know what I would have done. I was also grateful to Ray and Sharon for providing me with accommodation at Mayfield at such short notice. I would particularly like to thank Barry and Linda; I stayed with them for a week until I could get back into my own home. During this period my son and daughter-in-law made the place habitable. They received invaluable help from Brian and Pauline Hopper of North Killingholme.

I am grateful to be living at home, although there is still much disruption at the time of writing (mid-October), tiled floors in lounge and bathroom have been taken up and no carpets and very little storage space. My thoughts are with those families who are still unable to return to their houses and indeed have no prospect of doing so until the New Year. My grandson and his family are in this state. I hope, as all of us do, that provisions are made to ensure this dreadful and heartbreaking situation never happens again.

Lastly, may I thank everyone who wrote, telephoned or called to give their support and sympathy. These thoughtful people meant so much and gave me the heart to battle on.

Thank you,
Madge Austin (94).



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There's no doubt that many of us will end up eating more than a dozen mince pies this Christmas, as well as generous amounts of other seasonal fare. We spend so much time on the edible trimmings of the season that it's very easy for the real 'nourishment' of the Christmas message to get forgotten.

In a world where so many people are looking for peace, love and purpose in their lives one of the great truths of Christmas is that God came down to earth to be with us, to live among us. To nourish us with his own life given in his Son, Jesus

Why not join us at Church over the Christmas period and discover for yourself that Jesus is no longer in the manger but that he is living and active - nourishing the lives of his people. You can join them and still find time for a few mince pies! Whoever cooks / bakes them for you - have an exceedingly good Christmas.

Reverend John Girtchen

Have you ever failed to respond to the punch line of a joke either by not getting it or perhaps worse still not even realising it was a joke! Either way the joke falls flat. Likewise a punch line without the story beforehand is useless, it does not make sense; it misses the mark.

This December the 300th anniversary of the birth of world acclaimed Methodist hymn writer, Charles Wesley, is being celebrated. Charles Wesley was a master of story punch lines and none more so than in his much loved three verse Christmas carol, 'HARK! The herald - angels sing glory to the new - born King...' Verse 1 concludes 'Christ is born in Bethlehem' - five words that remind us of the essence of Christmas, the birth of the Saviour of the world in a tucked away village like Goxhill. Verse 2 finishes with 'Jesus, our Immanuel' that is Jesus, God with us, and we must not forget the 'our' - we are to celebrate Jesus' birth as much today as ever before. Then at the end of verse 3 we come to the ultimate Christmas punch line, 'Born to give them second birth'. If we do not respond to this punch line, Jesus' invitation to individually accept Him as the centre point of this life and the next, Christmas falls flat whether we realise it or not.

Come to worship and sing 'HARK! The herald - angels sing glory to the new - born King...' this Christmas. Christ, as always, will be in the village of Goxhill, and He longs to be in each heart. A joke is only good if you get it, as is the news of Jesus!

Happy Christmas!

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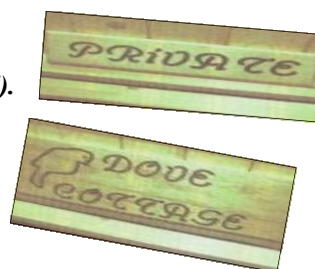
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The next **Churches Together Quiz Night** will be on **Friday 8th February** at **7.30pm**, back in the **Chapel Schoolroom** for a more intimate environment. To register a team, phone Sandra on **530065** or Jane **530962**.

Church and Chapel Dates for Your Diaries

- Sunday 9th December - United Christingle at All Saints, 2.30pm.
- Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th December - Christmas Tree Service, All Saints, 1-4pm. Admission £1.
- Friday 21st December - Traditional Service of lessons and carols, Barrow Church, 7pm.
- Sunday 23rd December - Village Carol Service at the Chapel, 6pm.
- Monday 24th December - United Crib Service, the Chapel, 4pm.
- Monday 24th December - Christingles and Carols, Barrow Church, 6pm.
- Monday 24th December - First Communion of Christmas, All Saints, 11.30pm.
- Christmas Day - Holy Communion for Christmas Day, Barrow Church, 10am.
- Sunday 20th January - United Covenant Service, at the Chapel, 10.30am.
- Sunday 2nd March - Chapel Anniversary, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Preacher Greg Brooke of Grimsby, the Chapel, 10.30am.
- Friday 7th March - Women's World Day of Prayer Service, with Rev. Gillian Belford, Chapel, 7.30pm.

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BAYSGARTH NEWS

Good News for Baysgarth Students!

August saw the arrival of the G.C.S.E. and „A“ Level examination results and there was a great deal to smile about at Baysgarth School. The G.C.S.E. results were the best ever with 59% of pupils achieving five A* to C grades, which well and truly exceeded the Government set target of 55%. Technology and ICT students achieved excellent results and Applied Science and Performing Arts students also did particularly well. These superb results followed on the back of the „A“ Level grades which were announced a week earlier and saw a 100% pass rate, allowing all Sixth Formers to gain places at Universities of their choice. Head teacher Colin Saywell said, “We are absolutely delighted with our exam results for this summer, testimony to the commendable attitude and application shown by our pupils and the excellent support and guidance provided by our staff. Well done to everybody.”

Baysgarth Receive FA Charter Standard Award

This year it has been evident that the work that Baysgarth School does for football, in school and in the community, is paying dividends. The success of our football teams is evident, with all our teams still being unbeaten in all competitions this season, and with a growing participation in our football clubs. In recognition of meeting the high standards of the English Football Association, the EFA has awarded Baysgarth School the FA Charter Standard Award for providing football in and out of school, and also for our excellent



work and commitment to the game. As part of this we were invited to be presented with the award at half time during the England U19 v. Romania U19

International match at Glanford Park. On Sunday the 14th October 2007 we took a group of 30 pupils to the match to see England's finest young talent take Romania apart. When the half time whistle went Mr Wright, Mr O'Mara, Mr Sprakes and Miss Hodge, along with the captains of the school football teams (Alex Hodson, Ben Parkin, Lewis Barnes, Sam Smith, Sharna Bennett and Nicola Knapton) made their way down the tunnel and onto the illustrious turf of Glanford Park Stadium, following none other than the Legend himself, Sir Trevor Brooking. Baysgarth's staff and students were then presented with the Award on the pitch by Sir Trevor (or „Sir Trev“ as we affectionately called him) in front of around 4000 spectators. Sir Trev then posed for pictures with staff before leaving, but not before Mr O'Mara could give Big Trev some tips on not playing the long ball!

Croeso i Cymru (Welcome to Wales)

After a false start and a nail in the minibus tyre, the long journey to Newgale on the southern tip of Wales began for a courageous group of Sixth Form students from Baysgarth. The sun was shining and the local scenery was stunning, and the first challenge began: how to buy

shopping from the local Tesco store to feed 17 hungry mouths for three days – and how could we all agree? Our accommodation was a large self contained house in a VERY remote area, surrounded by open fields and with no mobile „phone reception. What more could our parents want? We had to cook, clean and entertain ourselves for three days! There were numerous games of cards, music and plenty of laughs. Mr. Scruton and Mrs. Valentine produced Spaghetti Bolognese which went down a storm! We spent a day in the picturesque surroundings of Tenby on the coast and enjoyed the sun, sea and sand, with plenty of shopping, too. There was also a chance for the students to spend some time dabbling into the attributes of „A“ Level photography and English, as an induction and refresher into the courses. A great time was had by all involved, and special thanks must go to Mrs. Valentine and Mr. Scruton for coordinating the trip, who even received a special present for their efforts. Here's to the next trip! Jack Danson 12CH

Baysgarth Sixth Form helps to create a huge stir!

Friday September 28th dawned to see members of the school's Sixth Form, aided and abetted by their tutors, Lisa Walker's fantastic cake-making mum and the Head of Sixth Form, Sarah Valentine, surrounded by a fantastic selection of delicious cakes ready for sale. Their aim was to raise money to donate to McMillan Nurses and their charitable event. This time around, as it was pay-day, the students targeted the adults! The result was a total sell-out and therefore £100 was raised in the twenty minute morning break slot. Well done to you all! There will be more charitable events to follow as part of the Baysgarth Sixth Form's „Help in the Community“ programme.

Never a Dull Moment

This September sees the greatest number of extra activities ever on offer within the school at lunchtime and after school. To date fifty different clubs are being run each week and the opportunities are open to everyone, including parents, as on Wednesdays the LRC is open until 7pm, when parents and carers can join Baysgarth students to use the facilities. So, if a pupil at Baysgarth wants to be a cheerleader, dance, read, play sport, sing, act draw or compute, you're in luck! The bonus is that there are free buses every Tuesday and Thursday should you live in the villages. (Editor's Note: *Ultimate Frisbee* sounds great fun to me!)

Baysgarth Association: Calling all Parents!

As a parent you are automatically a member of Baysgarth Association P.T.A. This membership does not obligate you to bake cakes, make endless cups of tea or become involved with a wild and wacky fundraising scheme. You have a choice whether or not to become an active member of the P.T.A. and this year has seen a fantastic increase in Committee members. We see a very exciting year ahead. This year the Baysgarth Association will be organising: Social Events; Coffee Mornings; Bag Packing for Fund Raising, and other events. If you require any further information please contact Secretary Sharon Lee on 01652 661680 or Linzi Codd at Baysgarth School 01652 632576 ex 250.

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Goxhill Parish Council

Well, it's time for another article from your Parish Council & this time we are asking for your help as well as being able to give you some pleasing news with regard to the Best Kept Village Competition.

Footpaths — First the need for your help: How many of you walk the various public footpaths around the village? Well your Parish Council keeps a monthly record of what has been walked. The only way we can fight the calls to close these footpaths is to prove that they have been walked on a regular basis, and this is where you come in. We would appreciate it if you could let any member of the Parish Council or the Parish Clerk know where you have been. This can be done by either by attending the monthly meetings or by emailing the clerk, or just dropping a letter in to the Chairman Mike Gathercole at 'Ferry Lodge' on Ferry Road, or to Mrs C Tooby, Sleepers, 4 St Michaels Court, Goxhill, North Lincolnshire DN19 7HF.

Talking of footpaths, the Council have arranged to have the footpaths cleared so that all villagers can walk them safely, but there has been an increase in the amount of fly-tipping in these areas. Not only is this against the law, but it is disrespectful to the rest of the residents. If you see anyone fly-tipping then please report this to the Parish Council through the usual channels.

Best Kept Village Competition - Now for news of the Best Kept Village. We have managed to improve our standing in the 'charts' since last year & for the sake of ease the marks are in the table below:

Category	Max Points Available	Points Awarded
General Tidiness	30	27
Appearance - Natural	10	8
General Maintenance - Manmade	15	13
Common Facilities	15	13
Gardens and Community Areas	30	24
Churchyards	20	17
Business Premises	20	17
Signs	10	8
Totals	150	127

The full results and comments will be placed on the Parish Board. Keep up the good work and we may move up the ladder again next year.

Flooding - The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to say a public "Thank You" to Paul and Carol Thornton and Caroline Atkins for all their hard work in gathering and presenting the information regarding the recent flooding. This will be presented to the relevant authority and we will keep you posted with any outcomes.

The Parish Council news continues over

To reply to anything the Parish Council has to say, or make any suggestions on future projects, please let us know.

Contact us at the usual address:

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Carers are people who look after relatives or friends with a disability, long term illness or who are elderly and need help. Many people are Carers but do not realise that they are. For instance, a husband may be living with his wife who had a stroke, or a middle aged lady may be helping her elderly mother with shopping or housework.

Some carers feel isolated and may feel they are the only person who is tired. The Carers' Support centre, a registered charity, is here to help all carers in North Lincolnshire. No one is pre-

pared for becoming a carer and the Centre can help him or her find the best services. We have information on grants, benefits, respite care, home based care, services, leisure activities and holidays or organizations for specific disabilities. Please call us and we'll try to help.

We run nine friendly groups for Carers in different locations in North Lincolnshire where new members will be made most welcome. We also run a programme called lifelong learning where Carers can pursue an interest, hobby or attend a course free of charge.

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Allotments - As many of you are aware, the allotments are now up and running, and available for rent. There are now only five remaining, so if you are feeling a little green fingered, then please apply for a space now.

Youth Club - Over the last couple of months the Council have been gathering information with a view to providing our younger villagers with a youth club. This culminated in an invitation for the youngsters to come along to the Memorial Hall to tell us what they wanted in the youth club. Unfortunately, not one individual turned up, and as the saying goes, 'you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink'. Due to the lack of enthusiasm, it is very unlikely that the club will get off the ground. If anyone has other ideas on how to engage with our youngsters then please come and share them with us and we may be able to help.

On another note, your Parish Council is here to represent you, but we cannot do that without your input. We have a few new members on the Council now, so please come along and meet us all. We meet on the evening of the first Thursday of every month in the Parish Rooms adjacent to the library.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Rotary Club of Barton on Humber, in conjunction with Barton Operatic Society and Barton Town Band, invite you to join them at Baysgarth School, Barton, for this year's Christmas Concert commencing at 7.30pm on Sunday 9th December, with the usual refreshments and jumbo raffle.

Bus leaves - Goxhill	Johnson's Garage	at 6.30pm.
	Vet's Clinic	at 6.35pm
New Holland	Magna Carta	at 6.40pm
	Post Office	at 6.45pm
Barrow	Beck Pump	at 6.50pm
	Vicars Room	at 6.55pm
	Market Place	at 7.00pm
	Top of Schofield's Hill	at 7.05pm.

And, if you are on your own on Christmas Day, and preparing Christmas dinner is going to be a problem, please contact **David Witter** on **01652 632675**, and we will deliver one to your home – turkey and all the trimmings.

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The Changing Season's Greetings

It was Christmas time last year when I noticed some white flowers on a tree in the shrubbery. They were not very showy flowers and could easily be overlooked, particularly because the tree had never had flowers before. It is a Loquat.

Some years ago a friend went on a cruise in the Eastern Mediterranean. He was given some fruits to eat he liked them and as they contained some big seeds, he brought them home and planted them in his greenhouse. The seeds grew and when the plants were potted up he gave one to me. It grew and I kept it in a container placing it outside in summer and taking it into the greenhouse for the winter.

The plant had beautiful leaves, which opened in clusters of pale green shoots growing and darkening to become shiny green. I did not know what it was called until eventually I saw an article in a gardening magazine, which had been written by Mr Roy Lancaster, and there in a picture was my plant. It was shown with a cluster of leaves and fruit, as it would grow in its native land. It was *Eriobotrya Japonica* or Loquat. The magazine told me that it was a native of southern Asia and that it could survive the winter in sheltered parts of the south but would not bear fruit unless kept under glass.

As time past the Loquat grew and prospered but as it increased in size it became too large to go through the greenhouse door. In desperation I planted it in a sheltered part of the shrubbery where the sun could shine upon

it. It liked its new home and grew to become a tree.

At that time there was no talk of global warming. Chlorinated Hydrocarbons refrigerant gasses and aerosols were the current villains of the atmosphere and every dilemma was attributed to the hole in the ozone layer. Now things have moved on and Global Warming is with us not only by the reports and predictions of the scientists but also visibly as the weather and the countryside around us changes. So what would happen to the flowers on the tree in the shrubbery?

I watched carefully the flowers went and in their place small round green nodules appeared. Often as I walked by I looked to see if they were still there, they were but they did not seem to grow at all. Easter came before I began to see that they were getting larger. Then slowly they became larger until they looked like two bunches of small green apricots.

The small fruits gradually changed losing their green colour and becoming pale yellow. Now I had a problem because I did not know what a ripe Loquat looked like. There are however those who do not need previous experience to know when food is edible. One day I realised that my two bunches had now become one. Forcing my way into the shrubbery I discovered that the birds had sampled the fruit and only fragments remained on the ground below the tree.

The time for harvest had arrived. I gathered the four fruits from the remaining bunch. These now

looked even more like apricots. It was one of those hopeful moments. I tasted them. They were sweet, slightly acid and very pleasant. A few more would have been very acceptable.

I saved the large seeds and planted them as yet nothing has happened but there is time.

Most of the information about Global Warming and the effect that it has or will have upon our lives is very frightening. The polar ice caps will melt. Sea levels will rise. Much of our land will be inundated by the sea and floods gales and drought will make our lives very unpleasant. Now I do not wish to diminish the efforts that are being made to avert catastrophe. We must all consider our life style and do what we can to prevent the destruction of the world in which we live.

However perhaps it is permissible at this Christmas season to look to the brighter side of the situation. If winters are becoming warmer in Goxhill I shall be hoping that there will not be too much of the "Deep and Crisp and Even." The only whiteness that I hope for and anxiously await will be that of the little bunches of white flowers.

I cannot tell you where to find a Loquat tree but if you have a warm sheltered spot in your garden you could perhaps visit a Nursery to find Peaches Pomegranates and Pineapples to grow in Goxhill next year. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a fruitful New Year

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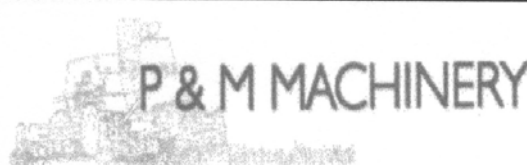
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1st Goxhill & Barrow Scout Group News

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Beaver Colony

The Beavers spent some very worthwhile time raising £150 for leukaemia just before the summer by doing a sponsored alphabet hunt. Well done to all of them!

The Beavers have lots of activities lined up before Christmas involving arts and crafts. They will also be sending postcards to their home addresses and investigating exactly what happens to items that are sent by post! The Beaver section is always on the look out for anyone who would be prepared to give an hour of their time either weekly or on a rota basis, if you would like to help please contact the Group Secretary on the number above.

Cubs Section

The Cubs have been very busy with badge work this term. The Chef's badge involved learning about safety and hygiene in the kitchen and discussing why we need to eat a balanced diet. An eventful evening was spent cooking a two course meal; the pizza's were delicious although ginger crunch was a little messy!

The Cubs have also sponsored a Guide Dog for the Blind and just before the summer break we had a very enjoyable visit from a guide dog and his trainer who explained the training they have to go through before they become fully qualified! The puppy we have sponsored is called Duggie, he is a black Labrador and we will be receiving photographs and updates of

how he is getting on as he is put through his paces.

A sleepover at the hut is planned for November and then a Christmas party in December to finish off before Christmas.

Looking forward into the New Year we will be taking part in a District PGL Activity weekend in March which all of us (including the Leaders) are really looking forward to!

Scouts Section

1st Goxhill & Barrow Scout section has continued to expand with over forty scouts attending on a regular basis. Since returning to Scouts after the summer break we have concentrated on basic Scouting skills at our weekly meetings. These will be put to the test in November with a winter camp in the heart of the Lincolnshire Wolds.

Twenty of our Scouts have had the opportunity to be involved with a local off road motorcycle club and have all proved to be very proficient bikers! For those who prefer the sound of singing birds to motor engines then between November and March there will be several weekends spent with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust doing Maintenance work at their local reserves.

In the New Year we will start forging closer links with other local groups. Several trips away have been planned with Barton Scouts and Goxhill Girl Guides and other Scout troops north of the Humber are interested in organising joint events.

The Scouts remain as active as ever.

Explorer Section

The 1st Goxhill and Barrow Explorer section is regarded as the best local Explorer section and has approximately twelve regular members with both young men and women from the age of fourteen to eighteen years. The group continue to meet on a Friday evening at the Scout Hut in New Holland between 19.00 - 21.00 and use the evening both as a social evening and to brush up on the outdoor and practical skills required for activities away from the hut. This provides a real mix of activities and includes but is not limited to camping, hiking and watersports, climbing, squash and also bowling, ice skating and first aid. The young adults who attend are the ones who drive the ideas for how they aim to fill their own time with something worthwhile.

The group are linked to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and aim to undertake some community and environmental programmes to contribute to the area that they live and would welcome ideas from outside the group. As a group of honest responsible young people they are also committed to fund raising and would welcome the opportunity from any organisation or company to be able to raise some funds for the group perhaps helping out for a day or two.

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

Carers' Support Centre have been offering a range of supportive services to Carers in the North Lincolnshire area for the past 18 years and continue to provide information and advice, advocacy and a listening ear, life-long learning opportunities, a home care and sitter service, and carers' support groups.

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

Information and advocacy services are available by calling **01652 650585**. Please get in touch with the Carers' Support Centre if you think that we may be able to help. We are seeking Volunteer Information Givers and Advocates to support this work. If you would be interested in finding out more give me a ring. A new volunteer-sustained befriending service for carers and ex-carers will also be available shortly after and we are currently looking for volunteer befrienders.

We aim to be able to offer carers and ex-carers the support of a friend - just someone to spend time with - just chatting or sharing activities that both enjoy. Befrienders will make visits to carers and ex-carers at home and/or support them in getting out and about in the community.

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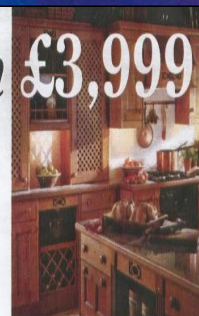
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Scout News continued...

With two new leaders bringing new ideas and experience in to the group there is a real feeling that things are on the up and plans are already being made for an exciting 2008.

If you're interested in the Explorers as a member, helper or leader please come along one Friday or call Martin on 01469 533119 no previous Scouting experience is necessary.

Other News!

Over the last few months there has been lots of hard work from Members of the Scout Group and Parents to improve the Scout HQ at New Holland. The hut has been repaired, painted and tidied up and the grounds surrounding the hut are being transformed. The large grass field at the back of the hut has been cleared, cut down and flattened and it really is a credit to all the people who have given so much of their time to help us. We have recently erected a fence along the front perimeter of the grounds (again with lots of help from a number of parents who turned up to help on the day – many thanks to them) and a pair of strong gates have made the whole area a much more safe and secure environment for the whole group (especially the younger children) to learn and play in. The fence may look a little harsh at the moment but we have plans in motion to plant bushes and shrubs along the front of the fence which will certainly brighten it up!

Deadline:

Please have all submissions for the next issue of
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THE STORY OF GOXHILL

I left Goxhill in the 1960s, but, though my visits have been increasingly focused on the cemetery in recent years, my love of the village has never diminished. During the last year, as I have been researching the history of the village, I have seen the ancient workhouse, fittingly, on a grim December day, seen the cherry trees at their glorious best in April, explored South End in lovely Spring sunshine and seen something of the effects of the floods a month later. Goxhill, in all its moods, never fails to fascinate.

I and Michael Border, co-authors of **GOXHILL LINCOLNSHIRE ITS EARLY HISTORY**, hope our book will bring to life the story of the village.

Some most remarkable discoveries are recorded about Goxhill's two remaining medieval buildings. ALL SAINTS' CHURCH has many secrets to reveal: the effigy of a medieval knight, unique frescoes, very rare remnants of thirteenth century tombstones as well as the more obvious features of a magnificent building. The so-called PRIORY in South End is, in many ways, a more exciting building still and the authors reveal on the site a complex organisation, the residence of a powerful noble family and the scene of an attempted murder.

Readers will discover the origins of the village name as well as that of many fields and streets, even some farm and house names. One date that everybody recognises is 1066 and, yes, Goxhill people played a part; some also fought and died for HEReward THE WAKE in his rebellion against the Norman conquerors at Ely. Goxhill played an even more important part in the war against Scotland under ROBERT THE BRUCE.

The book answers questions in detail such as:

What was the village like when the DOMESDAY BOOK was written?
Where was GOXHILL MARKET and when, where and why was the ANNUAL FAIR held?

Why did some of England's leading noble families choose to have a residence at Goxhill?

The authors, Russell Cook and Michael Border, both born and bred in the village, have researched the story of the village thoroughly from its beginning to the eighteenth century when modern times arrived. The price of this well illustrated work is £14.00 – this covers printing costs only – and can be obtained from:

Goxhill Post Office or from the authors: **01472 752504** or **01472 351981** (please add £2.50 to cover postage and packing).

Russell Cook

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB 2007



The bowling green is now closed and much work is being carried out to maintain it in its excellent condition. Once again we can look back with satisfaction as six members of the club have been successful in becoming County champions. They are Tina Morris and Christine Ellis, who not only defended their pair's title from last year, but also won a singles title each. Stan Short and Harold Dixon won the Men's Senior Pairs after beating club rivals Maurice Broughton and Colin Bennett in the final (memorable as not only was it an all Goxhill final, but this was the first time the event had taken place), and brothers Tony and Robert Hebblewhite won the Men's pairs. Well done to them all!

Congratulations must also go to the following players:

Cleethorpes Open - Peter Cox won the Singles, and T Morris and H Dixon were Mixed Pairs runner-up.

Once again Goxhill were top of the Barnetby League and also won the Barnetby League Shield, which is played on a knock-out basis - beating South Killingholme in the final by 84 shots to 68.

The results of the other successes in the Barnetby League competitions are as follows:

Webster Cup - Winners: Tina Morris and Harold Dixon.

Barrowclough Trophy - Winners: Kay Smith and Malcolm Greenwood; Runners-up: Jack Spittlehouse and Tony Hebblewhite.

Ashfield Cup - Winners: Tina Morris, Stan Short and Harold Dixon.

Lowish Singles - Runner-up: Peter Cox.

Goxhill finished third in both the Grimsby Premier League and the Triples League.

Club Competition Results:

TROPHY	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
Eric Lacey	J McDonald, K Smith, J Spittlehouse	A Frazer, J Heath, C Ellis
Cavill Cup	J Spittlehouse, G Brace	J McDonald, J Heath
Ladies' Singles	K Smith	D Jerrison
Men's Singles	G Brace	J Spittlehouse
Lewis Breese	V Herbert	D Jerrison
Roving Pairs	M Heath, J Spittlehouse	K Smith, J Heath
Club Pairs	D Jerrison, M Broughton	J Heath, A Turner
Cavill Shield	H Dixon	T Hebblewhite
Ernie Lamming	T Cooper	G Brace
Jesse Broughton	M Broughton	A Turner
Stan Breese	M Broughton	G Brace
Gordon Rosbrook Remembrance Cup	M Heath, D Dougherty	B Richardson, M Greenwood
Ladies' Champion of Champion	C Ellis	V Herbert
Men's Champion of Champion	H Dixon	T Hebblewhite

These last two competitions are County competitions and the winners qualify to play against other Club winners in the 2008 season for a County title which would then qualify them to play in the Nationals.

Club Open Competition Results:

Doreen Gladwin Trophy - Winners: J & D Dougherty. Runners-up: K Smith & M Broughton.

Nan Chapman Trophy - Winners C Ellis and T Morris.

Danny Thompson Trophy - K Smith and J Heath.

In the County Top 10 Knock-out competition held at Brough, Goxhill were runners-up.

Finally, we must once again thank North Lincs. Council and Goxhill Parish Council for their continued support.

The Man-Made Flood of Goxhill 2007

The village of Goxhill and the Land between the Humber known as Goxhill Marsh was a Flood Plain until after the enclosure in 1775, when it was broken up into small fields and drained with the open drain system of the era. All the drains and dykes were dug by hand for there was no other means, as the modern machinery we have today had not been invented.

The Drainage System was started at Goxhill Haven where the clew doors had been installed to control the water in and out of the Marsh, and the newly dug drains, (in many places using the gutters cut by the tide which previously had drained the flood plain) meandered their way to the village and beyond, with dykes on the field boundaries dug to drain the fields, as in the early days most fields would be pasture. Before wells and artesian bore holes were invented, ponds were dug near the dykes, in which to store the water for the livestock to drink, every farm-yard having one which collected the water from the building roofs. All these Drains, dykes and ponds also acted as reservoirs at time of abnormal rainfall, also much of the rain soaked into the soil. Many inches of rain could descend before any problems arrived.

Today, much of our Drainage System has been destroyed in the last 40 years, under what has been called progress. Many of the dykes and ponds have been filled in, both in the village and the fields, to make them larger, and so reduced are the reservoirs in the village where dykes have been filled in and replaced by drain pots of a small diameter, that there is no way they could hold the amount of water an open dyke does, and the water has to soak through the soil to get into it in the first place, which can take several days. Also, much of the open soil in Goxhill is now covered in concrete and tarmac which have insufficient drainage in times of abnormal rain.

Regarding the Sewerage system, it is quite adequate with few problems in normal weather - so why does it overflow in heavy rainfall? Because it has been abused by many builders who have wrongly connected the downfalls from the roofs of dwellings into it. Otherwise a rain fall would make no difference. *Maybe an oversight by the jobsworth.*

The village flooding can only be overcome by opening up all these dykes, which today is impossible because of all the underground service pipes which supply the dwellings, any of which can be Water, Sewerage, Gas or Electric. With

almost every other bucketful of spoil, a Mechanical digger would damage one of these, there are so many of them.

Regarding the modern way of cutting hedges and dykes with the Flail type cutters: they reduce the vegetation to pulp that falls to the dyke bottom and is not removed - and when the rains come, it floats and is carried by the water to the bridge at the field's entrance, where it blocks the pipe, stopping or reducing the flow.

So we have the suggestion that a pumping station at Goxhill Haven may be the answer. Well, what use would that be when the water gets cannot get there due to the obstruction of pipes at the bridges over the main drains. On the old drains at each farm and field there was a bridge with a brick archway as wide as the bottom of the drain, and as high, so the drain flowed without obstruction. In 1976 a new Clew (or Clough, as some of you may like to call it) was put in the Haven, which was much deeper, and in the following years the drains from it dug deeper still. When the excavator arrived at each of these bridges, the arches were ripped out and replaced with a round steel corrugated prefabricated pipe approximately 4 feet in diameter, which can only pass about one fifth of the of the original amounts of water. These pipes may be seen at the bridges on East Marsh Road and Neatgangs (Nipkin to locals) and Sykes Lane, which all water to the Haven have to flow through. When the tide goes out and the build-up of water subsides, the Clew is still only passing approximately a quarter of its capacity because of the obstructed flow on the modern pipes under the bridges.

There are two examples of the old bridges left, should anyone want to compare the difference from the new steel pipes which run alongside at a lower depth. Though they replaced the old brick arches, they were built in 1937. The first is under Chapelfield Road, where it joins East Marsh Road, and the other is where Horsegatefield Road joins east Marsh Road. A third one at the Haven end of East Marsh Road was filled with concrete 3 years or so ago. Any viewer down there might also note that many of the entrances to the steel pipes are covered with grass and briars which also stop the water's flow. These steel pipes should have been at least 8 feet in diameter if they were to properly replace the old brick arches.

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GOXHILL TRADER

Goxhill's New Marketplace on the Internet

With more and more people having home computers, access to the ever expanding internet, and the benefits (and perils) of 21st century communication, it set me thinking - could all that technology be harnessed to provide a service which would be useful to the community? Could I think of an idea which would benefit everybody and boost the local economy by putting people in touch with each other in a way that had never been possible before?

Let's face it - many people hardly use their expensive bits of electronic wizardry. The computer stands in the corner of the study and only gets switched on twice a week when there's nothing on television. Most people do little more than order their groceries online, maybe do their banking, send the odd email and photo to relatives abroad. What a waste of all that communication potential!

Well, switch your computers on, and take a look at Goxhill Trader at www.goxhilltrader.co.uk. It is a tool for you, the residents, to use to communicate. All advertising, both business and private is free. Use it to sell your car. Use it to sell unwanted clutter and raise a bit of cash. Sell the kid's old toys. Had a new kitchen? Sell the old one. Barton and all the surrounding villages are included too (for free advertising) so you will have a huge, but local, sales market. Remember, this is the internet; you could get an enquiry from anywhere!

There are other services too. If you have a happy event to celebrate, maybe a landmark birthday, an engagement, or your children's exam success, I can put it on the website for you, for free,

and let everybody know. If you are a local committee member and you need publicity for a fund raising event, for instance, here is your opportunity. You can let off steam on any local issue that is bothering you in the 'Have Your Say' section, start a debate and see if others agree with you. Businesses - you can email in any special offers you are promoting, so, customers, take a look regularly and grab yourself a bargain!

In fact anything and everything to help everybody!

At the time of writing, (November 2nd) I have just launched the site, and the initial response is very encouraging. My thanks go to Anne and Mark at the Brocklesby Hunt, and Paul at the Spar, for agreeing to act as 'drop off points' for advertising. It doesn't all have to be done in cyberspace - print a purpose-made form from the website, fill it in by hand, and take it in to a 'drop off point', (from which I will collect regularly) and I will put your ad online for you. Do you know someone (maybe elderly or infirm) with something to sell and no access to a computer? Give them a hand, print a form off for them. Then they can fill it themselves and take advantage of the free advertising.

I spend a lot of time online, and I'm pretty sure this is the first community website of its kind in the country. I'm sure you can see the potential, and how useful this service can be, but it relies entirely on the support of you all. It's already up and running. It's entirely free. So crank up your computers and let me hear from you!

**Stephen R Foster -
Webmaster, Goxhill Trader**

On behalf of the committee and staff, we would like to say goodbye to Christine Gouldthorpe and Jill Kirby, who have worked at the Goxhill Pre-School for a number of years. They have both shown a lot of hard work, commitment, and dedication to everything that has been put to them. So Goodbye, and Good Luck with your new ventures.

May I also welcome on board Julie-Ann Whall, the new supervisor, and Helen Foulston, the deputy supervisor, and wish them the best of luck with their challenging but rewarding new jobs.

Good luck to everyone,
Val Gorbitt, Chair Goxhill Pre -School.



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Goxhill's Man-Made Floods,
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Unfortunately, the time of the rain this year coincided with the Clew Doors being jammed open allowing three tides to flow through *into* the Marsh before it could be rectified. This is due to the design which covers the doors: the old sort were not covered and one could look into them from the side of the Haven, indeed it was common to do so. When this was possible in the old days, and stones or driftwood got jammed in the bottom, Mr Arthur Wright who lived in the cottage (since demolished) noticed very quickly or was informed by the farmer whose land was in danger of flooding, and would lower the inner-door with a handle that would stop the flow making it slack water. This being done he would prod or poke at the doors until the obstruction was released, open the inner doors again, and all would be well. This would take 15 to 20 minutes. So much for progress???

So to summarise, Goxhill residents over 200 year did not dig these drains, dykes and ditches by hand for fun. They were done for the purpose of successfully draining a village built on the edge of a flood plain, and the progress of the past 40 years by filling in dykes and the mains service pipes passing over them to the properties/dwellings has made it an almost impossible task to solve the flooding problems which are Man Made.

These abnormal rains have happened in the past and will happen again in the future. The only suggestion I can make to protect dwellings is someone a Clamp-On Water Tight Cover for Airbricks and a Water Tight Dam Board approximately 2-3 feet high to fit on the outside of the doors when future floods threaten. When the water reaches the window sills I give up.

Ron Parker

Theft of Street Signs

As some of you drive around villages like Barrow, Wootton, and Ulceby you may have noticed some familiar street signs are missing. The signs in question being Give Way, Stop Signs, Chevron markers and the like. They are being stolen during the night. The signs although not heavy cannot exactly be placed in the back pocket so the thieves are using vehicles. Having spoken to NLC the signs being made of Aluminium have a high scrap value and weighing a lot are easily removed. This is not only theft but a danger to road users not knowing particular locations and driving accordingly thus making a Road Accident more likely.

Firstly I would ask you to drive accordingly until the signs are replaced and then secondly should you see anyone acting in a manner which draws suspicion (other than NLC Vans) in the vicinity of the road signs then to contact the police on 999 since the theft is potentially life threatening.

BCCRP

The partnership is going from strength to strength and securing the line for years to come. It has now a stronger position in the minds of Government that the line is well patronised, the stations are improving, the trains are newer and more importantly the service is now reliable and cheaper to travel on than two years ago. Nationally the government has targets for the railways and whilst some Train Operating Companies are running at 70 and 75% reliability Northern Rail the Franchise holder is running the service at above 90% and on some occasions are able to reach 100% punctuality. Well what does this mean, basically to reach 100% the service to be provided has to reach its destination within 5 minutes of its advertised arrival time. Northern do this repeatedly and when they fail it is usually down to other factors out of the control of Northern i.e. Network Rail points failure etc.

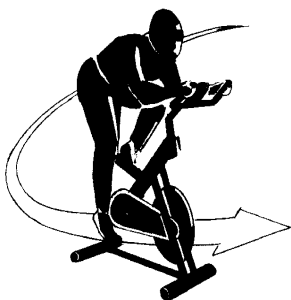
Try your service. From Goxhill it runs to Barton at 25 minutes to the even hour until 2135 and to Cleethorpes and Grimsby at 11 minutes past the even hour. The only exception being the first additional train of the day which is 0635 to Barton and 0711 to Cleethorpes.

And remember if two or more travel in the same group the second only pays half price.

Mike

The book, **'Goxhill Airfield' in Memories and Photographs** has recently been published. This book is compiled for the future generations of Goxhill and contains memories of 65 veterans of the RAF and United States Eighth Air Force, American Red Cross, NAAFI and civilians, and includes 350-400 photographs selected from a collection of approximately 600. It is an album of history in typescript and photos of everyday life on the airfield and the village in the days when Goxhill hosted the 'Friendly Invasion', as the Yanks were later known, out-numbering local residents two to one. It can be obtained at **Goxhill Spar Shop**, and from **Ron Parker**, Church Side, Goxhill, at the reduced price for villagers of £16.00 (RRP £18.00).

And, for the next few months there is an exhibition of **Goxhill Airfield and Wartime Artefacts** on display at Baysgarth House Museum, Barton. Open Friday-Sunday from 12pm to 4pm. Admission is free.



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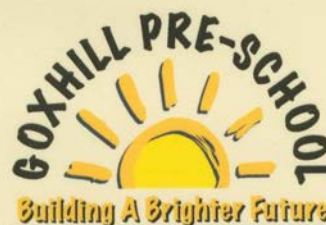


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