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GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Winter 2009



Goxhill School pupils really enjoyed their week at the Outward Bound Centre at Robinwood, for many it was the highlight of the year, with lots of adventurous activities.

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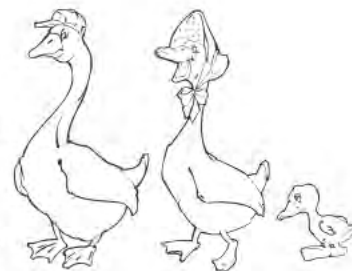
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When we first came to Goxhill over 27 years ago, our first impressions were of the fabulous avenue of ornamental elm trees that lined the approach along the Barrow Road and the beautiful cherry trees along Ferry Road. My wife fell in love with the house that we came to look at and I spotted that there was a pub, the Generous Briton, just around the corner (well that is what it said on my old Ordnance Survey map). The village looked large and interesting and seemed to have all the facilities we might need, so we chose it as our new home. This was quite a major move for us from London to what some of our friends described as 'the back of beyond'. But we wanted to move to the relative peace and quiet of the countryside with all the benefits of bringing up our children in a better environment than London.



Our idyllic life in the country didn't start out too well. The house needed much more serious work doing to it than we realised and we had to live in a caravan on the drive for several months. Much to my disappointment the pub around the corner had closed many years before and the elm trees all died off one by one. My wife really missed all our friends in London and was stuck at home living in a building site with a new baby that arrived all of a sudden after she had been out digging up potatoes!

It was alright for me I was out working hard trying to set up a business and working on the house the rest of the time. But my wife was probably suffering from baby blues and was lonely and beginning to regret the move at such an emotional time.

But she decided to go out and meet other people in the village and thought GAPs (Goxhill Amateur Players) sounded fun, and as a result met some very interesting characters who have become lifelong friends. She also joined Mums & Toddlers and was soon on the committee, then Playgroup and onto FOGS (Friends of Goxhill School) becoming Chair of both. By this time we had two children and life revolved around taking them to various activities, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, football, music lessons, horse riding, squash, gymnastics to name but a few. Who says there is nothing to do for the young people in the village? As a result we became thoroughly involved in village life, and do not regret moving from the big city.

I became a Governor at Goxhill School many years ago, and it is really pleasing to see the young people of the village getting such a good start in life. I recently attended their Harvest Festival and the children's enthusiasm for their singing and dancing was a pleasure to watch and the behaviour and consideration to each other and the staff was excellent. In class they work hard and obviously enjoy their learning and the high achievements of the school reflect this.

We hear so much about the bad things young people get up to, but these really are the minority. There are stories throughout this newsletter of young people doing things we should be proud of and there are many more we don't hear of. And there are lots of people giving up their time to provide these activities for the children of the village, as well as those organising clubs and societies and activities for all age groups. That is what makes Goxhill such an interesting place to live, and for that we should all be very grateful.

Finally I would like to wish all our readers, contributors, advertisers and helpers a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year, from all at the Gander. **Jeff Teasdale**



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LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES

How "Christian" is your Christmas? What is the relevance of getting and giving all this stuff? The Archbishop of Canterbury has said:

"The heart of the Christmas message is that God takes our material world completely seriously. He doesn't just send a message, he comes to live in the physical world in the flesh and blood of a real person, Jesus."

Christianity is the most material of all religions. We are given good material things to enjoy and we should be grateful for them. But the fact is that God not only made the world but in Christ walked about on it and immersed himself in its life. His experience of eating and drinking, teaching and relating to the things around him led to one of his most famous sayings: "consider the birds of the air and the lilies of the field". There is a compelling Christian case that we should have reverence for the world. Rowan Williams again said;

"If we believe that God takes the environment seriously, that he can speak through the physical things of the world, we are horribly wrong if we think we can ignore these environmental matters. The good news God sends at Christmas has to be good news for the whole world. If we start thinking about protecting our environment properly we shall be reflecting the way God himself looks at the world into which he came at Christmas."

It is increasingly essential that humanity has to find a balance between enjoying the good things of our material world and irresponsibly taking from the earth what it cannot afford to give us. This isn't easy! Part of my personal spiritual rule of life is to try to find the right balance between all sorts of conflicting demands. Christmas, when The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, is a good time to give some thought to how we can express God's love to the whole created world and those with whom we share it (including the plants and animals) as well as to our family and friends.

Rev John Girtchen

Churches Together - Christmas Services in Goxhill

Thursday	10th December	2.00pm	Churches Together Carol Service	at Greenfields Community Room, Westfield Road
Sunday	13th December,	4.00pm	United Christingle Service	at All Saints Church
Sunday	20th December,	6.00pm	United Carol Service	at Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Thursday	24th December,	4.00pm	Family Crib Service	at Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Thursday	24th December,	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas	at All Saints Church
Friday	25th December,	10.00am	Family Communion	at Holy Trinity, Barrow

A warm welcome to all as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Even if we struggle to write cards and letters, most of us love to receive Christmas correspondence! The number of different designs is overwhelming and I enjoy finding the 'same' cards each year, one time cutting off the greeting part at the end of the season and recycling them by letting the grandchildren use them as Snap cards! Whilst mostly we perhaps first look to see who has signed the card sent, it is wonderful to read any also incorporating a Bible text, because that Bible verse is a further greeting from the sender, acknowledging 'Jesus is the reason for the season'. Isaiah Chapter 9 verse 6 is one of my favourites, 'A child is born! A son is given to us! And He will be our ruler. He will be called "Wonderful Counsellor", "Mighty God", "Eternal Father", "Prince of Peace" (Good News Bible).

How often it is said, "we've rather lost touch, except at Christmas". We can also lose touch with God. Christmas is a time for reconnecting with our wonderful, forgiving God who came amongst us as a tiny baby and grew up to love and care for us all in His life, His death and His glorious resurrection.

Good News indeed, but incredibly we who love Jesus can get so swept along by the Christmas extras we only catch up with the King of Kings at the last minute, just before the turkey lunch! Our worship on Christmas Day should be the pinnacle of our Advent praise rather than a hasty postscript to all the other seasonal preparations.

'Come and join the celebration, it's a very special day, come, and join our jubilation, there's a new king born today' - ALLELUIA.

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God bless, Gillian

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SCHOOL REPORT

At the time of writing, the nights are drawing in and temperatures are slowly dropping. We will soon be entering the season of 'shall we put the heating on?' both at school and at home. By the time that you read this, the situation will probably be very different and the season of 'turn the heating up' will be in full swing!

Whilst our autumn term has been full of interesting and exciting events, it has been peppered with some sad ones too which have touched the hearts of all within the village. As a school, we see ourselves as a cornerstone of our village community. As such, we have been deeply saddened by the deaths of two members of our village, Kurt Darlow and Christine Gouldthorpe. Both individuals will be greatly missed by the school. In the case of Kurt, it is a missed opportunity for us & we will miss the contribution that he would have made to us following in the footsteps of his older brothers Tyler and Aaron. His death has touched and shocked everyone. But from now we will celebrate his life and remember him in lots of things we do in school.

In the case of Christine, we will miss her smile and her positive outlook on life - we will all remember her, in her element, working with the younger children. We have organised memorials to both Christine and Kurt within school. Our new school garden is under development but we hope to create a lasting memorial to both Kurt and Christine within it. Once arrangements have been completed invitations will be sent out to families and community members. Our thoughts and prayers have been with both families throughout this difficult time. We hope that as a school we can continue to offer support and some small degree of comfort.

We celebrated Harvest in school and this year was an extra-special series of events.

We had competitions on a Harvest theme, such as best home-made jam and best home-grown flowers/vegetables etc. We were overwhelmed by the amount of entries we received as well as their quality. Each competition was judged by a panel comprising of our governing body who were in school as part of our Open Day. The proud winners each received a rosette in school colours. As well as promoting healthy eating, the aim of the harvest competition was to raise funds. Families donated produce to the school which we sold at our traditional harvest market at the end of the day, as well as the edible entries to the competitions. When added to the money raised by a sponsored walk around the school field, we (you) managed to raise just over £1500. This total is to be split, with half of the proceeds being donated to Food Aid and the remainder being used to continue our new school garden project.

At the end of September, our year 5 and 6 pupils spent a week at Robinwood outward bound centre. A great time was had by all. The children came back very tired and were full of exciting stories of 'Big Red' the piranha,



the climbing walls, stream walks and various other activities that they had enjoyed. Miss Breslin enjoyed her first visit to the centre so much that she is already in the process of booking next year's trip.

All other year groups have enjoyed educational visits

over the course of the term. We took part in National School's Film Week with all year groups visiting and enjoying a cinema visit. As well as this, classes have taken parts in such events as workshops based around 'Toys from the Past', a museum visit about Ancient Egypt and theatre trips.

We have also had lots of enrichment activities in school.

History topics have been brought to life with the visit of a historian who is a specialist in cookery relating to different time periods. We also have two live theatre groups who will be performing 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Wizard of Oz' to all pupils in school & we're already getting excited about those two occasions.

We are currently working towards an accreditation called the 'Arts Mark', aimed at celebrating the arts and enhancing our teaching of areas such as art, music and drama. This term we have had an artist in school working on a series of mosaics & these will take pride of place in our school hall. All year groups will be immersed in the arts over the coming months and working with artists at some stage.

The festive season is always an exciting time in school and this year will be no different. Our annual Christmas Fayre will be jam-packed with activities for pupils and parents alike and will hopefully raise funds to help us in our quest to achieve the 'Arts Mark'. As usual, we will be hosting carol services, parties and productions. By the time that you read this article, the school will be fully into the Christmas festivities with a real buzz in all of the classrooms. We really welcome the community into our school at this special time of year. It is always an enjoyable term but one also when we look forward to going home at the end of it, closing our doors, lighting our fires and being with our families. Despite the ups and downs of a busy term, Christmas is a time to look forward and to hope. We'd like to wish all members of the community and readers of the Gander a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

P. Brown, C. Breslin

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Having two sons who both love football, I had to learn to like it quickly as this was going to be a large part of mine and Ian's life.

Mark Fisher is embarking on a challenge of training and playing the newly named Goxhill Tigers for the 2009/2010 season. He has been joined by assistant coach Matthew Dannatt. The Goxhill junior football team are moving into adult football and this will be a big step for all of us including the committee! The name of the team will, I'm sure, bring back many memories of the old Goxhill team that played under the same name, many years ago.

Stuart Smith has decided to stand down as coach and Mark and Matt are taking on this position and are really looking forward to the challenge.

The boys or young men as they should be called now, embark on the challenge of men's football.

Over the few months of 'getting the team organised' we have had to resolve quite a few teething problem. They had no sponsor for the kit. The committee have to raise money to pay for this. We are arranging lots of different things to help funds - look out for these and please help if you can.

Mark was Stuart's assistant manager through out the junior campaigns. Mark now takes the helm along with assistant coach Matt as the team's player managers and captain, Tom Griffiths, who hope to continue with a successful campaign this year!

Any enquiries about the Goxhill Tigers you can contact Mark on 07821 0687184



*Back row left to right: Matthew Dannatt, Kieran Simpson, Tom Griffith, Nathan Barker, Jason Saddler, Josh Brumpton, Mark Fisher
Front row left to right: Jake Fletcher, Johnny Close, Steve Marsdon, Joe Sinden, Shaun Plaskitt*

Our youngest son, Charles Fisher has always seemed to have had a football at the end of his foot and he was always breaking numerous windows around the house, much to his dad's annoyance.

He played for Barton town for a year, moved to Brigg Town and Goxhill Juniors.

Charles was a 'good all-round sportsman' as his P.E. teacher at school reported, breaking school 200 metre running, high jump and long jump records, representing his school and county. He played hockey, the team winning through to play at county level. He also went to a gymnastic club and his tumbling height was amazing!



Charles Fisher and Paul Wilson

He went to Scunthorpe United and later moved to Doncaster Rovers School of Excellence. On leaving school he moved to Doncaster and trained with the Youth team for two years.

This has led to Charles being offered a first year professional contract with Doncaster Rovers and he has already been called into the first team squad. Charles has also been awarded Youth Team Player of the Year and he received his award at Doncaster Rovers Gala Awards Evening at the beginning of May.

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Jill Fisher

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Mobiles, emergencies and unmarked Police cars

The following story is apocryphal but, despite that, it contains some useful tips for all of us about personal safety when out and about. HANWaG and Humberside Police have confirmed the principles and procedure as accurate.

It was the early afternoon when a girl in her late teens was driving to visit a friend. A flashing light in the rear view mirror drew her attention to what was apparently an unmarked police car behind her with its lights on. Fortunately her uncle was a policeman and she recalled his advice

- never pull over at the side of the road for an unmarked car;
- it is quite acceptable to drive on to a service station or other busy and public area;
- telephoning 112 from a mobile phone connects you to the police dispatcher.

The girl told the police dispatcher that: (a) there was an unmarked police car, with a flashing blue light on its rooftop, behind her; (b) she would not be pulling over right away but wait until she was in a suitable busy area. The dispatcher checked to see if there was a police car in that area and found that there was not. He told her to keep driving and remain calm as he had back-up already on the way. Ten minutes later 4 marked police cars surrounded her and the unmarked car behind hers. One policeman went to the girl's vehicle and the others surrounded the car behind. They pulled the driver from the car and arrested him. He turned out to be a convicted rapist and wanted for other crimes against lone females.

So, to reiterate, the lessons for us all are:

- You do not have to pull over for an unmarked car, police or otherwise. The police are told to respect your right to only stop at a safe and public place. Obviously it makes sense to acknowledge that you have seen the request to stop e.g. by flashing your hazard lights &/or ringing 112.
- Ringing 112 on a mobile telephone is an emergency number that takes you straight through to the police even where 999 may not work if you have no phone signal. Apparently it has the added advantage that, when you ring 112, the police can use a system of triangulation to pinpoint exactly where you are telephoning from.

Obviously I should remind you of the illegality of using a mobile phone whilst driving unless you have a hands-free system. Nevertheless I hope that the above proves useful and please remember to tell your friends who may not have the privilege of being a Gander reader. To contact GNeW please email gnew@tesco.net or telephone 530363.

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It's hard to believe it's almost Christmas, where does the time go! It

seems like only yesterday we were welcoming the children back from their summer holidays. At the beginning of the new term in September, we welcomed six new children to pre-school. All have settled in well, having lots of fun as they learn through play.

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During this term we have had some very successful fundraising events including, a cake stall, our annual Autumn Fayre and Halloween Party. These events require a lot of hard work and preparation, therefore, I would just like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone involved that has supported and helped to make these events happen.

As the festive season approaches we look forward to Magic Ella coming to Pre School to entertain the children, along with a visit to Normanby Park to see Santa and the deer. We also have our children's Christmas Party where there will be a special visitor dressed in red with a white beard who will be popping in to surprise them. At this time of the year we have our fantastic Christmas raffle in which we have been donated some amazing prizes including, an evening meal and overnight stay for 2 including breakfast at Forest Pines (worth up to £240), 5 guest passes to Forest Pines Leisure Club (worth

£100) as well as our fantastic hamper. All proceeds from the raffle go

to Pre School. If you wish to purchase raffle tickets these will be available from the end of November at, Goxhill Chippie, Post Office, Scissorbox Hairdressers or from Val Gorbett (Chair) on 531012 or Kerry Welton (Treasurer) on 532695 as well as at pre-school.

Pre School is a registered charity and is run by voluntary committee members. We rely on fundraising events in order to help towards the purchase of new toys, equipment and resources for the children. If you would like to know more about supporting Pre School please contact either Julie-Ann Whall (Supervisor) on 532265 or Val Gorbett (Chair) on 531012.

Finally it's sadly time to say farewell to children who move up to big school in January. We wish them all well and hopefully we will see some of them return to us in the afternoon before starting full time.

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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12.45-3.15	12.45-3.15	12.45-3.15	

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More information please call in during session times or contact us on **07873428906**. (During session times only) Alternatively contact the supervisor, **Julie-Ann Whall on 01469 532265** (out of hours) or the chair person **Val Gorbett on 01469 531012**. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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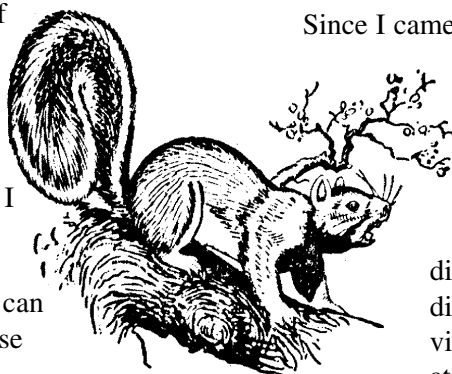
The picture on the front cover of the autumn edition of the Gander seen from a point close to Thornton Abbey set me thinking. It was a brief glimpse of a moment in time after harvest, the straw bales were still in the fields but in a few days they would be gone. The comment beneath the picture drawing our attention to the fact that the village is almost completely hidden from view from most directions made me realise that the time and the place from which you look at the world is most important because it effects what you see.

A very large proportion of the people living in the village have come here from other places. Most of them like me will have had little knowledge of Goxhill before they decided to live here. Their opinions will be formed by things that have happened since they arrived and because the village is spread over a large area where they live will affect their thinking. A simple example of this is the relevance of the use of cars and public transport which will not be the same in Howe Lane as it would be in outlying areas.

Having lived here for many years I have seen lots of changes and because like many older people change is to me rather upsetting I can understand that many people whose families have been here for many generations do not approve of what has happened to the village. In the Parish Council page of the Gander P J Shields asks gardeners to think before they remove trees and shrubs a request with which I heartily concur. It is however important to realise that far more visual impact has been caused by the removal of trees and shrubs for house building, the safety of the electricity cables, health and safety and the like, than by gardeners "weeding".

One very important consideration is the shelter provided by trees, hedges, and shrubs. Although houses in estates protect their neighbours those of us living on the outskirts of the village are well aware of the protection afforded by trees from the cold winds.

My little friend the grey squirrel has been busy throughout the autumn distributing walnuts to my neighbours. It is strange but they do not seem to appreciate the effort. The squirrel buries the nuts and they are not found until they appear above ground as little walnut trees. It is quite alright to pull these trees out and you will not spoil the appearance of the village. This has been a good walnut year and I may have to find the nut crackers because the little grey missed one or two.



Not so with the conkers, the horse chestnut tree did not have many conkers this year and I am a bit concerned that the disease that has spread in the southern counties may have reached us here. If anyone can tell me anything about this I would like to know because to lose the horse chestnuts would alter the appearance of the village very much.

The removal and cutting back of some shrubbery has considerably improved the look of some parts of the village. The work on the Ramper and Nan Brigham has opened up a lovely walk between the high hedges. I do hope that no one will feel the need to lay these hedges because we have so little available woodland here that it is pleasant to see these paths as woodland rides. The improvements that have been made to the cemetery and particularly to the road side boundary are also appreciated. I like the open aspect of the fencing which allows the cemetery, which looks well cared for and is something of which to be proud, to be seen from the road rather than hidden behind a hedge.

Since I came to the village we have had the tragedy of Dutch elm disease. The remnants of the trees by the Barrow road are a sad reminder of what used to be. There are still some Elm trees in the village. Unfortunately very often when they have grown a trunk about six inches in diameter the disease strikes again and they die. Whisper it quietly but looking from my view point in the garden in Willow lane and at this moment in time there is hope.

The Ivy probably cannot be called a tree but it grows so prolifically in many parts of the village and has climbed so high in the trees that it now has a great effect upon what we see as trees. Some people have very strong views about Ivy and would have it removed. There are however other points of view birds love it because it provides food and nesting places. Mature Ivy produces flowers in autumn which are very rich in nectar and the sound of the insects which visit it is amazing, not to mention the butterflies which provide a lovely sight for a sunny afternoon.

This is the winter edition of the Gander and by the time that you read this, the leaves of the trees will have fallen and I hope will have been collected for leaf mould. Thoughts will be turning to a very different kind of tree, real or synthetic the Christmas tree will be making its appearance. The annual question, will there be any berries left on the holly or will the birds have eaten them all will be asked again. As some will see it the appearance of a small branch of mistletoe cut from the parasite of fruit trees will bring seasonal happiness and I don't think cutting it will spoil the village. So whatever your view point have a Happy Christmas.

Maurice Brawn.



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With the onset of the early dark evenings and the prolonged dark mornings you are reminded to drive carefully within the village. The 30 mph speed limit is there for a very good reason and you are asked to comply with it and drive defensively. The temperature is beginning to drop and it will not be too long before we are exposed to the hazards of black ice and/or standing water so now is the time to slow down. When was the last time you checked your vehicle over to ensure that tyre pressures are correct and that your brakes and lights are in tip top condition?

Finally it just leaves me on behalf of the Chair and all members of the Goxhill Parish Council to wish you all Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year
PJ Shields MBE QGM

GOXHILL & BARROW SCOUTS

On the 3rd and 4th October 2009 five of the 1st Goxhill and Barrow Scouts went on a camping competition. The competition took place at Primrose Hill, Scunthorpe. There were four other teams with us at the competition, there was, Broughton A and B, Brigg and Hibaldstow. We all had to set up our own campsite and do everything ourselves. We were inspected on our hygiene, our food and our activities (I pretty much checked on everything). At the end of the weekend we had our closing ceremony where the winners were crowned (and the losers watched). Eventually we actually became second out of four other good teams, which was a great pleasure for us five.
By Bradley Campion Age 12

John Parrot Memorial

The scouts entered a competition that has been specially created in memory of John Parrot. This year's event was the first one as a 'trial run'. For two days we did different activities and at the end we were presented with medals by Mrs Parrot. Goxhill and Barrow Scouts came second and we aim to get better next year. *By Liam Kerins Age 12*



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As I sit here writing, I can hear fireworks for the fourth consecutive night and I wonder how many more nights the animals have to take what refuge they can from the constant bangs, whizzes and bright lights. It never ceases to amaze me that even animal owners have their own private firework display. We have it all to go through again on New Years Eve but hopefully it will just be the one night.

In the last edition of the Gander I wrote about the importance of safeguarding our local shows or lose them. I said the future of East Halton Show was in danger but I have since been told its future is secure which is good news. Goxhill Show will still need some volunteers.

Have you noticed how well Nan Brigham and Green Ramper have been cleared. Well done to Martin Peeps who has done a brilliant job.

Jo Burns continues to do well and for the second year running has qualified Magali for the National Amateur Championships along with Swallow and Baltazar B. The finals are in the last week of November so hopefully we will have some pleasing results for next time.

Currently she is bringing on a three year old belonging to Audrey Hunt. He is a big boy standing at 17.2hh. It is hoped to start competing in 2010. His stable name is Mac and not sure if he has a posh name. Big Mac would suit him and they could try for sponsorship from McDonald's. Now there's a thought! We will watch his progress with interest.

It was reported in the Gander that Jo had qualified as a BSJA Instructor for this area and I really do not know where she gets her energy from as she has now been nominated as a prospective candidate to stand as our Area Rep for Lincs and Humberside. Each member will get a vote and she should know shortly if she has been elected. Jo is keen to promote show jumping and is keen for some young competitors to come forward. I am sure she would be pleased to talk to anyone who may be interested.

Pelham Tack had their first Anniversary of trading on 24th October and celebrated by having an Open Day at the shop with all kinds of offers and discounts. A raffle with superb prizes took place and it raised £50 for the Air

Ambulance. A biting expert was on hand and gave valuable help and advice on the subject. Such was the interest, an evening is to be arranged for a lecture at the Civic Hall Immingham in February although the date is still to be confirmed, so watch out for adverts or keep an eye on their website. There will be a charge although this includes a light buffet.

Their Christmas stock offers an extensive and diverse range of goodies for both horse and rider.

Another date for your diary is 5th December when they have a book signing with Emma White for her book “My Internet Horse”. That would make a good gift.

I recently missed a phone call from a lady who had three loose horses in her garden. All ended well and the owner was found. I know the non-horsey person just wants them off and are tempted to shoo them away.

Please resist this temptation as they cause more mess and damage when they are frightened. If possible, close the gate to prevent them getting on the road and causing an accident or possibly maiming or killing themselves. Try to find out who the owner is. Horse owners usually take responsibility and have name tags on head collars, or rugs with contact phone numbers. Often they are identifiable to where the field is but nothing else so put your phone number on the gate. In case of emergency please contact etc. Check fencing regularly and ensure your house insurance policy covers horses and dogs getting out. Another good reason to join the BHS.

If you own a dog please make sure it has ID on it. One smelly Labrador turned up on my doorstep at eleven in the evening. Whilst she had a collar she had no tag. She played with my dog and then came in for her supper and a nice warm bed with a hide chew stick. The following morning she had a play again and some breakfast and went as quickly as she came. She had had a lovely evening and went home. I think she knew a bath was on the agenda but she was a lovely dog. I am sure that will have caused some curiosity for one of our readers & they would have been pleased to get her back safe and sound.

Once again there has been a sharp increase in the theft of trailers and horses. For trailers make it as difficult as possible for them to be stolen, use wheel locks,

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park something in front of them and postcode the top. It has been reported that the horses and ponies have been hand picked. Apparently someone comes round and plaits part of the tail and the animal is collected later. One from Yorkshire was transported as far as the Ferry Port at Holyhead.

It was picked up because it was micro chipped. If not it would be in Ireland now. Some ponies are not so lucky.

So what can you do to protect yours? Visit your horse regularly and pop in extra visits or ask a friend to keep an eye out. If you see anything suspicious take down the details and inform the Police. Join Horsecatch. You can purchase a gate plaque from them saying "These horses are micro chipped and Police identifiable." Get them chipped. Rase Equine has an offer that applies to Mondays in this area for the regular booster jabs and micro chipping. There is no call out fee so make enquiries and take advantage of it.

Freeze marking is also an option or invest in branding irons of your postcode to mark the hooves. Your farrier would do it for you when they are shod and they last for months.

Now is the time when horses are more likely to have digestive problems as, unlike when we turn them out, we do not make the gradual change when we bring them in. Most horses will be in by now if they generally come in for the winter but, regardless of if they are in or out, the ten rules of feeding still apply. Make sure your worming programme is up to date and their teeth are in good

order. Older horses particularly need extra attention and your feeding regime looking at to include additives.

A turnout rug that fits correctly and, if possible, a spare ready for any mishaps. It is also advisable to have a spare pair of leg straps. There are some brilliant rugs on the market but shop around and make up your mind if you want one with a neck or a detachable neck. As the winter progresses take the rug off and brush the inside and check your horse for any rubbing particularly on the withers, shoulders and, especially older horses, the hips. Stand back and look at your horse and then you can decide if it needs more feed.

I now have a full sack of stamps ready to go to Bransby Home Rest for Horses so many thanks to all who have contributed. Please continue either to myself or to the Post Office.

Here's a good tip from one of my readers. Make your own hay steamer for a fraction of the cost. You will need a wallpaper stripper (Great if you already have one) and a large plastic storage container with lid. Cut a hole in the side for the hose bit and seal the edges. (Simple)! I am assured it works and saves all that messy, heavy soaking of hay.

Well I think that's about it for this time. Keep your tips, news and ideas coming in.

I wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Take care - Ride safely.

Aileen 01469 530643



EAST HALTON SHOW

Contrary to the information contained in an article in the last edition of the Gander, the East Halton Show is alive and kicking and in no way is it under threat of folding.

Recent years have seen a rise in the number of volunteers helping to set up the show and lots of willing helpers on the day of the show. Some of them have been involved with our show for many years and we are greatly indebted to them.

Show day 2009 was one of our most successful events to date with record numbers of people attending. The horse classes were well supported, we had a dog show, terrier racing and there was a tremendous number of vintage tractors, along with small oil engines as well.

I can assure your readers that there will be an East Halton show next year. It is arranged for **Sunday 8th August 2010** and a warm welcome awaits everyone.

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Horses teeth erupt at a rate of 2-3mm a year and ideally in the wild they would wear at the same rate. Unfortunately due to domestication and the concentrates that are fed routinely these days this is very rarely the case and sharp points form on the outer edges of the upper teeth and inner edges of the lower teeth, this prevents the correct movement of the jaw,

inhibits chewing and can cause pain and ulcers. As time goes on these points get larger and larger until the horse can barely move his mouth. This is easily preventable with regular dental floats (rasping) and is a relatively minor problem if kept on top of.

Ideally all horses should be booked in for a routine appointment every 6 months to allow this problem to be alleviated before it gets too bad and also to check there are no other problems beginning. It is also important to start a horses dental routine as early in life as possible, not only so they can get used to the strange situation and equipment but also so the development of the mouth can be monitored.

Amongst other problems, it is quite common for a baby tooth or cap to become stuck during the eruption of the adult teeth and it is very important that this is removed in order to maintain the correct development of the mouth. At the other end of the scale once your horse reaches his twenties it is important that the teeth he has left are preserved as best as possible as they cease to erupt.

The cost of a standard health float can vary from around £35 to £60 but it is a relatively small amount to pay for peace of mind and comfort for your horse. After all we all want our beasts of burden to be around for as long as possible don't we?

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LIFESTYLE CHALLENGE



GREEN TRIBE SCOOPS MAJOR AWARD

Five Year 6 pupils from Goxhill Primary School, have been awarded one of the major prizes in this year's Humberside Police Lifestyle Challenge competition, which is designed to encourage environmental and sustainable community projects across the region. The Goxhill Green Tribe - consisting of Daniel Carn, Harley Percy, Freddie Pye, Adam Whall and Jack Wilson - are now looking forward to an exciting PGL adventure holiday in the Brecon Beacons National Park, early next year.

At a glittering awards ceremony in Hull City Hall on 10th November, attended by Tim Hollis, Chief



Four of the Green Tribe poo collecting for charity

Constable of Humberside Police, David Smith, General Manager of BP Chemicals, and many other business and community leaders, the audience heard from Sam Heywood, of Viking FM, how the five lads from Goxhill had bagged horse manure, recycled plastic, and helped to organise a cake stall, a treasure hunt, as well as a sponsored walk across the Humber Bridge - all in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice, Grimsby.

Harley Percy wrote, "It all started at school. A lady from Lifestyle came to visit us to ask if we would like to do the Lifestyle Challenge over the summer break. After she had spoken, the five of us decided to form a team and have a go. Our first joint project was poo picking - collecting horse manure deposited on the roads - to sell to gardeners in the village! Our second project was a walk (or run) along the Humber Bridge in the pouring rain... but we had fish and chips afterwards! Our third project was a cake stall outside Goxhill Parish Rooms. All of us made lots of cakes to sell to the villagers and other people passing by. This was great fun because we got to eat the left over cakes! And our fourth project was a treasure hunt and barbecue - the group hid clues at the Millennium Green, the Post Office, the old Goxhill airbase, and many more places. Lots of parents and friends enjoyed the hunt on their bikes.

And then came the time to present out cheque for over £400 to St. Andrew's Hospice, Grimsby. It was very moving to see the hospice and they much appreciated all our work and our donation".



GOXHILL TWIRLERS

Since the group started in September, the children have learnt basic baton twirling and started to learn some dances to perform in shows and parades. They have also taken part in grading for moves. The 4 girls on the back row are teachers for the group. And the lady at the end is the troop chair-person, Julie Moulton. The girls on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd row are all from the Goxhill area.

We are still taking on children from 5-16yrs old. The lessons fee is £2, with the first lesson free. Lessons are held on Thursday evening from 6-7pm in the Memorial Hall. If anyone would like anymore information on the group they can view our website www.globaltwirlers.btik.com

We are now taking bookings for the children to perform in any shows or other events in the village or any area around Goxhill. The girls will perform at school events, parades, garden parties, summer fayres, church events or any other things that are being arranged in the area.

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Famous for her colour schemes in the maths faculty and supplying the department with cream buns on a Friday, she has taught an enormous amount of pupils throughout her career here at Baysgarth as a teacher of Mathematics. Another of her roles was that of co-ordinator for year 10 work experience - this is no mean feat! Jane will be missed by all of us and we wish her a pleasant retirement.

Mr Mellors has also completed 40 years at the school but loves us so much he is staying with us! Mr Mellors teaches in the Design & Technology Department and has seen many faces come and go both staff and pupils. We wish him many more happy years with us at Baysgarth.

Mr Paul Dimmoline has just completed his 40th year of service at the school which he used to attend as a pupil himself. Miss Keal told us: "Over the 8 years I have been at Baysgarth Paul has not just been a technician he is a super technician!! He looks after us science teachers and goes above and beyond and we hope he continues working with us for many more years to come."

German GCSE success in Year 7

Recently many year 11 pupils across the country waited with bated breath for their GCSE results, but we had two very special year 7's with their fingers crossed as well. Hannah Holden and Brooke Thompson both have German connections and with the appropriate help from the Modern Foreign Languages faculty, were able to take their GCSE German exams a few years early. They both felt that the German speaking test was the easiest and they flew through the tests. They both passed with an A* and B grade respectively. Congratulations to you both for your hard work, we are very proud of you!!

Max is making Waves

We were delighted to learn that Max Bushell (Yr 8) has been selected to join the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) National Junior Windsurfing Squad Programme. This programme recognises the most talented British Windsurfers between the ages of 11-16 years of age with the aim to feed into the Youth and Olympic Programmes. On the specialist training programme Max will be working hard in sports science including psychology, fitness, meteorology, nutrition, hydration, growth and maturation.

The programme also consists of continued fitness testing and assessments as well as receiving detailed advice from the RYA

Physiologist. I am sure you will all agree that this is a very intense programme, especially for someone as young as Max, who is the youngest member of the squad. Max has taken part in both National and International events; his most recent competition was the



International Windsurfing Association World Championships which were held in Weymouth in August this year. Max beat off other international competitors to attain a very respectable 21st place in a fleet of 68 (6.8m) boys. We wish Max every success, and who knows....a future star for the 2012 Olympics?

Isaac Hall, Jordan Howram, Lewis Russell, Toby Butler, Max Butler, John Davis and Ben Welch endured fairly high winds but sunny conditions, with Jordan Howram coming second in his fleet (4.5m)! Jonathan Muse and Jack Dunn are also part of the team and have competed for the team in the past and helped get them to the final but were not able to be part of the team over the weekend. Max Bushell has also competed for the team over the summer, but as he has now been chosen to be in the National Junior squad he was not allowed to sail for us in the final. Despite this Jonathan Mews and Max Bushell were there to cheer the team on, which the team really appreciated. We are all incredibly proud of their achievements both as a team and individually and impressed by the attitude of the boys. They have amazing team spirit and encouraged each other when the going got tough, helping each other through the difficult times, something we encourage here at Baysgarth.

Musical Stars of the Future

Some of our young musicians have been taking their exams, including our four cello players! Yes, we actually have four cello players; Hannah Mills, Becca Webster, Rachael Bowes and Sam Wright. All these pupils are making excellent progress and during the summer holidays they took their Grade 3 cello exam which all of them passed with flying colours. A huge congratulations to all of them, with special mention to Rachael who gained a merit and Sam who passed with a distinction!! Also in their own time, Sam Wright (cello) and Hannah Crawford (violin) take part in the Scunthorpe Youth String Orchestra which practices at John Leggott College, culminating in yearly concerts and in the more advanced orchestras, they will have the opportunity to go abroad to perform. We wish them every success in their musical careers!

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1 April	School Closes
20 April	School Re-opens

The Ferry ward Neighbourhood police team are now actively seeking special constables to police the area. Are you able to spare a minimum of 4 hours a week then please read the following.

Special Constables

Many people are of the understanding that the Special Constabulary is a relatively new organisation. In fact the idea of the people policing themselves can be dated back to the 13 Century.

As far back as 1673 Charles II passed an act of parliament that said that any citizen may be sworn in as a constable on a temporary basis to deal with threats of disorder.

The Special Constabulary in its current format has recently celebrated its 175th anniversary and although the types of duties that officers have been involved in have changed over that period, the ethos of members of the public assisting their local constabulary with the policing of their local community has remained the same.

How do I join?

Though you are in principal a volunteer, there are a number of assessments that you will need to go through in order for you to demonstrate that you have the basic skills required to become a Special Constable.

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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB - 2009

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Lowish Singles:	Winner:	P. Cox.

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CLUB OPEN COMPETITION RESULTS

Doreen Gladwin Trophy:	Winners:	D. Jerrison, P. Cox.
Danny Thompson Trophy:	Winners:	J. Spittlehouse, T. Hebblewhite.

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GOXHILL TALES

Even though the words “When I was a lad”, have always brought a groan from the kids and a chorus of “Jackanory, Jackanory”, I thought you might like some of these tales. They are my recollections, not necessarily historical fact and may have been coloured by the years, retelling and for the sake of a good yarn.

When the Second World War was declared all sorts of civil defence and fund raising organisations were set up. Goxhill, like everywhere else, had its fair share of these such as Special Constables, Air Raid Precautions, Fire Watchers, Women’s Voluntary Service, Toc-H, the Red Cross (who had a big fund raising sale every August Monday), the Pig Club, and Goxhill’s very own “ello ‘ello”.

PIGS TALE - Jacob van den Bos (Bussy) was secretary of the Pig Club. This took some co-ordinating - basically, virtually every family had a pig to fatten for food and the Pig Club organised the collection of pig food and it’s rationing to all and the general well being of pigs. Every piglet was crucial, even the runt must be saved, whatever. A tiny runt, abandoned by its mother, cold and dying was taken to Annie van den Bos. She wrapped it in a blanket and put it in a dripping tin in the oven of her log burning stove to keep it warm and alive. When “little pig” felt revived he flicked his tail over the side and got it singed off.

ALIEN - Inspector Cook and bobby PC Blowman were the local constabulary. As Bussy was an Alien (Dutch) they had to confiscate his shotgun. He couldn’t have been considered much of a threat because they brought him it back the next day.

ACTIONS STATIONS - One moonlight night, during an Air Raid on Hull, Alan Robinson from Staveley House and Cliff Northen were Fire Watchers on duty at Ruards Road Crossroads. A parachute came floating down. They dashed towards it, ready to face the enemy and make an arrest. Lucky they didn’t get too close; it turned out to be a land mine, which landed not 20 yards from Staveley House, wrecking the property which wasn’t repaired till after the war.

THE CUNNING PLAN - After the Air Field was built, but before the Americans came, it was guarded by the Koyli’s (Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry), mostly East Hull lads. The Home Guard were tasked with a mock attack on the Air Field to test their defences. In command of our lads was Harry Farrow (Leggy). He had a cunning plan that would get his men straight to the centre of the base and give the Koyli’s a surprise attack. They crept up a big sewer that runs from Carr Gutter, under Chapelfield Road to a manhole in front of the dome topped hanger. However, when they got there their plan was foiled, because a lorry was stood on the manhole.

SABOTAGE - The Americans had the airfield as a training base. At one stage there were many flying accidents, too many. Sabotage was considered. Many of the planes involved seemed to be dispersed around Alf Dent’s, Field Farm on Chapelfield Road. So much so that the guards were removed and they watched covertly from a distance but nothing happened. When Alf came home one Sunday evening he got talking to one of the ground staff who said “He knew how to fix these son of a bitch pilots”. He told Alf what he did - it was technical and meant nothing to Alf but he remembered what he’d said. After a sleepless night he went to the Guard Room and demanded to see Colonel McGee, the Officer in Charge, but was told he wasn’t there and wouldn’t see him anyway. Alf said “Well I’m staying here till I’ve seen him”. At that point the OC arrived in his jeep and Alf jumped up and cornered him and made him listen to the story. He asked if he could identify him, which he did. The guy was never seen again.

SUPERMAN - A pilot had to make an emergency belly landing in the field below Sandholme Planting. Alf Dent was working nearby and managed to get the pilot pulled out - only to get into trouble from the Air Base Recovering Team for risking his life as the plane was full of fuel and could of “gone up” at any time.

“ELLO ‘ELLO” - Across the country top secret resistance plans were made in case of invasion. In each area people were recruited and explosives were issued. Goxhill was no exception. In case of capture and torture you were only allowed to know one other member of the team. A secret password was set up. The word should be used in casual conversation, but out of context. Two men took the Goxhill explosives into the marsh and buried them for safe keeping, using two local land marks to pinpoint the hiding place, one being the brickyard chimney. Luckily they weren’t needed. After the war they returned to recover the explosives, but the brickyard chimney had gone! Don’t worry, after much digging the explosives were recovered.

Years after three men were stood discussing how to repair the sluice gates at East Halton Skitter. In the interest of national security they cannot be named, however they were a River Authority Engineer, a local contractor and a Land Agent. For some reason one of them decided to use ‘the password’. They stared at each other, and all used the word. All three had been involved and had never known.

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