



the Gander

GOXHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Winter 2012



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It doesn't seem long since we were celebrating a summer of Royal and Sporting spectacles. Yet here we are with dark nights, freezing temperatures and Christmas round the corner. What happened?

But in the midst of all this gloom, there are some very bright lights ahead. There are some great entertainments laid on in the build up to Christmas, to suit all tastes. Just look at the ads on the Notice Board pages and get those tickets booked! The bigger the audiences, the more fun and they might just perform again for you next year.

Another bright note has been the dayglo yellow of the Barhale workers' jackets. They have made a very difficult, and disruptive job a lot more pleasant than we could have expected. They have always been very cooperative to minimize the affect, and there are several comments in this issue singing their praises.

Mind you I wont miss being nearly shaken out of bed when they started work first thing in the morning. But we on Ruards Lane, Northend and Willow Lane have survived and it is now the turn of Mill Lane and the northern section of Ferry Road to be subjected to the vibrations of the digger and the dreaded wacker. But it is all in a very worthy cause and if it prevents us being flooded again, it will have been worth the inconvenience.

Barhale's strict safety regime, fencing everything off to keep us safe during the works, is a reminder to us all during these dark nights and wet roads, to make sure we all stay safe, especially the children, and that drivers are vigilant on our narrow and increasingly congested roads. A number of accidents along Thornton Road recently, highlight the dangers to motorists, pedestrians and animals, even on pavements.

Another bright note was that I received a number of emails, after the last issue of the Gander, in which the Parish Council asked for suggestions, from the young people of the village, what facilities they would like to be created. A skateboard, or BMX park were excellent suggestions and I hope the Parish Council will be able to find a way of funding these sort of facilities.

Also on the positive side, we have received a number of volunteers to help in producing and distributing the Gander. The increased list below includes those willing to join our committee. I am grateful for all the offers of help.

But there are other organisations in the village who still need help. The Memorial Hall Management Committee are advertising for a new Secretary. And the Goxhill

Parent & Toddler group need more parents to bring along their children to benefit from this brilliant village facility. It is a very sociable environment for parents and their children, who benefit so much from playing with other children in a safe and fun environment. See their advertisement on page 15.

Finally, I will end on the brightness of the star from the East that is so important at this festive time of the year, and wish all our readers, contributors, advertisers and distributors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jeff Teasdale, Editor of the Goxhill Gander



We have a facebook page specifically to publicise events between issues of the Gander!

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Please contact any of the above with any queries that you may have regarding the Gander.

Articles should be sent by email to: goxhill-gander@fsmail.net or direct to the editor.

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Without Jesus Christ there would be no Christmas. How dark the winter would be without anything to celebrate. And how dark the world would be without the knowledge of God's love and the example of how to love each other. This year our sister church, Holy Trinity Barrow, are offering something rather different to 'kick off' the Christmas celebrations. Reverend Steve Caprice, a Free Church Minister and a well known artiste on the local and national tribute circuit will be presenting the 'Elvis Christmas Gospel Show' on Friday 7th December at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity, Barrow. Steve played to an appreciative audience at Holy Trinity last September and we look forward to a unique concert when the Christmas season will be celebrated in the inimitable style of the King of Rock and Roll! Tickets for this event (only £5-00) are sure to sell quickly – phone Annette on 01469 531613 to get yours.

Jesus is the Light of the World, and we celebrate his coming into the world just as the daylight hours start to lengthen, bringing light and hope and the promise of a bright new year - though it might seem an age away as we struggle through January and February! Christingles have become an enjoyable (some might say central) way for youngsters and their families to get into the true spirit of Christmas. This year our service will be in All Saints Church on Sunday December 16th at 6pm. We are holding it a bit later in the day than in the past, not least to give us an opportunity to experience the magic of the Christingle candles shining brightly in the darkened church. Scunthorpe vocal quartet 'Fourum' (yes, there are four of them!) will be in concert on Tuesday 18th December. A highly entertaining act, there will be plenty of opportunity for audience participation in the old Christmas favourites. Our Lord was born as a tiny, helpless human being, putting himself in our hands, trusting us to see his goodness, to take notice of him – to allow him to make some difference in our lives and in our world. In church We will be telling the story again for everyone while the children help to place the Holy Family, the shepherds, the angels and the wise men in our Bethlehem stable in our regular service of Carols Round the Crib at 4pm on Christmas Eve at Goxhill Methodist Church.

For those who enjoy being out on Christmas Eve, the village Midnight Communion will, this year, also be at the Methodist Chapel at 11.30pm. Come and enjoy the full atmosphere of Christmas night, with lots of joyful carols. On Christmas Day, we will be singing carols again for our Family Eucharist at 10am at Christ Church in New Holland. Do bring the children along and let them enjoy the real meaning of Christmas - and say a prayer of thanks to God for lighting up the world with his love.

With every blessing, Rev John Girtchen

Christmas Services (at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

Sunday 16th December	6pm	Christingles & Carols for all the family
Tuesday 18th December	7.30pm	Fourum's Christmas Concert...with audience participation
Monday 24th December	4pm	Crib Service at Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Monday 24th December	11.30pm	Holy Communion at Goxhill Methodist Chapel
Tuesday 25th December	10am	Communion for Christmas Day at Christ Church, New Holland

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

A Christmas Carol One hundred and sixty nine years ago, the popular classic 'A Christmas Carol', written by Charles Dickens, was published. The story features Ebenezer Scrooge, a mean and cruel man, who is visited by the ghost of his former business partner, Joseph Marley. Marley warns him to change his ways, but Scrooge doesn't want to listen, he's too wrapped up in himself and his own selfish desires. He has sacrificed love and friendship for the worship of money. Marley's supernatural visit is followed by three more ghosts all hoping to transform Scrooge from a selfish miser into someone who is kind and generous.

The Ghost of Christmas Past takes Scrooge back to his childhood reminding him of happier, more innocent times. The Ghost of Christmas Present shows him scenes of laughing, happy people buying gifts and preparing to celebrate Christmas. He then sees, in sharp contrast, the scene at the home of Bob Crachit, Scrooge's impoverished employee. The Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come shows Scrooge the spectre of what is to come if he is unwilling to change his ways, and he sees his own neglected grave – for no one loved or cared about him. Scrooge wakes on Christmas morning, a changed man, with love and joy in his heart. He provides a wonderful Christmas dinner for Bob Crachit and his family and resolves to change his ways for good, living his life with kindness, generosity and compassion. 'A Christmas Carol' was an instant success and over one hundred and sixty nine years later the message of Christmas as a time of giving and helping those less fortunate than ourselves, continues to endure. In the character of Scrooge, we see that change is possible even for the most miserable and hard hearted of people.

After writing 'A Christmas Carol', Dickens was to write 'I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all year round'. It's a story about love and generosity and that's what Christmas is all about. It's the theme of another amazing story that's over two thousand years old. It's the true story of the first Christmas when God in his generous love for the world gave us the gift of his Son, Jesus. Just as the character Scrooge changes his ways and begins a new life, Jesus has been changing lives and offering new beginnings for over two thousand years - this is the wonderful gift of Jesus whose birth we celebrate at Christmas and sing of in our Christmas carols.

Wishing you all peace and joy this Christmas Rev Sue

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NOTICE BOARD

Goxhill Memorial Hall 200 Club

Herewith details of the 200 club winners for the last three months -

August	121	Mrs J. Heath	£30.00
"	140	Mrs A. Barrick	£30.00
September	34	Mr S.J. Barrick	£31.60
"	127	Miss J. Timmis	£31.60
"	188	Mrs J. Northen	£109.15
October	52	Mr J. Lawson	£31.60
"	126	Mrs J. Collingwood	£31.60

The winners' amounts have changed, because September is the start of a new year and the membership has increased slightly so there is more cash available to distribute.

The Memorial Hall

is here for every one and has excellent facilities for a number of activities. The main hall has a marked court for soft ball tennis, badminton and carpet bowls, plus full size snooker tables and table tennis. All enquiries should be made to
Mrs Iris MacLeod tel. 530772

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning - Goxhill

Goxhill Women's Institute would like to thank everyone who supported the Big Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support on 28th September. A magnificent sum of £575 was raised and sent off to this very worthwhile organisation. Once again thank you all.

Goxhill Women's Institute

Goxhill Women's Institute meet on the 2nd Monday of each month except August. We have a variety of speakers covering all sorts of subjects. Next year we celebrate our 70th birthday and would be pleased to see many members old and new at one of our meetings.

For more information please contact
Mrs. Iris MacLeod on 01469 530772

During the past year we have celebrated with a very successful Tea Dance on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and more recently the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care, again a very successful event. Our thanks go to everyone who helped in any way on these occasions.

The Methodist School Room

is available for hire at a competitive price. To book, contact **Jane Arnott on 530962**

FOURUM CHRISTMAS CONCERT

As so many people had enjoyed their last visit we were asked if Fourum would be doing another concert here. Well, they are!

Tuesday 18th December
All Saints Church 7.30pm

An evening of Christmas entertainment with audience participation, Carol Singing Admission £6 children £3 which includes supper. Join us for an enjoyable evening.

Tickets and further information from
Sheila Leadley 531954 Sandra Smith 530065

Bingo

Goxhill Memorial Hall
Tuesday 11th December 7.30pm

Christmas Church Services

All Saints Church
6pm Sunday 16th December
Christingle and Carol Service.

4pm Monday 24th December
Goxhill Chapel - Crib Service

11.30pm Monday 24th December
Goxhill Chapel Midnight service.

ALL WELCOME

Goxhill Community Library Adult Computer Club

The adult computer club restarted on Tuesday 30th October 2012 at 10:00 am in the Goxhill Parish Rooms.

All existing members and new members will be welcome. If you want to learn more about your computer or the Internet or want to develop a project with your computer then come along and join us. We have the four computers in the library available and if you wish you can bring along your lap top and use it in the club.

Stan Robertson

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NOTICE BOARD Part 2

Local Comedian set to entertain the village at Christmas

Local comedian Joey Howard will be
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Together with 'The Cocktails' Joey has produced
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Tickets for the show are £10 and are
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The Memorial Hall will be licensed for drinks on
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"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"



Laughter, mayhem and a wonderful "who dunnit?" was the order of the day in October as the South Bank Players performed "Hello, Is There Any Body There?" by Ian Hornby. Set in the living room of Lord and Lady Simpson – Squire, the rest of the cast comprised of a sexy young police officer, a bungling detective, a certain Miss Marbles who is after a poor Freddy, a hapless Mr Vic Tim, Smalls the Butler, Mabel the Maid and an exhausted prompt (all part of the play!) Performed over two evenings to an appreciative audience, the group had much fun putting this full length play on. There is no let up for the group though as we swing into Pantomime season. November and December see the group hard at work rehearsing for their annual Pantomime which is loosely based on the traditional tale of Beauty and the Beast, with a few extras thrown in for good measure. This will take place on Thursday 10th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th January at The Ropery Hall, Ropewalk, Barton-upon-Humber. There is also a licenced bar where you can purchase drinks and refreshments prior to the performances and during the interval. There are evening performances each night starting at 7.30pm, with a matinee on the Saturday afternoon starting at 2.30pm. (Please note we have already sold out on the Thursday night!) Tickets go on sale mid-November and will be available from the Ropewalk Information Office, Tel: 01652 660380 or from the Chairman of the group, Mr Dennis Bloor on Tel: 01469 531003. If you would like to join the group or for more information on any of our productions including the Barton Ghost Walk, then please check out our website at www.southbankplayers.weebly.com alternatively you can email us at southbankplayers@yahoo.co.uk

Wishing all our friends both new and old, a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year - 2013. We look forward to welcoming you to one of our productions in the near future.

Jeanine Guy (On behalf of the South Bank Players)

DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING EDITION OF THE GANDER

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GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL AUTUMN QUIZ - FLOWERS & PLANTS

There were 7 fully correct entries, so there had to be a draw and on this occasion Maureen Douglas of North End, Goxhill was the winner and received the £20 prize. Congratulations to her and thank you to all those who entered. The other correct entries were from Joyce Powell, Michael O'Leary, Liz Drakes, Lynne Smith, Kay Smith and Rosemarie Guggiari. The remaining funds raised go to the Memorial Hall.

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Ferry Road - Brenmar to Junction with Sykes Lane - Road closure moving as work progresses.

Mill Lane - to the Junction with North End starting **19-11-12** Completion by **Christmas-2012**

2nd Phase on **Ruads & Horsegate Field Road** commencing in **January 2013**



Barton upon Humber & District Lions Club

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The Lions motto is 'We Serve', and in recent months Barton Lions are proud to have served many local deserving causes, including St Andrews Children's Hospice in Grimsby, the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance, Barton Salvation Army and helping to fund a new outdoor learning facility at Goxhill Primary School.

So, how can you get involved? Come along and support one of our many events! Coming up next is our free bus service for local senior citizens on December 4th to visit Brigg Garden Centre, just in time for Christmas! Pick up points available in Goxhill, Barrow and Barton – contact Lion Dave on 01652 634473 to book your space! Then it's our Comedy Evening with Joey Howard and Barrow Meridian Rotary, recently enjoyed at Goxhill Memorial Hall, on December 21st at Queens in Barton.

If you'd like to get involved with the work of Barton Lions Club, if you know of a deserving cause that the club could consider supporting, or if you simply want to know more about what we do, contact Lion Jack on 01652 635175 or visit us online! We would love to hear from you!



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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

At the time of writing, the clocks have just gone back and the nights are long and dark. Everything seems so damp and the trees are shedding their leaves. We've had to adjust to a term which has brought many changes to our staffing, extra responsibilities for many staff members but a very successful start to this new academic year.



Our Autumn term has been packed with great activities for the pupils and there is a buzz around the place that is steadily growing as we move towards Christmas. At the end of September, our year 5 spent a week at Robinwood outward bound centre. Again it was another successful year with a great time being had by all. The children came back

exhausted and were full of exciting stories!

We celebrated Harvest in All Saints Church on the 27th of September. We were thrilled to see how many parents supported us by attending the service. Mrs Kell organised the service and pupils from Y1 to Y6 read to the gathered audience. Reverend Girtchen led the service and gave some important Christian messages to the children based on words that can be made from the letters within the word 'Harvest'. We contributed towards the Church's Harvest produce sale with proceeds going to charity. We will be going to Church on the 8th November to have our Remembrance Service there. We have invited the children from East Halton School to join with us in this service.

There have been a number of enrichment activities in school. History topics have been brought to life for some of our children with the visit of a historian who is a specialist in cookery relating to different time periods – she has worked with children in years 3 and 6. Topics in school have covered themes from



Rainforests, Healthy Eating, Great Authors and Willy Wonka which incidentally culminated in an exciting trip out to a chocolate factory at York for children in years 1 and 2. On the last day before half term the children enjoyed participating in puppet workshops whilst wearing pink in our support for Cancer Research. At the end of November the children will be treated to the delight of 'The Nutcracker' being performed by The Working Space Theatre Company, as well as participating in a number of workshops on Road Safety.

I am continuously grateful to our community members who offer their support for what we do in school. We extend a massive 'Thank you' to the Barton Lions and Barrow Rotary clubs who have generously contributed financially for the resources which were needed to be purchased in order to make and erect our new 'Bandstands' on both the main playground and the Foundation Stage playground. Mr Cain (our resident builder) continuously gives freely of his time and energy to projects on our school site and the skill and efforts he has extended to us in building these fantastic outdoor structures would never have been something we could have afforded to purchase on our own. It goes without saying that his kindness and generosity can never be repaid – I hope that he will get the opportunity to see just how much enrichment and enhancement these structures bring to the children's educational experiences at our school.



A completed shelter and an even more complex one being built by Peter Cain with assistance from Dale Coulam.

Those of you who may visit our school should watch out for the wonderful art work around and about the school which has to be attributed to our Gifted and Talented artists under the skill and creative direction of Mrs Sharland who comes to our school every Wednesday. Again, Viv gives freely of her time and enjoys sharing her expertise and talent with our children who eagerly enjoy spending time with her and who have learned so much from their experiences with her.

At times it has felt that the flow through the village has been disrupted by the work on the water pipes

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being carried out by Barhales. However, our parents have been brilliant in avoiding parking too close to the school site and choosing alternative options for getting their children to school. As well as this, Barhales themselves have been brilliant in working with us to ensure the traffic around the school site has been controlled and safe. We were given the opportunity for our children to get kitted up with hard hats and high visibility jackets and have educational tours on the site works which Barhales have been carrying out. Every single member of staff came back fully impressed with the information and the opportunity to explore the site works which were given to the children during these tours. Simon (the Foreman) and his men were very accommodating and well informed setting such a positive example and role models for our children. The children were even allowed to

keep their high 'vis' jackets which hopefully will keep them safe coming to and from school during the dark morning and evenings.

The forthcoming 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. We will soon be preparing our school for the Christmas festivities including Christmas performances in the Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2 as well as in years 3 and 4. It goes without saying that Father Christmas will be visiting our school again and there will be parties galore with Magicella even entertaining our younger children. We have scheduled to go Carol Singing in the village on Thursday 20th December as well as having our Christmas Fair at the school on Friday 14th December from 3pm until 5pm. All are welcome!

It goes without saying that we are all still trying to adjust to the massive void which has been left with Mr Brown not being around and about in our school. He has settled well into his new school but still maintains regular contact with both pupils and staff at Goxhill. There may be further changes which we might face in the coming terms but it is safe to say that the staff who remain are as ever committed, hardworking and conscientious in wanting to provide the best educational experiences they can possibly give to our children.

We look forward to a hard working but exciting second half to this term.

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This term is perhaps our most hectic of the year, which is full of different activities and events, which began with our annual fundraiser Halloween Party,

held on 26th October.

This year's party was one of our best, with over 100 children attending many with their parents/ carer's, and most of whom were dressed up in amazing Halloween costumes, ranging from little witches/wizards and pumpkins to skeletons' and zombies. The children also enjoyed the party games which the disco organised. We would like to take this opportunity to thank once again the Pre School staff and committee for organising such a wonderful event each year, and for the support which our parents/carer's give us, along with Goxhill Primary School who allow us to hold our fundraising events at the school. We raised an amazing £298.86 which will help not only with the day to day running costs of the Pre School but will also go towards purchasing new resources and equipment for the children, thus supporting their continuing learning and development.

At Pre School this term we will be talking about; Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance, Children In Need, Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is through these experiences, play opportunities and adult-led activities that the children are given an awareness and understanding of the world in which they live. This also helps them to remember and talk about significant events in their own experiences, as well as supporting them to respect and value all people, in developing positive and caring attitudes towards them. We will also be planning further play opportunities/ experiences around the children's own interests.

Our next fundraiser event will be the Christmas raffle. Tickets will be available shortly from the Integrated Services Building where the Pre School is located (at Goxhill Primary School) and will be drawn at the children's Christmas Party on Wednesday the 19th of December 2012. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, then please pop in and see us at Pre School. As always we appreciate your continuing support.

At the beginning of December, the children together with their parents/ carer's will once again be going to see Father Christmas, this year we will be going to see him at Cheeky Chimps where they will get the

chance to see Father Christmas and tell him what they would like for Christmas. They also get the opportunity to play on the slides and in the soft play area. Finally on the 19th of December will be the children's Christmas Party. This year we have invited Magic Ella to come and entertain the children before they receive a special visit from Father Christmas.

Our Pre School is Ofsted registered and we are open to children from 2 years to 5 years of age. Children who are 3 years of age are entitled to 15 hours a week of free flexible funding from the term following their 3rd birthday. This funding can be used across more than one early years' provider/setting (i.e. Pre School and School) benefiting the children and giving parents greater flexibility. For more information please call in during our opening times which are; Monday through to Friday 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. (term time) at the Integrated Services Building, located at Goxhill Primary School. Alternatively please contact **Rebecca Astle (supervisor) at Pre School on 01469 535061**. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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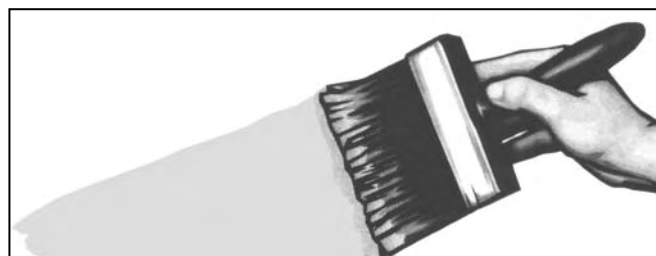
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During the past months those of us who live in some parts of Goxhill have like a famous cocktail been shaken but not stirred. The visit to our locality of Barhale and friends together with their machinery is something that will long be remembered. The scale of the operation was something for which we were not prepared and the arrival of the Wacker machine to compact the filling material when the trench was filled shook the house until the tea cups rattled in the saucers.

Watching as the work proceeded my mind went back to when I was a boy and had a fascination with holes in the road. Things were a little different then. Two men, a hand cart, and a pick and shovel arrived and work started. Everything was done by hand there were no machines and the only noise was the sound of the hand tools as the men worked. There was of course no safety equipment and at the end of the day



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if it were a big ongoing job a small hut and a large night watchman appeared together with a coke brazier and some paraffin lanterns. What a contrast with the present works where Barhale provide a machine for every purpose and safety equipment for workers and pedestrians is everywhere. However I have not yet heard the machinery of the present system mentioned in song. I wonder if anyone can remember the tenor solo from the radio that reminded us of the gentlemen that dug up our streets, "And so I took a hand in that digging for gold but for all that I found there I might as well be where the mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea".

There are others who are complaining that this year they have worked hard but have failed to reap the harvest that they expected. Although I have not been able to work in the garden as I normally do because of commitments in Scunthorpe Hospital I have heard of the problems and seen the crops that could not be harvested in the fields. I lay in the ward and listened as two elderly semi retired farmers talked, "It looked like a lovely field of wheat but the top half of each

ear had nothing in it." As I came home I saw the pea fields where the vinnners had become stuck in the mud and could not work. It became clear that the weather had managed to become unfavourable to almost everything on the farm and in the garden at just the critical time. I cannot remember a year when complaining of a crop failure we could not also say, but it was a very good year for some other crop.

With the approach of winter we have once again received news of the annual increase in the price of Gas and Electricity. Every time that this is mentioned on a T.V. programme someone pops up to extol the virtues of House Insulation. Now I am a great advocate of insulation having worked with it sold it bought it and lived with it for many years but I am moved to violence when I hear the words Roof and Cavity wall insulation. Roof insulation yes if you have a roof you can insulate it but there are very many people particularly those living in smaller and older houses that have no Cavity Wall. The older houses in Goxhill were built with solid brick walls, and whilst cavity wall insulation is subsidised and cheap, effectively insulating a solid brick wall is expensive. To insulate a solid wall the insulation should be fixed to the outside of the wall and finished with a rendered or similar solid water repellent finish which must permit the passage of water vapour. This

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reducing the fuel bill. The years of comfort have certainly been worthwhile. I do wish that experts and T.V. presenters would stop talking about cavity wall insulation as if it were an option open to everyone and an option which if not taken up implied guilt.

Now it is time to bring in the Christmas tree and to get out the lights and tinsel. 2012 has not been a year for me to celebrate but to many it has been a year of great achievement and triumph. Olympics, Paralympics, the Jubilee celebrations and for so many people small personal accomplishments that will make the year memorable. These little things often mean so much. For me it was the Pelargoniums (Geraniums) which survived the year of neglect and were here in bloom waiting for me, ready to be cared for overwinter and so to provide the basis of hope for flowers in the coming year.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and may next year be a year for each of us to remember.

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We chose the house for several reasons: it had a lovely atmosphere, and we could imagine 'proper' Christmases around the fire, with holly and ivy around the beams – which of course, we had every year; also it was called 'The Playground' (because it was built on the playground of the old school) and that sounded very appropriate for a teacher. When we moved in, the empty bedroom seemed big enough to hold a dance in! Norfolk houses were more expensive, and therefore quite a lot smaller – this was luxury.

The second day after we moved in, school started. We walked down the street to the school, and lots of people said 'Hello'!!! We were flabbergasted! No-one spoke to you in Norfolk, where we had come from. It was a wonderful school with wonderful staff, and Hilary blossomed there. In her last school she had been kept to the same point in the reading scheme as all the other kids, and was totally bored. Frances Boxer took one look at her and moved her on by several levels, so she was reading books which stretched her slightly and kept her interested. Later on in her Goxhill School career, she was moving ahead and was somewhat miffed when she was put back on the maths scheme while the others caught up, so that they could do group work together.

There was a super chippy round the corner from the house; a cobbler and ironmongers, greengrocer and wool shop down the road. The fish man delivered every week, the milkman every day. The Post Office was where the hypnotist is now, Colin's shop was still Colin's shop, but didn't have a post office in it – there was wool for sale there. The Spar Shop was a Spar, with Peter Gilman in charge, and Dolly at the desk. They were proud of all their special offers – just on the 'sell by' date. You could survive quite happily for quite a while without leaving the village – which was just as well, because we couldn't afford a second car!

Early in our time here, while Fiona was still small and not yet at school, I went out to hang out washing, and she locked me out! It took ages to persuade her to take the key out of the door, go to the front door and post it through the letterbox, so I could get back in. Turning a key the other way round was not yet one of her motor skills!

Because I was trained as a secretary, I was soon roped in – Mother & Toddlers, Playgroup, the Friends of Goxhill School (FOGS), the Babysitting Circle. I think I was secretary for all of them at one time or another. As one generation of children left each group, the new officers were drawn from the parents of the next generation. It was a great learning process, and stood me in good stead when I went job-hunting later.

Part 1 - From Paul & Carol Thornton

In fact, if anyone wants to restart the Babysitting Circle, I may still have the tokens! It worked on the basis of 1 hour = 1 token, except after midnight, when the rate went up to 2 tokens. Mums in the circle were on the list of which we all had a copy, and if you needed to go out you just rang around until you found someone free to babysit. You settled up with tokens after the sit, and the sitter could then spend them with someone else when she needed to go out. Brilliantly simple, and meant we could all have a social life.

One day we saw an advert for a talk: Would you like to start your own village newsletter? We went along and met Alan Gould, Caroline Atkins, Lawrence Boxer, and Moira Abbott. We formed the first Gander Editorial Committee. We typed out articles onto paper using a typewriter, cut them out with scissors and pasted them – literally! – onto a master sheet. The finished master was sent off to the printer over the river (he gave us the cheapest quote), and printed off. Boxes of separate pages came back and were stacked around the big table in the Parish Room (this was before it was extended, and had metal cupboards all around which held the library stock). The team followed each other round and round that table, picking up a page from each pile, stacking them together and stapling them into a complete Gander. As the magazine got bigger, the task was lubricated with several bottles of wine. Later copies may have been a bit wonky.

We applied and received a successful grant bid which bought us new equipment including an electric stapler – that made the job a LOT easier – and gave us a press opportunity (!) The photographer came to the village and took a picture of us outside our house, waving the cheque. Oh dear, we did feel silly!

The trips around the table became longer and longer, as people began to send in proper stories and the Gander grew. (Early editions featured some last-minute articles written by the team, few of which had a word of truth in them! The story that it was called the Gander because Goxhill originally meant Goose Hill was one of those – we just thought Goxhill Gander sounded rather good and amusing, and we were 'having a gander' at the village to write the articles...). The trips around the table were becoming more erratic as we got through more wine stapling so many pages. Michael and Alyson O'Leary had joined the team by now – Michael was a brilliant Treasurer, and Alyson a really hard worker. We eventually had to pay to have the magazine collated and stapled – our livers wouldn't have taken much more!

The Gander Walk was a highlight of our time with the magazine. It was conceived as a fund-raiser to help to pay some money back to Telethon in gratitude for our earlier grant, but became a fun opportunity to 'beat the bounds' and establish the boundary of the village by walking footpaths as closely as possible to it. We had a Gander costume and a large team of people took it in turns to walk a section of the boundary in the costume, accompanied by at least one other person to make sure they kept to the path. It took all day, a lot of laughing and fooling about, and produced lots of photos and a fair bit of money. **TO BE CONTINUED.**



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PARISH COUNCIL

The Villager – New Saturday Bus Service.

From Saturday 10th November 2012 for a 4 (four) month period a new Saturday Bus Service Trial will be in operation on Bus Number 260. A copy of the bus timetable is listed below. This trial is to assist the company to determine whether the service is required full time or not. The expression 'Use it or lose it' could not be more relevant.

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Parish Council Precept

Please be reminded that the Parish Council precept budget meeting takes place in January 2013. This meeting sets the precept for the financial year 2013 – 2014. Any village organisation that will be seeking financial assistance from the Parish Council is requested to submit their bids to the Parish Clerk in writing by the 30th December 2012. Successful applications will be added to the precept and will be payable from 1st April 2013. Please be aware that the parish Council will not consider requests or application at any other time except in the case of a financial emergency.

Village Cemetery

Nobody likes to talk about death but thinking ahead and making plans for a final good bye will not make the event happen any sooner but will help to remove some of the stresses and strain for loved ones when that time eventually comes. If the Village cemetery is being considered for a final resting place then information e.g the pre – booking of plots can be sourced from the Parish Clerk who is the main point of contact.

Finally, on behalf of the Chair and all Members of the Parish Council I would like to wish you a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year .

PJ Shields MBE QGM

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Barrow Market Place	1006	1106	1206	1333	1433	1611
Barrow St Chad	1008	1108	1208	1335	1435	1613
Goxhill Crossroads	0905	1015	1115	1215	1342	1442
Goxhill North end	0908	1018	1118	1218	1345	1445
Goxhill Rail Station	0913	1023	1123	1223	1350	1450
Goxhill Crossroads	0914	1024	1124	1224	1351	1451
New Holland Magna Charta	0918	1028	1128	1228	1355	1455
New Holland Manchester Square	0920	1030	1130	1230	1357	1457
Barrow St Chad	0927	1037	1137	1237	1404	1504
Barrow Market Place	0929	1039	1139	1239	1406	1506
Barton Market Place	0937	1047	1147	1247	1414	1514
Barton Rail Station	0940	1050	1150	1250	1417	1517
Barton Tesco	0942	1052	1152	1252	1419	1519

DON'T GIVE US DOGS A BAD NAME

Hello everybody; my name is Mika and I'm a 10 month old yellow Labrador. I live with my mummy, Patricia, in South End. You know, us dogs are pretty clever creatures and we can do lots of things. We can do things that we are asked to do and we can do quite a lot of things that we are not asked to do. We can love you; cuddle you; give you a welcoming smile and a wag of the tail when you come down in the mornings. When you're sad and you cry we will always come and give you a kiss and a hug. We can bring you things and some of us more clever dogs can guide you through traffic and crowded streets keeping you safe. We can hear things that maybe you cannot hear. We can pick things up that maybe you cannot reach. But the one thing that we cannot do is clear up after we have been to the toilet.

My lovely mummy never moans at me or shouts, apart from the time I took her reading glasses from the kitchen worktop and eat them!; yes she was pretty angry that day, in fact she called me a "horrid little creature!" But apart from that she never moans, although just lately I've noticed her becoming quite cross when we have been out on our walks. I don't understand a lot of English, after all I'm a dog, but she seems to develop these angry outbursts whenever she steps in dog poo. It's quite upsetting because I don't like to see her get so cross.

She actually said to me the other day "do you know what Mika, if I didn't pick your poo up, (and bearing in mind you have this nasty habit of doing it every time we're out on our walks) you and I would be leaving about 730 piles of poo around our village every year. That's a lot of poo isn't it Mika?" Well, I was very shocked at that bit of information; that is a lot of poo from just one dog isn't it? And she's quite right you know because it doesn't seem to matter where we're walking, North End, South End, this end, that end, in the middle, on the outskirts, everywhere in fact we're faced with piles of poo. It's in the grass verges, in the park, in the fields, under the hedges, along the public footpaths and it's really horrible. Even us dogs hate to step into other dogs' poo.

I'm very proud of my mummy because she goes to Tesco's and buys packs of nappy bags especially to clear up after me if I have an accident when we're out. These bags are very nice; they are biodegradable, have a lovely perfumed smell and apparently cost very little.

Most of us dogs are clever, clean creatures. We don't want to be accused of messing up our beautiful village. We want to live in harmony with every member of this community but we do need you to do one special little thing for us and that is if we are out walking with you and have an accident could you please clean up our mess because with the best will in the world we can't do it. All of us dogs would really appreciate you doing this one small thing for us and of course the biggest benefit is that no-one will have to tread in dog poo ever again.



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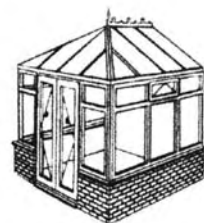
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BAYSGARTH Specialist Technology College NEWS



Achievement Assemblies

This October saw the first round of celebratory assemblies at Baysgarth School. Students have been selected for Outstanding Achievement Awards and Exceptional Expectation Awards from all year groups and subjects across the curriculum. Each student will receive a certificate signed by the Head of subject and a letter home that will provide details of the student's achievement.

For full details of the students' names and the subject area in which they received their award please visit our website

www.baysgarthschool.co.uk

Belgium 2012

On the 27th September 2012, Baysgarth pupils went to Belgium on a much anticipated history trip. On arriving in Bruges (the Venice of the north) we visited many of the sights both on foot and over the water, with a boat trip down the canal. After a wonderful lunch and shopping, we drove down to the town of Gravelines, where we were staying and enjoyed a very competitive game of bowling.

Saturday began with just as much anticipation, The Trenches of Death, Dixmuide, was the first stop. We visited the museum and the trenches; showing us just what life would really have been like for a soldier in the First World War.

The educational experiences continued when we went to the Flanders Field Museum, where we were shown the story of a person from the war; this was an emotive experience. From there we went to New Irish Farm Cemetery 1914- 1919, thousands of graves lined the cemetery, many without a name, but by far one of the most amazing things was a soldier's grave from Barton. W.H. Clapson, who died at the age of 33, which made it clear just how close to home the war hit.



A much larger cemetery was next, Tyne Cot Cemetery, along the walls are the names of all the soldiers who were missing but never found, putting into proportion the pure size of the war, and the people it affected. At the Menin Gate, several of the schools pupils took part in a Remembrance Ceremony, where we laid a wreath, in front of the locals and hundreds of other people. It was a moving experience that everyone felt a huge part of, and as the band began to play the last post everyone fell silent to remember the lost and the fallen. On the last day, we went to a typical French market and then to the beach of Dunkirk, where hundreds of soldiers had fought and been trapped in WW2. Once we got home, although tired, we were all still buzzing from the trip we had just taken part in. I learnt more in those few days than I think I could have done in a lot of lessons. It was an amazing opportunity, one of the best I've ever had and would love to repeat. We learnt a lot and had a brilliant time. Thank you to Mr Linley for organising it and to all the staff for taking care of us. **By Jessica Cameron Year 10**

**For all these stories and more Baysgarth news
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The Christmas Craft Fair held at the Memorial Hall in November, had a wonderful range of crafts and gift ideas for all the family.

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

Please have submissions for the Spring edition of the Gander in by Saturday 2nd February
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GOXHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

In the summer issue we quizzed you about the given first names of the detectives better known as: Harry Bosch, Jack Frost and Morse. Unfortunately we missed publication of the answers in the autumn issue. Whilst keen readers of their adventures should have had little problem, I suspect it could have been more difficult if you have only encountered them on the small or big screen. They are of course: Hieronymus Bosch; William Edward Frost; and Endeavour Morse (perhaps the easiest after the recently broadcast television prequel entitled 'Endeavour').

Our current question is the last about detectives but, if you enjoy puzzling over quizzes, please let us know. If there is interest then I will continue with another quiz topic for readers of fiction. Meantime, this quiz is likely to appeal more to television viewers.

Q Match fictional detectives with the actors who play them (actors and detectives are all jumbled together in alphabetical order):

David Jason; George Baker; Ian Carmichael; Jack Frost; Jim Bergerac; John Hannah; John Nettles; John Rebus; Ken Stott; Peter Wimsey; Reg Wexford; Tom Barnaby.

Answers will be published in the next issue of the The Gander. If you have only previously come across any of these detectives on television then why not check them out further by borrowing a book from Goxhill library?

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

We were delighted recently to find that there have been marked increases in both library membership and the number of books borrowed from our library over the past year. Thanks from all the volunteers for

this vote of confidence and support for what we are doing. It is always good to feel valued and numbers are up across nearly all age ranges within our community. The only real disappointment is that we have been unable to reverse the trend of falling numbers of visits by teenagers. Many who once used library computers after school perhaps have their own laptops and smartphones for internet access so that may explain part of the drop. But if you are a teenager and it is more about us not having the right books then please let us know which authors we should be trying to put on our shelves. Remember too that you can reserve books online from anywhere in the collection of North Lincolnshire Library Service and collect them at Goxhill library – without it costing you a penny.

Who says that reading has to be a solitary pursuit? Certainly not the members of Goxhill's reading club, who meet at 7.30pm on the last Wednesday of each month in the Brocklesby Hunt. Multiple copies of their chosen book arrive at Goxhill library for them to read and then share the experience with one another over a drink or two. They will also be arranging some outings soon – with a literary theme of course. If you think you might be interested then either turn up at the Brock to start with the social part or contact Anne Lawtey via the library/email to start with the latest book selection.

We have the following OPENING TIMES:

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John Guggiari

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If you see a crime taking place, please ring the 999 emergency number immediately and ask for the police. If you wish to report a crime after the event, or talk to the police about anything else, then use their 101 non-emergency number; the call will cost a fixed 15 pence no matter how long you are on the telephone. If you need to remain anonymous when giving information about a crime or criminal, you should ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. To keep in regular touch with bulletins and tips from neighbourhood watch, join our email circulation list via our website page on <http://goxhill.moonfruit.com>. You can ring me on 530363 if you need to talk about any issue. **John Guggiari, GNeW Co-ordinator**



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A Trip down Memory Lane...

A drive around the village of Goxhill whilst visiting my parents, Ramona and Dennis Percy on a recent trip home from Sydney, Australia brought back many memories and took me back at least 50 years to my childhood.

First stop was down to the Humber Bank where as a child I recall playing and foraging among the rocks and trying to skim stones across the water when the tide was up. Then we often stopped at old Mrs Wright's house to buy a bottle of soft drink and a packet of Smith's crisps complete with the little twisted blue bag of salt to sprinkle on them. Delicious!!

Next in line was further on down to North End past Field Farm cottage on the corner of Ruards Road and Chapel Field Road. This was where my Grandmother Percy used to live.

I remember spending time with her, picking cowslips in the fields directly outside her kitchen window. When I was little she got all her water by pumping it from a hand pump outside in the backyard. It was always beautifully fresh and cool but many, many potsfull had to be heated up for a bath!! No instant hot water!! The loo was outside and an earth toilet and it was many years later that she got indoor plumbing.

We drove back towards the village, past the old aerodrome and back stopping near the old Primary School which prompted more memories.... Being taught by Mrs Potts and Mrs Labourne, with Mr Foster as the Headmaster and Mrs Collingwood as the school secretary. Walking down to the

Memorial Hall for the school lunches, where Mrs Osgerby was the head cook.... cottage pie, stew and dumplings, sprouts (which I hated), gooseberry crumble, jam roly-poly and spotted dick and custard to name but a few!! Good home cooked meals!!

I also remember doing my cycling proficiency test on my bicycle on the school field with PC Dawson in charge.

Next we drove to the back of the church and walked the little footpath through to the front of the church. All the old horse chestnut trees are there with lots of conkers on the floor just as they were 50 years ago. Both my parents were campanologists (bell ringers!!) sometimes ringing the bells at weddings. I can clearly recall sitting up in the belfry as a 5 or 6 year old watching wedding services, having a bird's eye view and being enthralled by all the wedding finery and watching as the bridal march began on the organ with the new husband and wife began their walk down the aisle.

Our next stop was out towards the station.... More memories.... Going up into the signal box (with Graham Catley's Dad Enoch, plus my Dad who were both signalmen) and of standing on the platform waiting for the train.... a stream train to take us all to Cleethorpes on the Sunday school trip!!

Of course there are many buildings which are no longer there or which have vastly changed, eg the old Generous Briton public house which is now just a house; and the village has greatly expanded, but it was wonderful to be able to spend a nostalgic hour or so reminiscing. **Wendy Mends (nee Percy)**



Back Row L to R - Susan Mayhew, Susan Clayton, Wendy Short, Lyn Broughton, Jane Gurnell, Linda Walmsley, Suzanne Parkin, Christine Finch, Wendy Percy, Venessa Topliss, Gillian Coggan.
Front Row L to R - Susan Hart, Sylvia Guiliat, Jenifer Beale, Clara Shearwood, Denise Atkin, Sheila Walmsley, Sheila Hallam, Maureen Spence, Susan Hewit.

After reading Ramona Percy's article 'Summers in the Past' in the last issue, I remembered this photograph of the Fete, opened by Pat Phoenix - Elsie Tanner (of Coronation Street). As you can see by the umbrellas, it was a wet day, but we girls all enjoyed dancing around the Maypole. Out of the 20 of us, at least 13 still live in and around the village. **Lyn Firth**

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AIRFIELD NEWS

Ron Parker's Jottings

The reconstruction of the Goxhill Airfield Control Tower has now began at Virginia Beach, Virginia, it was demolished in 2003, packed in to containers and shipped over the pond, first by the architects who have now finalized the plans for Virginia Beach city hall to accept and got them passed with only a bit more documentation to complete so building can now start with the foundations along with brick cleaning by the brick masons, the American name for bricklayers in readiness for building at the Military Aviation Museum owned by Gerald Yagen who has the worlds largest private collection of Flying Warplanes, he now owns the worlds only flying de Havilland Mosquito, KA114 known over here as "The Wooden Wonder" after buying it in New Zealand and having it fully restored there at AvSpecs, [warbirds restorations] it has been painted in the Royal New Zealand Air Force colors with RAF roundels and given the identity letters, EGY, I assume they stand for Elaine. Gerald Yagen, it was flown for the first time on 27th, September at Ardmore airport, Auckland with Jerry and his wife Elaine in attendance, on the 29th the mossie was in flight with three spitfires at a War-birds Airshow and at night there was a huge hangar dinner party for fans with the Mosquito as a guest of honor under the same roof, after a few alterations and improvements it will be dismantled and shipped to join the Goxhill control tower at Virginia Beach in due course, on the 27th September it was the first time a Mosquito has flown for fifteen years anywhere on the globe, anyone interested in this aircraft collection can read more on Internet if you put in the Web, "Gerald Yagen. Aircraft"

Misleading Information

Regarding the information on the notice board by the North Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage at the airfield memorial is misleading that there were Guards of Honor to greet General Eisenhower when he visited Goxhill Airfield, untrue, General Eisenhower and General Spaatz came on the 11th June 42 with the purpose of a friendly visit to welcome the Commander of the 1st Fighter Group to England having arrived during the previous night and nothing more, I have a letter confirming this from an officer in the 1st Fighter Group who was there by the name of Stanley Q Schamber. Colonel. USAF. Rtd of Orlando, Florida, the official handing over ceremony took place in August and there is no records of General Eisenhower attending as far as I know and the bomb that fell about five hours before Eisenhower's arrival get more hilarious as time goes on, there were two unexploded bombs though the second one hardly gets a mention because it caused no problems as the one in the runway did, it was by good luck they hit an airfield and unknown to the intruders that the Generals were to visit it, maybe they think it makes good reading to glorify it and Clark Gable was never stationed at Goxhill regardless of what is written in books and Internet, he was stationed at Polebrook, Northamptonshire and it is well documented and accompanied with photographs.

Goxhill's Wartime Photographs STILL AVAILABLE!

The DVD of Goxhill Wartime photographs is still available to see on your TV screen instead of books, it consists of the American and RAF occupation of the airfield, Bomb damage at Goxhill and Barrow, The Goxhill Home Guard, better known as Dad's Army and Evacuees from Craven street school at Hull, with the photographs/documents moving on every eight seconds, it run for 1 hour, 3 minutes with approximately 460 photographs, includes 400 of the Airfield from the Ron Parker Collection, all accompanied with music, If anyone wants a particular photograph or document from the DVD they can arrange for a copy to be printed off.

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This year December has 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays.

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DECEMBER

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"The Americans at Goxhill"

Michael and Kim also have the DVD of "The Americans at Goxhill" where an American Officer removed a Gun Camera from a crashed aircraft and with a 24 Volt Battery pack on his shoulder went around filming the airfield, our village, New Holland to Hull ferry, Hull and Grimsby bomb damage, a visit to Derby and Newark Castle, price £5-00 or post £7-00

Parker's Jottings

The Water Mill, an addition to autumn issue

At Goxhill haven in 1778 the Customs and Excise men apprehended a ship about to sail to Dunkirk loaded with bales of wool, an illegal cargo belonging to a man called Edmond Barker, thought to be payment for smuggled goods already brought in by the same ship. Barker was fined £387-00 and the wool being impounded by the Customs. How was the wool transported to the haven? For there were no roads with stone or chalk foundations beneath them across the salt marshes in those days. So was it transported by small boats from the village as with many other havens on the Humber?



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Goxhill Fun Fair

Ron Parker's Jottings

I can just remember the fairground from the mid nineteen thirties until thirty nine when the war closed them down for its duration. It used to arrive around the first weekend of May each year, if I am correct, at the Brocklesby Hunt [pub] paddock, which in those days extended to the block of houses towards Thornton road on what was called Station Road, (from the station to the junction at Thornton & Ferry Road). The travelling Fair was owned by a family called Harness of the Scunthorpe area, or at-least Mr Harness stored his fair there for the winter. The fair was packed into trailers and pulled behind each other in line by a Steam Show-Mans engine, along with the living vans. Maybe they had more then one load. The engine then remained stationary at the fair and provided electricity for the lights and power for some of the Carousel, Chairplanes, Swings, small Roundabouts and side Shows. In a small village fair it was usual to only have one or maybe two large attraction such as the Carousels/Gallopers or large Swing-boats.

These large jobs had their own Steam Engine built into the centre, usually made by the famous firm of Savage Brothers of Kings Lynn. This renowned firm also built many of the complete Steam Rides which they sold to Fun Fair operators as well as the engines which they also sold to other makers of Fair-Ground rides. Rides such as the Gallopers also had a mechanical Organ built in for the music. They were often referred to as steam organs. Though this is not quite true. They are of the usual organ design with the pipes supplied with compressed air pumped in and a book to play the notes, which is a sheet of thin cardboard full of small holes and slots in it that unfolded as it went through the mysterious workings and refolded them when it came out the other-side, a different book for each tune. Originally turned by a handle to drive the workings, it was Frederick Savage who, while watching a man turning the handle, gave him the idea to make a very small steam engine to do his job, (1 Man-power no-doubt instead of 1 Horse Power). So giving them the name of Steam Organs. The large independent mechanical organs are built onto their own trailers and were run with a steam engine of Savages, though like every thing else today they have been converted to electric motors for convenience.

The fair also consisted of a number of small amusements of Children's swings and roundabouts which were operated by turning a handle on them or pushing the swings by hand much to the enjoyment of the kids. Other attractions included a stall which had a small wooden block with a groove cut in it to take a penny on its edge and roll it down at an intended target. If it missed, which was almost every time, it fell into a pit for the stall operator to collect for his pocket, and the prizes remained on the shelf at the back encouraging others to have a go. There was usually the Rifle Range, using air guns, shooting at targets. Most of the gun sights had been offset to some degree, by the time one got the hang of them your number of shots had run out. So you paid for a second round with great hopes of winning a prize only to be out done by the gallery operator changing the gun for your next round. So back to square one. Though occasionally a win was allowed to give encouragement.

And not forgetting the stand with the Fruit Machines and One Armed Bandits, which took in more pennies than they gave out, all in the Fun of the Fair.

When one had run out of pennies there was one attraction that was free of charge. The Show-Man's Engine in all its splendour, with the canopy over the top painted with its logo of designs and name of the owner. Uncountable coloured lights surrounding it, every-thing that could be made of brass was made of it and highly polished, such as the pillars which held the canopy over the engine and were twisted like a sugar barley stick. Many of the water or steam pipes were of brass, also polished to the same degree so as to reflect in the light of the coloured bulbs. It was driving a large Dynamo on front of the engine with a belt from the large flywheel for the Fairground lights and electric motors of small rides etc. All the working parts were exposed for one to see and watch. Every now and then the driver would open the fire box door and put a shovel of coal into it, when stationary at this job they had an extension to put on the chimney making it twice the height so it took away all the smell and soot from the area of the fair and deposited it on window sills or washing lines around the village depending on which way the wind blew. Leaving the escaping steam from various joints or glands to drift across the fair, which gave it a pleasant smell of which only steam from the engine can. All added to the atmosphere or thrill of the fair for visitors to enjoy, coloured lights, organ music and a blast of the engines whistle from time to time to let the residents know that the "Fair is Here".

After the war in 1946 or 47 the fair returned, with a new owner Bob Franklin, of Messingham. Though with a difference, the Steam Engines had been replaced with the modern Diesel engines. For the first few years, the diesel tractors and generators were possibly made up from ex-military surplus. Though from 1946 Scammell Motors of Watford produced a purpose built tractor with generator called the Showtrac to replace the Steam Show-mans engines, fitted with the reliable slow running Gardner diesel engine, all covered in and weather proof. Later other purpose built jobs appeared and the world of Diesel fuelled fairs had arrived. With the constant drum of the engine and smell of the fumes which came from the low exhausts, unlike the tall chimneys of the steamers, which were also quiet in comparison. The organs and the lights continued with the Carousels, Gallopers, Swing-Boats and the usual side shows converted to be driven by electricity. But the old pre-war days' atmosphere or thrill had disappeared, though it was accepted by the younger generation because they had known no other. With 6 years of war intervening between visits, a few years later, part of the Brocklesby Hunt paddock was sold off for 2 bungalows to be built. And the fair, for some years, continued in the New Hall paddock where St Michael's Court is to-day. Which was the last year the fair attended no-one can seem to remember.

Speaking of these old Show-ground Steamers/Gallopers, and other showground attractions, many have fortunately been preserved or restored and still operated today for the younger generations to see. For any-one interested they can be seen working at the Lincoln Steam Rally each August at the Showground. "While looking into the future let us not forget our Glories of the Past".

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In the mid nineteen thirties I had an Uncle Jack (my great Uncle), who was a retired Fun Fair attraction Owner. He came out of the Royal Flying Corp in 1919, after the War and started on his own at Cleethorpes on the Sands, with what was then a sort of Helter Skelter. A box for the customers to sit in that he wound up with a winch to the top and it came down a slide of steps which shook every bone in the body, so I was told. He no-doubt had built it himself, for he always liked to think of himself as a "Wood Spoiler" (slang for Joiner). He had maybe served an apprenticeship before the war as one, for he always brought a Joiners Chest full of tools with him when he came to stay. He then sold out and went to Redcar and started up again in an Arcade with the Fruit Machines, Slot Machines or One Armed Bandits, what ever they were called in the nineteen twenties. He had again sold out and retired by 1932, amid the recession, at

Little Owls in Goxhill

Ron Parkers Jottings

Seventy years ago the Little Owl was the most common of our resident owls. Living in the mature hawthorn hedgerows and trees, outnumbering the Tawny and Barn owls. Living on beetles, ground living insects, earthworms, small birds and rodents such as field mice and grass voles in general. It does not hunt like the barn owl but sits on a post or low hedgerow branch watching for its dinner to walk or run beneath it and then drop on the unwary victim in a similar way of the tawny owl. They appear to hunt/feed as much in daytime as in the



night. Then their numbers fell over the years, as with the changing of modern day agriculture in the nineteen sixties and seventies. No doubt due to the chemicals coming in to use, that killed birds and rodents eating the seed corn that was treated with them, before planting. And killing the field mice that eat it after sowing, allowing the owls to catch them as they were dying and in turn they died as with other species. There were many common willow trees, also know as crack (because their twigs are brittle), in the parish. When they grew old, the wind would break off large branches leaving a deep crack in the trunks that made ideal nesting sites for them. When they were sitting (incubating eggs) you could look into the crack and see them without disturbing mother. A few village lads have claimed that they have put their hand under the owl removing an egg, looked at it and replaced it without the mother owl flying off. Eggs that are incubating are no good for a collection because they are Bubbed as one said. Unlike today it was not illegal to rob nests and yet birds were far more numerous than today.

Thirty years ago they were down to three or four known pairs. One on the airfield, that lived there for many years in the area around the hangars, on north side of Ruard Road in a heap of broken concrete on edge of the airfield. One at the marsh end of Middle Road and one

the age of 45 and came back to live in Grimsby. He never worked again. He was known in Goxhill by the sight of his car, not many around in those days. It was a 2 seater with a Dickey seat for 2 more in the boot that unfolded and the passengers were exposed to the weather. I remember him for always wearing a Dickey Bow Tie, a reminder of his showman days. He sported a Moustache and a Corporation (a large stomach) usually with a watch and chain hanging on it from the waist coat pockets. He used to come and stay with us on the farm and spend his time pottering around repairing doors and gates etc, even built a Pigeon Loft. Within the family circle he spoke of his days at Redcar and always finished the conversation by saying, "All you need is some machines and a few Mugs". He had certainly found some at Redcar! Maybe it is the reason why I was never interested in having a flutter or buying a lottery ticket for I always remembered his "Famous last Words".

at Marsh farm, Ferry Road. Despite being successful at nesting each year they appeared not to increase their numbers for some unknown reason, possibly due to a food shortage, for it was

not the lack of nesting habitat because they can and do adapt to many different types of site, from hollow trees that seem to be their favorite, in rabbit burrows, heaps of large stones or broken concrete and on the ground in various places such as farm sheds behind heaps of junk, corrugated sheets or whatever will hide them.



The two pairs on the airfield could have been one and the same moving residence at times.

They like to sit on a vantage point and watch the world go round. A popular place for this was on an old derelict building in Nipkin (Neatsgangs) Lane. Built of bricks that appeared to be a cottage of bygone days with only two rooms and a chimney for a fire place in one room that had been removed. Local residents said it was an old shepherds hut but with hindsight I don't think so. It must have been built in the mid eighteen hundreds or earlier and very small for a cottage by today's standard. One could wonder if it had been a dwelling for a shepherd or farm worker for it was too well built for just a temporary accommodation at lambing time for a shepherd, as they had wooden huts on wheels to move around with the flock. In my time no-one was old enough to remember it being used for a dwelling. However the little owl appeared to be happy and content with it for it used to sit there like a statue all day and every day on top of the chimney, a few residents will still remember it. The cottage was demolished sometime in the nineteen eighties.

This year we have two nests in the parish and both have been successful rearing offspring and there could have been a third but it was not confirmed. One in a roadside ash tree has not gone un-noticed by dog-walkers and residents having a morning stroll.

The photographs, two of a number taken this year by Duncan Knowles, show an adult and one of its young from this nest.

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Members of Barton Rotary club are preparing for another very busy Christmas period. Beginning at the Barton Christmas Festival, the popular "Photos With Santa" will again see youngsters receiving a gift as well as a picture.

Senior Citizens, including those from Barrow, Goxhill and New Holland, are again invited to a free Christmas Concert to be held in Baysgarth School Hall on Sunday December 9th at 7.00pm. Entertainment is provided by Barton and District Amateur Operatic Society and Barton Town Band. They will perform a selection of seasonal music and, at the interval supper will be served. Transport can be arranged by telephoning David Witter on 01652 632675.

During the weeks before Christmas, Barton Rotary Club members will be touring the streets of Barton and the villages escorting Santa on his sleigh. This is a very popular, traditional part of Christmas in the Barton area, with many parents bringing their children out to see Santa. Money raised helps to pay for some of the events for the elderly over the festive season.

Rotary Club President, Mike Knapton said "We enjoy going round the town and villages with Santa and also collecting outside the Supermarkets; people are so generous with their donations, knowing that they are helping other people in our area.

On Christmas Day, Barton Rotary Club members will be cooking about 50 Christmas lunches and then delivering them to elderly people who will be spending Christmas on their own. This is a full Christmas Dinner, including turkey with all the trimmings, followed by trifle, mince pies and fruit. This available to OAP's in Barrow, Goxhill and New Holland, as well as Barton. To arrange to have this delivered, please contact David Witter on 01652 632675. A member will then call round to check the delivery arrangements.

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Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian, First Annual Charity Fishing Match

The Biggest Fish winner had a huge surprise when he was awarded the prize for his catch. Mr Brightmore received a gift voucher and a 'fish' cake for his efforts. An unusual biggest fish tale!

Forty two anglers from Yorkshire, Humber and North Lincolnshire had turned out to support the first Annual Charity Fishing Match organised by Colin Finnis, Barrow Meridian Rotarian. The funds raised were in aid of Lindsey Lodge Hospice and local charitable causes. Local businesses sponsored the event by donating prizes, vouchers and sponsoring pegs. Members of the Rotary Club arrived early in the morning, to prepare hot beverages and bacon buns for everyone, for a small donation. All anglers were winners on the day with a prize given for each peg number drawn. Sponsors each paid £10.00 toward the fishing peg number, largest of which being Stoneacre, a representative of which have said "we are happy to work with the Barrow Meridian Rotary Club in the future". Overall, the event was a huge success raising a total of £994.32 for the designated charities and great cash up to the value of £420 were awarded to the eight lucky winners.

Future events: [ALL EVENTS TO BE ADVERTISED LOCALLY]

Christmas Carol Concert Barrow Market Place December 15th Everyone Welcome
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If you are considering joining us or require more information, contact a member on 07966 261143 or drop a letter to **The Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian, Barrow Sports & Fitness Centre, Thorngarth Lane, Barrow upon Humber, North Lincolnshire DN19 7AW**



President Peter Towle presenting the cheque on the 11th Oct at Lindsey Lodge Hospice, proceeds of the Barrow Meridian Rotary Club fishing match.

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Christmas is around the corner and I think for the majority of people it will be a very lean one. The recession has been nibbling away in this area for some time and with the recent announcement of the closures of Comet and Kimberley Clarke it is bound to have an impact.

I think it is time to stop and take stock of what is really important. We have grown into a throwaway culture and put store in what is wanted instead of needed. Pressure is put on by peers to keep up and to wear the right labels to fit in. It's sad really. When I was growing up a friend of my mother made all her clothes whilst everyone else was going for the fashionable labels. She gave her mum a hard time but her parents could not afford to buy her what she wanted. Her mum had some labels made which she sewed onto the clothes - "MAMADE"! Brilliant, personal designer labels which her friends were quite jealous of.

The recession bites hard at horse owners as there is not a lot to cut back on or go without. Prices are ever rising and in some parts hay is short owing to the wet summer, as is straw of which a lot now goes to the energy plants. All I can say is be pragmatic about what you feed to get the most value. Rug up well to keep the heat in but do check under the rug to see the condition of your horse. Add hot water to the feed to warm them inside. Even if they are kept out, a flask of hot water can be taken to the field.

It has been reported that more and more horses are being abandoned each year and the rescue centres are full to capacity. Please do not let things get that bad. It is not only horses. In fact I am looking for good homes for 2 neutered rabbits and a really lovely dog. No- they are not mine!

August 15th saw the first meeting of the discussions for a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. It was reasonably well attended although no introductions were made by the first speaker. The reason being it was a Parish Councillor but not a Parish Council Meeting! Why not introduce herself and explain it was not a Parish Council Meeting? It caused confusion and bewilderment and was not a good start. I had written down all my concerns and it was mentioned that "a really good letter raising valid point" had been received. It was not read out for any sort of discussion which I thought the meeting was for. Some of what I wrote should definitely have been discussed. I did speak up eventually as things needed saying as in the previous edition of the

"Gander, such as the purchase of land by Able UK and the re-opening of the railway line. Any plans to do with renewable energy will automatically get a green light as Government policy. It was confirmed to me by a Parish Councillor after the meeting that I was correct about the opening up of the railway line. Both points should have been out there at the meeting. What else are we not being told?

I do not believe all the railway line will be opened and there is still room for a bridleway which could possibly run beside the new tracks and join up with existing ones. At the mention of a bridleway there was aggressive objection from one man as it backs onto his property. If it was a public bridleway for use by horses, walkers and cyclists the police would have powers to stop motorbikes and there are now openings available which will allow these but not motorbikes to go through. I urge all walkers, riders and cyclists to make their thoughts known. I do not believe it is too late but if we don't try then we don't deserve anything.

Another thing which came out of the meeting, which I was not aware of is that there is a levy on each house built so the more that are built the bigger the slice the Government takes. I am also led to believe a certain amount of new build should be for Social Housing, so it will be interesting to see the developments and just how many houses get built. No doubt there will be different phases, but at the end of it, what will we be left with?

Barhale have been in the village for some time now and will be until works are completed. At a meeting prior to work starting I spoke to the foreman and explained there were 300 horses in the village so could he talk to his men to ask them to give us time and room to get out of the way. It has not been easy to plan rides around the works but I must say they have been absolutely brilliant and give us the courtesy asked for with good grace. I know they have given some hi-viz tabards to the school but they will now donate some bigger ones for the first few who ring me and say "BARHALE". (It sounds a bit like the password in "Babe"! I am not sure of the exact number but whether you are a walker, cyclist, motorist or rider please ring and you may be lucky.

19th September saw a "Country Fashion Show" at Thomas Bell's in Brigg. It was well attended and a pleasant evening. We had drinks and nibbles and enjoyed the show. There was a discount on their

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clothing and a raffle in aid of the Air Ambulance Service. I received a phone call later to say I had won a bottle of wine, so all round a good event!

Rase Vets are holding a "Caring for the Elderly Horses and Pony Seminar" sponsored by Global Herbs at Caistor Equitation Centre on 7th November so hopefully I will gain some good advice to pass on for the next edition.

Thanks go to Jill Latchford, Eva and Bob Border for their help and support at the Ark Animal Rescue Open Day where we held a tombola. £164 was raised which was good as 3 other tombola stalls were there. Another £25 was raised at Goxhill Show Saddlery Sale at Ulceby. The money was a donation on behalf of Goxhill Show as it was cancelled. The Committee sent a donation from funds to the Air Ambulance for whom the show is generally run.

I have received a complaint about 2 ladies riding side by side, busy on their mobile phones. The driver complained as they gave her no acknowledgement for being courteous and about the safety aspect. Although mobile phones are invaluable in case of an emergency whilst out

riding, please exercise discretion. To ride one-handed and using a phone you cannot possibly be in control of your horse. It reflects on all of us – Riding without due care and attention. Remember it is also illegal to ride a horse or bike without lights when they are needed. It is not to see but to be seen.

Reading the "Marketing Sheet" of the Best Kept Village in the Gander it seems we have a few areas to be addressed although in view of the weather at the time of judging I feel they were being a bit harsh. Perhaps next year we can pull together and gain a few more points, weather permitting. I am not sure when judging takes places so perhaps a reminder in the Gander nearer the time will inspire some activity.

I would like to thank Pip and Donald Noble, Sue Mager and Madelaine and Trevor Clifton. A tree blew down in the high winds blocking the road. They all assisted in the sawing up and removal. I was not in at the time but it proves community spirit is alive and kicking in Goxhill.

I do hope everyone has a good Christmas and New Year.

Take care – Ride safely Aileen (01469 530643)

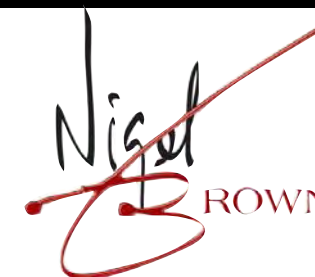
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2. Measure the butter, sugar and syrup into a small pan and heat gently until the butter has melted. Remove from the heat and add the flour, chopped cherries, candied peel and nuts to the pan and stir well to mix. Spoon 1 tsp of the mixture on to the prepared baking trays, leaving plenty of room for them to spread.
3. Bake in the preheated oven for about 8-10 minutes or until golden brown. Allow the Florentines to cool on the paper before lifting on to a cooling rack with a palette knife. (If the Florentines have been baked on greased baking trays, then allow them to harden for a few minutes only before lifting on to cooling racks to cool completely. If the Florentines do become too hard to remove, then pop them back into the oven for a few minutes to allow them to soften.)
4. Melt the chocolate in a bowl placed over a pan of hot water. Spread a little melted chocolate over the flat base of each Florentine, mark a zig-zag in the chocolate with a fork and leave to set, chocolate side up, on the cooling rack. Store in an airtight container.





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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

Goxhill Bowling Club's 2012 outdoor bowling season rather limped to a soggy closure in September. We just managed to fit in a few club competitions that had been postponed earlier in the year because of bad weather. Anyone watching our penultimate afternoon of bowling, would have seen substantial evidence for questioning our sanity. What began in full sun ended with us all drenched through, putting our weight behind bowls to drive them through the surface water, but determined not to abandon the games. We had a good laugh about it afterwards over cups of tea or coffee before heading off home for equally welcome hot showers.

During the autumn/winter close season for our club you will still occasionally see cars in the car park and people using the bowling pavilion. Art Club classes are on Thursdays (10am-12pm beginners & 1pm-3pm main class) and once a month at 7pm on a Friday our local dominoes aficionados gather. If you are interested in either of those and would like to come along then please ring Stan Short on 530722 about art or Maurice Broughton on 530083 about dominoes.

Not all of Goxhill's bowlers put their bowls into hibernation and many use Scunthorpe's Indoors Bowls Centre. But some time in late March we will all start thinking about the coming outdoor season and hoping to be blessed with some favourable spring weather. Why not join us in 2013? We want Goxhill Bowling Club to be a vibrant and active part of our community with as broad a membership as possible. Look in the spring issue of The Gander for dates and details of opportunities for you and your family to try bowling. Bowling can be taken up by adults and children of almost any age and it accommodates a wide range of fitness levels - try for yourself if you are not convinced. To find out more about joining Goxhill Bowling Club take a look at our website at <http://goxhill.moonfruit.com> to see what we are about, or give me a call on 530363 for a chat. **John Gaggiari**



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