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Winter 2013



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all year round as can be seen in many
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When I first visited Goxhill over 30 years ago, I was really impressed by the avenues of trees lining many of the roads. The beautiful Cherry trees, especially at blossom time, are a real eye catching asset to the village.

But I was just as impressed by the avenue of ornamental Elm trees that lined the road from Barrow and made such a striking approach to Goxhill.

Sadly, the dreaded Dutch Elm disease first struck in 1975, and the beautiful avenue soon began to die off, though it was still very impressive when we moved to Goxhill. I would guess that some readers don't know what I am talking about, but there are several skeletons of these beautiful, slim, conical shaped trees still there, amongst the mix of other trees and self set hedgerows that now line the main road to Goxhill. Some are now falling over in the strong winds we have had recently. Soon there will be no sign of this elegant avenue of trees.

I did some research to find out about them. They were obviously not there by accident.

They were in fact all part of a plan to enhance the village for the benefit of the future. In the late 1800s, the Chestnut trees near the station were planted for Mr Martinson of the New Hall, and the ones at the Church were probably planted around the same time. The Limes, on Horsegatefield Road, were planted in 1935 to commemorate the Coronation of King George V. Followed by the trees on Thornton Road, for the Coronation of King George VI. They were paid for by individual villagers.

After the 2nd World War, the Parish Council decided to continue the tree planting and approached a number of local organisations for help, including Toc H, the Women's Institute, the Food Production Society (presumably the equivalent of an Allotments Associations today) and the Rabbit Club. The WI and the Food Production Society agreed and a Tree Planting Committee was formed, in 1946. The result was the planting of the pink and white cherry trees along Thornton Road and Ferry Road in 1948 and 1949. It also included planting Wheatley Elms from the Cross Roads to Milk Hill? (presumably this is the start of Barrow Road). A further 29 of the ornamental elms were planted up to the Barrow boundary in 1953. The funds for all these trees and many others, were raised from local organisations and clubs and included £6000 from a public collection, a very large amount of money then.

The trees planted all those years ago continue to give enormous pleasure to all and create a unique atmosphere to Goxhill. But many are suffering from poor maintenance, lack of water, competition from root suckers etc. Although North Lincolnshire Council say they are all healthy?

Is there the same spirit in the village today, to take on such a challenge for the future of the village, for the benefit of future generations?

However the priority at the moment may not be trees. But vital village institutions, such as the Memorial Hall and the Church, who desperately need your help, not just your financial support, to secure their futures at the heart of the village. Many other causes are not far behind in need of a bit of commitment.

The article by Gary Payne on Page 29 sums up how much can be achieved by giving just a little bit of your time. Enid Girdham is the living testimony to this philosophy, see page 17. Both are fantastic examples of all the best qualities of the people of Goxhill.

Jeff Teasdale, Editor of the Goxhill Gander



We have a facebook page specifically to publicise village events and pass on important information to the village between issues of the Gander. It is not for Commercial advertising!

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The fantastic avenue of elm trees on the Barrow Road

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

As I write this article in mid October, the major shops are already starting to fill their shelves with Christmas related goods and groceries. I imagine (and hope) that there will be a bit of a gap before piped Christmas music assails my ears when shopping! One song that can be guaranteed to be played almost incessantly is Slade's hit from the 1970's 'Merry Christmas Everybody' It's a very catchy song, and one line from it strikes me with a significance that I'm not certain Mr Holder intended when he wrote it: "...look to the future, now, it's only just begun" In essence, this was the message given by the angels when they appeared to the shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem 2000 years ago. What was their reaction? I've been to many nativity plays in schools and churches when the audience (mainly parents and grandparents) respond to the appearance of the angels with "aah" as the little ones cutely pirouette in fairy-like costumes. But the reaction of the shepherds in the actual story as told by St Luke in his story was rather different: they were terrified ('sore afraid' in the old King James Version of the Bible).

I imagine these shepherds were not the sort to frighten easily, accustomed as they were to defending their flocks against the lions, bears and bandits that were rife at the time. The angel's message was, in truth, one of hope and joy for the future: that a new era had just begun....but this was not immediately apparent to the shepherds in their fear. They had to go and see for themselves, and it was only then that they were able to return rejoicing. That is where their story ends, at least as far as the Bible is concerned (check out Luke 2. 8-20).

It's up to our imagination to furnish anything else. Perhaps the shepherds lives were changed forever by what they had heard and seen that night? Maybe not? The fact is that many lives have been changed because of what happened on that first Christmas. Perhaps there are those reading this who can testify personally to this fact? Perhaps others hearing the old familiar story once again are pondering if it can have any personal significance for them, 2000 years later? Jesus is on record as having plenty to say something about this, but the one thing he said which always strikes a chord with me is that those who turn to him would have life 'to the full' and would enjoy it eternally. Surely that's a future to look forward to? Has it begun for you? Merry Christmas Everybody! **Rev John Girtchen**

LETTER FROM THE CHAPEL

Come and Join the Celebration

Each year we're encouraged to prepare for Christmas earlier and earlier- it seems we're no sooner back from Summer holidays before the shops and the media are urging us to buy early for Christmas. Ideas for the perfect gift and suggestions for Christmas meals and party outfits. Everything from new furniture to winter cruises! Mixing the Christmas puddings and making the Christmas cake is the start of preparations for some people. For others it is the sending of cards, singing Christmas carols and buying presents.

Some of us began preparing in October when Christmas Shoe boxes were filled with gifts for needy children. Some of us responded to the Rotary Appeal for Babies in Crisis Appeal, others offered money, food or time to help at the Foodbank.

We all prepare and celebrate Christmas in different ways but at the heart of all we do is the timeless truth that Christmas is not Christmas without Christ.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born in Bethlehem some two thousand years ago is the Christ in Christmas. The story is often acted out by children, with Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem where Jesus is born in a stable, in the night. Angels are sent to announce to shepherds that the Son of God has been born, and a star guides wise men, kings from the East, who bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We must never forget that it is a story about real people and Jesus, the babe in the manger, is not a doll in a nativity crib, but a real child who grows into manhood and reveals the nature of a God who was willing to send his only Son to be born for us. Jesus Christ is Immanuel which means God with us.

When we celebrate that Jesus Christ is God with us, it is comforting to know that God is with us in our sad and difficult times as well as in the good and happy times. We prepare to celebrate Christ's birth once again this Christmas. We can celebrate every day his love for us and the world.

A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to you all.

Every Blessing, Rev. Sue

Christmas Services at All Saints, Goxhill

Saturday	14th	December	6.00pm	Christingles & Carols for all the Family
Tuesday	24th	December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Other local Christmas Services

Sunday	8th	December	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service at Christ Church, New Holland
Sunday	15th	December	6.00pm	SOS Contemporary Communion at Holy Trinity, Barrow
Sunday	22nd	December	6.00pm	United Carol Service at Goxhill Methodist Church
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Thank you

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INFORMATION ON THE NORFOLK FAMILY

I was very interested to read the article in the 2004 Autumn edition of the Goxhill Gander, as Roger Norfolk is my ggggg grandfather. I have never been to Goxhill as it is a long way from Australia but your article made me understand a little of the life they lived that far away and that long ago. If anyone has any more details of the Norfolk family in Goxhill I will be pleased to hear from you.

Cheryl Kirchner - cedricandcheryl@bigpond.com

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The money was raised from a Strawberry Tea held by the Bell Ringers in the garden of Mr. Stuart Cook on Saturday 10th August 2013.



L to R. Roger Cox, Group Co-ordinator LIVES, Stuart Cook, Goxhill Bell Ringers and Supporters and John Noton, Treasurer LIVES.

The Bell ringers rang to commemorate the 100th birthday of Mrs Madge Austin on 2nd September.



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The Annual Pantomime will be the "Princess and the Pea" and performed at the Ropery Hall Theatre, The Ropewalk, Barton-upon-Humber. Dates are Thursday 9th January [Please note that this performance has already sold out], Friday 10th January and Saturday 11th January 2014. There will be an evening performance starting at 7.30pm with doors open from 7pm with an additional matinee performance on the Saturday at 2.30pm with doors open from 2pm. We are pleased to say that there is a licenced bar available prior to performances and during the interval. Tickets for the pantomime will be £5 / £4 (adult/concessions) and available from the Ropewalk Information Office or from the chairman (details as above).

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GOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

We've had a great start to the new academic year, despite the fact now the nights are drawing in, the clocks have gone back and there is a definite chill in the air. With our two assistant head teachers in post, Mrs Kell and Miss Teasdale it has been good to see our staffing structure defined and settled and everyone has come back looking forward to the hard work, but many rewards, this term will bring. We've also been very fortunate to start the new academic year with a number of volunteers wanting to help out in our school and despite all of the worries that came with the consultation for the Federation with East Halton, the term has started without too many glitches in both schools.

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. I know I've mentioned the 'Centre of Excellence for Learning' a number of times in the past, but we now have been formally accredited and are awaiting an additional logo for our letter head and plaque for the front office.



We have consciously tried to open our school up more to the community this term and we were overwhelmed with the success, which the 'Wear it Pink' day brought on the 18th October. Our community Cafe was a huge success and I would once again like to thank everyone associated with the school for their kind donations of cakes and buns, which helped us to raise more than £1200, in conjunction with East Halton also, for this very worthwhile cause. There were a number of tears on the day, least of all from our vice chair of Governors, Theresa Bruce, whose idea it was in the initial stages to emphasise its cause. There was such a buzz around the school on the day and I felt so proud to stand back and look at all of the hard work those involved in making it a success, were more than happy to carry out. It's hard sometimes not to 'gush' so much about our school but I'm sure I speak on many people's behalf, to say I am so proud to be associated with Goxhill and our school.

We celebrated Harvest by having our service in the church at the beginning of October and it is noticeable how each time we come together in the church more and more of our parents come to support us. The produce which was collected was

given to the Barton Food bank with fresh produce contributed from our garden and from families, being sold off at the end of the week in a sale to parents. Similar to last year, we will be going to Church this coming week on the 8th November to have our Remembrance Service there, the service will begin at 10.45am. We have invited the children from East Halton School to join with us in this service.



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!



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 for a financial contribution of £380 and to the Barrow Rotary club who have given us fluorescent high vis jackets for all of our children in the Foundation Stage.

I think as a community we really pull together to support the needs and causes of less fortunate people. Earlier on in the summer term North Lincolnshire sent out information for nominations for people who work hard to benefit others and for organisations to put forward nominations for Community Champion awards in our Local authority. All of our staff got together and agreed that one person we are fortunate to know within our community who easily is a champion in her own right, is Mrs Enid Girdham. All of us concluded that we have never known someone so kind and generous and giving of her own time and hard work to benefit other people. Where Enid gets her energy



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from, I shall never know, but she works tirelessly to help others around her who are in need. When she finishes one project she immediately starts another and with such gusto!!! At our 'Wear it Pink' Community Cafe you wouldn't have been able to mistake where Enid was because of her bright florescent pink hair! We were all very excited to learn that Mrs Girdham has been short listed in the community champion awards and will be attending an event

in the Baths Hall on 28th November to receive either the winning or the runner's up prize! We can't wait!!! Whatever the success Mrs Girdham is our community champion without a doubt and we are all so looking forward to this event and the outcome!!!

This time last year we were waiting for the phone call from Ofsted, which duly came on 6th November – we all know what the outcome was and were pleased and relieved. One year on our school has become even stronger and results on pupil outcomes across the year have shown further improvements. Even though we didn't get the big 'O' last year, we are proud of our achievements and our contribution is well recognised by the Local Authority.

Counting down to Christmas we have a number of seasonal festivities to look forward to as well as Carol singing around Goxhill village on 16th December and at East Halton village on 18th



Enid Girdham with Theresa Bruce, Vice Chair of Governors

always possible. We are appreciative of parents' understanding when notices have to be sprung on them without enough advance warning however we acknowledge that there may be further changes which we might face in the coming terms but it is safe to say that our staff are as ever committed, hardworking and conscientious in wanting to provide the best educational experiences we can possibly give to our children.

One final word..... We were asked to contribute to a government publication which will be going into schools this term. Please follow the link below to the publication which indicates the many successes our school has achieved over the years.

<http://www.governmentinitiativesiq.com/Final2013Web.pdf>

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

Best wishes

C. Breslin

LIFESTYLE CHALLENGE 2013

Three of Goxhill's young residents recently took part in a sponsored walk across the Humber Bridge, a car boot sale and a cake sale to raise much needed funds for the Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance charity.

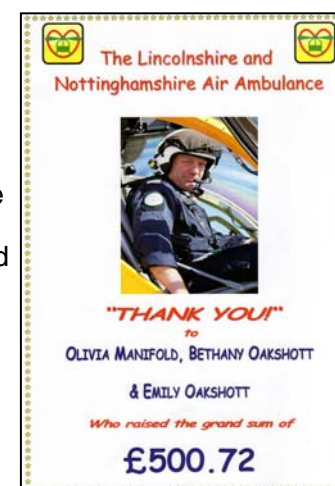


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GOXHILL PRE-SCHOOL
Building A Brighter Future

Since returning after the six weeks holidays, we have had a really busy time here at Goxhill Pre-school. We are very proud of the fact that we have the most children attending that we have ever had (43) with more children waiting to start over the next couple of months, our Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions are now full, which for a small village Pre-school is quite an achievement. Since Easter our numbers have just kept going up and up, with parents from outside the village coming to us, after hearing about our reputation, and this is a real credit to Zoe Murphy and the team of Early Years Practitioners, who put so much work into the day-to-day running of the setting.

We feel that it is important for the children to learn about the local community, either by taking the children out into the village or by inviting people into the setting who can then talk about their job, hobby etc. We had a lovely walk down to the village Library, where we was welcomed by the librarian who then showed the children how to borrow/return books, as well as having a nice story read to them. The children really enjoyed this little outing and we even managed to sneak a quick play in the park on the way back to Pre-school. We had a parent bring in his Massey Ferguson 35 which the children loved looking at and even had the chance to sit on and have their photo taken. This coming half term we will be having a visit from a paramedic and will be going to the village Surgery/pharmacy as part of our health week. In December we will be visiting the Post Office to post letters to Father Christmas as

well as a visit from our local Postman.

The children have been busy with lots of different activities/crafts since our last article, we had fun making our own sandwiches for snack, to promote trying different textures/tastes, we have also made chocolate apples, as well as pumpkin pie (from pumpkins we had grown and then carved for Halloween). We have had lots of fun with different crafts, such as leaf rubbing, conker rolling, making tractor pictures, hand puppets to name but a few.

It is quite a busy time leading up to Christmas for us, we have our annual Christmas trip to Cheeky Chimps where the children and parents enjoy Christmas dinner and meeting Father Christmas, as well as lots of fun in the play area.

Goxhill Pre-school Christmas Open Morning On Tuesday 10th December 9am to 12.45pm

This is open to both attending and non-attending children/parents.

Magicella will be entertaining the children, Father Christmas will be visiting and there will be a party lunch. We will also be drawing the Pre-school Annual Christmas Raffle (tickets available from Pre-school) during the open morning.

We would like to say a big thank you to everybody who attended our Halloween Disco and Goxhill Primary School for allowing us the use of their hall. This year was our best attended yet and we raised £328.62. We saw some brilliant costumes and everybody had a wonderful time. All money raised will buy new equipment/resources for Pre-school, so once again thank you.

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).

New 2 year old Funding

From September 2013, some two year olds who live in North Lincolnshire will meet eligibility criteria to be entitled to 15 hours per week free childcare from the term following their second birthday. Children will only be able to access their places in settings with a good or outstanding ofsted. If you would like more information with reference to this, please contact the Family Information Service on 01724 296629. As we have a Good Ofsted, there are places available at Goxhill Pre-school for children who are eligible for the 2 year funding.

For more information on anything in this article please call in during our opening times, which are Monday through to Friday 9am to 3.30pm (Term time only) at the Integrated Services Building, located at Goxhill Primary School.

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THE WATERS OF HUMBER

We live by the side of the river Humber but rarely if at all does anyone say what an unusual river our Humber is. Whilst there have been many people who have written poems and eulogies about other watercourses few have been moved to glorify the river that drains the water from one fifth of the land area of England into the sea. This is perhaps understandable when you make a list of the exciting features of other rivers, the waterfalls the ancient cities and bridges and of course the population of poets that have lived upon their banks to sing their praises. The Humber flows past but not through the towns on its bank and none have claimed it to glorify it as "their river".

The Humber is about 14 miles long. It is not the shortest river in the country indeed one of its tributaries the Bain, which flows into the Ure becoming the Ouse before it joins the Humber, is only a couple of miles long but the Humber is tidal throughout its length. Now I cannot declare that this is the only river in the country which is tidal throughout its length but if you can find others I would be interested to know.

For the river to be tidal its surface has to rise and fall with the tide of the sea so that for simplicity we can say that it is at Sea Level. The rivers Trent and Ouse combine at Trent Falls to form the Humber and immediately the new river gives us a problem. For the next five or six miles it flows between the Yorkshire Wolds and the Lincolnshire Wolds which rise on either side to seventy metres above sea level. How was the valley between the Wolds formed? Perhaps a little trip to the High ground between Barton and Ferriby will help. This gives us an excellent view point from which to see the narrow valley the cliff face and the bottom of the valley which is filled by the river. There are two huge quarries in the cliff face. These should not be explored but viewed from a distance they give a small indication of the amount of chalk that has been carved away to form the valley. If we stop by the A15 road where it cuts down through the chalk to the Humber Bridge we see that the strata lines are horizontal so that the chalk does not go down one side of the valley and up again on the other. The valley cuts through the chalk. Certainly the river did not flow over the top of the hill up one side and down the other to carve a way through the Whitton limestone and the Barton chalk. So how did it happen?

If we look at the rivers Ouse and Trent we see that they flow through a massive flat area of low lying land which stretches from just south of York down to Newark and bordered roughly speaking by the A1 road and the Wolds. This is the Humber Levels, it was formed during the Ice ages when glaciers several kilometres deep flowed down from the high ground to the north and west and carved away the rock of the area. When the glaciers melted they deposited rocks and mud in what is now the Humber which blocked it

completely but they also released massive amounts of water and a great lake formed this has been called Lake

Humber. Eventually the blockage was washed away in two or three stages and the Humber Levels a low lying boggy area was formed.

If we go back through the thousands of years before the ice ages the land was much higher before it was ground down by the ice. And this I believe is when the valley between the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Wolds was formed. A river ran through this land from West to East and carved a steep sided valley through the limestone and chalk. Similar valleys can be seen with small rivers running through them on the South coast and further up the Yorkshire coast. When the Glaciers formed they flowed from North to South and

the hard rock of the Pennine range the Howardian hills and The Wolds formed the boundaries to either side of their deep excavation. At that time the upper reaches of the little river were lost. After the glaciers melted the short length of the narrow valley between the Wolds remained and provided the outlet for the water of Lake Humber.



The Sun did not shine and create a beautiful climate after the ice had melted. In fact there was a long period of very cold dry weather and as the glacial deposit of sand and fine clay dried out it was blown by westerly winds across the flat land to form the sandy soil overlying the limestone of the escarpment overlooking the Trent valley. Something of the same effect can sometimes be seen at the present time when dry weather and high winds follow the drilling of cereal crops. The fine soil, and the seed is blown away and the hedge bottoms and roadsides are covered with drifts of sandy soil.

For the people living in Goxhill the story could have been very different. Just a few miles to the southeast of Newark the ground rises slightly forming the southern boundary of the Humber Levels and south of that the small streams flow to the river Witham. If the glaciers had pushed the area of the Humber Levels and this watershed a little further south the river Trent could have followed the course of the Witham and flowed to the Wash. If that had happened the River Humber might never have formed or would have been a very small river. We would not have the wonderful deep waterway upon which our ports and industry depend.

I have related this little piece of the history of our river in simple terms. I am not a geologist and no doubt a proper geologist would explain events in far greater depth and detail but the evidence for some of what I have written is there to be seen and many of us pass by it frequently as we go about our business. Take a little time to look at the river Humber and the Wolds this most unusual landscape in which we live and which is the reason for the presence of many of us working in the area and living in the village today.

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CHEF & FOOD FEATURES EDITOR

Welcome to Nigel Brown's regular Goxhill Gander Food Feature.

Well, with what's been an incredibly busy food festival season and now all most behind me it's nice to get back to my own kitchen and cookery school to start using some of the fabulous seasonal ingredients that surround us here in the region of Yorkshire and the Humber.

In this issue I'll be sharing three tasty recipes with you, whether they're for a great Autumn or Winter evening meal or even a weekend treat, either way, they'll represent all that's best and in season using our local produce.

Nigel
BROWN

Roast Shoulder of Lamb with Herbs

Ingredients

1.4kg/3lb shoulder of lamb,
trimmed
½ bunch fresh thyme,
leaves only
2 sprigs fresh rosemary,
leaves only
6 fresh sage leaves,
roughly chopped
1 tbsp dried oregano
salt and freshly ground
black pepper
1 tbsp olive oil
125ml/4fl oz lamb stock

Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
Make shallow scores through the outer layer of skin and fat of the lamb shoulder, but not into the meat.
Mix the oil thyme, rosemary, sage and oregano together in a bowl and season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
Press a handful of the herb mixture into the skin of the lamb, massaging it in well all over the flesh of the lamb.
Place the lamb into the casserole and pour the lamb stock into the casserole, then put the lid on. Transfer to the oven and cook for 2½ hours. Check the dish after one hour - the lamb should be taking on a little colour. If the stock has evaporated, add a little more to maintain the dish's moisture.
After 2½ hours cooking the lamb meat should pull away easily from the bone.
Remove from the oven and allow to it rest for 5 minutes.
Using a knife and fork, pull large pieces of meat away from the bone and arrange on a serving plate. Drizzle the meat with any pan juices and serve.

Steamed Mussels

Ingredients

1kg mussels
2 shallots,
finely chopped
2 sprigs of thyme,
leaves picked
1 bay leaf
150ml dry white wine
50g butter,
cubed
A small bunch of
flat-leaf parsley,
finely chopped
Optional - chopped
fresh garlic

Method

1. Rinse the mussels in cold running water, and then give them a good scrub and scrape to remove any barnacles or dirt. Discard any with broken shells, and give any open ones a sharp tap: if they don't close, then throw them away too, because they're dead. Pull out the beards – the fibrous little appendages which the mussels use to attach themselves to ropes or rocks, by pulling them sharply towards the hinge end of the mussel, then leave them to sit in cold water for a couple of hours until ready to use.
2. Put the chopped shallots, thyme leaves, bay leaf and wine into a large pan, and bring to a simmer. Turn the heat down, and cook gently for 10 minutes, then turn up the heat to medium-high. Add a little chopped garlic if you wish at this stage.
3. Drain the mussels and tip into the pan. Cover and cook until most of them have opened: about 3 minutes.
4. Add the butter and put the lid back on for 30 seconds to allow it to melt. Add the parsley and shake the pan well to distribute, then season gently and serve immediately, discarding any mussels which remain closed.

Apple Charlotte



Ingredients

3 large cooking apples
3 tbsp sugar
Several slices of bread
Cinnamon
4 tbsp sugar

Method

Peel, core and cut the apples into small chunks and place in a medium saucepan on a high heat. Add about 3 tbsp of sugar to the apples and a little water to make juice. Heat till it boils. Once bubbling turn down to a simmer for several minutes. You don't want them mushy, just soft.
While the apples are cooking, place a layer of bread in the bottom of an ovenproof, medium-sized glass/pyrex dish. When apples are soft, place a layer over the bread. Place another layer of bread. Then another layer of apples.
Place a final layer of bread on top and sprinkle plenty of cinnamon and sugar to cover bread. Drizzle the leftover juice from the apples over the top. Cover with a glass lid.
Preheat the oven to 180 C / Gas 4. Place in oven for 10 minutes.
Take out after 10 minutes and remove lid. Place back in the oven until the top of the pudding crisps up nicely (usually about 20 minutes).
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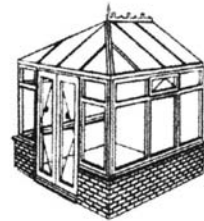
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Damage in the Park

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The words are too obscene to write here, and as a result had to be removed the following morning. The police were called and were able to obtain evidence from the location and have recorded it on file for use in any future action. Was your child using yellow and silver paint or had it on their cloths when they returned home. The PC urge you to come forward.

Speeding

Following complaints to the parish council of speeding on Barrow Road and Thornton Road all within the 30 mph limit, the PC had the locations analyzed by the Safer Roads Humberside (Police). Both locations highlighted that motorists were indeed exceeding the 30mph and as a result Humberside Police intend to

monitor and report motorists exceeding the limit for these roads. You have therefore been warned, should you exceed the speed limit of 30mph on these roads you will receive in the post a fine of £60. You have been warned.

Theft of Salt Bins

Another case reported to the police is that of theft of two of the Parish Councils own salt bins. These bins provided at your expense for your safety in winter have been stolen from Soff Lane at its College Road junction and Horsegatefield Road outside the Bridles. The council intend to have these bins replaced at the PC expense.(£1000 plus) Did you see them being being stolen, if so please report it to any parish council member.

Precepting

All members of the Parish Council are reminded that precepting is due to take place in January 2014 and closing date for any requests is 31/12/2013. Should you have any requests for such please ensure your application reaches the Parish Council before that date.

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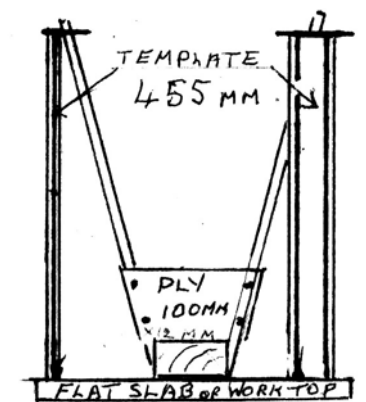
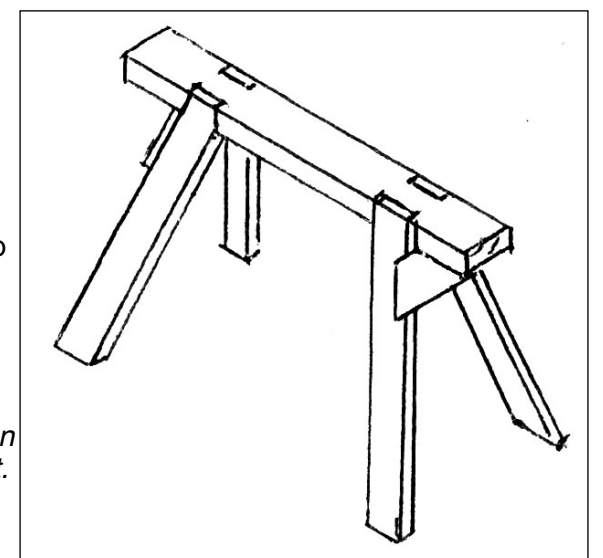
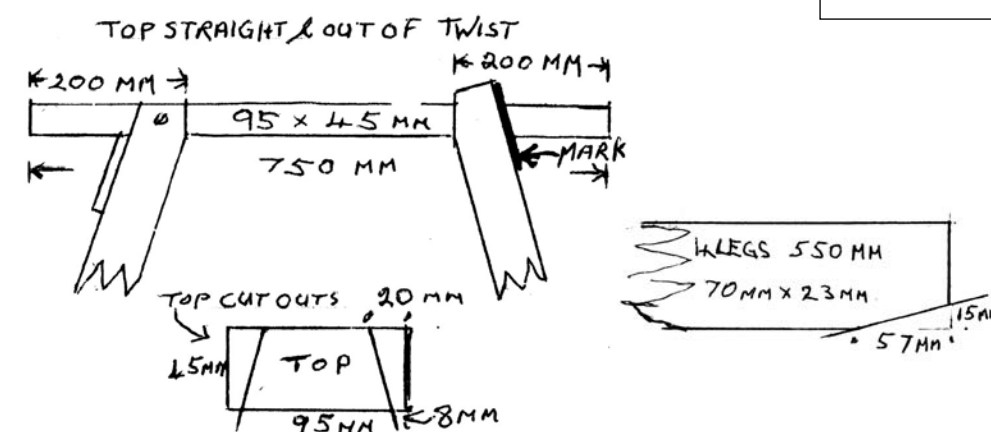
Glue and screw the ply braces onto the legs.

Cut top of legs off.

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BAYSGARTH Specialist Technology College NEWS



CAMPAIGN FOR YOUNG MAYOR

I would just like to open this article by thanking everyone who voted for me and supported me in the process of the young mayor elections. The support has been such a massive help and I would not have been able to get as far as did without you all. Special thanks go to Mrs Gardener who has been extremely patient with my... trying ways.

Going for young mayor is one of the best things I have ever done. Even though I did not win it was still an amazing thing to do. I would be lying if I said that I am not disappointed that I did not win. However I will not be disheartened and I will continue to strive to make young people safer.

I had multiple reasons to run for young mayor. I really wanted to make a difference. I wanted to make drugs and alcohol less available for children under the legal age. I also wanted to reduce underage sex. I believe children and teenagers are being subject and peer pressured in to these at too young an age.

I also wanted to walk away from it with some personal gain as well. I would like to boost my confidence as far as pubic speaking goes.

This has been an amazing experience and I would recommend it to anyone. I have met some amazing people and have had an amazing time.

-Steven Alliss



narrowly lost in the second round of the ESFA schools cup after extra time against St. Mary's College. Year 11 are also showing some brilliant form, reaching the semi-final of the Y11 cup, with the next match to be played in March.

Rugby: Baysgarth have become the most feared Rugby School in the area. After a number of setbacks, we went on to win the district tournament for each of year 7, 8 & 10! The year 8 and 10 teams retained the titles they won last year. Overall, it's been a pretty spectacular Rugby season, with victory in 100% of the tournaments we have entered.

Netball: The year 11 girls played brilliantly, but unfortunately lost out in the semi-finals of their last district netball tournament, coming 3rd overall. The year 9 girls also suffered the same fate, again, coming 3rd in their tournament.




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GNEWS FROM GOXHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Security Lighting


We all tend to feel a bit safer when out at night if there is good street lighting. It is therefore hardly surprising that so many of us also install lights outside our homes. Often it is about making life easier and safer by being able to see what we are doing as we drive in our front gates or search for our front door key. But if the only reason you want to install lighting is as a deterrent against burglary then it is worth thinking realistically about it first. Here is a common-sense checklist to help save you from wasting time and money.

- The key point of external lighting as a crime deterrent is that it should increase the chance of a criminal being seen. External lighting must persuade the criminal that they are more likely than not to be seen by you, a neighbour, or a passer-by and, failing that, recorded on a CCTV camera.
- If a high fence or hedge shields your home from the road and/or neighbours then any deterrent effect is reduced. There is no real point to lighting up a spot that cannot be readily observed because the only person likely to benefit is a thief, better able to see what they are doing.
- Internal lighting serves a quite different purpose by letting people know, or creating the impression, that you are at home. But once a burglar has decided you are not at home - by ringing the doorbell or seeing you leave - a bright light set off by a passive infra red (PIR) switch is unlikely to put them off.
- If the PIR cannot be adjusted precisely then security lights can be set off by cats, foxes or even a car driving past. Realistically, a light that goes on that readily is going to be ignored by you, let alone by your neighbours.

Of course you may want external lighting for those other purposes mentioned at the start of this article. But if your main aim is household security then just remember that lighting has limitations. Installed in the right places and controlled in the right way it offers benefits but, unlike our cave dwelling ancestors, it takes more than the light from a fire to keep unwanted intruders at bay.

For more security tips or to stay in touch with GNeW, please see our website at <http://gnew-goxhill.clubbz.com> and contact me through it to become a member and receive email bulletins. This website allows members to submit their own messages to publicize or share information with other Goxhill residents. You can of course still ring me on 530363 if you need to talk about this or any other issue related to neighbourhood watch.

John Guggiari, GNeW-Goxhill


NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

LOCAL PC
Ferry Ward Neighbourhood Officer, Police Constable 367 Thomas Stevens, has been appointed as the Neighbourhood Officer for North Lincolnshire's Ferry Ward, which includes Goxhill. He can be contacted by telephoning the non-emergency number **101** or via email to **Thomas.Stevens@Humberside.pnn.police.uk**

Time, it's a Precious and Valuable Thing!

Just a quickie today as time marches on and as I am typing this, Gill and I are about to head forth to South Wales after a busy week, for a Wedding of friends who too, seek to enjoy each other's company and make their mark in life.

"Do not lessen the time of following desire, for the wasting of time is an abomination to the spirit."
Ptahhotep (c. 2650-2600 BC), Egyptian Thinker.

A problem in pursuing relentlessly the desires we have so as not to waste time, is that we can pass by greatness and beauty in an instant, an instant that can never be repeated. We can also pass quickly by the needs of others, blinkered by our own personal desires.

As we move into the heart of winter, there are many who will want and need desperately. The rising cost of fuels, food and resources and those who just need company in our age of the dispersed family unit.

Gill and I too have 'desires' in life which we choose to pursue, our work, our home, our garden and we personally hope that we also manage to find enough time to support the charities that ask us to support

them, in the one way that we can afford, by giving them my time.

It's not always possible to put a few pennies into the tin of a person collecting to support this or that worthy cause or to put your hand up at a charity auction to bid for an item however, the one thing everyone can give in the cause of charity is 'Time'.

Time is probably the most valuable of resources for any charity or charitable act, far beyond the monetary value of just giving coin.

Time given to a lonely person to have a chat, enjoy a cup of tea with, to do something for, is oh so valuable.

Time given to work in a charity's shop, time given to 'doing a fun run', (I have a problem with the use of the word 'fun' with 'run'!) and so on.

So please, at all times in the cause of charity remember this, "If you can't do then donate; if you can't donate then do something".

Enjoy the festivities of the coming months, keep safe, help others and we'll see you all again soon.

Gary Payne



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Journey around Goxhill Marsh

At least three times a week I take Dennis for a drive around Goxhill Marsh; he is not too well, and he loves the area where he lived from the 1930s until he moved into 'civilization?', that is the village of Goxhill, where we started our married life in 1949.

At the present time I am being told about his journey to school in Jimmy Trimmingham's horse drawn 'bus. I have seen the house in South End, where Mr. Trimmingham lived, and where his 'bus was parked ready to go.

This 'bus was a wooden construction, with a felt covered roof. It was entered by steps at the back, (fixed steps). A long wooden seat was placed at each side, each seating about six people; so the capacity was twelve people; seated facing into the middle. Added to this there was room for two

people to sit up with the driver. The driver had a window, through which he could check what was happening inside.

The 'bus was hired by various groups of people; perhaps to go to New Holland to use the ferry. Dennis remembers being told of a man

travelling on the back step, there being no room inside, causing problems by the weight 'tipping' the 'bus, making it very hard to control. He heard of men visiting the 'pub' and being the worse for wear on the 'bus

His daily journey started by hitching the horse and setting off down 'Far Road', now known as Chapelfield Road, on the way towards the Humber. Children of school age were picked up outside the farms where they lived, farmers' children and children of the agricultural workers.

At the end of that road, the way led to the left, along the 'bottom road' towards the Haven. Along here more children were taken on board. It surprised me to realise how many people resided down there, working on the land. As the road reached the 'Middle Road' junction, I am told that children who lived up there walked out each day to get on the 'bus. Dennis and his brothers, walked from the bank of the Humber to reach the 'bus, where a chicken farm is today. They lived down there until the gun site was built (that's another story for later).

Next was a pickup at the Haven. Travelling on the Haven Road, on the way to the village, a pickup was made at 'Nipkin Lane' (now known as

Neatgangs Lane. The children were brought from the Shipyard, Brickyard and farms, by an adult, to the end of the lane, as this was considered a very lonely road for children. Further towards the Village, there was Shearwood's farm and Clayton's. The final pickup was at Girdham's, at Totney Hill, a name which is still there outside the house. Then through Northend to school, which was on Thorn Lane.

Points which I find interesting are: that two horses were used, one for the outward journey, one for the return. There were problems if it was necessary to take the wrong horse for they knew their route and did not like change. If the road was icy, when Totney hill was reached, the horse shoes had to have frost nails added. The point that made me smile was a new Headmaster decided to make the journey both ways; whereupon each child was issued with a 'timetable' to say what time they must

reach their stop. This enraged Jimmy Trimmingham, who tore them up and in no uncertain terms told the new Headmaster to stick to his teaching and he would look after 'bus affairs.

Asking about behaviour on the 'bus I am told that the threat to be 'chucked off the 'bus' was

enough to assure acceptable behaviour. Also a ride 'up front' with the driver was a treat for good behaviour. Oh 'Mr. Health and Safety' what would you say?!!

This 'bus was replaced by Jack Mellor's motor 'bus in time. When children were taken to Immingham Secondary School (was it 1937?) they too were taken by Mellors 'bus.

How different the 'school run' is today, where 'buses are used to transport children out of the village; and many children are delivered to school by car, blocking the roads, causing chaos. I don't know the answer to that problem, and knowing that parents must drop of their children, know they are safely at school, and, as is necessary today, go to work. I wonder whether there will ever be a solution to this problem.

Ramona Percy

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Whistle for a Wind

Ron Parker's Jottings

Regarding these modern electricity makers, Wind Turbines and the For and Against them opinions. For reliability you only have to look at the history of Wind Power since its early attempts to harness this one of two sources of natural power, the other being Flowing Water. First I believe it was the ships that used wind power many centuries ago and often found themselves becalmed in the oceans while the crews sat down and "Whistled for a Wind".

The very first attempts, several centuries ago, were the Post Mills to grind grain with revolving millstones. The structure was built of wood, the most common material available at the time and the local craftsmen to work it. Instead of the modern bolts we know today, it was wooden pegs (nails) used to hold the pieces of wood together. Possibly the main timbers were the trunks in an un-sawn condition, for wood had to be sawn using the early method of a Saw Pit with a man at each end of a saw, one standing in the bottom of the pit and one on top of the timber being cut. Thus saving some labour using uncut wood. Even the gear wheels were made of wood on early machines. A different species of tree were used for different parts of the Mill, for some woods were

better than others for different uses. Usually they were the old English hard woods, oak, ash and elm due to the local availability. Later came the Tower Mill built of brick, for there are many models of Windmills which vary in design of wood



The Tower Mill on Barrow Road

or bricks over the ages. They were also coupled to pumps for draining the fens, though all have one thing in common, they have to rely on a medium continuous Wind to make them work for their best output. No Wind, No Power. No Flour. No Dry Fens and for the future No Electricity. Relying on a Wind and a Prayer for his living the Miller was often without an income in windless periods of several days or even weeks. He would sit on the steps to the mills threshold, while he 'Whistled for a Wind'. In later years this form of wind power was also applied to move water by using a large Scoop Wheel or an Augur inside a Cylinder that pushed or lifted the water up into the river, in an attempt to drain the Fens. They only had the strength to lift it approximately 6ft. When we get a heavy rain, the wind often drops low or none at all, so the land remained flooded until the wind blew once again, and the fen men

would have the water rising up to their knees while they looked up at the sky and 'Whistled for a Wind'. However these windmills for grain and water pumps were great at the time for nothing else was known.

Then in the eighteen twenties the steam engine came into its own and were coupled to pumps of various designs and sizes, as the engine progressed likewise. This was power when needed for as long as required. Pumping stations were built along side of the rivers on low land and lifted the water into them, when the drains near the river began to fill in heavy rainfall. Full steam pressure could be raised within 4 or 5 hours and the pumps set to work for as long as necessary regardless of the wind. Some of the windmills for grain were later fitted with a shaft and pulley to their machinery, with the pulley on the outside of the tower which could be driven with the farm Steam Traction engine or a Stationary Steam engine and later by the Combustion engine. Giving power without being dependent on the unreliable wind. These steam pumps were also replaced by the Internal Combustion Engine, that followed the steam invention over a period of years. Starting around 1900, the internal combustion engine could be started for work in as many minutes as it took hours with steam. Today all have been replaced by Electric Motors, which takes as many seconds as it takes minutes for the old type of Oil or Diesel stationary engine to start.

My own involvement with Wind Power was in 1943 when my father had a Hercules Wind Pump installed to water 6 fields for cattle and sheep, to save spending many hours working a hand pump during the summer, when time was needed for hay time and harvest. It had a large tank built of bricks and cement with 1600 gallons capacity, giving approximately 3 to 4 days storage according to the weather, for if it was cool and wet the cattle needed less water. It was 2 fields from the Farmstead and when shepherding the livestock out in a morning, it would be started if the tank was down a little and in a steady wind it would be full by midday. So some one had to walk these 2 fields to stop it or the water would be running into the dyke along side from the over-flow, another time wasting job. Then several times we had a windless period in hot weather when the livestock drank more water and the windmill pump fan remained motionless. Sometimes a little wind would start up at day-break and pump a few gallons before it dropped again when the heat came up. These were days of crises, what could we do if it didn't



Hercules Wind Pump

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blow as the tank got lower each calm day? However it was always at the last moment that the pump came into life again and all was well.

With hindsight it was a bad mistake, thinking we were getting some power for nothing with the time wasted by having to go and start or stop it so far from the yard, when other work was pressing. If the popular Lister D 1½ HP petrol engine and pump had been installed with an engine cut-out on the water tank overflow, we would have had a reliable water supply at a far lower cost. It could have been started when needed and left to stop its-self when the tank was full, without having to think about, 'Whistling for a Wind'.

So why are these Wind Turbines being built when it has been known by sailors for 4 or more centuries that wind power is only available when it Blows. How can one have electricity with no wind, without storage. Storage is not used by the National Grid as far as I know, only a direct supply from the generators. At some future date can you imagine on a frosty night when the wind drops to zero and future generations sit there shivering in the dark while 'Whistling for a Wind' to keep warm. When the manufactures give all the details of advantages and



output, they never give figures of how much Fossil Fuel (oil and coal) it takes to make and site one, (maybe never occurred to them to work it out). From mining the ore, smelting, machining, delivering the turbine and concrete products for foundation including mixing, erection cranes and even the fuel used by everyone going and returning from work, including all materials being transported in the different processes of manufacture. Use all this oil

and coal in a Power Station and it is quite possible that it will make more electricity than the wind turbine will in its working life for they will wear out like every thing else. At least you would have electricity when you need it without having to 'Whistle for a Wind'.

If this wind power is reliable and is for nothing in the terms of money, why did they replace it first with coal and then oil, both having to be transported to the pumping stations? A century ago, why didn't a few millers put a dynamo/generator in their Windmills so they could have electricity in their house for the dark winter nights, or why didn't large Estates build a windmill to grind their grain and pump water during the day and light up his Lordship's Hall at

night. Answer, because his Lordship would be sitting down beside his fire in the dark and having to "Whistle for Wind".

By the Late Ron Parker, June 2009.

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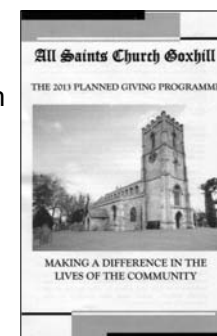
- maintain the building properly so that its purpose as a Church and community resource can continue
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1st GOXHILL & BARROW SCOUTS



It's been a few years but most of us agree that we finally had some summer sunshine to enjoy this year. Now, even though the weather is getting colder and the dark evenings are drawing in, our scout leaders are still busy providing the youngsters of our community with good safe, fun and adventurous activities. Here are a few highlights:

Beavers

Beavers currently meet every Monday night, 5.30 till 6.30 pm. We currently have 14 beavers so have a few spaces available. Beavers are for boys and girls aged 6 to 8 years.

Beavers get to learn and play new games and arts/crafts. We are currently getting ready for the Halloween and bonfire season by making pumpkin lanterns. Tracy Morley

Cubs

Our Cub Pack is bursting at the seams this term with a whopping 28 Cubs (boys and girls) aged between 8 and 10? years attending on a regular basis. We are at capacity now but I will take names for a waiting list if your son or daughter would like to attend, so please contact me or Baloo to discuss.

We started the Autumn term working on the Communication Badge; in the first week the Cubs turned their hands at being master code makers and breakers, learning about the different types of codes, how they are used and then had fun making and deciphering messages and even inventing their own codes. The following week we concentrated on following instructions and they got the opportunity to make an object from some instructions given to them (and a little help here and there). Those who were successful in making a viable water bomb got to chuck it at me, to my surprise too many were successful and turned out to be crack shots – I got very wet! This week we will be having a conker competition – winner takes all! In the coming weeks we will visit the Police Command Centre at Hessle and make our own newspapers before half term.

We have organised a camp at Primrose Hill in a couple of weeks' time, and have a handful of hardy souls ready to brave the cooler weather under canvas. Baloo is hoping to be awarded his camping permit at the end of the weekend – fingers crossed. Next term we will enter the world of entertainment... but more about that next time. Akela.

Scouts & Explorers

FELLS MARATHON

11TH -13TH October 2013

The rain fell, the wind blew, the fog came in and the Fells Marathon began on the North York Moors, presenting more than the challenge of many kilometres, of carrying heavy rucksacks, of hiking up hills but also the challenge of battling the elements. 1st Goxhill and Barrow sent two teams, a Scout team and an Explorers team. The event consisted of a hike of 49km for the Explorers and 35km for the Scouts over two days, carrying all their equipment for a night camping in the wild!



Scout Team: Andrew Lill, Jonathon Steer, Sam Richardson, Finley Champ

At 8am on Saturday after kit check the race began but by 2.30pm the fog became so bad that it presented a huge challenge for navigating and the organisers decided that due to the severe weather and a high risk of scouts and explorers getting lost the competition was stopped. However, our Explorers had already completed the day's challenge and had arrived at checkpoint 7. The scout team were unfortunately stopped at checkpoint 4, as they were still going strong. It took until 6pm before all participants were safely back at camp, where they cooked their own food and camped overnight. Out of 31 starters, 4 Explorer teams and 2 Scout teams finished the first day before it was stopped.

After much deliberation it was decided that day 2 could go ahead, over a shorter route in the valley. Both our teams completed the course showing great determination, team work and navigational skills, despite the continuing shocking weather. Some teams didn't make it past checkpoint 2 on the first day and others decided not to compete on the second day, making the effort of our teams even more commendable.

We were extremely proud of the 1st Goxhill and Barrow teams, not only for the training and commitment they showed beforehand but also for the tremendous effort and success in the actual race. We are still awaiting the final positions but they should be very proud of themselves for completing such an extremely gruelling challenge. WELL DONE BOYS!!!

For any enquiries regarding your child joining 1st Goxhill & Barrow Scouts, or if you are interested in becoming volunteer, please call **Jo Fielding** on **0774 8173 264**.



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BARTON ROTARY CLUB

On December 8th, Senior Citizens from Barton and the villages, including Goxhill, are invited to a free Christmas Concert at Baysgarth School Hall. This year the event begins one hour earlier at six o'clock and features Barton Town Band together with the Choir of John Harrison C of E School, Barrow. The concert will include Christmas music and carols. There will be a raffle and refreshments will be served in the interval. Transport can be provided from the villages and in Barton, please phone David Witter on 01652 632675.

On Christmas Day, Barton Rotary Club members cook and deliver around 50 Christmas Dinners to elderly people who are on their own, including any living in Goxhill. This is a full Christmas Dinner, including Turkey with all the trimmings, a trifle, mince pie and fruit. To arrange this, please contact David Witter on 01652 632675 and a club member will call round to make the delivery arrangements.

If you have a bicycle or wheelchair that is no longer needed, even if broken, these are being collected to be re-furbished in prison workshops and then sent to Third World countries. If you can help, please phone John Fagge on 01652 618615 to arrange collection.

£500 has paid for a Rotary Shelterbox sent to help Syrian refugees. The Rotary Shelterbox organisation is looking after over 4,500 families by providing the boxes containing tents, sleeping bags and cooking equipment. Readers may remember Barton Rotary Club, helped by people from Barton and the villages sending 14 of these to help the people of Haiti. An additional 5,000 Shelterboxes are expected to be sent to help Syrian refugees in time for the winter.

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THE ROTARY CLUB BARROW MERIDIAN



Hello to everyone, the time is rapidly racing towards the festive season and the Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas (I can hear the Groans)

Well so far this year we have staged another successful fishing match in Barton on Humber; Rotarian Colin Finnis headed this fine affair attracting some 38 of the areas anglers to compete for cash prizes and trophy's and starting the day with a bacon sandwich and coffee prepared by our very own Rotarian's. This year we had 42 sponsors locally and raised £1033 which we then presented to Lindsay Lodge Hospice Scunthorpe, please see photo Colin Finnis, Peter Towle, President Ian Railton.

Thanks to Everyone who attended the Rotary Car Boot Sale on the August Bank Holiday, the weather was kind to us all and i have never seen such a good turnout, the Rotary food stand sold out of their Brilliant Bacon and Sausage Butties, the event raised over £1600 Well Done everyone.

A visit from our twinned club from Germany the Rotary club of Lune Berg Hanse, 5 German friends stayed with the Rotary Club of Barrow Meridian for three days, enjoying the culture of Barrow and Visiting the Rope Walk in Barton and many other locations around the area. A good time was had by all and the Rotary groups gained great friendships that will go on for many a day.

On the 8th of December our Santa s sleigh will start its 6 night long street tour of Barrow, New Holland, Goxhill, Thornton Curtis and Wooton, starting at approx 5.45 each evening, with music and Santa stopping to say hello to young and not so young, music and smiles for all. we had so much positive feedback from both Children as well as parents

On Saturday December 14th December at 5.00 in Barrow market square we will again stage our Christmas carol concert with more side stalls and fun for the young ones, live music, food, mulled wine and Santas Grotto will really bring Christmas alive in the village, a Christmas tree is planned with lights in the square area and this will remain throughout the festive season. This years concert really will be a great function and a superb start to everyone festive functions with new attractions, so come on down and support your local Rotary Club we are here for the community. Raffle tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Raffle with Food Hampers and other prizes which will be drawn at the Christmas festival.

Once again The Football Match on Boxing day we will be raising money for "Lives" posters will be up around the village closer to the event, an Auction will take place in the Royal Oak on Boxing day, anyone wishing to donate any items please get in contact with us and we look forward to seeing you all there.

This year we are also holding an "Annual Christmas Draw" first prize is a whopping £250-00 as well as other prizes cost of tickets are £10 each and there are only 100 tickets available please contact

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OFF THE HOOF

"Fools breed for wise men to buy" Anon

Well the weather has certainly changed with a vengeance. From being rock hard, my fields have turned into slurry in parts.

The horses' rugs have been on and off so many times as it alternates from hot brilliant sunshine to strong wind and torrential rain. Luckily mine are able to bring themselves in.

Unfortunately animals do not understand when the clocks change and it takes a while to settle into a routine again. I must say I am with them on this.

Bonfire Night as usual takes a week with the bangs and flashes lighting up the skies and making animals uneasy. It is difficult to know what to do for the best but I am always pleased when it is over.

As it gets darker earlier and the weather is murky, to say the least, it is even more important to be seen and wear Hi Viz.

On 24th September, two riders who were wearing HI Viz rode over the bridge on Ferry Road, meeting an oncoming lorry. They were riding in single file but the lorry managed to clip one of the horses as it passed and the rider was thrown to the grounds. The lorry did not stop. The riders remembered the name on the side of the lorry and contacted the office. The driver was unaware of the mayhem he had caused in his wake. The horse needed veterinary treatment and was out of action for some time. It could have been even more serious and I do not know if any legal action has been taken or whether the firm are paying the vet fees as a gesture – but it shows just how vulnerable we are on the roads. I have advised them to log it on the BHS Accident and Near misses website.

On the subject of safety, the BHS are pushing for more riders to wear body protectors. These are compulsory for club sessions as are riding hats. There are many different makes, all quite expensive but should be looked upon as an investment, as should a hat. It is recommended to have both fitted by a qualified person. On-line shopping is a trend and sometimes cheaper but the fit may not be the best or offer the best protection.

There were recently some bogus body protectors sold on the Internet which proved to be substandard and were removed from sale. If it seems cheap, then it is possibly not what it claims to be!

It may be worth reminding riders of the need for correct fitting stirrup irons. We seem to have gone away from the narrow toe jodphur boots to the more comfortable yard/riding boots. These are wider fitting across the foot and have thicker soles so do make quite a bit of difference to the fit of the irons and could impair the release of your foot in the event of an accident.

In the last editions of the Gander, a reader had sent in a tip for a car upholstery brush for removing mud. After publication, she gave me one as a gift. Thanks,

Lisa. It is being put to good use – what a kind thought – much appreciated.

Another tip was to use Aqueous Cream on hooves. A reader phoned to say how brilliant it was but they had been using it for years as prescribed by their doctor of eczema, so good feedback there.

I am pleased to report that Jill Latchford is now on the mend after sustaining a broken pelvis, front and back. She is now on crutches and slight weight-bearing but it is still early days to predict whether she will ride again. I will keep you informed.

I attended a lecture organised by Rase Veterinary Centres on Feeding the Aged Horse. Once again this was informative and entertaining. We all know the intestines of the horse are extremely long but we had a nylon replica complete with large and small intestines and small colon and stomach which came out of a bag, up over my shoulder, passed behind me and along the back row of people, down to the next row and all the way to the front again. It put into context just how amazing and vulnerable the intestines are. I think what struck me most was the size of the stomach. I think I have been over feeding for years!

The importance of diet cannot be stressed enough and no matter how much literature you read or what your friends feed, do not forget the basics and do not forget to look at your horse. As we tend to feed more in winter the workload and temperament of the horse should be taken into account. Keep to the worming regime and have teeth checked regularly. Particularly in older horses, check the gums. I have a horse which gets a daily build up on her front teeth which looks like a boxer's gum shield and has to be removed. Festering fodder is neither good for dental hygiene nor the stomach. Ensure injections are up to date. With more mud about some wounds can go undetected, particularly potentially deadly puncture wounds.

When going to your horse take note of the droppings, including the number of them. This can give a good indication of your horse's well-being. If there are no or too few droppings, suspect a blockage. Also if the bed is untidier than usual and your horse looks like it has been sweating, suspect your horse has had colic in the night and take appropriate action. You may already know all this, but sometimes we are in such a hurry to get things done we can miss the obvious.

Clara Smith raised over £1000 for local 'Lives' on the Brazilian Trek and Kayak Challenge in October. Well done Clara. If you still have sponsor money to pay in, please contact her.

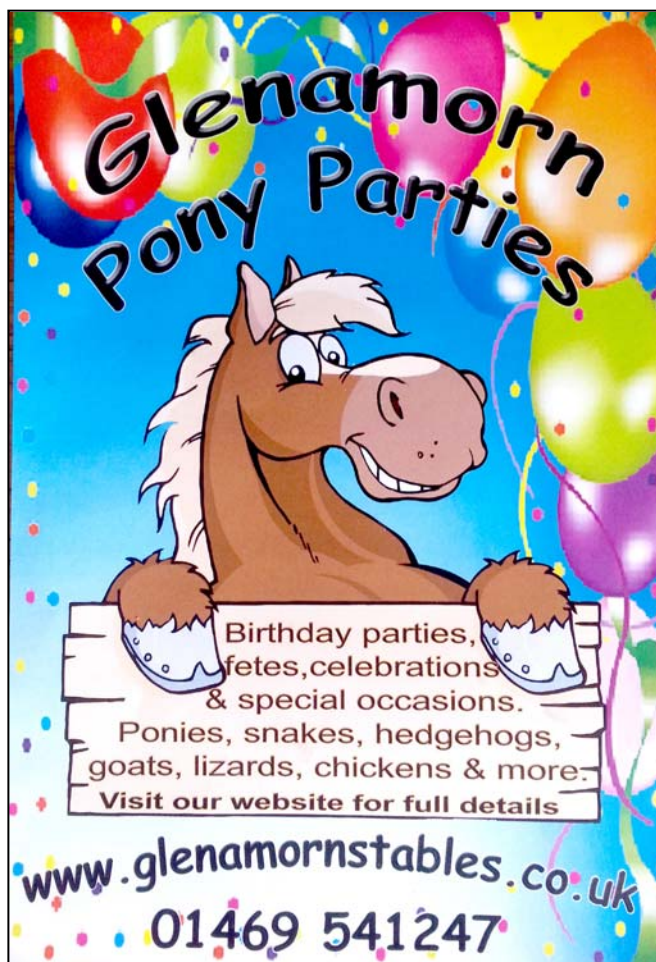
In the last edition I wrote of Ravendale Stud's successes, including those of Vanessa Worthington (Nee Walker) Tragically, since the last issue, Vanessa's husband died unexpectedly. She has only recently started to ride again. We can only take one day at a time in these circumstances. I hope she soon regains her former fitness and

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the desire to compete again. I am sure we all feel for the family.

Talking of fitness, are you fit enough to ride your horse? Much has been written on the subject but an hour a week doing 'Pilates' can work wonders. Classes are held at Goxhill, Wootton and Ulceby at a variety of times to work around you. If you are interested, give Sue a call on 07794597829. Open to men and women of all ages. Sue will be pleased to speak to you about it.

Looking forward to Spring now. The BHS and other charities are very concerned about all the unwanted and abandoned horses and indiscriminate breeding. Please think carefully before breeding. It is extremely expensive and you can never be sure of what your breeding will produce. To fill in a gap year to give a mare a job is no reason. My grandfather used to say, "It costs as much to feed a bad 'un as a good 'un" Please think carefully before going down that road. It can be heartbreaking.

Traditionally, Jo Burns does a ride around the village with all her liveried and friends around Christmas and the horses and riders dress up - which is optional. Last year I said I would like to have joined them as they looked as if they were having a really lovely time. I have asked her if she will open it up and the answer is "YES"! It will be a meet at her yard with a donation, minimum £2 to go to Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. A very worthy cause. The date is to be confirmed nearer the time. Please contact either Jo or myself. I think it will be brilliant! After the ride, Jo



will put on some jumping - Chase-me Charlie - so if you wish to partake, you may!

Jo has just returned from a Hen weekend with 24 of her friends. They went to the White Rose Polo Club, Market Weighton and had shirts specially printed with Jo's Hen do on. They then swarmed into Beverley dressed as horse riders, which I guess they all were. The exception was Jo - her friends had hired a Pantomime Horse costume for her. Best she was the warmest! An excellent weekend was had by all - as hopefully you will see the culprits in the photo.

Jo does not get married until January 28th in Mexico so it was an early Hen night but I guess she is such a busy person it is hard to fit everything in. I am sure we wish her a lovely wedding and best wishes for their future together.

That's all for now. Keep your news, views and tips coming in. Have a brilliant Christmas and New Year. Take Care - Ride Safely. **Aileen 01469 530643**

GOXHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A library is all about books, right? Wrong! Goxhill's library is far more than that and, inside the traditional whitewashed walls of the Parish Rooms on Howe Lane, is a modern community facility.

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Goxhill Community Library is run by volunteers and available at the following opening times:

- Mondays from 3.30pm until 7pm
- Wednesdays from 2pm until 5pm (drop in for a cuppa)
- Fridays from 3.30pm until 7pm

We would really like to hear from anyone who can join our team of volunteers running the library. Several of our initial group of volunteers have either left the village or had to curtail their availability and we are keen to restore our numbers so that we may keep the library fully open each week. To contact the library team about volunteering or anything else to do with Goxhill community library please either email goxhilllibrary@yahoo.co.uk or drop in and ask us. Whatever your question or problem is relating to the library, we will do our very best to sort it out.

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GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB



Overall the Summer of 2013 was very warm and sunny so one can almost forget our misgivings at the somewhat wet Spring that preceded it. For those of us in Goxhill Bowling Club, that good weather made for some enjoyable evenings of bowling in the three leagues in which we compete.

Obviously with competitive bowling the result is also fairly important, so a successful season for most bowlers - and certainly for me - is one where the conditions are pleasant and their team wins. Judged by those two criteria, our club's season has been a good one, where we have been flying the Goxhill flag, around North and North East Lincolnshire, with pride and success.

Goxhill Bowling Club finished 3rd in the Premier Division of the Grimsby and Cleethorpes League (a whisker away from 2nd), took 4th place in the Barnetby League, and finished top of the Humberside Triples League's Division 5. We also won the Triples League play-offs, which was a pretty good achievement when you consider that it consisted of playing the winners (and a runner-up) from each of the four divisions above us!

Please visit our website at <http://goxhill-bowls-club.clubbz.com> to find out a little more about the club and what we have been up to during 2013. If you think you might fancy trying or taking up lawn bowls next year then please feel free to give me a call on **530363** and I will make sure that you are amongst the first to know about our plans for 2014. **John Guggiari**

Goxhill Bowling Club Sponsored walk

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to join us, sponsored, helped with refreshments and donated raffle prizes for our walk for our Bowling Club Funds on Sunday 13th October.



The weather was not very kind to us as we had a wet walk but all came back in high spirits although VERY wet.

The walkers as per photo were Sue Mayes, Tony Hebblewhite, Dorothy Jerrison, Denise Pearson, Graham Lewis, Bernard Wilson and the children were Caitlin Woods, Kayleigh Simmons and Emily Humphrey.

We raised a total of £257. Thank you once again. **Bernard Wilson.**



Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service

LIVES is registered charity number 1098364. Our local branch covers Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland, with several First Responder volunteers from each of those villages regularly on call to provide medical assistance until an ambulance arrives. Those volunteers are people like you: wanting to help, with a car and able to spare a few hours a week to be on call to attend and offer assistance until an ambulance arrives. Usually an ambulance will arrive soon after, or even before, you do. But when it does not, you will be on hand with equipment that can help and which you have been fully trained to use.



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Whilst Goxhill has been fortunate in having several dedicated and long-term volunteers, there is always room for new recruits since the aim is to provide cover around the clock and every day of the week. People move away or their personal circumstances change so that they are unable to participate as fully, so new volunteers are always welcome.

If you would like to support LIVES locally - whether through volunteering or fundraising - please contact **Roger Cox**, the local branch co-ordinator. You can telephone him on **532090** or email rogerlives@mypostoffice.co.uk for more details and without any obligation whatsoever.

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