

## **Goxhill Windfarm Awareness Group (GWAG)**

**GWAG** has continued to meet on a regular basis to discuss the Scoping Report that had been undertaken by SLP Energy to look at the viability of erecting wind turbines on the Goxhill airfield site.

Since its inception the group has actively undertaken research, delivered flyers throughout the village, effectively liaised with Goxhill Parish Council and North Lincolnshire Council, forged links with other local Wind Farm Groups and contacted action groups such as the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, the RSPB and the Humber Environmental Data Centre. Members have also visited Wind Farms to assess visuals and noise, attended the Elsham Wind Farm Enquiry and monitored the developments of other Wind Farm Enquiries nationally.

We have also been fortunate to have had several Goxhill residents who were able to inform us on points such as the effect on the village roads and the local environment of the heavy haulage required to build the site, information on the size and appearance of the site as well as details on the topography of the site and its wildlife, the energy output produced by wind farms and the associated vagaries of wind flow and weather.

In November **GWAG** wrote to SLP Energy asking for information on whether the company intended to pursue their proposal to erect wind turbines at Goxhill and a time limit for a reply was agreed as the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007. By the group meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> February no reply had been received and it was agreed to write again to the Chief Executive of SLP Energy enclosing a copy of the original letter and asking for a reply.

A reply was duly received from SLP Energy on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2007 incorporating the following paragraph :  
*"The current position is that for technical reasons we will not be pursuing this proposal further".*

*(Paul Smith, Onshore Development Manager, For and on behalf of SLP Energy)*

Although we are pleased to have received this letter from SLP Energy we are aware that the Government has elected to pursue wind energy resources over the next several years and that the SLP action may not be the only Wind Farm proposal that is directed towards Goxhill.

In view of that fact and as agricultural crops are being grown on the airfield site we have written to Goxhill Parish Council to ask whether the Local Authority and the Parish Council intend to press the case for the re-classification of the airfield site from Brownfield to Greenfield status and we currently await their reply.

In the meantime **GWAG** would like to thank everyone who has been involved in this campaign and to congratulate you all on your efforts, interest, involvement and motivation. It has been a pleasure and several of us will continue to keep a "weather-eye" on future developments.

For further information please contact: **Steve Wrightson (Chairman): on - 01469 531720**

## **Memorial Hall**

Congratulations to John Gouldthorpe. John is the recipient of the 2007 Goxhill Memorial Hall '**Short Award**'. Nominated for his patience and dedication as an instructor to the younger members of the club and his ability as an instructor to all karate enthusiasts.

The Karate Club is an exceedingly popular association in as much as the present two meetings a week are having to be increased to three as membership expands.

Other nominations received for this year's Short Award were Anne and Brian Burford, Mrs Mary Blanchard, and Mr Ron Parker. Congratulations to all nominees - all worthy of our thanks for their voluntary contributions to Goxhill village life.

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The new Chair for the Hall Committee is Charlie Leaning; vice-chair Mike Gathercole. We wish them well.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to former village residents (now in Barton) **Alice and Frank Galloway** for their forthcoming Diamond Wedding, on 25<sup>th</sup> June. We are sure that friends of Alice and Frank, especially from her time as part of the Ladies Darts Team at the Brocklesby Hunt, will want to wish them well on their special day.

Their daughter Margaret and son Frank still live in Goxhill and we pass on our best wishes through them.

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This message was asked for by Alice's sister, Kathy Quickfall, now living in Cyprus.

We know that former Goxhill residents are spread far and wide and would like to hear from them. If you have a friend or relative who used to be a neighbour, please let us know or ask them to contact us.

If we are able to pursue the plan to take the Gander back online, this should be easier.