

Scout News continued...

The Explorer section consists of two assistant leaders a number of adult helpers and twelve active members both male and female between the ages of 14 and 18. The group welcomes everyone either as an adult helper or young adult Explorer and no previous Scouting experience is necessary. With the exception of some school holiday dates we meet every Friday 19.00 – 21.00 at the Scout hut in New Holland and also enjoy several days out, weekends away and an annual camp.

In recent months we have invested in some lightweight camping equipment to make the Explorers more independent and able to accept new challenges. We have completed a number of camps, high ropes experience, winter on the Hills and the Humber night Challenge orienteering events and a recent armed forces visit to RAF Coningsby to name a few of our activities.

We are now linked to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme providing us greater opportunities and have plans for sailing and canoeing this year. Our ambition is to undertake a 2-3 week expedition to Romania and Transylvania in the summer of 2008 in order to complete wilderness activities and charitable work.

The costs to Explorers are kept at a minimum and we periodically raise our own funds and receive some donations and are particularly grateful to the local parish councils. The subscription costs are £30 per school term, which includes membership to the Scout association. A typical weekend is around £25 and a week for £125 inclusive of activities and food. New persons having a look to see if it suits them are not expected to join immediately and reasonable volunteer costs are covered.

If you wish to become involved or have any comments or ideas for the Explorer section please call Martin on 07866 374501 or pop and see us on a Friday night.

Deadline:

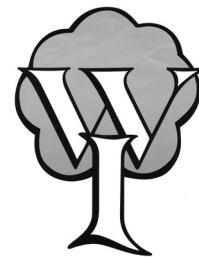
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Goxhill WI



Goxhill WI meets on the second Monday of each month in the Memorial Hall, Chapel Street. First we have an interesting speaker, then we get down to business. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear the speaker – in June it will be Ilona Richards, talking about "30 years in the Driver's Seat" - as a female HGV driver, she will have lots of stories to tell. Coming in July there's Dr S Moorcroft talking on Herbal Matters in July; and Mr I Akester joins us in September to talk on the Monologues and Songs of Stanley Holloway .

However, we know that there are a lot of new people in the village who have probably never even thought of joining the WI, so we are widening our appeal.

To begin with, lots of events take place over the year in the village – the Church Fete and the Chapel Open Gardens are a couple that spring to mind. But if you are new to the village, how do you know? Goxhill WI is to try out a What's On Diary. Each month, members will add new events to the Diary, and we will print it out and display it at the Post Office, Newsagent and Spar Shop. With luck, this will take off and we will not clash with each other in future, plus everyone will know when events take place and be able to come along and support them.

Goxhill WI held a very successful event to promote good food and local produce. The event took place in the Parish Rooms on Saturday 12 May 2007, selling plants, garden produce, preserves and cakes and offering tasters and drinks. Local honey was available, as well as information about Barrow Wholefoods, a company from the next village. Delicious cakes made by WI members were on sale, and some contained local cream from the Barrow dairy. Free recipe cards were available to encourage people to make their own delicious food.

Despite a day of spring showers, there was a constant flow of people, sometimes packing the Parish Room! It was an opportunity to meet friends, make new ones and find out more about the WI as well as local food suppliers. WI members are a mine of information and very happy to pass on their wealth of information about growing your own vegetables and flowers, cooking and nutrition.

We also hope to write a History of Goxhill WI. We have lots of information, but would welcome more, including pictures etc., to record for the future what Goxhill was like, from the birth of the WI in 1936 ?? to the present. We hope to publish a small book at the end of the project, which could be available both in the village and at the tourist attractions such as Water's Edge in Barton and Thornton Abbey.

Finally, we hope to attract members in a much more obvious way. In the winter, we plan to hold a Pudding Club at which members of the WI will be invited to make and bring along a pudding, and everyone present will get the chance to taste any or all of them! What better excuse to come along and find out about real, local food? Come and join us – you never know what you might learn.

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