



## the Gander

This is the eightieth edition of the Goxhill Gander. We have chosen to mark the 20th birthday of your favourite village newsletter in September when we intend to run some form of retrospective. In the meantime, as ever, we must look forward and plan for the future. In the last Gander we asked for your suggestions of a project to mark two decades of the Gander. The best offered was restoring an online presence.

In the early days of the Internet, before I became editor, the Gander was available around the world by click of a mouse. Perhaps there were too many cats about then; there were certainly too few mice - the website was closed down as not enough people were visiting. Today, as many more of us spend hours in front of the computer we hope to bring it back in new shape. I know of a number of former residents living off in other parts of the country and the world, some who are sent copies by family, friends or the Gander team. This would be a way of having more personal contact with them and opening it up to everyone.

Whatever form the new website takes, the first priority has to be the paper Gander you are reading now. We want a thriving community conversation to centre around this newsletter. In this edition we have the return of Copper's Corner after several years, and a complaint about the lack of police interest in 'low priority' crimes like vandalism and theft. The Gander is where both sides come. Elsewhere a man who had never previously visited this part of the world has written after discovering his family can be traced back to Goxhill in the late 19th century. He is asking for your help in identifying his ancestors and has chosen the Gander to speak to every single one of you and make his appeal.

As my time at university draws to a close I have to find myself a job. I hope it doesn't take me too far from home. I shall try to ensure I still have time to edit the Gander and as Richard Owen wrote when seeking his replacement three years ago, "put something back". If you can help in any way, with ideas, articles or almost most importantly, deliveries, please get in touch. If you can do none of these things use the advertisers and keep our money coming in. I wish you a happy summer.

*Adam Ellis.*

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