

Scout News continued...

With two new leaders bringing new ideas and experience in to the group there is a real feeling that things are on the up and plans are already being made for an exciting 2008.

If you're interested in the Explorers as a member, helper or leader please come along one Friday or call Martin on 01469 533119 no previous Scouting experience is necessary.

**Other News!**

Over the last few months there has been lots of hard work from Members of the Scout Group and Parents to improve the Scout HQ at New Holland. The hut has been repaired, painted and tidied up and the grounds surrounding the hut are being transformed. The large grass field at the back of the hut has been cleared, cut down and flattened and it really is a credit to all the people who have given so much of their time to help us. We have recently erected a fence along the front perimeter of the grounds (again with lots of help from a number of parents who turned up to help on the day – many thanks to them) and a pair of strong gates have made the whole area a much more safe and secure environment for the whole group (especially the younger children) to learn and play in. The fence may look a little harsh at the moment but we have plans in motion to plant bushes and shrubs along the front of the fence which will certainly brighten it up!

**Deadline:**

Please have all submissions for the next issue of **the Gander** in by **Saturday 2nd February**

## THE STORY OF GOXHILL

I left Goxhill in the 1960s, but, though my visits have been increasingly focused on the cemetery in recent years, my love of the village has never diminished. During the last year, as I have been researching the history of the village, I have seen the ancient workhouse, fittingly, on a grim December day, seen the cherry trees at their glorious best in April, explored South End in lovely Spring sunshine and seen something of the effects of the floods a month later. Goxhill, in all its moods, never fails to fascinate.

I and Michael Border, co-authors of **GOXHILL LINCOLNSHIRE ITS EARLY HISTORY**, hope our book will bring to life the story of the village.

Some most remarkable discoveries are recorded about Goxhill's two remaining medieval buildings. ALL SAINTS' CHURCH has many secrets to reveal: the effigy of a medieval knight, unique frescoes, very rare remnants of thirteenth century tombstones as well as the more obvious features of a magnificent building. The so-called PRIORY in South End is, in many ways, a more exciting building still and the authors reveal on the site a complex organisation, the residence of a powerful noble family and the scene of an attempted murder.

Readers will discover the origins of the village name as well as that of many fields and streets, even some farm and house names. One date that everybody recognises is 1066 and, yes, Goxhill people played a part; some also fought and died for HEReward THE WAKE in his rebellion against the Norman conquerors at Ely. Goxhill played an even more important part in the war against Scotland under ROBERT THE BRUCE.

The book answers questions in detail such as:

What was the village like when the DOMESDAY BOOK was written? Where was GOXHILL MARKET and when, where and why was the ANNUAL FAIR held?

Why did some of England's leading noble families choose to have a residence at Goxhill?

The authors, Russell Cook and Michael Border, both born and bred in the village, have researched the story of the village thoroughly from its beginning to the eighteenth century when modern times arrived. The price of this well illustrated work is £14.00 – this covers printing costs only – and can be obtained from:

Goxhill Post Office or from the authors: **01472 752504** or **01472 351981** (please add £2.50 to cover postage and packing).

*Russell Cook*

**Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year**