



the Gander

I like to watch the news in the evening. I keep up to date with what's going on in the world in many ways, but you can often get a good summary of events on TV. The 6pm bulletin on BBC1 is the programme I always watch if I'm in at that time. My main interest may be national events and big stories in politics and international affairs, but at 6.30 I like to stick with the channel and also watch Look North. Well, I did when still in Goxhill and I felt the programme was local to me: Peter Levy in Hull and many of the stories coming from our side of the river. Where I am now is not that far away, but the edition of Look North is from Leeds. Now as pleasant as I'm sure Harry and Christa are, and as beautiful the parts of the country they cover, I am not really very interested in news from Harrogate or Wharfedale. It's not local enough to me.

I expect most people in this part of the East Riding are not bothered by this. Perhaps to them the North Yorkshire Moors are close enough, or they've just got used to receiving the programme they get. Others, of course, wouldn't watch news of any sort and do something else entirely. However, for those dissatisfied like me, there is another group of increasing number to which they may belong: people with satellite, yourself perhaps among them, who get to choose which of the BBC's regional magazines they watch after their tea. With the right package, a Scot living in Penzance can see the bulletin from Perth or wherever means something to them. I watch enough television as it is without signing up to Sky, and wouldn't do so just to get 'local' news, but the technology is there if I wanted it, say if I moved further away and started to feel homesick for the Humber area.

Now the Gander can do even better than satellite TV with its localness. We can finally announce that we have set up our own website, which means anyone anywhere in the world can access issues of the newsletter and information about the village. We are going to keep it as up-to-date as possible with news and features, uploading the latest editions as you receive them through your letter boxes. It is live right now at www.goxhillgander.com - please take a look. Though live from today to coincide with publication of this first issue of 2008, the site is still growing. We are going to go back through the Gander's 20-year history, but we also want to have the latest news and details of what is happening. For that we need you to let us have any information and pictures past, present and future, so that it really is a resource for the whole village to be proud of.

There are people who have passed through Goxhill living right across the world who will now be able to learn what is happening and tell us about themselves. If you are in touch with any of them please let them know we are here: we can be Facebook, Friends Reunited and Wikipedia for them and you. And for those of you not computer literate, the most interesting stories will always appear on these pages and be printed in your quarterly Gander delivered free-of-charge through your door.

Adam Ellis

The Gander AGM will be on Friday 4th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

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