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was a well known character in many walks of life apart from the horse fraternity, which was borne out by the attendance at his funeral. He was well liked and took time to speak to everyone with a laugh and a joke. Deep sympathy is extended to his wife Iris and family. He will be sadly missed

In the light of that dreadful cruelty case in Amersham concerning all those poor horses, there is a petition on line on which they are hoping to get 1000 signatures. The site is: www.voicesforhorses.co.uk and click on the petition button.

I figure that if there are 200 horses in Goxhill and many more people who are involved with them, then Goxhill people can make a significant difference nationally, and all through the pages of the **Gander**.

Keep your news, tips and results coming in. Until the next issue..

Take care – Ride safely.

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Thank You

I would like to thank (through the Gander) all those villagers who gave their wonderful support to the raffle of the '12 days of Christmas' Quilt/wall hanging that was made by Goxhill Grannies in aid of the Primary School Book Fund. The raffle raised £1030 profit for the book fund and the cheque was presented to Andrew Jackson (Head teacher) at a special assembly on Mon 21st January.

We, the Goxhill Grannies, really enjoyed making the quilt since September at Hallands Field Farm. During which time lots of refreshments were enjoyed too along with the social side with up to seven ladies stitching away for the school.

The draw of raffle tickets took place at the School Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December and was

won by Dianne the mobile hairdresser (related to Lorraine from the school) and other prizes were as follows: Lap Quilt to be made for Caterpillar Nursery, Plants in a basket to Molly Ruthford and bottles of wine to Linda, Marion Hurst and V Dunn of North Killingholme. We were all very pleased that the prizes stayed within the village area.

Very many thanks to all concerned.

Janice Leather (Mrs) - Quilt Instigator.



My wife Shelagh and I have recently moved into the village.

I was interested to read the Parish Council article on footpaths as we both enjoy walking.

I realised when we moved here in August that there were many footpaths surrounding the village, but have had great difficulty discovering where they all are.

I emailed the County Council, and visited the Tourist Office. Neither were unable to supply me with a footpath map of the Goxhill area.

I had given up hope until I read your article which requested local people report to you which footpaths they have walked.

This is a fine idea for people who have grown up with the local knowledge of the whereabouts of these paths. But I am sure there are many people in the village like us who would like to see a local footpath map published.

We would love to help fight the calls to close the footpaths but firstly we need to know where they are!!!

Kevin and Shelagh Seddon

Dear Gander,

I am a newcomer to the village, but since moving in to my new home, I have had several reasons to regret moving to the area. The village itself is beautiful and on the surface the residents appear to be welcoming and sociable, however, I have been affected by crime and one particular incident has left me quite disturbed. I ask The Gander for help if I may, to discover the reasons (perhaps printing this in your next issue will jar someone's conscience):

I arrived home from my work one day to discover a small plastic bag filled with dog mess placed neatly in front of my back gate !

I ask WHY; who has done this and why? I do not wish to disclose my address (I feel victimised enough), but the person responsible for this knows it ! I would certainly like to know the reason behind such a dirty/cowardly action.

If I (or another member of my family) has unknowingly upset someone for whatever reason, then surely the adult thing to do would be to actually talk to me !! I do hope that the person responsible will be in touch to explain their reasoning.

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