

Off the Hood, continued...

fields and the yard. Even if it is only used for swilling down the yard, washing your car or watering the garden it all helps. Another water and electric saving tip is to keep a travel kettle near the big one for those one or two cups of water which will save overflowing the kettle.

Pelham Tack on Pelham Road, Immingham is well recommended. They offer a good range of goods and what they do not have in stock they are quite happy to order. What is also very useful is they have a Bit Bank. A fee is charged for trying a bit for a week and once a suitable one is found they will sell you a new one at a discounted price. They also make and supply a good range of Quality Show Jumps and fillers at reasonable prices.

Once again Ragwort is in abundance in this area so please dig it out and burn to prevent it seeding and spreading. Report it to the Council if you see it on highways or roundabouts etc. The more people that complain the better as they have a legal responsibility to destroy it. Remember to check your hay for it as it is still toxic when dry.

I heard something the other day which made me smile.. Many years ago if children had a bad chest the parents used to take them to the seaside to the Donkeys. It was thought that because a donkey has a cross on its back it was sacred. The child would be passed underneath and over the top several times and was noted that the chest would improve for a while which added substance to the belief. – Of course it had nothing to do with the sea air!

Keep your news, tips and results coming in.

Until the next issue...

Take care – Ride safely.

*Aileen, 01469 530643*

## Not Forgotten...

The Gander wishes to add its condolences to those of the many well-wishers mourning Dorothy "Betty" Murphy, who lived with her son Mark and his family on Mill Lane, until her tragic death in an accident with a lorry in Barton on 21st July. Many of you may have known the mother of four, with 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, so we will not pretend we were personally acquainted, however the circumstances of her death are such that it could have happened to anyone; that it was such a loving, friendly lady makes us truly sorry.

Mark is responsible for the technical management of the website, so we consider him part of the team. Our thoughts and best wishes go in particular to him, his wife Zoe, and four children Isaac, Noah, Miriam and Hannah. And we thank Betty for raising him to, in his own words, "work hard, laugh, serve others, be selfless, put family first, pray, thank God the list goes on..."

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Our thoughts are also with Parish Councillor Ian Ross of Howe Lane, whose wife died earlier this summer after a long illness.

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Finally, George Keens, of Barton, writes :

On behalf of the family I would like to thank all who donated in memory of the late Mrs Dolly Keens.

Along with your donations, a total of £162 was sent to Save the Children and the treasurer thanked us.

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**Looking further back, to villagers in days gone by, we have received several requests for help from people researching their family histories in Goxhill. If you have any information on the following, please contact us in all the usual ways.**

A) Seeking the family of John Simons and Elizabeth, nee Brown, parents of Charles, Frank and John, circa 1901. A website visitor - a teacher - has come to possess a patchwork by Elizabeth, and would like to know more about its designer.

B) Can you help tell me anything about George Frederick (Fred) Sheppard of Marsh Lane, New Holland? Family lore has it that he was a recluse living in an orchard. He died aged 73 in 1943. Does anyone remember him?

C) What can you tell me about the descendants of Robinson and Emma Atkin and their four children Charles (b.1893), Elsie (b.1898), Arthur L. and Harold (both born 1900)? Any information would be much appreciated.