



GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We are now about half-way through our yearly programme and we have had some very interesting speakers, especially the talk about Grandad's House, Woodturning - it's amazing what can be achieved from a small block of wood - and Wendy's Wonderful Wednesday.

We recommence meetings on 14th September with 'Bedazzled', followed by our Harvest Festival on 12th October. In November we have 'Adventures with an Iron Man'. On 14th December it's a 'Wildlife Encounter'. I'm sure these will all be interesting evenings and we look forward to seeing some new members.

We meet on the second Monday in the month, except for August, at 7.15 p.m. at the Goxhill Memorial Hall.

LIVES



Can you help improve our LIVES?

LIVES is the Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service, a registered charity number 1098364.

One of the disadvantages of our rural location is that it can take an ambulance longer to reach us. At best the delay can add to the stress of waiting and in extreme cases, particularly cardiac arrest, every minute can literally be the difference between life and death. LIVES consists of volunteers like you who can spare a few hours a week to be on call to attend and offer emergency care until the ambulance arrives. Most times the ambulance will arrive soon after, or even before, you do – but in those exceptions you will be on hand with equipment that can help and which you have been fully trained to use.

Our local branch of LIVES covers Goxhill, Barrow and New Holland with several volunteers from each of those villages regularly on call. But we are not there all the time. To enable us to provide cover for more hours and days each week, we need more volunteers. You receive full initial training, with monthly updates and support from your fellow volunteers. All equipment is provided and you only commit to being on call when you can fit it in.

If you would like to know more then please contact Maurice Cole, who is the co-ordinator for our local branch, on 530512. If you just want a chat with somebody from Goxhill about what is involved then please feel free to ring me on 530363.

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HANWAG



Beware of Card Games!

HANWAG recently alerted neighbourhood watch groups to the problem of substitution credit and debit card frauds. These can occur any time that you let the card out of your sight, even for a moment, perhaps when paying for goods.

What happens is that an expired card of the same type is swapped for your own valid card. If you spot the substitution then your own card is returned with the explanation "I'm sorry, I mistakenly picked up the wrong card from behind the till. That one was confiscated by us on the bank's instructions when a customer tried using it earlier today."

To protect yourself, try to develop the habit of glancing at your credit or debit card whenever you return it to your purse or wallet. If somebody tries this scam on you then please do report it – either to the manager of the store or restaurant or to your own card provider. If the exchange was a genuine mistake then nobody should mind you being cautious. If it was a scam then you will have done your bit to save someone else from becoming a victim.

What can make this particular fraud worse is that, as you would not know your card had been stolen, you could not report it stolen. Theoretically that could mean you having to stump up for any fraudulent purchases right up until you realise and report it stolen.

To contact GNeW please email gnew@tesco.net or telephone 530363.