



GOXHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Do you like Wildlife Encounters? If so, why not come along and join us on Monday 14th December for a Wildlife Encounter with Brian Sykes. Your company would be most welcome.

Brian Sykes is a wildlife photographer whose work has appeared on BBC Look North.

Admission: £2.50 for adults, children FREE.
Refreshments available.

Monday, 14th December in the Goxhill Memorial Hall at 7.15 p.m.

T'ai Chi

Do you fancy some gentle exercise but not sure where to go? Goxhill W.I. are starting a Tai Chi class on Monday afternoons beginning in January 2010, in the Goxhill Memorial Hall at a very reasonable cost. This will be suitable for men and women of all ages, (young and not so young). If interested please contact Mrs. Iris MacLeod on 01469 530772 for more information

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Mobiles, emergencies and unmarked Police cars

The following story is apocryphal but, despite that, it contains some useful tips for all of us about personal safety when out and about. HANWaG and Humberside Police have confirmed the principles and procedure as accurate.

It was the early afternoon when a girl in her late teens was driving to visit a friend. A flashing light in the rear view mirror drew her attention to what was apparently an unmarked police car behind her with its lights on. Fortunately her uncle was a policeman and she recalled his advice

- never pull over at the side of the road for an unmarked car;
- it is quite acceptable to drive on to a service station or other busy and public area;
- telephoning 112 from a mobile phone connects you to the police dispatcher.

The girl told the police dispatcher that: (a) there was an unmarked police car, with a flashing blue light on its rooftop, behind her; (b) she would not be pulling over right away but wait until she was in a suitable busy area. The dispatcher checked to see if there was a police car in that area and found that there was not. He told her to keep driving and remain calm as he had back-up already on the way. Ten minutes later 4 marked police cars surrounded her and the unmarked car behind hers. One policeman went to the girl's vehicle and the others surrounded the car behind. They pulled the driver from the car and arrested him. He turned out to be a convicted rapist and wanted for other crimes against lone females.

So, to reiterate, the lessons for us all are:

- You do not have to pull over for an unmarked car, police or otherwise. The police are told to respect your right to only stop at a safe and public place. Obviously it makes sense to acknowledge that you have seen the request to stop e.g. by flashing your hazard lights &/or ringing 112.
- Ringing 112 on a mobile telephone is an emergency number that takes you straight through to the police even where 999 may not work if you have no phone signal. Apparently it has the added advantage that, when you ring 112, the police can use a system of triangulation to pinpoint exactly where you are telephoning from.

Obviously I should remind you of the illegality of using a mobile phone whilst driving unless you have a hands-free system. Nevertheless I hope that the above proves useful and please remember to tell your friends who may not have the privilege of being a Gander reader. To contact GNeW please email gnew@tesco.net or telephone 530363.

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