



ALLOTMENTS - NEWS & VACANCIES

Since the last edition we have welcomed 4 new allotmenters to our merry band, although we still have room for a few more!

We are all of course looking forward to spring by when we will have the potatoes planted and quite a few other crops as well. Inevitably we start to think about the prospect of delicious, super fresh, home grown veg and fruit for our families.

Having an Allotment is just the remedy for the kind of winter we have had and we have 3 remaining vacant plots (half plots are available if that would suite you better). Whilst we are keen for them to be taken by people in the village, if after this further 'advert' there aren't enough takers then we will ask the Parish Council to consider the requests we are receiving from those outside of the village, rather than see plots remain vacant – so now's the time to step forward if you've been thinking this is for you!

Don't worry if you are a novice you'll be in good company and with help, advice and inspiration from the likes of Kev, Martin, Stan and Andrea – you'll quickly see results. Our membership is very diverse and many plots are looked after by couples ... Maybe you are looking for a new shared interest ?

I know we might sound a bit mad but it really is fun. It's also a lot cheaper and nearer, than the gym (it's off the Green Ramper at North End). We'll even throw in the fresh air free and you'll also be close to nature – what could be nicer as we enjoy spring & summer.

By the way, the rent per annum is only £25 for a full plot and £13 for a half plot (plus £25 admin costs in the first year only)

Want to find out more please ring Kev Wood 531342.

NEW FREECYCLE SITE FOR THIS AREA

Some years ago a group in the States got together to form a web site where people could offer or request items. The idea was that there were lots of people throwing useful things away simply because they were no longer of use to them. The idea of the site was that people could offer these items for free collection to others in the area. They extended this to allow others to ask if anyone had certain items to offer.

This has now expanded around the world and so areas now have their own sites. My daughter has been on the system in Sheffield for quite some time and has found it excellent for giving away items which she would have probably just thrown away. I have just set up a site for the Barton area so people in Barton and the surrounding villages can use the internet to offer or request items. There are groups going in Scunthorpe and Grimsby and there are the odd member within our area but this group would mean less travelling for people. There are only two main stipulations. Firstly no animals (including humans) and secondly it has to be free, you cannot ask for any form of payment. You can access the site by logging on to <http://www.freecycle.org/> and search for Barton upon Humber.

The group has only just started and so will take time to develop so why not be there from the start and help the group form. I hope to give more information in the next issue of the Gander.

John Pullen

GOXHILL TALES - an apology from the Editor

The Goxhill Tales, which appeared in the previous issue of the Gander, seem to have caused a bit of a stir amongst some of the elderly members of the village. The original author had asked not to be named and I respected that wish. However there was speculation as to who the author actually was.

I have been requested to confirm that Ron Parker was not the Author of Goxhill Tales in the Winter Issue & did not supply any of the Information in the article. Helen Baxter would like to make it clear that she wrote down the Tales based on the memories of events of her father, Don Faulding. As made clear in the article they were "recollections, not necessarily historical fact and may have been coloured by the years, retelling and for the sake of a good yarn".

I apologise if respecting the author's wish for anonymity has caused any upset to any of our readers.

I also hope that this will not put anyone off supplying stories to the Gander, about the past and present Goxhill, as this is what makes our village newsletter so much more interesting.

Jeff Teasdale