

I hope that by the time you read the Spring issue of the Gander we will have seen the last of the Wintry weather for this year.

It was nothing like the winters in the past. I can remember being cut off from the outside world for a few days, having to wade through snow drifts, up to my waist down Willow Lane. I think that was in 1987. It was great fun, for a while, as I could work from home. But that winter was tame compared to 1947.

Although we were not cut off this year, it certainly cut down on my trips in the car, to absolute necessities, as the roads were so treacherous. It is at times like this that you really appreciate all the facilities we do have on our doorstep in the village; food shops, hairdressers, post office, fish, chips, pizzas and take away food, café and deli, animal feeds and supplies, pub, car servicing and repair, accountants and solicitors, beauty and health therapists, builders, plumbers, decorators and home maintenance businesses, furniture, window, door and conservatory companies, driving instructors, gardening and garden machinery services, childcare organisations, doctors surgery and many more.



Many of them advertise in the Gander and help to pay for its production. But it is vital that we use our local businesses as much as possible, all year round! It cuts down on unnecessary journeys, which we should all be doing to cut down our carbon footprint, and it keeps the local economy going. And they are your friends and neighbours, so help to keep them in business or employed, especially during these hard times. Why let work go out of the village if there are perfectly good services within it.

The same applies to the local facilities, the library, the various function rooms, the playing fields, the school, the riding stables, the clubs and groups. All need using and need your support and help to keep them going. They do not run by magic, it is down to dedication and work by volunteers. The more people to help the less of a burden it is and the pleasure of doing it is greater. There are two articles in this newsletter alone, the Rainbows and the Bowling Club, asking for help or more members to keep things going. The school are also keen to have more community activities there, please see their article.

So please keep Goxhill thriving!

We have one or two new features in this issue of the Gander, our resident Celebrity Chef is going to do a regular piece and answer any questions, so if your Yorkshire Puddings come out as mine do, like Yorkshire biscuits, then send in those queries. Our bee keepers are offering to deal with unwanted swarms in the village, perhaps our experts at the allotments could answer any fruit and veg growing queries. Send in any questions preferably by email to **goxhill-gander@fsmail.net** or to any member of the Gander team.

We are always on the look out for new ideas and articles related to Goxhill, about people and places and events, so please don't hesitate to make contact with me.

Finally, **the GANDER's AGM** has been set for **Wednesday March 24th at 7.00pm** in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome to come along and ask questions of the Gander team or make your views known.

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