

SHELTER BOXES FOR HAITI

Goxhill Primary School has been helping to raise money for the Barton Rotary Club ShelterBox appeal for Haiti. The school raised £405 during a no uniform day, to help pay for ShelterBoxes which have already been sent to provide people in Haiti with somewhere to live, following the devastating earthquake. Each box contains a ten person tent, sleeping bags, water purifying equipment, a cooking stove, pans, plates mugs and tools. There is also a bag of toys to provide a little enjoyment for the children.

Following collections outside supermarkets, Barton Rotary club has recently paid for three boxes, which cost £490 each, and it is hoped to pay for a further five or six, thanks to the help of schools in Barton and the villages.

Roger Sargeant, the Rotary Club President, said "When we started collecting we had a target of paying for one box but because everyone is being so generous with their donations, we are now hoping that this will be increased to eight or nine from our area". Donations can be left at Sargeant's Butchers



shop in Barrow or with Colin Creasey at the Supply Stores in Goxhill.



Over three thousand Rotary ShelterBoxes have now arrived in Haiti and they are being used as hospital accommodation as well as setting up large camps in most areas of the island. They were featured being erected on BBC News recently. Further up to the minute information about the boxes can be found on www.shelterbox.org/news. If you are interested in helping Barton Rotary Club, or would like information on becoming a member please ring **Roger** on **01469 531054**

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Once again Goxhill residents have shown their generosity and compassion for our troops in combat overseas with another overwhelming amount donated for the Poppy Appeal. The amount donated for 2009 amounted to £1,209.90.

My sincere thanks go to the few house to house collectors for their sterling work within the village and the local businesses, namely, Mrs. Jane Arnott, Mrs. Sheila Gray, Mrs. Enid Girdham, Mrs. Angela Holland, Mrs. Heather Nettleton and Mr. Allan Coggan, The Spar Shop, The Supply Stores/Post Office, The Scissor Box, Penny Lane, The Pet Shop, The Lincolnshire Pantry and Barricks Haulage.

My thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook for their help in managing the Poppy Appeal in New Holland once again. Thank you to both the Goxhill Parish Council and Memorial Hall.

We also received the collection from the United service held at the Memorial Hall.

I was pleased to be invited to the Goxhill Primary School Remembrance Service and impressed with the children's knowledge and appreciation of previous conflicts and their generous contribution to the Poppy Appeal.

If anyone would like to become a "Poppy Person" and give an hour or two to this worthwhile appeal please contact me on **530138**.

Penny Carnell