

THE GANDER

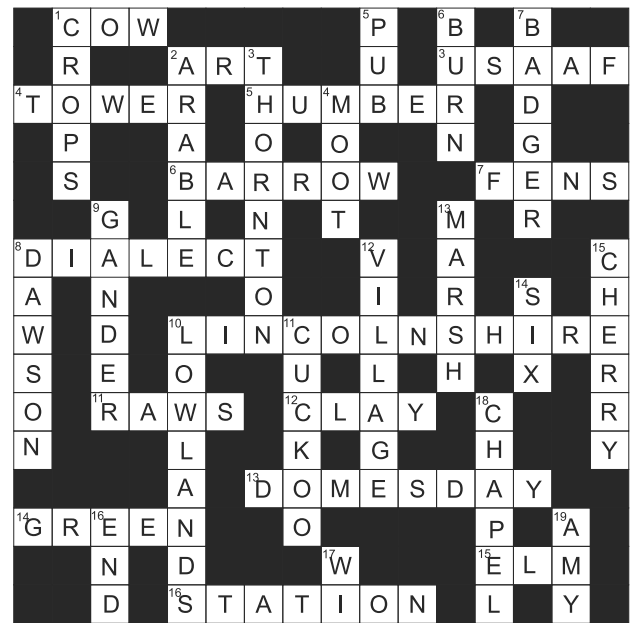
CROSSWORD PUZZLE #1

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How Goxhillian are you?

DOWN

- 1 Harvests what the barber cuts? (5) **CROPS**
A barber crops hair and we harvest crops
- 2 Fit for ploughing, yet completely wild? (6) **ARABLE**
This means arable land, and to plough it is to cultivate it.
- 3 A prickly weight is half a faithful local landmark (8) **THORNTON** Prickly=thorn Weight=Ton, the other half is Abbey
- 4 The village agenda is often this (4) **MOOT**
"moot" generally means to bring up an idea for discussion, or it describes a topic that is open to debate.
- 5 This occasionally pops up, now the Hunt is over (3) **PUB**
Pop Up Pubs! and references the loss of our last pub the Brocklesby Hunt.
- 6 The best log is one to... (4) **BURN**
Goxhill is full of log burners always eyeing up a log, thinking "can I burn that?"
- 7 The educated road closer. (6) **BADGER**
The closure and repair of college road (educated road) was caused by Badgers
- 8 Where the birds aren't made of clay and fly high (6) **DAWSON**
Dawson RSPBB nature reserve was formerly clay pits.
- 9 You are in it now for free! (6) **GANDER**
The Gander is delivered free to every home in our village.
- 10 Region lacking hills or peaks (8) **LOWLANDS**
- 11 Crazy theory for how the village was named (6) **CUCKOO**
One arguable theory is that the name Goxhill itself literally translates from Old English/Old Norse to mean "Hill of the Cuckoo" (or Gaukr's hill).
- 12 Best Kept what? (7) **VILLAGE**
The competition that is run every year, and we aim to enter the large Village category.
- 13 The only compass point this farm needs (5) **MARSH**
There is an East Marsh Farm, but none North South or West
- 14 How many to Our Saint's peel? (3) **SIX**
This is the number of bells in All Saints Church and all ring a peel.
- 15 A bright red shade we need 21 more of! (6) **CHERRY**
We are currently applying to fund replacement of 21 Cherry Trees (article in this edition).
- 16 North or South (3) **END**
North End and South End of the village.
- 17 Initials of the fierce group behind the book exchange (2) **WI**
without their efforts neither the Library or book exchanges would exist.
- 18 The double venue street, for hire (6) **CHAPEL**
Both the Memorial Hall and the Schoolroom in the Chapel, also available for hire, reside on Chapel Street.
- 19 Who swept 2025 short (3) **AMY**
Amy Shephardson won the 2025 village Short Award with the biggest landslide victory in Gander-run history.



ACROSS

- 1 Meat lovers get the best slice of this from the East (3) **COW** Referring to the best British Beef available from East Marsh Farm.
- 2 Displayed on the line (3) **ART**
There are 2 recent installations at the train station, one by the Primary School and a mosaic
- 3 Occupiers of Goxhill's Station 345 (5) **USAAF**
- 4 Tall 5G eyesore or 14thC beauty (5) **TOWER**
5G tower on the entrance to the village and the All Saints Church Tower
- 5 Our wettest northern boundary (6) **HUMBER**
Goxhill stretches all the way to the river Humber
- 6 One wheeling ancient grave (6) **BARROW**
Is our closest neighbouring village and a barrow is an ancient burial mound used to cover a grave.
- 7 Low wetlands tamed by our dykes (4) **FENS**
Before the vast network of drainage ditches (dykes) and the modern pumping stations were built, the low-lying areas of Goxhill-especially heading out toward the Humber were essentially wild, waterlogged wetlands. They are fens by definition.
- 8 It's peculiar to a specific area (7) **DIALECT**
A local form of speech spoken in a particular region.
9 (Not there as lands on conjoining with 10 down)
- 10 Stretching from the Humber to the Wash (12) **LINCOLNSHIRE**
- 11 What's Best in the village (4) **RAWS**
Raw's Best is a village store in the heart of the village.
- 12 Natural product once baked on the Haven (4) **CLAY**
If you solved 8 down this should already be in mind.
- 13 Gouse's earliest tax return (8) **DOMESDAY**
Gouse's 1086 registration document was William the Conqueror finding out how much everyone owed him.
- 14 This shade has one dated, one ramped (5) **GREEN**
Referencing the Green Ramper and Millennium Green
- 15 Tree once common in our hedgerows, or a lane (3) **ELM**
Elm lane is a prominent street name here. Elm trees were a defining feature of English hedgerows until Dutch Elm Disease wiped most of them out in the late 20th century.
- 16 Cultivated and arty standing place (7) **STATION**
There are art installations and 17 planters and at the train station.

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