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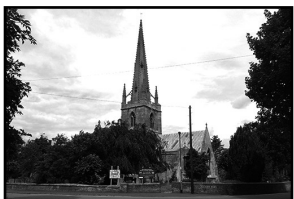
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| 17th | 10am Communion | | 10am Morning Worship |
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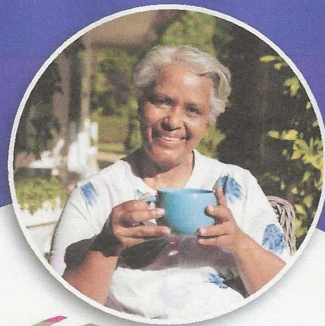
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What is the world coming to?

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Many organisations seem to be displaying a lack of sympathy for the people they are meant to be serving. Apart from making our views known, and that's not easy, is it? (Complaining online often reveals many barriers exist to keep you at a distance!) What we do have power to influence surely is our local community. Aren't the first two commandments Jesus agreed were the most important key here? Love God and love your neighbour. For me this means I don't ever delude myself that anyone out there will fix things, not the politicians, famous personalities or the mega rich, nor anyone. They just won't fix any of the major problems anytime soon.

It seems natural and right that I should look up to the creator and be thankful for my life and for the wonderful planet I have to live on. I must show my gratitude – I must give thanks every day for my blessings and try and learn more of what my creator wants of me. I feel it has a lot to do with clear understanding of love. The second commandment says that I must not be selfish and think it all centred upon me but must focus my life on helping others. Many sadly are falling prey to the lie that they have rights that are all important, and must be fought for, but few responsibilities.

I can't fix the world nor likely my own country, but I can do my bit to try and make my little part of the world a better place and that's not about being selfish. What do you think? I'd be happy to have your thoughts or ideas!

Revd Ian Walters
Formerly vicar of Gosberton Group of Parishes and frustrated older person.
Email: ianwalters@outlook.com

Gosberton & District Community Action Team

The directors have taken the decision to wind up our local community interest company. During the past few years, it has had some notable successes namely the re-establishment of the summer fair in Gosberton and helping with the setting up of the good neighbour scheme. It's also helped fund other activities and worked alongside the parish council in certain ways. One of the objectives we had for some time was to improve the facilities on the village playing field for young people and this has now been very much achieved thanks to the parish council. So, we decided that we would ask for bids for our remaining funds, which have now been received by the required deadline, and then dissolve GCAT. This comes with a little sadness on my part as I can still see the potential in the future, but new projects such as the development of the youth centre into a community hub and other good things, I believe have good prospects and we should put our efforts behind those. I'd like to thank those who have worked together in recent years through GCAT and thank you all for your support. *Ian Walters.*

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committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at churches around the world on Friday 1st March 2024 people will gather to celebrate the service, prepared this year, by the women of Palestine.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 146 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

**This year the World Day of Prayer service for our area will
take place at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Gosberton on
Friday 1st March at 2pm.**

Everyone is welcome to this special service.

Gosberton WI

meet on the second
Tuesday of the month at
2pm.

Gosberton WI do not meet
in January (anticipating cold
icy weather when everyone
would rather stay indoors),
so our first meeting of 2024
will be on Tuesday 13th February at 2pm in the Public Hall.

Hopefully by then the Winter weather may be a little kinder. We
will be doing "Fun Bingo" with prizes, a bring and buy stall and a
competition for anything with flowers on.

The coffee meetings are still well attended (whatever the weather)
at various local hostelrys, and the Knitting and Sewing Circle
(courtesy of Sandra) still meets once a month. We will need to
have an exhibition of all the lovely things members have been
making!

This year's programme has not been finalised yet, but will include
Gift wrapping (at our March Birthday meeting); Michelle showing
us her resin art (and the Annual Meeting in April); and much more
besides.

Anyone who would like more information about Gosberton WI, or
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FUNERALS

22nd November at Clough Parish Church David Hales

15th December at Gosberton Parish Church Philip Ruskin

*We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends
of those who have recently died. May they rest in peace.*

NOTICES

The following AGM's will be held in the next couple of months.
Anyone who is interested can attend.

Gosberton Youth Centre:

Thursday 8th February 7pm at Gosberton Youth Centre

Quadring Parochial Church Council:

Tuesday 26th March 7pm in St Margaret's Hall, Quadring

Gosberton Clough Parochial Church Council:

Tuesday 26th March in Clough Church Hall

Gosberton Parochial Church Council

Tuesday 16th April 7pm in Gosberton Church Hall

All AGMs will be followed by a general meeting.

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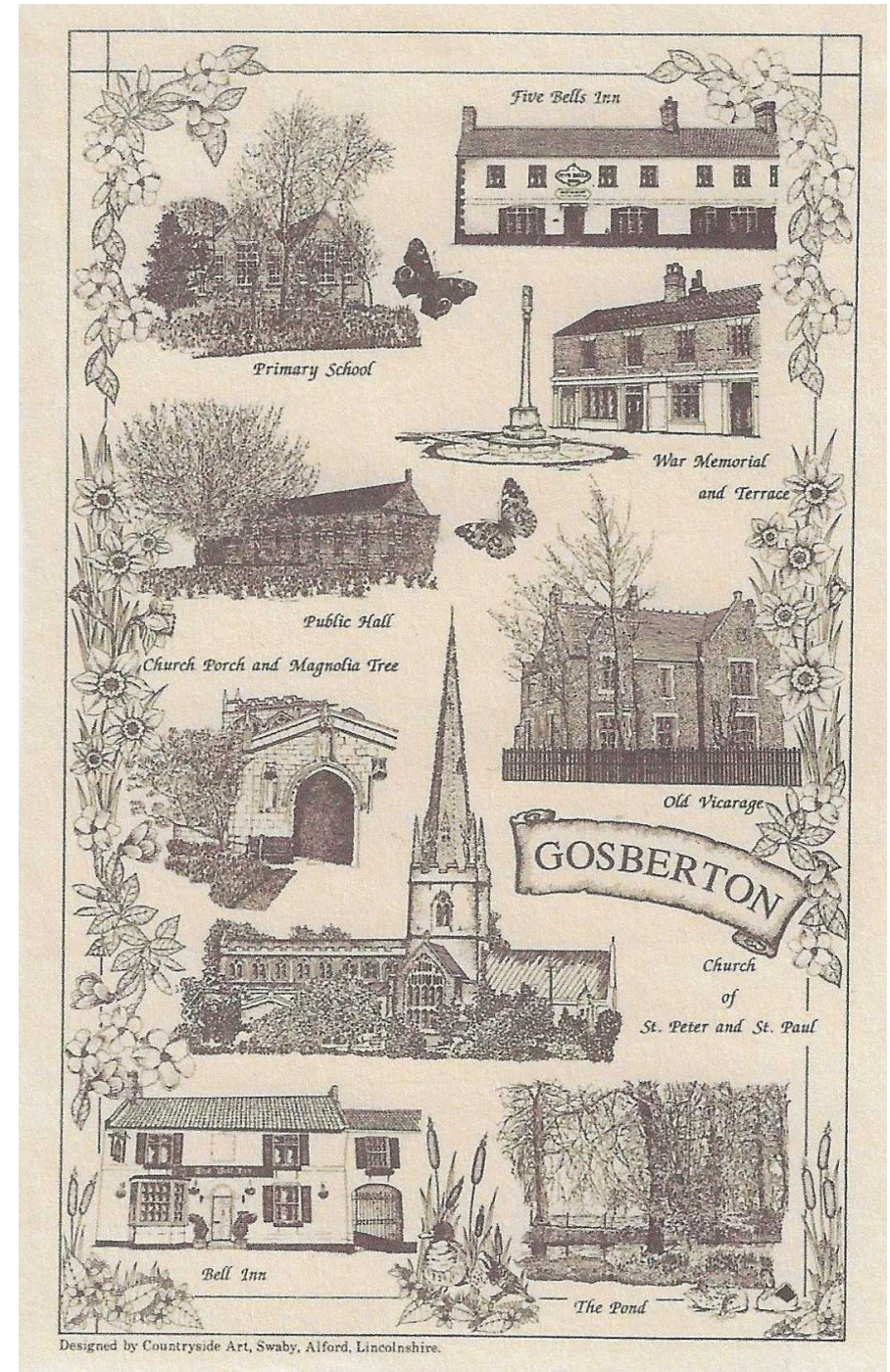
There has been something of a lull during the Christmas season, but things will soon start to liven up now.

Good Neighbours requests are like London buses, waiting for one to arrive, and then an overwhelming rush. This is why we really do need some more volunteers to help us.

I notice we have now reached 1412 tasks completed since we started. This has only been possible with a fantastic, small group of helpers that we have at present.

Our list of users gets longer while the list of volunteers stays static.

If you are recently retired, or just find you have some time to spare, we would love to hear from you. The Good Neighbours number is 07808 326511.



MARJORUM BEEHIVE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Whether you have lived in the area for years or have recently moved to the village; a very warm welcome awaits you at the Marjorum Hall, Gosberton Risegate, PE11 4ET.

Operating under the banner of the Marjorum Beehive Association on Siltside, and the Robert Marjorum Trust, we deliver a host of activities provided regularly by a variety of qualified instructors, coaches and trainers.

From Table Tennis to Tai Chi, Chair Yoga to Yoga Flex, Karate, Line Dancing, Puppy Training, Pre-school (Stay & Play). There is something for all ages and abilities! Or, for those who just want a chat, a coffee and something less strenuous, why not join up with our "Chatty Crafters", Knitting and Crochet and Tea & Cake clubs.

Beyond the regular groups above; look out for our special events which are always fun and friendly. From Party Nites to Bingo; Quiz nites and Race nites; and not forgetting our fabulous annual Festival in the summer with BBQ. low cost beer & wine, all day music and local band (Halo!) plus; the odd guest singer or two. Not forgetting stall holders with all their lovely goods and wares to peruse!

There is so much more we could tell you but why not come along and discover the Marjorum Hall for yourself. If you're on your own, don't worry; just give one of us a call and we can meet you at the door and settle you in with some friendly faces and maybe a tea or coffee!

Some of you may have received one of our "What's On" leaflets through your door. If you haven't or you have mislaid it; just call or email one of the contacts below and we will get one to you pronto!

MBA Association Team - Building Our Community

Take a look at our Website www.marjorumhall.co.uk or join our Facebook page The Marjorum Beehive Association

Our contact team are:

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Are you gifted in Children's Work? We are looking for someone to run a Sunday school along with helpers to help that person.

Representatives of the Churches in Gosberton, Gosberton Risegate and Gosberton Clough meet together as Christians Together in Gosberton and recognise our churches don't offer specific opportunities for children to learn more about Christianity and develop their faith. This could be on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

If so do contact Revd. Luke Smith (Methodist minister) on luke.smith@methodist.org.uk

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location we find ourselves with reduced membership and attendance at events and services. This brings challenges for the future of the chapel at Clough. Without support this chapel is in danger of closure as has happened to so many other village chapels. It has been a beacon of the Christian faith here since it was opened in 1935. We are able to conduct weddings and funerals. More than that, the building and surrounding field offer space and opportunity for the use of our community and surrounding villages. We are able to hire out the building for events. Having developed the field with trees and picnic tables, we are now planning work to improve the area at the front of the chapel.

As we look ahead to 2024 we are going to change the time of our Sunday service. Regular Sunday services at Clough chapel have been 10.30 am to date. When the new Plan commences in March it will be at 9 am with bacon rolls and tea/ coffee once a month for early risers commencing on 3rd March at 8.30 am. All welcome.

Upcoming events will include:

23rd March, 7pm Talent evening, 'Clough's Got Talent'
7th April, 2.30 Teddy Bear Service

Please support our talent evening 'Clough's Got Talent'. This is a fun event and an opportunity for everyone to sing, play, read, dance, juggle or perform any other skill. We need willing volunteers/ victims to come along and entertain, not to mention embarrass family and friends who come along to support you and add to the atmosphere. An opportunity not to be missed!!!



Gosberton Clough Methodist Chapel

We enjoyed having the Clough and Risegate Primary school with us for their Christmas sing-along on 13th December. The chapel was full to capacity with around 200 with children, parents and family members enjoying the festive season. It is always wonderful to have the chapel full and especially with young people at such a happy time. We look forward to welcoming them back at Easter.



Our Plough service was held on 7th January. This annual service celebrates the start of the agricultural year, being held on the Sunday following Epiphany. Traditionally work on the fields then began the day after Plough Sunday. It has to be said that farming has changed over time and this was highlighted during the service by an interview with a local farmer who gave an interesting and informative account of life on the farm today. Another sign of the times was the very wet weather and flooding which has impacted farming and which we also heard about. It also prevented our vintage tractor and plough from being present at the service but we were still able to celebrate farming and the work of farmers with the Blessing of the Plough.



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- **28th March** - Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion at 7pm at Gosberton Baptist Church.
- **28th March** - Maundy Thursday service & supper to mark the night of the Last Supper at 7pm at Gosberton Methodist Church.
- **29th March** - Good Friday March of Witness. Starting at 10.30am at Gosberton Parish Church and finishing at Gosberton Baptist Church around noon with Hot Cross buns and tea or coffee.
- **29th March** - Good Friday worship with Hot Cross Buns & coffee at Gosberton Methodist Church..
- **31st March** - Easter Sunday service with Holy Communion at 10am at both Gosberton Parish Church & Quadring Parish Church.
- **31st March** - Easter Sunday service with Holy Communion at 10.30 at Gosberton Methodists Church.
- **31st March** - Easter Sunday Praise at Gosberton Baptist Church at 10.30am.



The Marjorum Hall, Siltside, Gosberton Risegate PE11 4ET

At the heart of the Risegate & Clough community; the Marjorum Beehive Association, reinvigorated by a new, enthusiastic committee and great volunteers, offers an eclectic programme of activities and events which are well supported.

Our weekly groups include; Puppy Training; Book and Jigsaw Swap; Tai Chi; Line Dancing; Stay & Play (for Mum's & Dads as well as the little ones); Chatty Crafters; Hobby Hub; Tea, Coffee & Cake; Wellbeing Group (Meditation, Reiki, Relaxation, Mindful thinking).

Contacts for the MBA are Yvonne on 07903 813301 or Lesley on 07886 204215

Join our Facebook page for further info on events & groups.

FROM THE EDITOR

The price of this magazine has stayed at 50p for over 30 years and I think you will all agree we have received value for money. The magazine is now losing money due to less adverts being included (people have retired, moved away or gone out of business). The printing costs have increased, not because it's now in colour; the main increase has been in the cost of paper.

So with effect from the edition that covers May to July 2024, the cost per magazine will be £1. So those of you who pay your subs in advance will be asked for £4 for the year, not £2.

The deadline for the next edition is: 20th April

You can email me articles and photos at any time before the deadline or drop them through **my letterbox at 61 Salem Street, Gosberton**. If you need to phone me please call the church phone which is **07803 875638**.

The magazine is always available at the Medical Centre, Post Office in Gosberton, Gosberton church and your local magazine contact (shown on the inside cover).

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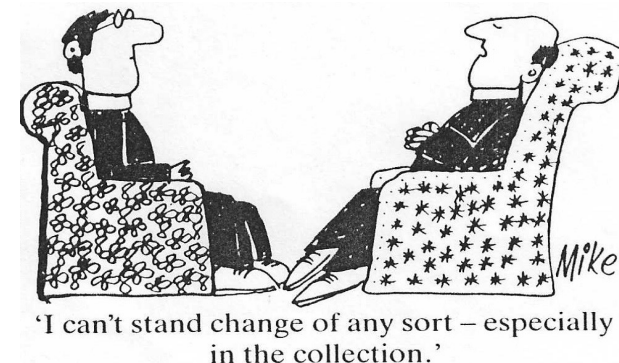
COFFEE MORNINGS IN THE CHAPEL

On most Thursday mornings (not the last Thursday in the month) from 9.30 – 11am, there is a coffee session in the Methodist Chapel in Salem Street. The kitchen is presided over by Mrs Celia Hearth. She dispenses teas, coffees and biscuits to all who come, but she also creates a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, where everybody chats to each other and everyone is welcomed. The Emporium, at the rear of the chapel, full of an amazing range of items for sale, is also open.



Recently, because the sessions have become so popular, Pat and Maggie have been helping Celia with the drinks. They have been amazed at how calmly & competently Celia deals with both the kitchen & the clients.

So, if you fancy a hot drink & a chat, in a friendly & engaging atmosphere, do drop into the chapel on a Thursday morning – you're sure of a warm welcome from your host.



Fancy a morning Cuppa and Chat every week in Gosberton?



**Every
Wednesday
10am to noon**

**Gosberton
Church Hall,
Westhorpe Road**

and

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am

**Methodist
Church
Salem Street**



(not held on last Thursday in the month)

GOSBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH MINISTER the Rev Steve Weatherly-Barton Morning Worship at 10.30am each Sunday

We began our Christmas celebrations during November when the Home Movie Group held its annual party. Around forty people had a lovely time, with singing by the Spalding u3A singing for fun group, accompanied on key board by Jacqueline Kemp and interspersed with monologues. Afterwards all enjoyed a lovely buffet tea.

At the beginning of December we had another treat, when Pauline and Michael invited members of the Wednesday fellowship and the church congregation to a Christmas party at their house. Pauline put on a splendid buffet and all had a good time.

Our church was magically decorated with numerous fairy lights and many other festive decorations, holly etc for the annual carols by candlelight. It is always a lovely service and afterwards the congregation enjoyed warm mince pies, shortbread and oranges along with the tea and coffee. Christmas Eve morning we had a carol service and again sang carols at our service on Christmas morning.

Now, in the New Year, the Home Movies Group will continue to meet about every two months, details go out on the Gosberton and Quadring Community Website, or phone 01775 840185.

The Wednesday fellowship meets every two weeks, alternating between the homes of Maurice and Ruth Perry and Pauline and Michael Clark. For information on these meetings contact any church member.

At Easter we have a service of Holy Communion at our church on Maundy Thursday 28th March to which all are welcome at 7pm. We join in the March of Witness on Good Friday 29th March, beginning at the parish church, St Peter and St Paul, at 10.30am and finishing at the Baptist around 12pm for coffee and hot cross buns. Easter Praise at the Baptist is 10.30am on the Sunday.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to this years Poppy Appeal. We raised £1522.17in Gosberton area and included both Donington Schools this year.

‘We will remember them’

Debbie Reynolds (Poppy Appeal Organiser)
01775 841585
email: deborah.reynolds90@hotmail.co.uk

Gosberton Public Hall

The Public Hall in Gosberton High Street is a very busy place. It is hired during the week for a variety of sport/healthy exercise classes, and for private functions – especially weekend parties.

So, if your family is wondering how to fit everyone into the home for a special birthday “do”, anniversary celebration or “knees up” with friends and relatives, remember the Public Hall. There is a fitted and functional kitchen, including use of crockery and cutlery, tables and chairs available, clean toilet areas and space for dancing/bouncy castles etc.

If you’d like to consider making a booking, please phone: 07828 245588 for details.

STITCH & CHAT at Clough Church Hall on the 1st & 3rd Friday monthly. From 10am to 3pm.

£3 per person.

Contact Fran on 07818 275675 for more info.

Gosberton Methodist Church

invites you to an evening with

Colin Young
From BBC’s Bargain Hunt &



Golding Young Auctioneers

on

Thursday 16th May

**Tickets are £6
& include light refreshments**

Please book with
Maggie 821634 or Belinda 840441

Dear friends,

During advent some readers may have seen an odd looking camel with a wise man on its back! I think the shock was seeing me as a wise man. It was great fun to tell the story from a different point of view and (hopefully) raise some smiles as I did it.

More recently I have been thinking about the Wise Men, or kings or Maji and the part they played in the Christmas story. They studied the stars and their astronomical observations led them on a journey. The journey was not straightforward but they ultimately met Jesus, worshipped him and offered gifts. They seemed to take a nudge from God.



As we begin 2024 (we have no idea what the next 12 months will bring) perhaps we will feel a nudge. A nudge that will perhaps come from an unexpected way. A nudge to do something different or a nudge to make a decision.

May 2024 be a time of blessing for you,

Revd. Luke Smith

South Holland Methodist Circuit



'The siege is over. He says he's decided to give himself up for Lent.'

GOSBERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

(reg charity no 242596)

The objectives of the charity are to 'help relieve any persons resident in the parish of Gosberton who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons'.

Please contact:

Frances Newton on 07920 290012 or

Email franc4s.newton@gmail.com and ask for an application form to be posted to you.

COWLEY & BROWN'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Grants available for full time students towards costs of books and resources.

These grants are not means tested. Applicants must live in the parish of Quadring.

Apply in writing via Secretary: Mrs Ashley Banks
Washdyke Farm, Wykes Lane, Donington PE11 4SD

or on: abanksatwykes@gmail.com

ROBERT MARJORUM'S FOUNDATION (reg charity 527728)

APPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

We are able to consider giving grants to young students for educational costs. Applicants must live in Gosberton Risegate or Gosberton Clough. These grants are not means tested. Please apply to:

Frances Newton 07920 290012
email: franc4s.newton@gmail.com

BINGO AT GOSBERTON YOUTH CENTRE

- ◆ Weekly bingo with Ann takes place at the Youth Centre on Wednesdays. Doors open at 6.15pm for a 7pm start. Flyer, jackpot & raffle. Teas & coffees.
- ◆ Saturday fortnightly bingo with Elise started on 20th January. Doors open at 6.15pm for a 7pm start. Flyer, jackpot & raffle. Teas & coffees.

All proceeds will be used to refurbish the Youth Centre.

Everyone welcome.

SERVICES IN OUR PARISHES ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - MOTHERS DAY

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

Gosberton Parish Church: 10am Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards.

Quadring Parish Church: 10am Family Service.



Paul's. The church was full to overflowing as we belted out carols & listened to the handbell performers. Then it was the last "Move It Or Lose It" class of the year in the public hall - which included prosecco, buck's fizz, delicious home made cup cakes (thank you Rachel), mince pies & all manner of crisps etc - plus a reminder from trainer Fiona to keep exercising during the holiday break. (Didn't happen.)

This was followed by the U3A (university of the third age) choir, performing in the Methodist Chapel. They sang a selection of favourite carols & encouraged the audience to join in - the audience responded with great gusto! On Christmas Eve there were carol services in both the local Baptist & Methodist churches.

On Christmas Day I felt so grateful to Gosberton village for providing me with such rich entertainments, all within walking distance of home & all so full of community spirit & enjoyment.

A happy new year to all my fellow Gosberton residents!

For details of events taking place in our villages, go to the community website at www.gosberton.org and have a look at the calendar.

If you would like any events, clubs or groups added to the calendar please let me know. I need date, time, ticket/admission price, contact details and a description of the event. There is no charge for this.

Please contact Debbie on 07803 875638 or email: deborah.reynolds90@hotmail.co.uk

GOSBERTON AT CHRISTMAS TIME

When I first moved to Gosberton, from London, I was worried that there might not be enough for me to do. I have a much bigger garden in Gosberton, but I'm not a natural gardener and I don't want to spend every waking hour with a spade in my hand. Even the last remaining village pub closed its doors, and I was concerned that boredom might be beckoning. How wrong I was! This is how I enjoyed the run-up to Christmas last year.....

First of all there was the 4 day Christmas tree festival in the Methodist Chapel: a wonderful display of 20 Christmas trees, lovingly decorated by local organisations. (My personal favourite was the tree & hearth, complete with sleeping cat, created by the local arts & crafts group.) Then there was the excellent Kirton Brass Band concert in the Youth Centre, where a wonderful selection of popular music & carols was heard - & in the interval was the sale of cheap, top quality vegetables! I've never tasted such delicious lettuce & spring onions.

The mobile library bus (stops at Field Close & Salem Street) called twice in December. I went on board to make sure I'd got enough books to read over Christmas.

Next came the Community Carol Service in St. Peter & St.



GOSBERTON LADIES CIRCLE

The Gosberton Ladies Circle were very active during the run-up to Christmas. We began at the end of November, by decorating a tree for the Methodist Christmas tree festival. Our tree was dedicated to the memory of one of our members, Sue Richardson. Sue's favourite colour was purple, so we made sure that colour was prominent amongst our decorations.



Then, on 14th December, Sandra Thompson came to our monthly meeting to show us how to make a Christmas flower display. Sandra not only constructed six arrangements whilst we watched, but also produced six wreaths that she'd made earlier: a total of twelve floral designs. Sandra then said that we could use them ALL as raffle prizes – so twelve lucky members went home that night with beautiful Christmas decorations! It was also our "Secret Santa" session, so all our members were winners on the 14th!

Six days later the U3A choir from Surfleet came to sing carols for us. They were a very jolly bunch of choristers, who urged us to join in with them, giving us all a very warm Christmas glow.

The Circle meets on the second Thursday of each month, in the Gosberton Methodist Chapel, at 7.30pm. There is no joining fee; we each pay £4 per session, including tea/coffee/biscuits. New members are always welcome. For more information ring Maggie on 01775 841396.

Future events:

There is no meeting in January, we start again on Thursday 8th February. Our Circle 2024 resolutions are: to continue supporting the Butterfly Hospice in the Johnson Hospital & to carry on in friendship & fellowship with each other.

With all our best wishes for 2024 – Carol, Maggie & Pat.

Breast Cancer Moon
Walk in London raising
£1600

Regular Meals out

**Walking Club on
Sunday Mornings**

Our popular Christmas fair

**Craft Club donated blankets
to Stonehaven**

**Best time of
year to join**

Organised trips

**theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN**

We are a group of local ladies who meet at 7.15pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in St Margaret's' Hall, Quadring.

We have an interesting speaker, a guided craft activity or local charity representative to inform or entertain us ~ hopefully both.

**To join April '23—March '24
£35.00**

or visitors £4.50 per meeting

For information call 07400 589555

Book Club, last Thursday of the month in the White Hart

The traditional things and competitions

Quadring Women's Institute

In Quadring, and surrounding villages

The next two terms are full of lots of fun activities also and we are looking forward to Children's Mental Health Week in February and World Book Day in March. Wellbeing and mental health are a huge priority here at Clough & Risegate for all children and staff. We dedicate a lot of time and resources into ensuring everyone can access the support they need. We provide 1:1 and small group sessions, along with 'Get Set for Wellbeing' sessions which are at the forefront of our daily offer. A big part of this is keeping fit and eating healthy foods, which is all linked to our Farm to Fork curriculum. Our children take part in swimming sessions and events with other schools, such as Girl's Football tournaments, hockey matches and Indoor Athletics events to name just a few. Being as active as possible and moving more, is so important to us all here at Clough & Risegate.

We are a very proud, small, rural primary school, where the family ethos, positive attitudes and good behaviour are reflected in all we do. Our school's strong values are at our core and they underpin all of our teaching and learning throughout the school. Dedicated staff provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy individuals, who reach their full potential and thrive. The children describe us as 'One Big Family!' which sums up our school perfectly.

Mrs Rooney (Headteacher)



Clough and Risegate Community Primary School

We had a great start to the academic year here at Clough & Risegate Primary School. Children and staff took part in various fundraising events including Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day for local charity SOLDAS 'South of Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service'. We also held successful school events like our school's nativity and Christmas Sing Along. To raise valuable funds for our small school we also held a Christmas Raffle, disco and movie nights. Money raised, was spent straight back in school on behaviour rewards, a special Virtual Reality Day and Christmas gifts for our children. Christmas was an incredibly busy time and all children enjoyed party days and a trip to The South Holland Centre for the fabulous Panto, Beauty & The Beast.



Our children love to get busy and active outdoors and we've been working outside in our growing area and poly tunnel whenever possible.



Our friends at 'Kids Country' visited school for Breakfast Week and everyone enjoyed hands-on activities to enhance our Farm to Fork curriculum. Children made pancakes, apple bird feeders and even got to taste some wonderful Lincolnshire products like Lincolnshire sausages. Two local

farmers visited also, bringing along crop examples and foodstuffs to demonstrate their important role in food production. Children were particularly excited to see a John Deere in the playground and they greatly enjoyed finding out more about this worthwhile and vital role.



FASHION SHOW & SHOPPING EVENT

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| M&S | Warehouse | Next | Evans |
| Dorothy Perkins | Dash | Asos, CC | Oasis |
| Wallis | River Island | Windsmoor | Phase Eight |
| White Stuff | New Look | Miss Selfridge | Monsoon |
| Boden | Planet | Topshop | |

Friday 22nd March, 7pm, shows starts at 7.30pm.

St Margaret's Hall, Main Road, Quadring, PE11 4PW
Pamper Hamper Raffle and Refreshments

**Sizes
6 to 30**

Tickets can be obtained at WI meetings or by phoning or texting
Lynn : 07714029040
Colette: 07825833902

**Tickets
£5**

SOS Charity Fashion Shows

and Quadring WI

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Brands subject to availability, Debit and Credit cards accepted
Charityfashionshows.co.uk

FAVOURITE BRANDS AT UP TO 75% OFF



Quadrang WI

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.15pm in Quadrang St Margaret's Hall and would be really pleased if you would like to join us.

- ♦ **14th Feb** CPR, caring for your heart with Richard Marriott
Competition – A heart shaped biscuit
- ♦ **13th March** The magic of stained glass a workshop with Rosemary Pike £12.00 - Please book in advance on 07400 589555
Competition – An Easter Bonnet
- ♦ **10th April** Insects and Us, Why we need each other with Dr Rachel Farrow
Competition – Flower arrangement in a tea cup

If you have a question about Quadrang WI please message us through our Facebook page 'Quadrang Women's Institute' or call/text Elizabeth Stott on 07400 589555.

Annual membership £35.00. Non-members very welcome - £5.00 fee.

Continued

Easter Services:

- ♦ **28th March Maundy Thursday 7pm** - Supper to mark the night of the Last Supper.
- ♦ **29th Good Friday 10.30am** - Worship with Hot Cross buns and coffee.
- ♦ **31st Easter Sunday - 10.30am** Service with Holy Communion

Gosberton Methodist Flower Festival 2024

Theme: "Hands Together"

Thursday 2nd - Monday 6th May from 10am - 4pm.

Thursday 2nd May 9.30am Short Opening Service

Sunday 5th May - No Morning Service. Evening Songs of Praise at 4.30pm

Tuesday 7th May - 7pm Service of Thanksgiving.

Come along and have a look

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first Christmas Tree Festival such a brilliant occasion.

We really did enjoy opening our doors and welcoming everyone in.



Gosberton Methodist Church.

Morning Worship 10.30am Every Sunday

(Please see notice board outside Church for more details or any changes)

Thursday Morning Pop In Re-starts on 1st

February - weather permitting 9.30am - 11am

Craft Afternoon 2pm-4pm

- 19th February
- 18th March
- 15th April

Bring along your knitting, crochet, patchwork etc. or hire a jigsaw. Or just come along for a cuppa & natter men most welcome .

Light Lunches 11.30am - 1pm

- 13th February
- 12th March
- 9th April

You will find a warm welcome

Emporium Sales 10am - 12.30pm

We are planning to continue our popular Saturday Sales and we thank you all for your donations and support of these events. Emporium Dates:

- 24th February
- 30th March
- 27th April

Even if you don't think you need anything please come along and enjoy a drink and slice of cake .

VOLUNTEERS

needed for St. Margaret's Church Quadring

CHURCH WARDEN

To help us to look after and maintain our beautiful Grade 1 listed Church building and grounds

SECRETARY

Usually for 4 evenings per year for Quadring Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meetings held at St Margaret's Community Hall Quadring

TREASURER

Quadring PCC need to appoint a Treasurer for the upkeep of the church accounts at St. Margaret's Church Quadring
This role would suit a good bookkeeper

For further information or interest
please contact Jane Iszatt 07807 057072



NEWS FROM GOSBERTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Upcoming Society Meetings:

- ◆ The first History Society meeting of 2024 is scheduled to be held on **Monday 12 February**, starting at 7.30pm, in the Church Hall (doors open from 7pm). As usual, refreshments will be served. The admission fee (includes refreshments) is a mere £1. The Society's Chairman, **Reverend Ian Walters**, will be giving a presentation, which will explore the theories surrounding this area's most perplexing historical mysteries: '**King John's Lost Treasure**'. It promises to be very interesting!
- ◆ The History Society holds its meetings every quarter. At the meeting scheduled for **Monday 13 May 2024**, we have pencilled in a presentation from Mr. Brian Emery, '**Beneath The Soil: the unearthing of Gosberton's History**,' which will explore the many archaeological finds Brian has unearthed in and around the Gosberton area, and what it tells us about how people lived in times past. We can't wait for this one!

Wartime Gosberton

Many people will know that the Society's Secretary, Stuart Henderson, has published a number of books related to the history of Gosberton, Clough and Risegate. These include his Wartime Gosberton series, which tells the story of the villages during the Second World War, as unearthed and recounted in transcriptions from thousands of newspaper articles of the day. The first three books in the series have already been published, and have told the story of wartime Gosberton from 1940 to 1943. Stuart is currently working on the fourth and final book in the series, which will cover the years 1944 and 1945. This is due to be published in April or May this year. If you'd like to pre-order the book, or indeed buy any of the others already published, send Stuart an email at goberton@btinternet.com.

Gosberton Heritage Day 2024

Last year's Gosberton Heritage Day - focussed on the history of

the Gosberton area - proved to be so successful that the Society has decided to put on another such event - with new exhibits - later this year. Watch this space for further information.

Bygone Gosberton Facebook Page

If you are interested in the history of the Gosberton area, then you should follow the 'Bygone Gosberton' Facebook Page, which is 100% dedicated to Gosberton & District history. As well as lots of old photos and historical information, you can keep abreast of upcoming history events and publications. Just go to Facebook and search for 'Bygone Gosberton.'

Gosberton & District Local History Society

MEETING

at the Church Hall (behind St. Peter and St. Paul's Church), Gosberton

Monday

7.30 p.m

12 February 2024

Admission **£1**

Tonight's presentation:

King John's Lost Treasure

Presented by Rev. Ian Walters