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9th	10am Communion	10am Family Service	
16th	10am Communion		10am Morning Worship
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30th	10am Communion		
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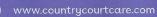
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Patience is a virtue - isn't it? We have it seems been encouraged to be a society that expects everything we want to arrive immediately! Computer games, searching the internet for any subject, and internet shopping! The pace of change seems so rapid everywhere around us. Even updates on your phone or tablet seem to be required every few days.

Short term thinking seems like the new normal. Politicians and institutions, and big business go for the quick fast profits instead of building a good sound operation that benefits everyone later on. "I want it now"; the cry of a selfish child, seems the new normal.

Pat had been looking for a home to retire to for over two years. One thing we really wanted was a decent sized garden with lots of potential! When we first saw the property we have now made our home as long ago as last spring, one thing that caught our eye besides fruit trees was a large camellia bush covered in large pink flowers. So even before we had the keys to the property a couple of months later, we had asked permission to go in and start work on the garden. We have surely bought the "Lost Garden of Pinchbeck"! I guess it would have deterred some people but to us it was a challenge! The lawn was at least a foot high, and there was tall grass and thistles in some places. But it was evident that although it likely hadn't been gardened for a couple of years that the previous owners had really loved their gardening. So, months later and after help from contractors and regular weekly journeys to recycling with garden rubbish, we're now beginning to find the treasures that were hidden underneath. Instead of just clearing everything, we resolved to be patient to see what appeared after the winter, and we are so pleased that we have. We have some lovely flowers and blossoming fruit trees, and that Camelia bush has been covered in large flowers for weeks! So, we are really glad that we were patient, and we're still making lovely discoveries and it's becoming a garden which once again is going to look beautiful and loved. But we had to resolve to be patient to get the result we now have.

This reminded me that one bit of advice I hope to pass on to my grandchildren is that quiet persistence and patience well bring its own rewards. I could think of many biblical proverbs to support this important Christian virtue. Let's hope and certainly pray that patience and persistence can once again be accepted as wise virtues and encourage the younger folk to work hard to build more securely for the future.

Revd Ian Walters

GOSBERTON HOUSE ACADEMY

Hello everyone!

We have had another fun filled term and Christmas now feels like a distant memory!

We held another very successful Easter Fayre in March and raised a fantastic £570 for our school! Thank you to all our parents, families and friends who attended and supported the event.



Our Staff & Families Association hired

Playtowers in Boston for an Easter holiday play session which was incredibly well attended the feedback from parents was very positive. As most of the children at Gosberton House travel to us by taxi, parents do not often get the chance to socialise with each other.

We have had lots of fun learning about such topics as 'Can I Switch It On' and 'Muck, Mess & Mixture!'

We are also very proud to announce that we were recently awarded a Quality Mark with Distinction from The Association for Physical Education. This is due to demonstrating outstanding commitment to improvement in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity. Mrs Worley, our PE lead and all of the staff work very hard to ensure that all of our children access a range of excellent and engaging PE experiences. Well done!

At the end of last term, we said 'Goodbye' to Jess Wilson-Kilsby who had worked at GHA for many years! She has taken on a new role at a primary school in Spalding and we wish her all the luck in the world.

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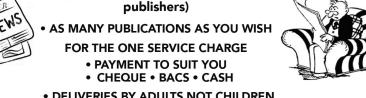
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Gosberton WI meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Anyone who would like more information about Gosberton WI, or who would like to come to one of our meetings, can contact President Rosemary on 01775 640573 or Secretary Jeannette on 01775 841779.



We have a chat and refreshments and occasionally a speaker or demonstrator, so we can learn new skills or a different interest. Basically, we meet for fun and friendship. Sometimes one of our members will demonstrate their own hobbies, such as Michelle showing us how to make random acrylic pictures at our April meeting.

Also at our April meeting, we had our Annual Meeting where members had the chance to join the committee and choose the President. The current committee agreed to stand again, and Rosemary Sneath was again elected as our President.

Lots of ideas have been put forward for future talks and visits, including a talk on King John's treasure, a Tai Chi demonstration, a talk by a prison officer and many more.

Our ladies also meet regularly for coffee and a chat (and usually food) at various venues, the next one being at "Flowers & Things" in Red Lion Street, Spalding. Suggestions for future coffee mornings are always welcome, along with ideas for local outings to places of interest.

Our next meeting on the 14th May should be a fun social afternoon, with members giving their choices for a "Desert Island Discs" type of event.

We will also be discussing the resolution going forward to the National Annual Meeting in June at the Royal Albert Hall.

Any ladies (over age 18) who would like to join us for one of our fun afternoons, please feel free to just turn up at the Public Hall and introduce yourselves. We would love to see you there.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

4th April at Gosberton Church: Peter Shapland & Helen Ralph

12th April at Gosberton Church: Geoffrey Penycate & Teresa Baranowska

We wish them a long and happy life together

FUNERALS

5th February at South Lincs Crematorium
5th February at Gosberton Church
28th February at Quadring Churchyard
11th April at Boston Crematorium

Kenneth Sharpe
Angela Green
Rubina Burr
Ann Harvey

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

Tribute to Ann Harvey

Ann, along with her brother and mother moved to Quadring after they sold their restaurant in Cheddar Gorge. Ann did not come to the church at first. She was persuaded by her friend Shirley Baxter to be confirmed, after that her catering work for the church did not stop, in particular Harvest Festival's, but there were many more fund-raising events, car boots, quiz nights to name just two.

Ann's great joy was baking, and she made all manner of cakes and scones. Any event that needed catering for, then Ann was there with numerous ideas. When the garden fetes were held at Featherstone's Farm, Ann always asked the helpers back to her house, where she provided an excellent selection of cold meats, salads and puddings, which everyone enjoyed.

For five years Ann did the catering for the Gosberton Flower Festival, getting up at five or six in the morning to shop for what was needed each day, and not finishing till the doors were closed at the end of the day.

Ann also gave many hours to the W.I. as an official and did events all over the county. This included the Lincolnshire show, where the W.I. had a stand. She would collect members offerings before going to the show, setting up and serving all day.

Her friends were all very upset when she was diagnosed with Parkinson's. This robbed her of doing all the things she enjoyed doing most. She was greatly admired in her efforts to fight the illness.

For many years she was the Church treasurer but had to give up the role due to her illness.

Ann was a loving family person, and we offer our sympathies to her relatives, who like us are left to mourn a most generous and giving person. She will be sorely missed in our village.

Gosberton Church 49 Club

In this age of increasing costs, it is good to know that some things have not changed.

£1 per week per number gives you the opportunity of winning £30 when your number comes up.

Join our 49 Club Lottery Draw for that opportunity chance and support Church Funds at the same time

Ring me on 01775 840462 to find out numbers available.

Leave a message if I am not around and I will ring you back

Mike Tarran

On Bargain Hunt today, the red team was Adam and Connie. Adam is a logistical planner and Connie is an administrator. They bought a nice scent bottle with a silver top hallmarked 1922 for £75



and sold it for £90. They also bought a Steiff walrus soft toy for £45 and sold it for £30. That was a shame, they didn't qualify for the Golden Gavel.

...... if you are tired of watching daytime television, why not consider joining us as a volunteer on the Good Neighbours Scheme. Helping other people makes you feel like a winner every time.

Our number is 07808 326511





Patrick (Grange Farm Butchery) presenting Ann with the £130 proceeds from the Easter raffle. A big thankyou.

Gosberton Youth Centre Gosberton Local **Business Forum Gosberton @fundraising** @forthevillage #randomactsofkindness.

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ANN & TOM CALL IT A DAY—2003

COBWEBS and spiders in the kitchen might have

put some people off.

But Ann and Tom
Mehew didn't let the state of Gosberton Youth Club deter them and are only now calling it a day after 14 years.

They got involved when Tom decided to volunteer. He became assistant leader, then leader. Ann decided he should not be there on his own and joined him as a volunteer, later

becoming assistant leader. She said: "There were about 20 members and only a handful of girls.

"There was a poky little kitchen and the cups had cob-webs and spiders in them. "When I switched on the cooker it blew all the lights."

As the couple started building up the youth club they realised their existing premis es were not big enough to store everything they needed.

So they successfully helped to raise a massive £94,000 for a sports hall on the youth club site.

Tom (55) said: "There was a need for something for the youngsters to do and things The club now has 136 members and is open on Tuesdays them come back and have a natter. There were a lot of hugs

and Fridays, with a Saturday night club including a disco.



▲ FAREWELL: Tom and Ann Mehew outside Gosberton Youth Club. (1912x04)

As well as running sessions at the youth club, Ann and Tom have taken members on outings to places such as Alton Towers,

Despite the enjoyment they've got out of the youth club over the past few years, fom and Ann have decided it's the right time to call it a day.

Ann said: "We are reluctantgiving it up. There comes a ime when some younger blood should take over

"We feel as though we've done as much as we can do Now we want to have a bit of time to ourselves.

"Our lives have been wrapped up in youth club. "We plan holidays and

Christmas round it. "We have some members at youth club whose parents were

there when we started. "I don't know where the years have gone. They've melt-

ed away. To mark the end of an era the youth club held a farewell barbecue last month.

They presented Ann and Tom with a bouquet, champagne and a water feature for their garden.

Tom said: "Several older members came back for the last night. It was nice to see

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On Sunday the 14th July 2024 in collaboration with Stephen Timewell and the Spalding Tulip Parade Team we welcome everyone to join us for an amazing Gosberton Summer Party. The youth centre will be open for refreshments, toilets, tombola and an Alternative Market and Craft Event. Lots of fun for all the family and a great event for the community.

On 17th October we are holding a Pamper Evening and in December we have another afternoon concert scheduled for the community with the Kirton Brass Band providing the music. More details on these events to follow later in the year.

Gosberton Summer Party
PE11 4NW

Sunday 14th July 2024
Stall Holders Required
Crafts & Alternative Market
at Gosberton Youth Centre
In conjunction with
Spalding Tulip Parade

Limited Stands Available, tables
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Should anyone require more details on any of the events, then please email:

Gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com

Please LIKE, FOLLOW and SHARE our Facebook pages and events.

A really BIG thank you for the support of the community in making this happen.

Barbs - Chair of Gosberton Youth Centre Management Committee.

Ann & Tom 2024



CLOUGH CHURCH HALL FOR HIRE



Our large church hall costs £10 per hour to hire and has a modern fitted kitchen

and a large carpark next to it. It is available for

regular weekly groups to meet and for one off parties and events.

For further information, please contact Sue Murphy on 01775 750334.



Not all bishops are thought of as deliberately funny (!) but Bishop David Pytches, who has recently died sadly, published two books of jokes and funny stories. Here is a quick sample:

Insanity is hereditary. You can get it from your children.

Parents note to son's teacher. "Please excuse Johnny for being late, as I was having a baby and it's not his fault."

The vicar with his family was on holiday in Europe. He was disturbed to notice his teenage daughter being kissed repeatedly by a local boy. When she eventually came in, he asked her, "why ever didn't you stop him?" "I couldn't" she replied, I can't speak Spanish!"

Annoyed diner, "You say you are the same waiter who took my order? Somehow, I expected a much older man!"

Johnny, shouting in a loud voice before his birthday, "Dear God, I pray that I will get a new bike for my birthday." His brother asked, "What are you shouting for? God isn't deaf." Johnny replied, "I know but granny is."

Stewardess: "I am sorry Mr. Jones, but we left your wife behind in Chicago." The man replied, "Thank goodness, I thought I was going deaf!"

NEWS FROM GOSBERTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Upcoming Society Meeting

The next History Society meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 13 May, 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. Our guest speaker, Brian Emery, will be giving a presentation, entitled 'Beneath the Soil: Unearthing Gosberton's History,' which will explore the interesting artefacts Brian has found buried in the locality, using his metal detecting techniques. Brian promises to bring along some of his finds, and will explain how these reveal aspects of Gosberton's past.

Quarterly Newsletter

Members of Gosberton & District Local History Society receive a digital copy of the Society's quarterly newsletter, 'Gosberton's Past Times.' Each issue is jam-packed with stories, news and photographs about the history of the people, places and events of Gosberton, Risegate and Clough. Joining the Society is free of charge, with no obligations. If you'd like to know more, contact Stuart Henderson by email at gosberton@btinternet.com

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 fourth and final book in the series, which cover the years 1944 and 1945, has recently been published. If you'd like to buy the book, or indeed any of the others books Stuart has published, send him an email at gosberton@btinternet.com.

Gosberton Heritage Day 2024

Last year's Gosberton Heritage Day - focused on the history of the Gosberton area - proved to be so successful that the

GOSBERTON YOUTH HUB

The last Sunday in March 2024 saw the official "ribbon cutting" and reopening of the Gosberton Youth Centre. A lovely afternoon had by all sharing coffee and cake and a really BIG thank you to Ann & Tom Mehew who came out of their Youth Club Leaders Retirement to do the honours and cut the ribbon for the relaunch.

After a successful launch on Good Friday where we welcomed and registered over 80 young people across the two sessions, both the junior and senior youth hubs are open again on the last Friday in April.

From May 2024 the Junior Hub will open on the last Friday of each month and the Senior Hub will open on the 2nd and last Friday of each month.

For anyone not yet registered at either of the youth hubs, please come along on your first night with a parent/guardian to register. Forms available on the night.

The Community Hub - Safe Warm Space continues to open on the 1st Saturday of each month 10am to 2pm. We have crafts, refreshments, pop up shop, pool, darts, air hockey and much more. A great place to come chill, catch up with friends over coffee and cake. Everyone welcome.

We continue to run the Weekly Wednesday Bingo with Ann and

the fortnightly Saturday Bingo with Elise. Doors open at 6.15pm for a 7pm start for both.

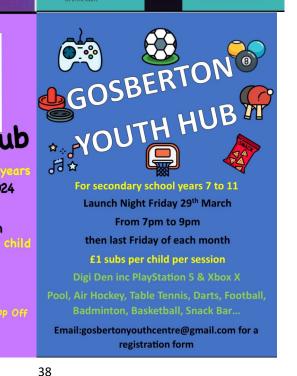
On Thursday 2nd May - "Polling Day" we will be holding a Bingo Extravaganza for one night only. Everyone welcome and extra surprises on the night. Doors at 6.15pm and start at 7pm.











Society has decided to put on another such event - with new exhibits - later this year. Full details will be published in the next issue of the Gosberton Community Magazine.

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.'



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clear, six bells required complete refurbishment, many others were very stiff with the lack of use. Six base bells had been cleaned inside with an abrasive scourer and most of the leather handles had been damaged by the sunlight. Things were not looking good. Repairs we estimated would be £2,000 plus, money we would have to raise if we decided to buy them. After some careful thought and a bit of haggling we decided to buy the bells paid the agreed price of £450 and brought them back to Gosberton.

Since June we have completed some maintenance ourselves, the bells have been cleaned polished, a storage bag for each bell was made to



keep them clean. It was at this point we applied for the Lincolnshire Co-op community Champions scheme for funding towards the cost of repairs to the bells. We were so pleased to be chosen and even more so to learn their dividend holders, colleagues and customers raised £1,161.80p on our behalf.

This money together with donations given to us for performances, means necessary repairs can be completed.

So, if you walk through the Churchyard of St. Peter & Pauls on a Thursday afternoon you will hear the sweet, ethereal sound of Gosberton handbell choir practicing in the Church Hall with our newly acquired three octave set of bells.

If you would like us to perform for your organisation Phone Jeannette 07403 620783 or Ray 01775 841151. We are now accepting bookings for Christmas don't be disappointed.

GOSBERTON HANDBELL CHOIR



Since our formation in 2018 we have been playing with just 15 bells, 6 bells were misplaced or lost during the years they were not used. This restricted us to playing music only written in the key of G, it also slowed down the groups musical progression. For this reason we always hoped the six missing bells would turn up

somewhere.

It was by chance a member of the choir saw an advert on the internet for the sale of a three octave set of 37 bells. Could we afford to buy them? That was the big question and they were in Newport, Wales. "Well we all thought it's worth asking". After contacting Dorothy Clarke, the lovely lady selling the bells, she e-mailed us some photographs of the bells, she told us they had not been used for sometime. In fact they had been hung on the oak beams of her cottage as decoration for the last 10 years. Were they any good we wondered?

At this point it would have been easy to walk away and forget the idea, but in fact everyone thought the opposite. "It's a long way to Newport but lets go and look at them was the firm opinion. So on the 5th June 2023 three of us made the trip to Wales. Dorothy had prepared tea and cake for our arrival and she introduced her son in law Bill who was there to represent her.

Seeing the bells hanging on the oak beams was quite a sight, they glistened in the sunlight as it shone through the cottage window. We removed each bell carefully for inspection. Our assessment was



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.

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.

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.

THE MARJORUM HALL

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 to 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!

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!

Contact Team: Lesley 07886 204215

Ian 07484 397048 Yvonne 07903 813301

email: lesleyjacobs44@gmail.com or ianh561@hotmail.co.uk

Fancy a morning Cuppa and Chat every week in Gosberton?



Every Wednesday 10am to noon

Gosberton Church Hall, Westhorpe Road

<u>and</u>

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am

Methodist Church Salem Street



(not held on last Thursday in the month)

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

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

We began our Easter services on Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion. The following morning we were pleased to take part in the churches in Gosberton and district March of Witness which is held each year. Beginning at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, the successful, enjoyable, and well attended walk took us to different stations in the village for a short devotion, before finishing at the Baptist for a welcome coffee and hot cross buns. The walk was organised by Ian and Steve. Joyce and Pauline prepared the refreshments.

Our Easter Praise on the Sunday morning proved to be a lovely service and quite well attended. Together with the usual coffee and biscuits, we were treated to Easter nests, made by Pauline, which we all enjoyed, and afterwards she gave each member of the congregation a boxed Easter Egg, filled with smaller eggs. The church was beautifully decorated with Easter trees, flowers and a symbolic Lord's Supper at the Communion table.

The mid week fellowship continues every other Wednesday, alternating between the homes of Maurice and Ruth and Michael and Pauline. We are currently doing a study on John White's booklet 'Parables' – The Greatest Stories Ever Told. For times and dates contact Steve or any church member.

Home Movie Group is still going well meeting on alternative months. The afternoons include sandwiches, cakes and a cuppa and lots of friendship between members at a suggested donation of £3 for the whole afternoon. Dates go out on the Gosberton and District website (www.gosberton.org) or contact 01775 840185.

Annie leads a monthly meeting of Hebrew Words in Biblical Context which meets at her home. All welcome contact Annie for dates.

Our church is hosting monthly meetings for the Men's shed

Gosberton Methodist Church

invites you to an evening with

Colin YoungFrom 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

GOSBERTON LADIES CIRCLE

The Circle is determined to offer as much support as

possible to our local hospice this yearly quarter. Sue Wray, from the hospice, came to speak to us in February, explaining how the hospice cares not just for their patients, but also tries to support the family & friends of



patients too. As a result, our April meeting was devoted to the production of ring purses & small hearts, to be given to the hospice for the comfort & solace of grieving relatives & friends. The Circle was so impressed by the generosity of



all who donated their spare wool & material to us, it felt as if the whole village was contributing.

The Circle meets on the second Thursday of each month, in the Gosberton Methodist Church, at

7.30pm. There is no joining fee: we each pay £4 per session, which includes tea/coffee/ biscuits. New members are always welcome. For more information ring Maggie on 01775 841396.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Thursday 9th May - craft work for the hospice

Thursday 13th June – A talk about Kew Gardens by Gill Walsh

Thursday 11th July – To be arranged

We look forward to seeing members old & new at our future meetings – Carol, Maggie & Pat.

project and we are also base for the Gosberton walking for health group who meet fortnightly. All welcome to join them on a Tuesday morning.

FORWARD NOTICE

Our Flower and Craft Festival takes place over the August Bank Holiday weekend, opening on Saturday 24th August through to Monday 26th August, inclusive. This year's theme is 'All God's Creatures Great and Small.' Besides the floral displays and craft stalls, there will also be plants, cakes, books, jig saws etc on sale, games and competitions, refreshments. Entertainment by u3A singing for fun group, plus 60's guitar music and organ recitals. More details in the next magazine.

FROM THE EDITOR

The price of this magazine has now increased to £1 per copy. I hope you all agree it still provides value for money. The increase has been necessary due to the rising costs of printing and paper.

The deadline for the next edition is: 20th July
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).

Debbie Reynolds Email: deborah.reynolds90@hotmail.co.uk

GOSBERTON ACADEMY

As we eagerly step into the Summer Term, I reflect on the incredible achievements and experiences that have filled our school community with joy during the Spring Term. It has been a season of growth, learning, and memorable moments for our students at Gosberton Academy.

The Spring Term saw our Key Stage 2 learners engaging in invigorating Boxercise sessions, fostering not only physical fitness but also teamwork and resilience. Furthermore, we had the privilege of hosting Paul Sturgess, the world's tallest basketballer, who shared his expertise and passion with our eager learners, inspiring them to reach new heights.

In addition, Colombia Class successfully concluded their swimming sessions, enhancing their water confidence and safety skills. Meanwhile, the captivating Class Assemblies by Chile Class and Greece Class drew a full house of proud family members, showcasing the talents and creativity of our learners.

I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded the prestigious Gold Award from the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge. This recognition acknowledges our steadfast efforts in promoting a culture of reading, integrating it into the curriculum, and instilling a love for reading as a cherished habit and source of enjoyment among our learners.

Our school community rallied together during the Spring Term, with events such as the successful Book Fair, which not only raised funds for our school but also fostered a love for reading among our learners. Celebrating literary excellence, we wholeheartedly participated in World Book Day, with parents and family members joining us for a Reading for Pleasure workshop and classroom visits to witness the magic of reading in our school.

The term was also filled with enriching trips, from KS1's educational visit to Spalding Fire Station to Colombia Class exploring The Collection Museum in Lincoln and Chile Class delving into World War 2 history at RAF Duxford alongside a fellow local school.

In sports, our school teams excelled with the Netball team finishing as runners-up in their league, the Football team showcasing an impressive league campaign reaching the semi-finals and the Hockey team securing three promotions this academic year as they advanced to the top league. Our learners embraced the spirit of community service, with some Key Stage 2 learners reading to younger peers at local nurseries and pre-schools, spreading the joy of storytelling and fostering a culture of literacy. Furthermore, our school community united for charitable causes, as I found myself covered in custard during our fundraising efforts for Comic Relief. The Easter period concluded with an exciting Easter Egg Hunt organised by our dedicated PTFA, bringing smiles and joy to all our learners. As we look ahead to the Summer Term, brimming with activities and events, I invite you to stay informed through our school's Facebook and Twitter pages. Many thanks for everybody's continued support.

Some nicknames that have been given to Glasgow characters by their friends and workmates:

"Two Soups" his real name is Campbell Baxter.

"The Boomerang Kid" - whenever anyone at work asks a question, he always replies: 'I'll get back to you on that.'

"The Parachute" - lets everyone down at the last minute.

"Vaseline" - his real name is Willie Burns.

"Rembrandt" - loves saying to colleagues: ' Let me put you in the picture...'

"Bo Derek" - a chap called Derek with terrible body odour.

"The Genie" - magically appears whenever anyone opens a bottle.

"Dulux" - his pals reckon he's only got one coat.

"Soapy" - washes his hands of any problems that crop up.

"The Yeti" - always on the sick. Many unconfirmed sightings of this guy, but nobody can prove he actually exists.

"The Gas Man" - he's serviced loads of old boilers.

"The Hostage" - when anyone asks for help he always replies: 'Sorry, my hands are tied.'

"The Olympic Flame" - he never goes out!

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 will be no charge for this advert.

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

Local Young Farmers members 1976 Where are they now?

I kept a copy of the programme for the annual spring rally of the Lincolnshire County Federation of Young Farmers Clubs. In 1976 this was held at Hubbert's Bridge Farm. (I was there with my fiancée Patricia Dickin who was competing for Grantham YFC) Competitors representing Gosberton for some events included:

Beef judging Owen Thorley and Richard Wood
Pig judging Bryan Charlton and Jim Newell

Sheep judging Bryan Thorold and Steven Tomlinson Dairy judging Simon Darley and Andrew Darley

Welding Richard Creasey
Senior Art Ann Darley
Brush painting Clive Gotobed

Egg throwing Clive Gotobed and Mavis Thorley

Identify weeds Richard Drakard
Boys tractor handling Jim Newell
Farm safety Michael Goodge
Traditional British dishes Christine Drakard

Tractor and sledge Jim Newell and Paul Jackson

Gateau Icing
Decorated cake
Pillow fight
Gun handling
Colour prints
Woodwork
Handbook cover / soft toys

Ruth Darley
Richard Sneath
Steven Tomlinson
Bryan Charlton
Owen Thorley
Peter Busley
Susan Thorley

Handbook cover / soft toys
Handkerchief
Carving a jelly
Junior pillow fight
Open sandwiches
Barrel rolling
Clowns face
Susan Thorley
Christine Drakard
Mavis Thorley
Colin Creasey
Julie Bates
Timothy Green
Jonathan Sneath

Scarecrow John Draper & Richard Thorley

Sheep judging
Beef judging
Slow bicycle race
Boys tractor driving
Soap carving
John Draper
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John Draper

Identification of horse tack

Jonathan Sneath

Wheelbarrow race Colin Creasey and David Thorley

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Stamp collection John Berridge Pram toy Helen Thorley

From Revd Ian Walters





Gosberton Methodist Church.

Morning Worship 10.30am Every Sunday (Please see notice board outside Church for more details)

Every Thursday Morning 9.30am - 11.00am (not last Thursday in the month)
Please feel free to pop in for a cuppa & Chat.

Emporium Sales 10am - 12.30pm

Saturday 25th May

Saturday 29th June

Saturday 27th July

Come along and grab a bargain hot drinks and cakes are served at these events.

Craft Afternoon 2pm-4pm

20th May

17th June

15th July

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 – 1.30pm

14th May 11th June

9th July

Flower Festival

By the time you are reading this our Flower Festival will be over, we do thank all those who came along and supported our festival.

MARVELLOUS METHODISTS

Let me begin this article by saying that I am not a member of the Gosberton

Methodist Church, however, I am full of admiration for all the positive work the Methodist members do for the village. As well as their church duties the Methodist team contribute so much for the rest of us.

For example, lunch is provided once a month for senior people in Gosberton – a lunch that those who attend assure me tastes delicious & is beautifully presented. Then there's the arts & crafts group, who not only meet to hone their individual skills but also to



make items for others. The Ladies Circle meets in the building once a month &, as well as being allowed use of the chapel area, is also allowed to use the kitchen – pretty important for a group of thirsty women!

The "light lunches" team open their doors to customers the second Tuesday each month, 11am – 1pm, where you can sit & chat over homemade soup, toasted sandwiches, homemade cakes & hot drinks. The drop-in coffee mornings are available on Thursdays, 9.30am – 11am, where locals meet for a hot drink & conversation. The Emporium is also open if anyone wants to take a look. Books & jigsaws are always on sale near the chapel entrance.

Then there's the annual Flower Festival. Flowers have already been ordered & Belinda & her team have plans made for decorating the church. This year the theme is "Hands Together". From Thursday 2nd - Monday 6th May the church will be open to all who'd like to see the displays, have a snack, or just sit & pause a while.

So, next time you go past the Methodist Chapel & look at the Gosberton bike, think about the Methodist members who give so freely of their time & abilities. Their "can do" attitude & spirit of generosity makes Gosberton a welcoming & friendly community for us all. So, thank you, you marvellous Methodists!

Quadring WI

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



8th May - Annual Meeting with entertainment from Magician Paul Vickers
No Competition

12th June- Health and Wellbeing with Mandy Fuller Competition – An inspiring verse

10th July - Bread and Cheese with Adam O'Meara Competition – Cheese Straws

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

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

Seen on a church notice board:

When you were born, your Mother brought you here.

When you were married, your partner brought you here.

When you die, your friends & family will bring you here.

Why not try coming on your own sometimes?

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!

Fiona, the brains behind the 1.30pm exercise class in the public hall, is relentlessly upbeat & cheerful. Despite being faced with a group of students, many of whom have seen better days in terms of fitness, she maintains a positive persona as she drives us to go faster, reach further, stretch more.

There is one movement that many of us have struggled with: the box step. And just as some of us were at last coping with it, Fiona cheerily called out, "Change step!" There certainly was a change of step, but not perhaps what Fiona was hoping for. Then there's a double whammy where you have to circle one arm ("Wipe the window!") whilst moving the other up & down ("Paint the fence!"). Sounds easy — until you try it!

Fiona always ensures that her students exercise sensibly, within their individual limits, so everyone really can join in one way or another—we just have to keep moving our feet, even if sitting down.

Our routines are carried out to a backdrop of 60's & 70's music, so even if the movements seem tricky we can at least hum along to the

tunes. After our hour of exercise we debrief in the Victoria Tearoom around the corner, & promise ourselves that we'll all do better next week. So, if you're a senior person & fancy joining a bunch of enthusiastic (but definitely not talented) people at a friendly, fun



exercise class, put on your joggers, trainers & T-shirt & meet us in the Gosberton public hall at 1.30pm on Wednesday – where you're sure of a good laugh!

They listened with great interest, and eventually I explained that 'Josh Davidson' had actually lived long before my time, and would have been known to his friends as 'Joshua Son of David'. It was just a normal, common name.

I'm not suggesting, of course, that we should change the traditional way we refer to the Son of God. But we need to remember that this man, who changed the course of history, was a real human being with an everyday name. He lived, literally, as one of us, so that we could understand from him what God is like.

Gabriel Jesus now plays for Arsenal. He's probably got a few more playing years ahead of him. Josh Davidson isn't ever going to retire; he'll be inspiring people like us as long as the Earth remains.

Revd Steve Weatherly-Barton

A notice outside a cathedral advertising lunchtime concerts said:

"Sandwiches may be eaten"

Someone had scrawled underneath:

"So if you are a sandwich don't come."



What's In a Name?

Just a few years ago English football fans began to see headlines like this - 'Brilliant Jesus inspires Manchester City!' The reason for this apparent miracle was that a young Brazilian star was now making his mark in the English Premier league, and his name, a splendid conjunction of the angelic and the messianic, was Gabriel Jesus!

In some cultures there are no qualms about giving little boys the name Jesus. A good friend of mine who lived in Brazil for many years remembers his surprise when he first hear a mother shout down the street 'Oi Jesus, come back home at once. It's time for your tea!' In Britain we have never, as far as I know, followed that example, and I don't suppose we ever will.

Most people don't realise, however, that Jesus ... Jesus Christ ... was rarely if ever called that to his face. 'Christ' was not his surname; it was a title, the Greek version of a Hebrew word meaning 'Anointed'. And Jesus is the Greek form of Joshua, or Jeshua.

I was once asked to give a talk, in a pub, to a bunch of people who were interested in what Christians believed. I began by saying that I would not initially do that, because I wanted to talk about a mate of mine who had died. His name was Josh Davidson.

A Bible puzzle.

Can you find the thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo, Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it that she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fundraising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.



Clough and Risegate Community Primary School

We have all been very busy here at Clough and Risegate Primary School. In January,

we all took part in Breakfast Workshops and welcomed the team from Kid's Country into school once more. Different activities took place, all linked to our Farm to Fork Curriculum, and all children took part in a range of activities to help them understand where how food comes from; the importance of farming in





our area and how to cook delicious breakfast pancakes.

World Book Day in March was much anticipated and enjoyed by all. Everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters and got involved in a whole host of book related activities throughout the day. Also, in March, we all had great

fun taking part in Comic Relief's Red Nose Day and all children baked

treats which were sold at school to raise an amazing £158.30 for the charity this year.

Just before we broke up for the Easter break our children also took part in



our annual 'Decorate an Egg' Competition. Our children love taking part in these themed art and craft days and we really do have lots of very 'Art Smart' children at our school. A big well done to all.



We have a busy summer term ahead with 'Kapla Clubs' visiting for a fantastic STEM day where everyone's science and construction skills will be pushed to the max. Later in the term, we also have visits planned to a local sheep farm, the Space Centre in Leicester and

to Lincoln. Plus we always look forward to National 'Small School's Week' which will be held from 17th -21st June. Each day will be themed around our Farming Curriculum or our Green Flag Eco-Award and the children always have a great week learning lots of new skills and learning lots from all the visitors and community members who join us. This fun- packed week will also include a summer picnic with our friends at The Clough Methodist's Chapel, so fingers crossed for nice weather!

We are a very proud, small, rural primary school, where hard work, positive attitudes and good behaviour are reflected in all we do. We provide lots of outdoor learning linked to our curriculum and we provide a stimulating and interesting environment for all children. We seek to prepare our pupils as confident, happy children, who reach their full potential and thrive.

Check out our fabulous school website for more information about us: https://www.clough-risegate.lincs.sch.uk/

Enjoy the warmer months -sending best wishes.

Mrs Rooney (Headteacher)