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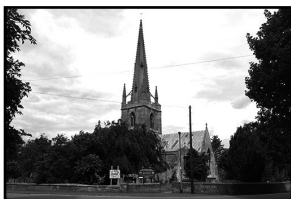
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NOV			
3rd	10am Communion		
10th		10.30 Remembrance	
17th	10am Communion		10am Morning Worship
24th	10am Morning Worship		10am Communion
DEC			
1st	3pm Carol Service		
8th	10am Communion	10am Family Service	6pm Carols by Candlelight
15th	10am Communion	6pm Carols by Candlelight	10am Morning Worship
22nd	10am Morning Worship		10am Communion
29th			10am Communion
JAN			
5th	10am Communion		
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Men's Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, talk and create. The activities are often similar to those of garden sheds, but for groups of men to enjoy together. They help reduce loneliness and isolation, but most importantly, they're fun.

Currently Gosberton Men's Shed meet in the Baptist Church twice a week. For details and times, please contact Michael Clarke on 07485 626798

Funding has been promised to secure a dedicated space for the Men's Shed which would also allow meetings to take place in comfort but also provide room for workshop and craft materials etc. So we are on the lookout for either a place to put our new hut or other building on existing land, or to adopt a building which might be available.

Car parking nearby would be an advantage!

If you know where a space is available to put up a new building or to use an existing building please do contact Michael as soon as possible!

The Men's Shed concept is becoming very popular and the local group want to have their own place to meet.

If you are interested in attending the current group or finding out more, please contact Michael on the number above or you can contact:

Vanessa Collins, South Lincs Rural Community Connector on 07471 444184 or email her on: slr@communityconnector.org.uk for dates of other meetings.



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FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the next edition is: 20th January 2025

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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Debbie Reynolds

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Gosberton is one of the few villages in Lincolnshire that has a handbell choir, we always need players. No musical knowledge is required.

Anyone is welcome to come along to Gosberton Church Hall on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm to 4pm to see what we do.

Come and give it a try, enjoyment is guaranteed.

Contact

Jeannette 07403 620783

Gosberton WI meet on the second Tuesday of the month at The Public Hall. We begin at 2pm until 4pm, with chat, tea, coffee and occasional cake. Sometimes we have a speaker or demonstration (sometimes one of our members does the job) but most of all, we enjoy the afternoon.



In October we showcased some of our skills with an autumn show: Classes were in Baking; Preserves; Floral and any kind of Craft. Members were amazed at some of the entries - what a talented lot we are! (But this is in no way a requirement of membership)

We shall be getting crafty again in November, making something for the Christmas festivities. We hope to show them at a later date. The December meeting will also be on a Christmas theme, with activities and food being high on the list. Ho! Ho! Ho!

We don't meet in January - avoiding the cold weather and getting over all seasonal excesses, but in February, we shall have a talk, and a bingo session in March.

If anyone would like to join us for a fun afternoon, just come along to the Public Hall, you will be made welcome.

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20th October at Quadring Parish Church—Jaxson Carter

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10th October at Gosberton Parish Church

Alan Barney

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

HELP NEEDED!!!

This Community Magazine gets delivered to your door by volunteers at no extra charge. We are currently looking for new volunteers to join the team to undertake this quarterly task. If you are interested, please contact:

Debbie (magazine editor) on 07803 875638 or

Vikki (magazine distributor) on 07932 691427.

GOSBERTON CHURCHYARD PATH

As you may be aware, we plan to replace the churchyard path with a new, wider one. When work starts there will be **NO ACCESS ALLOWED** to the churchyard as both the entrance in Westhorpe Road and the one in Church Street will be blocked off. So while the work is being done you will need to walk the long way round using the High Street.

Debbie Reynolds, Parish Administrator

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 **07786 101775** to find out numbers available.

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

Mike Tarran

Quadring WI

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



13th Nov - Lincolnshire Rural Support Network - Charity speaker.
Competition – Vegetable Art.

11th Dec - A Christmas craft workshop with the Craft Club Ladies
Competition – A Christmas Card

8th Jan - The story of Matthew Flinders - Jane Pearson.
Competition – Bake Anzac biscuits

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.

matters, not the 22/7 or 3.1428 recurring that most of us were taught at school. The examples of calculations in the book show how grateful we should be for the pocket calculator or mobile phone.

There are pages on exchange rates with foreign countries, and tables showing various possible financial ratios in business partnerships, and differences types of interest charged in financial matters.

Mathematical riddles abound, which sound incredibly simple until you see the calculations. Many of them involve questions of commerce and the book is clearly written to encourage and educate budding entrepreneurs in the new enlightened age.

The book is rare now. The one I have been referring to, belongs to the University of Michigan library. The Thomas Cowley School has a copy, there is one in the British Library, and one in the Bodleian Library in Oxford. A poor, damaged example is currently for sale in an antiquarian bookshop in Derbyshire. Anthony Birks died in September 1769, there is a fine memorial tablet to him inside the south door of Donington church.

His brother John published a second edition in 1774. This edition is more widely available and several important libraries have a copy, including the Biblioteque Nationale de France.

I have tried to find a first edition with the name of one of the original subscribers written in it, but so far had no luck. If anyone knows the site of their boarding school in Gosberton, or have an original copy of the book, I am sure it would be of interests to local history enthusiasts.

David Casswell

Arithmetical collections and Improvements.

In the past few years, several American universities have been publishing online, in digital format, works that have been judged to have significantly contributed to the knowledge of mankind and the advancement of civilisation. Among these is one titled "Arithmetical Collections and Improvements".

This book was the brainchild of two brothers from Gosberton who had run a boarding school in the village, but later moved to Donington to teach at the "Free Writing School at Donington" now known as the Thomas Cowley High School.

The work had been sponsored by Lord Brownlow Bertie, the local MP, and a list of subscribers is present at the start of the book. Names include Lady Frasier of Cressy Hall, members of the Johnson family of Spalding and several local gentlemen, two of the Flinders family from Donington and many others from places further afield, including Berne in Switzerland and Frankfurt in Germany. Anthony Birks was the older brother and the senior partner in the project. He became a member of the Spalding Gentlemen's Society at around the time of the publication of this book. Several of the subscribers were also members of the Society.

Mathematical text books were few and far between at this time, and this was a genuine advancement in the teaching of the subject.

A list of mathematical symbols show that they have not changed much over the years. Square roots, division signs and such were much the same as now. The only symbol missing from their list is pi. This came into use a little later than this book, and more importantly, the more accurate ratio 3.1416 was used to calculate circular

CLOUGH CHURCH HALL FOR HIRE



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

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL UPDATE.

Last year a massive £50m was raised across the country during the Poppy Appeal. £22m of that amount was in cash donations. The RBL are hoping to reduce the amount of cash that has to be counted through people using contactless machines where available and also by scanning the QR codes that will be on all poppy boxes.

In Lincolnshire we raised £815172.41 last year. This is the figure at the beginning of August. The financial year doesn't end until the end of September. This amount was £55,000 more than last year.

Debbie Reynolds
Poppy Appeal Organiser, Gosberton & District.



End of an era at Gosberton Clough Methodists Chapel.



We had our last service at Gosberton Clough Methodist Chapel on 15th September 2024. As we face closure it seems a good time to look back and reflect on the years since 1935 when the chapel was opened. I make no excuse for the following which is quoted verbatim from The Spalding Circuit Newsletter and Plan of Services 1996:

'We are fortunate at Gosberton Clough to have inherited a pleasant building in which to worship, comfortable tip-up seats and a tidy garden and grounds which all add to the atmosphere of our worship and also enhances the outlook of the village. Prior to this there were two chapels in the village-The Primitive Methodist on Clough Road, which was made into two houses, now demolished, and now the row of houses on Clough Road called Primitive Gait. The other was the Wesleyan Methodist on Beck Bank, later used as a farm store, now also gone.



We are thankful that the members of the two chapels had the foresight and the courage to join together. This was given as a good example on a Home Missions evening Filmstrip shown by Rev A Stacey Lewis when he was a minister here.

The present building was built by Barnsdales of Donington at a cost of around £2,500, the architect being Mr B Saunders, the land being purchased from Mr WD Wood, the local Blacksmith. If you walk around the outside of the building you will see people's names and initials on the bricks, this was one of the fund raising efforts - buy a brick.

The opening ceremony was on 11 July 1935. The Schoolroom door was officially opened by Mr Herbert Quarmby whose father was the first headmaster at Gosberton Clough School. The Chapel door was officially opened by Mr F B Chapman. The name Centenary derives from the then (at least) 100 years of Primitive Methodist witness in the village. (There is some doubt about the exact starting date, but what is certain is that in 1844 it was one of the stronger 6 causes, which the minister stationed at Little London, Spalding was responsible for - it has 2 services each Sunday. There is also doubt about when the Wesleyan cause started -presumably some time after 1873, as it does not appear on the existing plan for that year).

HELP WANTED IN QUADRING CHURCHYARD

Help is needed in weeding the flower beds along the church path and leading up to the church. Would you be willing to help. The flower beds have lots of shrubs in them so this would not be an onerous task.

Help is also needed to keep the churchyard tidy. Mainly to remove old wreaths and flowers from graves that have been there too long and to also keep an eye on the Garden of Remembrance and tidy it up when needed.

If you would like to help please contact Carrie on 07799 614594



Recipe for preserving children

Ingredients:

One field well covered with grass
one half dozen children or more
two or three dogs and puppies if available
one small river, not too deep garnished with pebbles or mud

Instructions:

Put into field all children and dogs allowing to mix well.
Pour river water liberally over pebbles and mud, mix well when children are nicely damp with brown tinges, wash thoroughly in warm bath.
When dry serve with milk or fruit squash and cake or biscuits.





CHRISTMAS FAYRE
at
St Peter and St Pauls
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Saturday 16th November

We are open from 10am to 4pm.

There will be many stalls including tombola, Christmas Crafts, cakes and Christmas food. Come and find that special gift from one of the craft stalls.

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Some of the highlights of the earlier years would be the Sunday School Anniversary (still held in the day school for a time, to have room for all those taking part on the platform). The School feast with seed cake for tea and the Salvation Army Band from Boston to come and play, also Sunday School trips to the seaside from Gosberton Station. The Band of Hope did not continue to meet after the amalgamation, but the Wesley Guild did. Being an adult Guild in the earlier years, then later incorporating children into it, going to Guild Rallies at other Chapels and the annual Guild outing. Later the adults ran the Junior Guild, then finally we met on a Friday evening having a group of teenage lads calling it the Friday Club. Sadly we finished meeting about two years ago, but we still have a special service to commemorate the Guild. We are still available to meet up again when the need arises.

We still have the annual Bazaar started by the Guild, when we give part of the proceeds towards the work of The Methodist Relief and Development Fund. During the last twenty years we have been able to donate over £1,600 to it. We have been able to keep the Sunday School going until last year but by the time this is in print we hope to have started again with the youngsters coming for part of the time into the morning service. Over the years we have contributed via the Sunday School collection to the NCH and JMA. The young people have helped quite a lot in special services, especially Sunday School Anniversary, Harvest Festival, Mothering Sunday Specials, Carol Service and Own Arrangements. Those who can continue to do so, and we thank them very much for that. Our Church has done its share in contributing to Overseas and Home Missions supporting circuit events, making trifles for Home Mission suppers etc. ‘



It is clear that Clough chapel has been an active and integral part of the community. There are some of us who can still remember the excitement of waiting at the top of the Drovers for the bus to collect us for the annual outing, often to the seaside - Skegness, Hunstanton, Cleethorpes, but occasionally to other venues such as Wicksteed park, or once to a boat trip on the Norfolk Broads. For children living in our rural community this was great treat. Wednesday night was also a welcome opportunity to socialise at Guild, especially as some boys and girls went to separate schools – even the school bus had a boys side (and back seat) and a girls side! But the most exciting thing we got up to was table tennis - those were more innocent times.

Many memories echo down from that old Circuit Newsletter - new dresses made for the chapel anniversary, recitations learned, solos sung. So many children that a stage was constructed at the front with different levels - youngest at the front and older at the back, and a congregation that packed the chapel - standing room only! Annual prizes presented - we all got the book of our choice. Specially decorated fruit punnets filled with produce for the Harvest Festival. Sponsored walks – we all arrived back foot sore and tired except for one enterprising youngster who jumped on the bus for part of the journey, and unsurprisingly came first.

Sunday morning was Sunday School where the teachers were sometimes other, slightly older youngsters. Friends made then continue today. In those days there was an army of willing helpers. Musical evenings and chapel teas have been memorable right up to the present day.

More recently new things have been tried, some more successful than others - coffee mornings, welcoming the local Primary School for picnicking, Harvest and Christingle. Car boot sales were held on the field. We were a collection point for Ukraine in the early days of the war. And in the past couple of years we developed the field with trees and picnic tables. Unquestionably the chapel is a wonderful space.

Happy memories. The chapel has been a large part of so many lives. It seems fitting that in our last few weeks we have had a wedding at Clough. A happy event - and that is how we will remember Clough chapel.



ROSE GARDEN

After a meeting in the spring, we decided it would be nice to create a memorial rose garden in the church grounds at St Gilbert & St Hugh's Church for everybody to enjoy and remember loved ones in the beautiful tranquil surrounds of our church.

The final design has not been agreed but we would like to include a brick pathway, a seat, a bird bath and any other ideas people may have. This would allow all people to come and utilise this unique space.

Unfortunately due to other commitments and the weather, we are still in the planning stages. We have some offers of help and have some financial sponsorship.

If anyone would like to come and help us plan and create this special place, we would be very grateful. I can be contacted on 01775 750244.

Below is a picture of the sort of garden we are trying to create.

Many thanks

David Dickinson

**Gosberton
Clough Parochial
Church Council**



NEWS FROM THE CLOUGH

A busy September started with a 'Songs of Praise' in the church expertly organised by Eric Wayman. Our grateful thanks to David Shepherd for playing the organ and giving everybody a lovely feelgood feeling.

The following week, the 'Friends of Clough Church' organised a Heritage Day, which saw a constant stream of people looking round the church and enjoying the pictures and displays of Gosberton History Society shown by Ron Wood.

Our Harvest Festival service followed the next Sunday with a good congregation in our decorated church. With the sun shining through the windows and the beautiful flowers decorating, it was a truly wonderful spectacle. A harvest lunch followed with 60 people sitting down to enjoy the meal. Many thanks to all the people who helped us put on this special event.

Our Macmillan coffee morning raised a total of £135. Many thanks for all your support.

Future events:

- **Saturday 7th December** – Christmas Jumper Quiz 6pm for 6.30pm, Clough Church Hall. Please wear a Christmas Jumper if you can! Contact Steph Harrison on 07810 598150 or Frances Mantle on 07818 275675
- **Sunday 8th December** – Carols by Candlelight. 6pm in the church. Refreshments afterwards.
- **Saturday 14th December** – Christmas cuppa (including Christmas raffle) 10am to 2pm.

For details of events taking place in our villages, please go to the community website at www.gosberton.org

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: deborahreynolds365@gmail.com (please note new email)

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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.

£3.50 per person.

Contact Fran on 07818 275675 for more info.

GOSBERTON LADIES CIRCLE

Following our A.G.M. in August (a very jolly occasion where we made a few decisions & drank lots of tea & coffee & ate several cakes & biscuits) we had further meetings in September & October.

In September Suzanne, a hairdresser from Pinchbeck & her friend Anne, came to talk about hair care & skin care. They showed us all sorts of useful products & explained how to use them to make the best of our complexions. Suzanne's coming back, in February, to discuss make-up with us.

Tim, from the South Holland voluntary car scheme, spoke to us in our October meeting. The organisation drives passengers to any sort of medical appointment – locally as well as further afield, such as Lincoln, Norwich, Sheffield etc. The cost involved is lower than normal cab hire.

On Sunday 22nd October Sue Wray, patron of the Butterfly Hospice in Boston, gave some of us a tour of the hospice. We were so impressed with both the facilities available & with the dedication of the staff. The Circle is happy to continue to support the hospice in 2025.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- **Thursday 14th November:** 1.30pm The U3A choir will be singing & entertaining us. This free session is open to all, not just Circle members. 7.30pm Making Christmas cards
- **Thursday 12th December:** 7.30pm Xmas meeting, plus Secret Santa
- (There is no meeting in January)
- **Thursday 14th February:** 7.30pm Make-up with Suzanne

We would like to wish all our Circle members, speakers & supporters a very happy Christmas & look forward to more meetings, full of love, laughter & fellowship, in 2025.

Carol, Maggie & Pat

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 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: Rev Steve Weatherly-Barton Morning Worship at 10.30am each Sunday

A huge thank you to all who helped and supported in any way at all our recent flower and craft festival. Despite rain and wind and losing a marquee as a result of the high winds, we had a lovely and successful weekend. Window to window sunshine on the Monday which saw crowds of visitors attending. Together with all of the stalls games, and refreshments, we were treated to entertainment by the Spalding u3A singing for fun group and by Edwin Lunn with his 60's guitar music. This year's theme was 'All God's Creatures Great and Small' and our flower arrangers excelled with their excellent displays admired by all.

'Brilliant' was the description given my many at a concert and supper which we held at our church on 20th September. We again, were privileged to be entertained by the Spalding branch of the u3A, and this time the ukulele group. They gave a very good programme which was also a sing along with the evening concluding with a splendid buffet supper, followed by 'Confessions of a Taxi Driver' by the Rev Steve.

The Home Movie shows continue on alternative months. Just £3 for 90 minutes viewing followed by sandwiches, cakes and a drink. For further information contact 01775 840185. Details go out on the Gosberton and Quadring Community website.

The Gosberton Well Being walk meets at the Baptist Church on a Tuesday morning. Just come along. 10.45am and The men's shed meet twice a week at our church. For more information contact 07471 444184 or slr@communityconnector.org.uk

Looking ahead to Christmas, our carols by candles and fairy lights is on Thursday 19th December at 7pm. This is always a popular service attracting friends from the village and surrounds. The evening will conclude with mince pies. Our Christmas services continue on Sunday 22nd December 10.30am for a service with carols, and on Christmas morning we have a service at the slightly earlier time of 10am. Worship at 10.30am on the following Sunday 29th December will also have a

Mind your language!

My wonderful mother Ellen used to regale my sister and me when we were growing up with stories of my very 'respectable' maternal grandmother, who sadly died before I was born.

Mum had a very gifted friend called Evelyn, who landed a good job with the United Nations Organisation, and initially worked for some time in Germany. She came on leave one Sunday to visit my mum, who was the still resident at the family home, and proceeded to pass on her newly acquired knowledge of the German language. They went around the house; Evelyn would point to various objects and announce their German names. All went well until they reached to well-stocked garden, and she pointed to a flower.

'Blume' she said. (Now at this point you need to know that 'Blume' is pronounce a bit like 'bloom-ah').

'Blume', my mother repeated'

The kitchen widow was flung wide open.

'ELLEN!' Cried the stentorian voice of my grandma; 'Would you kindly advise your friend that bloomers are not mentioned in this household on Sundays!'

You probably know that bloomers were very respectable undergarments that later were used as outer garments for ladies on bicycles. But in that household they were still unmentionable on the Lord's Day.

Learning languages always has moments of amusement. In French a canapé is a sofa, a commode is a chest of drawers, and you really shouldn't ask if a food item contains préservatifs! In German 'have a good journey' sounds distinctly rude! But learning languages is a great way of appreciating the differences between nations and races, and understanding also what we have in common.

God's ancient people in the Old Testament were constantly reminded of what they had in common with foreigners who came to live among them. *'The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.'* (Leviticus 19:34). Those are words that many of us, and many politicians, need to ponder.

Steve Weatherly-Barton

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT

Every Wednesday afternoon, at 1.30pm, 16 people gather in the Public Hall for a fitness session with Fiona. Jackets are taken off, scarves & gloves are removed, chairs are arranged in a wide circle, Fiona turns on the music & the routines begin.

We move fluidly to "Sweet Caroline" & a range of other music suitable for our exercise steps. At about 2pm we all sit down & use our exercise bands to strengthen our arms & legs, followed by some stretching moves, before finishing the session at 2.30pm.

Then we go to the local tearoom for a debrief, a welcome drink & (possibly) a welcome slice of cake! To be honest, we spend as long chatting & laughing in the tearoom as we do exercising in the hall.



None of us are very gymnastic (probably because we don't practice enough between sessions) but we do enjoy ourselves. Fiona has probably accepted that we're never going to look very professional but is clearly determined that we're all going to improve our personal, individual fitness levels. It might be a triumph of hope over experience, but Fiona is always upbeat & cheerful.

If you'd like to join us, come along to the Public Hall in Gosberton High Street any Wednesday at 1.30pm, where you'll be welcome to take part (your first session is free) as we move ourselves to a medley of music. A joint good natured effort to "move it" before we "lose it"!

Dear Reader

We have now performed over 1600 tasks with our small band of volunteers.

Perhaps now is a good time to remind you how we work.

We aim to provide support to people in the parishes of Gosberton and Quadring including all the fens, droves etc.

If people wish to use us they should ring our number to be registered for the scheme.

We have a rota of call handlers who process the requests, and they will try and find a volunteer to fulfil the task required. Only if a willing volunteer is available can this be done. This is why we are always calling for more people to help us. We are likely to prioritise medical appointments and we seem to receive plenty of these.

Although most of our work involves transporting people, we are NOT a cheap taxi service and should not be regarded as such. Our volunteers give their precious time to those who most need our assistance.

Our number is 07808 326511

David Casswell



NEWS FROM GOSBERTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our Last Meeting (12 August 2024)

This meeting was different to our usual meetings. It was given over to a drop-in advice surgery for people looking for help with their research, or to bring in old photographs and memorabilia. Around the room (the Church Hall) there were old photographs on display, as well as a timeline of Gosberton history. Whilst enjoying a cuppa and biscuits, attendees were treated to a film-show, featuring two virtual history tours of Gosberton (as premiered at last year's Heritage Day). Nearly 40 people came through the doors, a number of whom bringing with them old photos, documents... and a Gosberton Quoits Challenge Cup! Thanks to everyone who attended, and for sharing their stories and memorabilia.

Our Next Meeting (11 November 2024)

The next History Society meeting is scheduled to be held on **11 November 2024**, starting at 7.30pm. in the Church Hall (doors open from 7pm)

We will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Society - which held its first meeting back in November 2014. Ian Walters and Ivan Dennis will talk about how they formed the Society, whilst Stuart Henderson will summarise the first ten years of our journey. It will be an opportunity for members to tell us what they think has worked well, and what they want to see going forward. As a thank you, the usual admission fee of £1 will be waived for this meeting. As an extra bonus, cakes will be available along with the normal hot drinks and biscuits - again, all free! Non-members are welcome to attend - we are always looking for new recruits!

Quarterly Newsletter

Members of Gosberton & District Local History Society receive a free 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. Printed copies are available for £1. Joining the

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

GOSBERTON PARISH
CHURCH

SUNDAY 1ST
DECEMBER at 4pm

COME AND JOIN YOUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY CELEBRATING
TOGETHER!

Refreshments after the service

Organised by your local Anglican,
Baptist and Methodist Churches
working together!

Do you have any time to give?

**Quadring Church and St Margarets
Community Hall need a treasurer, to run
their straight forward but separate
accounts.**

**We also have general maintenance jobs,
gardening, cleaning, painting, weeding,
and generally giving TLC to these two
community buildings.**

**Please contact Kay on 07772 880537 or
Liz on 07400 589555**



with no obligations. If you'd like to know more, contact the Secretary, Stuart Henderson, by email at gosberton@btinternet.com

Gosberton Heritage Day 2024

Gosberton & District Local History Society, the organisers of this year's GOSBERTON HERITAGE DAY at the Public Hall, would like to thank those of you who came along and supported this popular community event. Thanks to the Society, we are keeping the history of Gosberton, Risegate and Clough villages alive. And your support helps the Society do that. The money raised goes into the Society's coffers to be used to collect and share our history not only with you, but for future generations. It is a non-profit making organisation. We would like to continue holding more Heritage Days, and you can help make them even better by telling us what you think you'd like to continue seeing at future events, what you think didn't work so well, and what new things you'd like to see added. Please email your comments to the Society Secretary, Stuart Henderson, at gosberton@btinternet.com.

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,' and press the Like or Follow button.

Want to share your old photos, memorabilia and memories?

We love seeing your old photos and memorabilia connected to the history of Gosberton, Risegate and Clough. These all help tell the wonderful story of these places, and we would love to capture copies of these for our archives - so that we preserve our history for generations to come. Perhaps there are some mysteries behind what you've got - people, places and events that are not known - we can help to try to solve these for you.

Contact the Secretary, Stuart Henderson, by email at gosberton@btinternet.com

Clough and Risegate Community Primary School



We have had a strong start to the school year with lots of enrichment for all our children in school and we have been remarkably busy picking Autumn and Winter veg to use in our curriculum kitchen and for donations on our veg stall. We have had beautiful cooking apples and ornamental gourds from our Farm to Fork area. The whole school also enjoyed an Apple Day with Kid's Country, where we learnt all about the soil that the apple trees need and about apple varieties around the world. Plus, we made apple bird feeders, and we baked delicious apples with cinnamon and brown sugar. All had a great, fun day, and we learnt a new fun fact: **All apples originate from Kazakhstan! Who knew?**

We have also been terribly busy this Harvest Time, not only celebrating food and the farmers who work so hard to produce it, but also thanking our families who kindly donated tins and veggies for Harvest. Our Y6 House Captains sorted and delivered food bags to members of our community and if you received one of these, we hope you enjoyed it and were able to put it to beneficial use.



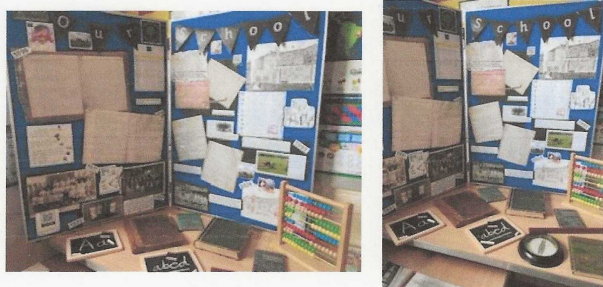
The school also held a successful Open Afternoon on Wednesday 9th October for any new and potential parents who may wish to choose our small, friendly, village school for their child in September 2025. Visitors are always welcome and if you missed our event, then please contact the school for an appointment and come to see what we offer before you make your primary school choices.

We produced a display for the Gosberton History Group's Heritage Day on Saturday 12th October, and we hope everyone enjoyed finding out more about our school over the years.

We have really enjoyed researching it and drawing pictures of our beautiful building.

Our school was built in 1877, and Mr Quarmby was the very first headteacher.

Our oldest children also enjoyed reading about



THE GOSBERTON GHOST BUS

One morning in August I was walking a friend's dog along the High Street in Gosberton, when I came to the junction with Lowgate. Standing on the corner were a couple I know, Kevin & Linda, who I had always considered to be a very knowledgeable pair of locals. We chatted for a while, then I said,

"You two look as if you're waiting for a bus!"

"We are," replied Linda.



"But," I said in surprise, "there's no bus stop."

"The bus usually stops here at the pub," said Linda calmly. As there is no pub any more (the Bell Inn has been closed for months) I was beginning to feel a bit anxious & asked,

"What time does the bus come?"

"We're not sure," answered Kevin, "because it's a slightly different timetable in the school holidays." So, Kevin & Linda were standing outside a pub that's been closed for ages, where there is no bus stop, waiting for a bus that had no definite arrival time. I decided to carry on walking Teddy, the dog, & if Kevin & Linda were still there when I came back I'd gently suggest they went home.

However, as Teddy & I walked on, a bus appeared in the High Street. It stopped outside the closed pub with no bus stop or timetable & I watched as Kevin & Linda happily hopped aboard. I was gobsmacked! It was like something out of a Harry Potter story! Gosberton's own equivalent of King's Cross Station's platform nine & three quarters! Kevin & Linda clearly had some esoteric knowledge that I was not privy to - & I'm wondering how long you have to live in Gosberton to be considered a real local & have access to the "magic" bus outside the non-existent pub with no bus stop or timetable!



A confused, relatively new, Gosberton resident



Carols by Candlelight

St Margaret's Church, Quadring

Sunday 15th December
7pm

Refreshments
Everyone welcome



former headteacher Mr Ross, in the new 'Bygone Gosberton' book by local historian Stuart Henderson. They were all extremely interested to hear about Mr Ross' war efforts and those of others in our community, because this linked brilliantly with this terms World War topic work. We are all enormously proud of our school and all the adults and children who came before us. They have all helped to shape and build our school, making it such a special place for us all today.



We also celebrated current community members and thanked them for the exceedingly kind purchase of a new school minibus. We were thrilled to take delivery of this in September and we have already put it to wonderful use. Children can now go swimming all year round and we can get active in our local community even more now, making the most of all opportunities on offer. Special thanks must go to **J.B Robinson & F.F Goose Farms** for this wonderful new resource.

Finally, the school year has got off to a great start and all staff have worked incredibly hard to make sure all our children enjoy coming to school and that they continue to make the most of everything we have to offer. As we head towards Christmas, we look forward to a time for us all to join together, and to share peace and joy.

We have lots to look forward to with carol services and celebrations, a trip to the pantomime and a visit from a special Christmas visitor. We are also taking part in numerous sporting events in and around Boston and Spalding and we are proud to have been recently awarded a **Platinum School Games Award**. At the start of term, we also received a **Gold Caring 2 Learn Award** for everything we do to support children, families and staff in school. We could not be prouder!

If you ever wish to find out more about our school, please just scan this QR code to be kept up to date and to be directed to our school website.

Kindest regards

Mrs Rooney (Headteacher)



SCAN ME

Grace before meals American style

God of goodness, bless our food.
Keep us in a pleasant mood.
Bless the cook and all who serve us.
From indigestion, Lord, preserve us.

Amen

Grace for after meals

Thank God for dirty dishes, they have a tale to tell.
Whilst other folk go hungry, we've eaten very well.
For home, health, and happiness, we should not make a fuss.
For by this pile of evidence, God's been very good to us.

Amen

QUADRING CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
ST MARGARET'S HALL, QUADRING
PEH 4PW
1.00 PM~4.00 PM

Christmas Shopping,
Quality Gifts
Raffle & Refreshments
Visit Santa's Grotto : £2 per child

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INSPIRING WOMEN

QUADRING CHURCHYARD

Quadring Church is delighted to have received a beautiful bench dedicated to Lois & Derek Houghton by their family. They were married in Quadring church in 1957.

The bench has been installed in the churchyard and will provide a tranquil place to sit for years to come.

Thanks go to Timothy Stott and Nathan Oakman for installing it.



VICTORIA HOUSE TEAROOM

(Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-4pm)



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SIT IN OR TAKEAWAY
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THRIFTY WEDNESDAYS: EVERY WEDNESDAY
11:30AM-1:30PM GET A TEA/COFFEE, SCONE
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**VICTORIA HOUSE TEAROOM,
2 WARGATE WAY, GOSBERTON, PE114NH**

CONTACT: 01775 841100
SOCIALS: VICTORIA HOUSE TEAROOM

Jean was a real character - she and Douglas were keen collectors of many antiques and items, having numerous sets of objects and entire collections of first editions... she used to say her, "dusting never ended!" They loved caravanning and travelling and managed two foreign holidays a year, including long haul trips, such as to Russia and Africa on safari.

Jean had an AMAZING memory and could recall dates from village life, events and people, and recall all her holidays and visits in great detail and without referring to notes or lists... This continued in her keen gardening and produce growing too, where she knew every plant, vegetable, flower, shrub and bush and when it was planted, who gave it to her and why! Many a meeting has relied on Jean's memory over the years and her capacity for historical village events is sorely missed.

The Evergreens folding alongside Douglas' worsening health, meant Jean's more active village life had to decline in order to become totally devoted to his care, until he was admitted to a home eleven months prior to his death. She still attended PCC meetings and helped for events when she could and even during her later years was a pillar of love, care and support in our community.

The above is literally a snapshot of the caring, knowledgeable and supportive lady Jean was - and will certainly be her legacy for many years to come. In a world where village life is changing and life is lived more in our own space, may we remember those who diligently gave of their best, gave their time and gave their love to the wider community. Jean certainly did all of this and always went above and beyond for others.

Our continued love goes to all Jean's family through this short tribute to her.
Thank you Jean with our love.



Praying that we may be in a good mood to face the day.

Oh Lord, grant that we may not be like porridge, stiff, stodgy and hard to stir, but like cornflakes, crisp, fresh and ready to serve. **Amen**

In Loving Memory of Jean Hemstock

It was with great sadness but much love that we held a service of thanksgiving for Mrs Jean Hemstock at St. Margaret's Church Quadring on May 23rd 2024, with her wake held at St. Margaret's Community Hall. It was very fitting that Jean was remembered in these two particular buildings, as they played such an important part in a life lived out, not in the limelight, but with continual support and love, as this integral figure of Quadring life spent many an hour in both buildings and around the village.

Jean moved to Quadring in 1958 when she married Douglas Hemstock and they set up home in the house on Main Road where Douglas was born and they remained there for all their married years and until Jean died. Douglas, having spent all his life in Quadring, was already an active member within the community - singing, playing the organ at church, singing in the Spalding Singers and ever busy, mixing his teaching job with family life and evening classes such as learning French! Jean however was a totally family orientated lady and prolific home maker; supporting Douglas and Clare and Nicholas (their beloved children) in all aspects of their life. She was always a carer, a willing worker and was happier helping others - rather than taking a leading role in her many activities.

Her one 'claim to fame' was when she became Madam President of the Evergreens, in the 1970's, taking over from Jean Caswell - this being held at the community hall. She retained this role until COVID; when unfortunately this group closed.

Jean worked tirelessly for the church and hall in many capacities: the Summer and Autumn fetes, as back up for the Retired Folks Christmas Party, the Harvest Happenings and Christmas decoration of the buildings - where she and Douglas always set up the Nativity figures for Dress the Crib and the Easter Garden on a yearly basis. She was also a Sunday School teacher for many years, remembered by those she taught for her patience and dedication to young people; equally shown in her help whenever needed at Quadring Primary School or in any groups for children at the hall. Importantly, in the village and wider community her baking and cooking will always be remembered as legendary... any event would have produce, cakes, biscuits and cooking provided by Jean and no one had to ever ask her twice!

Her older sister Sonya, having lived away for a number of years, returned to the village in 1980 and the sisters became immediate neighbours and partners in crime, continuing to support and aid village life. They ran the Christmas Market stall in Spalding every year, arriving early in the morning to find and set up their stall and then selling produce all day. They latterly ran tombolas raising money for the church and hall and with their love and support became invaluable members of the PCC; we still benefit from their knowledge and hard work today.



Remembrance Sunday Service

St Margaret's Church Quadring

10.30am, Sunday 10th November

GOSBERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

TRUSTEES OF GOSBERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY WILL MAKE A
DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES TO PENSIONERS
LIVING IN THE PARISH OF GOSBERTON

The Distribution will be made on
THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024

at Gosberton Public Hall

FROM 10.30 AM TO 12.30PM

at Clough Church Hall

FROM 2PM TO 3.30PM

Proof of receipt of State Pension must be shown.

The Trustees also invite applications from people of all ages who can present a case of **REAL AND UNAVOIDABLE** need. Applicants should live in the parishes of Gosberton, Gosberton Clough or Gosberton Risegate. Grant application forms are available from:

**Mrs F Newton, Nelsons Cottage, Clough Road, Gosberton Clough
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GOSBERTON YOUTH CENTRE

High Street, Gosberton PE11 4NW

In aid of Gosberton Youth Centre

SATURDAY, 16th NOV 2024



TICKETS incl Supper
£10 (Fish & Chips)
£7 (Sausage & Chips)

Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm first race

Horses for sale £2 each - Race Sponsors £25 per race - Tricast £1 per square for £100 cash prize on race 8

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS (Soft drinks & snacks available from Coffee bar) TOTE IS CASH ONLY OPENS 7pm

To book tickets: Text-0774 7314390 Bacs payment details will be advised in reply text

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All tickets must be prepaid & collect on night - Registered Charity No: 506927 Raffle prizes welcome

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KIRTON BRASS BAND

AFTERNOON FESTIVE CONCERT



INCLUDING SANTA CLAUS

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024

1pm until 3pm

Doors open 12.40pm

Admission— Donation

Teas, Coffees, Soft drinks and light refreshment available—not forgetting mince pies

Gosberton Youth Centre—Registered Charity 506927



SCAN ME



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Musical Director
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Saturday 9th November 2024

7.30 pm

**St. Laurence Church, Station Road
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