



RESTORATION FOR GOSBERTON ORGAN

RESTORATION work on Gosberton's 104-year-old church organ is well under way.

The overhaul is expected to be finished this week and to celebrate the event an organ recital is planned on November 15, performed by the new organist and master of choristers at Lincoln Cathedral, Mr David Flood.

Gosberton vicar, the Rev Ian Sheppard said restoration was going very well. The organ was being painted and was also due to be tuned.

Bishop and Co, an Ipswich company, is carrying out the work.

Mr Sheppard, meanwhile, has been unearthing some interesting facts about the history of the organ.

It was bought after an appeal fund set up by the Rev Sparks Bellett Sealey in 1882.

In six months £230 was raised and according to a book written by Mr W. J. Kaye ("The History of the Parish of Gosberton") it replaced a harmonium and was formally opened on September 28, 1882.

In the picture — Mr Sheppard with restorers Gary Rogers (front) and Michael Willis-Beus. (B2187-22)