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FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2026



Plough Sunday at Gosberton Methodist Chapel

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GOSBERTON GROUP OF PARISHES

ALL SERVICES ARE ADVERTISED ON OUR CHURCHYARD NOTICE BOARDS. SOME SERVICES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION.

Family services at Quadring take place in the Hall Chapel .

Date	Gosberton	Quadring	Clough
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1st	10am Communion		
8th	10am Morning Worship	10am Family Service	
15th			10am Morning Worship
22nd	10am Morning Worship		10am Communion
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15th			10am Morning Worship
22nd	10am Morning Worship		10am Communion
29th			10am Communion
Apr			
5th	10am Communion		
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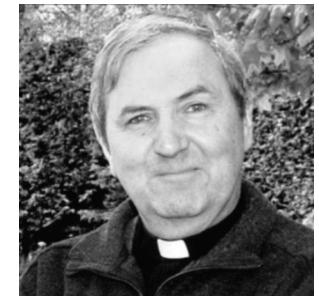
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I recently remembered how I used to help out on the farm at harvest time. They had three combine harvesters working over a large area, and my role was to be one of a team who had to drive alongside the combine, synchronise my speed, and make sure that a couple of tonnes or so of wheat went in the trailer and were not spilled otherwise I'd be in trouble. When my trailer was full, it was back to the nearest corn drier maybe 4 miles away, dump my load and get back into the field again. One day I was driving across the field with a load heading for the gate at something like 5 mile per hour when to my surprise I stopped with a jolt, as the front of the tractor rose up above me, and the trailer too behind me, and I was suspended over a very large hole in the ground. In modern terms I'd discovered a sinkhole! It took a while as they worked out how they were to unload the wheat from the trailer with shovels and tow my tractor out of the hole. They said that it was probably caused by an old drainage pipe that had been for years washing a large cavity out of the ground and I was the lucky person who discovered it!

Thinking of holes it made me think of a story told by Irish spiritual writer Brian Darcy, who found a series of pictures in a house for the homeless in Galway. They were a modern take on a parable that Jesus told – guess which? The first picture shows the man falling into a hole too deep for him to clamber out. Then a doctor came by and the man shouted, "Help me doctor!", The doctor wrote out a prescription, dropped it in the hole and walked on. A social worker came by, and the man called out to her. She found some money, dropped it into the hole and carried on. A priest came by. The man



Shouted, "Help me father!" The priest knelt down said a prayer and blessed him and carried on walking. Murphy came by next and the man cried out, "Help me, Murphy!" To the man's, surprise Murphy jumped into the hole beside him. The man said "Murphy, what have you done? Now you've ruined it- we're both stuck in the hole!" Murphy said, "Don't worry, I've been in this hole before and I know the way out! Follow me!"

The moral of the story is most of us find ourselves in a hole at some time and although some sympathise, few can or will help us and rescue us. Jesus does. However big the hole, he is prepared to be there beside us and will not leave us until we are out of the hole.

You never know when the next hole will appear in your life, as I once found out on a tractor in harvest time, but if you trust in Jesus, there's always a way out!

Ian

Former vicar – now retired!

Gosberton Methodist Chapel Flower Festival 2026 - Theme "Celebrate with Flowers"

- Thursday 30th April - Monday 4th May from 10am - 4pm.
- Thursday 30th April 9.30am Short Opening Service
- Sunday 3rd May - No Morning Service. Evening Songs of Praise at 4.30pm
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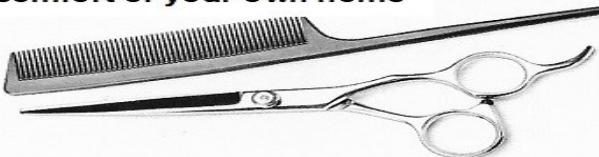
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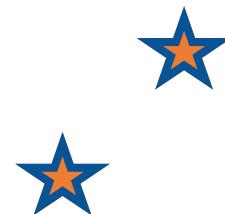
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Jeannette 07403 620783

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

FUNERALS & MEMORIAL SERVICES

27th October at South Lincs Crem
16th December at Gosberton Parish Church
19th December at Gosberton Parish Church

Anthony Moses
Geoff Sansam
Mike Hammond

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

GOSBERTON & GOSBERTON RISEGATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND VENUES FOR 2026

- 19th January – 7pm Gosberton Public Hall
- 2nd March – 7pm Gosberton Public Hall
- 13th April – 7.30pm Annual Meeting followed by a council meeting, Marjoram Hall, Gosberton Risegate
- 18th May – 7.30pm Annual Meeting, Gosberton Public Hall
- 6th July – 7.30pm Gosberton Public Hall
- 17th August - 7.30pm Marjoram Hall, Gosberton Risegate
- 28th Sept - 7.30pm Gosberton Public Hall
- 2nd Nov – 7pm Gosberton Public Hall
- 7th Dec – 7pm Marjoram Hall, Gosberton Risegate
- The village inspection is scheduled for Monday 8th June

If you need our help, or wish to become a volunteer, our number is 07808 326511.



Jobs are coming to us steadily again now after a quiet run up to Christmas. Some new users have joined us, and sadly one or two no longer need our help.

We have had a couple of occasions recently when people are taken to appointments which don't exist when they try to book in. Frustrating for people expecting to be treated, and also for volunteers who have set their time aside for the task. We just ask users to check the times of the appointments when they book in with us, and hope things settle down as they should.

Happy New Year to you all.

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

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Mike Tarran

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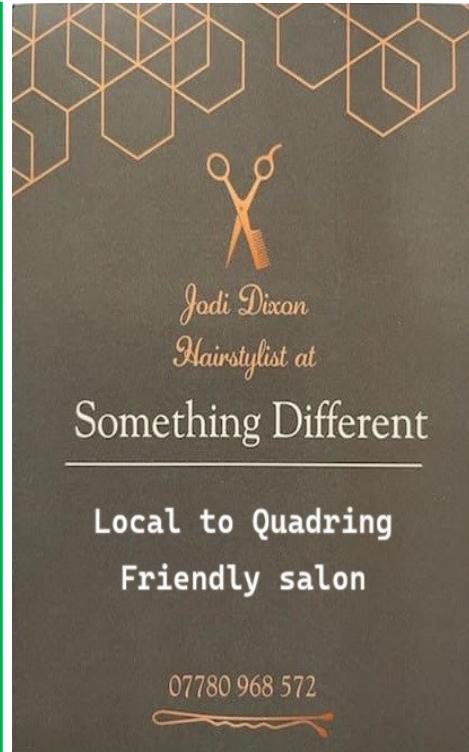
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FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the next edition is: 20th April 2026. 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).

My email address is: deborahreynolds365@gmail.com

Debbie Reynolds

GOSBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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

All of our Christmas services were well attended. We started early with the Home Movie Party held in November. All enjoyed the entertainment from the u3A singing for fun group with Christmas music and carols. Accompanist was Jacqueline Kemp. The afternoon concluded with a Christmas buffet tea. The church was beautifully decorated with Christmas trees, fairy lights, Christmas cacti and numerous other decorations for its popular and well attended mid-week Carol service. It was led by Steve with Annie operating the computer for the music. Afterwards all enjoyed mince pies, shortbread and oranges with tea and coffee. The Christmas morning service was also well attended led by Steve.

Mid- week fellowship meets at the home of the Rev Maurice and Ruth Perry on alternative Wednesday evenings. For dates and more information contact Maurice or any church member.

The Home Movie Group meet about every two months. All welcome. £3 donation includes tea, sandwiches and cakes, plus ninety minutes viewing. Dates go out on the community website or contact 01775 840185

For Easter we have a service of Holy Communion at 7pm on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday we join the village march of witness.. This year it will start from the parish church of St Peter and St Paul at the time of 11am (a little later than in past years), and going straight to the methodist church, and then the war memorial and on to the Baptist church. On the Sunday we have Easter Praise at 10.30am.

There is a welcome as always to everyone to come along to our services and meetings. For more information on any of them, just contact either the minister or any church member.



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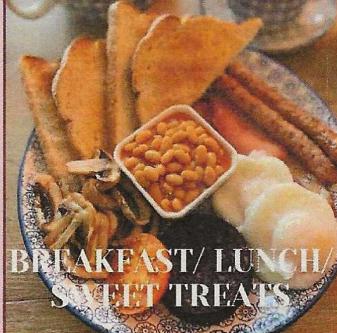
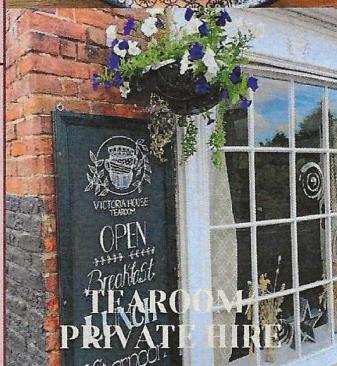
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Easter Services

29th March - Palm Sunday 10.30am Service

3rd April - 10.30am Good Friday

5th April Easter Sunday 10.30am Service

Thursday Morning Pop In 9.30am - 11am (not last Thursday in the month)

Craft Afternoon 2pm-4pm

16th February

16th March

20th April

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

Light Lunches 11.30am - 1pm

10th February

10th March

14th April

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Emporium Sales 10am - 12.30pm

28th February

28th March

25th April

We thank you all for your donations and support of these events over the last year. Please come along and enjoy a drink, bacon butty or a slice of cake.

Quadring WI - We meet on the 2nd

Wednesday of every month 7.15pm at St Margaret's Hall Quadring and would be really pleased if you would like to join us.

11th February - Pest Control with Peter Verdegaal
Competition – Pet Photo

11th March - Annual Meeting, with entertainment from Alan Jackson, vocals.
No Competition

8th April - Colour Analysis & Sustainable Style with Jill Starling
Competition – Favourite Colour Worn on the Night

Annual membership £40.00. Non-members very welcome - £5.00 fee.

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



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.

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birthdays. Oak will be focussed on Africa and African Civilisation, with children exploring earth and space in Science.

We have lots of sporting activities planned and our choir are working hard for their 'Big Sing' preparations with Mr Lyon at St Botolph's in Boston later in the term where they will join with other schools to perform the ten songs that they are learning. Of course, we shall be getting our gardening area ready for the growing season and look forward to all the other enrichment opportunities that we have planned.

As a small rural school, we are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our families, staff and parish community. Whether it is volunteering in school, or simply stopping to chat at the gate, your involvement means so much to the children and staff alike. Together, we continue to make Clough & Risegate Primary a place where every child is known, valued, and encouraged to shine.

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.

*With best wishes,
Mrs Hazlehurst (Senior teacher)*



SCAN ME

Gosberton WI normally meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Public Hall Gosberton.

We are a friendly group; we do not always have a speaker, but sometimes have a talk or demonstration from one of our lovely members!

Visitors are welcome. If anyone would like any further information about our WI, please call Rosemary on 01775 640573 or Jeannette on 01775 841779.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Clough and Risegate Community Primary School

Happy New Year from all of us here at Clough and Risegate Primary School!



The beginning of term has seen all children return refreshed and excited for a brand-new term of learning and opportunities. Last term was incredibly busy with the lead up to Christmas which included a festive lunch, Christmas jumper day, a visit from Santa and of course an opportunity to share songs and nativity with our parents and carers at St Gilbert and St Hugh Church Hall which was very well attended. Our school choir also performed at St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church as part of the Community Advent Service.



Looking ahead, Willow Class have been excited to explore their outdoor area looking for signs of Winter which of course was suitably enhanced with a layer of snow on the ground in early January. They found lots of animal tracks and lots of discussion was had about what animals they belonged to. We have been bird spotting too! This term they will be learning about Transport and Change as part of their curriculum and are very much looking forward to a visit to Ropsley Heath Light Railway closer to Easter to enrich this learning.

Chestnut Class are going to be learning all about Australia and the life of Matthew Flinders. They will be thinking about world Geography and have been busy learning a song to help them to remember the names of the different continents. Maple Class will be learning all about Ancient Egypt and in French, children will be learning about the months of the year and how to count to 31, so that they can talk about their



St Gilbert & St. Hugh's Church Gosberton Clough

We are very fortunate to still have our church and hall in good condition to use for services twice a month and for special events.

This pretty little church building is looked after & maintained by a small, but dedicated team of volunteers, however we would love to have more.

If you would like to offer help and join our happy crew, please get in touch.

There are gaps on the church cleaning rota to be filled, which is just a couple of hours once or twice a year which would be of great help.

We also hope to continue developing the new Memorial Rose Garden this year as soon as the weather allows and would love this to become a community project.

For more information, please get in touch, every little bit of help makes a difference, be it cleaning, gardening, helping at events, reading in church. Your presence would be very welcome.

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Email: frances.beck@icloud.com or phone **07920 290012**

Plough Sunday In January we held a Plough Sunday Service at the Methodist Church, this was a first for us.

In the past Gosberton Clough Methodist Church always held one, but after they closed and some of their congregation came to join us we decided it was a good idea to continue the tradition of Plough Sunday.

Although the nature of farming is changing, Plough Sunday remains a great opportunity to celebrate farming and the work of farmers, and to pray for blessing on the land and the coming year's harvest.

Plough Sunday traditionally falls on the first Sunday of Epiphany, but behind this lies the older tradition of Plough Monday stretching back to Medieval times. This marked the resumption of agricultural work after the twelve days of Christmas. The plough was often kept in the church when not in use, so the farmers would gather at church to bring the plough out again. In days when work was scarce in winter, Plough Sunday was a time to give thanks for the growing potential of the land, to bless the plough, the land and the crops, to bless the ploughmen and women of the community, and to pray for a good harvest.

Very kindly farmers Sue Barker and her husband Vic asked their grandson Harry to bring along a tractor and plough for the service to be blessed. After the service we shared in a ploughman's lunch.

GOSBERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY Reg charity no 242596

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GOSBERTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

I spent some time in December 2025 walking around the streets of Gosberton, admiring the Christmas lights that decorated the outside of many homes. I admired how much effort people put into making their windows, gardens, and roofs look festive for Christmas.

My personal favourite was the beautiful, calmly atmospheric display presented by the first house in Mill Lane, opposite the War Memorial. For me, it summed up the ethos of Christmas. My second favourite was the display at number 86, the High Street, full of colour, activity and great fun to look at.

For Christmas 2026 there are plans afoot to organise some sort of village Advent Calendar, involving volunteers who would agree to their homes taking part in a lighting up display throughout December. There were so many beautifully lit homes in 2025 that I'm sure something could be arranged for next Christmas.

Watch out for more information from the Public Hall Committee next winter. Once again, a very big "Thank you" to all the Gosberton residents who decorated the outside of their homes & gave the rest of us such pleasure.

M.A.Williams



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL UPDATE.

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**Debbie Reynolds
Poppy Appeal Organiser,
Gosberton & District.**



Cowley & Browns Charity Reg. No 217099

If you are over 65 and living in Quadring Parish, you might qualify for an annual grant from the charity. These are awarded towards the end of each calendar year. There is no means testing involved. All residents of pension age might qualify. Apply via the Clerk Mrs Ashley Banks c/o abanksatwykes@gmail.com or write via Washdyke Farm, Wykes Laner, Donington PE11 4SD

**Cowley & Browns School Foundation Charity Reg
No 509995**

If you are a full-time young student and living in Quadring Parish you might qualify for a grant towards your education costs. This could be particularly useful for those leaving school and going to college or university. Apply to the Clerk as above setting out details of your education and of costs involved for books or other materials, or other items necessary for your education. Applications may be submitted at any time of the year.

ROD POOLEY AFTERNOON MUSIC CONCERT

@ Gosberton Youth Centre

21 High St, Gosberton PE11 4NW

Sunday 29th March 2026 @ 2pm (Doors open 1.30pm)

One of the UK's best known & respected Keyboard players will be playing a varied mix of music ranging from popular, full orchestral, big band swing, country and much more on the top of range Yamaha keyboard



TICKET PRICES: £7.00 Concert only or £10.00 inclusive cream tea package

Group discount: 1 in 10 free— Tickets are limited, so early booking is essential.

To book tickets ring/text 07747314390 or scan QR code on the right.



**RAISING FUNDS FOR GOSBERTON YOUTH CENTRE
REG CHARITY 506927**

Email bookings: tommehew09@gmail.com
when payment details will be given.

Tickets also available from Youth Centre 6.15-7pm prior to Wednesday bingo, when they can be purchased by cash or card.

Real change rarely happens in big leaps. It tends to come from small, repeatable choices that fit into ordinary life. A short walk most days rather than a strict exercise regime. Stretching for a few minutes before bed. Pausing before reacting. These things don't feel dramatic, and they don't make good social media posts, but they are far more likely to last.

This is where yoga, in its simplest form, comes into the picture. Yoga isn't about flexibility or impressive poses, despite how it's often portrayed. At its core, it's about awareness. Noticing the breath. Paying attention to how the body feels. Choosing, even briefly, to be present rather than rushing on autopilot.

That kind of attention doesn't require special clothing, equipment, or an hour of spare time. It can be practised anywhere. Noticing your feet on the floor while making a cup of tea. Taking a slower breath before answering the phone. Letting yourself arrive fully before moving on to the next thing. These moments are small, but they add up over time.

Unlike resolutions, small practices don't demand perfection. Missing a day doesn't mean starting again from scratch. You simply return when you remember. This is how change tends to happen in real life. Gradually. Almost unnoticed.

Those months after January then, can be a good place to begin. It offers a chance to reset expectations and choose something more realistic and kind. Not a complete overhaul, but a gentle shift. Less about fixing ourselves, and more about listening.

So if this year hasn't unfolded quite as planned, that's not a failure. It may simply be an invitation to take a different approach. One small step at a time. Taken often enough, those steps tend to lead us exactly where we need to be.

Quiet progress still counts.

Namaste

This year there will be a new regular column on yoga and well-being. It will explore some of the simple benefits of yoga, both for the body and for everyday stresses, and share a few practical ideas that are easy to try at home. You don't need any experience to follow along, but those already familiar with it may find something useful too. So welcome to Mark of Blue Elephant Yoga.



Thank you for the opportunity to write this here. I teach yoga locally, but I should say from the outset that this isn't a platform to promote my classes. There are other teachers in the area, and they're almost certainly more flexible than me. So, with that out of the way, let's start with something that tends to crop up around this time of year.

After the Resolution Dust Has Settled

By the time this magazine lands, January will already be behind us as we surge into spring. For some, it may have begun with good intentions and optimism. For others, it might have felt long, dark and slightly exhausting. Either way, February often arrives quietly, without much ceremony and that may be no bad thing.

The start of a new year has a habit of encouraging bold promises. We resolve to change ourselves, improve our habits, fix what we think is broken. Usually these resolutions revolve around health: more exercise, eating better and cutting something out. They are often well meant, but they can ask a lot, very quickly.

What tends to get overlooked is how life actually works. Work resumes. The weather is uninviting. Energy levels dip. Motivation, which felt plentiful in January, proves to be unreliable. When things don't go to plan, many people assume they've failed and quietly give up. But perhaps the problem isn't a lack of willpower. Perhaps it's the scale of the promises we make.



**EVERY WEDNESDAY &
SATURDAY**

Gosberton Youth Centre

Doors open 6.15pm for 7pm start

Flyer, Jackpot and Raffle

Teas & Coffees, Crisps etc

All proceeds to Youth Centre

Registered Charity No. 506927

EVERYONE WELCOME

GOSBERTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

About the Society

Gosberton & District Local History Society was founded in 2014. Its aim is to bring together people with an interest in the history of Gosberton, Gosberton Risegate, Gosberton Clough and the surrounding area, to share local history information and stories. The Society holds meetings every three months, usually in the Church Hall. All Society members, as well as newcomers, are welcome to attend. There is a small entrance fee to cover costs, including guest speaker fees and expenses. The Society also holds a growing archive of information, photographs, books and artefacts, some of which are available view and browse.

Our Last Meeting (Monday 10 November 2025)

Jonathan Nicholls and Martin Stokes, metal detectorists from a local group called Digging History UK, presented some of their local finds, in a session titled **Detectorists: The History Seekers**.

Their extensive collection of finds on display were varied, both in terms of type and historical period. They gave a background to their group, and how they contribute both time and money to community activity.

There was also a **Prize Draw**, for people who contributed the photos, stories and memorabilia which helped make our Gosberton At War exhibition in September last year such a success. The winner, Irene Adlington, won a copy of Stuart Henderson's new book, Gosberton At War. Copies of the book are still available to purchase (cost £18, payment by cash or card accepted).

Our next meeting (Monday 9 February 2026)

Proceeding will kick off with our ANNUAL REVIEW, where we will look back on what the History Society has achieved, and a look forward to what Gosberton history lovers can expect over the next 12 months - it's a packed work programme! Ian Walters will then present a number of short films, all of which will explore various aspects of life on the home front during World War Two. This will round off our series of Second World War activities we've presented over the last

GOSBERTON LADIES CIRCLE

The Gosberton Ladies Circle finished 2025 with a delicious Christmas afternoon tea at "Something Special" at Birchgrove. The food & drink were plentiful and we each had a box of uneaten goodies to take home at the end of the session. Our final Circle meeting of the year included a "Secret Santa" tub, when we each received a surprise gift for Christmas.

Our 2026 meetings begin on Thursday 12th February, when a retired midwife is going to talk to us about her working experiences. New members are always welcome to join us. There is no annual fee, we just pay £4 per session, which includes tea/coffee/biscuits. We meet in the Methodist Chapel in Salem Street and our sessions begin at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of each month.

We also have some extra afternoon sessions, when the U3A choir and ukelele groups have kindly agreed to entertain us. There is no charge for these sessions which take place in the Methodist Chapel and begin at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend - not just ladies! For further information phone Maggie on 01775 841 396.

Future events:

Thursday 12th February - a talk by a midwife at 7.30pm

Thursday 12th March - U3A choir at 1.30pm

Thursday 12th March - Mothers' Day theme at 7.30pm

Thursday 9th April - U3A ukelele band at 1.30pm

Thursday 9th April - Easter theme at 7.30pm

The committee look forward to seeing members old & new at our spring meetings! **Best wishes Carol, Kay, Maggie & Pat.**

TAXING TAXATION!!

The latest tax year runs from 5th April 2024 – 6th April 2025. This had never been a problem for me until I took on a part-time seasonal job. This means that I now have to fill in a tax return each year.

I quickly realised that I didn't have the computer skills to do this myself, so I employed a very nice accountant to do it for me. I handed him my paperwork & was able to forget all about it. However, when my niece (who used to work in a bank) heard that I was using the services of an accountant she assured me that not only could she show me how to do it, but I'd be able to do it myself in future.

So, last financial year I handed over all my paperwork to Sarah, who effortlessly transformed it all (via her computer) into a spread sheet. She also explained that I would have no problem submitting the information to the inland revenue myself in future.

The latest financial year began in April. I thought about how to do my tax return myself...& I thought...& I thought...& I realised that I couldn't do it. I thought about it on & off for a few weeks, before accepting that this was a task well out of my comfort zone! I reverted to past practice & sent off my documents to the very nice accountant.

I had to admit to my niece that I'd failed again. She gave me a look of pity & my nephew-in-law Chris said I was a techno retard! They sat me down in front of a computer & did their best to talk me through the steps needed to complete a tax return. I was very attentive & tried to follow their advice, but I'm sad to say that Chris was right – I am a techno retard. So, when the next tax year rolls round I am going to hand over all my paperwork to the very nice accountant – just don't tell Sarah & Chris!

Maggie (the techno retard) Williams

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year, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of the war. We will kick off proceedings at 7.30pm, but do feel free to come anytime from 7pm - giving you time to look at some of our mobile display material. After the talk, it will be the informal part of the evening, where we chat over a cuppa and a biscuit, browse the exhibits (if we didn't get a chance earlier), maybe ask questions of our research experts, reminisce, show photos or other memorabilia we've brought along, etc. Non-members are always welcome to attend - we are a friendly bunch, always looking for new recruits!

The History Corner

Have you visited our new 'History Corner' in St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Gosberton, yet? This includes an expanded display area. Currently on view are:

- a selection of 'then and now' photos, featuring scenes in Gosberton, Gosberton Risegate and Gosberton Clough.
- The entire 'Scenes of Bygone Gosberton' artwork series - these are artistic scenes of the Gosberton group of villages, set in days gone by. Whilst the scenes are fictitious, they have accurate historical settings.
- Information on Gosberton & District History Society, how to join, etc.
- A display on Gosberton trades and businesses during World War Two
- A display on events and stories from the Gosberton in 1926 - one hundred years ago.

The History Corner also has a RESEARCH AREA in place, where visitors can take a seat and search through a selection of Gosberton history books - a valuable asset, particularly for family history researchers. The content of the History Corner will be regularly refreshed, so do make repeat visits to make sure you see new content.

Self-Assisted Church Tours

Next time you visit St. Peter and St. Paul's Church in Gosberton, do try our self-assisted Church Tour. Using your mobile phone, you can scan 18 information points, scattered around the church, which will reveal

details about the history of the church, and some of its points of interest. If the technology isn't for you, then just pick up a printed Tour Guide from the History Corner, and refer to it as you go on your tour. It would be appreciated if you could give a donation to the church as you leave, to help maintain and preserve the village's most important historical asset - it isn't cheap!

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, Clough and surrounding hamlets.

Printed copies are available for £1.

Joining the Society is free of charge, with no obligations. If you'd like to know more, contact the Secretary, Stuart Henderson, by email at gosberton@btinternet.com, or our Membership Secretary, Stephen Taylor, by email at stephen.747taylor@gmail.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 & 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

GOSBERTON YOUTH CENTRE

SENIOR YOUTH HUB

(Secondary School age)

2nd & 4th Friday in month
7-9pm Subs £1

(Junior Hub is currently closed due to lack of volunteers)

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO
ALLOW THE CENTRE TO REMAIN OPEN
AND POSSIBLY RESTART JUNIOR HUB
LATER IN THE YEAR**

Email:
gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com

'Save the date' for 2026
Quadrung Church
We are planning an exciting year.

This year we will fix the roof and install
a kitchen & cloakroom.

Our events for your diary:

Open Church—24th May, 2pm

Pet Service - 28th June, 2pm

Harvest Thanksgiving - 2nd October, 6.30pm

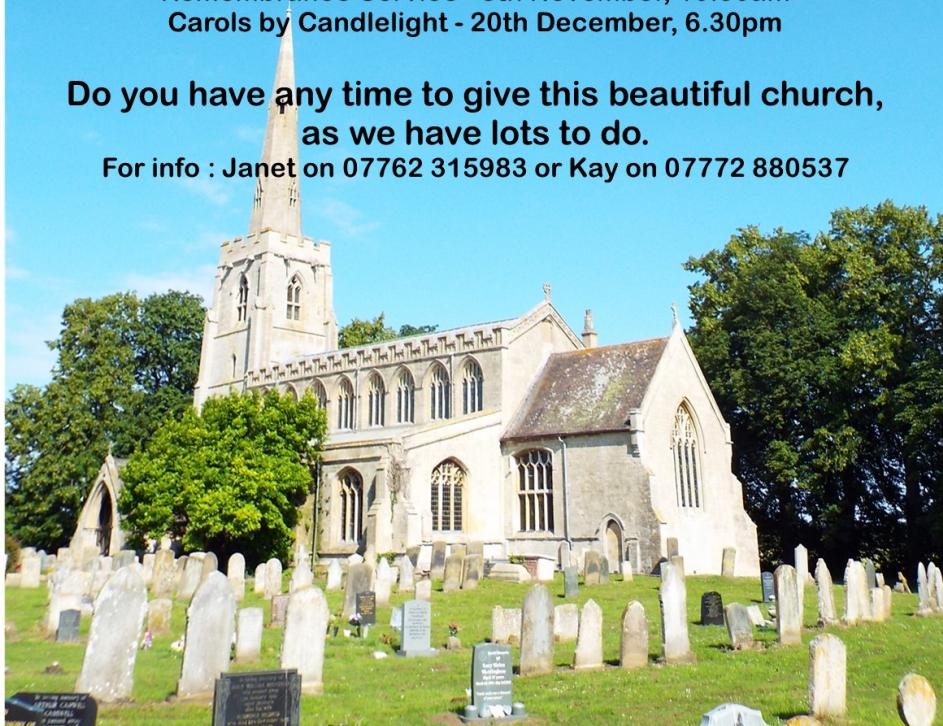
Remembrance Service - 8th November, 10.30am

Carols by Candlelight - 20th December, 6.30pm

Please double
check the date
nearer the time

Do you have any time to give this beautiful church,
as we have lots to do.

For info : Janet on 07762 315983 or Kay on 07772 880537



Gosberton & District Local History Society

MEETING

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

Monday
9 February 2026
7.30 p.m (Doors open 7pm)

Admission **£1**

Tonight's presentations:

Gosberton History Society: Annual Review (Stuart Henderson)

A selection of short films of Britain on the Home Front during
WWII (Ian Walters)

STITCH AND CHAT STITCHING GROUP BI-MONTHLY CREATIVE GATHERING

Join us at St. Gilbert and St. Hugh Community
Church Hall (PE11 4JR) on the first and third
Friday of each month. **Time:** 10am – 3pm (Drop-
ins welcome)



Entry: £3.50 (Includes tea, coffee, and biscuit. **Activities:** Sewing, knitting, Crochet, Quilting, Embroidery, Patchwork, and more. A large cutting table is available for the group use. Please bring your own machine and materials. Our friendly members offer a welcoming atmosphere and are always happy to share advice and expertise. No booking necessary—just turn up!

Contact: Fran 07818 275675

Gosberton House Academy: Term 2, 2025-26

This term at GHA has been one of creative learning, new experiences and practising familiar skills. As always, we have been very busy! The children were delighted by a visit from firefighters and their fire engine - this linked to topic learning and also learning about safety at home and at Bonfire Night celebrations. A local farmer's tractor also rumbled into school – we even got a chance to climb into the tractor driver's seat! Alongside these memorable experiences, swimming and tennis lessons continue and a visiting coach gave the chance to develop table cricket skills. The children continued to develop engagement, anticipation, and joint attention through highly motivating sessions, as well as hearing and using topic vocabulary and knowledge.

Some children also visited a secondary school who were hosting a School Games Panathlon - we took part in team games including parachute activities, kurling and kinball.

Finally, a big thank you to Wates Construction, who have now completed all sections of the building project— their hard work has helped create a wonderful, accessible additional space at GHA



KS1 Spreading Joy in the Community

Continuing their festive spirit, KS1 visited the local care home to perform nativity songs for residents. It was a touching moment of connection across generations and the children were warmly received. Their singing brought smiles and festive cheer to everyone in the room.

A Beautiful Church Service

Our end of term Church Service was another special occasion that brought the whole school together. With readings, singing and reflections, the service was a fitting celebration of our learners' hard work and the community spirit that defines our school.

Parent Showcase: Creativity on Display

The Parent Showcase saw an exceptional turnout from families, who came to see the fantastic homework projects our learners had created. From imaginative models to impressive research pieces, the showcase highlighted the children's creativity and commitment and the brilliant support they receive at home.

Looking Ahead

We are incredibly proud of all that our learners achieved during the Autumn Term and grateful for the strong partnerships within our community that help make such experiences possible. As we begin the Spring Term, we are already off to a great start and looking forward to everything the coming months will bring.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tom Baxter
Head
Teacher



Gosberton Academy

A Wonderful Term of Community, Celebration and Learning

As we reflect on a busy and joyful Autumn Term, we are delighted to share some of the highlights that brought our school and local community together, focusing on our December period. It was filled with celebration, creativity and connection - one that has set a fantastic foundation as we begin the Spring Term.

Christmas Fair Success

Our annual Christmas Fair was a tremendous success, drawing an impressive turnout from families, friends and community members. The festive atmosphere, bustling stalls and generous support helped make it one of our best fairs yet. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed their time, donations and enthusiasm.

A Magical Pantomime Experience

One of the term's standout moments was when all our learners had the opportunity to visit a pantomime performance in Boston. This memorable experience was fully funded by our wonderful PTFA, whose ongoing support continues to enrich the opportunities we can offer. The children returned full of excitement and stories from the show.

KS1 Nativity: A Heartwarming Performance

KS1 melted hearts with their beautifully performed nativity. Families filled the hall to watch the children bring the Christmas story to life with songs, narration and confident acting. It was a proud moment for pupils and staff alike.

Venezuela Class Assembly

Our Venezuela class also shone this term, delivering a thoughtful and well-prepared class assembly. The learners shared their knowledge with confidence and their performance was enjoyed by staff, pupils and families who came along to support them.

HISTORY CORNER

Gosberton & District Local History Society's

OPEN DAILY
10am - 3pm
Admission is FREE but donations to the church will be gratefully received

100 YEARS AGO

Just added!

A look back to life in the Gosberton villages in 1926

What were the main events and happenings in Gosberton Parish that year?

What tradesmen and shops were plying their trade?

GOSBERTON: THEN AND NOW

A collection of photographic scenes of the Gosberton villages from days gone by - side by side with how the same scenes look today. Some have changed very little, others are totally different. For better or worse? You decide.

OUR HISTORY SOCIETY

Learn about Gosberton & District Local History Society - who we are, what we do, and the benefits of being a member. Browse some copies of our quarterly newsletter, Gosberton's Past Times.

SCENES OF BYGONE GOSBERTON

The complete series of 19 artworks by Stuart Henderson, depicting scenes set in Gosberton, Risegate and Clough in days gone by, with historically accurate settings

RESEARCH AREA

Take a seat at our research desk and browse through some of our local archive resources, to help you with your family history or local history research.

Check out the latest Gosberton history news, and what upcoming events you need to put in your diary.

A Beacon of Light: St Gilbert & St Hugh Festive Update

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Gilbert and St Hugh Community Church would like to extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to Frances Newton and the Gosberton Parish Council for their generous donation of £25.00 for the 2025 Christmas season.

This kind contribution was put to excellent use in purchasing a magnificent Christmas tree, which served as the centrepiece of our outdoor display on Clough Road. In keeping with our commitment to support the local community, the tree was sourced directly from Woods Farm on Siltside.

Once safely installed, the tree was adorned with a vibrant array of coloured lights that truly brought the church to life. Throughout December and into January 2026. We were delighted to receive many positive comments from residents and visitors alike. Many noted how the tree's brilliant glow "showed off" the church beautifully, making it a welcoming landmark for everyone driving past during the Christmas season.

The PCC is immensely grateful for this partnership with the Parish Council. Contributions like these do more than just provide a tree; they help foster a sense of pride and festive spirit within our village.

We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition in the years to come and invite all residents to our upcoming 2026 services and community events.

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