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<b>June</b>			
<b>7th</b>	10am Communion		
<b>14th</b>	10am Morning Worship	10am Family Service	
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<b>28th</b>	10am Morning Worship		10am Communion
<b>July</b>			
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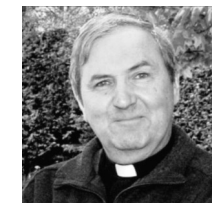
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When I first came across this poem many years ago, I could not believe that it was actually written over 100 years ago. A parable for today? Want to know more about this? Then just go to your local church or chapel on a Sunday morning and find out more! **Ian Walters**



### The Ambulance Down in the Valley.

It was a dangerous Cliff, as they freely confessed, though to walk near its crest was so pleasant. But over its terrible edge there had slipped a duke and full many a peasant. So, the people said something would have to be done, but their projects did not at all tally, some said put a fence around the edge of the Cliff, some an ambulance down in the valley.

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day, for its spread through the neighbouring city; a fence may be useful, or not, it is true, but each heart became full of pity. For those who slipped over the dangerous cliff, and the dwellers in highway and valley, gave pounds and gave pence not to put up a fence, but an ambulance down in the valley.

For the cliff is alright, if you're careful, they said, and, if folks even slip and are dropping, it isn't the slipping that hurts them so much as the shock down below when they're stopping. So, day after day, as these mishaps occurred, quick forth would those rescuers sally, to pick up the victims who fell off the cliff, with their ambulance down in the valley.

Then an old sage remarked; "it's a marvel to me that people give far more attention, to repairing results than to stopping the cause, when they'd much better aim at prevention. Let's just stop at its source all this mischief", cried he, "come, neighbours and friends, let us rally; if the cliff we will fence, we might also dispense with the ambulance down in the valley".

"Oh, he's a fanatic", the others rejoined, "dispense with the ambulance? Never! He'd dispense with all charities too, if he could; no! No! we will support them forever. Are not we picking up folks just as fast as they fall? And shall this man dictate to us? Shall he? Why should people of sense stop to put up a fence, when the ambulance works in the valley?"

But the sensible few, who are practical too, will not bear with such nonsense much longer; they believe that prevention is better than cure, and their party will soon be the stronger. Encourage them then, with your purse, voice, and pen, and while other philanthropists dally, they will scorn all pretence and put up a stout fence on the cliff that hangs over the valley.

Better guide well the young than reclaimed them when old, for the voice of true wisdom is calling. "To rescue the fallen is good, but it is best to prevent other people from falling". Better close up the source of temptation and crime, than deliver from dungeon or galley; better put up a strong fence round the top of the Cliff done an ambulance down in the valley.

Written by Joseph Mallins in 1895.

### EASTER AT SPRINGFIELDS

I've never been a fan of gardening. To me gardening is like housework: you make an area look clear and tidy and within moments it looks as if you did nothing. Gardening is never finished, it is one continuous fight against nature. Despite my personal dislike of garden work I do enjoy looking at a well appointed garden and walking around one.

So, over the Easter break I went to Springfields, to walk around the garden acres there. I quickly noticed that the various flower beds were not pristine – they were all a work in progress: they all looked interesting, but not perfect. That cheered me up no end! But just as I was feeling a bit smug I saw notices directing me to the Spalding Daffodil Society tents. I wandered in, not expecting much – after all, a daffodil is just a daffodil. But I was amazed! There on display were dozens and dozens of different daffodils, each one beautiful and unique. I felt very ashamed of my earlier unworthy flower thoughts and realised that such incredible plants deserved respect and that their growers were virtual magicians. I'd like to say that I came home and immediately started gardening in earnest, but the reality was that I just felt grateful that Springfields is only 5 miles away and I can go and look at those gardens for free whenever I feel garden deprived.

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*Maggie Williams*

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## GOSBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

### MINISTER the Rev Steve Weatherly-Barton

We extend a welcome to join us on a Sunday morning.

At the beginning of March our church was pleased to host the World Day of Prayer service for the Gosberton and Glen Group of churches. It was a lovely well attended service followed by refreshments.

On Maundy Thursday we had a service of Holy Communion with Steve as celebrant.

The March of Witness on Good Friday was successful with members of local churches taking part. Beginning at the Parish Church we stopped at different stations in the village finishing at the Baptist Church for coffee/tea and hot cross buns.

There was a good attendance at our Easter Sunday morning service led by Steve, concluding with Holy Communion when the Rev Maurice Perry administered. Following the service we all enjoyed Easter cake, coffee, tea and biscuits.

Our fortnightly fellowship meetings are held at the home of the Rev Maurice and Ruth Perry on a Wednesday at 7.30pm. Anyone interested to contact Maurice, Ruth, Steve or any church member.

The Home Movie afternoons are on alternative months. A welcome extends to all who would like to join us. For 90 minutes of films, tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes just a voluntary donation of £3. There is also a bring and buy stall. Dates go out on the community web site or contact 01775 840185.

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## FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

### **FUNERALS & MEMORIAL SERVICES**

2nd February at Clough Parish Church  
20th March at Quadring Parish Church

Rose Draper  
Phyllis Wilson-Leary

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

### **Gosberton Church 49 Club**

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

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*Mike Tarran*

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

- 18th May – 7.30pm Annual Meeting, Gosberton P. Hall
- 6th July – 7.30pm Gosberton Public Hall
- 17th August - 7.30pm Marjorum Hall, Gosberton Risegate
- 28th Sept - 7.30pm Gosberton Public Hall
- 2nd Nov – 7pm Gosberton Public Hall
- 7th Dec – 7pm Marjorum 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.**



When the Good Neighbours Scheme was set up, the aim was to help isolated people with no family or close neighbours, with tasks which they were unable to do themselves, on an occasional basis.

We were not expecting to become a cheap taxi service. We are limited to what can be charged to basic travel expenses only.

From the start of March to April 10th we have had 51 requests for lifts, sometimes at very short notice, most of them to local medical centres. Many of these are changes of dressings and do not require a doctor's attention. We sometimes feel we are spending our time propping up the local health service, not the people served by it.

We cannot keep asking our volunteers to turn out multiple times a week, to take the place of medical personnel who are paid to do this work. It is not a question of money, we are very grateful for the financial support we receive from some very generous sponsors and organisations.

We ask that anyone who reads this will take note before we become overwhelmed. Oh for the good old days with Nurse Gill in her Morris Minor!

### **CLOUGH CHURCH HALL FOR HIRE**

Our large church hall (next to the church) costs £10 per hour to hire and has a modern fitted kitchen and a large carpark next to it. It is available for regular weekly groups to meet and for one off parties and events.

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### **FROM THE EDITOR**

**The deadline for the next edition is: 20th July 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** or email: [deborahreynolds365@gmail.com](mailto:deborahreynolds365@gmail.com)

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We have a busy summer term ahead and we always look forward to National 'Small School's Week' which will be held from 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> June. Each day will be themed around our Farm to Fork Farming Curriculum, or our Green Flag Eco-Award and the children always have a wonderful week learning lots of new skills and

enjoying the company of all the visitors and community members who join us. We will also be taking part in The School's Challenge at the Lincolnshire Show this year, so if you plan to visit, please pop into The Epic Centre at the showground and say hello to our hard-working children.

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

Check out our fabulous school website for more information about us:

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Best wishes,

Mrs Rooney (Headteacher)



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# Clough and Risegate Community Primary School



We have all been very busy here at Clough and Risegate Primary School. Our School Choir have just completed a ten-week musical journey culminating in a 'Big Sing' performance at St Botolph's in Boston (Boston Stump) for family and friends. Ten local schools participated in this fabulous finale and our children worked tirelessly on a range of songs from around the world. We were all so incredibly proud of our children's performance - a big well done and thank you to all involved.



All of our children have been busy baking and using ingredients we grow wherever possible. Children made pancakes, Valentines Day treats, healthy pizzas (yogurt and flour base), and Easter treats. Our oldest children, who are exploring the topic of Africa, made delicious African Sambusa which were vegetarian spicy, filo pastry parcels with beans and vegetables.

Our children have been out and about in our school minibus also. Willow Class went to see if they could spot some signs of Spring at **Pinchbeck Wood**, where they found lots of daffodils and noticed all the different shades there were. This was a lovely local visit and a chance to walk in a secluded spot and be surrounded by nature. Willow Class and Chestnut Class also visited the **Willowbridge Sheep Farm** in Boston to see signs of Spring and in particular, some sheep and lambs. Willow Class were lucky to see twin lambs being born while they were visiting and got to name them! (See photo of Ivy & Indie) There has also been a fun visit to **Ropsley Heath Light Railway** to support and enrich learning about Transport.

Just before we broke up for the Easter break our children also took part in our annual 'Decorate an Egg' Competition. Our children love taking part in these themed art and craft days and we really do have lots of very 'Art Smart' children at our school. On the next page is a selection of the winning eggs.


## MOVE IT IS BACK!

### The weekly **Move It Or Lose It** session is back!

After an enforced break Fiona (the teacher) is resuming the Wednesday Move It Or Lose It class in the public hall at 1.30pm every Wednesday.

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If you'd like to limber up for the summer come & join Fiona as she puts us through our paces. Class members can exercise on their feet or sitting down. Don't forget: 1.30pm in the public hall starting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May!



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- 13<sup>th</sup> May - Book Writing and Publishing with Sarah Bennett  
Competition – A Limerick
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Craft Workshop with Michelle Garfoot, Belle  
Craft Creations  
Competition – A Decorated Cupcake
- 8<sup>th</sup> July - Lady Dorothie Feilding with Nicola Hallam,  
Family History  
Competition – Photo of an ancestor

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

## Gosberton Public Hall

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The term concluded with our Easter Church Service, which was a huge success. The service featured beautiful readings, thoughtful poems, class performances and uplifting whole school songs that created a memorable and reflective occasion for everyone involved.

Fun was also firmly on the agenda during our Break the Rules Day, where learners chose which rules they wanted to break in exchange for donations to the PTFA. From wearing non uniform to extra playtime, there were plenty of smiles – and importantly, money raised to support future school events.

Finally, our Year 6 learners enjoyed an exciting educational visit to RAF Duxford, where they explored historic aircraft and deepened their understanding of aviation and history. It was a fantastic experience and a memorable part of their final year at Gosberton Academy.

As always, we are incredibly proud of our learners and grateful for the ongoing support of our families and wider community. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Summer Fair and sharing many more successes in the months ahead as we progress into the Summer Term.

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## A Busy and Celebratory Term at Gosberton Academy

It has been another wonderfully busy and exciting time at Gosberton Academy, with learners, families and staff coming together to celebrate learning, community and achievement.

We are already looking ahead to one of the highlights of the school calendar – our **Summer Fair**, which will take place on **Saturday 4th July from 10.00am to 1.00pm**. This much loved event promises fun for all the family and we are currently welcoming interest from anyone who would like to host a stall on the day. If you are a local business, craft maker or community group and would like to get involved, please get in touch with the school or the school's PTFA – we would love to hear from you.

As the Spring Term came to a close, pupils enjoyed a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt, organised by our hardworking PTFA. The excitement around school was infectious and the learners had enormous fun searching for clues and treats. A huge thank you goes to the PTFA for organising such a memorable activity and for their continued support of the school.

Our recent Parent Showcase was another real success, with a huge turnout of family members who came to admire the range of homework projects on display. It was wonderful to see learners proudly sharing their work and talking confidently about their learning with parents, carers and visitors.

We also said a fond farewell to Mrs Rickards, who left us at the end of last term after seven years at Gosberton Academy. Mrs Rickards has been a valued member of our school community and has supported so many children during her time here. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every success as she moves on to her next chapter.

Our younger learners truly shone during the Denmark Class Assembly, delivering an incredible performance that showcased everything they have been learning this term. Their confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork made it a joy to watch and they were deservedly proud of themselves.

## 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



## **ROBERT MARJORUM'S FOUNDATION (reg charity 527728)**

### **APPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL GRANTS**

We are able to consider giving grants to young people who are full time students for educational costs.

Applicants must live in Gosberton Risegate or Gosberton Clough. Please apply via email to: Mrs F Newton, Clerk to the Trustees

Email: [frances.beck@icloud.com](mailto:frances.beck@icloud.com) or phone **07920 290012**

**Reset & Reconnect**  
 PAUSE • CONNECT • GROW  
 at Gosberton Youth Centre

Join us for an enchanting evening with  
**the Boston Dancing Witches UK**

**Tuesday 14th July • 7pm**

- Watch demonstrations & join in
- Free to come in fancy dress!
- Soft sole shoes required as activity will be in the sports hall

All welcome! Just bring soft-sole shoes and come prepared for a spellbinding evening!

For further information, [gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com](mailto:gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com)

**Reset & Reconnect**  
 Launching April 2026!

Looking for a friendly, relaxed space to meet other women, try something new, and take a breather from everyday life?

**Monthly Sessions**  
 - 2nd Monday & 2nd Tuesday of Every Month -

**Mondays | 1:00pm – 3:00pm**  
 Baby & Toddler Friendly

**Tuesdays | 7:00pm – 9:00pm**  
 Adults Only Evening

**£2.00 per session**  
 (Hot drink included)

**What to Expect:**

- Crafting & Creative Activities
- Gentle Wellbeing Practices
- Try New Hobbies
- Share Skills & Passions
- Relax at Your Own Pace

**Gosberton Youth Centre**  
 21 High Street, Gosberton, Lincolnshire. (Across from the playing field)  
 Free parking and the centre is accessible to all.  
 Email: [gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com](mailto:gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com) for details

**WE NEED YOU!**

**VE DAY CELEBRATION**

**FREE ADMISSION**

GOSBERTON PUBLIC HALL  
 8th May 2026  
 1pm- 4pm

Free Tea & Coffee  
 Etc.... All Welcome.

**Gosberton Bowls and Snooker Club**  
**Upcoming Events For 2026**  
 All Events To Be Held In Gosberton Public Hall.

**Saturday, August 15th**  
 Music From Live Wire Duo  
 £12.50 pp Includes Finger Buffet

**Saturday, October 31st**  
 An Afternoon Of Singing & Dancing  
 With Alan Jackson - Vintage Singer

Keep your eyes peeled for more details  
 Queries to Sal 07894570467 or  
 Trina 07507349399

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**VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY CELEBRATION**

The Gosberton Public Hall Committee would like to invite you to remember & celebrate **V.E.DAY** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. See poster above. Music will be played too! You can sit & chat or get up & dance, think about the past & look forward to the future, request a particular song & enjoy a biscuit or two. We hope you'll come along to your Public Hall & enjoy the afternoon – see you there!

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1pm – 4pm All welcome!**

**St Gilbert and St Hugh's Church**

**Free Entry!**

**Garden Fete**

**Saturday 4th July 2-5pm**

Cream Teas & Refreshments  
Live Entertainment  
Independent Stalls  
Hoopla  
Steam Traction Engines  
Tombola  
Coconut Shy  
Treasure Hunt  
Raffle  
Bric-a-Brac

St Gilbert & St Hugh Church and Hall, Clough Road, PE11 4JW

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL UPDATE.**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal during November.

The national total raised was £54.1m.



**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](mailto: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.

**Summer Solstice**  
**Sound Bath Fundraiser**  
 For Gosberton Youth Centre  
**Tuesday 23rd June 2026**  
 7pm - 8.30pm • £10.00 Per Head

Hosted by  
**PHOENIX**  
 MIND • BODY • BREATHE  
 21 High Street, Gosberton, Lincs.  
 Email: [gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com](mailto:gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com) to book  
 Payment required at time of booking  
 Charity Number: 506927

**Reset & Reconnect**  
 PAUSE • CONNECT • GROW

✦ Creative Wellbeing Evening ✦  
**Make Your Own Bath Salts & Body Scrubs**

Join us for a relaxing, hands-on evening where we'll be creating beautiful, natural bath salts and scrubs to take home. A perfect chance to unwind, chat, and enjoy learning something new in a warm, friendly space.

Tuesday 5th May 2026  
 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
 £2.00 per session - includes a hot drink  
 For Women 18+

Gosberton Youth Centre  
 21 High Street  
 Gosberton,  
 Spalding, Lincolnshire  
 For more details: [gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com](mailto:gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com)

**GOSBERTON YOUTH CENTRE**  
**CALLING ALL MEN - 18+**  
**Could YOU host a monthly group?**

We're looking for men aged 18+ to host a monthly group at Gosberton Youth Centre — a safe, welcoming space for connection, creativity and community.

**What could the group be?**

- ✓ Games & socials
- ✓ Crafts or practical skills
- ✓ Hobbies & interests
- ✓ Gaming nights
- ✓ Chats, support & connection
- ✓ Music, model making, repair cafés, walking groups...

If it brings people together, we're interested.

**What we offer**

- ✓ FREE use of the hall
- ✓ Support from Gosberton Youth Centre
- ✓ Promotion of your group
- ✓ A chance to give back locally

All proceeds simply need to be donated to the Youth Centre charity

**Interested in hosting?**  
 Email: [gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com](mailto:gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com)  
 Gosberton Youth Centre — supporting our community, together.

**Reset & Reconnect**  
 PAUSE • CONNECT • GROW

✦ Show & Tell + Have a Go Session ✦

Come along for a friendly evening of sharing! Show off your hobbies, crafts, and interests with the group. Bring along your creations, supplies, or something you love, and give it a go! A perfect opportunity to chat, share, learn, and be inspired in a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere.

Tuesday 9th June 2026  
 7:00pm  
 £2.00 per person - includes a hot drink  
 For Women 18+

Gosberton Youth Centre  
 21 High Street  
 Gosberton,  
 Spalding, Lincolnshire  
 For more details: [gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com](mailto:gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com)

SAVE THE DATE

**GOSBERTON CHURCH**  
**OPEN DAY**  
**SATURDAY 25th JULY**

**Come along to a fun and friendly open day in St Peter & St Paul's Church Gosberton**

**From 11am to 4pm**

**Attractions include:**

- ◆ The History Society, churchyard tour £5 per person
- ◆ Church tower tours to see the bells, ringing room and the view. £5 per person.
- ◆ Tombola
- ◆ Jam and cake stall.
- ◆ Delicious refreshments including homemade soup, sandwiches, cakes and scones.
- ◆ Second hand books

**Contactless card machine available.**  
**All proceeds go to the church maintenance fund.**

COME AND TAKE PART IN  
ST GILBERT & ST HUGH'S

# ★ TALENT ★ CONTEST

9th May 2026 at 6pm

Categories include: 10 years and under, 11 years +

Have you got  
a talent you want  
to share?

From music to dancing,  
comedy to juggling!

All are  
welcome!

1st  
2nd  
3rd **PRIZES!**

Book a place or just turn  
up on the night!

Raffle

Refreshments

available

Donations

welcomed

🎹 keyboard  
available for those  
who require it 🎵

For more info or to book please contact: 07796574280

St Gilbert & St Hugh Community Church Hall, Clough Road, PE11 4JW



Every Wednesday & Saturday

**Gosberton Youth Centre**

21 High Street, Gosberton, Lincolnshire

🕒 **Doors open 6.15pm | Eyes down 7pm**

🌿 Flyer • Jackpot • Raffle

🌸 Teas & Coffees available



All proceeds support Gosberton Youth Centre

Registered Charity No. 506927

♿ Centre fully accessible with parking

## GOSBERTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

### Our last meeting (Monday 9 February 2026)

Proceeding kicked off with our ANNUAL REVIEW, where we looked back on what the History Society had achieved over the last year, and we looked forward to what Gosberton history lovers can expect over the next 12 months - a packed work programme!

Ian Walters presented a number of short films, all of which will explored various aspects of life on the home front during World War Two. This rounded off our series of Second World War activities that we had presented over the last year, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of the war.

### Our next meeting (Monday 11 May 2026)

Our guest speaker will be **Chris Casswell**, an archaeologist and Director of Reclaim Heritage. Chris is a Gosberton native, and will be talking about local archaeology. We will kick off proceedings at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm, giving you time to look at some of our mobile display material. After the talk, we chat over a cuppa and a biscuit, browse the exhibits, 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!

### Two sad losses

It was with much sadness that we learned of the passing of two of our Society's founder members in March, who had been regular attendees and contributors of our quarterly meetings over the past eleven years. Both Norma Crosby and Chris Clark were Gosberton born and bred. Stuart Henderson, the Society's Secretary, was particularly grateful to the help and support Norma and Chris gave to him. *"Norma was one of the first people who was willing to share with me stories of Gosberton in times past," says Stuart, "Her knowledge of the village during the years of the Second World War, and her childhood experiences, were a great help in enriching my series of books on Wartime Gosberton. I shall miss our chats over a cuppa. As for Chris, I'll never forget him turning up on my doorstep with two box files filled with old photos, documents and research notes. These have proved*

## THE BELLS, THE BELLS, THE BELLS

My husband and I moved to Gosberton on a Tuesday. That evening we heard the church bells – what a wonderful and welcoming sound. So, not only was the village blessed with such a beautiful church but also, it seemed, with the incredible sound of church bells.



I am not knowledgeable about our bells but I do understand that they are quite special. However, as special as the bells may be they are nothing without our dedicated team of bell ringers who ring each Sunday before a service, practice on a Tuesday evening and ring for

special occasions like weddings, sometimes funerals and, of course any special national occasion. The bell ringers truly are the unseen supporters of our church and, indeed the village.

We do also have visiting teams of ringers who wish to have the opportunity to ring our bells.



So BELL RINGERS, you are not forgotten as you climb those steps to the tower but are, indeed, admired for your skill and dedication and the joy you bring.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

**Iris Bennett**  
**Churchwarden, St Peter & St Paul's church, Gosberton**

## BLUE ELEPHANT YOGA

I don't know about you, but I've noticed how easy it is to get pulled into things that don't really belong to me. A passing comment that lingers longer than it should. A situation I feel I ought to fix. A conversation that replays itself in my mind long after it's finished. Before I know it, I'm carrying it all around with me, like an extra weight I never meant to pick up.



The strange thing is, most of this happens quietly. There's no big decision to take something on. It's just a habit. A kind of automatic response to step in, smooth things over, or try to make sense of something that may not even have an answer. And while it often comes from a good place, it can be surprisingly tiring.

One of the ideas we've been exploring in yoga classes recently is this: not everything needs your energy! That doesn't mean not caring, or turning away from people or situations that matter. It simply means recognising that there's a difference between what we can influence, and what we can't. And perhaps more importantly, noticing how much of ourselves we give to each.

You can often feel it in the body before you even put it into words. The slight tightening in the shoulders. The jaw setting a little firmer than it needs to. A sense of holding on, even when there's nothing practical to be done. It's as if the body is quietly reflecting the effort of trying to manage something that's just out of reach.

Yoga gives us a chance to notice that. Not to fix everything, but simply to become aware of where we might be gripping a little too tightly. And from there, to soften, even slightly. To take a breath, and allow things to be as they are, without immediately stepping in.

In everyday life, it might look like pausing before responding. Letting someone have their opinion without feeling the need to change it. Allowing a situation to unfold without trying to second-guess every outcome. Choosing, just occasionally, not to pick something up.

And what's left is a bit more space. A bit more ease. Not because everything is perfect, but because we're no longer carrying quite so much. So over the coming weeks, you might notice those moments as they arise. And instead of automatically stepping in, just ask yourself: does this need my energy? Sometimes the answer will still be yes. But sometimes, it won't.

*an invaluable addition to our Society archive. He was a right character, for sure!"* We are sure all our members will join us in giving our condolences to Norma and Chris' families.

### 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
- A display on events and stories from Gosberton in 1926

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.

We are excited to announce that the History Corner will soon be greatly enhanced by the installation of a number of glass display cabinets. This is only possible due to the donations of three South Holland District Councillors, who together have covered the whole £1,300+ cost.

*"To say the History Society is delighted with the support given by the councillors is an understatement," says the Society's Secretary, Stuart Henderson. "A big thank you goes especially to Councillor Margaret Geaney, who stumped up over 80% of the donation. She was born in Gosberton, and spent her formative years here, so she knows only too well how much of an asset to the local community these cabinets will be. We will be able to display a range of historical artefacts, documents and memorabilia donated or on loan to the Society."*

The enhancement to the History Corner is one of a number of upcoming initiatives being centred on the church, aimed at making it the 'history hub' of Gosberton Parish, freely accessible to visitors every day of the week.

### A new Gosberton history book has launched!

As the author of a number of books on the history of the Gosberton villages, Stuart Henderson has just published his latest one.

*"In a break from my traditional format, this one is what I describe as a Pocket Book. There may be more at some future point!" says Stuart.*

The topic for this book is Gosberton's most valuable historical asset: The Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. This neat little 98-page book costs £10, with a free local delivery and pickup option. For those further afield, post and packing is £5. To order the book, contact Stuart by email: [gosberton@btinternet.com](mailto:gosberton@btinternet.com)

Stuart adds, *"This is, I think, an excellent coffee table book - you can dip in and out of it whenever and wherever you like. A nice little gift? Or a little treat for yourself?"*

### Fancy a guided tour of the church?

The tours will have specific themes and your tour guide will be Stuart Henderson, Secretary of Gosberton & District Local History Society. We kicked off the programme on Saturday, **18 April** with 'Reverend Topham's Legacy' which was enjoyed by everyone. *"This tour focused on a specific period of time, the 1860s and 1870s, when the then vicar, Reverend Topham, oversaw some significant renovations to the church," says Stuart. "There's plenty to talk about, and show visitors, for sure. All tours will be educational - but hopefully light hearted, too!"*

On **30 May**, the second tour in the programme will be 'Reverend Hudson's Legacy', which will cover the renovations and gifts to the church in the 1890s.

To book a place on the second tour, which starts at 10am, please email Stuart at [gosberton@btinternet.com](mailto:gosberton@btinternet.com). The tours, which last up to 90 minutes, costs £5 per adult, and £2.50 for children under 16. Payment to be made on the day, by either card or cash. Hot drinks and sweet treats will be able for purchase in the church. All monies raised go to the church funds. Stuart promises other themed tours will follow during the course of the year. *"In my head I've got a total of eight different themed tours I think I could do. There's so much history here in the church, I'm spoiled for choice!"*

**GOSBERTON YOUTH CENTRE NEEDS YOU!**

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED - 18+

## Could you help run our Junior & Senior Youth Hubs?

- ✓ We're looking for volunteers aged 18+
- ✓ Training provided
- ✓ DBS (background check) completed at no cost to you

**Help make a difference for young people in our community**

- ✓ Twice monthly on Friday evenings
- ✓ Fun & rewarding role
- ✓ Flexible commitment

**Interested?**

Email: [gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com](mailto:gosbertonyouthcentre@gmail.com)

All expressions of interest welcome!

Gosberton Youth Centre – supporting our community, together

# 'Save the date' for 2026 Quadring 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



## Self-Assisted Church Tours

Can't make a guided tour? No worry. 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.

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](mailto:gosberton@btinternet.com), or our Membership Secretary, Stephen Taylor, by email at [stephen.747taylor@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.

## GOSBERTON CHURCH: A POCKET GUIDE

GOSBERTON CHURCH  
of St. Peter & St. Paul



A Pocket Guide

Stuart Henderson

# Out now!

A must-have for  
Gosberton history lovers

Crammed into this 98-page pocket-sized book, the author explores the largely unknown history of St. Peter and St. Paul's Church in the Lincolnshire village of Gosberton - a village which owes its very existence to it.

# £10

For more information, email the author at  
[gosberton@btinternet.com](mailto:gosberton@btinternet.com)

*Songs of Praise*

On **Sunday 17th May at 3pm in Gosberton**

**Church**, we are holding a Songs of Praise afternoon. All the hymns will be chosen in advance by you sending in your request. A selection of 8 hymns will be chosen from those requested. If you feel happy to stand up when the hymn is announced to say why you chose it, that would be great. If not Revd Ian Walters or Janet Young who will be leading the event can do it for you. There will be no readings or sermon, just singing and a few short prayers. You can research the history of the hymn and its' composer or we can do that for you.

**The deadline for hymn requests is 10th May.** All requests can be sent to the Parish Administrator, Debbie Reynolds by email at [deborahreynolds365@gmail.com](mailto:deborahreynolds365@gmail.com) or by phoning 07803 875638. There will be slips (and hymn books) left in the church that you can fill in too.

## Gosberton Methodist Church.

**Morning Worship 10.30am Every Sunday**

(Please see notice board outside Church for more details)

**Every Thursday Morning 9.30am - 12.00pm (not last Thursday in the month)**

Please feel free to pop in for a cuppa & Chat.

**Emporium Sales 10am - 12.30pm**

Saturday 30th May

Saturday 27th June

Saturday 25th July

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

**Craft Afternoon 2pm-4pm**

18th May

15th June

20th July

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

**Light Lunches 11.30am - 1.30pm**

12th May

9th June

14th July

**Flower Festival**

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

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



We are a small group, but friendly. We don't always have a speaker, but we manage to pass the time in an interesting and friendly manner (cake helps), with many of our members having hidden talents that they are happy to share. We are hoping to start a monthly tea and cake session in the Gosberton Clough Church Hall, to give anyone in that part of the world a chance to chat with us and learn perhaps a little more about WI (no obligation to join, but we would love it if you did!). We will publish dates etc when this has been finalised.

In March, we celebrated our 91st birthday (with cake).



Our next meeting on 12 May (open to visitors), will see Roseanne putting us through our paces, as she teaches health and fitness, but gently!! Hopefully we will not find it too taxing, but with some laughs along the way.

We have recently held our annual meeting, with some changes to secretary and treasurer, but Rosemary remains our president and will be happy to talk about anything to do with WI.

Hope to see you all soon.

Rosemary can be contacted on 01775 640573, or by email: [the\\_paddocks@hotmail.com](mailto:the_paddocks@hotmail.com) or Eileen is on 01775 750553 or [eileenej23@aol.com](mailto:eileenej23@aol.com).

Gosberton Church Tour

**Reverend Hudson's  
legacy**

**Saturday 30 May**  
Tour starts at 10am  
(Approx. 1 hour duration)

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**Gosberton  
Parish Church**  
of St. Peter & St. Paul  
Westhorpe Road,  
Gosberton, PE11 4EW

Building on the work begun by Reverend Topham in the 1860s, Reverend Hudson oversaw a very extensive programme of renovations of the church in the 1890s. The generosity of a number of benefactors was instrumental in getting the work done, most significantly the Everard family.

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**£5**  
£2.50 children  
under 16

Email: [gosberton@btinternet.com](mailto:gosberton@btinternet.com)

# Quadring

## BINGO

**Every Thursday**

**St Margaret's Hall, Main Road, Quadring, PE11 4PW**

**Doors open @ 6pm, Eyes Down @ 7pm**

**Each week includes**

10 Page Book

2 Flyers

Novelty Flyer

Raffle Prizes

£10 raffle

**Refreshments Available**

**A fun night with family and friends**



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Emma : 07752295781 or Gemma : 07395077582

## GOSBERTON LADIES CIRCLE

The Gosberton Ladies Circle enjoyed a very interesting talk in March, given by a midwife. She had delivered babies abroad in some very spartan conditions & her adventures were a real eye-opener for us all! We celebrated Mothers' Day for our March meeting. We thought about famous mothers as well as remembering our own and all that they have done for us: we thanked all mothers for their unselfish years of love and care. In April local poetess Amanda Pearson spoke to us about the inspiration for her poetry & read some of her verses to us.

Our next meetings will be on the second Thursday in the month, starting at 7.30pm in the Gosberton Methodist Chapel in Salem Street. New members are always welcome. There is no joining fee & no annual fee, we each pay £4 per session, which includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Although our title is "Ladies Circle" men are welcome too! Future speakers include local beekeepers & a bead worker.

Once again the U3A choir have agreed to perform for us. They will be singing at 1.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June in the Chapel. There is no charge for the session, tea/coffee/biscuits will be available & all are welcome to attend.

**Future dates:**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm - the U3A choir

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

**The committee look forward to seeing you soon!**



**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN A POORLY-DRESSED  
MAN ON A TRICYCLE  
AND A WELL-DRESSED MAN  
ON A BICYCLE?**

**ATTIRE.**