

# MISSING BLUE/GREEN PLAQUES







## Some of our Plaques are missing – presumed stolen






*Any information about their whereabouts is much appreciated*

### Cleethorpes

	where	Image or description	reason
1	Pier	Disappeared around 2013 during major renovation works	Built around 1893, after a £3 - £3.5m renovation in 2013, a plaque was awarded to the then owners of The Pier for their transformation of this landmark into restaurant, function room and café space. The Plaque has since disappeared.
2	Pier Gardens		<b>North East Lincs Twinning Group</b> Freddie Frinton entertainer 1908-1968 born in Grimsby and famous for playing "James" in the short film "Dinner For One" shown on German television every New Year since 1963.
3	Wardle street, Cleethorpes DN35 8HA		<b>GCDCS &amp; Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail</b> Wardle Street was the centre of the cholera epidemic in 1850s which resulted in 17 summer visitors being buried in Old Clee parish church yard. This cottage was also used as a makeshift hospital during 2 <sup>nd</sup> World War.
4	Steels Corner House Restaurant, 10-12 Market St, Cleethorpes DN35 8LY		<b>GCDCS &amp; Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail</b> Site where John Wesley preached to his followers in 1781

5	261 Grimsby Rd, Cleethorpes DN35 7HE		<b>Privately funded with GDCS backing</b> Rod Temperton, songwriter, musician, vocalist, and record producer. From funk-disco band <i>Heatwave</i> to write of Michael Jackson's <i>Thriller</i>
6	Kings Baptist Church, Alexandra Rd, Cleethorpes DN35 8LG		<b>GDCS &amp; Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail</b> Church used as a billet for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the Manchester Regiment in 1916 when a Zeppelin airship on its way back to Germany dropped its bombs demolishing the chapel and killing 31 men.
7	Hermes Antiques 16, Seaview Street Cleethorpes DN35 8EZ		<b>GDCS &amp; Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail</b> The centre of the Thorpe of Itterby, this is the oldest shop in present-day Cleethorpes and served the many visitors to the area when the seaside took off early 1800s.
8	Mermaid fish and chip shop, Cleethorpes' North Promenade		<b>GDCS &amp; Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail</b> Built in 1883 as a waiting room for the original Railway Station
11	Yarra Road The Old Post Office, Yarra Road, CLEETHORPES DN35 8LS		<b>GDCS &amp; Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail</b> Old Post Office, built 1907
12	Cleethorpes Country Park DN35 0QZ		<b>GDCS Environmental Award</b>
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	Ross Castle		A mock ruin built by Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway during the redevelopment of Pier Gardens in 1885. It was named after the Railway Company's secretary, Edward Ross.

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1	Grimsby Central Library George Street DH31 1HG		<b>GCDCS &amp; Grimsby Heritage Walking Trail</b> 14 years before the landmark Magna Carta document was signed, a 13th century charter granted by King John paved the way for Grimsby to govern itself and set its own taxes. The Great Grimsby Seal was the wax seal that came with the charter and called the Grimsby Havelok seal and portrays the story of a fisherman called Grim – the founding of our name Grimsby.
2	Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre, Alexandra Dock, Grimsby, DN31 1UZ		<b>GCDCS</b> Brenda Fisher born Grimsby 1927. Long distance swimmer. To commemorate her 1951 record breaking swim of the English Channel 12 hours & 42 mins.
3	University Centre, Nuns Corner		<b>GCDCS Civic Architectural Award</b>
4	The Bike Stable 37 Bethlehem St, Grimsby DN31 1JQ		<b>GCDCS &amp; Grimsby Heritage Walking Trail</b> Born Great Grimsby in 1530, John Whitgift was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1583 until his death in 1604.
5	Frederick Ward Way <i>On wall alongside The Freshney</i> <i>Opposite entrance and pedestrian crossing to Freshney Place</i>		<b>GCDCS &amp; Grimsby Heritage Walking Trail</b> Edward III sanctioned the improved navigation of the River Freshney and in the 1340s a dock was excavated, which was later known as the West Haven – and so ensure Grimsby's continuing maritime trade.
6	<i>Boys' Grammar School</i> Building on right of Grimsby Town Hall. The similar building to the left of Town Hall is the girls' grammar school DN31 1HU		<b>GCDCS &amp; Grimsby Heritage Walking Trail</b> There was a grammar school in Grimsby in 1329 but the Corporation Grammar School dates from 1547. Attendance from the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century was by the children of freemen only and for both girls and boys. The schools were unable to meet the standards set by the 1944 Education Act and closed in 1949.

7	Palace court, Victoria Street DN31 1BJ		<p><b>GDCS Commercial Restoration Award</b> Building remains of the Palace Theatre and Buffet</p>
8	Jason Threadgold Funerals Scartho Fork (A1243 and Waltham Rd)		<p><b>GDCS Environmental Award</b> GDCS awarded this in 2008 after the building's transformation from Police Box and Public toilets to retail facilities.</p>
9	Yarborough Hotel, (Wetherspoons), Bethlehem Street DN31 1JN		<p><b>GDCS &amp; Grimsby Heritage Walking Trail</b> Built in 1851 for second Earl of Yarborough and The Royal Dock Company and enlarged in 1891. It was rumours of election fraud in the byelection of 1862 that resulted in the Valentines Day riot when John Chapman chairman of the MS&amp;LR, was elected MP against George F Heneage. Not to be missed today is the restored decorative Victorian ceiling in the ladies' loo!</p>
10	Abbeygate Shopping Centre DN31 1NA		<p><b>GDCS Civic Restoration Award</b> Presented in recognition of the restoration and repurposing of what had been redundant Hewitt's Brewery buildings off Sth St Mary's Gate, into a vibrant centre of independent shops and eateries.</p>
11	White-rendered terrace housing Victor Street(Nos. 95-227) Plaque at No.145		<p><b>GDCS Civic Restoration Award</b> Presented in recognition of work done to create pleasant-looking homes without a total transformation of what had been bleak-looking terraced housing</p>

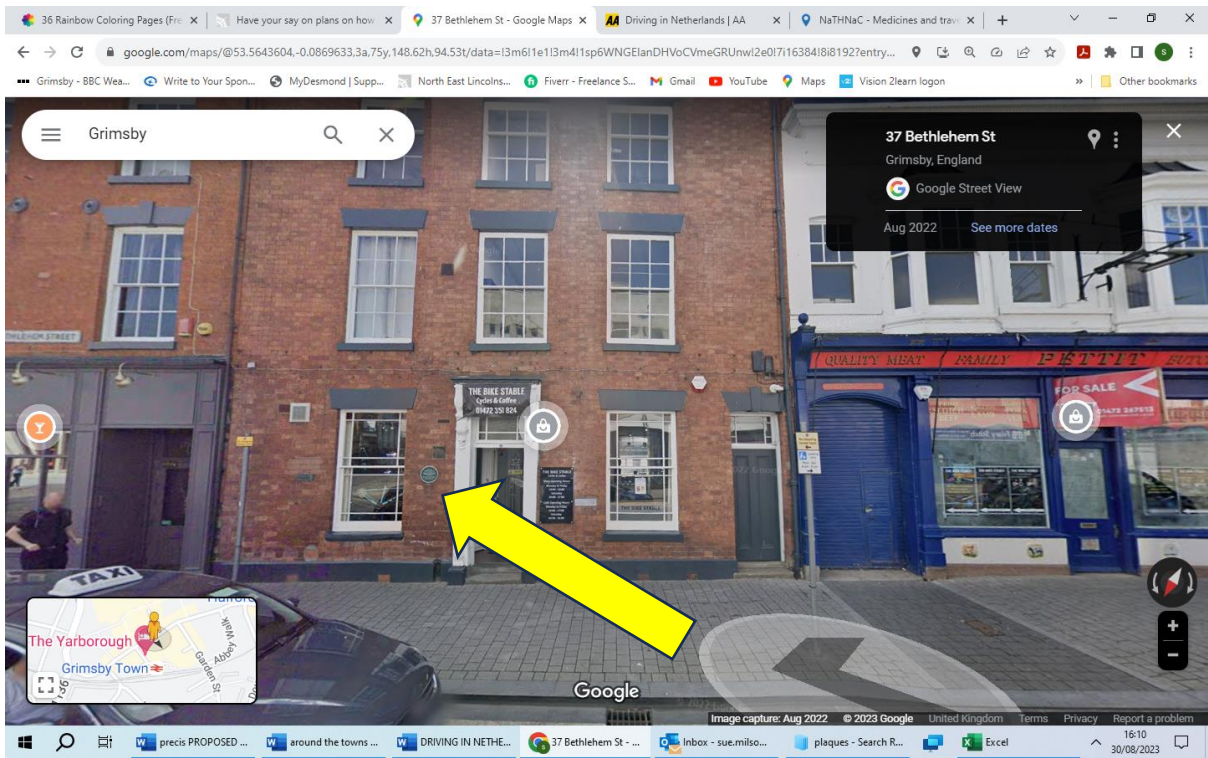


Image : Google street view **August 2022**; Plaque “seen very recently” Bike Stable, August 2023 -

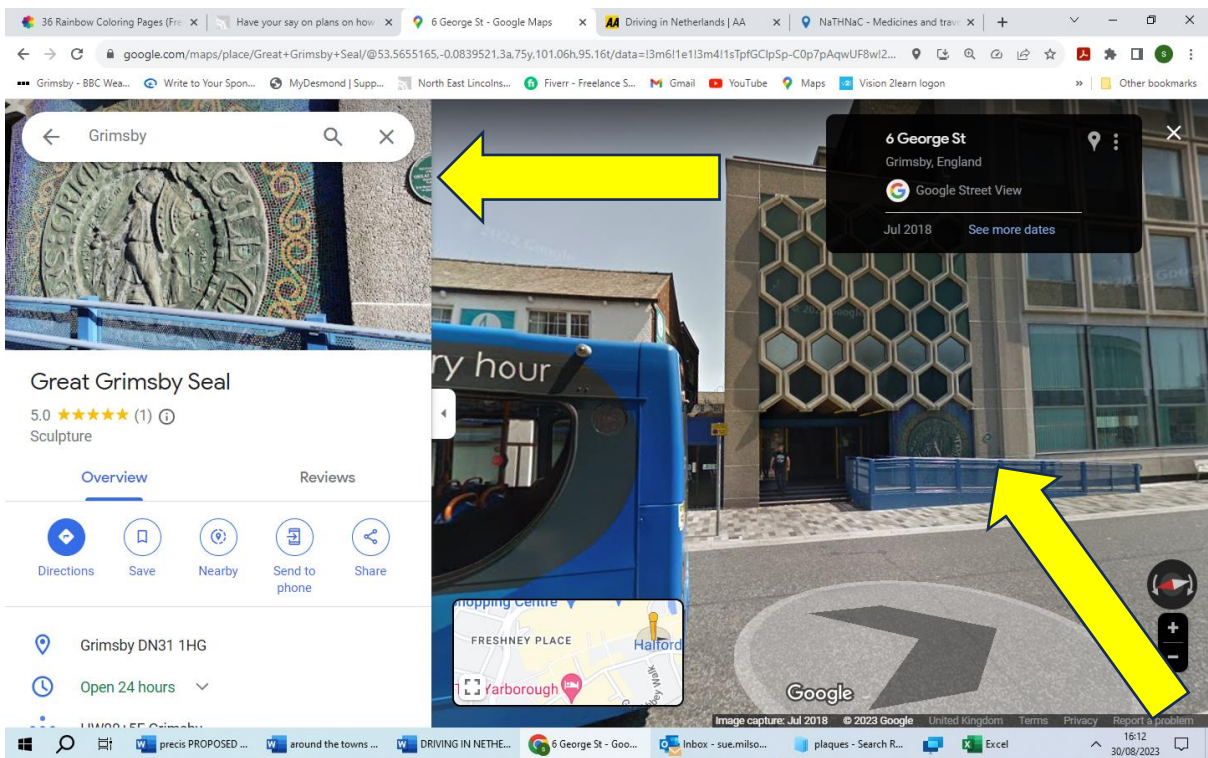


Image : Google street view **August 2018** (interestingly, ‘Great Grimsby Seal’ has its own location in maps!); Plaque in place in June 2023, during Harold Gosney’s visit to see his artworks such as the *Grimsby Seal* on the library wall:

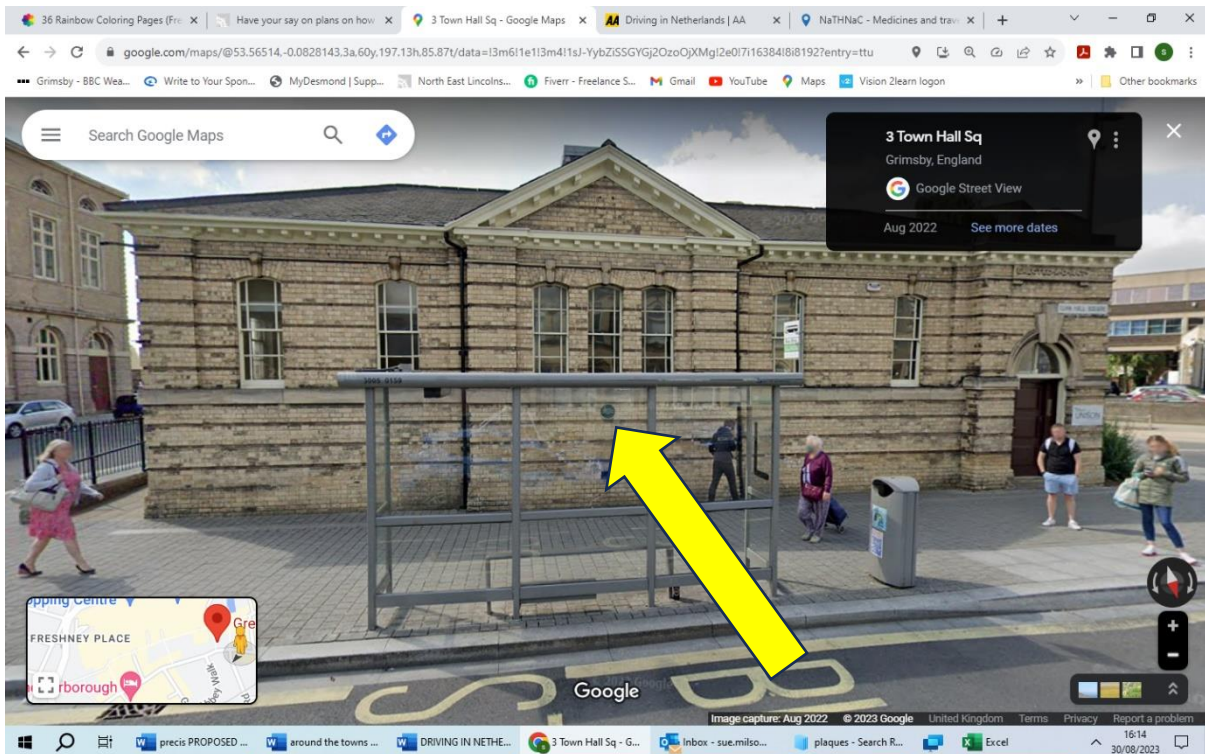


Image : *Google street view August 2022; Boys' Grammar School of 1869 – no proof of sightings this year (it was this missing Plaque which alerted us to the problem)*

**Wetherspoons' Yarborough Hotel:** no evidence in Google street view for August 2022. The Plaque about Valentines Day Riots of 1862 is thought to have been removed and not replaced some time ago after exterior works requiring scaffolding. Wetherspoons have been contacted about this but as yet GDCS haven't had a reply. It is a great pity that this means their website isn't correct either because there is an extremely large image of the Plaque for all to see!

<https://www.jdwetherspoon.com/pub-histories/england/lincolnshire/the-yarborough-hotel-grimsby>

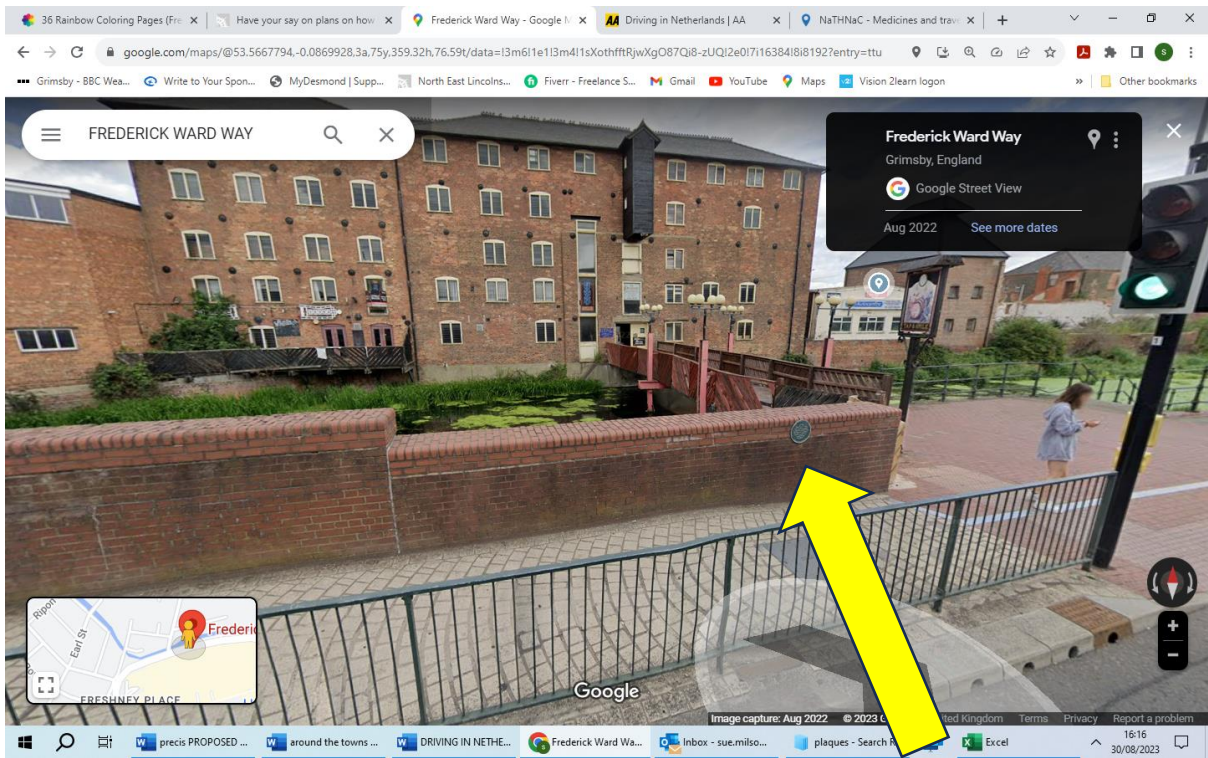


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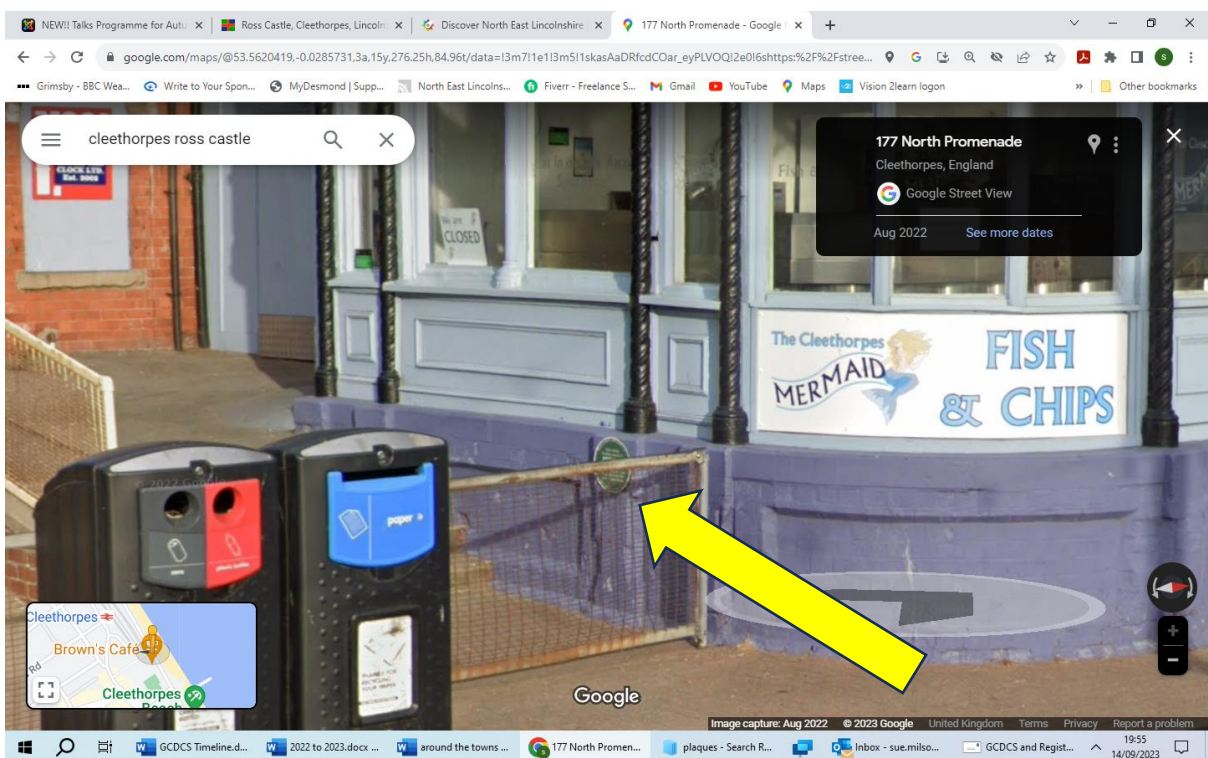


Image : Google street view **August 2022**; Mermaid staff are sure “it was here a couple of weeks ago” (August 2023)