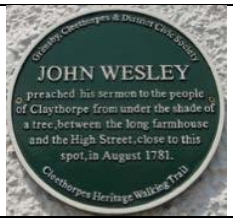
CELEBRATORY PLAQUES

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This document lists all known plaques in no particular order. They are not necessarily those put in place by *Grimsby Cleethorpes & District Civic Society* but as a list, can be used in a self-conducted tour.

Cleethorpes

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1	**Cleethorpes Pier** Central Promenade, Cleethorpes DN35 8SF		***GCDCS & Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail*** After a £3-£3.5m renovation in 2013, a plaque was awarded to the then owners of The Pier for its transformation into restaurant, function room and café space. The Plaque subsequently disappeared for many years until replaced by GCDCS in 2025 by which time the Pier was Papas Fish Restaurant.
2	**Pier Gardens** Off Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes *Temporarily with NE Lincs Twinning Group for safe-keeping whilst pier gardens are undergoing up-grading works*		***North East Lincs Twinning Group*** 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. *Removed for safe keeping during building works in 2025*
3	**Wardle Street,** Cleethorpes DN35 8HA		***GCDCS & Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail*** 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 2nd World War.
4	**Steels Corner House** Restaurant, 10-12 Market St, Cleethorpes DN35 8LY		***GCDCS & Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail*** Site where John Wesley preached to his followers in 1781
5	**261 Grimsby Rd,** Cleethorpes DN35 7HE		***Privately funded with GCDCS backing*** Birthplace of Rod Temperton, songwriter, musician, vocalist, and record producer. From funk-disco band *Heatwave* to writer of Michael Jackson's *Thriller,* title song of the album of the same name.

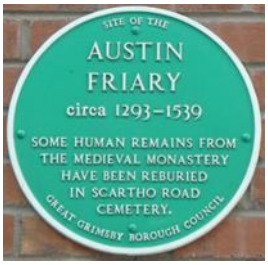
6	**Kings Baptist Church,** Alexandra Rd, Cleethorpes DN35 8LG		***GCDCS & Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail*** Church used as a billet for the 3rd Battalion of the Manchester Regiment in 1916 when a Zeppelin airship on its way back to Germany dropped its bombs demolishing the chapel and killing 31 men.
7	**Hermes Antiques** 16, Seaview Street Cleethorpes DN35 8EZ		***GCDCS & Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail*** 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 chips** Cleethorpes' North Promenade DN35 8AX		***GCDCS & Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail*** Built in 1883 as a waiting room for the original Railway Station *Replaced 2026*
11	**The Old Post Office,** Yarra Road, (adjacent to Library) CLEETHORPES DN35 8LS		***GCDCS & Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail*** Old Post Office, built 1907
12	**Cleethorpes Country Park** Park Lane Car Park, (unused toilet block) DN35 0QZ		***GCDCS Environmental Award***
13	**Ross Castle** Central Promenade Cleethorpes DN35 8SE		***GCDCS & Cleethorpes Heritage Walking Trail*** 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. *Taken into safekeeping during Pier Gardens' renovation in 2026*
14	**Clock Tower** Cleethorpes Railway Station		**Station Forecourt Clock Tower** A Grade 2 structure built in the 18802 with faces visible to holiday makers throughout the resort. 2018, *Railway Heritage Award for craft skills* plaque awarded after a £410,000 restoration project of the clock tower. Network Rail, along with Railway Heritage Trust (RHT) and TransPennine Express and Colt fully restored the badly deteriorated timber tower, clock mechanism and faces. https://www.networkrailmediacentre.co.uk/news/plaque-unveiled-to-celebrate-restoration-of-cleethorpes-clock-tower

16	**Darracotte's Coffee Shop & Ice cream Parlour,** to left of the Pier at the very start of North Promenade DN35 8SF		GCDCS Civic Architectural Award
17	**Sir Edward Watkin** Cleethorpes Railway Station forecourt Dn32 8AX		*Sponsored by TransPennine Express and The Railway Heritage Trust* in 2025, in recognition of Sir Edward Watkin's and MSLR's contribution to Cleethorpes being a holiday resort
18	***Original* Cleethorpes Station Buildings** Station Road DN35 8AY		Sponsored by: *The Watkin Society*, Grimsby Cleethorpes &District Civic Society, Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership and Friends of Barton Line

Grimsby

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1	**Grimsby Central Library** George Street DH31 1HG *This plaque unfortunately disappeared in 2023 and is awaiting replacement*		***GCDCS & Grimsby Heritage Walking Trail*** 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. *The library is currently closed for urgent structural works*
2	**Grimsby Fishing Heritage** Centre, Alexandra Dock, Grimsby, DN31 1UZ		***GCDCS*** Brenda Fisher born Grimsby 1927. Long distance swimmer. To commemorate her 1951 record breaking swim of the English Channel 12 hours & 42 mins.
3	**The Grimsby Institute University Centre**, Nuns Corner, Grimsby DN34 5BQ		***GCDCS Civic Architectural Award***

4	**Amour Beauty By Gemma** 37 Bethlehem St, Grimsby DN31 1JQ		***GCDCS & Grimsby Heritage Walking Trail*** Born Great Grimsby in 1530, John Whitgift was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1583 until his death in 1604. Original stolen during 2023 and replaced in 2025.
5	On wall alongside **Frederick Ward Way** *Was replaced in 2024 but damaged by persons' unknown in an attempt to remove it. GCDCS have now removed it fully for safekeeping and it is unlikely to be put back in place until building work on Garth Lane is complete*		***GCDCS & Grimsby Heritage Walking Trail*** 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	**Boys' Grammar School** Building on right of Grimsby Town Hall. The similar building to the left of Town Hall is the girls' school DN31 1HU *Will be replaced but along with a plaque on the girls' school building; research is currently being undertaken regarding wording.*		***GCDCS & Grimsby Heritage Walking Trail*** There was a grammar school in Grimsby in 1329 but the Corporation Grammar School dates from 1547. Attendance from the late 18th 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	**Jason Threadgold Funerals** Scartho Fork (A1243 and Waltham Rd)		***GCDCS Environmental Award*** GCDCS awarded this in 2008 after the building's transformation from Police Box and Public toilets to retail facilities.
8	**Yarborough Hotel,** (Wetherspoons), Bethlehem Street DN31 1JN *Negotiations are taking place with Wetherspoons regarding its replacement*		***GCDCS & Grimsby Heritage Walking Trail*** 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&LR, was elected MP against George F Heneage. Not to be missed today is the restored decorative Victorian ceiling in the ladies' loo!

9	**Abbeygate Shopping Centre** DN31 1NA		***GCDCS Civic Restoration Award*** 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.
10	**White-rendered terrace housing** Victor Street (Nos. 95-227) Plaque at No.145		***GCDCS Civic Restoration Award*** Presented in recognition of work done to create pleasant-looking homes without a total transformation of what had been bleak-looking terraced housing
11	**Palace Theatre and Buffet** Victoria Street Grimsby		***GCDCS Commercial Restoration Award*** Presented in recognition of work done to transform the old Palace Buffet building on the corner with Corporation Road, into pleasing retail premises. *Renovated and replaced in 2026*
12	**Inside Freshney Place doorway**, from Frederick Ward Way		***Great Grimsby Borough Council*** commemoration of the reburial of found human remains **"Site of the Austin Friary circa 1293-1539 Some human remains from the Medieval Monastery have been reburied in Scartho Road cemetery."**

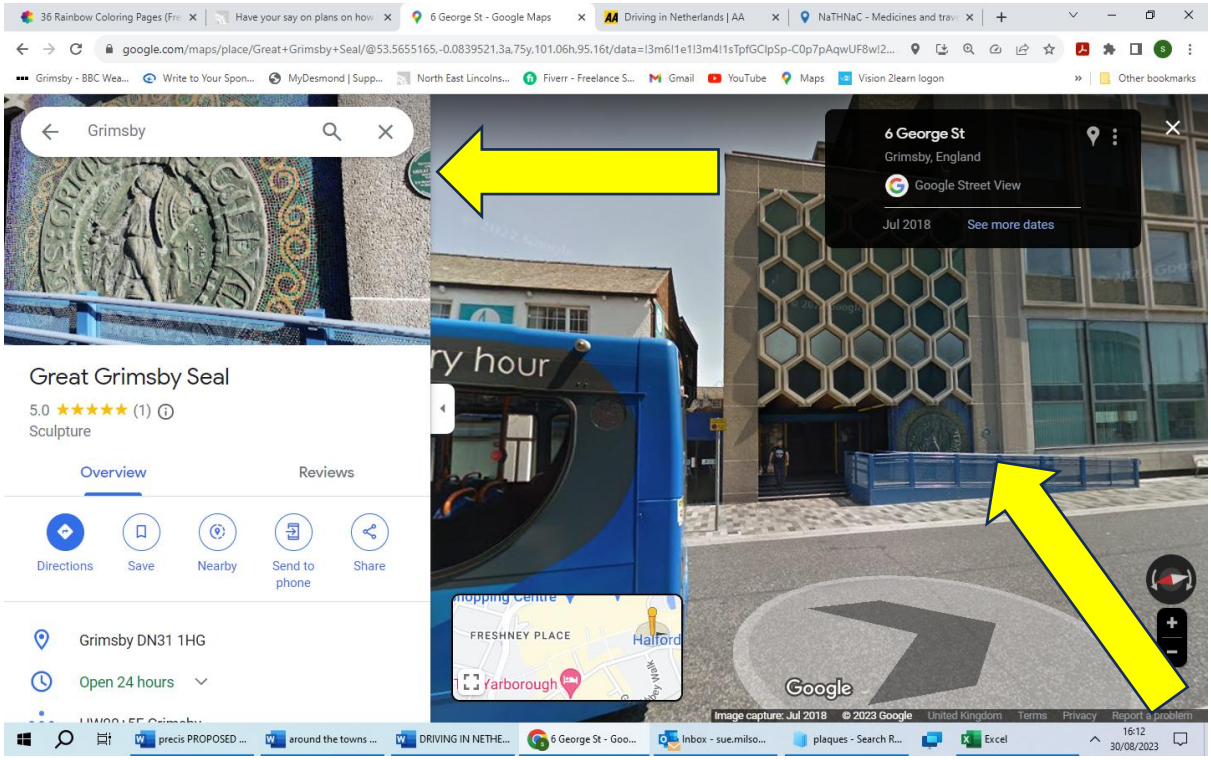


Image : *Google street view* ***August 2018*** (interestingly, 'Great Grimsby Seal' has its own location in maps!); image below shows Plaque in place in June 2023, during Harold Gosney's visit (centre) to see his artworks such as the *Grimsby Seal* on the library wall :



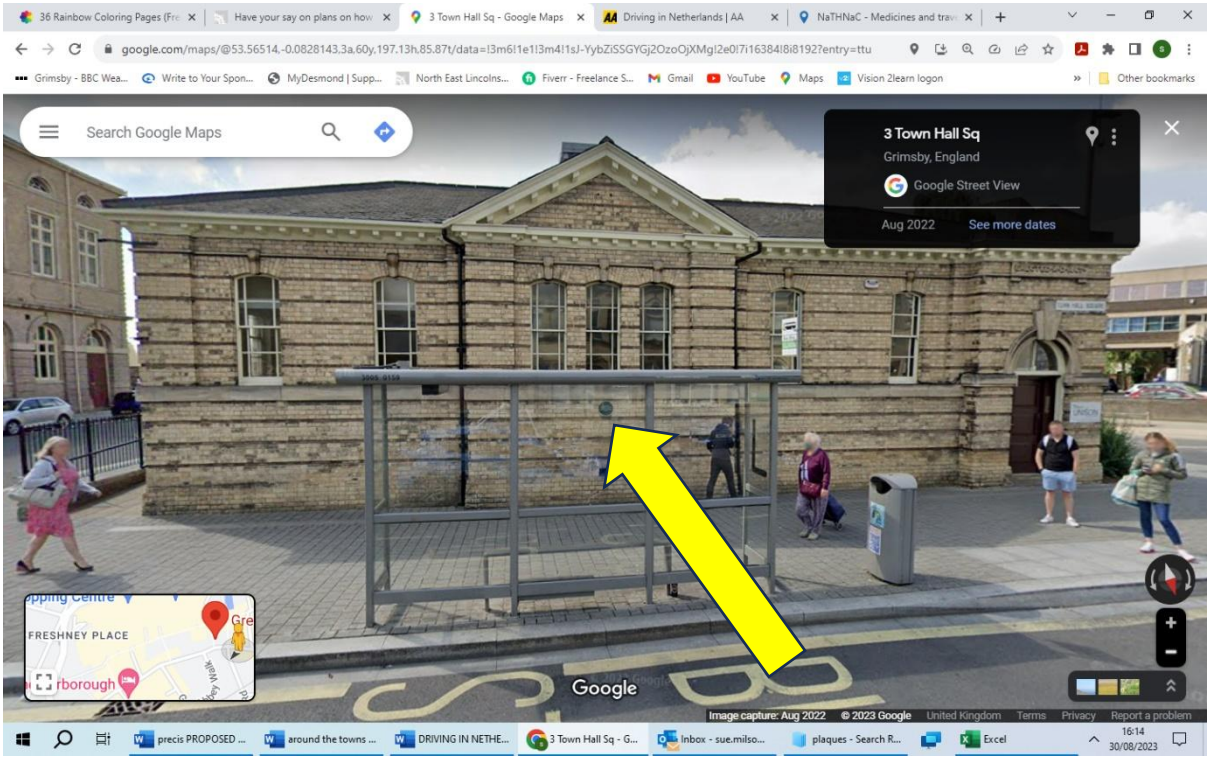


Image : *Google street view* ***August 2022;*** Boys' Grammar School of 1869 – it was this missing Plaque which alerted us to the problem of other missing plaques



Wetherspoons' Yarborough Hotel: no evidence in Google street view for August 2022 (this image is from before 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 GCDCS 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!

[The Yarborough Hotel - J D Wetherspoon]