



Goole Times wins Civic Society award

The Goole Times has been awarded the very first Historic Business Award from Goole Civic Society.

To mark the upcoming bicentenary of Goole, the Civic Society has launched a new awards scheme to show its appreciation for some of the

historic businesses that have formed the bedrock of our town.

Kicking off the awards scheme, the civic society visited the Goole Times on Friday, May 3, to present the award.

Goole Civic Society chair, Margaret Hicks-Clarke said: "As we approach Goole's Bicentenary in 2026, Goole Civic Society wants to show its appreciation for some of the historic businesses that have formed the bedrock of our town.

"The Goole Times is the first business we have chosen to receive an award as we believe it is Goole's oldest surviving business - or definitely one of them.

"Established as the Goole and Marshland Weekly in 1853, when Goole was less than 30 years old with a population of 5001, the Times also has the proud boast of being Yorkshire's oldest weekly newspaper.

"For more than 170 years, the paper has been a trusted friend, reporting on the town through all its ups and downs. From the expansion of the docks under William Hamond Bartholomew, inventor of the Tom Puddings; the rapid growth of the town to the north and west; the development of the port as a major rail and export hub; to the market Hall fire in 1891.

"The paper has also been there through two

World wars, the Zeppelin Raid on the town, Ship launches, whit parades, council matters, crime and punishment, and the decline of the coal industry that for more than 100 years was the lifeblood of the town.

"The Times has covered the arrival of new businesses that have breathed new life and vibrancy into Goole, and the everyday human stories that chronicle and celebrate the lives and achievements of local people.

"Goole is very lucky to have the Goole Times, local newspapers have an important role to play in today's world, reflecting and celebrating our local communities honestly and accurately. So often in our social media world, rumour, speculation and opinions are presented as facts.

"But we know we can trust the paper, as one elderly gentleman once said to me: 'It's in the Goole Times so it must true.'

"In its first edition, back in 1853, the paper declared Here We Are. I'm glad to say that 170 years later you are still here. And long may you remain here.

"I'm delighted to present this award from Goole Civic Society to recognise the Goole Times as one of the oldest businesses in the town. Thank you for your service."

Goole Times' editor, Jane Rogers added: "The team at the Goole Times are delighted to have

received this award and it is great to see the paper being recognised for all the work it has done for the community of Goole over the last 170 years.

"Having been at the paper for 25 years, I've personally seen a lot of changes and can only imagine the changes that came before me since the paper was first launched in 1853.

"I anticipate there will be many more changes in future as the newspaper industry tries to cope with increasing costs and new technology, but the one thing which will always remain the same is the paper's commitment to producing accountable news for the local community, supporting local good causes and charities and helping to show the positive place Goole is."

ABOVE LEFT: Goole Civic Society chair, Margaret Hicks-Clarke and treasurer, Stephen Waker, presenting the award to Goole Times Editor, Jane Rogers, senior reporter, Emily Collins and reporter, Emma Swaine. (09-05-117 GT/CT)

ABOVE: The Goole Times has won the Historic Business Award from Goole Civic Society. (09-05-118 GT/CT)

LEFT: The Goole Times award. (09-05-119 GT/CT)

