

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH



Photo of Christmas Day Lunch – singing Christmas Carols

Now a Gainsborough institution going back 33 years, some fifty people gathered at Gainsborough House on Christmas Day to enjoy a traditional Christmas Lunch provided free to those who would otherwise have been spending the day on their own. Guests of honour were the Mayor of Gainsborough, Councillor Pearl Banyard, and the Chairman of West Lindsey District Council, Councillor Peter Heath.

The meal was provided free of charge due to generosity of Peter Swan of the Sands Venue and Shaun Lees of Hemswell Court Hotel, who donated most of the ingredients, to numerous local churches and charities and to Help the Aged who all donated money to defray costs and to Laughton Women's Institute and the late Geoff Layne who provided gifts for the guests.

Special appreciation goes to the volunteers who gave up their time variously to cook the meal; to play carols on the piano; and, along with the Mayor and Chairman, to make and serve coffee, chat with guests, serve meals, wash and clean up and generally help to ensure that the guests enjoyed a truly festive Christmas Day to remember. Thanks also to those members of Gainsborough Rotary Club who ferried guests to and fro.

If you know anyone who may otherwise be on their own on **Christmas Day in 2009** and who might like to come and join us, please tell them to contact us in November 2009 for an application form.

Donations are also most welcome to help make Christmas more cheerful for this event and will be gratefully received by the committee who organises the lunch. Please contact Michael Wragg on 01427 616852 email: mwrgg@aol.com if you can help in this way.

Volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal are also welcome and should contact May Greenaway on 01427 612620.