



## Forgotten by the powers that be

Last month there was, for the first time ever, a gathering of rail and bus managers in Marshall's Yard. Representatives of Northern Rail, East Midland Trains and Virgin East Coast along with Stagecoach Buses, Lincolnshire County Council and North Lincolnshire Council.

The feedback from locals was that Gainsborough had been forgotten by the powers to be.

Another opportunity to raise bus and rail issues will take place on Saturday (30th May) at 10.30am at Trinity Arts Centre, Gainsborough when our colleagues GRaB hold their

annual general meeting.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

The Friends of Brigg and Lincoln Lines have been busy with new poster boards.

A Northern Rail board now adorns Tesco's fence at the foot of Station Hill with special offers and notices of events along the Brigg Line.

Recently TransPennine Express have provided boards in Grimsby and Cleethorpes stations where we can promote events in Brigg and Gainsborough.

Publicity is the key to get more folks to use our Saturday trains between Cleethorpes, Brigg, Gainsborough Central and Sheffield.

Next month we hope to have a large enamel sign directing passengers to Central Station, in the style of 1960s British Railways, on Marshall's Yard wall at the foot of Station Hill.

It will be an unmissable feature.

In March Network Rail cleared away all the trees lining the back of the Sheffield bound platform at Central Station.

Relieved of tree roots that undermined the platform the wall is now collapsing in places.

We have asked Network Rail to come and repair the platform.

Meanwhile at Lea Road, Station passengers can enjoy the fruits of much hard work by Nigel Ashley and his team

volunteers from the Friends of Lea Road Station with new flower beds blooming for the first time.

This is remarkable work as only two years the station forecourt was a scruffy woodland.

Gainsborough residents can let the train take the strain, when travelling to Kirton in Lindsey, Brigg, Grimsby or Cleethorpes on Saturdays.

A Northern Rail duo ticket allows a second adult to travel half-price.

Trains depart Gainsborough Central at 08.57, 13.00 and 17.01 returning from Cleethorpes at 11.10, 15.20 and 18.36, Brigg at 11.44, 15.53 and 19.08 and Kirton in Lindsey at 11.53, 16.02 and 19.17.



Flowers are now blooming and bringing colour to Gainsborough Lea Road