

New addition to the Dr Isaac Harry Gosset Collection.

Through the hard work of volunteer and aspiring archivist Claire Parker, an important new addition to the online Gosset Collection has now been completed.



Claire has been working with us in the archive, on Wednesday mornings as a volunteer. The task I gave her was to take information from the book catalogue cards and record into spreadsheet format. This is an enormous step forward for us to make the contents of the library more accessible.

Each book is recorded over eleven separate fields, allowing those carrying out a search to specifically determine the contents of the volume. The system that Claire has implemented also means that future volunteers will be able to pick up and continue in the same format. As Claire plans to become an archivist as her chosen career she has enjoyed her time with us having the opportunity to browse the contents of the library.

The archive team will her every success in the future.

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Our historical archives are open on
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Dr Gosset was a consultant paediatrician and pioneer in premature baby care. The neonatal unit at Northampton General Hospital has been named in his memory, because of his inspirational work.

Dr Gosset in the 1950s invented, trialled and brought into use a medical device, 'The Gosset Icterometer' which was used in neonatal care for the next 30 years. In 1960 he published an important paper in the Lancet. This led to a substantial international correspondence with fellow pioneers in premature baby care at the time. Ms Parker has mapped these pioneers and created an electronic database, which will soon be accessible on the Gosset Collection web pages.

I am extremely grateful for Ms Parker's hard work which has brought this long term project finally to completion. I wish her all the best in her future career as an archivist.

Dr Andrew Williams
Historical Archive Curator