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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

There is an ongoing debate about a proposal to build a new prison complex on the old airfield at Wethersfield. A representative from the Wethersfield Airbase Scrutiny Committee made a presentation to the Parish Council in February. A leaflet relating to this is included in this copy of the Gosfield Grapevine.

The Scarecrow trail details have been finalised, see pages 4 and 10 for further details.

Note: the deadline for things to go into the next Gosfield Grapevine magazine is:

Friday, 20th May, 2022

Anything sent in after this will be put forward into subsequent magazines.

If you would like to advertise your community event, club, or business, and for anything Grapevine related, please contact the Gosfield Grapevine editor at:

grapevine@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

DATES TO NOTE:

- Saturday, 9th April – Gosfield Horticultural Society Show – Spring
- Friday, 15th April - Good Friday [and Egg Hunt]
- Monday, 18th April - Easter Monday
- Thursday, 23rd April – The Village Circle
- Saturday, 23rd April - St. George's Day
- Monday, 2nd May – Early May Bank Holiday
- Thursday, 19th May – The Village Circle
- Thursday, 2nd June to Sunday, 5th June – Queen's Platinum Jubilee [see page 27]
- Sunday, 26th June – Gosfield Open Gardens
- Saturday, 2nd July – Gosfield Fete
- Saturday, 16th July – Gosfield Horticultural Society Show - Summer
- Sunday, 17th July – Gosfield Lake Triathlon & Multisport [Born2Tri]
- Saturday, 17th September – Gosfield Horticultural Society Show – Autumn
- Saturday, 17th September – 'Bears in the Belfry' – village church
- Tuesday, 18th October – Gosfield Horticultural Society - AGM
- Saturday, 26th November – Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Dates for a short display of fireworks in April at Gosfield Hall:

Sunday	3rd	Friday	8th	Saturday	23rd
Monday	4th	Saturday	16th	Monday	25th
Thursday	7th	Tuesday	19th	Thursday	28th

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

In this edition of the Grapevine you will see a timetable of events surrounding the Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council have also planted a commemorative Copper Beech tree at the top of the Playing Field. (It had to be planted now before the ground became too dry) I understand another tree will be planted by the group organising the celebrations.

Some good news that the Post Office is going to resume again after the sad death of Christine Attwater, the postmistress. Greenstead Green have agreed to run our post office branch on a temporary basis while a replacement postie is being trained. It will hopefully be open from Wednesday, 6th April, in the lobby of the Maurice Rowson Hall (as before). Thereafter, it will only be open on Wednesdays.

The Parish council have managed to purchase a new speed watch camera for the Speedwatch Group. The camera was funded by a grant from Essex County Council of £1,000 with grateful thanks to our County Councillor Chris Siddall, £500 from the Rowson Trust and £300 from the Parish Council. Volunteers are still welcome to join the group. Contact daviddegan@gmail.com.

Bob Waters

Ongoing planning applications for building works are given on page 28.

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THE VILLAGE CIRCLE, GOSFIELD

The Village Circle, formerly Gosfield Senior Circle, now meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month in The Maurice Rowson Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Next meeting on 21st April. Do come and join us for an afternoon of friendly entertainment and refreshment.

Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2022

Following the success of last year's coach trip to Thursford, and requests for another trip in 2022, I have booked 50 tickets for:

Saturday, 26th November 2pm performance

To reserve your seats contact, Joanne Colyer 01787-477808 or 07894-577629

9th GOSFIELD SCARECROW TRAIL

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MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2022 in St Catherine's

Sunday April 27	10.30 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Communion
Thursday April 31	12.30 p.m.	Lent Soup Lunch (all welcome. No charge, donation welcomed)
Sunday April 3	10.30 a.m.	Communion, followed by the Annual Meetings
Sunday April 10	10.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday, with Christenings
Thursday April 14	7.30 p.m.	Maundy Service with optional Watch
Friday April 15	2 p.m.	Watch at the Cross (to 3 p.m.)
Sunday April 17	EASTER DAY	
	9 a.m.	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	10.30 a.m.	Easter Communion
Wednesday April 20	7.30 p.m.	Confirmation Service with Bishop Roger
Sunday April 26	10.30 a.m.	Team Service in St Catherine's
Sunday May 1	10.30 a.m.	Communion (RevRose's final service in Gosfield)
Services will continue at 10.30 a.m. at St Catherine's, unless notified otherwise		

REV. ROSE'S RAMBLINGS

Hello, Gosfield !

Well, hello and goodbye, really, because as many will know I retire (for the second time) soon after Easter and Rev'd Katie de Bourcier, our Team Rector, will be your Vicar too. There's never a time when you are without a priest who prays for you, and that's been the same for probably at least a thousand years, through the lives of however many priests, and I pray will be the same for however long it is before the Lord comes back and changes everything (even the CofE !) And St Catherine's is blessed with such strong and faithful lay leadership, in great depth. The parish will be absolutely fine.

Meanwhile, services continue as ever and we celebrate that great and wonderful event, Easter: Jesus' resurrection from the dead (very dead!) to lead us all into eternal life if we follow him. How did it happen? Can't tell you – but witnesses I believe were willing to die to maintain it was and is true, and the Church continues massively to grow as people across the world come to faith and love in the truth of it. How hard do you have to believe to belong? Come along to St Catherine's and see, talk to me about it, and let the truth grow in you.

We are lucky enough to have Bishop Roger coming on 20th April to Christen and Confirm in St Catherine's. Christening is for adults too, those who have decided that Jesus really is the Lord and want to follow him; and Confirmation is when adults or older children take on the Christening vows made for them as children, as their own promises. It's a wonderfully moving service – how about joining in ? Talk to me very soon if you think you might be ready to admit to being a Christian !

My last service will be at 10.30 on Sunday 1st May (you are all welcome of course) and in accordance with the CofE custom, I will go away and stay away. It doesn't mean I stop caring about you or praying for you, but it means a clear change of personal responsibility and loyalties: your love and care for your priest will be for Rev'd Katie, and I can become another of the past priests who are remembered, or not, for good or ill. I hope not to become the "sainted" type of predecessor however long in the future – but hope too that you will forgive me for any lapses and mistakes, any neglect or error I've committed over the past 6 years.

I'm hoping to be given Permission to Officiate by the bishops, and it may be that I shall take the odd service in the area eventually if Rev'd Katie asks me: but mostly I expect to be milling around north Chelmsford helping out now and then, and finally getting to grips with my garden. Perhaps I will finish reading the hundreds of books I've just dipped into...but being realistic, probably not.

It's been tremendous fun to be your Vicar and to work with Rev'd Katie's team. Thank you for being so accepting of a fallible and mostly-absentee Vicar, and I will take away so many memories of a challenging and joyful time, of people who are much closer to the Lord than often they realise. Keep the rumour of God alive in Gosfield, folks, and rejoice that you are all in God's love and care, and always will be if you want to be. And St Catherine's is always there to help you know it.

And so, now, the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and those whom you love and pray for (and upon those you find it hard to love and pray for), and remain with you – always. Amen and Amen.

Love, Blessings as ever, Rev Rose:

revrosebraisby@btinternet.com, or 01245-361927

GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

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GNP CONTINUED...

Once completed, the results will be published & will help us shape the policies for the Neighbourhood Plan.

If you haven't completed a survey and would like to, we will continue to collect completed questionnaires throughout the project. The more information that we have, the better. Please post any completed surveys in the Parish Council post box on the back of the Pavilion.

If you need a downloadable copy of the survey, please check out the Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan website:

www.gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

A Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) has been carried out by expert consultants & will shortly be published on the neighbourhood plan website. The Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan Committee is considering the recommendations & will use this additional evidence to provide strength to our final Neighbourhood Plan.

When we have a set of recommendations & ideas, we will hold further public events to discuss with you all.

If you would like to contact the committee, please feel free to do so
Mark Bloomfield – 07879 604074 /

mark.bloomfield@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

Sara Moutard – 07837 699014 /

sara.moutard@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

Bob Waters – 01787 473863 / bob.waters@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

Jo Beavis – 07771 984365 / jo.beavis@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

[Tony Strudwick & Richard Edwards](#)

REMINDER – Feel free to come along to the public meetings of the Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on the first Tuesday of the month in the Pavilion at 7pm. You will have the opportunity to contribute to the discussions & help us create a robust plan for Gosfield for the next generation.

Many thanks !

GOSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Plan may have appeared quiet these last few months, but the reality is very different.

The Resident's Survey has been distributed to every household and we have received over 300 completed questionnaires.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who completed the survey!

We are currently collating & analysing all the data

INITIAL FINDINGS – THE HEADLINES

Whilst we are about half way through our analysis, trends and patterns have emerged:

RESIDENTS HAVE SPENT A LOT OF TIME CONSIDERING THE QUESTIONS CAREFULLY & HAVE GIVEN EXCELLENT DETAILED ANSWERS

THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME THAT RESIDENTS HAVE LIVED IN GOSFIELD IS VERY HIGH

SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY OF RESPONDERS FEEL THAT SOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE FUTURE IS REQUIRED (with qualifications)

SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE IS SEEN AS AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM

STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITHIN GOSFIELD

GOSFIELD FETE 2022

Plans continue to be made for fete day 2022 – the first fete for 3 years! We've heard that local groups are already planning their floats for the procession with their interpretation of the 'Our World' theme – we can't wait to see them parade through the village and around the playing field.

We've managed to secure the same parkour group, Team Kinetix, who put on a fantastic show in 2019 and we're excited to see their skills and tricks again in the arena this year. If you belong to a group who would like to perform in the arena then please email us, we'd love to hear from you so that we can showcase Gosfield's talents!

Thankyou to all the businesses who have contacted us so far about having a stall at the fete. There are still more spaces available so if you are a local business or group who would like to have a stall, please drop us an email at the address below.

We're pleased to announce that The Black Caps, a rock 'n' roll band, will be playing during the early evening session of the After Fete party, and we are just finalising details of the second band which will end the evening - we'll be able to share details with you in the next edition. There will also be the fantastic '80s Mix Tape' disco playing throughout the evening run by the committee's very own Ian Scott.

As always, the fete cannot run without the support of the wider community, so if you are able to help in any way please do get in touch. We always need an extra pair of hands to deliver programmes, put up a gazebo, bake a cake, run a stall for an hour, litter pick, serve tea or pull a pint! Just speak to any of the fete committee members, email us or get in touch via the Facebook page.

With very best wishes,

The Gosfield Fete Committee
gosfieldfete@gmail.com

Chris Flint – Chair
Kelley Mileham – Vice Chair

Cherie Ames-Tull – Secretary
Scott Claydon
Carole Cox
Joe Doherty
Ian Scott

It is reassuring to find the old tradition of a parish magazine landing on my door mat. It gives me a sense of continuation, in a world which I find increasingly difficult to understand.

I would like to congratulate the "Grapevine" on reaching its 100th edition. As a former editor [Issues 41 – 83] I have a soft spot for the village magazine and wish it every success for the future.

Good luck and carry on. Tony Strudwick.

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GOSFIELD SCARECROW TRAIL SEPT 3 & 4

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At intervals during the Day
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH ANY OTHER SMALL TASKS THAT WILL NEED UNDERTAKING PLEASE CALL 01787 472803 TO VOLUNTEER YOUR ASSISTANCE

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Gosfield Juniors Football	Mark Wiskin	07930-990013	
Gosfield United Football Club	Simon Fraser (Chairman)	01206-211470	
Gosfield Tennis Club	Sheila Goldsmith (Secretary)	01787-478519	
Gosfield Lake	Linda Turp (Office Manager)	01787-4785043	turps@gosfieldlake.co.uk

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The Social Club	Becky and Steve	01787-476235	
The Apple Tree	Maxine and Keith	01787-477715	enquiries@theappletreegosfield.co.uk
Courtyard Brewery	Tanya and Marc	07710-230662	

GOSFIELD SUPPORT:

Community Agent	Chivonne Claydon	07540-720603	
Neighbourhood Watch Group	Louise Smith	07962-268376	

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PSCO 70955	Jo Cooper	07812-068697	Joanne.Cooper@essex.pnn.police.uk
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Application for approval of details as reserved by Conditions 5 approved application 21/03744/LBC, Hawkswood Farm Liston Hall Lane Blackmore End Gosfield Essex CO9 1SB, Ref. No:22/00547/DAC

Rebuilding of boundary wall on a like-for-like basis. The Kings Head PH, The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TP, Ref. No:22/00524/LBC

Erection of a storage building and the erection of an office to facilitate the use of the land by a scaffolding company, Land West Of Former Oil Depot Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No:21/03748/FUL

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 No. dwellings with detached double garages, 53 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PG, Ref. No:21/02900/FUL

GAZETTEER - GOSFIELD 1866-7:

["Gosfield Township" founded in 1792, Canada]

GOSFIELD.—This Township is bounded on the north by the Townships of Rochester and Maidstone, on the west by Colchester, on the south by Lake Erie, and on the east by Mersea. It borders on Lake Erie for about ten miles, and commenced to be settled towards the Lake about the same time as Colchester, the adjoining Township, which, in point of soil, it very much resembles: about half the land is wet and requires draining. The Lots number from Hughson's Creek, about the centre of the lake shore boundary, at what is called the Division Road, to the west side of the Township of Colchester—ninety-seven Lots in all; thirty-two of which are in Gosfield. The first settlers here were, also, "Butler's Rangers." The Township is watered by Hughson's Creek, Belle River, Ruseom River and Cedar Creek. It is wooded by white oak, ash, elm, beech, maple, walnut and basswood. There is a large marsh in the western section of the Township, in front of the Talbot road, which could be converted into productive soil by proper drainage.



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our Open evening at the
Maurice Rowson Hall on 5th
April @ 7pm**

Queens Platinum Jubilee : Gosfield Celebrates

**Provisional Plans of celebrations for the weekend,
book the dates, more details later.**

Everyone is encouraged to decorate their houses and gardens for the weekend.

Thursday 2 June:

9.30am Uniformed organisations to parade from the Playing Field to the Church
10.00am Flag raising ceremony followed by ringing of the Church bells, and refreshments inside the Church and a chance to see the children's Jubilee artwork.
All welcome.

Social Club will be holding a BBQ and drinks in the front garden during the afternoon
Kings Head live music throughout the day

9.15pm "Lighting of the Beacon" ceremony begins on the Playing Field including entertainment

9.45pm Gosfield beacon lit at the same time as Beacons up and down the country

Friday 3 June

Kings Head live music and Hog Roast

Saturday 4 June

12 noon until 7pm Gosfield Jubilee family walk and photo trail. Information sheet including clues and map on sale in the village shop, £5. Prize for person to have visited most places (winner drawn out of a hat on Sunday), organised by Gosfield Scout Group, more details later.

"All You Can Eat" Hot Buffet at the Kings Head and live music

Sunday 5 June

12 noon to around 4pm Big Gosfield Lunch in the Park. BBQ supplied by the Social Club, and Gosfield Bloomers pop up café, everyone to bring their own drink and picnic.

Choir to sing towards the end of the day finishing up with National Anthem.

Young people in attendance to be given a Queens Platinum Jubilee certificate.

Competition for the best decorated picnic pitch.

Competition for the best decorated children's crown.

Kings Head live music and Roast Dinner at the pub.

GOSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Dates for 2022: Spring Show 9th April, Summer Show 16th July, Autumn Show 17th September, Annual General Meeting 18th October.

Schedules for the 2022 season are available from the village shop at just £1. This magazine should arrive just before the Spring Show, so there is no time to waste if you want to exhibit.

I had no feedback on my last attempt at gardener's seasonal thoughts, so either no-one read it, it was total drivel not worthy of comment, or it was OK. I'll go with the latter until told otherwise.

Spring is definitely here; it seems a little early, but primroses and wood anemones are in bloom, and the snow drops and aconites are over. The birds are pairing up and singing madly, and I even found a pigeon's egg lying on the ground beneath an ivy covered wall (nothing seems to stop them!). We've already had a couple of rhubarb crumbles, even though I didn't get around to forcing it. It will however need some protection from frost. I hope all the daffodils aren't over before we get to the Spring Show

The weeds are beginning to appear on the vegetable patch as I write this, so it is time to start sowing. I've already put in the early potatoes, much too soon in my opinion, but the shoots were getting very long and vulnerable to damage. Onion sets can be planted out, parsnips sown, along with first sowings of, radishes, turnips beetroot and carrots, all straight in to the ground. Leeks, lettuce and sprouting broccoli can be started in pots or seed trays, ready for planting out when large enough to handle.

Of course, the grass is growing too, but before you cut it all, think about leaving a bit unmown to allow wild flowers (weeds!) to bloom. This is good for pollinating insects, but will be more troublesome to cut later in the summer.

Happy gardening, Stephen Westover



1st Gosfield Scouts

Gosfield Family Jubilee Trail – Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GOSFIELD ?

As part of the Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend Celebrations, 1st Gosfield Scouts (and Beavers and Cubs) would like to invite you all to take part in our Jubilee Trail.

We have organised an exciting walk around the village, which is a bit of a local treasure hunt.

Tony Sale, our local legend of a photographer, has been busy snapping parts of our village – can you find them all ?

Our Local historian, Steve Sudbury, has been collecting little anecdotes on the village, which we would love to share with you.

All of which you can discover if you take part in the Jubilee Trail. Running over the 4 days of the bank holiday celebrations.

So please do grab your walking shoes, get the lead on the dog, and purchase a guide for £5 from the village shop and other locations (PS: dogs are optional).

All money raised will go to support our Cubs, Beavers and Scouts who meet on a Monday night, (Scouts) and a Wednesday night (Beavers & Cubs) – new members are very welcome.

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

February Winners:	No. 8 Mr. J Richardson	No. 45 Miss D Richardson
	No. 30 Rev. Rose	No. 78 Mrs. J Tutton
March Winners:	No. 28 Mr. Alan Bishop	No. 65 Mr. M Smith
	No. 53 Mrs. R Smith	No. 120 Mrs. M Smith

Anyone wishing to join, please contact **Hazel** on 01787-472593

'The Friends of St Catherine's Church'

'The Friends of St Catherine's Church' are a small group of volunteers who support our Church financially in the fabric of the building. Please consider becoming a member, (with no commitment) it is just £10 each, or £20 a year per family. For a bankers standing order contact David Degnan on 01787-472291, or www.gosfieldchurch.org.uk.

MEMORIES by Linda Marlow (Richardson, Kemp)..... cont'd.

Gosh the 100th issue of Grapevine and Congratulations to all involved in the production of those issues. I remember writing an article in the Millenium edition of the then village magazine. It seems like only yesterday.

I am remembering the day we Gosfield Primary school children stood and sat on' forms' outside for the Centenary photograph ... 1858 to 1958. ..Then some of us were off to the foreign land called BIG SCHOOL, so scary and impersonal, I was terrified but 4 years later when it was 'A' level time at Braintree College I realised BIG school was actually Medium sized and then one day standing on a University Campus it dawned on me Primary school was miniscule, literally. After Miss I. Gilbey Head Mistress had died and I was sat one day afterwards chatting with her sister Olive I confessed that I had thought that her sister had been very strict. Olive replied that I should be thankful I came from Gosfield because she also was a teacher and often berated her sister as being far too lenient. I was once 'caned' for walking on newly cut grass at break time after we had been told not to .He who shall remain nameless threw my book across it as we returned to class so I kicked him as Miss Gilbey Bell in hand stood watching the combined actions gaining me the punishment of 2 whacks across the back of my leg with a ruler. I remember telling my father and expecting Miss Gilbey to be in the wrong.. he said 'quite right' so no support there. Years later I was chatting to the late Colin Turbin of a previous generation at the school and he said that I got off very lightly as he was very experienced in the art of getting punishments at school. They kept a punishment register he told me and I recall seeing it when I used to visit the school to assist in research with the then pupils so they could publish a brief history of the school. I do have a treasured photo of the school staff with my youngest son. Lee Richardson sat amongst them during his final teacher training before graduation and taking up his own career becoming the youngest Deputy Head at that time in Norfolk and taught at that school for 20 years.

Which brings me back to the 1930's school photo in the December issue. Alma Brazier/Pasfield also taught a short time at our Primary school early in her career as a teacher. I can certainly remember her there. I see another of the Wiseman family previously mentioned and then June Jeggo (who was actually Jean June Jeggo and she married my Mother's brother Roy Drury) she died on Christmas day 2019. Her funeral was late January 2020 and it was the last time I drove any distance as the wretched Coronavirus took over the World soon after and is still very much evident as I write. Joan Bacon is next. The Bacon family with Joan and Ruby lived just along from the Drury House opposite Ayleward farm's thatched lodge, my Aunt Iris and Joan were friends. In the front row of that photo is one of the Farley family boys and next is Iris Drury now 94 Iris has outlived 3 of her 4 children. Her lifelong pal from 'Froyz Hall' is seated next to her, Ruby Metson they stayed friends from that first day at school and spoke on the phone the evening before Ruby left this world in her 90.s.. The Metson family at one time owned the Green Man pub, Ruby's father was born there. He became manager of William Julien Courtauld.s farm opposite Penny Pots and the lands ran all through to Gosfield Place. Talking of farms Gosfield's 'Bounces' Farm was where the small pox and plague sufferers were taken on carts long ago to do or die.

My first marriage was to the farmer's son from Bounces, Geoffrey Broyd and Miss Gilbey actually organised and attended our St.Catherine's Church wedding, Rev Burdon officiated. I'll leave you with that snippet until next time, please do try and stay well everyone.

100 theme – here's to another 100 years of the BBC, founded in 1922.

TRIATHLON in GOSFIELD

The Gosfield Lake Triathlon & Multisport Event promoted by 'Born2Tri' is once again returning to the village. Having run for over 10 years, it is a very popular event and last year attracted over 250 competitors. Following this success, we are again offering Sprint & Standard distance Triathlon, Aquabike & Aquathlon and Duathlon. The event is popular with all abilities, from beginner to Age Group triathlete and great for spectators at the lake resort. Why not set yourself a challenge this summer and take on one of the above.

To find out more information or to book please visit www.born2tri.com or email competition@born2tri.com for further information.

Don't forget, you can get your swim practice at the lake from the 29th March every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.



Shop Fundraising:

I am looking for ties and belts as part of a fundraiser for the village shop. If you have unwanted ties and belts you would like to donate, a box is available in the village shop, or 17, Park Cottages. Phone Tony on 07505-852635 for more information or donations.

PARISH COUNCIL WORKING BODIES:

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Information, minutes and agendas:	www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield

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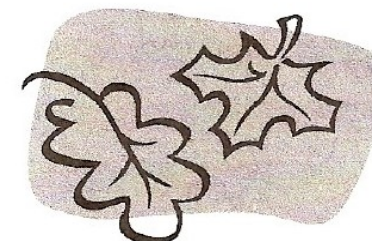
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GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

The club is beginning to be revitalised as the problems associated with the COVID pandemic are receding. League matches and individual county championship events however have not been re-introduced. Several clubs local and elsewhere in Essex are still reluctant and a little nervous to mix with other clubs, preferring to wait until later in the year before socialising with other clubs.

Gosfield membership numbers has returned to that of pre-pandemic numbers, all be it replacing members who have not returned with new members who by and large are new to the game. This in some ways is good for the club with the new members being keen to learn how to play competitive matches with a solid membership base of experienced players looking forward to the restart of championships and league matches.

The club meets twice a week in the Rowson Hall, on a Monday and Wednesday evening. Members may play on either night or indeed on both nights there being no restriction on membership levels per night. In this respect we are fortunate that the Rowson Hall is large enough to accommodate 3 mats comfortably which enables 24 players to play simultaneously. Members turning up on a club night are guaranteed playing the entire evening with no one waiting their turn to play, as is the case in some clubs.

I am saddened to report the death of one of the clubs long serving members. Brenda Woods died after a short illness at the beginning of March. She will be missed by our membership and we send our condolences to Tony at his loss.

The club will be holding its AGM in early April when the progress of the club moving from the pandemic effects will be discussed.

Paul M Nicklin, Manager , Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

ALONE of all the maps examined that of Chapman and André (1777) shows a windmill at Gosfield, which in 1775 was to be sold and to be entered upon 'at the pleasure of the purchaser'¹. It was stated to be in good condition and well situated by the side of the turnpike road. It was evidently gone by 1799, the survey date for the O.S. 1 in. map, and the tithe apportionment (1843) concedes nothing to its memory, though three names compounded with 'Mill' occur by the river near Gosfield Place.



On Saturday 30th April the Social Club will be holding a BBQ.

Come along and enjoy Mike and Gina's burgers, wraps and sausages.

Doors open at 7:30pm.

All welcome.

For further information on the Social Club, or if you would like to be emailed our newsletter and details of events at the club, please email Dave Jarvis at:

davjar33@gmail.com

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23rd April

14th May

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