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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

It's been an eventful two months since the last issue of the Grapevine with quite a few village events being successfully completed. Thanks to all those involved.

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

Friday, 23rd September, 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:

Tuesday, 9th August – Maurice Rowson Hall AGM

Saturday, 27th August – Late Summer BBQ at the Club

Monday, 29th August - Summer Bank Holiday

Saturday, 3rd September – ‘Gosfield in Bloom’ Pop up café at the Pavilion

Saturday, 17th September – Gosfield Horticultural Society Show – Autumn

Friday, 2nd September – Community Shop Golf Day

Saturday, 17th September – ‘Bears in the Belfry’ – village church

Friday, 23rd September – Autumn Equinox

Saturday, 8th October (7pm) – ‘Gosfield in Bloom’ Quiz night at Maurice Rowson Hall

Tuesday, 18th October – Gosfield Horticultural Society - AGM

Saturday, 26th November – Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Don't forget, swim practice at the lake every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.

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



Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES:

Some important thank-yous are in order:

I would like to start by thanking Bob Waters for his seven years as Chairman of the Parish Council. Bob has many years of experience which I know I will call on and I thank him and the other Councillors for their support.

Grateful thanks must also go to the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations organisers and contributors. Steve Sudbury, Gill Hillman-Crouch and their team did a magnificent job over that weekend.

Thanks also to Gosfield in Bloom for keeping the village so beautiful.

A big thankyou also to the organisers of the village fete.

And we must never forget to thank our hardworking volunteers in the village shop.

Tricia Edwards”

OPEN GARDENS

A big thankyou to those of you who opened your garden and all the fabulous cakes you made and to all who supported the Event.

I am pleased to tell you **we raised £1825.50** which will all go to the Shop build fund.

A special thank you for the raffle donations go to the **Shop for the chocolates, Courtyard Brewery for the Pack of Beer and for the Barrel of Beer donated to the Social Club for the event and Darkins Store in Hedingham for the gift token.**

Thanks again, Brian & Pam Payne

Community Shop Update:

We have applied to the National lottery for funding, as well as other grant providers. We won't know if we are successful for about 12 weeks despite the building works for the extension to the pavilion being due to start in October! We will keep you updated.

If you are interested in helping us raise funds and are interested in golf, please put in a team for our golf day on Friday, 2nd September. Last year we successfully raised £1,800- a magnificent sum. Details of the event are included elsewhere in this edition of the grapevine.

Ongoing planning applications for building works are given on page 16.

At Gosfield Lake Golf Club

GOLF DAY

IN AID OF GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP

Friday 2nd September 2022

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[Carol Hough at Gosfield Golf Club Bar](#)

As Christian, it sustains me to hold onto my faith that, whatever the circumstances around me, God is faithful, and he loves me and each and every person in this world. He is always there to turn to in prayer. It helps me to find joy even in the smallest blessings He gives us in life, when the big things seem overwhelming. And when there is so much that I don't feel I can change or solve, there is always something small I can do to try to make a difference.

Keep the faith, find joy, do the little things: a recipe for approaching life in a manageable way, I feel, not trying to be superhuman, but taking care of ourselves and others, and keeping our focus on God, or whatever else gives us a sense of purpose, of the bigger picture.

With love, Revd Katie

Revd Katie de Bourcier

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Priest-in-Charge of the Halstead Area Team Ministry, including St Catherine's Church, Gosfield

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FROM THE VICAR - ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Dear all,

As I write, I am hidden away in my study, the coolest room in the Rectory, on a "red alert" day of extreme heat, with temperature records on the brink of being broken. It feels a little like a mini lockdown, most of us tucked away in our own homes, avoiding going out or being close to other people – not because of illness, this time, but because it is simply too hot. As with Covid, we are conscious of being in unprecedented times, and of things being a little less certain and predictable than we would like.

Now, I'm one of the lucky ones. Decent double glazing and a fan are keeping the indoor temperature bearable, and that I could do the things that required me to go outdoors earlier in the day. And I have the taken-for-granted luxury of a fridge to cool down water and a freezer to store ice lollies. But with all those mod cons and the relief of not having to be outdoors this afternoon, nonetheless there is that strange sense of knowing that we are in a state of emergency, that others will be in crisis in this heat, and that this is entering into new territory for us all.

It is not new territory for so many people in the world, though. St Catherine's Church, as part of the Diocese of Chelmsford, has connections with partner Anglican churches in Kenya, and we have learnt in recent years of the extremes of heat and drought that they face on a regular basis. I remember Bishop Qampicha of the Diocese of Marsabit in northern Kenya saying that they used to have a severe drought once every ten years in that area, but that now it was happening every two years. And he said that three years ago, and things have only got worse since. In those very rural, very poor areas, drought means suffering for people and for animals, and increased levels of conflict over diminishing resources. The church there does what it can to help: a few years ago, our Diocese raised money which paid for a water bowser (i.e., the same size as a fuel tanker) which the Diocese of Marsabit uses to transport water to areas most in need. Some of you might support charities such as WaterAid, which work to make clean water more accessible to local communities. But the problems are still severe, life-threatening. In other parts of the world, we know from the news headlines of wildfires, sometimes on a terrifying scale; and also of floods which can be equally destructive.

We can feel powerless in the face of the reality of the large scale challenges all around us, whether climate change, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the rising cost of living, the latest wave of Covid. It can be tempting to try to ignore it – switch off the news, turn a blind eye, carry on as if it isn't happening. Or we can become overwhelmed with the sadness and anxiety it can cause, longing to make a difference but not sure how to do so.

I have been reminded recently of words spoken by St David in his last ever sermon: Keep the faith, find joy, do the little things. Whether we are people of faith or not, I think these words help us in all sorts of situations: when work or family life or volunteer roles weigh heavily, when we are anxious about events in the world around us, when illness limits our capacity.

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THE MAURICE ROWSON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the
MAURICE ROWSON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

will be held on

Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 7:30pm

in the

Maurice Rowson Hall, Church Road, Gosfield

AGENDA

- 1) Report on past years work by Chairman.
- 2) Annual Accounts for the financial year to 31st March, 2022
- 3) Election of Officers

All residents are welcome to attend

JUBILEE CONCERT June 3rd

On behalf of the Hedingham Singers Choir I want to say a huge thank you to the many Gosfield friends who attended St. Andrews Church that evening. The audience of over two hundred made it a great atmosphere to be part of. Together with the marvellous musicians from the Essex Police Band, also the Braintree Male Voice Choir, we provided a programme fitting for such a special Event.

We were able to support financially St. Andrews Church, the Halstead Mayor's charities and Halstead in Bloom.

Please come along to St. Andrews again for our Christmas Concert on the afternoon of Saturday 17th December

Prim Rayner

CHURCH SERVICES:

We meet in St Catherine's on Sunday mornings – all welcome.

<https://st-catherine-s-church-gosfield.sumup.link> or you can use our QR code.

First Sunday:

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10.15am Kids' Church at St Andrew's in the hall
10.30am Morning Worship at St Andrew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Catherine's
(Possible addition of 9am BCP Communion at St Andrew's – tbc)

Second Sunday:

10.30am All-Age Service at St Andrew's (alternating between Communion and not)
10.30am Morning Worship at St Catherine's
6.30pm Reflective Service at St Andrew's (with Communion when the morning service is not)

Third Sunday:

9am Holy Communion at St James'
10.30am Morning Worship at St Andrew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Catherine's

Fourth Sunday:

10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Catherine's
6.30pm for 7pm Ignite at St Andrew's in the hall

Fifth Sunday:

Team service, venue rotating

Every Thursday:

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BBC radio is little appreciated as it is, there in the background, in all our lives. Can you imagine the silent void it would leave if it was no longer there? My own nightmare, Test Match coverage interrupted with adverts. The world service has a world audience of 465 million, a respected outlet for factual news. Paid for with £245m from the BBC and 91m from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. These are all parts of the role of a public service broadcaster, a distinct difference to a commercial or State broadcaster.

The funding for the BBC has made headline news recently, with talk of replacing the present model with a subscription service similar to Netflix. How would that work if you can't switch it off, to those who don't subscribe?

The present setup where having a TV is the only criteria for paying for a TV licence is now out of date with so much watched & listened to on mobile screens and phones, via iplayer or BBC Sounds. While direct funding could come from central government, out of general taxation, would the independence of the BBC be affected? Or the perception of independence. If the funding is not in the control of central government, there is no direct influence. I suggest a broadband tax on each connection, coupled with a bedroom or local authority tax band. The assertion being the more bedrooms the more people watching or listening.

This would still create unfairness in some people's eyes, the little [don't know why she must be little] old lady living alone in the family home with empty bedrooms. But the present system is also unfair, when some over 75 can avoid paying the licence fee, but none under 5 can claim exception.

Tony Strudwick

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In spite of the lingering effects of COVID, the slightly unseasonable warm weather together with the summer season of holidays, the club manages to meet and play two evenings per week.

Gosfield are affiliated to the Essex CBA who are responsible for the organisation of the rules of the game throughout Essex and for organising the league tables and county championship events. All league matches and County championship events were cancelled over the past two years or so due to the concern over the COVID pandemic.

Unfortunately this has caused a number of clubs not only to withdraw from the Essex CBA organisation but to close the club down altogether. For instance, Gosfield normally played in the North West Essex League which had 9 teams competing in the Winter League prior to lock down but today there are 3 clubs only able to raise a team with a possible two additional clubs considering joining if they can attract a few more additional players.

In order to maintain interest in competitive matches we have organised several internal club competitions for singles and for teams of 4 players together with playing friendly matches against like minded clubs in our area in order to maintain the playing standards of our club.

Playing these "friendly" matches has highlighted the drop in individual players ability due to lack of practice against other competitive players rather than only playing club other club members on a regular basis. We are however keen to re-address this situation and are arranging to play more "friendly" matches against other clubs in our area who are experiencing the same problems as we are.

The lack of competitive matches at this time of year is however a good time for potential new members to visit the club on a club night, meet some of the players and to try their hand at bowling. It is a sport that is played equally men v women with no age differentiation. Any one interested to try their hand at a new sport please come to any Monday club night at 8-00pm or to the club night on a Wednesday evening 7-00pm./

Paul M Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.



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That brings me to the Gravel (Sand) Pits excavated for the building of the Aerodrome in WW2. Pits of water and one in particular was the best for swimming THEN. Not now. A hazard at the Sandpits was putting your damp towel onto the sand because it was BUILDERS sand and it stained everything orange but it was a choice 'the towel' or 'your skin'. So much weed in the Lakes now I guess all are dangerous. My Aunt nearly 95 recalls the STOP and BUY ME man on his bicycle selling WALLS ICE CREAM around the Lake area before the Downing family took ownership in the 1950's and built the shop there as part of their Bungalow. They also fenced off a shallow area of the Lake so children could paddle and areas were marked off clear for swimmers. Then came the era of water skiers and hydroplanes. The times they were a changing. I used to cycle to Lyons Hall Road (Dixon Smiths Farm) to pick buckets of Blackcurrants for pocket money, it really was backbreaking. Oh Hark at the voices of past village women laughing over their MANGLES and saying "she doesn't know the meaning of backbreaking." Did you know that your elders are always right? Gt Granny said so... It must be thus. Mind those August wasps they're the hungriest ones. I don't know who said that but probably a voice of experience. Bye until the Autumn.

Some reflections on village cricket

Millions of words have been written and will be written on the subject of English Cricket and there will be a lot of truth in them, but I would like to start with a personal reflection.

When I first came to Gosfield it was in August 1970, a sunny day, and while our furniture was being unloaded, I strolled to the Playing Field and sat down in front of the (old) pavilion and watched part of a match. And I thought what a perfect English scene, the players in whites, the lovely field and the backdrop of giant cedars and a magnificent copper beech. I would have stayed for tea but felt as an outsider, and I might have joined the cricket club and played but I wanted to join the Tennis Club and couldn't combine the two. I later found out that Gosfield Cricket Club was quite old and has its origin as the Gosfield Hall Cricket Club.

Now it has gone. There is no Cricket Club in Gosfield now, and in that is perhaps a microcosm of the sometimes decline in English Cricket. I am not saying that Gosfield ever produced any Test players, but if you look at the many village clubs which have folded over the years, the production line is drying up. The public schools over the years have and always will produce players but they were supported by players such as Fred Trueman, my youth time hero, who rose to the top via working class village cricket.

Well, the field is still there and we are so lucky to have such a Playing Field in the village. The Cricket Square needs attention but is still there, and there are plans to have it properly relayed if ever cricket resumes. We also have a magnificent fairly new Pavilion and I am sure there are still wives and girlfriends (or even husbands and boyfriends!), who would be prepared to help with the teas. All that is needed now are players and the people to revive Gosfield Cricket Club.

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

GOSFIELD in SUMMERTIME..... Our village has for so very many generations been lived and indeed worked in. Some of those times were hard for the inhabitants in centuries past....virtually penniless you could be fined 1d for not attending Church unless you were proven sick or having your baby.

Gable Cottage (also once called 'The Limes') and Holly Cottage (not the one now called Street Farm) were important in the 19th century and part 20th as safe places for Harvest workers for a nights rest, climbing the stairs in Holly Cottage near the Kings Head to a small narrow landing and through a small door up a few more steps and there was a large expanse of floor under the roof trusses for tired travelling harvesters to throw their meagre bedding down and sleep a while.

Gable Cottage had an outside ladder access into a very small area and a cupboard size doorway onto the huge landing. If the current owners look into the walk in cupboard in the side bedroom they will see the old stair top and inside the fitted wardrobe on the landing near the front bedroom they will see the original access door in situ. It's a Grade 2 listed building. The floor tiles in the utility room were from Gosfield Place Orangerie when it was demolished. Polished up with boot blacking every Spring. The original front wall of the house was as you walk down into front lounge an addition for a shop.

I have been into the Holly Cottage space many times to help Vero Saunders and his wife Hilda (nee Gray) sort it out as part of a Brownies 'help week', but, thereafter, I would turn up and help when Mr Saunders who was known as Vic to most people gave me the nod that Hilda would be doing it again. She gave me a photo taken one year which I loaned to someone and never saw again it had the old pavilion behind the Fete tea stall. Mrs Dickens, Hurry and Owers serving and Hilda purchasing with her Evacuee. The loaning of photos was a lesson I had to learn the hard way regards several old pics I lost that way. Hilda showed me how to make Elderflower cordial from the buckets full of blooms we picked from the hedgerows. I went to school with her nephew Michael and niece Susan they lived along Pitifuls Lane - where's that ? read on.

Mr Dickens was a farmer at Beechleys along Beasley / Beazley End road (beyond the Lake) it was originally spelt Beisely a French way as was Petersfield Lane. Someone decided (Halstead Council?) to corrupt the old name Petit fields, My Gt Grandpa and Local History writer and journalist the late Dave Osborne's Grandpa always called it Pitifuls Lane a corruption of PETIT(FIELDS). There's no Peter.

I digress (I often do) Mr Dickens was an Umpire of the Gosfield cricket team, Summer in Gosfield after school sports day was Cricket and Tennis, Croquet, The Gymkhana and Fete a piglet was a competition prize one year the winner sold it for £3 the new owner kept it indoors until it got too big ! The Flowers and Vegetable Show was good too. Fishing and picnics fun over the MOUNTAINS aha that wonderful post war area of my school pal Watson's father's farmland , Mr Steele was okay he knew 'that we knew' where we could go and not go. We also knew the best 2 spots for gathering fresh WATERCRESS were the stream in the field near the Bridge Cottages and along the Brook in the field opposite the now named Conservation area leading to Wells Farm (long gone). Streams gone too I expect. Oh, but that watercress was the best.

GOSFIELD FETE

The fete committee would like to say a huge THANKYOU to everyone who made the 2022 fete such a roaring success - we couldn't do it without you ! Thankyou to the Social Club for running the bar and BBQ, the volunteers who helped erect marquees, set up and run stalls, the cake bakers, the raffle donators, the rubbish collectors and straw gatherers, the people who kept the children safe in the parade, the youth groups for such amazing floats, the entertainers, and to the villagers for coming out in force to support the event. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did !

As we're sure you'll appreciate, a lot of organising goes into running such a large event and we do really need more people on the committee to help organise the 2023 fete. We have a few members stepping down from the committee this year and we need to fill their places, otherwise we really are at risk of the fete not being able to take place. It's not a huge commitment to be on the committee and you won't be thrown in at the deep end - we meet around once a month, and are a friendly and supportive group who just want to put on a fantastic event for the village each year. Being on the committee rather than volunteering on the day means that the workload throughout the year can be shared amongst more people, which is vital in ensuring that the fete runs as smoothly as possible.

If you're interested in joining, please get in touch via the Gosfield Fete Facebook page, emailgosfieldfete@gmail.com or speak to any of the committee members below to find out how you can get involved.

The AGM is being held on Tuesday 27th September at 8pm in the Pavilion - everyone is welcome and we'd love to see some new faces. The short AGM will be followed by our first meeting to start planning for the 2023 fete. We hope to see you there !

With best wishes from The Fete Committee

Chris Flint, Kelley Mileham, Cherie Ames-Tull, Scott Claydon, Carole Cox, Joe Doherty, Ian Scott

As many of you are aware we are building a new shop, work MUST start By October 2022! unless we achieve this target we will lose the shop for good in October.

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GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH TEAM

On Friday the 8th July, the speed watch team, along with two police officers held a watch on The Street and the junction of Greenfields.

With our now two speed cameras, three offenders were recorded over the speed limit in around an hour.

It may not seem a lot, especially as how the traffic through Gosfield has increased speed, but when drivers see our obligatory speed signs they actually take notice, for a while.

Even more so when we have police officers with us.

We can easily record five plus in a 45 minute span.

The police with their own camera pulled two drivers over (included), spoke to them and fined them on the spot.

A very successful watch, and the police said they will join us again, they will also run a speedwatch in September with the Primary School children speaking to any offenders.

This may seem an easy alternative for drivers, but in the past, children speaking to them has been most upsetting for some drivers.

Do please appreciate your speed watch teams, not like some drivers who give us a one finger wave.

Many thanks, David D.

During June, 3 people were tragically killed on the roads of Essex, with 70 serious casualties, (one less than last month) affecting many families and friends as a result.

The vital role all Community Speed Watch volunteers play in helping to keep Essex roads safer for all users cannot be underestimated and the aims of Vision Zero in reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries on our roads are at the forefront of everything we do.

1,383 Community Speed Watch motorist letters were sent to motorists recorded as exceeding the speed limit and there were 483 submissions to the Essex Police Extra Eyes' website (50 more than recorded for May).

Gosfield (Mobile) Library

Nuns Meadow, Saturday,

9:45 am to 10:15 am:

6th August

27th August

17th September

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Monday	9am to 5pm
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PARISH COUNCIL WORKING BODIES:

Group / Committee:	Councillors:
Nature Reserve	Hough, Moutard
Neighbourhood Plan	Beavis, Bloomfield, Moutard, Waters
Allotment Officer	Waters
Footpath	Beavis, Hough
Finance	Waters, Edwards, Bloomfield, Moutard, Cowie
Appeals	Cowie, Colyer
Children's Play Area	Hough, Pawsey, Colyer
Planning	Moutard, Waters, Beavis, Pawsey
Grapevine Editor	Alan Summerland
Tree Warden	Beavis
Personnel	Bloomfield, Edwards, Waters
Information, minutes and agendas:	www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield

MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES:

Essex Association of Local Councils	Beavis
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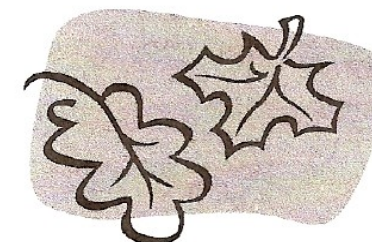
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS (BUILDING):

Two storey side extension (to be used as annexe accommodation), single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration, Woodpeckers Russells Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SS, Ref. No:22/01757/HH

Single storey side and rear extension with roof terrace, Gairsay House Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PJ, Ref. No:22/01749/HH

Application for approval of details as reserved by conditions 3, 5 and 6 of approved application 22/00069/FUL, Meadow Hall Barn Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ, Ref. No:22/01711/DAC

Proposed part single storey part two storey side extension, White Ash House Braintree Road Gosfield Essex CM7 5PA, Ref. No:22/01652/HH

Erection of cart lodge, 15 Gosfield Road Braintree Essex CM7 5NZ, Ref. No:22/01565/HH

Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of permission 20/00653/REM granted 19.03.2021 for: Application for approval of reserved matters (layout, appearance, scale and landscaping) of outline planning consent 17/01066/OUT for the erection of 35 dwellings. Variation would allow for: - Erection of studio garage, Land To The West Of Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No:22/01271/VAR

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of permission 18/02007/FUL granted 22/06/2021 for: 17 dwellings with associated access, parking, garaging, landscaping and amenity space. Variation would allow:- Changes to elevations and floor plans, and boundary treatment and external materials, Land South Of The Limes Gosfield Essex Ref. No:22/01172/VAR

Single storey side and front extension, roof extension including increase in ridge height, front and rear gable and the provision of side and rear dormers, Gorse 23 Greenfields Gosfield Essex CO9 1TR, Ref. No:22/01162/HH

VILLAGE CIRCLE CLUB

The Village Circle continues to go from strength to strength and we now have 24 members. Please come and join us at the Maurice Rowson Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 2pm til 4pm. You'll be made most welcome and hopefully have a very enjoyable afternoon. We have a variety of speakers, activities and outings for you to enjoy. You'll find our contact details in the Gosfield Village Entities table toward the back of this magazine if you'd like to know more. We look forward to seeing you.

Ann



On Saturday 27th August we will be holding a Late Summer Family BBQ at the Club. Mike and Gina will be running the BBQ and the bar will be open selling our full range of drinks.

Come along and enjoy a drink and something from the BBQ.

Doors open at 2.00pm.

All welcome.

For further information on the Social Club, or if you would like to be emailed our newsletter detailing future events at the club, please email Dave Jarvis at: davjar33@gmail.com

BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL – COST OF LIVING SUPPORT INFORMATION

Some information for Braintree residents on where they can find help and support for problems they may be facing due to the increase in the cost of living has been posted on a single page on the BDC website, which is easily accessible from the front page of the site. The link to the information can be found below:

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/costofliving>

I hope you find the link and information useful. We will be widely publicising the link via our social media channels.

Cllr. Peter Schwier, Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward, Braintree District Council.





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