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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

It's good to hear that the future of the village shop is now secure. Thanks to all involved.

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

Friday, 25th November, 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, 8th October (7pm) – 'Gosfield in Bloom' Quiz night at Maurice Rowson Hall

Saturday, 1st October – Gin Night (Gosfield Social Club)

Tuesday, 18th October – Gosfield Horticultural Society - AGM

Saturday, 28th October – Halloween Fancy Dress (Gosfield Social Club)

Saturday, 26th November – Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Sunday, 30th October - Clock change (<<)

Monday, 31st October -Halloween

Wednesday, 2nd November -All Soul's Day

Saturday, 5th November -Gunpowder, Treason and Plot

Friday, 11th November - Armistice Day

Friday, 25th November - St. Catherine's Day

Wednesday, 30th November - St. Andrew's Day

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

Royal Festival Hall - Carols

Christmas Carol Singalong at Royal Festival Hall Saturday 10th December, 4.15 pm performance. Coach leaving from Halstead at 12.45. Cost including coach £45. Joanne Colyer.

All profits to Community Shop Building Fund.



Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES:

Gosfield Community Shop

We had some good news last week in that the National Lottery Community Fund awarded a grant of £150,000 towards the construction of the pavilion extension for the community shop. A further grant of £10,000 has now also been pledged from the Bernard Sunley Foundation. I would like to thank everyone involved not only in obtaining this funding but also in the running and organising of the shop on a daily basis which provides a lifeline to many of our residents.

For those of you who are not aware, the planners dictated that the village shop in its current form could no longer continue and that we had to construct an extension to the pavilion in order to house the shop in one building on the playing field.

The Parish Council own the playing field but as a Parish Council we were unable to attract grant funding. The Parish Council therefore resolved to lease land adjacent to the pavilion to Gosfield Community Shop so that they could take over the project. We are pleased that this has resulted in the grant funding and that the building works will be commencing this October.

Pavements in The Street and Hedingham Road

The Parish Council were in receipt of complaints in relation to the reduced width of pavements in Hedingham Road and The Street due to overgrown hedges and encroachment by grass and soil on to the pavements. Your Council wrote to all residents in The Street and Hedingham Road requesting that they cut back hedges etc to their boundary and I would like to thank all those residents who have done this. To those residents who still need to take action, I would urge you to please carry out the works as soon as possible as it is a health and safety issue. Please do call our Parish Clerk if you have any difficulties with this.

Braintree District Council have met with us in relation to the pavement issue and will be carrying out another inspection shortly.

Housing Developments

We currently have at least two developments in the village and the Parish Council continue to monitor the impact of these and we are speaking to the developers on issues that do arise, e.g. mud on the road, footpaths, hedges, etc. Again, please do contact our Parish Clerk if you have any concerns to raise.

Playing Field Car Park

In order to facilitate the development at the pavilion, part of the playing field car park will soon be cordoned off for health and safety reasons. As winter approaches, the car park surface does deteriorate and more potholes do appear. The Parish Council will continue to undertake temporary maintenance if and when required. We are also researching grant funding so that when the building works are complete, then perhaps we could also carry out a more permanent fix to the car park surface.

Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to all those residents who responded and completed the Neighbourhood Plan Committee questionnaire. As promised, the Parish Council will be donating £1 for every completed questionnaire to the community shop building fund. We hope to be in a position to do this very shortly.

Tricia Edwards

Interested in Taking on an Allotment ?


The allotments are located in the village opposite Greenfields in The Street, Gosfield.

Once a plot is allocated the tenant must sign and return one copy of the agreement before any activity commences on the said plot. Rents are payable in arrears.

Plots will be inspected at frequent intervals to see that plot conditions are being complied with in accordance with the agreement, by our allotment Officer Councillor, Bob Waters.

If you would like to rent an allotment plot, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details. Tel: 0790-7631172 (parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org).





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Friends of Felines

Help Wanted

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From Gosfield Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers

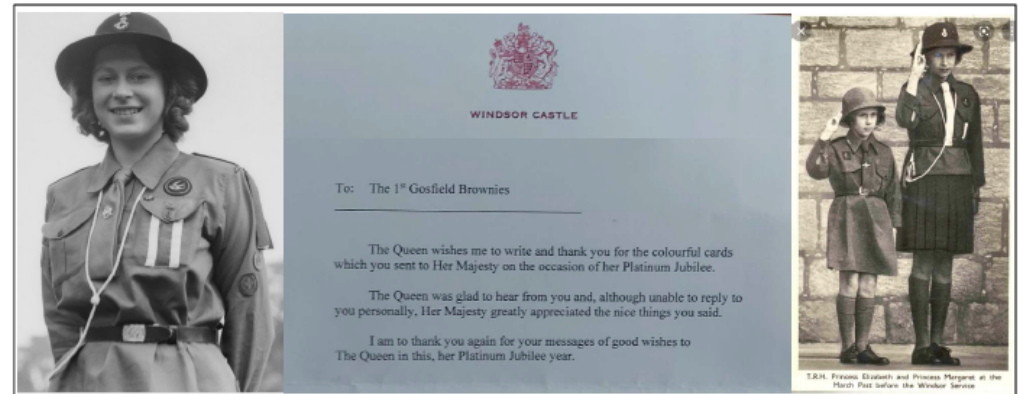
It was with deep sadness that we learnt that our patron, Her Majesty The Queen had died. Our deepest sympathies are with the Royal Family at this very sad time.

The Queen first joined Guides in 1937 at the age of 11, whilst her sister, Princess Margaret, became a Brownie. The Queen was a member of the 1st Buckingham Palace Guides where she gained badges in swimming, 1st Aid and horse riding, before moving up to Rangers. In 1953, the same year she came to the throne, she became our patron.

Throughout her life the Queen was an example of the spirit of guiding. Every day she kept her promise to do her best, live according to her beliefs, and to help people. These values are echoed in the Promise that all Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers make.

The Queen has inspired girls and young women to help their communities across the UK and beyond. We're honoured and grateful for the support and friendship she gave to Girlguiding as our patron. We join the nation in mourning the loss of a truly inspirational Guide, the Queen.

Earlier this year Gosfield Brownies made Jubilee cards for the Queen and received a letter of thanks from Susan Hussey, the Queen's Lady-in-Waiting, dated 25th July, 2022.



Are you aged over 18 and looking for a volunteering opportunity? 1st Gosfield Rainbows, for girls in Girlguiding aged 5yrs to 7yrs, could be the place for you. We need someone who wants to join in the fun and volunteer an hour each Monday after school with us. We will be sure to let you join in with the crafts, learn new games and help the girls to flourish! Please contact the Rainbow Leader Stacey on 07814-233219 or stacecreek_88@hotmail.com.

CHURCH-RELATED NEWS:

To find out more about hatches, matches and dispatches, plus more, much more, including a brief history of Gosfield, baptism, confirmation, photographs, Jesus. More than anyone can read, and interesting too, head to:

www.stcatherineschurchgosfield.org.uk

FROM THE VICAR - ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Dear all,

What extraordinary events we have witnessed during September. I write this at the end of a most memorable, sad, and moving time, as we have marked the national period of mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second. She served us well and faithfully for over 70 years, fulfilling that promise she made on her 21st birthday to dedicate her life to service. In the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury at her state funeral, "Never has a promise been so well kept". Her Majesty's example inspires us all to be true each to our own calling to serve others in the positions we find ourselves in. Her life of service was underpinned by a strong Christian faith, and she modelled values that we perhaps appreciate most fully now that we have lost her.

She represented continuity and stability, even when the Royal Family went through their own rough patches, and although we knew she wouldn't live for ever, it was hard to imagine what her passing would feel like. As a nation, we mark these things well: the plans that have been in preparation for many years came together with remarkable attention to detail, with pomp and pageantry, and the best of our traditions. We have had time to reflect, to pray, to welcome our new King while expressing our gratitude for all his mother stood for and did for those she served – this nation, the realms and territories, the Commonwealth, and beyond.

It reminded me of the importance of grieving well. Grief is a very uncomfortable emotion and sometimes we can want to hide away from it or rush past it – but it will make itself felt in some way. To give time to remembering, giving thanks, and marking the transition is so important, whatever our faith or our preferred rituals or practices for that. Grieving for The Queen may have reminded us of our own griefs for those we have lost, whether recently or long ago, or those we fear losing. And that's okay – it is right to acknowledge and feel those feelings, and process them in our own way.

We trust that The Queen is now at peace with her Lord, and we pray for our new King, for the Royal Family, and for our nation and the Commonwealth at this time of loss and change. For all the uncertainty and grief of change, let us keep looking to the future with hope – hope found in faith, in the goodness of the people around us, and the example of those who serve us well.

Revd Katie de Bourcier

halsteadrector@gmail.com

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

The aromatic herb rosemary is an **ancient symbol of fidelity and remembrance** - a commemorative symbol to help us remember those who served and those who died.

GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

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For anything Parish Council related, please contact the Parish Clerk, as above.

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

MAURICE ROWSON MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2022

Despite the problems caused by the shutdown the committee operated as well as was allowed by means of the telephone and by email. Mrs Degnan was able to keep in touch with our customers and to keep our hall in its usual pristine condition. External re-decoration was started and completed in 2021. Meanwhile we can report a gradual increase in use since the Covid Rules have been relaxed, enabling a start to be made on improvements to the acoustics, lighting, and heating in July.

On a sad note, we lost the services of Christine Atwater our Post Office lady who was taken from us by a sudden illness, and we express our sympathy to her family for their loss.

We are now investigating ways we can control the efficient use of the water and energy rates, and even the possible use of roof mounted Solar Panels. The installation of Wi-Fi is also being investigated.

The Committee may be short in numbers but have nothing to mar their enthusiasm in maintaining our hall to be as good if not better than any in the area.

Even so we would welcome any individuals who would enjoy working with such a great team.

Glyn Roberts, Chairman, July 2022

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

August Winners:	No. 10 Mrs. S Hume	No. 40 Mr. F Boyle
	No. 20 Mr. C Simpson	No. 189 Mrs. M Hannah
September Winners:	No. 24 Mr. W Letham	No. 39 Dr. J Paterson
	No. 29 Mr. B Broyd	No. 74 Mr. J Barlow

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

Gosfield (Mobile) Library

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9:45 am to 10:15 am:

8th October

29th October

19th November

10th December

31st December

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Sunday	Closed

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:

10am Morning Worship at St James'

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:

10am Holy Communion at St Andrew's



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GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP
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Registration No: 8390

GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP - GOOD NEWS !

We are proud and delighted to announce we have secured a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund for £150,000. This means the Shop can now start the new building which we hope will be in early October 2022.

A special thank you must go to John Willis who did the research and application to get the grant. Also, a special thank you to Richard Edwards for doing the accounts and legal paperwork and spending so much of his time on this project. Without his help we simply could not have done it. I would also like to thank our Secretary Tricia Edwards for all her help, knowledge and hard work on this enormous project.

Of course, I need to thank the Shop Committee, the fundraising sub-Committee for all their help and for all the volunteers who give up their time and work so hard to keep the shop open.

Without them there would be no Shop.

Thank you to all who bought shares in the shop, for all the fund-raising events and for all the donations however large or small. Every bit has helped to secure **your shop**.

The shop will now be secure.

Finally, please note that the shop will revert to winter hours of 8am to 4pm from Monday 31st October after the clocks have gone back.

Brian Payne, Chairman of the Shop Committee.

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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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Please note: bell ringing practice on most Tuesday evenings, 7.45 pm to 9.00 pm, novices and experienced ringers welcome.

THE FRIENDS OF SAINT CATHERINE'S CHURCH- GOSFIELD

The 'Friends of St Catherine's Church' a committee of just eight people, continue to support the Church in funding the fabric (i.e. buildings) of the Church. The deficit per month is around £600, so the Church is needing support to pay its bills, including its Diocese share, electricity and gas, amongst other bills. Although the Church itself receives some donations from the congregation, it is still underfunded and requires further donations. Obviously there have been a reduced number of weddings which is normally one of the main stays of the upkeep.

We will all probably need the facilities of Church some day, both happy and sad, be it Baptism, wedding, confirmation, funeral or attending a service for Worship, as well as being a great asset for the villagers.

Donations are always welcome, indeed most of our gifts come through bequeaths left by families who may or may not have been regular congregation members.

Should you wish to give a **donation**, or a **bequeath** in your will, or even a **one off gift**, please contact David Degnan (Honorary treasurer) 01787-472291 for the necessary forms.

To make a direct donation to the Friends the Barclay bank account details are:
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Do please assist in the upkeep of this important building, originally built in 1190 by the third Earl of Oxford, and in 1435 Sir Thomas Rolfe built a new Church.

For more information on the Church and its history see the Church website www.gosfieldchurch.org.uk.

Proclamation of Accession of Charles III

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious memory, by whose Decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to the Prince Charles Philip Arthur George:

We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, and members of the House of Commons, together with other members of Her late Majesty's Privy Council, and representatives of the Realms and Territories, Aldermen, and citizens of London and others, do now hereby, with one Voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart, publish and proclaim, that the Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of his other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith: To whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience, with humble affection: beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless His Majesty with long and happy years to reign over Us.

Given this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

God Save the King.

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

My life began with a King on the Throne a Georgian age and like many others in their 70's lived through the most recent Elizabethan age and I guess will end with this Carolus (Carolean) age but one never knows.

My Aunt Iris tells me she has lived through George 5th, Edward 8th, George 6th, Elizabeth 2nd and now her King is Charles 3rd...that's a good innings.

With all the coverage in TV and Newspapers etc., there are many recollections of people and their personal memories. I remember when the Queen came through Gosfield, resplendent in bright yellow and we stood at our gates etc., to wave her on her way.

You may have heard during all the commentary on Balmoral there was also a nearby place called Ballater mentioned. Gosfield has a small connection to this area. Namely in Louisa Ruth (born Harris and one of two adopted daughters of Samuel and Ellen Courtauld of Gosfield Hall) penned a book about the family holidays spent in Ballater and of strolls into local areas where sometimes Queen Victoria would be strolling. This had a very descriptive storyline and two volumes were published. I was trusted to read both of these decades ago and years later an interested party at a University contacted me for verification of the author and I was able to help them. I really enjoyed the reading of them and had not given them recent thought until I heard Ballater mentioned during the reporting of our Queen Elizabeths' recent demise. May she Rest in Peace, her duty done.

I read the piece on Cricket in the previous Grapevine and noted the comment on staying for tea. In my memory of years of cricket matches only the players and opposing teams were given tea. We wives and such packed picnics for away matches or dashed home with our children to feed them and return again later. Or as a youngster myself with pals like Geoff Broyd (his Dad a good cricketer) we'd sit drinking 'pop' and eating crisps with others of a certain age behind the huge grass rolling equipment. Aunt Iris recalls her and teenage friends gathering for end of hostilities in Europe and fireworks being jammed into the roller mechanism to create a good bang.

Her boyfriend Fred Sewell an evacuee couldn't understand why there was silence as they hadn't gone off as planned so he clambered over to check just as it went off and he was deafened for days. Some things never change with teenagers! I might add to that snippet of her memories that she was broken hearted when he returned to London after making many friends in the village. He wrote to her but my Nan destroyed the letters but that's not how it ended as decades later and a widower he visited Gosfield Fete and sat chatting to old pals and was told that Iris was living in Lincolnshire with her husband (1950's Gosfield footballer Johnny Keeble) but he was very ill. John later passed away. A couple of years afterwards Fred reconnected with Iris and they remained friends until his death. His elder brother is on our WAR memorial, Kenneth Sewell. The family were evacuated to the tiny thatched cottage by Hopes Farm (Aylwards) and an incendiary bomb dropped nearby. So they were moved into to the lodge house by Gosfield Hall drive... safer area? Not really as numerous bombs were dropped in the Spinney as the aerodrome was targeted. It changed the landscape of the spinney for the post war creation of The Gosfield Gremlins. I'll tell you about them and their fame next time. Meanwhile going back to the CRICKET it's a DECADE since Gosfield won the PiriPiri NECL Knockout Cup.

NOW for a seasonal REMINDER It's time to start thinking of making Christmas puddings and cakes, or is that another custom gone? I began mixing after Harvest Festival back in the day. After making the Blackberry Jam and Plum Jam (the Victoria Plums in OxYard were amazingly abundant behind Mary Jeggo's). Time soon for Chestnut' gathering too. How lucky to have the best for free in our village park. There were Crab Apples by the main gate (for jelly) walnuts across from the Church but probably no longer. Take Care all and fond remembrances of the late Alma (Brazier) Pasfield. My condolences go to Bill and family.



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GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

The club is continuing to recover from the effects of the COVID issues. Membership has recovered to the levels of pre-Covid lock down and we are now beginning to play competitive club matches and individual championship events as well as friendly games against local clubs that do not wish to play in the Essex Winter league matches.

We are fortunate to have the Rowson hall as our home venue in which to hold our club nights and events .It is both spacious enough to have three mats out at a time whilst the floor is relatively flat and true enough to ensure that the speed and movement of the bowls is consistent over each mat. It is quite common in some halls that the floor levels vary over the length and breadth of the hall making the judgement of speed and direction of the bowls difficult to judge and a direct advantage to the home side.

We have played our first competitive Winter League match of the new season at home in the Rowson hall this year, but unfortunately will not be able to play any further home matches in the hall until the modifications have been completed in early October. We shall however be arranging several friendly matches against local non-league clubs during this period in order to maintain our competitive form for when we are once again able to return to playing league matches in the Rowson Hall.

The number of clubs playing in the Winter League this year is greatly reduced to that prior to the COVID lockdown. Some clubs have closed due to low numbers of members whilst others continue to play, but with restricted numbers insufficient to play in the Winter League. Strangely enough some clubs have benefited from the club closures and have attracted the better players from the closed clubs, thereby increasing their standard of play and ensuring that there are sufficient clubs now competing in the Winter Leagues, all be it in smaller numbers.

With the standard still high in the league, Gosfield are at a slight disadvantage to other clubs due to the lack of club nights in which to practice whilst the hall renovations are carried out. We are however a very enthusiastic club and will, I am sure, finish in a reasonable position in the league come the end of the season on March 31st, 2023.

Our next club night will not be until October 3rd, or 5th, depending upon the completion of the hall works. However, new members are always welcome, experienced or complete novices.

Paul M Nicklin, Manager , Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

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...books or perhaps listening to the Wireless (known as the radio perhaps to some of you). Television barely existed. Yet latterly Her Majesty deftly used Zoom to carry out her duties in meeting people that she was not able to meet in person.

Younger people will have heard "grown-ups" use the term "in the olden days". It is perhaps a privilege of old age, and no doubt happened a lot over the weekend of the celebrations. Let alone the period following her death, especially anyone old enough to remember the last coronation in 1953. But who would have thought that the period of time just two and a half years ago would now be included in "the olden days"? February and March 2020 now qualify for that description, as a result of Covid. Our lives have changed so much in how we do things. Again, that was something "Unexpected".

Members of our Scouting and Guiding organisations all made a Promise when they joined their organisations. At the time that they made their Promise it included for them to promise to "do their duty to the Queen". What that means in practice for all of us can be many things. It may mean serving in the Armed Forces or being a Policeman. Or simply following the laws of the land. As well as making their Promise when they join, they also reaffirm it routinely through their Scouting and Guiding lives. So, the celebrations for Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee were a good reason to do so again, and on that day, we heard the Brownie Promise and Scout Promise. Members of the audience may have made a Scout or Guide Promise in earlier days, whether in Gosfield or not. So, they were welcomed to make the Scout or Guide sign as they heard their Promise again.

Perhaps there will be a race now for any new members to be the first to promise to "do their duty to the King".

A recording of The National Anthem was played for the crowds to join in with and broadcast live on BBC Essex. A hearty three cheers were called for Her Majesty, led by Alec. I am pleased to say that from where I was standing at the flagpole, I did see that some members of the crowd did respond to the command: "Remove headdress"!

Whilst the Cubs were in the churchyard the week before the celebrations, they were shown the monument to the Poor Clares, Nuns from France who were given refuge in Gosfield during the eighteenth century. They lived at what is now Highgates opposite the Playing Field, and Nuns Meadow was named after them. I am pleased that the tradition of giving refuge in Gosfield has continued to this present day. The latest recruit to the Beavers at that time is from Ukraine, and formally made his Beaver promise in the churchyard during that visit.

After we had got the serious items out of the way, then it was time to start the celebrations. Starting with the bells being rung. Whilst that was happening Jubilee Medallions were being handed out to the uniformed organisations. Refreshments were served in the church, where some of the artwork could be seen that the young people of the village had made. Later in the weekend the celebrations continued with the lighting of the Beacon on the Playing Field and culminated with the lunch on Sunday afternoon.

I am sure that before that weekend let alone during it, we were all hoping that Her Majesty would be there for it in some form. Our prayers were granted, and afterwards we settled back to "normal" life, worrying about energy prices, or the war in Ukraine. Her Majesty was able to go to Scotland for her annual holiday, but in fact as always carried on working, wading through her daily "red boxes". But as we now know she passed away on Thursday 8th September. At the time of writing preparations were in full swing for her State Funeral. Also, preparations for the Coronation of King Charles the 3rd in due course. So, although we mourn the passing of Her Majesty, things will and do carry on.

The Queen is Dead. Long Live the King.
N.B The original speech was read out at the Jubilee celebrations by Tricia Edwards, Chair of Gosfield Parish Council, and Steve Sudbury, Group Scout Leader 1st Gosfield Scout Group. The speech and this article were written on behalf of the organisers by Peter Dyson, District Supporter Halstead and Colne Valley Scout District, and formerly Cub Scout Leader in Gosfield.

Her Majesty The Queen:

The article below is based upon the speech that was read out at the first event of the Gosfield Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June. Following the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, it has now been updated to report on what happened that weekend, and some thoughts of the years to come.

Note that the speech was written to cover the ages of those present that day. From those six years old or younger to those 66 years plus, and that was just the age range of those in uniform.

The crowds in the churchyard at St Catherine's Church, and listeners to BBC Radio Essex were welcomed to the first event of the Gosfield Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The uniformed organisations had processed from the playing field to the church with flags flying. Along with the rest of the country and Commonwealth, we were celebrating seventy years since Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth had acceded to the throne in 1952. Several events happened in Gosfield. That first one was triggered to coincide with the tradition of flying the Union Flag at the church for royal events. Usually that just happens without an audience. But our Scouting sections in particular always start off their weekly meeting with a ceremony of "breaking" or raising the flag, so it was felt appropriate to start the Jubilee the same way too.

You may have noticed that the flagpole has been recently repainted. This was done by the Beavers and Cubs the week before the celebrations. In case you are picturing them standing on each other's shoulders to do it, rest assured that the pole was lowered to the ground first (by the adults). Hopefully any trace of new "freckles" has worn off. Thank goodness that unlike other villages and towns the flagpole is in the churchyard, and not on top of the tower.

Her Majesty had been reducing her attendances in person just recently, and we all hoped that she would be taking part in the more "official" events, such as Trooping the Colour on Horse Guards Parade in London that morning. But at the last minute she did opt for quieter celebrations, no doubt watching on television at Windsor Castle. However, I suggested that we should have been prepared to see a helicopter coming in to land in Gosfield, let alone a golf buggy trundling through the gate! She would indeed have been welcome.

It is quite an achievement to have been a monarch for seventy years (and at that time still counting), and one unlikely to happen again for many generations to come. It only happened because Her Majesty became Queen at the young age of twenty-six. Following King Charles the Third acceding to the throne, add on seventy to his age and you will see how unlikely a future event like this will be. All of us who were present that day are also very unlikely to ever take part in a similar celebration again. That will be something to tell your children and grandchildren in the years to come.

There is a saying "Always expect the Unexpected". So it is with Her Majesty. On the Tuesday she said goodbye to her fourteenth Prime Minister and welcomed her fifteenth. Sadly, her death deteriorated very quickly and she sadly passed away on the Thursday. Of course, she was not destined to be the monarch. When she was born it was her uncle, who initially on the death of King George the Fifth did accede to the throne. Edward the 8th, or the Duke of Windsor who he became. But in 1936 he abdicated, and his younger brother, the Queen's father became King George 6th. So, the line of succession moved to her, and has now moved on to Prince Charles, now King Charles 3rd, and will move on we hope through his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Note that when the Queens late husband, Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh, announced his retirement at the age of 96, he wandered out loud as to what all the fuss was about. As he said, most people these days retire at 65! Her Majesty was also 96 when she passed away and had cut back on attending events in person. But such is also her devotion to duty, she never retired.

Much happened during the late Queen's reign and lifetime. When she was growing up, computers were the subject of science fiction if at all. That would have been from reading ...

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your praise shall sanctify our rest.

2 We thank you that your Church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping
and never rests by day or night.

3 As over continent and island
each dawn leads to another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor do the praises die away.

4 So be it, Lord! Your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
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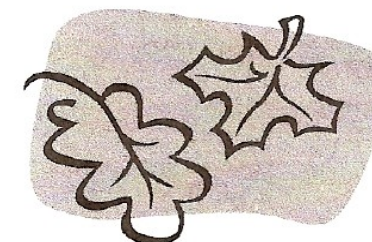
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Ann



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