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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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

Friday, 24th March

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:

Thursday, 3rd February – Gosfield Senior Circle

Tuesday, 14th February - Valentine's Day

Thursday, 16th February– Village Circle Club Meeting

Tuesday, 21st February - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday, 1st March - St. David's Day

Friday, 17th March – St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, 19th March – Mothering Sunday

Monday, 20th March - Spring Equinox

Sunday 26th March - Clocks change (>>>)

Saturday, 1st April – Spring Show, Gosfield Horticultural Society

Saturday, 6th May – Coronation of HM King Charles III

Sunday, 25th June – Gosfield Open Gardens

Saturday, 1st July – Gosfield Fete ['Heroes and Villains']

Sunday, 2nd July- Gosfield Lake Triathlon ['born2 tri']

Saturday, 15th July – Summer Show, Gosfield Horticultural Society

Saturday, 16th September – Autumn Show, Gosfield Horticultural Society

Saturday 2nd December – Thursford Christmas Spectacular

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES:

First of all, a massive thanks to Becky and the Social Club for their wonderful Christmas tree and decorations. It certainly brightened up the village during the festive period.

The Parish Council met recently and approved the budget for 2023/24. They agreed a 5.9% increase which is a £3.74 per annum increase based on a band D property. In setting this year's precept, your councillors have set budgets as low as possible while still attempting to retain a similar level of services. Unfortunately, they were faced with reduced grants from Braintree District Council and rising costs.

The last remaining village pump, which is situated in front of The Cedars, Church Road, is in a poor state of repair. Councillors recently met with Eastlight Community Homes, on whose land the well stands, and they have very kindly agreed to undertake the necessary repairs.

I'm very pleased to advise that Stephen Sudbury has again volunteered to oversee the village celebrations in relation to the King's Coronation in May. More details will follow but if anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact Stephen on 07885-467712.

Also in May will be the local council elections. Please do think about becoming a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor (see page 4), the nominations period opens on 27th March and closes at 4pm on 4th April. Please contact BDC - elections.team@braintree.gov.uk - direct for further information. Full details and nomination forms will be available on the BDC website nearer the time.

Councillors appealed to our Essex County Councillor at the last Parish Council meeting in relation to traffic calming measures through the village. Cllr Chris Siddall has agreed to put forward a 20sPlenty application in relation to speed limits in the middle of the village near the primary school.

It is very pleasing to see that the village shop is progressing well and not a lot of time has been lost despite the very poor weather recently. Now the roof goes on, one can see the outline shape of the extended pavilion building.

Tricia Edwards

Ongoing planning applications for building works are given on page 13.

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

December Winners:	No. 15 Mr. W Pasfield	No. 163 Mrs. B Wilkin
	No. 51 Mr. Ashley Bishop	No. 127 Mrs. P Ellis
January Winners:	No. 6 Mrs. L Kemp	No. 65 Mr. M Smith
	No. 14 Mrs. C Sycamor	No. 58 Mrs. S Mackinnon

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

PARISH COUNCIL AND COUNCILLORS:

What is a Parish Council and why Become a Parish Councillor?

A Parish Council is a local authority which makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish. It is the level of government closest to the community. As it is the authority closest to the people, parish councils are invariably the first place people will go to with concerns or ideas. For this reason, they are a vital part of any community.

What powers to Parish Councils have?

They have a wide range of powers which essentially relate to local matters, such as looking after community buildings, open spaces, allotments, play areas, street lighting, bus shelters, car parks and much more. The council also has the power to raise money through taxation, the precept. The precept is the parish council's share of the council tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, the district council, which collects the tax for the parish council.

What decisions do Parish Councils make?

Parish Councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

It is true to say that on their own Parish Councils have limited powers to make decisions. But they do have the ability to negotiate with and the power to influence those other organisations that do make the final decisions (such as the district council, health authorities, police, etc.). In this respect, Parish Councils are extremely powerful. The organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something and its views will be taken seriously.

How much time does it take up?

Councils usually meet once a month for the council meeting to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last two or three hours depending on the agenda set for the meeting to discuss. Some councils have committees to deal with specific subjects. In addition to regular meetings, councillors are required to attend other meetings representing the council. For example, acting as a representative on an outside body, community activities or helping develop a new project for the community.

How long does a Parish Councillor serve for?

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post, they can stand for re-election.

Parish Duties

Gosfield Parish Council has nine councillors who stand for election every four years. It meets every month and considers planning applications and any other matters referred to it by local residents, Braintree District Council and Essex County Council. All meetings are open to the public and there is a forum before the start of the meeting at which members of the public can raise concerns and ask questions. There is also an annual meeting which all parishioners are invited to attend. All meetings are advertised on the council notice board and our website. Residents can bring to the attention of the parish council anything that concerns them, either directly or through the clerk. If matters raised are not the responsibility of the council, the clerk can bring them to the attention of the proper authority.

If you do become a parish councillor, you will have to sign up to the Code of Conduct and disclose your interests.

The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now. Come along to a parish council meeting or speak to one of our councillors and find out that they think of the job.

FROM THE VICAR - ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Dear all,

In these first weeks of the new year, I'm sure I'm not alone in spending time reflecting on the past year, and looking ahead to this one. We've been through a challenging few years, as individuals, church families, communities and indeed globally. Last year, I think many of us were full of hope for a better year as we came out of the worst of the Covid pandemic, but then the invasion of Ukraine happened, the cost of living started to rise sharply, and that sense of optimism took a blow. As a result, there's a certain wariness about this new year, and a reluctance, I sense, to be too optimistic or hopeful for what it might bring, in case we are disappointed.

But even in the midst of that sense of anxiety and indeed trepidation, I have been reminded that it is always possible to find hope. And perhaps, when times seem difficult and the dark clouds loom large, it is in the smallest things that we can rediscover that hope.

I came across a picture I took a few years ago of some tiny cyclamen flowering in the shade of ferns: a small cheerful display in what otherwise might seem a gloomy space. They poke their heads up from the leaves confidently, shining bright white, and touched with colours of deep pink. Their circumstances might seem unpromising, but there they flourish. They are so small, but nonetheless are resilient. Along with other winter flowers, they make their appearance at a time of year when most of nature lies dormant, and they remind us that life is still bubbling up, even out of sight.

There's a bible verse that came to my mind along with the picture of the cyclamen flowers. The prophet Jeremiah, agonising over the suffering of God's people, reminds them of this:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

The assurance of the Christian faith is that, whatever is going on around us – or even inside us, in terms of our thoughts and feelings – there is one constant in which we can trust, and which always gives us hope and confidence. God's love never changes. It is unconditional, unwavering. He never leaves us nor forsakes us. Whatever faith we hold to, or none, I hope that as we step further into 2023 we will be able to find hope, joy and reassurance – in the natural world around us, in our spirituality, in our relationships, in making our contribution in our communities. Like the cyclamen, may we have the chance, and the courage, to shine bright.

Revd Katie

halsteadrector@gmail.com

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CHURCH SERVICES:

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:

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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 [**gosfieldsc@gmail.com**](mailto:gosfieldsc@gmail.com)

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We want Essex to be the best local authority in the country – as judged by the people, the businesses and the communities we support and serve. To achieve this, we need to be honest and open. We need the honesty to admit that we don't have all the answers when it comes to tackling complex problems. And we need to be open to new ideas and approaches – ensuring the services we provide and the investments we make are developed with our communities.

As we shape our financial plans for 2023/24 and beyond, we want to hear from local people about their views and values. We would like to hear your views about:

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BUSTER TUTTON

It is with great sadness that my lovely husband, Buster Tutton, as he was known (his real name was Peter) has passed away. He will be badly missed.

He always tried to do things for the village that he loved, like the time he asked me to draw a pig, then he cut it out and made a putting game for the fete. It went on for years and earned a lot of money for the village.

He also raised money for the football team to buy new shirts for them.

He entered the Horticulture days and grew vegetables, also his apples.

He loved village life. He became President of the Men's club, although it was men only and he set about bringing change to include ladies. He also got a second snooker room to make sure all could play. He made the bench and table in the club.

He had a big heart but the terrible illness that got him has taken him away from us.

We will always miss him but at least he is not in pain.

My amazing husband and father to our children.

From Josie Tutton and Family

PS When we came to live here, the village heard that a Buster had moved in and thought it was Buster from the great train robbery, how we smiled. We have loved over 60 years of being here and meeting so many friends.

Please note, the funeral for Buster will be held at 1pm on Thursday, 23rd February at St Catherine's Church, Gosfield.

Thursford Christmas Spectacular

I have once again booked tickets and a coach for the Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

Date: Saturday 2nd December 2pm performance

Coach from Gosfield (leaving approx.. 9am); Cost £73

To book please phone Jo Colyer 07894-577629 or -477808.

I am pleased to say that the profits from last year's trip (and one to Christmas Carol Singalong in the Royal Festival Hall) came to £780 which I have donated to the Gosfield Community Shop New Building Fund.

Profits from the 2023 trip will also go to charity.

VILLAGE CIRCLE CLUB

The Village Circle closed 2022 with a Christmas lunch for 27 of us at the Kings Head. An excellent lunch when we filled the conservatory with a lovely, friendly and Christmassy atmosphere. Now onto 2023. Our first meeting will be held on Thursday 16th February. This will be a social afternoon with a quiz or two, tea/coffee and cake and a very short AGM. We look forward to seeing you there. Ann.



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Colonel Wendell J Kelley

Colonel Kelley served in the US Army Air Force in World War II and subsequently in the US Air Force in Korea. At the time of his death, he was serving in England in the 20th Tactical Fighter Wing. He died on January 15, 1963, aged 42 years, following the crash of his F-100 Super Sabre in Gosfield. Thanks go to Stephen Sudbury for organising the Service of Commemoration on Sunday, 15th and for all who attended the service.



Message from the Susan Kelley:

Hi. My name is Susan Kelley McPherson. I am Marybeth Hetrick's older sister. I wasn't able to make the trip to Gosfield when her family visited. She has kept me posted for all these years. She forwarded the pictures you sent. I am so touched that you still honor our Father. It grabbed my heart. I am 77 years old. I was just shy of sixteen when the tragedy occurred. The fact that you remember and come together each year is an honorable tribute to his sacrifice. It warms my heart. Please pass on my sincere thanks to all of you. I know my Dad is looking down and blessing all of you. May God be with all of you. Susan Kelley (eldest daughter of Colonel Kelley).



Ron Clampin lays a wreath at the crash site

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GOSFIELD FETE

Gosfield Fete - Saturday 1st July 2023

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Fete Royalty

One of our favourite tasks is to choose our Fete Queen or King and Princesses or Princes who will lead the procession through the village. If you have a child who would like to be entered into the random draw then please email your child's name, age and a parent's contact number to the email address below by 31st March 2023. We'll select the winners and will be in touch with the successful applicants in April.

Do you have a convertible car and would be willing to help on fete day?

We're looking for someone who would be willing to give up an hour of their time to drive the Gosfield Fete royalty and lead the amazing procession through the village. If you have a convertible car (or other open-topped vehicle) suitable for safely carrying 3 children and could be available between 12.00 - 1.00pm on fete day, then we'd love to hear from you!

Floats

Don't forget, the theme for 2023 is *Heroes and Villains* - so start thinking about those floats and how you can showcase your interpretation of the theme! This year is set to have more floats than ever before!

Stalls

If you would like to have a stall at this year's fete, please email us and we'll send you a booking form to secure your place. We'll be limiting similar types of stalls to make it fairer for those trying to sell goods or run activities so we don't have too many duplicates - first come, first served, so get in quick if you'd like a stall this year.

We're always happy to hear from you - please email gosfieldfete@gmail.com with any suggestions or questions or if you'd like to get involved in any way.

With very best wishes, The Gosfield Fete Committee

Your new Gosfield Community Shop needs you !

Our new shop is rising from the ground like a Phoenix and we're hoping to take up occupancy in the spring. Now we really need some new volunteers to help us keep the shop going on a regular basis. So, if you have a couple of hours to spare, particularly on a Friday morning between 10am and 12am, why don't you come along and see what we do. Full training will be given while you work with another volunteer for the first few weeks in a brand new warm and friendly village shop. Interested - then please contact either:

Joanne on 07894-577629, email Joanne_colyer@yahoo.co.uk
or

Ann on 07773-140216, email ann.willis2006@btinternet.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

Gosfield club continues to expand and we are close to having a full complement of playing members. We hold club nights twice a week on a Monday and a Wednesday evenings. Both are well attended with an average of 16 attendees on a Monday and 9 on a Wednesday evening.

Club nights are generally social evenings but with playing Carpet Bowls still being the priority . During the evening we play on average two mats at a time playing 9 ends during the first half and 5 ends after a break for refreshments of coffee and biscuits. These games enable the members to improve their skills and helps to teach new members the rules plus the playing skills necessary for them to progress to playing more competitively in the Winter Leagues and individual Essex County Championships held throughout the year.

As well as leagues games and normal club nights we also play "friendly "matches against other local clubs that do not play in the league matches but play solely for the fun of playing carpet bowls. These can be fun nights but they are also played with a degree of competition.

Gosfield play in the North West Essex Division of the Essex Carpet Bowls Association. This season is the first since the COVID lock down with the number of clubs playing in the leagues reduced due to closure of a number of clubs due to the effects of of the COVID lock down. Members from some of the closed clubs have joined other clubs that survived the Pandemic. This has had the effect of reducing the number of clubs playing within the Winter League but has not reduced the competitiveness within the leagues

The Winter League closes at the end of March and Gosfield has 4 more games to play before the termination of the league . At present we are in a mid table position and hopefully we will finish around that position as the league ends.

Normally this league is followed by a Summer league with a reduced number of clubs competing . Not due to COVID for once , but because many club members play out door Lawn Bowls during the summer period , plus of course some prefer to go on Summer holidays.

If you are interested in playing carpet bowls we can still accommodate a few more members so if you wish to try your hand at playing the game of Carpet Bowls please contact the club manager for a trial game.

Paul M Nicklin, Manager , Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

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

Now we are into 2023. My goodness and what a world we appear to be living in but was it similar in the days gone by ?

I watched an old documentary on the year 1922 quite an eye opener of issues betwixt the 2 World Wars and much severe unrest in Ireland. That era was the time my Mother was a year old and a boy in America called Wendell Kelley was also in his first year of life. Neither knew Gosfield would be where their lives would be remembered in the future. Wendell served in the USAF during WW2 and Sylvia was called up (the only girl from Gosfield) to serve her country too, but with feet firmly on the ground. I'll bet she now has her wings for all the good deeds she did over the years.

Gosfield recently held a commemoration service at the site of the then 42 yr old Col Wendell J Kelleys' Jet crash site in 1963. Sylvia's husband an Ex. Military man himself but then an Essex County Ambulance Medic was asked to assist the USAF medical services in the area of the crash. He never disclosed to me any details of that day nor did he of many other things, some sad, that he was called upon to help with in the village.

I remember one day PC Johnson banging on our door asking for Dad to follow him to a motorcycle accident asap and another time to attend a lady after being knocked off her bicycle in the main road both instances while they await an Ambulance ... which when it arrived 'George' of the Halstead crew saidoh! "Hello Doug and what have we got here ?" I won't go into all the babies he delivered, some in desperate circumstances but I would like to mention one case, the WJ Courtauld Maternity Unit in Braintree sent for an Ambulance (Braintree crew) to transfer mother with birthing difficulties, Bells ringing (no blue lights then) to St Johns Hosp. in Chelmsford but soon en route a decision was made and Doug safely delivered her of a son. She did say Douglas would be in his names when christened. I do recall as a teenager Mum quietly saying to me 'go put your father's uniform shirt in the bucket of cold water and add half a cup of salt in the water, a common solution in those days before Vanish etc. to remove 'certain' stains.

I said I would tell you one day about the pollution of Gosfield Lake during the war by the Americans billeted nearby to the Lake. ELVER LANUM was serving as a cook with The US Army/ Airforce 647th Bomb Squadron flying out of the village airfield. Elver had a worry with vermin etc., in his supplies for the kitchen so one day he took a load of DDT and scrubbed out all refuse cans and spread it all about the camp. He had no idea it would wash into the Lake and that it would kill all the fish until it was reported but by then he and his company were moving off to France. It was a tragedy indeed and hundreds of fish were dead and thousands swarming by the edges of the lake gasping. This was in 1944. I wonder though what the Americans were burying in the area beyond the now Cedars houses where a village lad saw lorries and soldiers digging at night and he quietly crept up to spy on the proceedings but was rumbled by American soldiers.

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Did you know that History's LADY JANE GREY had a sister LADY KATHERINE GREY ? Who dared to marry without Queen Elizabeth 1st consent ... she and her second husband EDWARD SEYMOUR, the EARL of HERTFORD were committed to the TOWER of LONDON but after 2 years imprisonment they were moved c1563 and KATHERINE eventually ended up under HOUSE ARREST in GOSFIELD. Sir John Wentworth had written entreating Queen Eliz.1st NOT to send her But she sent her anyway. My family history is changing too as when you read this I hope that I will be a great grandmother.



GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

Opening Times:

Monday to Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am to noon

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (BUILDING):

Application for prior notification of proposed demolition - Demolition of existing bungalow. 10 New Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PT, Ref. No: 23/00079/PDEM

Variation of condition 1 'Approved Plans' of permission 20/02244/REM granted on 02/09/2021for: Reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) pursuant to outline planning application ref: 19/00998/OUT - Erection of 5no. Dwellings with access and car park for Tennis Club. Variation would allow: House type B and C to become 4 bedroom properties., Tennis Club Braintree Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PR, Ref. No: 23/00074/VAR

Proposed single storey rear extension and Installation of 2 x conservation roof lights, The Old Granary Gosfield Road Wethersfield Essex CM7 4DR, Ref. No: 23/00066

Application for approval of details as reserved by conditions 4 and 8 of approved application20/02244/REM, Tennis Club Braintree Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PR, Ref. No: 23/00067/DAC

Application for approval of details as reserved by conditions 6B and 6C of approved application22/00069/FUL, Meadow Hall Barn Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ, Ref. No: 23/00058

Erection of detached dwelling and garage Land Adjacent Octavia House The Street Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 22/03368/FUL

Variation of condition 2 'Approved Plans' of permission 18/02007/FUL granted on 22/06/2020for: 17 dwellings with associated access, parking, garaging, landscaping and amenity space. Variation would allow a 3.2 kW and 4 kW roof top PV solar array on all plots. Land South Of The Limes Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 22/03364/VAR

Variation of condition 2 'Approved Plans' of permission 18/02007/FUL granted on 22/06/2020for: 17 dwellings with associated access, parking, garaging, landscaping and amenity space. Variation would allow a 3.2 kW roof top PV solar array on Plot 5. Land South Of The Limes Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 22/03365/VAR

Proposed single storey rear extension and Installation of 2 x conservation roof lights, The Old Granary Gosfield Road Wethersfield Essex CM7 4DR

Ref. No: 22/03350/LBC

Erection of 1.5 storey rear extension, 6no. roof lights and 1no. side roof dormer, Bournebrook The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU, Ref. No: 22/03227/HH

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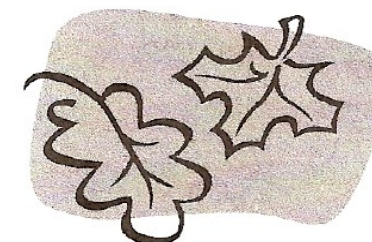
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