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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July**

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](mailto:grapevine@gosfieldparishcouncil.org)

### DATES TO NOTE:

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June – Gosfield Open Gardens

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June – Summer Solstice

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June – Hedingham Singers, St. Catherine's Gosfield

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July – Gosfield Fete ['Heroes and Villains']

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Gosfield Lake Triathlon ('born2tri')

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Show, Gosfield Horticultural Society

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September – Autumn Show, Gosfield Horticultural Society

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Thursford Christmas Spectacular

(to book please phone Jo Colyer 07894-577629 or -477808)

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

Last Friday of the month – 'Finding Your Feet' walks – start at the Community Shop

## VILLAGE CIRCLE CLUB

If you'd like an afternoon of fun, chat, entertainment and friendship then do come and join us at the Village Circle. We meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 2pm to 4pm in the Maurice Rowson Hall. Visitors £3 per meeting including refreshment, membership £20 per year and everyone is welcome. We look forward to meeting you at our next meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Ann

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES:

Another four year term has started for your Parish Councillors. Your Parish Council is made up of nine Councillors and we currently have seven Councillors. We are therefore still looking for two more Councillors. If you are at all interested, please either come to our next meeting on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15pm in the pavilion or contact our Parish Clerk for more details. You will be most welcome.

I would like to thank Steve Sudbury and his Jubilee/Coronation Team for again organising another excellent event over the Coronation weekend. It was truly superb. The Parish Council planted a crab apple tree on the far side of the playing field.

Congratulations to the community benefit shop on such a wonderful place to go and buy a loaf of bread, etc., or just to have a chat. The builders have done an amazing job and it will be officially opened on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

You will soon be able to purchase our new village map, price £1, from the community shop. We have also arranged for the old village sign to be refurbished and this will be installed shortly on the green verge along Church Road.

The Parish Council are supporting the community 360 Walks, please see more details elsewhere in the magazine.

Tricia Edwards.

Ongoing planning applications for building works are given on page 31.

## ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

|                       |                          |                         |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>April Winners:</b> | No. 22 Mr. Gordon Rayner | No. 65 Mr. M Smith      |
|                       | No. 61 Mrs. Carol Hough  | No. 98 Mrs. K De Petrio |
| <b>May Winners:</b>   | No. 15 Mr. W Pasfield    | No. 27 Mrs. V Beaumont  |
|                       | No. 19 Mrs. A Degnan     | No. 104 Mrs. A Clark    |

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

## GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

Your new Community Shop is now fully opened in a lighter, brighter and slightly more spacious permanent building which is a tasteful extension to the pavilion in the playing field in Church Road. Thank you Gosfield for all your support in helping us achieve this not only for our generation but for those following us.

If you haven't yet been in to see us, do drop in and you'll get a very warm welcome. All our volunteers are very happy to be working in there, but, we could still accommodate more. So, if you can spare just 2 hours a week, do come and see us. Full training will be given and you'll be paired with another member of the team. Even if you can't spare a regular two hours you can still volunteer and be added to our back-up team who are happy to fill in for holidays, sickness and whatever else crops up on an irregular basis.

We look forward to welcoming you in our lovely new shop. Brian Payne, Chairman

## Presentation of Silver Wolf Award:

Steve Sudbury was presented with the highest award in Scouting the Silver Wolf Award, for service to the movement of the most exceptional nature. This was presented locally by County Commissioner Bob Bye in April (see also page 14).

Steve and his wife Mary also went to the Day of Celebration and Achievement at Windsor Castle, the St Georges Day Parade of Queen's and King's Scouts from across the country.

Scouting is alive and well with many thousands of young people across the country learning new life skills, meeting new friends and taking part in life changing events, expeditions, camps etc.

Gosfield has Beavers (6-8 years) Cubs (8-10 years) meeting on a Wednesday and Scouts (10-14years) meeting on a Monday, we are looking for more boys and girls to join us, we are also looking for more volunteers to help.

Contact Steve Sudbury Group Scout Leader on:

Mobile 07885 467712

[stephensudburygardens@gmail.com](mailto:stephensudburygardens@gmail.com)



**1<sup>st</sup> Gosfield  
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## PARISH PONDERINGS - FROM ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Dear all,

As I write, the church is preparing to celebrate Pentecost – traditionally known as Whit Sunday. Pentecost marks the extraordinary events that took place shortly after Jesus' ascension into heaven, when God sent the Holy Spirit to give Jesus' followers the courage and words to share the good news about him. An unlikely bunch of ordinary people became those who started the worldwide church, preaching and teaching about Jesus, and travelling extensively to spread their faith.

There are various symbols that we associate with Pentecost and the Spirit of God, which I think speak not just to Christians but to us all:

The colour that the church associates with Pentecost is red. Red, in church terms, sometimes symbolises the saints and martyrs of the faith, and at Pentecost it also speaks of love and power. As the Holy Spirit came on Jesus' followers, tongues of fire appeared above their heads. Fire is powerful; fire gives warmth and light and so helps sustain life; we can think of the "fire in our belly" as our motivation and courage to do the things that matter to us.

*May we all have people around us who encourage us and sustain us; may we find the strength to do those things that are ours to do in life for the good of others; may we know the warmth and love of the divine and of each other.*

Then there is also the image of the dove. The dove in the Bible stands for the Holy Spirit and for peace. When Jesus knew he was soon to die, he promised his followers the help of the Holy Spirit as their guide, and he promised them peace. That's not peace in the sense of an easy life with no conflict, but the deeper peace that is security and an assurance of being loved, that helps us all when things are tough. And things would indeed be tough for them in the days and years to come.

*May we know the deep peace and inner healing that comes with knowing we are loved, and that we have a purpose. May we find the guidance we seek in life, and have the wisdom to choose the right paths.*

Finally, the bible uses the idea of wind as a metaphor for the Holy Spirit. There was a rushing wind that blew through the room where the disciples were gathered on the day of Pentecost, and elsewhere, the Spirit is described as breath, and as the "wind that blows where it pleases". Wind can't be controlled by us; it can be awesome in its power; it can be gentle in its whisper. We might think of that "breath of fresh air" that helps us shake off the cobwebs, and of the life giving air that we breathe.

*May we enjoy the warm, gentle air of summer, and the sounds and fragrances it brings our way. May we be thankful for the air that fills our lungs and gives us life. May we be the wind in each other's sails as we are community together.*

God bless, Revd Katie, Katie de Bourcier

[halsteadrector@gmail.com](mailto:halsteadrector@gmail.com)

Rector of St Catherine's Church, Gosfield

## ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, GOSFIELD:

We are part of The Three Saints group of parishes along with St Andrew's Church, Halstead and St James' Church, Greenstead Green; and belong to the wider Halstead Area Team Ministry.

Everyone is welcome at your local parish church. Our services this month and next are:

|                |         |  |
|----------------|---------|--|
| Sunday 4 June  | 10.30am | Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 11 June | 10.30am | Morning Praise   |
| Sunday 18 June | 10.30am | Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 25 June | 10.30am | Morning Praise   |
| Sunday 2 July  | 10.30am | Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 9 July  | 10.30am | Morning Praise   |
| Sunday 16 July | 10.30am | Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 23 July | 10.30am | Morning Praise   |
| Sunday 30 July | 10.00am | Joint team service at St Giles Church,<br>Great Maplestead |

Every Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion at St Andrew's Church, Halstead

Refreshments – usually including home-made cakes and sausage rolls ! – are served after Sunday services at St Catherine's.

Sunday services are also streamed via Zoom. If you wish to join, the meeting details are:

**Meeting ID – 843 6287 0732, passcode 489461**

If you are housebound and want to join in worship but prefer the phone to Zoom, there is also the Daily Hope phone line, which offers familiar hymns and prayers free of charge if you dial 0800-804-8044.

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For families with children we offer additional activities and services:

Kids Church:

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Messy Church:

Saturday 15 July 3.00-5.00pm St Andrew's Hall, Halstead  
*Crafts, activities, games – a bible story and songs – prayer activity – a free meal*

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For more information on services and activities in the Three Saints Parishes, please contact the parish office on 01787-478471.

## GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

| ROLE:         | NAME:              | CONTACT INFORMATION:  |
|---------------|--------------------|---|
| Parish Clerk  | Diane Jacob        | 5 Crocklands, Greenstead Green, CO9 1QY<br><a href="mailto:parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org">parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org</a><br>07907-631172   |
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| Councillor    | Carol Betty Hough  | 13 Braintree Road, CO9 1PR<br>Via the Parish Clerk<br>01787-477208  |
| Councillor    | Joanne Lisa Colyer | 13 Nuns Meadow, Gosfield, CO9 1UB<br><a href="mailto:joanne.colyer@gosfieldparishcouncil.org">joanne.colyer@gosfieldparishcouncil.org</a><br>01787-477808     |
| Councillor    | Tony Strudwick     | 17 Park Cottages, Gosfield, CO9 1TP<br><a href="mailto:tony.strudwick@gosfieldparishcouncil.org">tony.strudwick@gosfieldparishcouncil.org</a><br>01787-473444 |
| Councillor    | John Willis        | 6 Woodland Way, Gosfield, CO9 1TH<br><a href="mailto:john.willis@gosfieldparishcouncil.org">john.willis@gosfieldparishcouncil.org</a><br>07932-859061         |
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**In conjunction with Gosfield Open Gardens, the Social Club will be holding a BBQ with a 'pop up bar' on the front lawn of the club.**

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

**A donation from the profits on the day will be made to Gosfield in Bloom.**

**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)**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS (BUILDING):**

Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 11 of approved application 17/00119/OUT, Land Rear Of 10 New Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 23/01163/DAC

Partial deconstruction and proposed reinstatement and repair of boundary wall, Liston Hall Farm Gosfield Airfield Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SB, Ref. No: 23/01045/HH

Partial deconstruction and proposed reinstatement and repair of boundary wall, Liston Hall Farm Gosfield Airfield Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SB, Ref. No: 23/01046/LBC

Single -storey rear link extension, 1 Park Cottages The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1ST, Ref. No: 23/00855/LBC

Single storey rear link extension, 1 Park Cottages The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1ST, Ref. No: 23/00854/HH

Application for approval of details as reserved by conditions 7, 8, 12, 13, 17 & 19 of approved application 17/00119/OUT, Land Rear Of 10 New Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 23/00825/DAC

Application for the siting of 6 storage containers (B8 storage use) and retention of 18 storage containers, Petersfield Farm Petersfield Lane Gosfield Essex CO9 1PU, Ref. No: 23/00795/FUL

Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use- Swimming pool/changing rooms converted into a self-contained dwelling for 10+ years, Dwelling at Shardlowes Farm Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 23/00326/ELD

| <b>GROUPS, SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES:</b> |                     |              |  |
|--|---------------------|--------------|--|
| Toddler Group                            | Emma                | 07872-916917 |  |
| Gosfield Players                         | Jules Wilkinson     | 07958-903932 |  |
| Gosfield Rainbows and Guides             | Stacey Creak        | 07814-233219 |  |
| Gosfield Brownies and Guides             | Gill Hillman-Crouch | 01787-478097 | Or: 07801-265603   |
| Gosfield Beavers, Cubs and Scouts        | Steve Sudbury       | 07885-467712 | <a href="mailto:stephensudburygardens@gmail.com">stephensudburygardens@gmail.com</a> |
| Gosfield Women's Institute               | Janet Hull          | 07968-145599 | <a href="mailto:janetclimbing@aol.com">janetclimbing@aol.com</a>                     |
| Gosfield Village Circle                  | Ann Willis          | 01787-274665 |  |
| Gosfield Community Shop                  | Brian Payne         | 01787-703787 | <a href="mailto:thepaynes57@hotmail.com">thepaynes57@hotmail.com</a>                 |
| Gosfield Twinning Association            | Bridget Waterer     |              | <a href="mailto:swithin.wfl@googlemail.com">swithin.wfl@googlemail.com</a>           |
| Gosfield Horticultural Society           | Rebecca Westover    | 01787-477331 |  |
| Gosfield in Bloom                        | Mandy Adams         | 01787-273494 | <a href="mailto:mandyladams@icloud.com">mandyladams@icloud.com</a>                   |
| Gosfield Fete Committee                  | Cherie Ames-Tull    | 07964-190103 |  |
| Gosfield Playing Field                   | Isla Gill           | 01787-473398 | <a href="mailto:isla.gill@hotmail.com">isla.gill@hotmail.com</a>                     |
| Gosfield Open Gardens                    | Brian Payne         | 01787-473670 | <a href="mailto:thepaynes57@hotmail.com">thepaynes57@hotmail.com</a>                 |
| Maurice Rowson Hall                      | Amanda Degnan       | 01787-274992 | <a href="mailto:rowsonhall@gmail.com">rowsonhall@gmail.com</a>                       |
| Rowson Perpetual Fund                    | David Jarvis        | 01787-474562 | <a href="mailto:davjar33@gmail.com">davjar33@gmail.com</a>                           |
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| PCC Secretary                            | David Degnan        | 01787-472291 |  |
| Church Wardens                           | Jo Colyer           | 01787-477808 |  |
|  | Judy Paterson       | 01787-472514 | <a href="mailto:judith_paterson@hotmail.com">judith_paterson@hotmail.com</a>         |
| Wedding Co-ordinator                     | Dave Patmore        | 01787-474047 |  |
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## GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

The Gosfield Carpet Bowls club continues to try to return to the position it held prior to the lock down. Whilst there is no Essex Summer League program this year the club is preparing to play several "Friendly" matches with clubs in the area that are suffering similar problems in order to , hope fully , regain some measure of expertise of match skills.

We are currently entered in a Charity Tournament organised by Hunters CBC which will be held on Sunday 25th June in Sailing Village Hall. Other organisations are organising similar events that will be beneficial to the clubs by helping them to return to more competitive events whilst helping charity organisations.

We continue to hold two club nights per week. Monday at 8-00 to 10pm and Wednesday 7-00 to 9-00pm. Summer time is the ideal time for those persons wishing to try their hand at playing carpet bowls as there are fewer competitions during this period thereby enabling new members to learn how to play without interrupting the event program.

May I take this opportunity to wish , Lin Heather, one the clubs longest playing member , a speedy recovery from a broken ankle . We look forward to seeing her back on the carpets in the near future.

Paul M Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

## GOSFIELD VILLAGE ENTITIES

### SCHOOLS:

|                         |                            |              |  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Gosfield Primary School | Jo Morgan (Head Teacher)   | 01787-472266 | <a href="mailto:admin@gosfield-pri.essex.sch.uk">admin@gosfield-pri.essex.sch.uk</a> |
| St. Margaret's School   | Carolyn Moss (Headteacher) | 01787-472134 | <a href="mailto:admin@stmargaretsprep.com">admin@stmargaretsprep.com</a>             |
| Gosfield School         | Rod Jackson (Principal)    | 01787-474040 | <a href="mailto:enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk">enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk</a>   |

### SPORTS CLUBS:

|                               |                              |               |  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club    | Paul M Nicklin               | 01787-478269  | <a href="mailto:paul.nicklin39@gmail.com">paul.nicklin39@gmail.com</a>         |
| Gosfield Lake Golf Club       | Tony O'Shea                  | 01787-474747  | <a href="mailto:gosfieldlakegc@btconnect.com">gosfieldlakegc@btconnect.com</a> |
| 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 | <a href="mailto:turps@gosfieldlake.co.uk">turps@gosfieldlake.co.uk</a>         |

### PUB, CLUB and EVENTS HIRE:

|                   |                  |              |  |
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| The Social Club   | Becky            | 07960-014607 | <a href="mailto:gosfieldsc@gmail.com">gosfieldsc@gmail.com</a>                                 |
| The Apple Tree    | Maxine and Keith | 01787-477715 | <a href="mailto:enquiries@theappletreegosfield.co.uk">enquiries@theappletreegosfield.co.uk</a> |
| Courtyard Brewery | Tanya and Marc   | 07710-230662 |  |

### GOSFIELD SUPPORT:

|                           |              |              |  |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Neighbourhood Watch Group | Louise Smith | 07962-268376 |  |
| Community Agent           | Sara Moutard | 07938-733207 |  |

### GOSFIELD POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO):

|            |             |              |  |
|------------|-------------|--------------|--|
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| PSCO 70955 | Jo Cooper   | 07812-068697 | <a href="mailto:Joanne.Cooper@essex.pnn.police.uk">Joanne.Cooper@essex.pnn.police.uk</a> |

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## MAURICE ROWSON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

It is with much sadness I have to write this report as this year saw the death of our long-standing chairman, Glyn Roberts. Glyn had been chairman of the Hall Committee for many years and his contribution to the smooth running of the hall must never be underestimated. Glyn will be very much missed by all of the members of the committee and everyone who knew him.

The last year has seen the completion of the work to the ceiling in the main hall. For many years, a regular complaint at the village hall had been the acoustics within the main hall area. A decision was made at the start of the year to try and overcome this problem and a sound consultant company was commissioned to carry out an acoustic report. The recommendations of the report were carried out and I am pleased to report that the new sound absorbing ceiling has significantly improved the acoustics. Whilst carrying out the work to the ceiling, new electric overhead heaters and lighting were also installed which has greatly enhanced the appearance of the main hall.

As a result of ever-increasing electricity costs at the hall, it was decided by the committee to look into whether installing solar panels on the roof of the rear section of the hall may be a way of reducing the electricity costs. Planning permission was obtained for the installation of 12 panels on both the east and west facing elevations of the rear roof. I am pleased to say that a decision has now been made to go ahead with the installation of the panels and, on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the trustees of the Rowson Perpetual Memorial Fund for providing grant money to pay for the installation.

During the last year the number of bookings at the hall have increased, but unfortunately are still not at the level they were prior to the Covid pandemic. This has meant that at present our income from bookings is not matching the running costs at the hall. To overcome this matter, we are looking at ways of publicising to the local community the facilities available at the hall which now includes free Wi-Fi throughout the building. We also now have a Facebook page along with information on the hall on both the Rural Community Council for Essex and Braintree District Council websites.

Hopefully, the coming year will see the number of bookings at the hall continue to increase which, along with the savings to our electricity charges that the solar panels are predicted to achieve, will enable the income from bookings to once again match the outgoings.

Finally, I must thank Amanda our booking clerk and cleaner at the hall for all her work in ensuring the day to day running of the hall and especially thank all the members of the committee for their enthusiasm and hard work carried out totally on a voluntary basis.

Dave Jarvis

Vice Chairman. Rowson Hall Management Committee.

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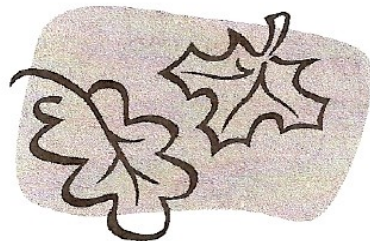
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## **MEMORIES by Linda Marlow (Richardson, Kemp)..... cont'd.**

I had the total surprise of a visit from my Grandson and his wife and my first great grandson who reside in New Zealand. I knew my son and his wife were coming over but to see the rest of the family too including my 24yr old granddaughter walk into the room was amazing. So my time has been taken up with them but during their visit we had yet another death. My second husband died. I am now a Widow. This has been a heck of a time since May 2021 with the loss of Mum and village friends and now both my husbands. I hope that this is the end of it.

So for this issue I've dug out some bits from my History notes.

The Parish Officer for Gosfield in 1796 was JOHN WELLS. He was the Inn Keeper of the GREEN MAN and a Farmer at CUT HEDGE. Note folk of my age and older will remember the old Farm house across from Cut Hedge the area of where Georgie Roy Clarke and others now have their houses.

In November 1807 THE COMPTE de LILLE came over from RUSSIA to GOSFIELD HALL and whilst there he assumed the title of 'KING of FRANCE' and brother and other Nobles around him he was visited there by most of the French Noblesse in the Kingdom.

In MAY 1884 an EARTHQUAKE rocked the Colchester area. it startled GOSFIELD but incurred no damage of note here.

The Halstead Times Newspaper in 1894 reported that on March 12<sup>th</sup> a MOTOR CAR had been seen in Earls Colne. Apparently it frightened a HORSE.

APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> 1898, ROMAN CATHOLICS commenced holding services in Halstead. They had acquired premises in Rosemary Lane. The Rev Canon Moyes informed the congregation that this was not a new thing for Halstead as Catholicism was the prevailing religion a little over 300 years previous.

JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> 1898 ..... The owner of a STEAM TRACTION ENGINE was fined 2 shillings and sixpence for not having a PILOT walking at least 20 yards in front of the engine as required by law. The owner said that as it was 5.45am and no one else was about he did not think that the precaution was necessary the pilot rode on the engine.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1898 A NEW TRICYCLE was displayed at Smyth's cycle makers in Halstead . It was a two seater so that the riders could sit side by side, allowing greater sociability and companionship. The machine had been imported from America.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1898 over 1,000 tickets were sold to passengers over the Whitsun Holidays on the Colne Valley Railway. There was also news of a proposal to run the railway from Kelvedon to Halstead via Coggeshall and Pattiswick.

In 1894 Gosfield had responded to the Local Government Act of transferring some of the powers of the Vestry to the NEW PARISH COUNCIL. The Rev H.L. Elliot was elected as the first Chairman, then re- elected yearly for very many years, eventually begging as a consequence of his increasing age to be released from that responsibility.

Enjoy 'Fete Day' in July everyone. I recall very many years of them. I'll pray for good weather.



## **GOSFIELD COMMUNITY** **DEFIBRILLATOR**

For anyone who may not be aware, a defibrillator is located on the front wall of the Maurice Rowson Hall in Church Road, Gosfield. This was paid for by a £5,000 legacy provided to the Rowson Hall

Management Committee in the will of former Gosfield resident, Tom McMillan. The defibrillator is positioned so as to be available 24 hours a day to anyone that requires to use it. Should a person be taken ill, a 999 call must first be made to the Emergency Services. If the call operator considers it appropriate, you will then be directed to the defibrillator at the hall and given the code to open the defibrillator box and access the defibrillator.

Unfortunately, on the last two occasions that the defibrillator has been required, the call operator has provided incorrect information relating to the code to access the defibrillator. Despite having received an apology from the East of England Ambulance Service on both occasions that this has occurred, along with an assurance that the situation will not reoccur, the Rowson Hall Management Committee are not confident that the situation will not happen again in the future. In an attempt to circumvent this problem reoccurring, the Rowson Hall Committee has made the decision to make Gosfield residents aware of the code to access the defibrillator. This decision was not made lightly as there have been situations where defibrillators have been stolen or vandalised when the code has been made public.

The committee can therefore confirm the following information relating to the defibrillator located at the Maurice Rowson Hall;

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The Rowson Hall Management Committee have a limited supply of fridge magnets detailing the code for the defibrillator. If you would like one, please send an email to [davjar33@gmail.com](mailto:davjar33@gmail.com) along with your name and address. Please note that we only have a relatively small number of fridge magnets available so distribution will be on a first come, first served basis.

As stated above, a 999 emergency phone call must always be made prior to attempting to access the defibrillator.

Dave Jarvis on behalf of the Rowson Hall Management Committee

## Steve Sudbury

Many of you in Gosfield will know Steve, where he has lived all his life. He has a strong presence in the village helping to organise and run community events. What you may not be aware of is his commitment and dedication to Scouting, over 50 years as an adult leader.

Steve has been in Scouting for most of his life and recalls many fond memories, especially whilst in the scout group based at Hedingham Castle. The owner, Miss Majendie, was his leader. She became a silver wolf in 1959. A pretty unique scout hut!

Since Steve became an adult leader, his roles have included Scout Leader, District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner (International and special projects) and more recently Group Scout Leader of 1<sup>st</sup> Gosfield Scout Group.

During his role as Assistant District Commissioner (International) he has led a number of successful District trips to Jamborees including Denmark, Mongolia and Newfoundland, with many young people from our District given a unique opportunity to experience different cultures and customs.

He has been to every Essex Scout Jamboree, and possesses an amazing, colourful camp blanket with so many badges he has collected, it must weigh a ton!

He is Warden of our District Campsite in Twinstead, and keeps it in tip top condition, which is very much appreciated by our scout groups, who use it regularly for teaching outdoor scouting skills and camping.

Why am I writing this, you may be wondering as you read this.

Due to his exceptional services to Scouting over many years, Steve was nominated for a National Award, and everyone in our District (past and current members) were absolutely delighted when he was recently awarded the highest award, The Silver Wolf. The last one to be awarded in our District was to Miss Majendie, then District Commissioner, which was probably in the 1960's.

This was presented to Steve at a special celebration held at the Maurice Rowson Hall by Bob Bye, our County Commissioner. Many Scouting friends (past and present) plus his family were invited to the occasion.



Here, in Halstead & Colne Valley District, we are very proud of Steve and thank him wholeheartedly for all he does for the benefit of so many young people. He is a real asset to the Scouting Movement, and we salute him!

Julie Matthews, Joint District Commissioner, Halstead & Colne Valley Scouts

## GOSFIELD FETE - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023

As promised, we're pleased to be able to give you an update of the plans that are in place for the upcoming fete on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Our previous requests were met with the usual Gosfield gusto, and we're delighted to say that The Kings Head have generously sponsored our raffle with a top cash prize of £100, we now have wonderful vintage transport for our fete royalty – and we have the royalty themselves! Thankyou.

**BUT**, we have a few more requests if you are able to help us!

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We are a small (but enthusiastic!) group who love to plan the fete for everyone to enjoy but we can't run the day without volunteers. All we ask is for an hour of your time – this could be to help put up marquees, run a stall for an hour, do a shift on the tea rooms, or help pack away on the Sunday. We honestly can't do it without you. Please drop us an email or message Mrinal on **07805-483338** to let us know your availability.

### **CAKES**

If you are able to bake a cake (or two) for the tearooms, we would be so grateful! Any cakes can be brought to the pavilion from 9am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July but we'd appreciate it if you could drop us an email so we have an idea of how many we are expecting.

### **RAFFLE**

If you are a business who would like to donate a prize for our raffle, we would love to hear from you! Tickets will be available to purchase in advance from the village shop and also on the day.

### **CROCKERY**

If you are clearing out any kitchen cupboards, we would love any old crockery for our crockery smash stall and would be grateful if you could keep it for us. Matt is happy to collect from village addresses nearer the time – please message him on **07798 846051** with your name and address and he will come and pick it up. (Please can we request no glass, thankyou).

**If you can help with any of these requests, please get in touch via [gosfieldfete@gmail.com](mailto:gosfieldfete@gmail.com), or call/message Cherie on 07964-190103. Thankyou.**

### **TUG OF WAR AND PET SHOW**

Don't forget that we will be holding a village 5-a-side Tug of War at this year's fete! We'll be asking for teams to come forward on the day to take part, so start thinking about who you could join forces with and think of a creative name for your tug of war team.

The pet show will be returning this year so start prepping your pets for the event of year! There will be rosettes for winners in the following categories: Best Dressed 'Superhero' Pet, Best Behaved Pet and Most Unusual Pet.

There will be a registration table for both events beside the tea rooms on the day for you to enter, and forms will also be at The Kings Head, The Apple Tree, the Village Shop and the Social Club from mid-June if you want to enter in advance.

Lastly, for those who may not be aware, the fete committee was established many years ago to raise much needed funds to help support the upkeep of our wonderful playing field. Fete profits are shared between the Playing Field Management Committee for them to put towards the maintenance costs of the playing field, and amongst the local youth groups, who all support the fete by being part of the procession, running stalls or simply by attending and playing some fete games. So everything we do to make the fete a success goes directly towards our lovely village in some way. By advertising in the programme, buying a raffle ticket, baking a cake, volunteering, or even just splatting the rat, you are all part of that success. Look out for the fete programme that will be posted through every letterbox in Gosfield which will tell you timings for the day and the entertainment we have booked for you all to enjoy.

Thanks for all your support. We hope to see you there! The Fete Committee.

## MAURICE ROWSON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Maurice Rowson Hall Management Committee AGM will be held in the Bill Pasfield Room in the Rowson Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 13th June 2023 when the election of officers for the coming year will be made. A report of the year to the 31st March 2013 will be given along with the annual accounts.

It is noted that since Covid, some lettings at the hall have resumed and some new hires have started using the hall, unfortunately however, other previously frequent hires of the hall have not returned.

The committee membership is open to all village organisations and groups and all are able to appoint a representative to serve on the committee and assist with helping to keep this valuable facility to the community on a sound basis. If your village organisation uses the hall, please consider if you are able to give some time to the running of the hall; meetings are held monthly and usually last less than an hour.

The Rowson Hall is a charity registered with the Charity Commission to whom reports are made annually.

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Gosfield Community Primary School has been rated Good in all categories, namely, The quality of education, Behaviour and attitudes, Personal development, Leadership and management and Early Years provision.

The report states that leaders have set out a curriculum for all cohorts which clearly states what children will learn and that new concepts and vocabulary are communicated well. It goes on to recognise a sharp focus on reading and phonics and highlights the good behaviour of children around the school and in lessons. It also recognises the support of the trust in a concluding paragraph *"New staff appreciate the support they have had since joining. Leaders provide ongoing training, so that staff have the expertise they need to teach well. Governors and trustees take the well-being of staff seriously. They ensure that staff get the help they need to carry out their jobs effectively."*

Safeguarding was also recognised as effective throughout the school.

CEO of Attain Academy Partnership, Mrs. Edom-Baker said :

"The staff team, led by Acting Head of School, Mrs. Helen Game and Acting Assistant Head teacher Mrs. Lucy Mitchell, have managed the continued development of the school extremely well and ensured that their plans for improvement have remained on track. We are all thrilled to have Ofsted recognise the great work which takes place here every day by saying that a Gosfield is a good school."

"I am constantly impressed by how hard our staff and pupils work and it is fantastic to see the Ofsted inspectors report so positively on everything that we do here."

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| Planning                          | Waters, Pawsey   |
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In spring last year, a note on the Gosfield Grapevine Facebook Page said that the long established Gosfield WI was closing. I posted my disappointment (as one day I would have joined in my retirement!) and there was a flurry of comments and interest in it continuing. It wasn't possible to just take it over at the time and the main reason for it not being supported was that it was held in the daytime. A small group of us started to meet and develop a plan of action..!

In Sept/Oct we held 2 taster sessions which were very well attended and on 1<sup>st</sup> December we officially formed, voted in our committee, and gave ourselves a name - 'Gosfield Girls WI'. We now meet on the third Thursday of every month from 7.30-9.0pm and members have offered to pick up older or infirm residents who may not like to come out on their own at night or have mobility issues.

We currently meet at Gosfield School on Halstead Road as we were unable to secure Maurice Rowson Hall initially, but we will be moving there in September which is great news!!

We have had some great activities [see also colour photos at bottom of page 20] from Christmas crafts in December, Chinese New Year Lantern making in January, a chocolate themed session in February with some meditation and in March we did a 'blind' book exchange and some creative writing (limericks). We have an events calendar in place for the rest of 2023, from activities to speakers and, of course, we nearly always have cake!

If you would like to join us, then please call or email the GGWI Secretary Janet Hull on 07968-145599 or:

[janetclimbing@aol.com](mailto:janetclimbing@aol.com)

We offer one free taster session for anyone would like to come along to meet us all and to 'try before you buy'!


I want to extend my personal thanks to the committee who have made this possible and to all our members for bearing with us on this new adventure. We are continually learning!

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Best regards, Jules Wilkinson, President.

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