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# Gosfield Grapevine



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## PARISH PONDERINGS - FROM ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH



### Hello from St. Catherine's Church!

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Our services are open to all and happen every Sunday at 10.30am, always followed by good coffee, sweet treats, the best cheese scones around and the opportunity to chat and share life with one another.

Our church is a place for the whole family and we welcome children of all ages! Whether you are 8 days, 8 months, 8 years or 108 years you are welcome. Whether it's on a Sunday or during the week, our children's area is always open and has books, puzzles and games to explore. It's also just a nice place to play!

We are here for you, whether it be for a baptism, wedding or funeral enquiry, pastoral or bereavement support, prayer or simply a quiet space to sit and be.

Whether you are visiting Gosfield, moving into the area, have been here forever or five minutes, have a faith, are exploring faith, have no faith or a little bit or maybe even fancy a go at bell ringing, we are here for you.

For more information, contact details for clergy and any enquiries, please find us at [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com) or pop in anytime after 10am on a Sunday!

God bless you,

From the St. Catherine's Church Family. x

God bless, Revd Katie, Katie de Bourcier

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

Rector of St Catherine's Church, Gosfield

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September**

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:

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

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Family BBQ – Social Club

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August - Village Circle Club

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August - Summer Bank Holiday

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September – Golf Day at Gosfield Lake Golf Club

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Autumn Equinox

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Gosfield Fete AGM at 8pm in The Pavilion

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October – AGM - Gosfield Horticultural Society

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November - St. Catherine's Christmas Fayre


St. Catherine's Christmas Fayre – Maurice Rowson Hall – 10:30 to 12:20

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 – 10:30 to 11:30

### COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

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attempting to access the defibrillator. 

## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES:

Congratulations must go to the Gosfield Fete Committee for a very well organised and successful fete this month.

Unfortunately, I have to report that we have been the subject of possible vandalism in the children's play area and the new pavilion toilets. Please report anything untoward to our Clerk.

Please think of your neighbours and village residents who have to use the pathways and cut your hedges back to the end of the footpaths. Essex County Council will be contacting those residents who fail to do so and whose hedges are causing a nuisance to others.

Tricia Edwards.

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

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

<b>June Winners:</b>	No. 26 Mr. D Bedwell	No. 9 Mrs. J Cornell
	No. 50 Mr. and Mrs. Haselden	No. 14 Mrs. C Sycamore
<b>July Winners:</b>	No. 81 Mr. D Jarvis	No. 104 Mrs. A Clarke
	No. 140 Mrs. S Broyd	No. 115 Mrs. C Snowden

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

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> August. Ann

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### GOSFIELD YARNIES:

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tea/coffee and homemade cakes.

## GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

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Councillor	2 *	Volunteer Parishioner Required

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



Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

## Gosfield Fete 2023

And just like that, it's all over for another year! We'd like to say an enormous **THANKYOU** to everyone who came and enjoyed the fete and the after party this year – what a fantastic day and evening it was! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

The day started with the fabulous float parade through the village, and every year it seems to get bigger and better. Stilt walkers, majorettes and dancers were followed by the most incredible floats - all the local youth groups put so much thought into matching their displays to the 'Heroes and Villains' theme, and after a tough judging decision, the Brownies were crowned with the best float of 2023 – well done! Thank you to John Humphreys for safely driving our fete royalty through the village with his vintage tractor.

We're so grateful for all the volunteers who made the whole day a success. There are too many people to thank individually, but you know who you are! **THANKYOU** to the marquee builders, the traffic stoppers, the cake makers, the tea pourers, the stall holders, the pint pullers, the raffle prize donators, the hay rakers and the litter pickers (and those who seemed to do all of the above!) – we genuinely couldn't do it without you.

Our special thanks must go to the Social Club – Becky, Mike and all of the amazing volunteers who helped run the bar and BBQ for hours on end on behalf of the fete committee. They gave up their time again this year totally voluntarily, and every penny made on the bar and BBQ goes directly into the fete profits – we are so grateful to them all for supporting the fete. Thankyou.

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 3rd October at 8pm in The Pavilion**. Everyone is welcome. This is the meeting where we announce how the 2023 profits will be distributed to the playing field management committee and the local youth groups, and where we welcome any new committee members of course ! Feedback about 2023 has been really positive and we've already had some great ideas for next year too – if you'd like to be involved then please come along, or drop an email to:

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

Best wishes, The Fete Committee

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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 6 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am	Holy Communion – Harvest Festival
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am	Morning Praise
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:

6 August and 3 September 10.15am St Andrew's Hall, Halstead

*Children of all ages welcome; pre school aged children must be accompanied by an adult*

Messy Church:

Saturday TBC 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.

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

Well I hope you are all well and managing to enjoy the Summer thus far.

I was hopeful there would be no further mourning here but I spoke to soon. A couple of weeks ago my brother Doug's wife Doris suddenly passed away and it has been very sad indeed since.

I was going to ask him to give me some memories of what he and his mates got up to in the school holidays in our village but haven't had the heart to trouble him. I said this to my youngest son and he said well my memories in the 70.s were swimming in Lake or Pits or going over to the Park to watch the cricket. Going on bike rides and having fun at the Fete....loving ice lollies and Coconuts.

So as the Wimbledon Tennis ended with a sight of my baby sister Wendy's ex-boss seated near The Princess of Wales watching the Men's Singles final and what an amazing match it was. Stan Smith a past winner of that illustrious trophy in the early 70's having beaten Nastase. My sister Wendy worked and travelled the world circuit of tennis with Stan and his family for many years and they still live close by to her in USA. He is 'the name' on some Adidas trainers etc. He visited Gosfield during one Wimbledon season 'day off' to have tea with my parents and see our village. But back to the reason I went to work with Wendy after 7 am her time and lunchtime here as she was facing a 110 degrees hot day but used to it there. She worked as a Park Ranger at Sgt Jasper Park in South Carolina when she had school age children. Now she runs the visitors centre, less dangerous than searching through the woods trying not to tread on deadly snakes etc. looking for lost visitors at gate closing time. I love it in Sth Carolina where you can buy bags of Pecans or huge Peaches roadside.

She was driving to work and had me on speakerphone and could only say that her Gosfield summer memories always seemed so sunny and she didn't remember rainy days but there must have been some. Again cycling came into the mix. Roaring into the Spinney and the dips of an assault course. For many of us post war folk, it was the bomb damage that created the massive pits. She still had to attend piano lessons though regardless of school hols. The 2 teachers in the village were Molly Hinds and Jean Howard, both equally good. Ladies who worked but Molly ran the Guides and Jean 'Church Organist' in their spare time.

Wendy recalled the Lake and Park for fun and picnics... and the Fete and Gymkhana. Also entering exhibits from school or separately with her pal Carolyn Everitt. Her Dad, entered veg and flowers in the Horticultural Tent. Wendy recalls holidays away for a week some as 'distant' as Gt Yarmouth. Most were local sea fronts unless we went to visit our Grandpa in Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire.

Why wasn't I on the holidays with them? Well, our Grandad Drurys' sister went from owning a shop in Bexley Heath, to buying a 12 roomed house in Eltham, South London but had later developed Parkinson's disease and I was sent on the London coach (pick up by the Green Man) to go stay and look after her so that her daughter and family could take their 2 weeks in Weston Super- Mare. Eventually taking my own sons along until Gt Aunt died in 1981... She grew up by the Mill in Alderford Street, Sible Hedingham.

All my activities were very Church organised as I've written before but still it's 'The Park, The Spinney, Cycling and rambling across fields and of course The Lake' but I was also helping at Gosfield Hall aged 12 when my Mum was ill, working with lovely Barbara Mason. Or I was up at the Drury House helping Nan to 'salt' runner beans in earthenware pots (no freezers) or bottling lots of fruit just picked and being in the Pubs 'both them', but that's another tale.

PS. I watched the planting of the trees on the Green. Such a shame one has gone.



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**On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August, we will be holding a Summer Family BBQ at the Club. As well as sausages and burgers, chicken and beef fajitas will also be available.**

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

**Doors open at 3.00pm.**

**All welcome.**

**For further information on the Social Club, or if you would like to be emailed our newsletter detailing future events at the club, please email [gosfieldsc@gmail.com](mailto:gosfieldsc@gmail.com)**

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

Application for approval of details as reserved by conditions 15 & 17 of approved application 18/02007/FUL, Land South Of The Limes Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 23/01750/DAC.

Construction of livestock and machinery storage buildings. Land East Off Danes Vale Gosfield Road Wethersfield Essex, Ref. No: 23/01513/FUL.

Erection of a 4 bay cart lodge, log store and stable block, with proposed access way from existing driveway. Gosfield Place Lodge The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU, Ref. No: 23/01403/HH.

Variation of Condition 1 (approved Plans) of permission 22/02762/VAR granted 5/12/2022 for: Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of permission 20/00500/REM granted 05/05/2021 for Application for approval of Reserved Matters (appearance and landscaping) of outline planning consent 17/00119/OUT - Demolition of existing buildings and hardstanding and construction of 8 no. new dwellings together with new vehicular access onto New Road and associated development. Variation would allow:-Amendment to house types Plots 1 & 4 -Add rear dormer & change rear Juliet balcony to windows. Plots 2 -Addition of third roof light in rear elevation. Plot 6-Insertion of 2 side elevation windows. Plots 6 & 8- Change render to cement board cladding and All plots - Addition of PV solar panels to south facing roof slopes of approved house types, Land Rear Of 10 New Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 23/01412/VAR.

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Toddler Group	Emma	07872-916917	
Gosfield Players	Jules Wilkinson	07958-903932	
Gosfield Rainbows and Guides	Stacey Creak	07814-233219	
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**ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:**

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### Fundraising Concert St. Catherine's Church- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

The above Concert by the Hedingham Singers was held on the hottest day of the year so far with our cool surroundings appreciated by a full audience, some of whom enjoyed strawberries, scones, cream and pink fizz afterwards.

I want to thank everyone who helped me with the catering on the day, the Fete Committee for the loan of the tent, Matt & Dave Jarvis, Pip Tutton & Derek Wood for erecting and dismantling it in the churchyard on the day.

Too many helpers and scone makers to mention personally, but my grateful thanks to you all.

The event proved a great success resulting in the Hedingham Singers choir being able to make a sizeable donation of £600 to St. Catherine's PCC.

Prim Rayner, Hedingham Singers

**1<sup>st</sup> Gosfield  
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Gosfield School	Rod Jackson (Principal)	01787-474040	<a href="mailto:enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk">enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk</a>

### SPORTS CLUBS:

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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:

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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>



## OPEN GARDENS

A big thankyou to all who opened their gardens and to all who supported the event. A very big thankyou to the Social Club who once again opened their beer garden and with their fabulous BBQ raised £225. Also Courtyard Brewery for opening on the Day and making the day even better. I am pleased to say we raised £1,127.60 for Gosfield in Bloom to help them keep our village looking so lovely.

### **Next year Open Gardens will be on SUNDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**We need some new gardens to keep the event interesting so if you would like to open your garden next year please contact me at [thepaynes57@hotmail.com](mailto:thepaynes57@hotmail.com), or pop in the Shop and leave your details and I will be in touch. Brian Payne.**



In June we held our first Annual General Meeting which included cheese and wine with a fun game of bingo. In July we attended the Gosfield fete and had a great day, supplying a tombola, a card game for the children and a fruit Pick & Mix. The stand was very busy all afternoon.

At our regular meeting in July, we had our first speaker booked. It was a great evening. Local Author Karen Hamilton-Viall talked about her journey writing her first book "The

Curious Life of Ada Baker" which she began at the start of the pandemic, then how she found an agent and someone to do the artwork for her cover. She has also written the second book in the series and is waiting on publication and a third has been started. It was great to support a local author. We were able to buy her signed book, and we had our usual tea/coffee and delicious homemade cakes and raffle prizes – both kindly donated by Sarah Karby-Best.

We have a summer picnic planned for August and then we move to our new venue the Maurice Rowson Hall in September.

17 <sup>th</sup> August*	Summer Picnic - bring a plate of food, Pimms provided
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Speaker – Essex/Herts Air Ambulance. No raffle this week, donations to the charity
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Speaker – Woodland Habitats with whittling demo and chance to try your hand!
16 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary party! Bring own drinks and nibbles
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Drinks at the Kings Head and Secret Santa exchange



If you would like to join us, then please call the GGWI Secretary Janet Hull on 07968-145599 or email us at our **new** address: [gosfieldgirls.wiessex@aol.com](mailto:gosfieldgirls.wiessex@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'!

Please do come along, all ages welcome ! Best regards, Jules Wilkinson, President.

## GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

Summer is normally a difficult time for the club due to the holiday commitments of the membership. However we continue to attract a good membership attendance on each of the two club nights each week.

This enables the club to play "friendly" matches against other clubs within the area during this period. These "friendly" matches are very helpful in preparing the membership for the Winter League matches played over the winter period. The Winter League is due to start again in September /October time depending upon the number of clubs enrolling for the league.

Gosfield plays in the North West Essex league which normally has a membership of 8 clubs.

This season however we will not know the full effect that the COVID pandemic has had on the club membership in the area until clubs enrol for the forth coming Winter League. Last year we had only 6 clubs enrolling for the league which was just enough to ensure that it was a competitive league. We hope to attract at least 8 clubs for the forthcoming season.

In the meantime we look forward to the start of the league program and prepare for the fixtures by continuing to meet twice a week as club nights. On a normal club night we play in house matches interspersed with training sessions where we try to improve the individual skill and tactical awareness of the membership. The main interest however on the club nights is for the membership to enjoy playing carpet bowls.

Our normal club nights are a Monday and a Wednesday each week throughout the year. New members are always welcome.

Paul M Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

## Essex Electric Vehicle Charge Point Strategy

We are currently consulting on the Essex Electric Vehicle Charge Point Strategy and would welcome the views of your council members and residents.

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Read more about the Essex Electric Vehicle Charge Point Strategy in our [public consultation brochure](#) and have your say by completing our [short consultation survey](#).

For any queries on the strategy please contact the project team at:

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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 obviously 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 bequeath in your will, or even a one off gift, please contact David Degnan (Honorary treasurer) on 01787-472291 for the necessary mandate form.

To make a direct donation to the Friends the Barclay bank account details are: Sort code 20 97 40 account number 90237639.

To become a member without obligation is just £10 per person, or £20 per family, per year, please complete the form shown with this announcement.

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:

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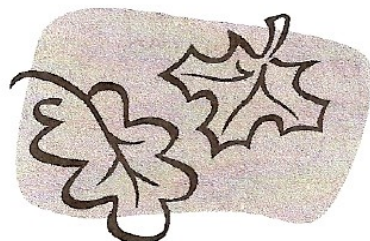
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## Attain Academy Partnership Schools Unite for Spectacular Arts Festival: Crowning Glory - A Celebration of Music, Art, and Creativity

The children at Gosfield Community Primary School recently joined the other 6 schools within Attain Academy Partnership for an Arts Festival at Charter Hall – see group photo at bottom of page 20.

A spoonful of sugar, a smorgasbord of talent and a sprinkle of inspiration created an afternoon of magic that was the Attain Academy Partnership first Arts festival.

The Arts Festival was a celebration of the immense talent and creativity within the seven Attain academy schools. The event was presented to an audience of hundreds at Colchester's premier venue, Charter Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Each participating school had prepared acts ranging from singing to cheerleading, which they performed with confidence There was also an art exhibition presenting the work of children from all ages across the schools.

Adding an extra touch of enchantment to the event, the one and only Mary Poppins took on the role of the master of ceremonies. Her magical presence guided the audience through an afternoon filled with joy, laughter, and awe-inspiring performances. The theme of the event was 'Crowning Glory' and was a celebration of the recent coronation of King Charles.

The Arts Festival celebrated the artistic achievements of the participating schools and also served as a platform to foster collaboration and camaraderie among the students.

"We are thrilled to host this magnificent Arts Festival and witness the talent and dedication of our local students," said Susannah Edom-Baker, the CEO of Attain Academy Partnership. "The festival is an opportunity to celebrate the arts, promote creativity, and inspire young minds. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mary Poppins for gracing us with her presence and contributing to the enchantment of the evening."

### Gosfield (Mobile) Library

Route 2 - Nuns Meadow, Saturday,

9:45 am to 10:15 am:

9<sup>th</sup> September

30<sup>th</sup> September

21<sup>st</sup> October

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### Halstead Library

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Friday 9am to 5pm

Saturday 9am to 5pm

Sunday Closed

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.

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We also want to hear your ideas and solutions to the problems you face so that Levelling-Up funding is used to support projects and services designed by the residents.

The following areas are part of the Levelling-Up area:

- Bumpstead
- Gosfield and Greenstead Green
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- Stour Valley North
- Stour Valley South
- The Colnes
- Three Fields
- Yeldham

If you would like to be involved, please contact Amy Melton whose contact details are below. Working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Amy Melton, United in Kind Coordinator

Essex Wellbeing Service – Social Isolation

[amy.melton@ceessex.org.uk](mailto:amy.melton@ceessex.org.uk)

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## GOSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Dates for 2023** Autumn Show 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 8.00p.m. in the Social club.

We have just had our smallest Summer Show since I moved to Gosfield 33 years ago. With just under 90 entries (from 14 entrants), rather than the more usual 150 to 200, the show was not financially viable. There is a limit to how often we can run a loss-making show, but fortunately we can stand it occasionally. It is easy to blame the weather, which has not been easy for gardeners; it may be that the Wimbledon Ladies Finals was too much competition, or maybe too few people remain interested in the skills of growing, cooking and handicrafts. However, we remain strong in our belief that keeping these skills alive is important, and that produce shows are a means of showing everyone that they are really very easy, and not an arcane mystery.

Our Autumn show is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, and we hope to see you there, with an entry or two (or more). Schedules are available from the shop and social club and the committee are always willing to try and answer any questions you may have.

Happy gardening, Stephen Westover

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## Gosfield Community Benefit Shop - Our Grand Opening

We did it! The new shop was completed at the end of April and opened for trading on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, a beautiful warm, sunny day, we held our official opening, presided over by Jaymie-Le Tapsell, Funding Officer for Essex & Herts from the National Lottery Community Fund and who supported our application throughout its long and winding passage to completion and granting of funds in September 2022, together with Dave Monk, radio presenter on Essex Radio and Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Essex. The event was attended by over 70 guests all of whom played some part in the funding, building and fitting out of the new shop and many of our ever-loyal volunteers. After the official opening of the shop everyone was invited to join us for afternoon tea of sandwiches and cakes in the Pavilion and adjoining marquee.

We always need more volunteers. Even if you're not interested in working behind the counter, we can always find a place for you as all our volunteers are extremely important to us. So, why not come along and speak to any of us and maybe spend a short time with us to see if you like us and can offer your services. We can always find a place for you and you'd be joining a very happy, friendly group of people providing the village with such a great and important service.

Thanks to Tony Sale for the photos.



### The Gosfield Players are back!

Back by popular demand! The Gosfield Players are returning to the stage!!! Our last show, Alice in Pantoland, was pre-pandemic in 2019 and was a huge success and we have been itching to put on another performance for the village. Can you guess what this one will be?

We are starting rehearsals again in September 2023 and are looking for actors, singers, creative people, backstage staff, and well any other help you might be able to offer! As usual, we will be asking local companies to advertise in our programme and/or to offer raffle prizes. Please let us know if you are interested.



We hope to be ready for early spring 2024 but will advertise dates very soon.

Please contact me with questions, and/or about advertising or raffle. See you all very soon!!

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**GOSFIELD  
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## **GOSFIELD IN BLOOM**

Many of you will have noticed the colourful array of plants around the village in hanging baskets, planters and flower beds.

We have bought more plants than ever before and the dedicated bloomer volunteers are actively watering and dead heading to keep the flowers looking their best.

All of this would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors past and present, whether this is by direct sponsorship or support of the Gosfield in Bloom fundraising events.

So, we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all those that have sponsored us since we began in 2018 !

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The Nature Reserve continues to provide a pleasant haven for informal recreation, particularly dog walkers, and a limited amount of path clearance has been undertaken in July, to ensure that it remains accessible. More will be done in August.

Some essential tree work was undertaken in late winter, to ensure that trees do not cause any foreseeable safety concerns, and a little more is to be done this Autumn. Keep an eye out for warning signs, and please respect any path closures that may be necessary during the work.

Unfortunately, we have had two vandalism events this year. The restored and replaced notice board just inside the entrance to the reserve from The Street was ripped out, broken, and thrown in the pond, by a person or persons, of reasonable strength. Now the board has dried out fully, it will be restored and replaced again very soon.

A less costly event was the equally senseless act of throwing one of the life belts in to the adjacent pond. They are there to be used for saving life, and must remain easily accessible for use if ever needed.

It is tempting to suggest that the perpetrators of these two actions should be ripped up, broken, and thrown in the pond without a lifebelt, but I simply ask, "please do not do it again!"

Finally, in early July, a young lad was found with a small campfire in the reserve, well made, and well under control. However, the surroundings were tinder dry, and it is all too easy for a fire to spread. Having seen the consequences of major forest fires in Spain, Portugal and France (and having been close to a small one), I can assure you that we do not want such an event on the edge of the village. Build dens, go fishing, watch birds, climb trees, but please, no fires in the reserve, unless they are part of an organised management operation.

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