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# Gosfield Grapevine



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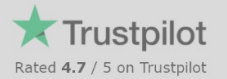
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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**

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:

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday – Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March – Social Club Fajitas

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Clocks change (>>>)

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April – GHS Spring Show

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April - St. George's Day

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April - ANZAC Day

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May – Early Spring Bank Holiday

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May - Ford Ride London 'Ladies' Classique [via Gosfield]


Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Bank Holiday

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July – 'born2tri' Gosfield Multi-Sport Triathlon

Chilly Dippers - Fridays 12.30-1.30 and Sundays 8am and 9am – suitable for beginners – booking in via [FB@Gosfieldlakechillydippers](https://www.facebook.com/Gosfieldlakechillydippers)

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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Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES:

We would be very pleased to receive more articles for the Grapevine which may be of interest to villagers. Please forward to our editor.

I would advise you that a shared ownership property in Edmund Green has recently become available. Please see page 5 which provides further details.

Applicants are banded (a) to (d) in order of priority as follows:

- If you live and have lived in the Parish of Gosfield continuously for at least two years
- If you have lived in the Parish of Gosfield for not less than five years during the immediately preceding ten year period
- If you are employed full time in the Parish of Gosfield and have been so employed for a minimum period of two years immediately prior to make application
- If you either live or are employed in the Parish of Gosfield and have done so for a period of less than two years or are a member of the family of a person who lives in the Parish of Gosfield

Applicants must then meet certain financial eligibility criteria as per the attached leaflet.

If you are interested in being considered for this property, could you please let me know and I will forward an application form.

[tricia.edwards@gosfieldparishcouncil.org](mailto:tricia.edwards@gosfieldparishcouncil.org)

Please note that all application forms must be received by midday on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

If there are no successful applicants from the Parish of Gosfield, then residents in the Parishes of Wethersfield, Sible Hedingham, Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural, and Stisted will be eligible to apply.

If there are no successful applications from the above Parishes, then residents in the Braintree District will be able to apply.

Please note that our Parish Clerk will be keeping a list of interested residents in case further shared ownership properties become available.

Tricia Edwards.

Ongoing planning applications for building works are given on page 6.

### CORONATION GARDEN:

The King Charles III Coronation Garden in the playing field is progressing well. All the groundwork and hard landscaping is almost finished and we're just awaiting delivery of the entrance archway, made by Barry Deal of Junk Dog, together with the refurbished original Gosfield Village sign. Once these are in place, Matt Jarvis can complete the paving and final jobs. We have 2 large, round picnic tables with seating attached on order. When these are in place we will add the finishing touches of containers and plants. Hopefully it will be done by the end of May, just in time for everyone to enjoy it for the summer.

## GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

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

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

### Thoughts for the month:

The daffodils in the Rectory garden are looking better than ever this year. Somehow they have multiplied and there seem to be many more than last year, especially under the trees at the bottom of the garden. They are a blaze of colour, and draw the eye even on a gloomy day. I have put no effort at all into cultivating them, but there they are, pure gift and grace !

At the moment, it can be very easy to feel dismayed and pulled down by so much of the news from the world around us – wars and disagreement and conspiracy theories and injustice. And it can make us anxious to look ahead as well, with a general election on the near horizon in the UK, as well as the presidential election in the United States which we know can have such an influence on the wider world. It is good that we look up and out and are engaged in the society and world of which we are part, caring about issues and doing what we can to make a difference. But sometimes, especially when it all seems a bit too much, I think it gives our minds and spirits a break to look down, to look at the small things close at hand, and let some of the big and difficult things recede for a few moments.

Those small, cheerful, comforting things might be different for each of us. For me it is the daffodils, or sitting next to my sleeping cat watching him snooze – preferably while I have a big mug of my favourite coffee to hand! For others, it might be taking time to get engrossed in a favourite creative activity – gardening or crafting or model making. For yet others, listening to music – properly listening, not having it on in the background – soothes and uplifts.

There's a world of difference between unhealthy escapism where we cease to engage with our world and seek continual distraction to stop us feeling things; and healthy "mini-breaks" where we take time to care for our minds and emotions and spirits by setting aside our burdens for a moment, whatever they may be, and immersing ourselves in something that gives us joy. Those moments may only need to be brief to make a difference, but they require that we are fully present for that time, using our sense to soak it all up, letting our shoulders drop and our breath get deeper and our hearts smile.

For Christians, connecting with God in prayer and contemplation can bring those moments as well, and those of other faiths and none find refreshment in meditation and contemplation as well. All it takes is a quiet space, for whatever time we have. Apparently, the mother of the Methodist minister John Wesley used to sit on a chair in her busy family kitchen, and lift her apron up over her head when she took time to pray, as a sign to the rest of the family not to disturb her – even in busy lives, there are moments of peace to be found or created.

Do take care of yourselves, mind, body and spirit. God bless.

Best wishes, Revd Katie,

Team Rector, Halstead Area Team, Area Dean, Hinckford Deanery

## 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. Services for the next two months at St. Catherine's church are as follows:

Sunday	14	April	10:30	Morning Worship	
Sunday	21	April	10:30	Holy Communion	
Sunday	28	April	10:30	Morning Worship	
Sunday	5	May	10:30	Holy Communion	
Thursday	9	May	19:30	Holy Communion	Ascension Day
Sunday	12	May	10:30	Morning Worship	
Sunday	19	May	10:30	Holy Communion	Pentecost
Sunday	26	May	10:30	Morning Worship	Trinity Sunday

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

Other services and events for the next two months are as follows:

Sunday	7	April	10:00	Team Service	St. Mary the Virgin Gestingthorpe
Saturday	18	May	3pm - 5pm	Messy Church	St Andrew's Hall Halstead

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

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To find out more about shared ownership please contact Chris Olutunfese  
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### **Ongoing planning applications for building works:**

Erection of single storey flat roof annexe, 5 Chestnut Avenue Gosfield Essex CO9 1TD, Ref. No: 24/00603/HH

Variation of Condition 5 (Approved Plans) of approved application 19/00998/OUT granted 22.05.2020 for Erection of 5no. Dwellings with access and car park for Tennis Club. Variation would allow the revised site access details, Land Adjacent Tennis Club Braintree Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 24/00474/VAR

Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of approved application 20/02244/REM granted 02.09.2021 for 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 the revised site access details, Land Adjacent Tennis Club Braintree Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 24/00473/VAR

Erection of single storey side and rear extension. Conversion of existing loft into habitable space including formation of dormers on front and rear roof slopes, 3 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PQ, Ref. No: 24/00425/HH

Memories, continued:

I had a boyfriend Peter, there were a few Peters in the village. Pete Robinson from the Kings Head his Dad Frank ran the pub. Peter Roope, an altar boy who lived near the Drury House in Braintree road. I hope that he and his sister Rosemary are still around. There was Peter Clanford. I know he is about as we spoke not so long ago. There was Peter Patmore and Pete Castle from just out of the village. Are you reading this Pat Warner (now Clarke)...are you remembering all the names? .Do you recall how we all piled into the row boats on the lake ?

There used to be 2 yachts on the Lake back in the 1850’s cared for by an employed regular Sailor. The Lady of the Lake and The Aerial were the yachts. Swimmers were a common sight at weekends.

I saw on the news a couple of weeks ago that Donald Campbells Hydroplane was restored and taken back to be displayed. It was such a tragedy at the time. I can remember the hydroplanes on Gosfield Lake roaring about ... I’m not sure there was anywhere local that they couldn’t be heard.

A memory from 1913 was the Elizabethan twisted chimney at Dial House. It became unsafe and had to be pulled down and rebuilt .That was not my memory !, but I remember when at the OLD Record Office in Chelmsford I read a document with the account of a Last Will and Testament, a man had left money for his Landlord to repair that old chimney. The Lee family lived there when the Ox Yard was still thatched. I have a photo of my teenage Mum standing in the doorway of Dial House before a band of Hope meeting. I remember old Miss Pepper living by there too ...but she probably wasn’t as old as I thought. I spent a lot of time in the cottage where Maggie has her hair Salon, there was also an Antique shop there and before that a cobblers (the retired village policeman Mr Norman repaired shoes there after WW2) and before that it was a sweet and tobacconist shop where the tobacco was weighed using a penny, one man always sought out the newest penny so he got the maximum amount of ‘ baccy’. I spent time at the far end of that cottage (it was 2 dwellings then) reading to a lady called Miss Springall who had a very bad heart. Her bed was raised right by the window so she could see everything. Another window bed like that was for a London actor, I think in the 1930’s, ill with consumption his bed was raised so he could see out of the Gable Cottage roadside window. He and his friend lived there and show business friends from London would come and visit for weekends. Famous ones like Noel Coward and Ivor Novello too. The grave for him is in our churchyard across the path from my Drury Grandparents’ grave. Ironically another famous person’s grave is across the path from my Mum n Dads grave several feet from the Porch is Jack Hylton and his wife’s grave. Born ‘ Hilton’ in 1892 and died in 1965. He was a pianist and composer as well as a Big Band Leader ironically he grew up in Staley Bridge Lancs... where my Dad as a teenager lived. Who knew one day they’d be buried nearby each other? Maybe he knew my Grandfather’s Pub or my Gt Grandad’s bakery. Back in my youth the Easter choir would have been practising the Anthem for Easter Sunday service and the voices so distinctive of Mr Pye and Ted Dyson would be heard by all, they were both small in stature but not in voice. I won’t be spending April in Paris but The Empire in Halstead of which I am a Trustee will have plenty to entertain locally. It will be 109 years old in May. From April 1<sup>st</sup> all films will be £5. Children’s cinema still £3. Enjoy.

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## MEMORIES with Linda Marlow, Richardson, Kemp:

Memories are not always my own. We all of us will have some inherited from those who shaped our lives...sometimes reshaped by our own ambitions or contentment with our lot. I am a Gemini . I have had a life thus far with one foot in the village that I love and another part of me in Theatre. I loved dancing in shows, I danced with Miss Foster's academy just down the road from The Empire theatre in Halstead I wrote plays that myself and Susan Brierly from school acted out. I love the Spring.

I love April. I loved April in Paris many moons and many memories ago. Walking at 00.04am after everyone had left The Olympia Theatre on Boulevard des Capucines. Walking past Place Vendome with the musicians and tech after a couple of hours spent unwinding with carafes of Red Wine and much discussion on how the show went. I remember I was seated beside Henry Mancini's mother and family that night instead of by the sound console. Henry had the floor above the performer that I did charity work for. He was based in Hollywood. Henry was a lovely man and it's no surprise that he was an amazing composer and orchestra leader.

My memories of Paris I hope will always stay with me and also ones of Hollywood high in the lighting box overlooking the outdoor seating in front of the Greek Theatre 'High' in the Griffith Park near the famous Observatory there. Watching wildlife scampering around the rows of seats eating whatever had been dropped. Always much to be done when an audience has gone from wherever in Paris or USA or a basement in Spain listening to an ex chart topper ...retired... with his own mini stage to entertain old friends or until Covid I would still be in another cellar in London with OLD Rockers as am I. Happy to be invited to their 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays or 70<sup>th</sup> Dave Edmunds. Vince Eager and others. American Charlie Gracie who sadly passed away after Covid. I wasn't selfish all those years of here and there. I took my husband or brothers and sisters, Mum n Dad, friends my dear Cousin who idolised Charlie G as a teenager and going back to April in Paris I was as usual straight back into my village life on return. My husband Richard approached me with a request. Would I consider taking his Badminton friend ( and a friend of mine too ) Eileen Whiting from Petersfield Farm to see her idol in concert at the Paris Olympia....it was the nearest that year on a tour he was appearing so would I , could I ? maybe arrange it ? Luckily I could and off we went. I spent some time as usual at the sound desk with a lovely young man who turned out to be Tom Jones' son.... Mark Woodward I took Eileen to some of my favourite places and I hope she is still with us and remembers... it's all about memories.

As a young child I spent time in the garden with Dorothy Lewin's father. Such a nice man until he ruffled my hair, He was a retired Lloyds Bank Manager in Leigh on Sea near the house where my Nan grew up. He bought Gable Cottage after WW2. It had just been renamed from The Limes Cottage. Most of the trees along that part of the street when he bought the cottage were cleared to build The Limes Estate the building work started around 1949. The Cedars were also built. Much change to the village but it was happening throughout the area. The Coldnailhurst estate in Braintree and White Horse Avenue in Halstead etc.

There was in Halstead The Savoy Cinema built in 1918 and The Empire/ Theatre Cinema 1915. The Plaza in Sible Hedingham 1927 and Braintree had The Embassy and in the High Street was The Central with the rear doors opening onto Sandpit Lane. Goodwins Fish and Chip Shop at the top end by Rayne Road. Halstead had a Fish n Chip shop too, in the row of old houses leading to the Bridge.

In Gosfield, my friend Mick's Dad (who owned the Greengrocers shop in Halstead) 'Doug Fleet' was coming around with a Fish n Chips Van...stopping in I think 3 places. By the Green Man is the one I recall.

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Gosfield  
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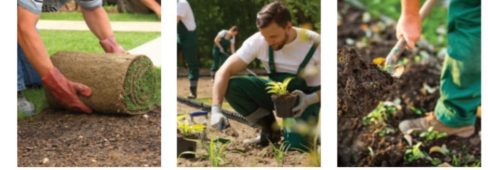
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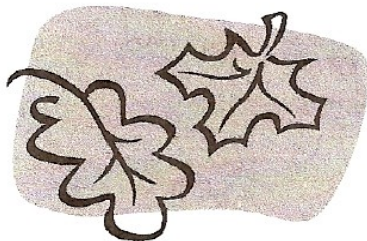
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## GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

The club will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday evening 15<sup>th</sup> April. At the meeting we will discuss recruitment of new members together with the selection of committee members to run the affairs of the club and to decide which, if any, Championship competitions to compete within during the summer period.

The club plays within the Essex Carpet Bowls Association Winter League event which this year ran from September 2023 until end of March 2024. Currently the league has seven member clubs playing within the league which is 2 clubs fewer than in pre-Covid seasons

At present Gosfield has two more matches to play before the end of the season on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We are unlikely to win the league but whichever position that we end up at we will have had a good season and played some very good and close matches. Many of our members have had little to no experience playing in league championships so the experience gained this season will be invaluable for next year's league series.

During the summer period there are several Championship Competitions organised by various organisations throughout Essex. The competitions vary from singles to 4 ball teams. Gosfield will be entering some of these competitions but which ones will depend upon vacation and other sport commitments of the membership.

Current membership of the club stands at 23 members but new members are always welcome. Should you wish to try your skills at carpet bowls you are welcome to attend either of our club nights on a Monday or Wednesday evening in the Rowson hall. Alternatively please contact our club Manager, Paul Nicklin, either by phone or e-mail details of which may be found within the Gosfield Grapevine.

Paul M Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

## VILLAGE CIRCLE CLUB

Our March meeting, attended by 22 members and 6 visitors, was great fun. Georgina Burr gave us an afternoon of armchair exercises to music. Everyone joined in and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Paula Short will be speaking about An American in Paris at our April meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> and Geoff Heathcock will tell us about the RNLi on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

So, if you'd like an afternoon of good, friendly company and a warm welcome, come and join us at the Village Circle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2 pm to 4 pm at the Maurice Rowson Hall. No need to join if you only want to visit occasionally but you'll always be warmly welcomed. Ann.



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The Gosfield Players were delighted to be back on stage in March after a 4 year break, our last show being a couple of weeks before the National lockdown in 2020.

This year our Panto was **Beauty & the Beast of Gosfield** [see colour snaps on page 23] and as you can imagine we had some variations of the original story with lots of local references, plenty of Boos and 'They're behind you', a lot of songs from a wide genre and from the original movie. Audience participation was, as always, fabulous and, for those that came, we really hope you enjoyed the show, had plenty of laughs and left with a smile.

We really appreciate the support of the village residents and local businesses - we could not do it without you all so a huge **Thank you !!**

See you in 2025! We would welcome new members as part of the cast on stage, costume or scenery makers and back stage help (with scene and costumes changes), etc. Please contact us if you are interested! It really is a lot of fun.

Contact Jules Wilkinson (Chair) for any questions 07958-903932.

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#### FORTHCOMING EVENT

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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)

### **GOSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Spring Show Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Well, it is a strange spring ! I don't think I have ever seen the flowers of Blackthorn and Hawthorn showing white at the same time. The latter is commonly known as May, because that is when it normally flowers. The warm wet weather, so different from February last year, when it hardly rained at all, has brought everything on early, so it may be a difficult Spring Flower Show.

However, the village shop has sold out of its first batch of show schedules, so hopefully many are keen to give it a go. More schedules are available for those less speedy off the mark, so see you on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Happy gardening, Stephen Westover (Show Secretary)

### **GOSFIELD NATURE RESERVE**

Definitely only a place to walk in waterproof footwear at the moment, but it is beginning to dry up. The primroses are putting on a good display, and the snow drops were a fine sight in February. Just after Christmas, some essential tree work was carried out for safety; a huge willow had severe decay in one large branch and developing decay in others; two ash were coppiced due to Ash Dieback Disease and decay. The smaller material was chipped to provide material to put down on the muddy paths. Our grateful thanks to the unsolicited volunteer, who spread much of it for us. We know who you are !

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The Gosfield Girls have been in existence now for 16 months. We continue to develop and grow and are looking forward to starting our new WI year on 1<sup>st</sup> April. We have a variety of speakers and fun activities coming up, such as a writer, an artist and a costume designer, a summer picnic, bingo night, games night, movie night, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary party and of course a Christmas celebration. An updated calendar of events will be posted on our Facebook page soon.

Since we last updated you here, we had our Christmas party in the Social Club in December, and in January we had a costume designer who talked to us about her career and brought along some of her creations. This was part 1 of her talks and we have booked her to come back again next January for part 2. In February we had a visit from the Essex Blood Runners – what interesting volunteer work they do! In March we spent an evening making Easter wreaths and we all managed to come up with some lovely creations!

If you have an interest in joining us, then please come along for a taster session – first one is free! Our members represent a wide age group and so we hope you feel you can come along. All ladies are welcome. Please contact me, Jules Wilkinson (President) if you have any questions 07958 903932. >>>>>

### OPEN GARDENS - Brian & Pam:

Due to lack of support for Open Gardens this year, we had only 7 gardens to show. So we have had to cancel this year's event.

It is such a shame, we will try again next year and hope we can get more Gardens to show.

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