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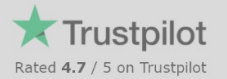
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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

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Anything sent in after this will be put forward into subsequent magazines. If you would like to advertise your community event, club, or business, and for anything Grapevine related, please contact the Gosfield Grapevine editor at:

grapevine@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

DATES TO NOTE:

Thursday, 17th October – Village Circle meeting

Tuesday, 22nd October – AGM - Gosfield Horticultural Society

Saturday, 26th October – St. Cedd's Day [Essex Day]

Sunday, 27th October - Clock change (<<)

Thursday, 31st October -Halloween

Saturday, 2nd November -All Soul's Day

Tuesday, 5th November -Gunpowder, Treason and Plot

Monday, 11th November - Armistice Day

Saturday, 23rd November – Quiz Night (Gosfield Social Club)

Saturday, 16th November - St. Catherine's Christmas Fayre
(Maurice Rowson Hall – 10:00 to 12:00, free admission, all very welcome)

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

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


Thursday, 5th December – Village Circle Christmas lunch

Saturday, 7th December – Christmas Lights (Gosfield Social Club)

Tuesday, 31st December - New Year's Eve Party with DJ (Gosfield Social Club)

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES:

On Friday, 20th September, I met with Chris Siddall, our Essex County Councillor and Tom Cunningham, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Highways, together with several residents who live on Braintree Road. The meeting was to discuss the speed limits between Foley Corner and the 30mph limit near Street Farm. Residents, together with the Parish Council, wished the 40 mph then 60 mph then 40 mph restrictions to be changed to 40 mph from Foley Corner to Street Farm. We were able to witness at first hand the problems these residents have to face with the traffic and getting their children to the bus stops without any paths. I am pleased to report that Cllr Cunningham agreed that the speed limit should be changed to 40 mph and indicated that this could happen sooner rather than later.

Whilst Cllr Cunningham was in the village, I asked him about the possibility of a zebra crossing in The Street. He and Cllr Siddall have agreed to look into the reasons why this has never been approved in the past.

Could I please ask again for residents with hedges abutting the footpaths to cut these back. Some are causing serious problems to residents with prams and wheelchairs.

The pétanque court has been approved and is awaiting construction on the playing field.

Tricia Edwards.

Ongoing planning applications for building works are as follows.

Two storey side extension including Juliet balcony and replacement garage, Canberra Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PJ, Ref. No: 24/01862/HH.

External works to include installation of French drain, repoint and repair chimneys, reinstate lime plaster and repair wooden windows to front and replace windows to rear. New guttering & downpipes. Internal works to include repairing kitchen floor and wall. Dial Cottage The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU, Ref. No: 24/01728/LBC.

Erection of a two storey side and rear extension, new single storey garage, front porch and re-roof. Raising of the roof/ridge height and additions to roof to facilitate the additional storey. Saltdean Kings Head Field Gosfield Essex CO9 1TN, Ref. No: 24/01631/HH.

Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 14 Consultation:

Copies of the Draft Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan and a questionnaire will be available in the village shop and on the Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan website 8th October.

gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.org

GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

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PARISH PONDERINGS - FROM ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

I wonder how much time we spend worrying about what may happen in the future, rather than making the most of all that we have here and now?

A group of friends and I were having a discussion about which of our younger family members might be able to care for us when we became unable to manage independently – hopefully a way off yet ! Part of the debate centred around the merits of being blessed with daughters or sons, and the different strengths that each sex might contribute to a caring role. These scenarios were also clearly dependent on our offspring living not too far away – which was not the case for some of us.

Whatever the different views expressed, there was also some consensus about the fact that, rather than getting too caught up in events that may, or may not happen in the future, we should make the most of each day as it comes. None of us knows what the future holds and we cannot change that. In some ways it is sensible to plan ahead – saving up during our working life to ensure we are able to enjoy our retirement, for example. But there seems little point in wasting our energies in worrying about things that may never happen.

Jesus said “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” I think his words are a reminder to enjoy, and give thanks for, all the blessings of the present – our family and friends, living in this beautiful village with its vibrant community, the beautiful sunshine we have enjoyed recently even if the air is cooler and the evenings drawing in. Let us just make the most of each day as it comes.

May God bless you richly, Judy.

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

August Winners:	No. 16 Mr. R Smith	No. 14 Mrs. C Sycamore.
	No. 28 Mr. Alan Bishop	No. 23 Mrs. B Weight
September Winners:	No. 45 Miss D Richardson	No. 118 Mrs. M Pawsey.
	No. 81 Mr. D Jarvis	No. 189 Mrs M Hannan

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



Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

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 and other churches are as follows:

Day	Date	Month	Time	Service	Location
Sun.	6	OCTOBER	10:30	Holy Communion	St. Catherines
Sun.	13	OCTOBER	10:30	Morning Worship	
Sun.	20	OCTOBER	10:30	Holy Communion	
Sun.	27	OCTOBER	10:30	Morning Worship	
Sun.	3	NOVEMBER	10:30	Holy Communion	
Sun.	10	NOVEMBER	10:15	Remembrance Service	
			10:50	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial	
Sun.	17	NOVEMBER	10:30	Holy Communion	
Sun.	24	NOVEMBER	10:30	Holy Communion	St. Andrew's

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

For those who prefer to access an online service, each Sunday at 10am Three Colnes Churches live stream via Facebook (The Three Colnes) or You Tube (HalsteadAreaTeam@halsteadareateam3650). There is also the Daily Hope phone line, which offers familiar hymns and prayers free of charge if you dial 0888-804-8044.

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

<p>1st Gosfield Beavers, Cubs & Scout Group</p>		<p>Contact Steve Sudbury on 07885-467712, or: stephensudburygardens @gmail.com</p>
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1st Gosfield Scout Group

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and Cubs (aged 8 to 10) 6.30 to 7.30

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We are in need of more leaders, in particular we would like to start up the Scout section again, aged 10 to 14 - anyone up for the challenge ?

Steve Sudbury Group Scout Leader

GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

It's that time of the year again for the members of the Gosfield Carpet Bowls club when playing for pleasure on a club night is now joined with playing competitive matches against teams within the North West Essex Division.

During the next few months, until the end of March, 2025, the club will play home and away matches against other clubs as far away as Radwinter and as close as Shalford. The matches are played in a very competitive atmosphere within the rules set by the North West Essex Division, but is followed by a supper after the match. The results are recorded by the Divisions Secretary and the League winner is announced at the end of the league period on March 31st.

The league this year has been reduced in size to consist of 6 clubs instead of 10 clubs that was normal before the COVID event due to clubs finding it difficult to field a side at present. Nonetheless, the competition is still very fierce and some very good matches are played.

The winter period is a very busy time for Carpet Bowls Clubs. Our club, over the Winter period, will play normal club night evenings on a Monday and a Wednesday, play within the North West Essex Winter League from September through to end of March 2025 approximately 3 matches per month, together with friendly matches played against clubs that do not wish to play in the League system.

The main object of Carpet Bowls is to compete in a competitive environment but also enjoy the social aspect of playing within the normal and regular club nights. There is no age restriction for players within the clubs and it is very refreshing, if a little embarrassing, when we occasionally play against young players in their teens or early twenties.

Our club is fortunate in that we have a healthy membership level all willing to play competitive matches as well as social games against other clubs within the area and, also, in the Rowson hall we have one of the best facilities within our area.

We are looking forward to the coming season and hope that we can improve our league position in the coming season

Paul Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

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Saturday 7 th December	Turning on of the Christmas lights. Come along and enjoy a complimentary glass of mulled wine and sing along with the Christmas carols. Mince pies kindly provided by Gosfield in Bloom. Raffle for a 'barrow of booze' to be drawn on the evening.
New Year's Eve Party	See in the New Year at the club dancing to all your favourite music until the early hours with our professional DJ.

For further information on any of the above forthcoming events, or if you would like to be emailed our newsletter detailing future events at the club, please email gosfieldsc@gmail.com

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VILLAGE CIRCLE CLUB

Steve Sudbury came and spoke to us at our August meeting with stories of his trip to Mongolia a few years ago for a Scout Jamboree. Their customs and etiquette rules are very, very different to ours and it was a very interesting afternoon.

For September's meeting Graham Pilgrim, from Russell's Road, entertained us with tales of his experiences as a bee keeper for the last 39 years. Bee keeping is not as easy as you might think and takes a lot of time and hard work but, the end result in the lovely honey is well worth the effort.

Sophie Ede will be speaking at our October meeting on the 17th about Hearing Help.

November's meeting will see us all playing indoor curling which, if you haven't done it before, is great fun.

On 5th December we will be meeting at the Golf Club for our annual Christmas Lunch.

So, if you'd like an afternoon of good, friendly company with interesting speakers then please come and join us at the Maurice Rowson Hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month between 2pm to 4pm. All visitors are welcome at a fee of £3.00 which includes refreshments. The annual subscription is just £20.00.

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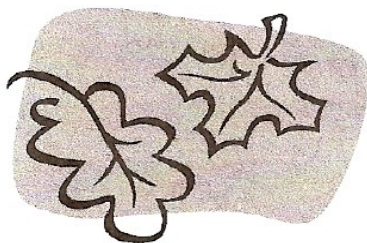
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St. Cedd:

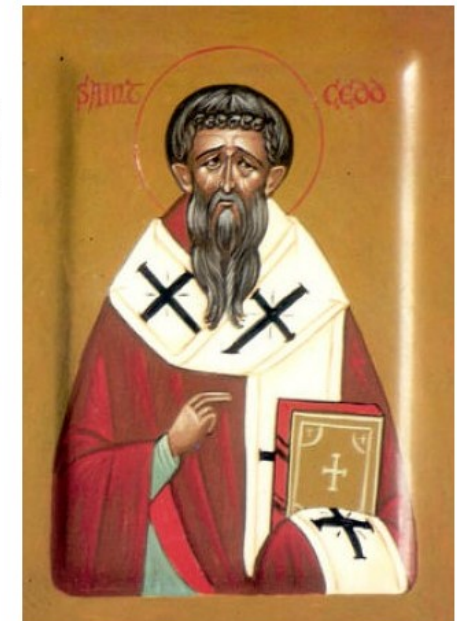
Cedd's life began in the Kingdom of Northumbria under the tutelage of Saint Aidan of Lindisfarne. The oldest of four brothers (Chad, Cynibil & Caelin), Cedd in particular would be unwavering to the Celtic Rite imbued to him by Aidan.

Four years after Aidan's death in 651, Cedd is said to have been consecrated by the hands of his successor, Saint Finan, of Lindisfarne.

In 653, Cedd was sent into Essex to aid King Sigeberht of the East Saxons. Again Cedd's evangelism was highly successful, and Essex was thoroughly Christianised. For his efforts Cedd was ordained Bishop of the East Saxons and is now the patron saint of Essex.

The chapel of Saint-Peter-on-the-Wall in Bradwell-on-Sea is said to have been built by Saint Cedd after his ordination.

Thanks to the Essex Record Office, Chelmsford.



PARISH COUNCIL WORKING BODIES:

Group / Committee:	Councillors:
Responsible Financial Officer	Richard Edwards
Nature Reserve	Strudwick
Allotment Officer	Farrelly
Footpaths	Colyer, Hough
Finance	Waters, Richard Edwards
Appeals	Colyer
Children's Play Area	Colyer, Hough, Pawsey, Strudwick
Planning	Waters, Pawsey, Farrelly, Colyer, Tricia Edwards
Car Park drainage/surfacing	Willis
Grapevine Editor	Alan Summerland
Tree Warden	Hough
Personnel Committee	Tricia Edwards, Farrelly, Waters
Neighbourhood Plan Committee	John Willis [Chairman], Tony Farrelly,
www.gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.org	Tony Strudwick, Bob Waters
Information, minutes and agendas:	www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield

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Rowson Perpetual Memorial Fund	Pawsey, Hough, Colyer
Playing Field Management Committee	T Edwards, Hough, Pawsey
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GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

Opening Times:

Monday to Saturday: 8 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8 am to noon

Village Post Office – Community Shop

Open on Wednesdays
from 2 pm to 4 pm

GOSFIELD YARNIES:

A Knitting and Crochet group.

Wednesday – 10am - midday

£3 per person – which includes
tea/coffee and homemade cakes.

Bin Collections:

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Braintree Area Foodbank July & August 2024 Shopping List

The list is long as all of their food stocks are low. All donations are gratefully received

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Tinned cold meat i.e. Spam | Coffee (small jars) |
| Tinned hot meat i.e. Stews | Chocolate bars (multipack) |
| Tinned vegetables | Rice (500g bags) |
| Tinned fish | Packet custard |
| UHT Milk (1lit) | Packet Soup |
| Cereal (no more than 500g) | Biscuits |
| Jam/Marmalade | Pasta sauce |
| Ambient Sponge Pudding (e.g. Auntie's, etc.) | Tinned fruit |
| Instant Snacks (Pot Noodle etc.) | Tinned tomatoes |
| Tinned hot snacks (Ravioli, Macaroni Cheese etc.) | <u>Urgent Non-food Items</u> |
| Tinned rice pudding | Shampoo |
| Squash (small bottles) | Deodorant |
| | Nappies (Size 5, 5+, 6, 6+) |
| | Washing Up Liquid |

Please note: they ask for small packs as larger packs do not fit in their boxes making it difficult for their clients to carry home. Also, they are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.

Monetary donations are also accepted, or supermarket gift cards.

Only unopened and undamaged goods that are still well within their "use by" date (no less than six months if possible) can be accepted. Items which do not meet these requirements cannot be used and your donation may be wasted.

T: 01376-330694

E: info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

W: www.braintreecare.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food

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MEMORIES, from Linda (Marlow, Richardson) Kemp

It's that time of year again. Officially 'Autumn'. Back to school, those few who attended still wearing summer clothes dried quicker in class after a vicious spot shower than those who trudged up the drive in new winter style woollen items that were often a size too big and slow to dry. The sizing to be grown into for economy.

Looking for the best 'CONKER' to use in games after school. It is now frowned upon. But historically it was great despite a few sore knuckles. From an early age we knew our HORSE Chestnuts from our SWEET ones. We knew Conkers were poisonous to eat. But they also scared off Spiders in the house.

Later on November / December usually as we took the short cut home across the park from school we would start to see the fallen SWEET Chestnuts. Using the park as a short cut in the mornings was frowned on by Teachers and Mr. Caretaker. Muddy shoes when we walked in on clean polished wooden floors.

It was always best to wait for that Chestnut drop as that's when they're ready. Seasonal, wild and free. So much to pick or pick up. The Bullace fruit, or Crab Apples, Laden Elderberry bushes. Beech nuts, Rose Hips for making syrup for the young (or itchy powder!) Sloe berries for your Gin. Admittedly we grew up knowing what was edible so today I recommend reading or going on line to familiarise yourselves.

In the 1860's a man visited Halstead and Gosfield. A letter from him came to light at the Halstead and District Local History Society and my late and much missed local Historian colleague and ex. Halstead Gazette journalist Dave Osborne wrote about it. The letter was from Mr Harry N. Lee of Fulham and he was comparing his 1930's visit to memories from that previous one. He wrote about walking across the fields from town to village and stopping to pick Beech Nuts from the hedges en route. Expressing surprise at the houses built since his previous visit as he approached Cut Hedge and he continued on to the Kings Head for a rest opposite the Coffee Rooms. He enquired of the Publican if anyone of the name of Lee was still in the village and was told a George Lee lived nearby and then actually pointed to the man sitting on a bench outside. It was 65 years since Harry had last seen him. Later walking around the village he noted several houses had been built and that they added to the already 'picturesqueness' of the village.

On visiting the Churchyard he noticed several stones denoted that members of the COURTAULD and SPARROW families were buried there. On walking to the Lake he noted accommodation for bathers and a goodly number of people fishing.

Returning to Halstead he called at The Bull Hotel where he found great alterations had taken place. He told the Landlord that, many years before the OLD ARMY and NAVY PENSIONERS had been paid there once a quarter, his own father being included.

After walking around some familiar routes Harry ended up at The Bird in Hand to bid farewell to its Landlord who surprised him by pointing out 'someone he might know' and there just behind him sat an old cousin that he hadn't seen for 69 years.

It's a small world, but was definitely smaller in that era as folk weren't so tied to a specific area with their jobs linking them to their homes. Continued

MEMORIES, continued

1981 in USA I visited San Marino, California. Situated there is The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens. If you love History as I do then note it's also a major centre in the USA for the study of ENGLISH HISTORY from archival sources. Sadly they are not open for research by the General Public, as they are a private independently funded library devoted to advanced scholarly research and the original manuscripts and rare books are reserved for primarily, university and college faculties. They have more than a THIRD of a MILLION manuscripts from the Stowe Estate in Suffolk belonging to GEORGE GRENVILLE the 1st Marquis of Buckingham, he married Mary Elizabeth NUGENT, who into the marriage brought the Gosfield Hall Estate. Of 2,500 pieces for the Nugent family, the largest number are pertaining to Gosfield. Accounts and journals a few Maps, mostly 18th century. Oh! to be able to take a peek. Nice reading about Maurice Rowson in last issue, Thanks Bill.

My Condolences to the Whiting family on the death of Eileen late of Petersfield Farm, Gosfield. It was Eileen I took to Paris all those years ago. Fond Memories.

GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH TEAM:

INCIDENTS ON ESSEX ROAD – FOR JULY – THE LATEST AVAILABLE

PEOPLE KILLED ON THE ROADS	4	SEAT BELT OFFENCES	308
SERIOUS CASUALTIES	62	CARS SEIZED NO INSURANCE	334
MOBILE PHONE OFFENCES	170	CARLESS DRIVING OFFENCES	93
DRINK DRIVE OFFENCES	93	ROAD SAFETY COURSES	7816
DRUG DRIVE	53	SPEEDWATCH WARNINGS	1552

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July
People killed in RTC's	0	4	2	7	1	3	4
Serious Casualties	57	47	50	57	72	33	62
CSW Warning Letters issued	933	1114	226	1001	1377	1257	1552
Extra Eyes Submissions	341	420	482	503	608	524	534

The vital role of the Community Speed Watch volunteer is needed now more than ever, in helping to achieve the aims of Vision Zero.

Braintree Area Foodbank

Braintree Area Foodbank have been providing food, for those in crisis, since April 2012. Their mission is to see that no one should go hungry. With centres in Braintree, Halstead and Witham, the need for the Foodbank is increasing with over 5,703 people fed in the last financial year, of which over 2,595 were children. We are sure you will agree that these numbers are unacceptable.

If you feel able to support the Foodbank by donating items there is a collection box in the Community Shop, which is regularly collected by members of St Catherine's church and delivered to the Foodbank.

See the list of preferred items on page 23.

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The Gosfield Girls have been busy over the summer with the Gosfield Summer fete and CozFest. In addition, since our last update here we have had meetings with Chair Aerobics in April, Breath Work in May, our AGM with Bingo in June, a Summer Picnic in July, a Games Night in August and our September meeting is a talk on the Life and Loves of Coco Chanel. See photos below and opposite.

Coming up for the rest of our WI year (October to March) we have a talk from a lady Magistrate, our second anniversary party, Christmas drinks (not at the hall), a talk on Costume Design: trends of a decade 1920s-1950s, a talk from a female writer and finally an artist.

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.



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