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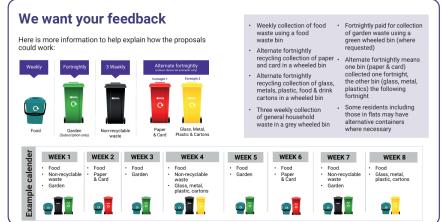


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Gosfield Parish Council

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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

Friday, 21st March

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

grapevine@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

DATES TO NOTE:

Thursday 13th, Friday 14th & Saturday 15th March 2025 –
Gosfield Players (evening performances)
Sunday, 2nd March – BDC – end of bin collection consultation
Saturday, 5th April – Gosfield Horticultural Society Spring Show
Good Friday, 18th April – Easter Egg Hunt (playing field)
Thursday, 8th May – VE Day celebrations (MR Hall, evening)
Saturday 10th May – VE Day celebrations (MR Hall, afternoon)
Saturday, 24th and Sunday 25th May – Social Club 'Mini Berr Festival''
Saturday, 5th July - Gosfield Village Fete
Saturday, 12th July – GHS Summer Show
Saturday, 20th September – GHS Autumn Show
Tuesday, 23rd October – GHS AGM (Maurice Rowson Hall, 7 pm)

Chilly Dippers is on Fridays 12.30-1.30 and Sundays 8.30 and 9.00 – beginners will need an induction – booking in via FB @Gosfieldlakeopenswimming

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We always welcome new volunteers so, if you would like to join an award winning team, leave your details in the shop and our Volunteer Coordinator, Jo, will contact you to arrange training etc.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES:

One of the major issues residents have is the speed of traffic in the village. The Parish Council continue to press for a zebra crossing near the village school. We also have received various positive responses from our meeting with Essex County Council in relation to reducing the speed limit between Petersfield Lane and High Garrett. Unfortunately, we must wait for Highways to go through their procedures and committees before change can happen. We are also complaining on an almost daily basis regarding the noisy manhole covers in The Street and hopefully these will be fixed soon. A new organiser for the community speedwatch has come forward and hopefully the speed watch presence will have an effect on drivers' awareness of speed.

The Parish Council has various financial responsibilities. It has to employ a Parish Clerk, cleaner for the playing field pavilion and a litter picker for the village. It owns the pavilion and playing field, the children's play area, Gosfield Nature Reserve and the allotments and has to fund expenditure in relation to these. We are grateful to the Playing Field Management Committee for their commitment and support of the playing field and also to the Fete Committee for their financial contribution to the Playing Field Management Committee. The Parish Council also supports various projects within the village and is grateful to those other organisations that provide grants and donations for such projects.

Every Parish Council in the country has to set a budget based on the year ended 31st March and this money is then requested from the higher authority, which in our case is Braintree District Council. BDC include this precept in the amount of council tax that they collect from each household and pay over to the Parish Council bi-annually. This year, the total precept requested is £50,090 which equates for the average household in Gosfield to £76.03 for the year or £1.46 per week. These moneys are all spent on running and maintaining the village facilities.

In 2025/26 the Parish Council's main project is to achieve the drainage of the playing field and the resurfacing of the car park. Parish Councillors have pledged £20,000 of the Parish Council reserves to this project and are hoping that other organisations will support the project. We are also undertaking refurbishment of the beacon which is situated on the playing field in preparation for the VE Day celebrations on 8th May. The first stage of the playing field fencing project along Hall Drive will be commencing shortly. This is being made possible by a substantial grant from the Rowson Perpetual Trust plus donations from golf days and Parish Council moneys.

In the Gosfield Nature Reserve, we are funding further tree works to ensure safety. In the allotments, we have a project for improvements which is being partly funded by a Section 106 grant from the developers of Millington Place. The Parish Council are also now investigating a replacement skate ramp. We have secured part funding from further Section 106 moneys from the developers of The Lindens and we hope to be able to fund the remainder from grants.

I would like to thank all Parish Councillors who have been very proactive in relation to these projects and activities. Tricia Edwards.

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

As this is the first Grapevine magazine of 2025 may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy New Year from St Catherine's Church.

At our Team Service on 29th December Rev Richard Jordan spoke about New Years resolutions and how often they are made with every good intention, but within a few weeks most of us have failed. I know that I gave up on New Years resolutions several years ago – I felt I was only setting myself up to fail as my expectations of myself were always far too high! Rev Richard suggested that instead of resolutions we should have ambitions. The intent of resolutions is spot-on but actually achieving them is difficult. By having an ambition this can aid us in creating meaningful change in our lives which is achievable. If you have already failed in your 2025 New Years resolution maybe you could consider a New Years ambition for the rest of the year?

Our primary ambition at St Catherine's this year is to appoint a new Team Vicar, who will be responsible for St Catherine's, St James Church Greenstead Green and St Andrews Church, Halstead. After several meetings of the joint PCC's and the recent appointment of Rev Mark Payne as Team Rector (covering 10 parishes across Halstead, the Colnes and the Maplesteads), the advert for the Team Vicar will soon be advertised. We hope to be able to welcome a new Team Vicar by the Autumn.

Jo Colyer (Church Warden)



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First floor side & single storey rear extensions to include integrated annexe at ground floor level. New front porch. Alterations to exterior including new fenestration, roof tiles and horizontal cladding, 7 Meadway, Gosfield Essex CO9 1TQ, Ref. No: 25/00091/HH.

Proposed single storey log drying extension ,Gosfield Shopping Village Petersfield Lane Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 24/02579/FUL.

Installation of new driveway and dropped kerb, 18 Park Cottages The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TP, Ref. No: 24/02260/HH.

Bin Collections:

Green circle – green bin [if paid], clear sacks and food bin Grey square – grey bin and food bin

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:

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Day--/-Date → →
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Sunday·2<sup>nd</sup>··February →
                              10.30→
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                                                                  St-Catherine's¶
Sunday-9<sup>th</sup>-February →
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Wednesday-5th-March¶
Ash-Wednesday →
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                                            Three Saints Holy Communion @St Catherine's ¶
Sunday⋅9<sup>th</sup>⋅March,⋅Lent⋅1 →
                             10.30→
                                            Morning-Worship → St-Catherine's¶
Sunday·16<sup>th</sup>·March,·Lent·2 → 10.30 →
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Sunday-23<sup>rd</sup>·March,-Lent-3 → 10.30 →
                                            Three Saints Holy Communion @ St Catherine's ¶
Sunday-30th-March-¶
Mothering Sunday →
                         → 10.30 → →
                                            Morning-Praise
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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.

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Winners:		No. 15 Mr. B Pasfield	No. 39 Dr. J Paterson
January 2025		No. 128 Mr. B Crouch	No. 69 Mrs. J Barlow
Winners:	No. 140 Mrs. S Broyd	No. 81 Mr. D Jarvis	
Anyone wishing to join, please contact Hazel on 01787-472593			

The Council has not yet made any decisions.

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GARDEN WASTE SUBSCRIPTIONS 2025/26 - BDC

An update on the process for garden waste subscription renewals for 2025/26.

All existing subscriptions will expire at the end of March 2025 and we will be inviting residents to renew or subscribe for collections in 2025/26 from 27th January onwards (£55 per year). For other prices and other information please see BDC FAQs.

A key difference this time is that customers who self-serve via the new Waste Portal will benefit from automatic renewal in future years, subject to a valid payment each year. (There will be an opportunity for customers to update their card details before payment is taken.) This will be explained to customers when they subscribe and there will be the usual cooling off period if customers have a change of mind.

Unfortunately, customers who subscribe by phone will not have had their payment details stored and so this group will need to sign up again in subsequent years.

There is no need for anyone to let us know if they do **not** wish to renew, as all current subscriptions will automatically stop on 31st March, 2025, and no further collections will be made.

Subscription stickers will again be sent by post and will be a different colour for 2025/26 to help the crews identify bins with a valid subscription. The sticker will also include the subscriber's address as an added security measure, which we believe will be welcomed by our customers.

More information will be published on the website and via social media in due course, so please keep an eye out for updates. In the meantime, if you have any queries. please email: marketing@braintree.gov.uk



GOSFIELD SOCIAL CLUB

SAVE THE DATES:

On Saturday 24th May and Sunday 25th May, the Social Club will be holding a Mini Beer Festival at the club. A selection of local draught beers and a cider or two will be available.

Burgers and sausages from our ever-popular BBQ will also be available on both days along with live entertainment at selected times during the two days. The club bar will be open to provide our usual range of drinks for anyone who isn't a beer or cider drinker.

Further details to follow.

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

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We had 2 meetings in December. By way of a change, we held our Christmas lunch on 5th December at Gosfield Golf Club. 30 members attended and had a most enjoyable lunch. For our last meeting of 2024, on 19th December we had invited the Belles of Sudbury, a hand bell ringing team, to come and entertain us for the second year running. Once again, they played a mixture of popular tunes and carols and invited members of our group to have a go.

For 2025 we have a mixture of interesting speakers including Braintree Museum telling us about local silk manufacturers Warners, a member from Perrywood Garden Centre on the history and development of the company, more armchair exercises and our very popular summer afternoon tea provided by Tracy's catering. So, if you'd like to join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month between 2pm and 4pm at the Maurice Rowson Hall you'd be made very welcome. For more information, please call Ann on 07773-140216. We look forward to meeting you.



Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

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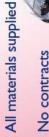
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3 rd March	Wednesday	Closed	9am to 5:30pm	
24 th March	Thursday	9am to 6pm	9am to 5:30pm	
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MEMORIES and SUCH LIKE from Linda Kemp (Marlow, Richardson) With 2025 Wishes to All.

A Village such as GOSFIELD has very many resident birth and death dates either current or in the past, some are returned to 'HOME' ground. Still vivid in memory or now perhaps way in the past but still recalled. Like my little cousins who both died young and the Snowdrops starting to bring the Springtime hurrying forth around their memorial planter by the Ash Tree in our Churchyard. Trevor John and Stephen Paul Keeble. First sons of Johnny Keeble (Gosfield Footballer ex RAF WW2) and IRIS DRURY a true village girl born in Ropers Row. Much later a Damask weaver at Warners in Braintree as the late Queens wedding robe was made in a locked room above her. The teller of so many Gosfield memories some of which I've shared within this magazine. John and Iris were my God Parents. I am just home from her Lincolnshire service. Her soul took flight just 6 days before her 97th birthdate. My sisters placed floral tributes on our family graves at St Catherines. Including 'the Boys' Snowdrops there too. The Ash tree was planted as a sapling on their grave and has given continued life there... to see the light my Uncle said. A Magnificent sight to behold. I love trees. Ash before Oak we're in for a soak .. Oak before Ash . in for a splash. Old verse.

I remember also villagers I can recall having passed away since our last issue. VAL CLAMPIN, PHYL ELLIS and most recently PAM JEGGO (Our Village Hall booking clerk and caretaker with husband Tony (Gosfield Cricketer) many moons ago). I saw Pam in the bus park, which was then situated behind Halstead Railway Station on a cold day in 1967 and we chatted as we waited for the 311 bus 'home'. I was helping a friend out in Lipton's office. Pam asked if I had met a lady there of the surname HAYNES and I had It was Pam's mother. For years Pam greeted me as Linda Marlow and I responded with Hello Pamela Haynes. Although both were married. When I told my ex Gosfield United footballing sons of her passing they reminded me that Pam had laundered the team's mucky kits for years. My condolences to the families of the above remembered. The Thursday Club minus Phyl and Vals amazing iced flowers in cake decorating. Just village people?

My friend Susan (nee Spinks) Brooker was chatting to me before Christmas about her Uncle Clive. She had been sharing her memorabilia with a friend whom I might add used to babysit my sons decades ago. Hello Justine Cox nee Smith.... I have fond memories of the late Geoff Cox your dear husband and his brother Graham, the latter still with us I hope. I remember the family well. Your babysitting allowed Richard and me to play Badminton for Gosfield (it's that season again now.) Clive Pullen was my Mum's friend Lily's brother all Gosfield people.

Aunt Iris recalled hearing a Bull roaring one early morning in the fields opposite the Tennis courts as she and her friend walked along. They had only just waved to Lily Pullen as she sat by the window on a passing bus. Lily was Clive's sister. Unaware that her brother the Cowman at Aylwards Farm had been mauled to death by the very Bull he' knew to be' (from his years there working with it) as a Gentle old fellow. There was much about it all and not my story to tell as it's Susan's. Clive was a lovely man my aunt recalled. The family lived at Highgates in Church Road. Clive was just 44 years of age.

MEMORIES and historical snippets, from Linda (Marlow, Richardson) Kemp

Had a nice chat also before Christmas with Gladys Deeks probably chatting to me while she had her amazing homemade soups bubbling away and husband Peter busy knitting Cable patterned Aran sweaters... I never did learn the cable method and now I wouldn't manage needle manoeuvres needed to do that as my grip is limited by MS. Peter learned his skills during the war at his then Primary School. I am still a 'knitter' though when physically allowed. We have a new Wool Shop opened at the top of Halstead High Street.

I mention my family name DRURY and I mention also JEGGO . These surnames go way back in the annals of Gosfield . In just the census records of 1881 I see some of my ancestors names KEMPs , NEWMAN's etc. There were 7 DRURYs living at the Bridge cottages. There were 9 Jeggo's and 6 KEMP's living within Ox Yard houses close by and many more of those names living at various addresses in The Street.

I wrote once in a previous issue that during WW2 when American forces were based in the village that June Jeggo lived opposite the playing field where the US soldiers played baseball. As bombing raid sirens blared out across the village she and Iris Drury were watching them.... But the men ran past the girls and crammed into the JEGGO air raid shelters leaving the girls to run elsewhere. June declaring Americans could dance but weren't gentlemen. All village girls if interested were collected by USAF vehicles and taken to the Gosfield Base dances and driven back after those very popular events. I was born in the era of Church Socials and Whist Drives so entertainment was limited but there were always what we called seasonal events and Dances. The Scouts dinner and dance or the Sports club dances. Lovely Dramas on the Village Hall Stage mostly presented by Reggie French and Ray Moss.... Ironically from the 1700's the surname MOSS is in my Family Tree as my gt gt gt Grandparents on Foulness Island, Essex and when chatting to one of my Gosfield cub scouts family back in the late 1970's, surname of Threadgold, farmers betwixt here and Wethersfield. I was to discover that they were ancestors of that same Threadgold name on Foulness Island in my relations era. Doing a Family Tree is quite an experience. Like I said earlier I love Trees the way they reveal the branches once bare of leaves. I'm sending the editor a wintery pic of some of the Limes, (Lin's Linden Trees) Climbed by her before any Bungalows went beyond the houses. If magazine hasn't room perhaps the pic will be seen in another issue. I think pre the bungalows as no parking spaces. Just a Snowy morning way back when. Maybe during an era of children wearing scarves, gloves or mittens and hats outdoors.

I see so many without them these days. Forward facing pushchairs with occupant's frozen little faces and hands. Oh Mum 'I can hear you loud and clear'... you and many other voices over the last 2 decades. It just won't do! and please don't lay a blanket loosely over legs put it under and then bring it around to keep those little ankles warm between sock tops and legs the same for wheelchair occupants and us elderly in our chairs..oops! Did I just refer to myself as elderly? When did that happen? Two village ladies (then both very elderly) Dorothy Lewin and her friend Gladys Lawrence once said to me "Linda my dear girl TIME is our enemy but one day you too will make PEACE with it".. Amen to that.

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 Gosfield Community Shop, which is regularly collected by members of St Catherine's church and delivered to the Foodbank.

BAF are very grateful for the recent donations from Gosfield, especially the Harvest and Reverse Advent Calendar donations.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Reverse Advent Calendar for the Foodbank. I delivered more than 15 large bags of items from Gosfield and they were extremely grateful. Jo Colyer.















GOSFIELD GIRLS WI

The Gosfield Girls have been busy over the winter months so here is a little summary of what we have been doing since my last update, plus what we have coming in the next few months.

In our September meeting we had a fabulous speaker who gave us a talk on the Life and Loves of Coco Chanel. In October a Lady Magistrate gave us an insight to her work and we will be inviting her back as so much to share! November was our 2nd Anniversary of forming so we had another party with a thanksgiving theme supper and we created some gratitude jars to take home for our families. The idea is that when someone does something nice or helpful then you pop a note in the jar, then at a family meal each week/month you open the jar and read out the gratitude notes. In December we held our Christmas party at the Gosfield Social Club again and huge thanks to Becky Westover for helping to make it a memorable evening there. Our January meeting, we had a previous speaker come back and talk to us about (fashion) 'Trends of a Decade'. Fascinating! Also in January a group of members went to see Starlight Express in London.

Photos - Gosfield Girls Give Thanks in November





Our upcoming meetings are:

February a Script Writer talk, March education on British Sign Language, and
April is Easter Crafting

If you have an interest in joining us, then please come along for a taster session – first one is free! We meet for 11 months of the year at the Maurice Rowson Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Our members represent a wide age group (spans 40+ years!) 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.

Coming soon!

The Gosfield Players are back in March!

Back by popular demand! We are ready to delight you again with our new show!!! This is our take on a modern version of Sleeping Beauty mashed with a bit of Strictly Come Dancing! It wouldn't be the Gosfield Players modus operandi without some weird and wonderful adaptations to the original story....

The show cannot go on without back stage help on show nights to change scenes and bring on props, plus people to help on the ticket desk. If you can volunteer your time we would love to hear from you!! Please contact me asap: Jules Wilkinson (Chair)

07958 903932



SHOW DATES: We have three evening performances on Thursday 13th, Friday 14th & Saturday 15th March 2025.

TICKET PRICES: Adults £12, Children £10 (in primary school, or younger). Tickets will go on sale shortly and details of how to book will be posted on the Gosfield Grapevine Facebook page, The Gosfield Players Facebook page and in the Community Shop.

ADVERTISING: we sell around 360 tickets across the 3 days – would you like to **advertise** your company to help sponsor our programme printing? **Prices**: £10, £20 & £30 (1/4, 1/2 and full page) – colour printing.

RAFFLE: Prize donations also very welcome from local people and companies!!

Gosfield Fete 2025

We are very pleased to announce the annual Gosfield Fete will be taking place on **Saturday 5th July 2025...**put it in your diary!

This year's theme for the Fete will be 'Gosfield – A Knight's Tale' – a medieval England feel, with princesses, knights and maybe even dragons!

As always, we'll be contacting the local schools and groups in the next few weeks to encourage their entry into the procession.

We have a much-changed committee for 2025 and we're very grateful to the new members who have stepped forward to lend their support. However, we always need lots of help for the physical preparation of the fete on the preceding Friday as well as the fete day itself, so if you would like to be part of this great village tradition, please drop us a line at:

gosfieldfete@gmail.com

We are also accepting stall holders for the event so please feel free to get in touch – first come, first served basis but no food suppliers please.

Finally, we will be extending the duration of the fete by one hour this year (until 6.00pm) and there will be no evening entertainment due to licensing/cost issues.

We'll update you with more details very soon!

HEDINGHAM SINGERS

On behalf of the "Hedingham Singers" I want to thank all Gosfield residents who supported our Christmas Concert last month. We always enjoy singing at St. Catherines and we were thrilled to have an audience of almost eighty back in December.

I'm happy to report that a donation of £250 will be sent from the Hedingham Singers to St. Catherine's PCC. Prim Rayner.

BRAINTREE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Do you have a few hours to spare?

Do you have a willingness to help and would like to put something back into your community?

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Contact Steve Sudbury on 07885-467712, or:

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1st Gosfield Scout Group

www.1stgosfieldscouts.co.uk

We meet at Gosfield School in Halstead Road on Wednesdays Beavers (aged 6 to 8) 5.30 to 6.30

and Cubs (aged 8 to 10) 6.30 to 7.30

Scouting is open to both boys and girls, all are welcome.

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:

The club is now half way through its Essex Winter league program .At present we are placed in third position in the league with 5 more matches to play by $\,$ end of March. These will be against teams that we have played in the first half of the program at home, the results of which are that we have won 2 , drawn 2 and lost 1. If we can repeat those performances in the remaining fixtures away then we will finish higher in the league than we have done for several years.

Carpet bowls is a very good sport for all ages, we hold two regular club meetings per week throughout the year .. For those wishing to play in more competitive matches, apart from the Winter League matches , there is the opportunity to compete in the Essex County Competitions that are held throughout the Year in Individual, Pairs or four ball competitions. These are normally held at the Braintree Leisure Centre .

These competitions were with held during the COVID out break but are now just beginning to be organised again . We look forward to playing in these competitions once again during the coming year.

If you are interested in trying your hand at this competitive sport please come and try your hand on a Monday evening after 8-00pm at the Rowson Hall Gosfield.

Paul Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH TEAM:

Details for October, 2024, are:

People killed in auto accidents on Essex roads	3
Serious casualties	64
Mobile phone offences	190
Drink driving offences	102
Drug driving arrests	128
Seat belt offences	245
Vehicles seized - no insurance	391
Careless driving offences - prosecuted	336
Community speed watch letters issued	1088
Number of road safety courses delivered	8399

The vital role of the Community Speed Watch volunteer is needed now more than ever, in helping to achieve the aims of Vision Zero. Shaun Harris has taken on the role of Speedwatch coordinator and would like existing volunteers to contact him at:

sharris.sh01@gmail.com

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.

WATER HARDNESS LEVELS LOCALLY ["VERY HARD"]:



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WHAT'S ON AT THE HALL IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Regular bookings

Mondays: Aerobics 9:15am to 10:15am Pilates 11:00am to 12:00pm Rainbows 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Brownies 6:00pm to 7:30pm Bowls 8:00pm to 10pm

Tuesdays: Yoga 9:45am to 11:30am Karate 6:00pm to 7:00pm Yoga 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Wednesdays: Bowls 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Thursdays: Sunnydays Toddler Group 9.30am to 11.30am

<u>Fridays:</u> Pilates 10:45am to 11:45am Guides and Rangers 7:00pm to 8:30pm <u>Sundays:</u> Dog Training 10am to 12:00pm Gosfield Players 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Once a month bookings

<u>Mondays:</u> Cuppa Club 2:00pm to 3pm (1st Monday of the month)

Thursdays: Village Circle 2:00pm to 4pm (3rd Thursday of the month)

Gosfield Girls WI 7:30pm to 9:00pm (3rd Thursday of the month)

Saturdays: Craft Market 10am to 1pm (2nd Saturday of the month).

Contact details for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Bowls, Village Circle, Gosfield Girls WI and Gosfield Players can be found elsewhere in this Grapevine magazine.

For further information on the Rowson Hall, please contact the Booking Clerk, Amanda Degnan, on 07308 530638 or by emailing: rowsonhall@gmail.com

Gosfield War Memorial - Wreaths

This year, it is proposed that some of the wreaths that were laid at the Remembrance Service will be removed in December and recycled for next year, The Royal British Legion are encouraging this practice in accordance with sustainability and reducing waste, this initiative has also been taken on by the Church and Parish Councils.

However, the money that would be sent by the Parish Council and the Church to buy new wreaths next year from the RBL will continue to be donated in the same way. Other wreaths will remain in place throughout the year in remembrance to those whom we all owe so much.

At The Going Down Of The Sun, And in The Morning, We Will Remember Them.

Alex Mair, Royal British Legion (Halstead Branch)



Braintree District Council is holding an eight-week public consultation and asking residents to share their views on proposals to improve the waste collection service in the district.

CONSULTATION OPENS

Monday 6 January until Sunday 2 March 2025

Objectives of the proposals include:

- improve the range and quality of recycling collected
- reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill
- meet recycling targets and climate change ambitions
- comply with new government legislation, Simpler Recycling policy
- ensure consideration is given to the financial sustainability of service delivery

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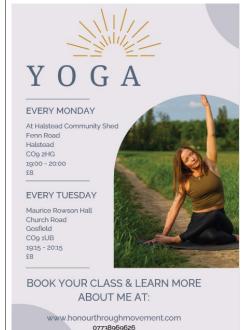
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