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Merrymaking at the recent mini beer festival at the Gosfield Social Club

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Gosfield Parish Council

The Skate Ramp Project needs your help – see page 28 !

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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

Wednesday, 24th 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

DATES TO NOTE:

Saturday, 16th August -Summer Family BBQ (Social Club)

Thursday, 21st August – Gosfield Village Circle

Sunday, 24th August – Gosfield Players Open evening

Monday, 25th August – Summer Bank Holiday

Saturday, 30th August – First Gosfield Beer Festival

Sunday, 31st August – First Gosfield Beer Festival, day 2

September, 1825 – first Stockton-Darlington passenger steam train

Saturday, 20th September – GHS Autumn Show

Monday, 22nd September - Autumn equinox

Tuesday, 23rd October – GHS AGM (Gosfield Social Club, 7 pm)

Friday, 31st October – Halloween Party (Social Club)

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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GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

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:

What an exciting month we have had. Firstly, the fete held on 5th July and secondly the opening of the fairy trail in our nature reserve on 19th July. Both were very successful and I must firstly thank the fete committee for all their hard work in putting on another great event. I must also thank Tony Strudwick for the wonderful fairy trail he has constructed and our County Councillor, Chris Siddall, who opened the trail. He gave a wonderful speech which can be found on the village FaceBook.

On a different note, we have had more vandalism in the village recently, particularly to the toilets by the village shop plus some of the fairy trail was removed. It's a great shame that the hard work of our volunteers is spoilt by such vandalism.

The Parish Council has also had complaints about car parking in Edmund Green and Greenfields. Please be aware when parking your car that a fire engine or ambulance must be able to get past all parked cars.

We are always looking for interesting articles for the magazine, so please contact the Editor if you have anything to share.

Finally, we must all be thankful for the hard work put in by so many volunteers in the village, which is truly amazing. We are very lucky to have so many dedicated volunteers.

Tricia Edwards.

Ongoing planning applications for building works are as follows:

Retention of conversion and extension of swimming pool changing rooms to 1No. residential dwelling, erection of wellness room, outbuildings and associated landscaping / access. Dwelling At Shardlowes Farm Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex. Ref. No: 25/01434/FUL.

Proposed rear dormer, with front and side facing rooflights & cladding. 6 Greenways Gosfield Essex CO9 1TW. Ref. No: 25/01435/HH.

The shared ownership property in Edmund Green is still available. You should contact “Leaders” in Halstead on 01787-479947 if you are interested in this property.

Gosfield Girls WI

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.

GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

ROLE:	NAME:	CONTACT INFORMATION:
Parish Clerk	Diane Jacob	5 Crocklands, Greenstead Green, CO9 1QY parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 07907-631172
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Councillor		

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

PARISH PONDERINGS - FROM ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

There was a buzz in the village shop last Friday afternoon. No, not a bumble bee, but a very excited bunch of youngsters who had just broken up from school for the summer holidays!

I expect the excitement had been building for a week or so and, finally, they were free from the constraints of school for a few weeks. The rhythm of life would become more relaxed. There may be a change of scene for many, as families go away on holiday. It is a time for them to take life at a slower pace, perhaps.

For some of the children they will be saying goodbye to their primary or secondary school and looking forward – with a mixture of excitement and trepidation, no doubt – to starting a new chapter in their lives.

The Three Saints Parishes – St Catherine's, Gosfield, St Andrew's, Halstead and St James, Greenstead Green have been in a similar situation over the last year. In June 24 we said a sad "Goodbye" to Rev'd Katie as she moved over the border into Suffolk to take up a different role in her ministry. Over the last year the PCC's have been moving through the process of appointing a new priest, so this, too, has been a time of a mixture of excitement and trepidation for the three church families. We are most grateful for all the support we have received over the year, but it has not always been easy.

Romans 8:28 says "we know that all things work together for good to those who love God", which I find a very comforting thought, especially during times of change and uncertainty.

So, it is very exciting to be able to write that it was announced in church last Sunday that Rev'd Sue Goldsmith has been appointed as the new Team Vicar. The Licensing service is due to take place on Thursday 2nd October in St Andrew's, Halstead.

In the meantime, let us keep in our prayers both Rev'd Sue and the youngsters as they all move towards a new chapter in their lives.

May God bless you richly, Judy

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Day	Date	Time	Service	Location
	Sunday 3 rd August	10.30	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
	Sunday 10 th August	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine's
	Sunday 17 th August	10.30	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
	Sunday 24 th August	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine's
	Sunday 31 st August	TBA	Team Service	St Andrew's, Halstead
	Sunday 7 th September	10.30	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
	Sunday 14 th September	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine's
	Sunday 21 st September	10.30	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
	Sunday 28 th September	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine'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 08888-804-8044.

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

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

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Grapevine Editor	Alan Summerland
Tree Warden	T. Edwards
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Car Park drainage/surfacing	Willis
Wethersfield Scrutiny Committee	Strudwick - to attend WSC meetings
Information, minutes and agendas:	www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield

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MAURICE ROWSON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Compared to previous years when we have carried out numerous improvements to the village hall including the new acoustic ceiling and heaters, the installation of the PV panels and the new speaker system, the last year has been a quiet year in comparison.

I am however pleased to report that over the last year we have reviewed the hall hire charges and the inspection of the electrical installation has been carried out. We have also agreed quotations from local contractors to carry out the re-varnishing of the hall floor, installing cavity wall insulation and the external re-decorating of the hall which will all be carried out in the coming year.

The number of bookings at the hall is steadily increasing for which I would like to thank Amanda Degnan for the work she does in keeping all our hirers happy and also thank Amanda for carrying out the cleaning duties at the hall. Looking at the hall bookings that Amanda sends out every month, I am pleased to see the increase in the number of children's birthday party bookings we get at the hall.

Once again, I have to thank our treasurer Russell Couch for all he does in producing the hall's monthly and annual accounts. The problems Russell experienced last year with Octopus Energy continue and Russell has now agreed to complete the hall's self-assessment tax return for which I am most grateful.

I also have to thank our very long-term secretary Bill Pasfield for all he does for the running of the hall. Bill has to be congratulated for still having the enthusiasm to turn out on cold winter evenings to attend our meetings and for preparing the minutes and agendas for our meetings.

Finally, I would like to thank all the committee for their dedication in attending our meetings and contributing to the smooth running of this superb village asset for all the residents of Gosfield and neighbouring areas to enjoy.

Dave Jarvis, Chairman. Rowson Hall Management Committee

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On Saturday 16th August, we will be holding a Summer Family BBQ at the Club.

Come along and enjoy a drink and something from the BBQ.
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Save the Date

Friday 31st October is Halloween party night at the club. Join us in fancy dress and dance the night away with our professional DJ.

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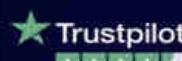
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ADDRESS OF PREMISES: The Street, Gosfield,
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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Alteration to Sunday
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In July 27 members and friends gathered in the pavilion for our annual Afternoon Tea, a great afternoon which began with a glass of Pimm's before we started on the lovely finger sandwiches, freshly baked quiche, sausage rolls and scones, complete with clotted cream and raspberry jam, all provided by Tracy from Great Yeldham. I'm a cream on first person! That way you have a lovely dollop of clotted cream before a good spreading of jam - yum! Tea or coffee and a free raffle draw completed the afternoon which everyone enjoyed.

Our August speaker, on 21st, will be Chris Parfitt who will be telling us about Polar Bears.

If you'd like to come and see what we do, we're a very friendly club who meet at The Rowson Hall, Church Road, Gosfield on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 2 - 4pm, visitors fees are £3 per meeting which includes refreshments.

For further information call Ann on 07773-140216.

MEMORIES and such like from LINDA. (Marlow, Richardson) KEMP:

I am thinking about my uncle (Owen) Mick Drury. Currently in Larchwood Residential facility. He will be 90 this month, August. His career as a Carpenter in the locality, Tennis player, brilliant Ice skater and Bridge player, also a village helper wherever it was needed often seen repairing the Pavilion or helping to get the Fete 'set up' and indeed 'taken down'.

Tales people can tell about their area over the span of decades reminds me of another Drury. We are 'Gosfield' residents from a couple or three centuries ago. Also, Sible and Castle Hedingham as well as Halstead and Sudbury. My late friend Dave Osborne a Local Author, ex Sports reporter for Gazette etc until retirement was a dedicated searcher of archives etc for Local History he also excelled in the Old way of oral language for this area. The late Fred Pawsey DFC and Local Teacher was also brilliant and funny at giving talks in our 'dialect'. I digress as usual. SO, Dave and me sat at the table with old papers and he said 'Lindy Lou here's a good 'un - another Bloomin' Drury wouldn't you know it. WILLIAM DRURY and his memories". One of the eldest local inhabitants after the Great War, having spent his whole life around hereabouts. So let me take you back.

In his late 90's as he spoke of his memories. He was about 8 years of age and already at work, his hours were from Daylight till Dark. For this he received 2d a day. From his recall of that time he never really thought he was under paid. The men he worked with on the land had the same hours. Go to work in the dark of morning and go home in the dark at night for which they were paid about 9 shillings a week (45p). His own Father worked for this wage as they had 5 sons and 3 daughters to care for. William worked on a large garden. Where the Railway later stood (for the new folk in our area that was adjacent to the current Public Gardens) the land was then owned by a Mr Cook..Nowadays the area is a block of Flats behind the Garage filling station. As William grew older he took a position at SLOE HOUSE, where he finally got a man's wage of 9 shillings. William spoke of his Mother's struggle to feed them all. Her main supply was Potatoes sold by local farmers for 3d a peck. When times were good she would buy a piece of the fattest Pork available, which cost a shilling. She would melt it down and make dripping to pour over the potatoes, making what the children thought was a very good dish.

One can imagine she did not pause to consider vitamins or proteins but just hoped it would fill them up.

Bread at the time was 1 shilling a loaf and tea a luxury at 3d a twist. One spoonful used over and over for several brews. The children were lucky if there was any pudding but at that time in the 1840's Rice could be obtained for about 1 penny per 1/2 pound. It would be boiled until very soft and flour would be mixed in until quite solid and with a little sugar added was the mark of a good time but not to be indulged in lightly. (like my Mum's steamed Suet Plum Duff with custard.. oooh..)

Another side of those days was the law. Ten shillings or seven days hard labour after a flogging with a whip type instrument with several wires attached to a heavy wooden handle.. William remembered some people who received 30 or 40 lashes for crimes that today would merely be fines. The local prison stood where the day centre is today in Bridge Street. William recalls as a child playing on the land in Hedingham Road before they built the Workhouse there. Gosfield people would be sent also . It was later demolished and where The Courtauld Homes of Rest now stand. In the winter the outside workers on the land were unpaid and the workhouse was the only place for them. He said that inmates were just herded in there with little to do and roughly fed.

The 1880's brought more stability to William. He became Coachman and Gardener for Charles Portway.

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MEMORIES continued..

Our Church had a stove in it made at the Portway foundry I knew his Grandson Major Michael Portway, TD.until his death. He was the President of The Halstead and District History Society for many years and a lovely man. With a connection to Gosfield at one time in his ancestry.

William Drury remained working for Charles Portway for 32 years until his employer's death in 1912. He had many memories of driving that devoted Local Politician around as he carried on with his activities and many business duties. Also, he remembered a time when landowners decided to cut labourers wages. So many men in the streets without work, cast out from rural employment so they were shipped to Canada and other Colonies to work. At our Museum in the Queen's Hall we occasionally get people from across the world visiting to do their family History. I escorted a couple to Gosfield one time. Not Drury's Jeggo's. Luckily the Museum rang me to help them.

Lastly William Drury mentioned remembering a Dr Taylor who had a large garden and orchard opposite Trinity Church. He commenced a distillery of the Lavender blooms that he owned (acres of them). In the due season it was a job for the local women to gather the crop so that he could make oil from it and Lavender water. I think that might be the Dr Taylor I have a picture of. Who came so often to Gosfield Hall to tend to Mrs Ruth Lowe that she married him but never took his name.

I'm giving the magazine editor a school photo to print and hoping the gaps in my memory can be answered. I'm sure Justine and a few others can help.

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The Gosfield Fete 2025

Once a year, our little village sends out the call to gather together for some well-deserved fun and games...and 2025 definitely did not disappoint! As always, the first Saturday in July was the chosen date, but unlike last year's torrential rain during daylight hours, we had unspoiled perfect weather to enjoy the many attractions on offer. And wow, there were a record number of different stalls this year! All the old favourites were there...coconut shy, crockery smash, the high striker...and we added two brand new ones (expertly made by our committee member Mike!); the Stocks (fittingly debuted with our medieval theme) and Planko! - a brilliant oversized pinball/bagatelle game.

The procession from Gosfield School to open the fete was very well attended too, all the youngsters really getting into the medieval theme with some great costumes. Upon arrival at the fete, led by our Fete Queen Skye and her two Princesses Amara & Aubery, the Rainbows won the trophy for the best of the procession! Congratulations!

Our central arena was kept extremely busy for the whole day, an opening performance from the Dunmow Majorettes followed by the Halstead Community Choir, then three local dance schools showcasing their talents (Elizabeth School of Dance, ADC Dance & AMA Dance) and the wonderful vocal tones of the Frederick Douglas Performing Arts Academy. After a couple of very funny tug 'o' war rounds in the arena, we ended the day with a battle to the 'death' (no children were harmed in the process!) with the Get Medieval crew coaching sword and shield techniques.

Of course, this event would not be a fraction of the success that it is without local support, so many, many thanks to everyone who came on the day and enjoyed themselves in the park. Everyone is welcome to the Fete Committee AGM in early October to learn more about the finances from the event. Profits are always ploughed back into the community including Rainbows, Guides, Cubs, Scouts to name just a few. This year, some funds will also help support Guides applying for the Duke of Edinburgh awards.

To give you some idea of the amount of help we need (and get!) every year, here's a list of very important Thank-Yous to the people who make it such a continued success:

Cake Makers & Bakers - Traffic Marshalls - Litter Pickers - Friday Night Helpers - Private Stall Holders - St John's Ambulance - Fire Brigade - Young Farmers - Pavilion Cleaners - Gosfield Village Shop - Danahers - Gosfield School - Committee Stall Helpers.

Special mentions to Becky & her bar team and Mike & Gina on the BBQ for their unwavering support each and every year.

Finally, to my fellow committee members for their dedication and very hard work throughout the year, putting the whole thing together;

Matt, Ashley, Deborah, Michelle, Mike, Kelly, Tom & Annie. And, of course, our very level-headed and calm Chairman, Mrinal, who never gets flustered!

Ian Scott - Treasurer, Gosfield Fete Committee.



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GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The summer period is always a challenging time for attendance numbers as members are on holiday or play summer sports such as tennis, lawn bowls and nowadays the game of Petang.

During the summer period the Essex Carpet Bowls Association organise and control a Summer League for those clubs with sufficient members that may wish to play within the league.

Gosfield, however, will not participate in the Summer League this year but have organised several "friendly" matches against like-minded clubs within our area. This we hope will improve our overall competitive spirit in time for the Winter League to start in September /October time should the club decide to participate for the year 2025/26.

At present there is a possibility that should the series of "friendly" matches being played at present prove successful during the summer period, the club may decide not to play within the Essex CBA. League system for next year.

Gosfield CBC is particularly fortunate in that the Rowson Hall is large enough to enable 3 full sized playing mats to be in play at the same time and, more importantly, the floor is sufficiently stable, even and uniformly flat across its entire area. Normally however the club tends to attract slightly more members on a Monday evening than on a Wednesday evening although there is no restriction on all members playing on both evenings. It is normal therefore that only two mats are in use each club night when we can accommodate 16 playing members each night.

We enjoy drinks and biscuits at half time during the club night whilst when playing club matches we traditionally play 2 pairs and 2 four ball games before enjoying a supper period of tea/coffee and a selection of wrapped biscuits in line with the requirements for COVID control.

It will be interesting to meet and play other clubs within our area that we did not normally play when playing within the Essex CBA league organisation. We look forward to meeting and playing these clubs and to testing our level of ability.

Paul Nicklin, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

GOSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Autumn Show 2025 Saturday 20th September

**Annual General Meeting Tuesday 23rd October 7.00p.m.
Gosfield Social Club**

In spite of the unusually hot, dry weather, we had a pleasant summer show on Saturday 12th July. Entries were about 25% down on last year, and the quality of both flowers and vegetables was not the best (but thanks to all who exhibited). This was more than made up for by some excellent cookery and handicraft exhibits, superb tea and cakes, and plenty of happy visitors. Our thanks to all who helped to make the show a success.

Our Autumn show will be on Saturday 20th September. I'm sure all the gardeners hope for some good growing weather before then.



Gosfield Parish Council SKATE RAMP PROJECT

We are reaching out to the community as we urgently need your help. Gosfield Parish Council have until **12th August** to raise over £60,000.00 to put towards a new skate ramp for the community, we have some funding in place but not enough to cover the cost of the whole project.



We have £40,105.90 of S106 funding available from Braintree District Council and Sport England has very kindly granted us a Crowdfunder match pledge of £7,500.00 But only, if we are successful in raising at least £7,500.00 from this campaign.

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Please note: bell ringing practice on most Tuesday evenings, 7.45 pm to 9.00 pm, novices and experienced ringers welcome.



Our current shopping list 2025

Food items

- Coffee
- Tinned rice pudding
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned hot meat (stew/chilli)
- Tinned cold meat (Spam/Ham)
- Small bottles of squash

Non food items

- Toilet rolls
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Steve Sudbury Group Scout Leader.

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WHAT'S ON AT THE HALL IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ?

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Tuesdays: Yoga 9:45am to 11:30am, Hummingbird Hub 12pm to 5pm, Karate 6:00pm to 7:00pm, Yoga 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

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

Fridays: Pilates 10:45am to 11:45am Guides and Rangers 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Once a month bookings

Mondays: 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)

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

Please note that some of the regular bookings may not take place during the summer school holidays.

One off bookings for August and September

Wednesday 6th August and Wednesday 20th August. Wiggles and Giggles 10am to 11am.

Sunday 24th August. Gosfield Players 4pm to 6pm. Promotion session for new members.

Wednesday 27th August. Storybook.

Wednesday 3rd September. Neighbourhood Watch AGM 2pm to 4pm.

Saturday 20th September. Gosfield Horticultural Society Autumn Show.

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

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