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Gosfield Grapevine



St. Katherine's church resplendent in the snow [photo by Tony Sale] – new bell ringers urgently required [see herein]

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Gosfield Parish Council

Panto season is upon us – please assist and attend the shows !



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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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

Wednesday, 25th March, 2026

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:

Monday, 2nd to Sunday 8th, February – MR Hall closed for redecoration
Monday, 9th February – Cuppa Club revised meet date
Thursday, 12th February - Braintree Wildlife Trust (evening) [Molluscs]
Monday, 16th February – Gosfield Parish Council meeting [MR Hall]
Tuesday, 17th February – Shrove Tuesday [pancakes]
Thursday, 19th February – Village Circle Club
Saturday, 21st February - Craft Fair
Saturday, 7th March - Craft Fair
Saturday, 7th March – Gosfield School Open Day
Monday, 16th March – Gosfield Parish Council meeting [pavilion]
Sunday, 15th March – Mothering Sunday
Thursday, 19th March – Village Circle Club
Thursday, 19th, March to Saturday, 21st, March – “The Players”
Saturday, 28th March - Gosfield Horticultural Society Spring Show
Sunday, 29th March – British Summer time begins
Good Friday, 3rd April – Easter Egg Hunt (playing field)

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, Tricia Edwards:

I am disappointed to have to report that we have had several incidents of vandalism to the pavilion toilets. Reports have been made to the Police and they are investigating based on CCTV evidence. In view of this, the toilets have been closed outside of shop hours. However, the Parish Council have since decided to open the toilets on a Sunday afternoon for the benefit of those attending football matches, using the children's play area, etc.

Our Parish Clerk reports and actively chases all reported potholes and blocked drains in the village. Our County Councillor, Chris Siddall, has been very proactive in attempting to expedite repairs which is a never-ending task, especially as the County Council have a system of temporary emergency repairs which do not last.

The Parish Council were successful in obtaining grants for specific improvement projects in Gosfield Nature Reserve and Westover Woodlands are currently carrying out this work with a view to completion by the end of March.

At this time of year, the Parish Council are tasked with reviewing expenditure in the parish and setting budgets for the forthcoming 2026/27 fiscal year. Full details of the budget will be on the Council website shortly. Please do take time to look at what is spent for the village and of course if you have any questions, please email the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council have now awarded the contract for the resurfacing, etc, of the playing field car park and works will hopefully commence in early Spring. The Parish Council would like to thank the Rowson Perpetual Trust and Gosfield Community Shop for their pledges of financial support towards the cost of these works.

As part of the planning agreement for the development at the top of Meadoway, the Parish Council will receive a transfer of land to the west of the site for use as community open space. Following the transfer, which will not take place until later in the year, the Parish Council will assume management of the land. In the meantime, the developers' contractors will still be responsible for its maintenance. However, following requests, the Parish Council have agreed to install a further dog poo bin and we would encourage all dog owners to pick up and use these.

I would bring to your attention again the fact that we do need two new Parish Councillors and if anyone at all has any interest in helping to run our wonderful village, then please do contact the Parish Clerk or myself for further information.

GOSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Spring Show Saturday, 28th March 2026, Maurice Rowson Hall

The days are getting longer, the snowdrops are in bud, and primroses, cowslips and aconites are all showing fresh new leaves; Spring is coming and it's time to get the garden ready for a new season of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Don't be too tidy though, because the birds and insects still need food and shelter.

By the time you are reading this, the schedule for our 2026 shows will be available in the village shop and social club, price £1. We are looking forward to a year of good gardening and well supported shows. See you there.

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	Richard Edwards	Home Farm House, CO9 1RZ richard.edwards@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 01787-472958
Councillor	* 2	Volunteers needed !

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

Bin Collections:

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Grey square – grey bin and food bin

The recycling bins - regime will change in June, 2026

PARISH PONDERINGS - FROM ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Hello everyone and Happy New Year.

Well, my first Christmas in the Three Saints parishes was fantastic. I met so many people, attended loads of community events, school activities, church services and saw a place that does Christmas well. Thank you for making my family and I so welcome.

Then of course we started to celebrate Epiphany - totally wonderful. Lots going on in the schools, house blessings and thinking about Ash Wednesday and Easter. Then I had a mini epiphany of my own. There is so much planning, so much thinking ahead, Easter eggs and summer holidays to think about that maybe we are missing the joy of right now.

It is widely believed that Christ's ministry lasted roughly three years, John's Gospel mentions three Passover festivals (John 2:13; 6:4; 11:55). Jesus didn't spend his time in meetings or pouring over faculty applications, he spent it with the people. He enjoyed being in the midst of real life, in the hard places, in the uncomfortable places, meeting people wherever they were and walking a metaphorical mile with them.

Obviously, as your priest the meetings and the planning are important. Looking ahead is vital if we are all going to arrive at church and find enough communion wafers. It is, however, also really important, and this is for us all, to enjoy the moment. Look at what God is doing right now. Jesus did a huge amount in three years and a lot of his "doing" involved chatting with people like the Samaritan woman at the well; he ate with people from tax collectors to close friends like Levi/Matthew and Marym Martha and Lazarus; he prayed with people think of Jairus and his family. Yes, there is a huge amount of please in the planning but I challenge us all, and most of all me at the moment, to just stop and appreciate what is good - and if that feels like nothing for you come at the moment then come find me and let's have a chat over a cup of tea - and just breath in the heavenly scent of Jesus in this post Christmas period.

He had three years. We have our whole lives, the Ash Wednesday planning can wait one more day while I spend a bit of quiet time with God maybe in prayer or maybe just watching this sunset with the lady I have bumped into in the carpark just now.

Either way, in our human-ness, let's not simply live for tomorrow but take a moment for the joy of today.

God bless you all and I mean it about the tea and a chat.

Love Rev Sue



GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

Opening Times:

Monday to Saturday: 8 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8 am to noon

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	Time	Service	Location
	Sunday 1 st February	10.30	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
	Sunday 8 th February	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine's
	Sunday 15 th February	TBA	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
	Ash Wednesday 18th Feb	19.30	Three Saints Service, St Andrew's, Halstead	
	Sunday 22 nd February	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine's
	Sunday 1 st March	10.30	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
	Sunday 8 th March	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine's
Mothering Sunday,				
Sunday 15th March		TBA	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
	Sunday 22 nd March	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine's
Palm Sunday,				
Sunday 29th March		10.30	Three Saints Service, St Andrew's, Halstead	

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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Allotment Officer	Strudwick, R. Edwards
Footpaths	Colyer
Finance	R. Edwards - plus all other councillors
Appeals	Colyer
Children's Play Area	Hough, Strudwick
Planning	Waters, Pawsey
Grapevine Editor	Alan Summerland
Tree Warden	T. Edwards
Maurice Rowson Village Hall	Strudwick - to attend M R Hall meetings
Car Park drainage/surfacing	TBA
Wethersfield Scrutiny Committee	Strudwick - to attend WSC meetings
Information, minutes and agendas:	www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield

MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES:

Braintree Association of Local Councils [BALC]	Tricia Edwards
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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: Wiggles and Giggles 9.30am to 11.00am, Fitness Class 6pm to 7pm Bowls 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Thursdays: Sunnydays 9am to 12pm

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

Sundays: Players 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Once a month bookings

Mondays: Cuppa Club 2:00pm to 3pm (1st Monday of the month – see change)

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.

One off bookings for February and March

Thursday 12th February. Braintree Wildlife Trust (evening)

Saturday 21st February. Craft Fair

Saturday 7th March. Craft Fair

Thursday 19th March to Saturday 21st March. The Players. Please see separate article in the Grapevine for details of performance timings and how to purchase tickets.

Saturday 28th March. Gosfield Horticultural Society Spring Show

Please note. The hall will be closed between Monday 2nd February and Sunday 8th February for internal re-decoration. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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Shows are as follows:

Friday, 20th March 7.30pm

Saturday, 21st March 2.00pm

Saturday, 21st March 7.30pm

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Tickets will NOT be available in the village shop

We desperately need volunteers to help back stage on show nights. If you're available on our show nights and can come to rehearsals please get in touch via our email address below.

If you would like to see our dress rehearsal, so we have an audience to practice with please email. We'll be rough around the edges so we'll only be asking for a donation on that day. Dress rehearsal is Thursday, 19th March.

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GOSFIELD PITS NATURE RESERVE

The new 5 year management plan has been adopted and published on the Parish Council web-site. Braintree District and Essex County Councillors are both giving financial support for work in the nature reserve this winter. In addition to the continuing clearance of fallen willows from the Horseshoe Pond, we have opened up seven fishing swims to improve access for fisherfolk. During the freeze in early January, the small thawed patches in the ice were teeming with black and silver fish around 15cm long, so there is something to catch.

Please do not hesitate to contact the warden or the Parish Council if you have any comments about the reserve.

N.B. Whilst clearing the Horseshoe Pond, we pulled out various items of litter, including four pieces of Vaping paraphernalia, all the same brand. Over the weekend of 17th and 18th of January, an unknown person or persons disposed of their garden waste into the ditch beside the footpath from Greenfield into the Reserve. Garden waste can be composted or put into the green bin; placing it into a ditch is not acceptable, and may, if the ditch ever has to act as a drain, result in flooding. Please remember that littering is illegal.

Gosfield Fete Committee 2026

Following our first team meeting of 2026, we've provisionally decided on a sports theme for this year's Fete. More details will be available soon !

The date for your diaries is Saturday, 4th July.

Last year was a record-breaking Fete for stall numbers, so if you would like a stall this year or would like more details, please email us at:

gosfieldfete@gmail.com

Once we've confirmed the theme, we'll be asking all the local children to submit their finest artwork for the programme cover...we'll let all the schools know in good time to give everyone a chance to enter !

Being a rural village, we still find it amazingly hard to secure a flatbed tractor/lorry/trailer combo for our Fete Royalty to lead the procession. If you know anyone who could provide this for us on the day (it's just a short journey from Gosfield School to the Playing Fields at 5mph), please get in touch on the email address above.

And as ever, we are looking for volunteers on the day to man our stalls, put up tents, direct traffic and generally help to make the day special. The committee and the helpers work incredibly hard behind the scenes to put this wonderful event together, so if you are able to lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you !

We'll be back with much more info in the next Grapevine !

Gosfield Fete Committee

Gosfield Guides



Places available for Girls aged 10-14

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VILLAGE CIRCLE CLUB

Village Circle ended 2025 with a lovely Christmas lunch for just over 30 of us at the Golf Club. Good company, super food plus entertainment provided by the head chef! What more could you wish for in the run up to Christmas.

2026 began with our 1st ever January meeting at the request of our members. 25 members and visitors joined us in a social afternoon playing a variety of different games including UNO, bingo, scrabble, snakes & ladders, sequences and Crazy Apes! A great meeting with everyone catching up on each other's news, drinking tea or coffee and eating cake and a raffle to complete the afternoon.

Our February meeting on 19th will be our AGM plus a talk from Cherry Mullins on Tales of a Tour Manager and on 19th March, Peter Tatum will be with us again with a talk on The Old Vicarage at Granchester.

If you'd like to join us, we'd love to see you. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm in The Maurice Rowson Hall, Church Road, Gosfield and if you'd like more information just call Ann on 07773-140216.

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

Firstly, my condolences to the Tutton family but I think Josie is twirling her skirt jiving with Buster once again. I also offer condolences to Mary Hull and family on the recent death of Sam. One of the village men always willing to be there helping. Mary Cottam once lived in Meadway and has now gone to fly with her late husband JACK high above the clouds someplace. My condolences to Lesley and family.

JACK first arrived in this village during WW2. He was in GOSFIELD with the 575 Squadron Down Ampney that took off for Gosfield on March 21st '45 for OPERATION VARSITY on 24th March 1945...Jack fell in love with the village and vowed to live here one day and did just that. Daughter Lesley attended our Primary school and her Dad could be seen flying his model aircraft on the land his unit once flew from. RIP Mary last but one of the Tuesday snooker widows as they called themselves.

Much younger is the death of Eric Metson. My brother was in his class at Gosfield Primary school. I will write more about the long connection his Metson ancestors had with the area another time. Condolences go to his sister Daphne and family. His Aunt Ruby was my Aunt Iris' best friend from their first day at Gosfield Primary school in 1932 until Ruby predeceased her several years ago. But I had driven Aunt and another of their school friends over 200 miles to re-unite, it was a special 2-day visit and a pleasure to do for them.

...Continuing from the previous issue 122. Is the story of the evacuee family ' in their sons' own words ...//...during the war MAURICE ROWSON a local bloke used to come to the Village Hall and teach us boys and girls to Dance on Friday evenings. On Saturdays most of us got together after finishing work around lunch time to play Cricket in summer and Football in winter usually against another village. In the evening we'd catch a bus to a local Cinema. We couldn't stay out late as the last bus then was 8.30 unless we used Shanks' pony (walked), but several miles and NO LIGHTS was dodgy during 'black out rules'. Sometimes we could go fishing in the Lake or get into the old Pavilion Shed for a game of cards. There were rarely any lads about from 18 yrs of age as they'd been called up. There was a magazine called HOBBIES WEEKLY it often gave ideas of things to build with scraps of wood... we could get the wood easily and so I carved airplanes and painted them. Good to do.

Books to Borrow



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The Parish Council would like to invite applications from members of the public to fill two vacancies within the Parish Council. We are a vibrant and democratic Council, if you would like to be involved and contribute to your parish, please contact in the first instance for more information: -

Mrs Diane Jacob, Gosfield Parish Clerk, e-mail
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Essex Wellbeing Service



MEMORIES, continued:

Dad having been 30 yrs in the building trade was made foreman. We were now recognised by all base personnel and Dad was called 'POP' and even by the village folk in the Kings Head. There being a limited war time bus service there was a good market in BIKESbut ... well More about that next time ///

We shall resume the tale in Issue 124 with hopefully, dear villagers, many sightings of Snowdrops. Celandines, Aconites and Crocus'. Hyacinths and Daffs too probably by late March, Violets and then Primroses. Sticky Buds too.

OH... SPRING TIME. I hear my forebears crying out 'PATIENCE LINDA, PATIENCE it's a VIRTUE'. Indeed it is and speaking of the virtuous ... 'Welcome' to the new 'Team Vicar' The Rev. Sue.

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Beavers, Cubs
& Scout Group



Contact Steve Sudbury
on 07885-467712, or:
stephensudburygardens@gmail.com

1st Gosfield Scout Group www.1stgosfieldscouts.co.uk

At the moment the Beavers and Cubs are not meeting in Gosfield, but the 1st Gosfield Scout group is still open. Scouting is open to both boys and girls, all are welcome.

We will be reviewing the situation, probably around Easter.

All the Beavers and Cubs have been transferred to other local groups, Castle Hedingham, Halstead and Braintree.

This is due to a lack of leaders. We desperately need new leaders to volunteer to help run the group. If this could be you, please contact Steve Sudbury on e-mail:

stephensudburygardens@gmail.com

Gosfield (Mobile) Library

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23rd February
16th March
27th April
18th May
8th June

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Landowners are reminded that trees, hedges, ditches and other vegetation close to the highway needs to be maintained with summer drawing to a close.

Overgrown vegetation can prevent roads and paths from being safe when wetter weather, and shorter days draw near, blocking paths and restricting clear view of the highway.

Grass cut in wet conditions can also lead to clumps being deposited by lawnmowers onto highways. Therefore, grass cutting is ideally carried out when the weather is drier.

Landowners are responsible for maintaining foliage on their land, even if it is close to a road or pavement. They have a duty of care to take reasonable steps to prevent risk.

Overgrown vegetation can restrict paths, reduce sight, and cause floods when ditches and drains become clogged.

Now bird nesting season is over, landowners should carry out work such as:

- removing overhanging branches that obscure the view of the road
- removing overhanging branches that lower the road's clearance for tall vehicles, such as double-decker school buses
- trimming or removing trees that are in danger of falling onto the pavement or road
- removing overgrown shrubs that block lighting or traffic signs
- clear trenches on private property to prevent flooding when it rains

Residents with hedges abutting the pavements: please ensure that hedges, etc, do not encroach onto the pavements/roads to help ensure clear visibility on our roads and footpaths for pedestrians and road users alike.

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

December Winners:	No. 44 Mrs. P Rayner	No. 130 Mr. C Hough
	No. 108 Mrs. D Clarry	No. 163 Mrs. B Wilkin
January Winners:	No. 3 Mr. M Richardson	No. 39 Dr. J Patterson
	No. 38 Mrs. K Hughes	No. 53 Mrs. R Smith

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

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. We hope you can come along. All ladies are welcome.

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GROUPS, SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES:

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Gosfield Rainbows	Stacey Creak	07814-233219	
Gosfield Brownies, Guides and Rangers	Gill Hillman-Crouch	01787-478097	Or: 07801-265603
Gosfield Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Steve Sudbury	07885-467712	stephensudburygardens@gmail.com
Gosfield Girls Women's Institute	Joanne Hedley	07749-472832	
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Gosfield Community Shop	Brian Payne	01787-703787	thepaynes57@hotmail.com
Gosfield Horticultural Society	Rebecca Westover	01787-477331	
Gosfield in Bloom	Mandy Adams	01787-273494	mandyladams@icloud.com
Gosfield Fete Committee	Ian Scott	07798-753639	
Gosfield Playing Field & Pavilion	Ann Willis	01787-274665	ann.willis2006@btinternet.com
Rowson Perpetual Fund	David Jarvis	01787-474562	davjar33@gmail.com

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:

Priest -Reverend	Sue Goldsmith	01787-478471	halsteadrector@gmail.com
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Church Wardens	Jo Colyer	07894-577629	
	Judy Paterson	01787-472514	judith_paterson@hotmail.com
Wedding Co-ordinator	Rae Haylock	01787-472171	halsteadparish@gmail.com
Bell Ringing - Tower Captain	Laurence Carter	01787-472225	laurencejcarter@gmail.com

Please note: bell ringing practice on most Tuesday evenings, 745 pm to 9.00 pm, novices and experienced ringers welcome.

New ringers required urgently !

Gosfield Parish Council

Future scheduled meeting dates, subject to the Parish Council being quorate, however, check website for agenda to confirm dates, start time 7.15pm

23rd March 2026 (Annual Parish Assembly – In the Pavilion)

20th April 2026 (In the Pavilion)

18th May 2026 (In the Pavilion)

22nd June 2026 (In the Pavilion)

20th July 2026 (In the Pavilion)

17th August 2026 (In the Pavilion)

21st September 2026 (In the Pavilion)

19th October 2026 (In the Pavilion)

16th November 2026 (In the Pavilion)

14th Dec 2026 (In the Pavilion)



Our current shopping list

2026

Food items

- UHT/Long Life Milk
- Teabags 40's/80's
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned/packet custard
- Sugar 500g
- Tinned tomatoes



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We are having to buy food to fill our food boxes. A monetary donation will help us to do this. Search for us on JustGiving

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Gosfield School	Rod Jackson (Principal)	01787-474040	enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk

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Gosfield Juniors Football	Mark Wiskin	07930-990013	
Gosfield United Football Club	Simon Fraser (Chairman)	01206-211470	
Gosfield Tennis Club	Richard Waters	07900-236754	gosfield-tennis@hotmail.co.uk
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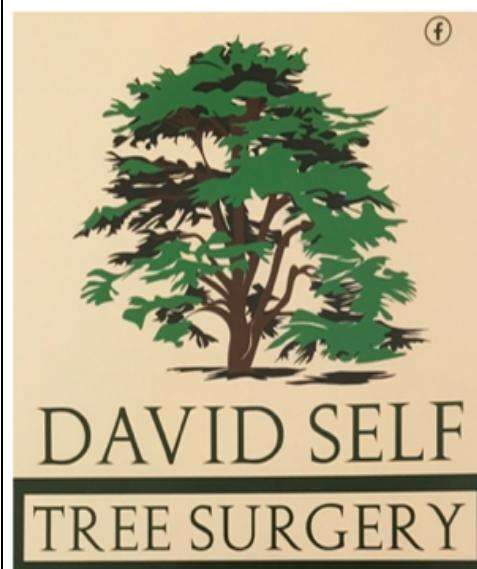
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The Apple Tree	Maxine and Keith	01787-477715	enquiries@theappletreegosfield.co.uk
Courtyard Brewery	Tanya and Marc	07710-230662	

GOSFIELD SUPPORT:

Neighbourhood Watch Group	Louise Smith	07962-268376	
Community Agent			

GOSFIELD POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO):

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