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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, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 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](mailto:grapevine@gosfieldparishcouncil.org)

### DATES TO NOTE (see also page 37):

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Braintree Wildlife Trust (evening)

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October – GPC Meeting

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October – GHS AGM

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Remembrance Sunday Service

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Braintree Wildlife Trust (evening)

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November – St. Catherine's Christmas Fayre, 10am – 2pm

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November – GPC Meeting

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Guides Annual Quiz (evening)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Gosfield Players Performance

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December – GPC Meeting

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

### COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES, Tricia Edwards:

As you look through The Grapevine, please pause at page 40 where you will see the new service offered by “Digi-Go On Demand”. You may have noticed their bus parked in our new car park and this can take you anywhere within the zone. I understand you can use your bus pass with this service. You will need to book to travel but this appears to be a very useful service for our residents so I would urge you to try it because if we don't use it, we may lose it.

Your Parish Council is constantly chasing Essex County Council in relation to works that are required to our roads. We would urge residents to also report potholes, loose drains etc online to Essex Highways. You will need to identify the position by using “what three words”. The Parish Council are particularly concerned regarding the lack of action in relation to the road repairs required in front of the War Memorial in Church Road and your Council resolved to take further action on this so that the Remembrance Day service can go ahead.

### Ongoing planning applications for building works are as follows:

Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3), and for associated landscaping and operational development - Change of use to 3 No. residential dwellings. Land North of Liston Hall Lane Blackmore End Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 26/02151/COUPA

Proposed single storey rear & side extensions. 21 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PG, Ref. No: 26/02117/HH

Discharge of Condition 4 (Materials), 5 (Building Levels) 6 (Means of Enclosure), 9 (Great Crested Newt) & 16 (Refuse) of 25/02268/FUL, Woodlands Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ, Ref. No: 26/02102/DAC

Insertion of roof window to front elevation and window to side elevation, 14 The Lindens Gosfield Halstead Essex CO9 1GW, Ref. No: 26/02012/HH

Insertion of roof window to front elevation and window to side elevation, 21 The Lindens Gosfield Halstead Essex CO9 1GW, Ref. No: 26/02013/HH

Retrospective change of use of agricultural buildings to 5no. holiday lets, communal facilities building with associated parking and access, The Stable Yard At Iron Pear Tree Farm Braintree Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 26/01978/FUL



**Gosfield Grapevine Community Group**

## GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

| ROLE:         | NAME:              | CONTACT INFORMATION:                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Parish Clerk  | Diane Jacob        | 5 Crocklands, Greenstead Green, CO9 1QY<br><a href="mailto:parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org">parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org</a><br>07907-631172   |
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| Councillor    | Maggi Pawsey       | Tye Beams, The Street, CO9 1TP<br>Via the Parish Clerk<br>01787-472967                                                                                        |
| Councillor    | Carol Betty Hough  | 13 Braintree Road, CO9 1PR<br>Via the Parish Clerk<br>01787-477208                                                                                            |
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| Councillor    | Ben Muir           | <a href="mailto:ben.muir@gosfieldparishcouncil.org">ben.muir@gosfieldparishcouncil.org</a>                                                                    |

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

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

*So, what does a vicar actually do all week ?*

The number of people that think the vicar sits about all week waiting for it to be Sunday again is remarkable. So in this edition of the Gosfield Grapevine I thought I would let you have a peek into the life and times of your vicar.

I have picked the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> of October because I thought there was a chance that your hardworking editor and printing team, assuming that isn't all one person, may have managed to get this edition out by them. I haven't helped by sending this article in at the last minute - sorry.

The week of the 5th is a very typical week and being a vicar is the most epic calling ever. The diversity of things I get to be involved in is amazing.

Monday is a Gosfield day. The lovely Headteacher, Charlii Bower, of the Gosfield Community Primary School has invited me in to lead some of the school assemblies. I used to be a secondary school leader and love being with children of all ages. The theme of the assembly is mutual respect, just because I am a priest doesn't mean everything I do is explicitly faith based, but Jesus was a great advocate for seeing the value of all people, so it's a great start to the week. Monday night, I will be helping to lead the Gosfield Brownies as they visit the church to celebrate Harvest. Massive thank you to everyone that turned out for the St Catherine's Harvest service this week, lovely show of community from the village and a fantastic collection of food for the Food Bank.

Tuesday - Two Harvest school services; the Wonderkids, free stay and play group for preschoolers, 5th Birthday party and the Finances and Buildings Meeting in the evening - what a day.

Wednesday is my day off so I am only going into one school to do some lovely lesson monitoring because I am a governor there; another harvest service for another school and attending the Emergency Briefing film in Earls Colne's St Andrew's Church.

Thursday, I try to catch up with the Parish Administrator, Rae, a real force of nature without whom I would be lost. Then a mid-week communion service and Parochial Church Council meeting in Greenstead Green. I hope to be able to finish writing the script, prop and scenery requirements for the Live Nativity based in St Andrew's, Halstead this year.

Friday is back to Gosfield for the school's Harvest Service - this will be lovely, the children are wonderful. Then admin and sermon writing and a wedding rehearsal in the evening.

Saturday - A wedding, woo hoo. Not at St Catherine's this time but in one of the other churches I lead. I love a wedding. It's well worth considering St Catherine's if you are or have friends that are getting married. The church and village are beautiful and Gosfield Hall does a great reception but you know all that already.

Sunday that week is a Harvest Service with the uniformed groups; school choir from St Andrew's School and the wonderful Worship Band at St Andrew's Church. I am at a different church pretty much every week, which is lovely - Gosfield gets me or Rev Richard every 1st Sunday 10:30am and 3rd Sunday 11:00am of the month and the other two services are led by our wonderful Wardens, Judy and Jo.

That's what the diary looks like today but by Monday the 5th Oct there could have been other meetings, funerals, pastoral visits or all sorts popped into the diary. It really is the most amazing calling ever.



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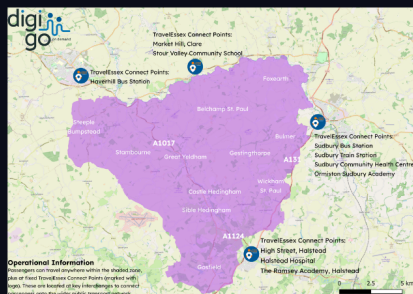
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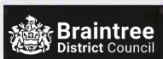
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## ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, GOSFIELD:

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 4 <sup>th</sup> October   | 10.30 | Holy Communion      | St Catherine's        |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October  | 10.30 | Morning Worship     | St Catherine's        |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October  | 11am  | Holy Communion      | St Catherine's        |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October  | 10.30 | Morning Worship     | St Catherine's        |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November  | 10.30 | Holy Communion      | St Catherine's        |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November  |       |                     |                       |
| <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>        | 10.20 | Remembrance Service | MR Hall               |
|                                  | 10.50 | Act of Remembrance  | War Memorial          |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November | 11am  | Holy Communion      | St Catherine's        |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November | 10.30 | Morning Worship     | St Catherine's        |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November | TBC   | Team 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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|                           | No. 46 Mr. & Mrs. G Perry  | No. 66 Mrs. H Bartlett |
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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Allotment Officer                  | Strudwick, R. Edwards                                                        |
| Footpaths                          | Colyer                                                                       |
| Finance                            | R. Edwards, T. Edwards, Waters                                               |
| Appeals                            | Colyer                                                                       |
| Children's Play Area               | Colyer, 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        | R Edwards, Strudwick, Waters                                                 |
| Wethersfield Scrutiny Committee    | Strudwick - to attend WSC meetings                                           |
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| Rowson Perpetual Memorial Fund                 | Pawsey, Hough, Colyer |

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Rainbows 4:45pm to 5:45pm, Brownies 6:00pm to 7:30pm,  
Bowls 8:00pm to 10:00pm

**Tuesdays:** Yoga 9:45am to 11:30am,  
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 9:00am to 12:00pm

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

**Sundays:** Gosfield Players 4pm to 6pm.

#### **Once-a-month bookings:**

**Mondays:** Cuppa Club 2:00pm to 4:00pm (1st Monday of the month).

**Thursdays:** Village Circle 2:00pm to 4:00pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month).

Gosfield Girls WI 7:30pm to 9:00pm (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 October and November:**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Autumn Wreath Making 7pm to 9pm (07399-231069 for further info)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Braintree Wildlife Trust (evening)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Remembrance Sunday Service

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Braintree Wildlife Trust (evening)

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Church Christmas Fair

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A Beetle Drive was the theme for September - and a progressive one to make it more interesting. It caused a certain amount of chaos as you might imagine but quite a few laughs as well along with some pretty strong competition. Best of all though, it succeeded in people chatting to others they may not ordinarily speak to.

For October's meeting we look forward to welcoming someone from the local police force speaking to us about scams. Something we all need to be very aware of in the increasing dangerous age.

If you'd like to join us at any of our meetings, no matter where you live, they are held at the Maurice Rowson Hall in Church Road, Gosfield on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, from 2pm to 4pm and costs £3 for visitors which includes refreshments. Or, if you'd like to know more about us, speak to Ann Willis on: 07773-140216.

## THE GOSFIELD PLAYERS **[gosfieldplayers@gmail.com](mailto:gosfieldplayers@gmail.com)**

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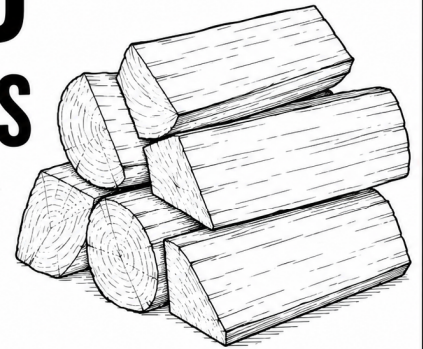
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