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Gosfield Grapevine



Gosfield Parish Council presented Maggi Pawsey with flowers and an engraved vase to mark her retirement as Parish Councillor after over 40 years

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Gosfield Parish Council

Fancy chatting to others in the village ?
New shop volunteers required – see herein !


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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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

Friday, 23rd January, 2027

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 (see also page 37):

Saturday, 5th December – Social Club Christmas lights 'on'
Sunday, 13th December – Wreath Making [Maurice Rowson Hall]
Monday, 14th December – GPC Meeting
Saturday, 19th December – The Hedingham Singers concert
Thursday, 24th December – Christmas Eve at the Social Club
Friday, 25th December - Christmas Day
Saturday, 26th December – Boxing Day
Thursday, 31st December – New Year's Eve party at the Social Cub

Friday, 1st January – New Year's Day [2027]
Wednesday, 13th January – Vicar's invitation, St. Andrew's Hall
Thursday, 14th January – Braintree Wildlife Trust
Monday, 18th January – 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

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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:

A Heartfelt Thank You to Maggi

Maggi Pawsey has served as a Parish Councillor for over 40 years, which is a truly remarkable achievement. For many of those years, she also held the position of Parish Council Chairman, giving her time, experience and leadership to the benefit of our parish. On behalf of the whole community, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Maggi for her outstanding service, her leadership, her dedication and the many years she has devoted to our parish.

Parish Councillor vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, which will be for the remainder of the current term, until April 2027, see below.

If you are interested in getting involved in your local community, having a say in parish matters and helping to shape the future of our parish, this could be a lovely opportunity.

Being a Parish Councillor is a rewarding way to give something back to the community, represent local residents and help make a difference.

If you would like to find out more about the role or express an interest, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in helping to support our parish.

A warm welcome to Spice Society

Following the closure of The Apple Tree, I was pleased to see that a new restaurant has now opened up in those premises. I wish Ryan Mintram and his team every success.

Christmas Wishes to Everyone

As another year draws to a close, we would like to wish all our parishioners a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and happy New Year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our parish and community throughout the year. Your kindness, generosity and community spirit are very much appreciated.

With our very best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year!

Co-option for One Vacancy on Gosfield Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to invite applications from members of the public to fill one vacancy within the Parish Council.

We are a vibrant and democratic Council and, if you would like to be involved and contribute to your parish, please contact the Parish Clerk parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org, or phone 07907-631172 to discuss and for an application form. Applications to be received by Friday, 11th December, 2026.

GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

ROLE:	NAME:	CONTACT INFORMATION:
Parish Clerk	Diane Jacob	5 Crocklands, Greenstead Green, CO9 1QY parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 07907-631172
Chairman	Tricia Edwards	Home Farm House, CO9 1RZ tricia.edwards@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 01787-472958
Vice Chairman	Bob Waters	21 Meadway, CO9 1TG bob.waters@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 01787-473863
Councillor	Carol Betty Hough	13 Braintree Road, CO9 1PR Via the Parish Clerk 01787-477208
Councillor	Joanne Lisa Colyer	13 Nuns Meadow, Gosfield, CO9 1UB joanne.colyer@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 07894-577629
Councillor	Tony Strudwick	17 Park Cottages, Gosfield, CO9 1TP tony.strudwick@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 07505-825635
Councillor	Richard Edwards	Home Farm House, CO9 1RZ richard.edwards@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 01787-472958
Councillor	Anne-Marie Croft	annemarie.croft@gosfieldparishcouncil.org
Councillor	Ben Muir	ben.muir@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

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

Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

PARISH PONDERINGS - FROM ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Merry Christmas everyone!

Eventually the baubles start to get dusty and personally I want to go back to the front from not feeling like part of the set for The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe - the tree comes down.

This Christmas will be lovely. For anyone that has lost someone it may not be quite so great but, in some families, there will be new and tiny people that have arrived this year and that makes me smile.

Our churches will be full of folk this Christmas time and many will say that they will be back in the New Year and it is fine to say that and then not arrive, loads of people do that same thing but this year is going to be different.

This year I would like to extend to anyone, and everyone, that ever thought for a single moment that they would like to dip a toe into the faith that personally saved me, **AN INVITATION!**

It's not a trick or trap, it is a genuine, no strings, no cost invitation to come and spend some time with a nutty Vicar and dabble those toes, metaphorically, into the pool that is Christianity.

This will be taking place over several weeks and longer if we all get hooked (and shorter if no one comes at all) starting on the **13th JANUARY 2027**, in the lower room at the back of St Andrew's Church Hall at 9:30am - **Tea and stuff will be available from 9:15am.** Drop the little ones at school and come on in.

Who is this for? Anyone at all that is wondering, thinking, considering - come for an hour and if you hate it don't come again but come and see, be brave, it's only the Vic and folk say I'm OK.

Can I bring my baby? Yes, absolutely. Can I go half way through? Yes, of course. Can my Mum come? Certainly can. What about Dad? Yep, bring whoever you want with you.

Everyone is welcome, as usual. Oh, and just because you live in Gosfield, or Maplestead, or Greenstead Green, or wherever, this is for you. I am your Vicar!

Have a wonderful Christmas and when the tree is down remember we are here for you, all year long.

God bless you and keep you. Amen X. Rev. Sue.

GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

Opening Times:
Monday to Saturday: 8 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am to noon



Hedingham Singers who will be singing in the church on Saturday, 19th December – see page 6

Gosfield SOCIAL CLUB

EVENTS AT THE SOCIAL CLUB THIS DECEMBER.



Saturday 5th December. Turning on the Christmas lights. Come along and enjoy complimentary warm mince pies and mulled wine. Club opens at 7pm, lights switch on at 7:30pm.

MND Association

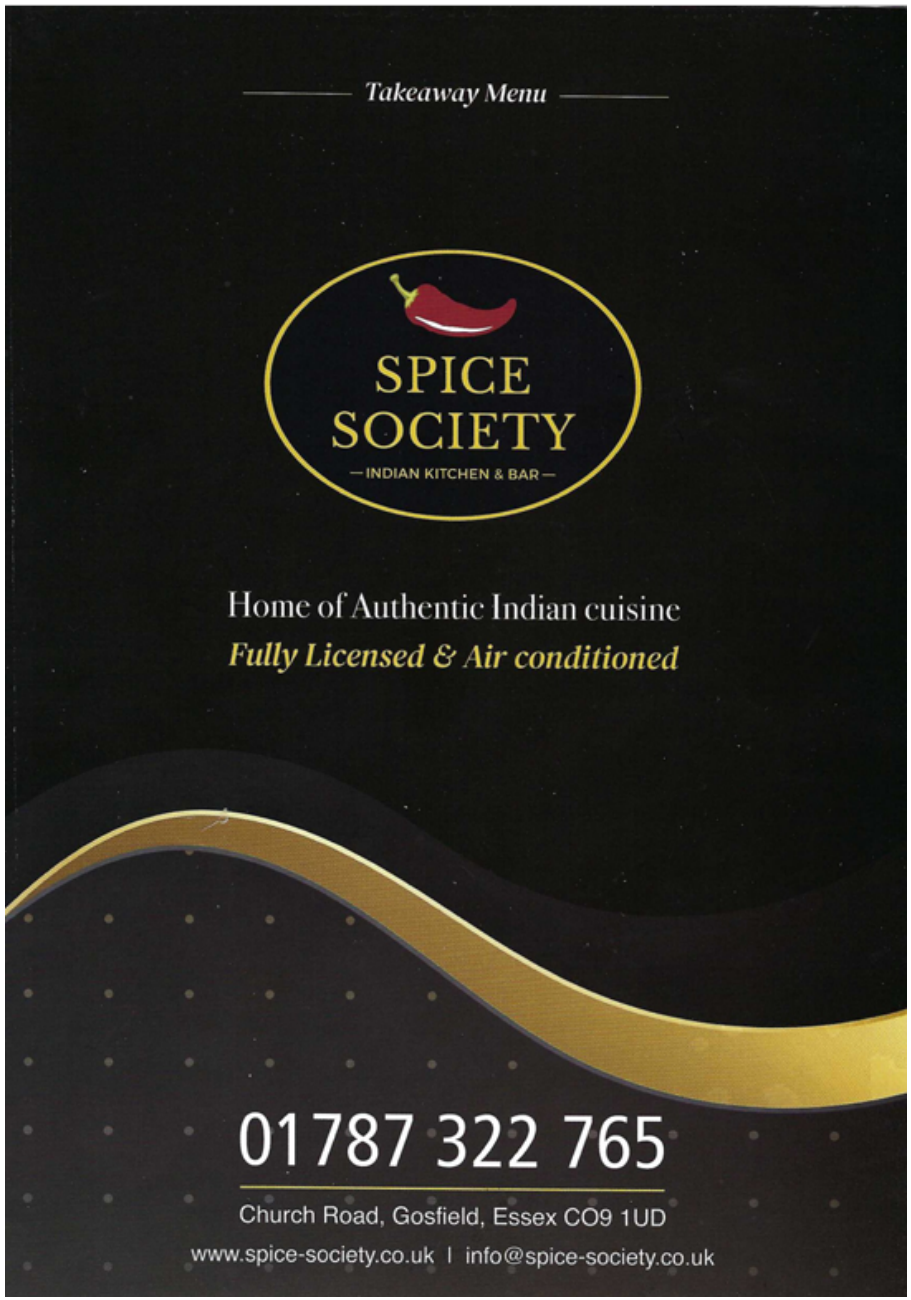
Christmas Eve. Family evening starting at 7:30pm (club will close at midnight). The Club Christmas raffle will be drawn with all profits being donated to MND Association.





New Year's Eve. See in the New Year at the club dancing to all your favourite music with our professional DJ Ian until the early hours. Doors opens at 8:00pm, club will be closing at 2am.

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





Braintree Area Foodbank:

Would you like to support the Foodbank this Christmas ?



Here is a novel way to do so. Each day, for twenty-four days, you collect an item from the list and save them. By collecting from the Advent Calendar you will collect twenty-four of the most needed food items. Once you have all twenty-four items you can deliver them direct to the Foodbank at St Andrews Hall Halstead on Mondays from 10-12, leave them in the village shop, or drop them to me at 13, Nuns Meadow.

If you cannot manage all 24, then whatever you can donate will still be most gratefully received. Many thanks, Jo Colyer.

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 6th December	10.30	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
Sunday 13th December	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine's
Sunday 20th December	11am	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
	3pm	Carol Service	St Catherine's
Thursday 24th December			
Christmas Eve	4.30pm	Crib Service	St Catherine's
Friday 25th December			
Christmas Day	10.30	Christmas Communion	St Catherine's
Sunday 27th December	10.30	Team Holy Communion	St Catherine's
Sunday 3rd January 2027			
Epiphany	10.30	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
Sunday 10th January	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine's
Sunday 17th January	11am	Holy Communion	St Catherine's
Sunday 24th January	10.30	Morning Worship	St Catherine's
Sunday 31st January	TBA	Team Service	TBA

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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Group / Committee:	Councillors:
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Playing Field Management Committee	T. Edwards, Hough, Strudwick
Allotment Officer	Strudwick, R. Edwards
Footpaths	Colyer
Finance	R. Edwards, T. Edwards, Waters
Appeals	Colyer
Children's Play Area	Colyer, Hough, Strudwick
Planning	Waters
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
Information, minutes and agendas:	www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield

MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES:

Braintree Association of Local Councils [BALC]	Tricia Edwards
Coffee Rooms Trust	Waters
Rowson Perpetual Memorial Fund	Hough, Colyer

Member of Parliament: Mr James Cleverly MP - or: Braintree Conservatives Association Office:	House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA james.cleverly.mp@parliament.uk Suite 11, The Centre, Lakes Industrial Park, Braintree, CM7 3RU
Essex County Councillor [Halstead]: Cllr. Isi Rocha	Essex County Council, PO Box 11, CM1 1LX cllr.isi.rocha@essex.gov.uk Office: TBC
Braintree District Councillor: Cllr. Peter Schwier Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward	Long Fen, Great Maplestead, CO9 2RJ cllr.pschwier@braintree.gov.uk 01787-460473

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MAURICE ROWSON HALL – SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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WHAT'S ON AT THE HALL IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY ?

Regular bookings:

Mondays: Aerobics 9:15am to 10:15am, Pilates 11:00am to 12:00pm,
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

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 (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 December and January (2027):

Thursday 3rd December. 7:15pm Gong Bath
Sunday 13th December. 1:30 to 4:00pm Christmas Wreath Making (07399 231069 for further info)
Thursday 14th January. 7:00pm Braintree Wildlife Trust
For further information on the Maurice Rowson Hall, please contact the Booking Clerk, Amanda Degnan, on 07308-530638 or by emailing rowsonhall@gmail.com

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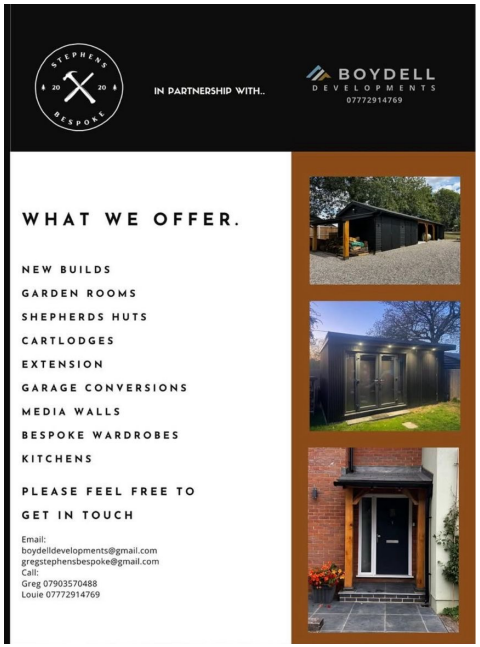
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Gosfield Girls WI

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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VILLAGE CIRCLE CLUB

We played bingo at our October meeting as, unfortunately, our speaker was detained elsewhere. But it was a most enjoyable afternoon with plenty of chat and laughter and cakes at break time.

For November's meeting we had a member of the local police force talk to us about the various scams that we might come across in our everyday lives. It's quite scary when someone tells you of all the things scammers can target you for so we all need to constantly be on our guard.

December's meeting will find us at the Golf Club for our annual Christmas lunch which is always a good meeting and we start the New Year on Thursday 21st January with a games and chat afternoon.

Do come and join us if you'd like a good afternoon with very friendly people, a warm welcome and of course, plenty of cake with your tea or coffee at the break. Just contact Ann on 07773-140216 for more information.

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

October Winners:	No. 8 Mr. J Richardson	No. 3 Mr. Matthew Richardson
	No. 28 Mr. A Bishop	No. 21 Mrs. P Shelley
November Winners:	No. 82 Mrs. E Crouch	No. 38 Mr. K Hughes
	No. 98 Mrs. K De Petrio	No. 130 Mrs. C Hough

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

BIN COLLECTIONS:

Light Green: F – Food Waste; Dark Green: G – Garden Waste;
Black: W – General Waste; Red: P - Paper and Card Waste;
Blue: R – Recycled Mixed Waste

Gosfield Parish Council - Meeting Dates 2027

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

18th January 2027 (In the Bernard Brooks Committee Room Maurice Rowson Village Hall)
15th February 2027 (In the Bernard Brooks Committee Room Maurice Rowson Village Hall)
15th March 2027 (In the Pavilion)
22nd March 2027 Annual Parish assembly (village meeting) (In the Pavilion)
19th April 2027 (In the Pavilion)
17th May (In the Pavilion)
21st June (In the Pavilion)
19th July (In the Pavilion)
16th August (In the Pavilion)
20th September (In the Pavilion)
18th October (In the Pavilion)
15th November (In the Pavilion)
13th December (In the Pavilion)

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 2 No. residential dwellings. Land North of Liston Hall Lane Blackmore End Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 26/02642/COUPA

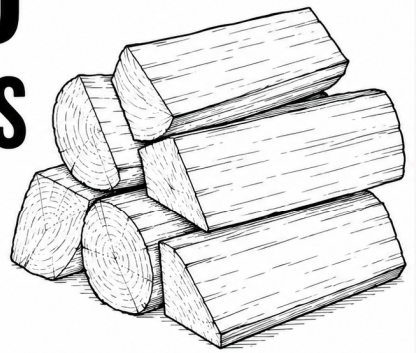
Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - Proposed reservoir, Land South Of Liston Hall Liston Hall Lane Blackmore End Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 26/02527/AGR

Proposed front porch, first floor side extension and two storey rear extension incorporating juliet balcony to first floor. Retention of single storey rear extension. Alterations to external materials. Beechley Farm Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ, Ref. No: 26/02487/HH

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of approved application 25/02268/FUL granted 25.03.26 for: Demolition of existing units & erection of 4 No. dwellings. Amendment would allow:- Plot 4 - Extended to rear for improved internal layout. Re-arrangement of external facing materials together with the addition of a timber canopy. Plots 1 & 3 -Inclusion of storm porches & matching timber canopies. Land Adjacent Woodlands Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 26/02407/VAR

Gosfield (Mobile) Library	**Library - Halstead - Braintee**		
Route 2 - Nuns Meadow, Monday,	(Not open public holidays)		
9:45 am to 10:15 am:	Monday	9am to 5pm	9am to 7pm
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