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View of Gosfield Lake Golf Club House (see also pages 20 and 21)

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Gosfield Parish Council

The 'Gosfield Grapevine Community Network' is here to help, see page 4.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Covid-19 has not yet gone fully away. Variants keep emerging. Vaccinations rates are high! Please continue to follow the appropriate Government guidelines in order to keep down the rate of transmission of the virus.

Thanks to Tony Sale for the photo on the front cover of this magazine.

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

Friday, 23rd July, 2021

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

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

Saturday and Sunday, 12th and 13th June – Essex Country Fair Sunday, 20th June – Father's Day Monday, 21st June – Summer Solstice Thursday, 24th June- Neighbourhood Plan Saturday, 26th June – Tour de France starts (three weeks) Saturday, 10th July – Gosfield Horticultural Show Saturday, 11th August – Gosfield RC Car Jam Sunday, 29th August – Gosfield Open Gardens Friday, 3rd September – Golf Day Saturday and Sunday, 4th and 5th September – Garage Sale Weekend Saturday, 13th November – Thursford Christmas Spectacular

DATES TO NOTE (all Covid-19 dependent):



GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

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

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Land at the top of Meadway

Braintree District Council have now given the final approval for the 35 houses on the field at the top of Meadway. The decision was inevitable, but what is annoying is that they paid no attention to the request by the Parish Council that construction traffic should come on to the site via Hedingham Road, or via the airfield. They even took no notice of a letter from Jo Beavis, our then County Council representative, to that effect. There was not even a condition put on that the construction traffic should only come up Hall Drive and Meadway outside school hours. (Although the builders will be very foolish to try during school hours!).

Land at the top of Meadway (part 2)

The other bit of land, which will eventually be given to the Parish Council as Community Land has been the subject of negotiations between the Parish Council and BDC. The final layout has not yet been decided, but it is safe to say that it will be largely left as public open space.

The Community Village Shop

Plans for this are still grinding their way through the planning system and I am pretty sure that they will soon be approved. Meanwhile we are in receipt of a major grant from the Rowson Trust Fund which will, I hope, lead to attracting match-funding from other grant sources. So together with plans for village fund raising we are well on target for completing the new shop sometime next year.

A tribute to the work of Jo Beavis

In the May local elections Jo Beavis was defeated as the local County Council representative, standing as an Independent. Unfortunately, parties matter most in the larger local elections because voters do not know the candidates very well, so vote according to their party preferences. This was a blow for Gosfield because Jo had been appointed the local highways representative by the County Council and was very successful in getting pot holes in the village filled, kerbs reset, a new bus shelter for Halstead Road and dealt efficiently with any highways matters in the village So we were well looked after. However Jo is still a Gosfield Parish Councillor and has the interests of the village still well at heart, so I am sure we will be hearing more from her later.

Bob Waters

Ongoing planning applications for building works are given on page 8.

SCARECROW TRAIL

'GOSFIELD VILLAGE GARAGE SALE WEEKEND', September (4th and 5th)

Would any Villagers be interested in my organising such an event with a DONATION FROM SALES to get paid to the Shop Committee. It will be a good and fun way of clearing out all the things we do not want any more and making a bit of money for Yourselves and the Shop.

If you would be interested in taking part please write your name and telephone number on a list in the Shop so that I can get some idea of the response to such an event.



GOSFIELD GRAPEVINE COMMUNITY NETWORK

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THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR:

The coach trip to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular will be on Saturday, 13th November, for the 2pm performance. Tickets, including coach from Gosfield, are £65 each. Any profit will go to the Gosfield Community Shop new building project. Contact Joanne Colyer on 01787-477808 or 07894-577629 to book, or for further information.

Services: All welcome! Just join in.

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April Williers.	No. 104 Mrs. A Clark	No. 178 Mr. M Jarvis
May Winners	No. 12 Mrs. J Smith	No. 63 Mrs. D Boyton
May Winners:	No. 31 Mr. D Degnan	No. 155 Mrs. J Turbin

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

Continued:

It's what the Church specialises in, because it's made up of folks who realise our own weaknesses and how much we need that specialist help to begin again. We seek it from the Creator – who, after all, wrote the manufacturer's instruction book we call the Bible, and came to bring us the means of repair in his Son Jesus. You could come and join our local People Repair Shop, St Catherine's. You'd be most welcome – because everyone is, however smart or clapped-out we are. Come as you are!

With blessings, as always,

Rev Rose (<u>revrosebraisby@btinternet.com</u> or 01245-361927)

<u>https://st-catherine-s-church-gosfield.sumup.link</u> or you can use our QR code.



Services for Gosfield in May and June are given on page 35.

If you prefer a traditional Book of Common Prayer service, you can phone 01376 317669 at any time and for just the cost of the phone call can listen to the latest recorded service.

REV. ROSE'S RAMBLINGS

Hello, Gosfield!

It's rebuild and restore time for our community life, isn't it, and so good to be able to see more people and see light at the end of the Covid tunnel. I hope you are all feeling more positive despite the filthy weather!

As I was sitting down to write this column, Keiron Woolley of Coal Shed, the blacksmith who has just repaired the gates and renewed the estate fencing to the church carpark, sent me the photos of his finished work - and I do hope you approve. What a difference!

And here's a shout out for Phil (Phil's Garden Services) and Peter (Wood) who helped with the installation. Thank you!







The work has been kindly funded by the Maurice Rowson Perpetual Memorial Fund, which does such good work in the village, to restore an area which with its collapsing fence was becoming pretty scruffy. But do go up to the church and have a look at it. It's how it used to be in its prime.

I imagine I'm not the only person for whom "The Repair Shop" is a must-watch? OK, it's a bit sentimental, and the team of astonishing experts seem to work in total friendship and cohesion - so what's not to like about that? We all have broken and bashed dreams, if not valuables, and we all need help and affection from others to rebuild our lives and repair our hurts.

GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:		LD PARISH COUNCIL:
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		07771-984365
For any	rthing Parish Counci	il related, please contact the Parish Clerk, as above.

GOLF DAY

At Gosfield Lake Golf Club

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Friday 3rd September, 2021

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We are still not fully open, but we hold a service on Sundays at 10.30 in Church and on Zoom. (We are also open for funerals and weddings by arrangement.)

Everybody is welcome.

We do ask that you let Judy (judith paterson@hotmail.com 01787-472514) or RevRose (revrosebraisby@btinternet.com or 01245-361927) know if you plan to attend in person so we can sort out a Covid-seating plan in advance.

The Zoom access codes are available week by week on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/St-Catherines-Church-Gosfield-224520591303087 but here are the next few:

Sunday 23 May - Pentecost -

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83009579461?pwd=SEh2VHZHM0FBakcxQzdmQ0hJaCtSdz09

Meeting ID: 830 0957 9461 Passcode: 878249

Sunday 30 May - for the service and for the Annual Meetings afterwards -

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620631805?pwd=R09JUmZpdWpXWXNKdWtzZ3FidE1vdz09

Meeting ID: 846 2063 1805 Passcode: 017378

Sunday 6 June -

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88540840453?pwd=WExZSjNUL0t5NUJOS21xS1l0dkhjZz09

Meeting ID: 885 4084 0453 Passcode: 886019

Sunday 13 June -

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88675355860?pwd=aytJaGR3RFV4UlhNRHBqZXZVVTRNZz09

Meeting ID: 886 7535 5860 Passcode: 184646

Sunday 20 June -

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89305480022?pwd=VzVOUmFuT2FrajF1MEpLU3lyTGI3UT09

Meeting ID: 893 0548 0022 Passcode: 832130

Sunday 27 June -

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84351398619?pwd=U0hPZjMycXlKS1J1Vk10MkN2eDZEUT09 Passcode: 106792

Meeting ID: 843 5139 8619

RevRose and Judy Paterson are always happy to hear from parish people if they might be able to help.

CHURCH-RELATED NEWS:

To find out more about hatches, matches and dispatches, plus more, much more, including a brief history of Gosfield, baptism, confirmation, photographs, Jesus, More than anyone can read, and interesting too, head to:

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GOSFIELD VILLAGE ENTITIES, continued GROUPS, SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES: 07872-Toddler Group Emma 916917 07958-Gosfield Plavers Jules Wilkinson 903932 Gosfield Rainbows 07814-Stacey Creak and Guides 233219 Gill Hillman-Gosfield Brownies 01787-Or: 07801-265603 and Guides Crouch 478097 Gosfield Cubs and 07885stephensudburygardens@gmail.com Steve Sudbury 467712 Scouts Gosfield Women's 01787-Michelle Hine Tuesday, 2nd week, 2 pm 469359 Institute Gosfield Senior 01787-Joan Cornell Tidinas Hill Circle 478235 Gosfield Twinning Bridget Waterer bridget@gosfieldtwinning.co.uk Association Gosfield Horticultural Rebecca 01787-477331 Westover Society 01787mandyladams@icloud.com Gosfield in Bloom Mandy Adams 273494 Gosfield Fete 01787-Chris Flint 474573 Committee Gosfield. Playing 01787-Isla Gill isla.qill@hotmail.com Field 473398 01787-Maurice Rowson Hall Amanda Degnan rowsonhall@gmail.com 274992 Rowson Perpetual 01787-David Jarvis davjar33@gmail.com Fund 474562 ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH: 01245-Rose Braisby revrosebraisbv@btinternet.com Priest -Reverend 361927 01787-**PCC Secretary** Judy Paterson 472514 01787-Church Wardens **Bob Waters** 473863 01787-Dave Patmore 474047 Bell Ringing - Tower 01787-Laurence Carter laurencejcarter@gmail.com 472225 Captain

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or look online at
Girlguiding to register your daughter

TODAY!

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS (BUILDING):

PD Rights removed, 13 Highlands Gosfield Essex CO9 1PH, Ref. No: 21/01369/PD

Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, 7A Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PQ, Ref. No: 21/01239/HH

Alterations to fenestration on the rear elevation at ground floor to include 2no. larger windows and bi-fold doors and alterations to the internal layout to facilitate a larger kitchen and boot room, Hawkswood Farm Liston Hall Lane Blackmore End Gosfield Essex CO9 1SB, Ref. No: 21/01116/LBC and Ref. No: 21/01115/HH

Replacement of all external timber windows and front door on a like-for-like basis, due to rot damage, Thimble Cottage The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TP, Ref. No: 21/00987/LBC

Change of use of land to facilitate residential curtilage to incorporate a shared access to serve the two dwellings approved under 19/01931/OUT and an ancillary equestrian use, new driveway, and relocation/rebuild of existing stables, Land Adjacent White Ash House Braintree Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 21/00972/FUL

Replacement dwelling & garage -Revised scheme, Beardswood Farm, Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ, Ref. No: 21/00974/FUL

GOSFIELD SENIOR CIRCLE

Gosfield Senior Circle was started in 1946 as a 'Darby and Joan' club with meetings on a monthly basis. We have been unable to meet recently due to Covid-19 restrictions. No meetings are planned until September, 2021, at the earliest.

Present officers, namely Chair, Treasurer and Programme Secretary, are seeking to find members, or others, willing to take on these duties for the future and secure the survival of the group.

Please contact either Maggie Pawsey, Tye Beams, The Street, on 01787-472967, or Bill Pasfield, on 01787-472652, to discuss how you can help to fill these important posts.

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	Guy Martyn	01787-	
Gosfield School	(Principal)	474040	enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk
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		07710-	
Courtyard Brewery	Tanya and Marc	230662	
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		07540-	
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Neighbourhood		07962-	
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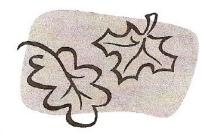
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SPEEDWATCH IN GOSFIELD

Traffic in our village certainly has increased, in three of the recent watches fourteen vehicles well over the maximum allowed limit have been logged and will receive their first or second police letter, after a second it will be a £60 fine and six points on their licence, in some cases a total ban on driving.

The latest statistics for one month in Essex alone are:

1 killed in traffic collisions

34 serious casualties

30 mobile phone offences

63 drink drive offences

114 drug drive arrests

257 seat belt offences

310 cars seized no insurance

102 careless driving offences

And that is with reduced traffic numbers due to Covid.

In addition the Essex police have recorded:

9,843 vehicles stopped

3,436 seatbelt tickets issued

3,510 seatbelt courses completed

9.444 officer speeding tickets issued

19.247 'Truecam' offences detected.

The Essex police employ a full time administrator just to send out up to 30,000 letters to offenders each year. This Police Administrator role will also act as an intelligence field officer who will identify high risk individuals, to be targeted by Essex Police in order to mitigate risk of harm to the wider public on our road network. This will be predominantly led through identifying intelligence patterns within repeat offender logs, from resulting data correlated by the Community Speedwatch groups. It will also negate the requirement for calling at addresses, which is an impracticable task due to current operational policing demand. Essex Police will instead offer targeted roadside enforcement where intelligence suggests that public safety and confidence needs to be improved, in order to meet the Police & Crime Plan.

GOSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SHOW

We plan to hold the Summer show on Saturday, 10th July, in the Maurice Rowson Hall, all being well.

Beaver Scouts like:

Being creative – making things and singing
Playing games
Going on visits and investigating nature
Getting to know other people
Discovering the worlds of science, nature and technology
Exploring the natural and the man made world.

Activities, trips and making friends are all part of what makes it so much fun for girls and boys. As well as earning activity badges, many Beavers Scouts get to go on camps and sleepovers, often for the first time.

What kind of person are we looking for?

You should be happy to work with this age group and be able to be a fun and flexible adult as well as being able to confidently lead and guide Beavers through the sessions.

To work as part of a developed leadership team and to be able to offer a commitment to most sessions and associated meetings. You may be looking to enhance your CV as you work towards a career working with children or outdoor pursuits. You may even feel you just want to give back into Scouting if you used to enjoy all the benefits of it. Whatever you reasons, please do contact us.

What would I get out of it?

An excellent personal development opportunity where you can gain accredited certification in a whole host of outdoor activities as well as first aid and safeguarding training. Creating contacts and links in the community as the groups leadership teams have many professionals within it. A chance to be part of a vibrant local group who are constantly working closely with the community as well as other groups in the district. The Scouting Association has a very developed training system so you will be guided and assisted every step of the way. You do not need these skills to start, just a willingness to take on the training.

How often do you meet?

Each section meets weekly during term time, providing a wide range of programmed activities. The meetings take place both inside and outdoors giving our young people a variety of life experiences. Events and camps are run throughout the year to consolidate skills developed during weekly meetings.

How can I register my interest?

Please contact Steve Sudbury the Group Scout Leader on 07885 467712 or email at stephensudburygardens@gmail.com

Bring your own children along, they will love it.

Volunteers Needed with 1st Gosfield Beavers





Volunteers are vital to the success of our group. You don't need to have any specific skills, or know how to start a fire with two twigs rubbing together, as training will be given for all you need to know to make a big difference to youngster's lives. The positions are open to anyone who is willing and able to accept this invitation. We can assuredly find a role that will suit you and are looking for people, aged 18 to 65, who have a few hours to spare some weekends and on Wednesday nights in term time. Above all, you need enthusiasm and an interest in working with young people. A sense of humour is also very useful!

Frequently asked questions: Who are the Beavers?

Beaver Scouts are young girls and boys aged between six and eight years old. They belong to the first and youngest section in the Scouting family. Young people can join Beaver Scouts in the three months leading up to their sixth birthday. Easily recognised by their distinctive turquoise sweatshirts, Beaver Scouts enjoy making friends, playing games, going on visits and helping others. They usually meet together once a week in a Beaver Scout Colony. Children work towards a series of Challenge and activity badges across the series of meetings and also at home. The highest award a Beaver can earn is their bronze Scout award.

I have no specific skills:

Our leadership team is entirely made up of volunteers who enjoy running Beavers! All adult leaders complete leader training and hold an up to date DBS check, and there is always at least one who is first aid qualified.

We are always looking for more leaders, so if you'd like the opportunity to do something you'd never thought of doing, while having lots of fun and giving back to the community at the same time, please get in touch! We also rely on parent help during meeting nights- if you are able to volunteer as part of a parent rota, please speak to the section leader. (detail below)











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Message from Georgie:

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SCARECROW TRAIL

In consultation with the stake holders, has been postponed to 2022

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Apart from the application itself, of particular concern to those living in Gosfield Road is the delay in being notified, ten plus days from when it was on the website. Many objections note that from the date of it being listed, 9th March until 12th March, eight supportive comments were lodged. It is not surprising that in that period no objections were lodged, as nobody locally had any idea the application existed. The earliest some residents found out about it was on the 19th of March. Others some days later following my delivering a letter to them.

I have objected to the application. Firstly, that a rejected application for three houses has been replaced with a new application for more houses than the first. Also, on the basis that the site remains outside of the Development boundary, and it is technically "open countryside". The boundary was put in place to stop the continuous ribbon development stretching out of Braintree, along Broad Road, High Garrett, and then Gosfield Road. The developers seem to want to link Braintree to Gosfield bit by bit.

I invite you to examine the application, and to read the documents and comments. Although the stated deadline has passed, at the time of writing comments are still being received. I quite accept that the process is there for both those objecting, and those supporting, no matter where they live. But I do hope that any comment is based on knowledge of the site. One supporter seems to think the application relates to Gosfield village for example. The fast placement of the supporter's comments has featured in many of the objections.

Regards,

Peter Dyson

N.B. Until the 1940's the site was indeed in the parish of Gosfield. The parish boundary went down the centre of the road to Foley Corner. Houses on the opposite side of the road were in Bocking.

Gosfield (Mobile) Library		d Library
Nuns Meadow, Saturday,	(Not open pu	ıblic holidays)
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	Tuesday	9am to 6pm
12 th June	Wednesday	Closed
03 rd July	Thursday	9am to 6pm
24 th July	Friday	9am to 5pm
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The governing board meetings take place on average bi-monthly lasting approximately two hours each during an evening, the main purpose of being a governor is mostly about the children's education naturally.

Visits to school take place around three times per year to monitor progress of the pupils and the school, do please consider this opportunity and contact Jo Morgan.

It is a very rewarding and responsible position, and can be demanding, but if you would care to be considered please contact the school office on 01787 472266 and speak to the head teacher.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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In the last edition of the Grapevine, included in the list of planning applications was the following:

21/00615/FUL| Construction of 4 no. new dwellings, new access from Gosfield Road and associated development. | 17 Gosfield Road Braintree Essex

At the time the list was compiled that indeed was the title of the application. It has now been changed to the correct title "Land North of 17 Gosfield Road".

The application is just outside the parish of Gosfield, but as it was included in the Grapevine, I would like to set the record straight. Many of you will be familiar too with the road as you travel to Braintree.

I am the occupier of No 17, and neither myself, nor my family, have any connection to the application. You may or may not be aware that as recently as September 2019 an application to build three houses on the same site was refused. This latest application was posted to the website on 9th March, but purely by chance I discovered the application listed on the website on March 19th. I could see immediately the conclusions some could draw. Three houses refused, a new application apparently including the house next door, must mean three plus one equals four. The application is yet to be decided.

Of note is the poor procedure in the publication of this application. The applicant gave the wrong site address on the application form. Despite the plans and documents being for the field "north of No 17", the details were processed, such that it was posted to the website on March 9th. Despite the application being for my address, I did not receive any notification from BDC. Some of my immediate neighbours in Gosfield received a letter that day or soon after, others did not.

Following my protests to BDC the application was renamed on March 23rd, and the orange planning notice displayed. Only at that point did I receive the customary letter to affected properties. The wrong title was also included in the advertisement in the Braintree and Witham Times. From what I understand from the residents in Gosfield Road, the receipt of the letters was very hit and miss. To date BDC have not corrected the error in the communications to residents or corrected it in the newspaper.

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GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

The club held its first meeting after the lifting of the lockdown restrictions on Monday 17th.May. Some 14 members attended all of whom had had their COVID jabs. Members discussed how we would proceed in the future and agreed on the regulations and rules that we would adhere to whilst playing going forward.

We had concerns that the club would lose members due to the length of the lockdown and with some members concerns of the possibility of being infected with the virus whilst playing .However more than half of the membership attended the first meeting whilst others had sent their apologies for absence whilst stating their intension to return to playing in the near future.

This was very encouraging as reports from other clubs in the area are expecting a decline in attendance. This may be because of initial safety precautions and possible infection with the virus but most likely it is because of the long lay-off from playing and thereby loss of interest.

With this in mind Gosfield CBC has decided that we will return to the playing arrangements in place prior to the beginning of the lockdown and hold two club nights per week starting from Wednesday 19thMay. We will meet every Monday thereafter at 8-00pm and every Wednesday at 7-00pm with the exception of the bank holiday on Monday 31st May when we will not meet. This arrangement clearly is subject to any further restrictions issued by the authorities.

It will take time for the club to return to its original playing arrangements, Essex CBA for instance have cancelled the Summer League competition and all the individual championship competitions held locally and national. There is also some question whether the Essex winter league for 2021/22 will be run.

The Gosfield CBC feels very fortunate in that it has such strong support amongst its membership and looks forward to the restart of its activity of playing carpet bowls and well into the future.

In the meantime if you would like further information then please contact Paul Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.



Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

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Owing to building works presently being carried out at the Social Club it is not possible at present for the club to re-open. However, on behalf of the committee, I am pleased to report that the building works are progressing well and it is hoped that we can welcome back all our members and guests towards the end of June (all being well around the time that hopefully the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted on the 21^{st} June).

Once the building works are completed the extension will increase the amount of seating previously provided so as to accommodate more members and guests. In addition the club will be fully accessible for the disabled, have a wheelchair accessible toilet (doubling up as a second ladies toilet) new gents and ladies toilet facilities and a complete facelift of the bar and lobby area including new carpets and re-decoration.

When we are able to re-open it is hoped that our previous and present members and guests, along with other Gosfield residents, will come along to see the improvements that have been carried out.

The Social Club is open Monday to Thursday evenings from 8pm to 11pm and Friday and Saturday evenings from 8pm to 1am. If you haven't been to the club before, why not call in one evening and introduce yourselves to our stewards, Becky and Steve, who will be pleased to show you around.

Please do not hesitate to email me if you would like further information on the facilities available at the Social Club.

Dave Jarvis Secretary: Gosfield Social Club Committee

davjar33@gmail.com

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Allotment Officer	Waters	
Footpath	Beavis, Hough	
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Appeals	Cowie, Colyer	
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Planning	Moutard, Waters,	Beavis, Pawsey
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GOSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Also, we're on Facebook and we will be able to let you know what events are coming soon and keep everyone updated as we progress. It's a great way for you all to tell us what you think and join in with the discussions.

If you want to see what we've done so far, all agendas & minutes from meetings have been posted on the Gosfield Parish Council website as well.

Thank you to all those who have put themselves forward to get involved. And for anyone else who hasn't been in touch yet, please contact Mark Bloomfield (mark.bloomfield@gosfieldparishcouncil.org) or come along (virtually) to the next Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting on 1st June.

Gosfield Parish Council has formally applied for the designation of Gosfield Parish to become a Neighbourhood Designated Area which now means that you can see all of our statutory progress on the Braintree District Council website. It also means that we can draw on funding from BDC to engage with expert consultants and help raise awareness & encourage even more engagement with the community.

The map (courtesy of Braintree District Council) was reproduced in the previous issue of the Grapevine – the thick dark line indicated the Parish Boundary and what has been designated as the Neighbourhood Area for our plan. The slightly thinner black line that encompassed the more residential area in the village represents the 'Village Envelope' which is particularly significant when considering development.

Don't worry – everyone will be able to tell us what you think about planning matters, development of the village and how we can continue making the village 'great'.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon !!!

Mark Bloomfield:

(Chairman – Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan Committee)





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UPDATE

GOSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



As we come out of 'lockdown' we can really ramp up the activity !! We have rescheduled the public 'Drop-In' Events for:

Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7 - 9pm Saturday 26th June 2021 at 10am – 12noon Monday 28th June 2021 at 2.30 - 4.30pm

IN THE PAVILION

We will still be using our Covid-19 risk assessment to make these events as safe as possible.

We can't wait to hear your views!!!

During 'lockdown', we have been working on areas of the Neighbourhood Plan that need little 'face-to-face' contact including; analysing Census data & discussing how local businesses contribute to our community. We will report on all the areas we're working on in due course.

We are also very pleased to announce the launch of our new dedicated website giving you a one-stop shop for all information relating to Gosfield's Neighbourhood Plan.

www.gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

Check it out, get in touch, add to the discussions – It's your plan!

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Playing Field Boundaries and Proposed Hedge

The Playing Field was bought in 1955 from the former Gosfield Hall Estate. It was then fenced off from the rest of the landscaped Park for Gosfield Hall. I am not sure what the original fencing was like, but guess it was just posts with single strands of wire. Later, (in the 1970s I think) it was replaced with chain link fencing which still remains. This fencing has begun to decay. The posts are beginning to crack as the reinforcing bars in them rust away, the chain link fencing is breaking as people climb over it and the whole lot badly needs replacing.

My proposal is that we replace the fence along Hall Drive with the same sort of bow topped fencing round the skateboard ramp, but in black, not just galvanised, and replace the fence along the edge of the fields with a hedge. A hedge has many merits. It is more rural in appearance, is a haven and a corridor for birds and is fairly easy to maintain, just needing cutting once a year.

Grants can be obtained for hedging and putting the hedge in can be a community project perhaps involving children from the local schools. If it is agreed by the Parish Council, planting would take place at the end of October/ beginning of November during the dormant season.

Please forward any comments and/or offers of help to me (Contact in this magazine) during the course of the summer.

Bob Waters

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