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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks to the volunteers of the 'Gosfield Grapevine Community Network' for their support within the village during the past few months.

Note: the deadline for things to go into the next Gosfield Grapevine magazine is given below. Anything sent in after this will be put forward into subsequent magazines.

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>, November, 2021**

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:

Thurs., 7<sup>th</sup> October – weekly 'Soup Lunches' resume

Thurs., 7<sup>th</sup> October – Gosfield Senior Circle Meeting

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October - Open Morning (Gosfield Independent Day School)

[please contact the school for further details]

Sunday., 10<sup>th</sup> October – 'Hedingham Singers' at St. Catherine's Church

Thurs., 14<sup>th</sup> October - Sixth Form Open Evening (Gosfield Independent Day School)

Saturday.,30<sup>th</sup> October – 'Gin Night' at the Social Club

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October – clocks change

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October – Halloween

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November – 'Cuppa' Club brews again

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November – All Souls Day

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November – Gunpowder, Treason and Plot !

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November – Armistice Day

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November – Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November – 'Fun in the Forest' (Gosfield Independent Day School)

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November – St. Catharine's Day

Tuesday,30<sup>th</sup> November – St. Andrew's Day

### Monday "Cuppa" Club

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### Progress on the new Village Shop:

Slowly we are making progress towards the new shop, which will be in an extension to the Pavilion, which we hope to complete by autumn, 2022. Fund raising has been badly affected by the lockdown but some events did take place in August and September. We had the Open Gardens day which raised £1,500, half of which will go to Gosfield in Bloom and half to the shop fund. Then there was the Golf Day which raised £1,800 and finally the Garage Sale which raised £1,350. Thanks to Brian and Pam Payne for organising the Open Gardens, to the Golf Club for organising the Golf Day and to Georgie Roy for organising the Garage Sale. Together with grants we have about £50,000 which is about half way there. (There are lots of uncertainties in the building industry at the moment because of shortage of materials and rising prices).

Meanwhile, further grants are being sought and several fundraising events are being planned for next year. Anyone with bright ideas for fund raising events and the willingness to organise them, please come forward !

We also aim to do something about the Car Park at the same time, once the builders have left, and hopefully there will be enough money remaining to deal with this.

### Land to the north of Meadway:

Residents and dog walkers will have noticed that the builders have now moved in to prepare the ground for the new estate of 35 houses and the Community land. At the moment, ground workers are preparing the site, constructing the roadways and putting in drainage. The soil dug out is being used to construct a mound on the community land. They are aiming to complete all the groundworks by Christmas after which the construction of the houses will begin.

Bob Waters

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

### Passenger Transport Representative:

Is any member of the public interested in representing the village on a local panel which deals with public transport ? It doesn't have to be a Parish Councillor. If interested, please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

### THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR:

The coach trip to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular will be on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



## GOSFIELD VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

I would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the **39** Villagers who took part in the Garage Trail for their Participation, Hard Work, and Generosity, in aid of the Shop Build Fund.

The Generous sum raised by Donations and Maps is **£1,353**.

Great Thanks to **Gareth** at **Concept Signs** and thanks to **Adam Hill** for his great help in putting the signboards together.

I would also like to Thank **Brian & Pam Payne** for their much appreciated extended help which I certainly couldn't have done the event without, **Ben Stanbury** for his great help at very short notice, **Hannah Whale** for her offer as a back-up, **Barry Thomas, Tony Strudwick & Alan Bishop** for delivering many of the Heavy Cones, also **Barry, Les Skinner & Brian** for erecting signs, & **Braintree Mencap** for all the Printing,.

Organising this small event has taken its toll on me more than I would have imagined and it made me realise that next year for the return of the Scarecrow Trail after a 10 year gap, I will need help with more of the jobs that I normally do as I will not be physically able to do them all. I'll be hoping that I can give one small job to many more people so the event will not entirely finish me off as I will then be just 6 months short of 80.

Thanks again Georgie.

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### OPEN GARDENS

*Thank you to all those who supported **Open Gardens**. I am pleased to say we raised **£1500** which means **£750** will go to the **New Shop Build** and **£750** to **Gosfield in Bloom**.*

*A really **big thank you** to the **Social Club** for giving up their Bank Holiday Sunday to support **Open Gardens**, and putting on their fabulous **BBQ**, selling tickets and donating the proceeds of **£364.50**. Thank you to all who donated items for the **Raffle** and a special **thankyou** to **Courtyard Brewery** for donating a pack of their fine Beer and to the **Shop** for the chocolates.*

*It would be nice to have **more Open Gardens to show next year**. So, if you would like to open your garden next year which will be on **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE**, please put **your name and Email address on the form in the shop or Email me at:***

[thepaynes57@hotmail.com](mailto:thepaynes57@hotmail.com)

*I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks again Brian & Pam.*

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We meet in St Catherine's at 10.30 on Sunday mornings – all welcome.

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



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.

### 'The Friends of St Catherine's Church'

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## REV. ROSE'S RAMBLINGS

Hello, Gosfield !

I just looked back at what I wrote for Grapevine a year ago – and we were talking about opening St Catherine's for worship after the lockdown. Ha! And we are still not fully "back to normal": we have, though, learned to live with the new normal, more cautious than we once were. Let's hope in another year all these security measures will be a distant memory.

But we've come to appreciate simple things, haven't we? The chance to get together in friendship, to begin to move around and stand up to sing together in St Catherine's. We sing more than ever – worship on Zoom encouraged singing, which seems odd really, given the time lags built into these online kits. But because everyone was on mute, it was as private as singing in the shower! And you'll perhaps have heard the bells ringing again – glorious.

St Catherine's is now open all day 8-5 (thanks to a kind volunteer who opens and locks up), and Sunday worship is flourishing at 10.30, so do come along and give it a go. Come as you are – no fuss needed – and stay for decent coffee and a look round later? Christenings and weddings (and anniversary celebration and memorial services) are restarting – wonderful signs of life's renewal!

Other signs of life in the old church yet:

On Thursdays 30 Sept, 7, 14 and 21 October at 12.30 we are resuming the Soup Lunches we had to stop in March 2020. And we'd just bought a new bigger table too! We can use it now. Come for home-made soup, a roll, coffee and chat – there's no charge, though donations are welcome. It'd help with catering if you'd let me know you plan to come along, but rock up anyway and take pot luck if you haven't been able to book in.

On Sunday 10 October the Hedingham Singers are holding a short concert in church at 3 p.m. Now that really *is* singing!

May the joy and love of God sing through your life too. And if there's anything I might be able to help with, please do get in touch.

With prayers and blessings, as ever,

Rev. Rose: ([revrosebraisby@btinternet.com](mailto:revrosebraisby@btinternet.com) or 01245-361927)

## ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

<b>August Winners:</b>	No. 58, Mrs. S Mackinnon	No. 6, Mrs. L Kemp
	No. 59, Mrs. R Poulter	No. 200, Mr. S Sudbury
<b>September Winners:</b>	No. 25, Mrs. K Sale	No. 54, Mrs. R Jarvis
	No. 44, Mrs P Rayner	No. 83, Mr. R Walters

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

## GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

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

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS –**  
**GOSFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Gosfield Community Primary School currently have vacancies on the governing body, parents of school children would be most welcome to participate.

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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 Heather, the clerk to our academy.

It is a very rewarding and responsible position, and can be demanding, but if you would care to be considered please make contact by email on:

[clerk@attain.essex.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@attain.essex.sch.uk)

She will be pleased to hear from you.

<b>Gosfield (Mobile) Library</b> Nuns Meadow, Saturday,	<b>Halstead Library</b> (Not open public holidays)
9:45 am to 10:15 am: 16 <sup>th</sup> October 6 <sup>th</sup> November 27 <sup>th</sup> November 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 9am to 5pm Tuesday 9am to 6pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 9am to 6pm Friday 9am to 5pm Saturday 9am to 5pm Sunday Closed

**GOSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The Gosfield Horticultural Society held its Autumn show in the Rowson Hall on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September. Although entries were slightly down on the last pre-covid Autumn show, it was still a great success, with plenty of vegetable exhibits, flower displays and domestic entries.

There were plenty of prizes in the raffle, including vouchers for meals at various restaurants, plus plenty of cakes for sale at the tea counter. Various awards were presented by Maggie Pawsey, the President, including one for the best village garden presented this time to Tom Abrams of Nuns Meadow.

The next show will be in the Spring of 2022 in which we hope to see many more entries. If you haven't been before, do come along and you will not be disappointed. Schedules for the 2022 season will be available from the village shop in the early part of the new year at just £1.



**Gosfield Grapevine Community Group**

**Interested in taking on an Allotment ?**

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Once a plot is allocated the tenant must sign and return one copy of the agreement before any activity commences on the said plot. Rents are payable in arrears.

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If you would like to rent an allotment plot, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details. Tel: 0790-7631172 ([parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org](mailto:parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org)).





<b>GROUPS, SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES:</b>			
Toddler Group	Emma	07872-916917	
Gosfield Players	Jules Wilkinson	07958-903932	
Gosfield Rainbows and Guides	Stacey Creak	07814-233219	
Gosfield Brownies and Guides	Gill Hillman-Crouch	01787-478097	Or: 07801-265603
Gosfield Cubs and Scouts	Steve Sudbury	07885-467712	<a href="mailto:stephensudburygardens@gmail.com">stephensudburygardens@gmail.com</a>
Gosfield Women's Institute	Michelle Hine	01787-469359	Tuesday, 2nd week, 2 pm
Gosfield Senior Circle	Joan Cornell	01787-478235	Tidings Hill
Gosfield Twinning Association	Bridget Waterer		<a href="mailto:swithin.wfl@googlemail.com">swithin.wfl@googlemail.com</a>
Gosfield Horticultural Society	Rebecca Westover	01787-477331	
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	Judy Paterson	01787-472514	
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## GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

Gosfield Carpet Bowls club has now had some two months of unrestricted play within the Rowson Hall. Social distancing, sanitizing regimes, together with the regulations laid down by the Rowson Hall management, are still practised during the club nights. It is hoped that these restrictions will be removed before the start of the winter weather as playing bowls on cold nights with the hall doors wide open would be a little difficult.

Membership has now stabilised at 16 members at present having lost some members that have moved out of the district and others that have retired from the game during the lock down periods. This is a good time for any member of the Gosfield community to try their hand at playing carpet bowls. They will be surprised how competitive it can be and not as easy to become skilled as one might expect. With no age, or gender, restrictions, interested parties are welcome to attend any club night on a Monday or Wednesday evening to try their hand

The Essex Carpet Bowls Association have decided not to run the League tables this year, these will now not start until 2022. Clubs may still organise individual friendly games with other clubs in their area, Gosfield will continue to do this as confidence in personal safety continues to grow.

Gosfield club nights are on a Monday and Wednesday evening throughout the year and we look forward to a steady increase in normality as the restrictions continue to be relaxed.

Paul M Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS (BUILDING):

Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 5 of approved application 20/01438/VAR, Gosfield School Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PF, Ref. No:21/02681/DAC

[Demolition of existing single-storey extension and erection of two-storey side and part single and part two-storey rear extension. Addition of side carport along with revised front drive and landscaped areas to provide additional vehicular crossover into the property, 11 Meadow Gosfield Essex CO9 1TQ, Ref. No:21/02577/HH

Proposed stables, tack room/haystore and construction of 40 x 20 m Manege, Meadow View Barn Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ, Ref. No:21/02409/FUL

Replacement of rear French doors, Sparrows The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU, Ref. No:21/02324/LBC

## GOSFIELD VILLAGE ENTITIES

### SCHOOLS:

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St. Margaret's School	Carolyn Moss (Headteacher)	01787-472134	<a href="mailto:admin@stmargaretsprep.com">admin@stmargaretsprep.com</a>
Gosfield School	Guy Martyn (Principal)	01787-474040	<a href="mailto:enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk">enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk</a>

### SPORTS CLUBS:

Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club	Paul M Nicklin	01787-478269	<a href="mailto:paul.nicklin39@gmail.com">paul.nicklin39@gmail.com</a>
Gosfield Lake Golf Club	Tony O'Shea	01787-474747	<a href="mailto:gosfieldlakegc@btconnect.com">gosfieldlakegc@btconnect.com</a>
Gosfield Juniors Football	Mark Wiskin	07930-990013	
Gosfield United Football Club	Simon Fraser (Chairman)	01206-211470	
Gosfield Tennis Club	Sheila Goldsmith (Secretary)	01787-478519	
Gosfield Lake	Linda Turp (Office Manager)	01787-4785043	<a href="mailto:turps@gosfieldlake.co.uk">turps@gosfieldlake.co.uk</a>

### PUB, CLUB and EVENTS HIRE:

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The Social Club	Becky and Steve	01787-476235	
The Apple Tree	Maxine and Keith	01787-477715	<a href="mailto:enquiries@theappletreegosfield.co.uk">enquiries@theappletreegosfield.co.uk</a>
Courtyard Brewery	Tanya and Marc	07710-230662	

### GOSFIELD SUPPORT:

Community Agent	Chivonne Claydon	07540-720603	
Neighbourhood Watch Group	Louise Smith	07962-268376	

### GOSFIELD POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO):

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PSCO 70955	Jo Cooper	07812-068697	<a href="mailto:Joanne.Cooper@essex.pnn.police.uk">Joanne.Cooper@essex.pnn.police.uk</a>
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The Speedwatch teams continue to hold sessions across Gosfield, not as often as we would like due to the wet weather that we have had.

Below is the latest data and information from our partners of South Essex Roads Partnership for June & July

Unfortunately, the figures still make for sobering reading and stresses more than ever the need for educating motorists and other road users and the vital role the Community Speed Watch scheme can play in helping to keep Essex a safer place to live and work.

People killed on in traffic collision on Essex roads June and July: 7

Serious casualties: 140

Mobile phone offences: 78

Drink drive arrests: 246

Drug drive arrests: 148

Seat belt offences: 532

Vehicles seized with no insurance: 533

Careless driving offences prosecuted: 604

Roads policing total arrests: 390

People who received an educational course: 12,391.

Do consider being part of Gosfield CSW teams. It is not onerous and could be for just one hour a month. Contact David on [davidjdegan@gmail.com](mailto:davidjdegan@gmail.com)

There are currently over 1,002 Community Speed Watch volunteers in Essex and this number will most certainly increase over the coming months.

The vital role of the CSW volunteers play in helping to keep Essex a safe place to live and work cannot be underestimated.

Please contact Isla, or Jo, if you would like to become a volunteer at the shop.



### GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

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## THE MAURICE ROWSON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Dear Gosfield Resident

The village hall is presently managed by a small group of volunteers who are responsible for the day to day running of the hall. The committee are also responsible for arranging the maintenance and improvements to the building. We meet once a month with the meetings normally lasting no more than one hour.

We are presently looking for representatives of village organisations to join the committee, ideally this would be organisations who use the hall on a regular or occasional basis although this is not a requirement.

If you are a member of any village organisation and would be interested in joining the committee, then please contact me and I will be pleased to provide you with further information.

[davjar33@gmail.com](mailto:davjar33@gmail.com)

01787-474562

Kind regards, Dave Jarvis, Vice Chairman, Rowson Hall Management Committee

## GOSFIELD SENIOR CIRCLE Calling all Members

A meeting has been arranged for Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, in the Maurice Rowson Hall, to commence at 2:00 pm and run to 4:00 pm. Your present officers, Programme Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer, are not wanting to continue in their roles.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine if the 'Gosfield Senior Circle' will continue to operate. For this to happen, new volunteers are required to fill the necessary posts.

Please attend on this important occasion.

Sincerely, W. H. Pasfield  
Chairman

## PARISH COUNCIL WORKING BODIES:

Group / Committee:	Councillors:
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Footpath	Beavis, Hough
Finance	Waters, Edwards, Bloomfield, Moutard, Cowie
Appeals	Cowie, Colyer
Children's Play Area	Hough, Pawsey, Colyer
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Personnel	Bloomfield, Edwards, Waters
Information, minutes and agendas:	<a href="http://www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield">www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield</a>

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**Get outdoors:** as a Scout, you get to explore the big outdoors and travel to new places and try new things. Sounds better than being stuck in the house with nothing to do, right ?

Learn exciting things: Not many people know about the stars at night, how to sail a dinghy or make a sausage stew on a campfire, but you soon will! Scouting helps you learn lots of new and amazing skills – and you get to earn badges and rewards along the way.

If you would like more information or to register interest for your child please contact **Steve Sudbury (Group Scout Leader) on 07885-467712, or email: [stephensudburygardens@gmail.com](mailto:stephensudburygardens@gmail.com)**

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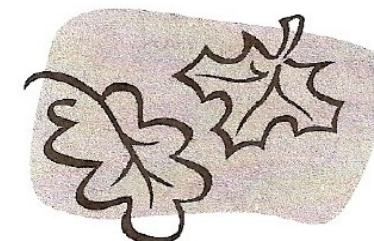
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## MEMORIES:

by Linda Marlow/ Richardson / Kemp according to how long you've lived in Gosfield.

When someone that you love departs this life it is part of 'the circle' of our existence as mere mortals, however the timing for that end of a life is the uncertain bit. My Mother, Sylvia Ella Marlow ( nee Drury ) was just a few weeks away from her 100<sup>th</sup> birthdate and of course she had 'lived' most all of those 100 years as we all start at zero. On that 2021 birthdate she would have commenced her 101<sup>st</sup> year. Still clear on her memories of Gosfield and her life.

She lived with her parents in Ropers Row as their first born, then Roy 1923, Iris 1927 then after moving to Braintree Rd Dennis was born in 1931 and Owen 'Mick' 1935 they were the Drury family. She attended Gosfield village school from 1926 leaving excitedly at age 14 because she had been offered a position with the Manager of Rippers family (the famous wood business in Sible Hedingham the village of her paternal Great Grandparents and Grandparents - a cycle ride of a few miles), but soon she was offered a job nearer home with the Cunningtons at Aldercar House, newly built from Gosfield Place bricks and only a stroll away from home.

Her father Alfred Drury and his brother Fred had been quick to join up when the WW1 Essex regiment recruiter visited Sible Hedingham. Alfred was a prisoner of war from the siege of ' Albert' but his brother Frederick DCM is listed on the memorial at St Peters Church Sible H. as he was killed near Arras, France in 1917. Her father had a knowledge of spoken German whilst in captivity as he was taken to work for a local blacksmith near the prison camp. My Aunt recalls him during WW2 chatting to the prisoners of war held at the camp (now the Crematorium at High Garrett ). Sylvia was the only girl living in Gosfield who was called up to serve in the Army in WW2. She had been employed by R A Butler at Stanstead Hall for years and excited at getting out to see the world. However, after her training at Northampton's Quebec Barracks, she was stationed at the Shoeburyness Gunnery, Southend, Essex, along with budding Comedian Frankie Howard also the Big Band singer Hughie Diamond. All her mother's relations were nearby in Southend (her Grandmother Harriet etc.) so her hope for off duty fun was curtailed with visiting them. Her father put her cycle on the train at Braintree for her to collect in Southend so no excuses.

Grannie Harriet had been born on Foulness Island in 1855. Widowed in 1900, Bombed out in Southend during WW1 and moved to run the Hare and Hound pub in High Garrett with husband no 2 James Bunton, where her teenage daughter Alice (not yet the future wife of Alfred Drury or Sylvia's mother) worked at the local munitions factory. So years later Sylvia was born into this area to start her long life. Ironically she died in the care home a stones throwaway. Her 'circle' complete.

At the time of Sylvia's birth and living in Gosfield there was the aftermath of WW1 and again my own beginnings were similar being born into a time of sadness and of Gosfield bomb sites after WW2. I was chatting about those recollections with my brother a few weeks ago about the craters and up rooted trees etc., that we were warned to stay away from. The first Saturday job I had at 13 was Woolworths opposite a bombsite in Braintree. Great big hoardings were surrounding it with posters on. Now it is Banks and Estate Agents. Looking back to November 1945 Mum (Sylvia) had married a 6'4" Army CMP from the Princess Louisa Regiment having seen service in Alexandria, Sicily and Italy (Cassino). After the wedding, Doug returned to Italy for the clean-up duties. Mum was back in Gosfield with her family and looking for a future home in the village

...to be cont'd.

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Due to the complexities of COVID19 the Scout Group (Cubs and Scouts) have not been allowed to meet for face to face scouting.

We are excited however, following detailed preparations to return to face to face Scouting, meeting outside and observing socially distancing. With this in mind, and once all risk assessments have been completed, we have started to recruit again.

Scouting is available to all young people, should this interest you or your children, here are a few frequently asked questions:

### 1 - How old do I have to be:?

The starting age for Beavers is 6, children can join Cubs from the age of 8 and Scouts from 10. Explorer Scouting starts at 14 and runs until they are 18 (Explorer Scouts is a District Unit and not Gosfield). At present we do not have a Beaver Colony due to leader shortage, we would need more adult leaders to start this.



### 2 - How much does membership cost ?

The cost for membership of the 1st Gosfield Scout Group is £35 per term Subscription would be monthly by direct debits. If you're concerned about the cost, do speak to the leader in confidence; there may be assistance available.



### 3 - How often do you meet ?

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