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# Gosfield Grapexvine



A frozen Gosfield lake in the mid-1980's – up to then, it was quite usual to see skaters on the ice in the winter months, Pat Owers and Mick Drury spring to mind.

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**Gosfield Parish Council**



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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The Women's Institute group was formed in Gosfield in July, 1931, when women could meet for friendship, learn new skills and widen their horizons. Throughout its nearly 91 years, the group has also supported various village events.

Now, numbers have dwindled over the years and many have completed their part on committees. Fund raising has been limited these past two years. So it is with regret that the members of Gosfield WI will meet for the last time in March, 2022.

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

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022**

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:

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Gosfield Senior Circle

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> February - Valentine's Day

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March - Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March - St. David's Day

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March – St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March - Spring Equinox

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Clock change (>>>)

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April – Gosfield Horticultural Society Show - Spring

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June – Gosfield Open Gardens

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Gosfield Fete

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July – Gosfield Horticultural Society Show - Summer

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> July – Gosfield Lake Triathlon & Multisport

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Gosfield Scarecrow Trail

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September – Gosfield Horticultural Society Show - Autumn

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October – Gosfield Horticultural Society - AGM

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November – Thursford Christmas Spectacular



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Ongoing planning applications for building works are given on page 22.

## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### The future of the Community Shop.

Many of you will be wondering what is happening about the Community Shop. Well, the situation is that all the planning permissions, building regulations and internal design of the shop have been secured. The next step is to go out to tender and then we will know what the final cost is going to be. This is likely to be well above the amount we have already secured.

It has been a very difficult period for fund raising because it has been impossible to arrange events. At the same time, there has been an enormous demand for grants nationally. So the plan is to officially launch the "Community Benefit Society" to run the shop. Brief details of the CBS are included in the flyer within this magazine and it is hoped that as many people as possible get involved as members.

Key points which I want to emphasise are:

- Membership is a minimum of £10. There is no maximum. Hopefully we will receive a lot more to help build the extension.
- Regardless of the amount invested, each membership will only carry one vote
- Investments can be withdrawn after three years
- The shop is profitable and very popular - there is every reason to suppose it will remain so

The money raised through your investments will be used to secure match funding from grant giving organisations.

We need to get the new shop built this year. The present shop building has an enforcement order for closure on it due to come into force in October. With your support, we can have the new extension to the pavilion built by then. Gosfield has a reputation for getting things done and for its community involvement. Let's hope we can live up to our reputation.

Please see the flyer and share application form enclosed with this edition of the Grapevine.

Bob Waters

It was with much regret and sadness that the Parish Council learned of the death of Christine Attwater who so ably ran our post office. The post office was a vital asset to the local community and we will do our utmost to ensure that this facility will continue to operate in the village. We will update you all as soon as we have further news.



## GOSFIELD HOME GUARD:



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R. OWERS, J. SIZER, G. OWERS, A. MILLAR.

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R. BURDER, C. EVERETT, L. ROWSON, E. BACON.

*FRONT ROW.*

F. OWERS, G. BAREHAM, V. SAUNDERS, P. SECCO, R. DYER, F. ROBINSON,  
W. BRIGHT, H. MUENCH, P. POULTON, H. SPRINGETT.

\* THIS MAN REALISED HE HAD A GERMAN NAME SO CHANGED IT TO BOND BY DEED POLL.

## GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

### Latest figures of road offences:

People killed on Essex roads **3**      Serious accidents **95**  
 Mobile phone offences **37**      Drink drive offences **133**  
 Seat belt offences **225**      Vehicles seized, no insurance **278**  
 Careless driving offences **83**      Community speedwatch letters issued **1,317**  
 Number of road safety educational courses delivered **9,069**  
 Policing road arrests **129**

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## 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:

[www.stcatherineschurchgosfield.org.uk](http://www.stcatherineschurchgosfield.org.uk)

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

'The Friends of St Catherine's Church' are a small group of volunteers who support our Church financially in the fabric of the building. Please consider becoming a member, (with no commitment) it is just £10 each, or £20 a year per family. For a bankers standing order contact David Degnan on 01787-472291, or [www.gosfieldchurch.org.uk](http://www.gosfieldchurch.org.uk).

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

<b>December 2021</b> <b>Winners:</b>	No. 7 Mrs. D Holt	No. 59 Mrs. R Poulter
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	No. 18 Mrs. J Paterson	No. 52 Mrs. Howlett

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



## REV. ROSE'S RAMBLINGS

Hello, Gosfield !

We're in that "betwixt and between" time as I write: between Covid restrictions and their lifting: between clear rules (OK – not everyone likes/understands/keeps 'em, but rules...) and relying on "everybody's good sense" (er...); between ogling the seed catalogues and actually having to get out and garden; between watching tennis from Oz and pulling out the whites from wherever they were flung last autumn...you get the drift.

So today I want to think about constancy. There are always some people who obey the rules (20/30/60/70 mph anyone?). There are always some out in the garden or allotment in all weathers; always some out doing winter tennis, or wild swimming, or mud-rugby... and they are an example to us all, aren't they? We don't always admire them, indeed we sometimes think they slow us down/must be crazy, but we have to acknowledge their spirit of determination and willingness to put up with what we often wouldn't tolerate.

And one of the most constant people imaginable? Has to be our Queen, as she commemorates 70 years since the death of her beloved father, and so her own accession to the throne on 6 February 1952.

That's so long ago that 80% of our people now were not even born: and everyone who was around then is now officially old. I remember the announcement on the radio (I was making a racket because I'd fallen off a chair and got told off because my mother couldn't hear the radio clearly) but then I am very old!

Imagine how many presidents we might have had in the meanwhile (and imagine who they might have been! Aaaarrgghhh! 14 British Prime Ministers and counting).

Princess Elizabeth had made her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday public promise of her lifetime's service to the people only 4 years before: It cannot have occurred to her that she would be called upon to make that promise good so quickly. Her father was then only 51, and she must have expected another 25 years of her own life before she would have to surrender it wholly to the Crown. Think of how your life has changed over the last 10/20/30/40/50/60/70 years – would any of us have had the tenacity and constancy to stand up to those pressures faced by the monarch? OK, the jewels and houses are great, the family is, well, like most families, and money's a worry at a different level I guess! – but to live that public life, bound by duty and tradition, knowing so much yet being able to say and do so little about it, must be a constant burden. Imagine the tedium of all those thousands upon thousands of receptions and visits (so exciting for those received and visited, but surely so repetitive for her!) And imagine sticking to your word, and faithfully clocking up those duties even after 70 years.

So although the grand celebrations will take place, God willing, in June this year, let's take a moment this February to thank God for the stability, wisdom and fortitude of our Head of State, the Queen, the Supreme Governor of my church and your church, the Church of England.

God save the Queen!

With prayers and blessings, as ever,

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

## GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

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

## Communities 1<sup>st</sup> Help International NHS Nurses to Feel at Home

Communities 1<sup>st</sup> is helping local NHS Trusts to retain their international nurses, to help fill the UK's shortage. In order to settle down in a new place, these professionals will have to deal with new customs and unfamiliar places that could persuade them to return to their own countries.

It is recognised that with appropriate ongoing support, the positive experience and rate of retention of these health professionals could be significantly higher.

Communities 1<sup>st</sup> has launched the "International Nurses buddy" project, to help international nurses feel more at home in our communities. The nurses will be offered both one-to-one outings with a Care Giver Companion as well as the option to join the monthly programme of evening and weekend group outings. Here, the recruits can meet each other in an informal setting, make friends and build support networks.

Nurses will receive help and support not only on the social level but also in their day-to-day lives. They will be introduced to places of interest, for example parks, bus stations, landmarks etc. They will be shown how to travel both locally and outside Hertfordshire, and helped in learning local customs and local history. Communities 1<sup>st</sup> will also be setting up English classes, and offering help with finding accommodation.

If you would like to volunteer as a nurse buddy please email: [buddy@communities1st.org.uk](mailto:buddy@communities1st.org.uk), or call: 0203 7939222.



## Services for late January/February/March 2022 at St Catherine's Church, Gosfield.

**30 January** Team Service in Gestingthorpe at 10.30 a.m. to celebrate Rev'd Beverley's licensing last year. (No service in St Catherine's today)

**6 February** 10.30 a.m. Communion in Church and on Zoom – all welcome as always  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83678706239?pwd=K3VOM2FKUEtnaWZYRTQrZ3ZHQnVLdz09>  
Meeting ID: 836 7870 6239 Passcode: 781721

**13 February** 10.30 a.m. Communion in Church and on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84192407617?pwd=M3FwVWkxWRWg3T3BpZ1pmRFFvTXI5Zz09>  
Meeting ID: 841 9240 7617 Passcode: 424744

**Wednesday 16 February** 2 p.m. in Maurice Rowson Hall – join us for Kurling!

**20 February** 10.30 Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82406565911?pwd=a1NoVFwWnRBdU81TW1UWXA5TVowQT09>  
Meeting ID: 824 0656 5911 Passcode: 779720

**27 February** 10.30 a.m. Communion in Church and on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85184019681?pwd=YmZic0MwZmpoclVvU0RPa0RITWpKQT09>  
Meeting ID: 851 8401 9681 Passcode: 955658

**Wednesday 2 March** 7.30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service – Lent begins  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83227274742?pwd=V2hwSkNvcW01Smx4a2pSTG5Genh1Zz09>  
Meeting ID: 832 2727 4742 Passcode: 207735

**6 March** 10.30 a.m. Communion in Church and on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84890335480?pwd=by9lM1VlS2pWZ013eEJzU2tPdDd0TQT09>  
Meeting ID: 848 9033 5480 Passcode: 554154

**13 March** 10.30 a.m. Communion in Church and on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85496506507?pwd=L3VNRXJZRkJBdnFQeE5VVGxUy3JOZz09>  
Meeting ID: 854 9650 6507 Passcode: 954697

**20 March** 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89250935009?pwd=eVhwNXdaVmornNW5CUTc0N0NWl2dtQT09>  
Meeting ID: 892 5093 5009 Passcode: 797562

**27 March Mothering Sunday** 10.30 a.m. Communion in Church and on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82324721473?pwd=bC9VVEs1T2hNZmc5VkJvIT1NhYW9mZz09>  
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## GOSFIELD VILLAGE ENTITIES, continued

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Gosfield School	Rod Jackson (Principal)	01787-474040	<a href="mailto:enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk">enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk</a>

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Gosfield Lake	Linda Turp (Office Manager)	01787-4785043	<a href="mailto:turps@gosfieldlake.co.uk">turps@gosfieldlake.co.uk</a>

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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:

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Neighbourhood Watch Group	Louise Smith	07962-268376	

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

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS (BUILDING):

Demolition of existing barn and construction of 1 No. dwelling house. Meadow Hall Barn Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ, Ref. No: 22/00069/FUL

Remove all existing guttering and down-pipes and replace with black aluminium guttering and down-pipes. Sparrows The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU, Ref. No: 22/00001/LBC

Alterations to fenestration on the rear elevation at ground floor to include 2 no. larger windows and bifold 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: 21/03744/LBC

Removal of existing outbuilding and erection of a new dwelling and garage. Longwood House Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PJ, Ref. No: 21/03737/FUL

Application for approval of details as reserved by conditions 3 & 4 of approved application 21/01116/LBC, Hawkswood Farm Liston Hall Lane Blackmore End Gosfield Essex CO9 1SB, Ref. No: 21/03698/DAC

Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 3 and 4 of approved application 21/02259/LBC, Byford Cottage Church Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1TL, Ref. No: 21/03592/DAC

### Gosfield Post Office

It is with much sadness that we heard of the sudden death of Christine Attwater who has run the Post Office at the Village Hall for over 20 years. For most of these years Christine provided the facility on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

Anyone who used the Post Office will remember Christine for her friendly persona and as someone who always had time for a chat with her customers.

Our thoughts are with Christine's family at this sad time.

Dave Jarvis, on behalf of the Rowson Hall Management Committee.

#### **Gosfield (Mobile) Library**

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19<sup>th</sup> February

12<sup>th</sup> March

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## MEMORIES by Linda Marlow (Richardson, Kemp)..... cont'd

Since the December issue I have deviated somewhat from what this issue on My Memories would contain, my reason is referring to the school photo shown on page 12 in the previous issue.

I grew up knowing many of those pupils and as the magazine was issued for December another had just passed away. Dorothy Beadle (nee WEGG). 'DOT' to her school friends but always Dorothy to anyone else. Her sister married Jack Simper my Mum's school mate.

I'm going to go through that line up from my memories. I know those still living can maybe do a better job. Back row L to R we have Dorothy Jeggo, known always to me as Dobbie, a beautiful gentle soul, when as a young mother of 2 she was tragically killed in a road accident when a lorry hit the family car. So sad. Slightly behind Dobbie stands 'Dick' Everitt, a twin, his sister 'INA' stands in front of him (middle row) I was told growing up that Mrs Ruth Lowe, adopted daughter of Samuel and Ellen Courtauld at Gosfield Hall was overjoyed to hear of twins being born and insisted on them being Christened IAN and INA (a play on letters). He was always known as Dick. The Everitt's, like the Drury's and many other families during war time were gracious to the Various Forces stationed in the village, Sunday tea, etc. The USAF soldier the Everitt's hosted also played the Guitar and sang. Dick was a keen observer and had a good voice so the soldier taught him to play the guitar. On leaving Gosfield the Airman gave Dick the guitar. Many folk can recall Dick Everitt singing and playing guitar. Further along the back row of the school picture I recall the Turbin family and George Cook but next is Ken Wiseman who I knew well and his son Paul and family too. Father and son sadly died in the same year. Next is Bob Boyton, I recall Hubert, Bob's Dad telling me that he and his wife worked for rival village estates! Gosfield Place and Gosfield Hall, so it was quite a 'thing' when they wed.

Middle Row. 'INA' the 'twin' later Valerie Radbourne's Mum. Next is Dot 'Dorothy' Wegg. The Weggs' lived in one of the lodges at Cut Hedge. He grew amazing flowers. Next is Beryl Hall (nee Lock) and still with us so she can speak for herself and then Alma Pasfield (nee Brazier) also still with us. Her parents ran the village Post Office / sweet shop when I was at school... To be Cont'd

## GOSFIELD SENIOR CIRCLE

In both the August, 2021, and October, 2021, issues of the Gosfield Grapevine, there appeared a notice regarding the Gosfield Senior Circle and its future.

A successful Christmas dinner was held on 02-12-2021 with 12 members attending. On that occasion, an arrangement was made to meet on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, at 2:00 pm [to 4:00 pm] in the Maurice Rowson Hall for the first meeting of 2022.

This open meeting will be the time for you to give your views and ideas with a revised format to keep the club going.

So, members, both existing and new, your attendance is essential.

Sincerely, W H Pasfield.

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## SAVE THE DATE - GOSFIELD FETE 2022

The Gosfield Fete Committee are delighted to announce that the fete will be held on **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022**, with the theme of "**Our World**". We're excited to see the floats and procession parade through the village once again with their interpretation of the theme.

We have already been busy planning for fete day 2022 and will share more details in future editions of the Grapevine and on the village Facebook pages, but as always you can expect lots of games, stalls, arena entertainment, delicious BBQ and tea rooms and the ever-popular bar! We will also be organising an "After Fete Party" again this year – more details to follow.

One of our first tasks is to choose our Fete Queen or King and Princesses or Princes who will lead the procession – so, if you have a child who would like to be entered into the draw then please email your child's name, age and parent's contact number to the email address below by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022. All entries received will be drawn at random by the committee and if your child is chosen we will be in touch.

If you are a local business or group who would like to have a stall at the fete, or are in a band and would like to perform during the evening, or you belong to a group who would like to perform in the arena, please email us as we'd love to hear from you.

As always, the fete cannot run without the support of the wider community, so if you are able to help in any way please do get in touch. We always need an extra pair of hands to deliver programmes, bake a cake, run a stall for an hour, serve tea or pull a pint! Just speak to any of the fete committee members, email us or get in touch via the Facebook page.

New committee members are always welcome – our next meeting is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 8pm at the Social Club – please come along if you'd like to learn more about what we do.

With very best wishes,

The Gosfield Fete Committee

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

Chris Flint – Chair

Kelley Mileham – Vice Chair

Cherie Ames-Tull – Secretary

Scott Claydon

Carole Cox

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## Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2022

I know it's only February and we've only just put our Christmas decorations away, BUT get this date in your diary! Following the success of last year's coach trip to Thursford, and requests for another trip in 2022, I have booked 50 tickets for:

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2pm performance**

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Neighbourhood Plan	Beavis, Bloomfield, Moutard, Waters
Allotment Officer	Waters
Footpath	Beavis, Hough
Finance	Waters, Edwards, Bloomfield, Moutard, Cowie
Appeals	Cowie, Colyer
Children's Play Area	Hough, Pawsey, Colyer
Planning	Moutard, Waters, Beavis, Pawsey
Grapevine Editor	Alan Summerland
Tree Warden	Hough
Personnel	Bloomfield, Edwards, Waters
Information, minutes and agendas:	<a href="http://www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield">www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield</a>

## MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES:

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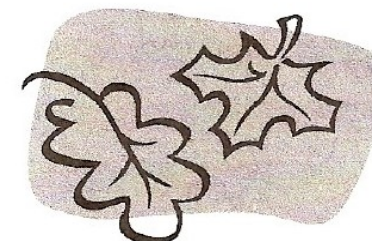
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## **GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:**

In spite of the restrictions that the COVID pandemic has placed on the playing of carpet bowls during most of 2021 the Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club continues to thrive.

In December 2021 the club held its Christmas lunch at the Gosfield Golf Club restaurant which had been beautifully decorated in celebration of Christmas. Some twenty members and partners enjoyed the traditional Christmas lunch which was followed by a short quiz.

The club had been looking forward to a re-start of normal playing activities at the start of 2022. Membership was increasing and two club nights per week had been resumed. The Essex CBA had cancelled both the Winter and Summer league fixtures for the foreseeable future but were hoping to hold individual championship events during the early summer period. These are still in the preparation stages at present but we are hopeful that they may come to fruition.

However, as is normal at this moment in time, an increase in the COVID cases and the possible pressure on the NHS, with the potential increase in the hospital workloads, this has resulted in a change to the playing regulations within village halls. These stipulate that for all non-energetic activities within the halls, face masks must be worn at all times and participants observe social distancing and use hand sanitising precautions.

Providing that the clubs observe these restrictions we can continue to play, but it is up to individual members whether they wish to play under this restriction. Some members do feel uncomfortable playing whilst wearing the masks and prefer not to attend club nights until the regulations are eased again.

This has resulted in a slight reduction in membership at present, but we are fortunate to still have sufficient members to enable the club to continue to run the regular two club nights per week, Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Our club continues to develop and we look forward to the time when all restrictions are lifted and all members may return to playing carpet bowls again without any restrictions.

Paul M Nicklin, Manager , Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.



**Gosfield Grapevine Community Group**

On January, 18<sup>th</sup> , 1838, a Cricket Match was held on Gosfield's Frozen Lake. As well as 22 players / skaters, the Halstead Band enlivened the day with their music and were also on the ice.



## **THE START OF A NEW ERA AT THE SOCIAL CLUB.**

**Everyone involved with the running of Gosfield Social Club is very pleased to announce that as from the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 ladies will be able to be members of the club. Ladies have always been made very welcome, however, the Club's rules prevented ladies from becoming members. We are delighted to have changed the rules and look forward to welcoming everyone at the club on level terms.**

**For 2022 / 2023 the following rates for membership will be as follows:**

**Individual membership - £10**

**Individual membership for seniors (over 65) and junior members (14 to 18) - £5**

**Joint membership for couples living at the same property - £15**

**Joint membership where one of the persons is over 65 - £8**

**We will hold a social evening at the club to celebrate the new membership rules, date TBC but likely to be towards the end of February. Details will be emailed to members and advertised on social media.**

**For further information on Gosfield Social Club, or to receive our newsletter via email which highlights forthcoming events, please email Dave Jarvis at:**

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

**We look forward to seeing you soon.**

## **GOSFIELD SCARECROW TRAIL WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

I have now seriously started organising the event after a 2 year delay and cannot believe it will be 10 years since the last one.

Hopefully after such a long, difficult, and trying time, it will be able to go ahead and give so much pleasure to all the visitors who always look forward to coming to support the event.

I will be applying for Funding to help pay for the Shuttle Buses, and at present, although there is not a theme for this event, it might have to include the Theme or a Section, to honour the Queens Jubilee to be successful to gain any funding available.

I will keep you all informed as the organisation progresses.

Georgie Roy





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