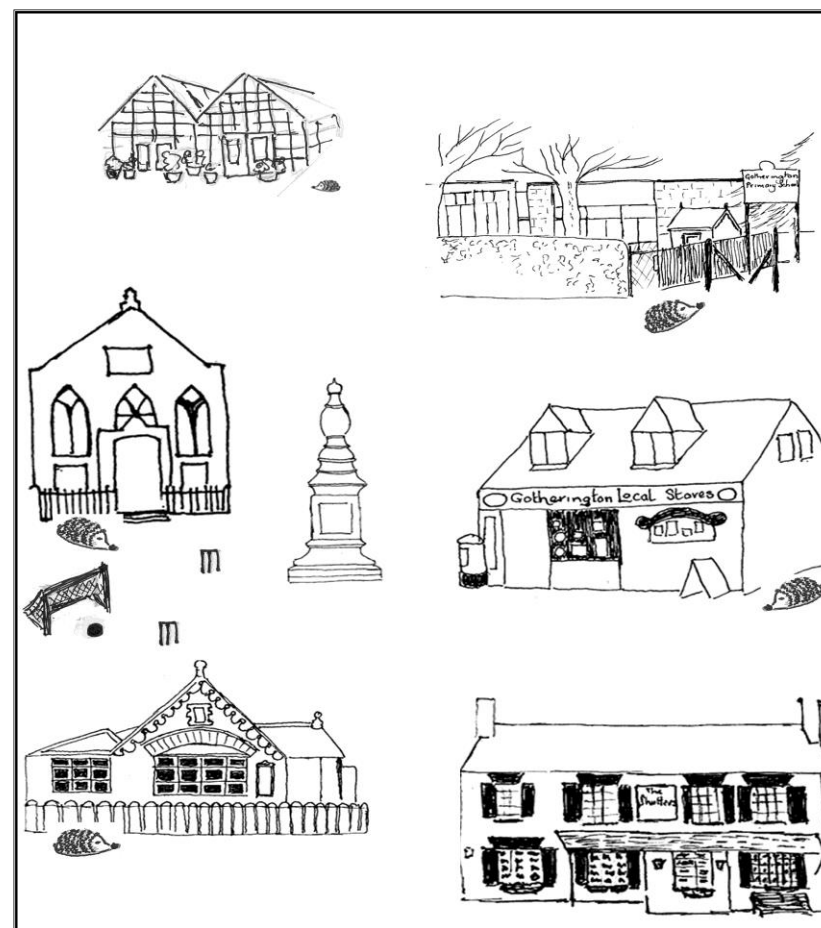


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GOTHERINGTON BROWNIES

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Gotherington Brownies have really enjoyed another fun filled and busy term as well as welcoming some new Brownies to our unit.

This term we have worked towards some of our theme awards and also some Brownies have worked towards and completed their Gold awards. We also had fun celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by decorating our own crowns and became detectives to discover who stole the crown jewels.

We have lots of activities and events coming up next term as well - the Brownies have chosen their own activity for this term and will be completing their First Aid badge, as well as completing interest badges and continuing to work towards Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

Brownies usually meet on Monday evenings in the Village Hall for 7-10-year-old girls. We have spaces at the moment, and if your daughter is not yet 7 and you would like to add her to the waiting list, or if you know anybody whose daughter would like to join, then please do get in touch.

Help is always appreciated, so if anyone would like to come and support as a Leader either regularly or occasionally then please do contact me. Without the support of our volunteers, we would be unable to run Brownies.

Amy

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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The process of appointing a new Rector for the Benefice, including this Parish, is underway. If it goes to plan, an appointment may be made in September but it will be some months before that person takes up the post and a while before a new Team Vicar is then appointed. It remains to be seen exactly what the role of the new Vicar will be in our Parish.

In the meantime, after August the present pattern of services may continue into the Autumn. Up to date information will be posted at the two churches in Woolstone and Oxenton, on the Vicarage Notice Board in Gotherington, and also on the Gotherington Village website www.Gotherington.org.uk Click on 'Local Churches' and then on 'Services' for our Parish.

Every two months a newsletter is produced giving up to date information on the Parish's services and other news. Please contact a Churchwarden if you would like one delivered. Copies are also available in the two churches and at Café Church in Gotherington.

Michael Bower, Vice-chairman of the PCC

Current Pattern of Sunday Services

First Sunday	Holy Communion	Oxenton
Second Sunday	Holy Communion	Woolstone
Third Sunday	Morning Praise	Woolstone/Oxenton*
Fourth Sunday	Café Church (Gotherington)	The Old Chapel
Fifth Sunday	BCP Holy Communion	Oxenton

**Third Sunday in August at Oxenton*

Bob Wickens, Churchwarden

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## WINE CLUB

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*In ancient Greece, the host of dinner would take the first sip of wine to assure that the wine served to guests wasn't poisoned. The act of courtesy was where the phrase "drinking to one's health" originated.*

*Our June meeting was called Cocktails & Mocktails and hopefully those who attended enjoyed the evening but now we really need to concentrate on future events.*

*On the evening of Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> we are once again gathering at the Pavilion for our Picnic in the Park and we hope to be able to resume the "bring and share of food" which always goes down well. We normally have a local musician to entertain us and it is a known fact that music and wine are actually closely linked and can enhance one another.*

*Our Wine Club outing on August 16<sup>th</sup> is a trip to visit Half Penny Green Wine Estate, Bobbington, South Staffordshire. There will be lots to do and something for everyone, including a Craft Village, Tours & Tasting, Restaurant, Shop & Deli and even a Wild Zoo.*

*September 20<sup>th</sup> back in the Village Hall for an Italian Evening where we are exploring wines to accompany Italian food.*

*Please contact a Committee Member if you would like further details on any meeting or information of any kind. The Committee comprises Christine Godsell, Cora Patel, Gary Thompson, Jane Nicolson, Linda George, Pam Hemingway, Ray Chase and myself.*

*We typically meet in the Village Hall on the third Tuesday of the month.*

*Meetings start at 8pm (doors are open from 7.30pm) and include a wide range of topics lots of wine and laughter and a ploughman's supper.*

**Howard Samuels, (Wine Club Chairman)**

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## CRICKET CLUB

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

Contact: Brian Cosgrove on 676216 or [info@gotheringtoncc.org](mailto:info@gotheringtoncc.org)

*The 2022 Season is well underway and we have a thriving junior section led by Brian and Yvonne Cosgrove with support from helpers and outside coaches. For the first time ever we have two teams at the u13 age group.*

*The senior side has had a tougher first half of the season in terms of results and availability compared to 2021 However, there have been some notable highlights including 2 midweek wins and a close fought game at Windsor Castle against the Royal Household CC, who we are looking forward to hosting again in 2023.*

*We also entered the "National Village Knock Out Competition" and as a genuine Sunday village side we put in an excellent performance against Rockhampton who have 4 Saturday teams and play in the West of England Premier competition.*

*Anybody who is keen to get involved as player, administrator, umpire, scorer, groundsman, fundraiser, coach or supporter is more than welcome as additional help is always appreciated - and it can be a lot of fun,*

*If you'd like more information, email me at [rob\\_sharp100@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_sharp100@hotmail.com).*

**Rob Sharp, Chairman GCC**

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## **GARDENING CLUB**

Contact: Kirsty Buxcey (675175)  
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*Gotherington is out garden clubbing again with regular monthly speakers in the Village Hall and very well attended outdoor activities. We've welcomed several new members some of whom are already actively helping the Committee for which we thank them. Our first Members' Late Spring Garden Trail was hosted by gardeners showcasing four delightfully different creative styles where bees obligingly swarmed and the sun shone.*

*In May we welcomed Mark from the Nurseries who gave us a great practical demonstration of how to plant up hanging baskets which he then generously donated to us - so we held an impromptu auction for Club funds which was a hoot! Thanks again, Mark.*

*Our much awaited and rescheduled group visit by coach to Winterbourne House and Gardens in Birmingham was even better than expected - 25 members enjoyed a truly fantastic day in glorious weather learning about the story and people behind the creation of the 1904 house and its 7 acre gardens which now belong to the University of Birmingham.*

*Thanks to all who made the Village Hall coffee morning and plant sale another success. And finally, a massive thank you to Linda and Malcolm for hosting this year's brilliant summer party in their gem of a garden: what a super relaxed time spent with friends on a balmy June evening. Special thanks goes to Cathy & Mary along with several members who prepared and served refreshments when sadly so many Committee members were ill. I do hope everyone feels well soon.*

*Next meeting: July 20 19.30hrs: What to do in your garden this month, Aaron Pleciak, Mill Lane End Nurseries, Drakes Broughton.*

**Kirsty Buxcey**

## **GOTHERINGTON, WOOLSTONE & OXENTON W.I.**

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*Our members continue to enjoy some excellent speakers.*

*In March, we sat in small groups to complete a Round the World quiz set by our well-travelled speakers Steve and Helen Wilks. Using a variety of their beautiful photos on screen, they asked questions about places, buildings, animals, fruit and vegetables and even car numbers. It was great fun as well as being informative.*

*At our Birthday Party in April we enjoyed lovely food provided by Cheryl at Homeflair Catering – next year we will be celebrating 70 years!*

*In May, our speaker, Caro Day, gave a very interesting talk on the history of the Everyman Theatre and the evolution of theatres in the town. Her talk was very entertaining and enlivened by her persuading five members to dress up and re-enact a short farce! We are now planning a trip to the Everyman, with a guided tour included.*

*We are still enjoying our monthly lunches at The Shutter and have expanded our Art Group to include any type of craft that members care to bring along.*

*In July, several members will be attending an Indian Block Printing course we have arranged at the Village Hall. Other craft sessions are planned.*

*We meet in Gotherington Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month and new members and visitors are always very welcome. Do go to our website to find out more – [www.gwowi.org.uk](http://www.gwowi.org.uk).*

*We look forward to seeing you!*

**Jill Parsons**

## VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNINGS

Contact: Christine Godsell [cgodsell1967@gmail.com](mailto:cgodsell1967@gmail.com) / tel 672821

*Hello everyone! If I had written this 2 days ago, I could have told you how I was sitting under an umbrella, in welcome shade from a blistering 31 degree sunny day in Brittany! However, today, I am sitting inside our gite as it has been pouring with rain for 24 hours with thunder, lightning and blowing a gale. Sounds really British!*

*In fact – it is on days like this when I would most like to be at a Coffee Morning to see such happy smiling faces and to enjoy a bacon roll with my coffee.*

*Well.....this is exactly what you can do on the first Saturday morning of every month (except August and January) come rain or shine. We don't charge for you to come through the door and we will only (???) be offering delicious home-made cakes, teas, coffees, the best bacon rolls, and biscuits and cold drinks. We will not sell you a raffle ticket. We will not ask you to dig too deeply into your pockets for our goodies.*

*There will always be paper-backed books available at just 50p. These are left in the hall throughout the month, with an honesty box, so you can take advantage when you come for your meetings as well. There may also be a craft table or two or three, so feel free to browse what is on offer.*

*One final – but so important – thing - if you are struggling to get to the Coffee Morning, please give GOWNS a ring – there will be someone willing to bring you. Failing that - call me and I will see what I can do. Don't be afraid to ask.....we are only too pleased to be able to help.*

*Likewise, with the books, if you cannot come to the hall, I can bring you a selection to choose from.*

*We are looking forward to seeing YOU.*

**Christine Godsell**

## NEWS FROM THE NURSERIES

[www.gotheringtonnurseries.co.uk](http://www.gotheringtonnurseries.co.uk)

Contact: Phone 01242 676722

*It's been another busy season, despite road closures! Our home-grown bedding plants, planted containers and hanging baskets have been very popular. Production of Summer bedding plants will continue throughout the summer as we transition to production of our Autumn and Winter bedding plants. These will be available in late August/early September.*

*The plant area is looking beautiful with trees, shrubs, roses, hedging plants and cottage garden plants. We have a great range of plastic, terracotta and glazed pots for container gardening. Barrels have proved very popular this year too. We are stocking a new range of wooden products including cold frames, herb and vegetable planters, tubs and trellis.*

*The shop is well stocked with a range of gardening goods including tools, Hozelock products, lawn, plant & garden care products. Bulbs for Autumn planting should be making their way to our shelves during August. These are a great way to add colour to your garden for the Spring and offer tremendous value for money. Our bird care area is well stocked up with specialist feeds, feeders and a great choice of bird tables and our comprehensive range of composts now include many peat-free alternatives.*

*Don't forget those gifts for the keen gardener or birdwatcher including National Garden Gift Vouchers. We redeem National Garden gift cards as well as the vouchers. We have a nice range of houseplants too, which make perfect presents.*

*A reminder that we are open 9am – 5pm Monday to Saturday and 10am - 4pm on Sundays. Visit our website at [www.gotheringtonnurseries.co.uk](http://www.gotheringtonnurseries.co.uk) and see our Facebook page and Instagram for regular updates and pictures.*

*We wish you well for the season ahead and thank you for your continued support.*

**Mark and Liz, Gotherington Nurseries**

## **GOTHERINGTON SINGERS**

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*We are a very friendly and sociable female voice choir and always welcome new members who enjoy singing. You do not have to be able to read music.*

*We rehearse in Gotherington Village Hall on Mondays between 7.45 pm and 9.45 pm.*

*Rehearsals resume after the summer break on Monday 12 September.*

***Come and sing with us for a free 3 week trial period!***

*For more information, see our website [www.gotheringtonsingers.co.uk](http://www.gotheringtonsingers.co.uk) or telephone 317276 to find out how to join the Gotherington Singers.*

### **COME AND JOIN US!**

***Catherine Newbury*** (Chair, Gotherington Singers)

## **THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS OF ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WOOLSTONE**

Contact: Leo Horton Tel. 679 899

*We are a Charity whose purpose is to help to ensure the material wellbeing and assisting in the maintenance of the fabric of St. Martin's Church, Woolstone.*

*We are looking for a Treasurer and a Secretary to join the Trustees.*

*The positions are not onerous. It is not necessary to be a regular church attendee but to have an interest in helping to preserve the attractive and historic building which is a prominent local landmark.*

*If you are interested, and would like to find out more, please contact me on 01242 679 899 or 0779 528 8555*

***Leo Horton, Chair***

## **GOTHERINGTON TENNIS CLUB**

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*Well, there really is only one place to start and that is with the fantastic news that our application for funding for the tennis court renovation project has been successful, with work now due to start in early September. A huge amount of effort has been put in by the Club behind the scenes to achieve this, but we could not have done it without the support of so many from the village. So, the Club would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their help in putting our application together and all the Clubs, Societies and indeed all the villagers who took time out to express their support for the project. Very Exciting Times!!*

*It's also good news on the team front with our Lady's sitting proudly on top of their league – all that coaching with Liam is beginning to pay off! Not quite so stellar, however, for the Men who sit mid table, but hopefully a run of upcoming home matches will help their climb up the table.*

*At time of printing, the Club will have just held their first Big Tennis Weekend sponsored by the LTA. This will have been the biggest event held by the Club for many years, offering a wide range of fun packed sessions for all ages and abilities to enjoy. Fingers crossed the weather played ball and a good time was had by all.*

*For further details on the above and for all things Gotherington Tennis, check us out on our updated website or follow us on Facebook (see info at top of page).*

***Ian Donnelly***



## GOTHERINGTON PETANQUE CLUB

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*You may have seen in my Coffee Morning piece that am in France as I write. A few days ago, we stopped in a little village with a Petanque piste. It was a lovely setting, church behind us, playground ahead of us, flower tubs around. We took advantage and had a game – just the two of us. (And, no, I'm not going to boast about who won!!) The actual piste was concrete – with some rather sharp stones embedded and totally unpredictable. The boules went in every direction apart from where they should – but it certainly made us smile.*

*Then I got to thinking about how fortunate we are to have our own lovely setting in Gotherington. The view from our piste is stunning - we never tire of it. And the ground is much more 'playable' although it can vary. It also makes for a much better game and social event when there are more than just two playing.*

*You know, Petanque is a great leveller: there is no age barrier except for being over 16 years old; it makes no difference if you are male or female; it doesn't matter how tall or short you are; or even if you have a disability – we can work round most of them. You don't even have to be 'sporty' – the only energy required is a controlled throw (it doesn't do to use other players as random targets) and a gentle stroll around :)*

*So....check out the back page for our times to meet; come and find out what it is all about; you can just turn up or you can ring one of the Committee first. One thing is guaranteed – you will enjoy it and you will have fun.*

**SEE YOU ON THE PISTE!**

**Christine Godsell**

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Contact: Rob Sharp on 01242 678057 or rob\_sharp100@hotmail.com

*2021/22 was an excellent season for the Club with around 200 players enjoying their football. There were plenty of trophies secured, several of which were covered in our February update. Our u14 boys side under Terry Wolfendale were unbeaten in the league all Season and won division one which is a tremendous achievement. Our U16 boys side also won their league , losing only 1 game all season.*

*The youngest age group we have is an u7 side under the leadership of Greg Ryan. They are drawn primarily from Gotherington School which is the starting point for all our sides. We are very grateful to the school for allowing us to use their facilities which help promote a really good community spirit.*

*The end of Season Funday was organised by Abigail Punch who did a brilliant job organising helpers and outside suppliers. We were delighted to have Edward Gillespie, the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, presenting the trophies - very appropriate in this Queen's Platinum Jubilee year.*

*Planning is well underway for the next season. We continue to work with the Parish Council to try and alleviate parking issues on particularly busy days. Many of our teams have to play outside the village and we hope that at some stage a further local field could become available to host sport.*

*Also, we may for the first time have almost equal numbers of girls and boys playing for the Club next season so we will encourage Girls/Mums to take qualifications to help with the coaching as well as admin and support roles.*

*We will also be helping to finance some coaches to take higher level qualifications to enhance their coaching skills. This is as well as ongoing work around safeguarding and child welfare. On that note a big Thank You to Magda Taylor who has completed her stint as Child welfare Officer and Welcome to Katie Marasinghe who has kindly taken on this key role.*

**Rob Sharp, Chairman and Secretary GJFC**

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### **40:40 Exhibition**

*This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Local History Society and what better way to celebrate than by presenting 40 objects that each tell a story about our village's heritage.*

*The exhibition is going to take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October, from 10.30am until 4.30pm each day, at Gotherington Village Hall. As well as the artefacts, there will be plenty of local history books and pamphlets to browse through or to buy. Tea, coffee and cake will be on offer throughout the day. Admission will be free but donations would be appreciated.*

### **Programme of Talks, 2022-23**

*As usual, the LHS has organised an eclectic programme of talks for the autumn. Our first talk in September looks at the relationship between Gloucestershire and the Atlantic slave trade.*

*In October, Philip Ashford returns to talk about Piracy and War in the Bristol Channel.*

*November's meeting will focus on the life of John Bellamy (1808-1893) who was Gloucestershire's very own travelling showman.*

*Finally, in December, Alan Pilbeam will talk about the 1535 Royal Progress undertaken by Henry VIII and his Queen, Anne Boleyn; part of their journey being from Winchcombe to Tewkesbury.*

*Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm, at the Village Hall. Membership is by subscription which this year will be £15. Alternatively, if one particular subject appeals to you, admission per meeting is £3, which includes refreshments.*

**Caroline Meller, Secretary**

## GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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*Howard Samuels has now retired as Chair and is succeeded by long time village resident, Mavis Rear. Very many thanks, Howard, for everything you have done for the Council over many years.*

*Looking ahead council has secured S106/CIL funding for the exciting programme of renewal of our sports and social facilities centred on Freeman Field. Work is scheduled begin in September for some six weeks. During this time, the car park and both buildings will be temporarily closed for health and safety reasons. We apologise for the inconvenience.*

*The public footpath from Woolstone Lane to the kissing gate in the field will be temporarily closed. We are working to keep the footpath from the kissing gate heading for Woolstone open. The Field edge path to the tennis courts will be temporarily fenced off but the Field will be open. The new kissing gate at the corner of the Grangefield site has been installed providing a safer more accessible route to the A435, the garage and shop. Other improvements are planned.*

*Congratulations to the Events Committee on the hugely successful Queen's Platinum Jubilee events which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Subsequently it has become clear that some of our limited facilities are insufficient, in particular storage space. It helps if unwanted stuff is binned when you spring clean. We are considering a couple of potential new spaces, neither easy, and would welcome suggestions and practical help.*

*New dog bins have been provided on the Grangefield site and on Shutter Island. Do we need more and if so, where? And remember: what you dog does it is your responsibility, so please do pick it up, bag it and bin it.*

*And finally, we have four councillor vacancies and an very exciting programme to offer. Please contact me for more information.*

**Mavis Rear, Chair of the Parish Council**

## THE OLD CHAPEL BOOK CLUB

Contact: Linda Pawley, 01242 361539, email [linda@thepawleys.co.uk](mailto:linda@thepawleys.co.uk)

*Our group is very much enjoying meeting in the beautifully re-furbished Old Chapel.*

*Since the last Gotherington Topics, we have read a couple of biographies, one by Betty Boothroyd and one by Mary Robinson. These got mixed receptions. Some enjoyed looking into details about their political lives while others found it a bit hard going.*

*We thought it would be only fair to have one autobiography from the Labour party, one from the Conservatives and one from Ireland. We still have Ann Widdecombe's to read.*

*In-between these books, we have read 'The Venice Sketchbook' by Rhys Bowen and 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn. These books have been well received and we look forward to reading our next book, 'The Chilbury Ladies Choir' by Jennifer Ryan, very soon.*

*Our regular gatherings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) from 7pm – 8pm at the Old Chapel.*

*We are a group of about eleven at the moment and we would welcome new members. Anyone who might be interested in joining us is very welcome to come along for coffee/tea and biscuits and try us out. Or give me a call / email me using the contact details at the top of this article.*

**Linda**

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*Thank you to all those who came along on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June to join in The Queens's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. We were very pleased to see so many people attending the event and sold over 730 wristbands to those over 16 years old (under 16's were free to attend).*

*There were a couple of mishaps including a marquee being uprooted during the night and landing on the tennis courts fence - but help was on hand and we were able to salvage the marquee and continue the preparations. We would like to thank all those who helped with the Jubilee event and who gave up their time and contributed so much to the success of the weekend.*

*We do have a few events in the pipeline for the remainder of the year, including a USA touring band Hungrytown who are a folk duo and play both American and English folk music. They will be at the Village Hall on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.*

*Other events will include an Authentic Indian evening with Indian cuisine and a diverse range of Indian dishes and Music Nights such as local bands and perhaps a 60's evening to bring back those memories of great songs and a bit of nostalgia.*

*We have a range of photographs from the Jubilee including the Big Tea Party, the wonderful parade from the school to Freeman Field and many others. We would like to collect as many photographs as we can and produce a lasting record of the Jubilee event so please let us know if you have to offer for our collection.*

*You can keep up to date and find out what is being planned by visiting our Facebook page.*

**Gotherington Events Team**

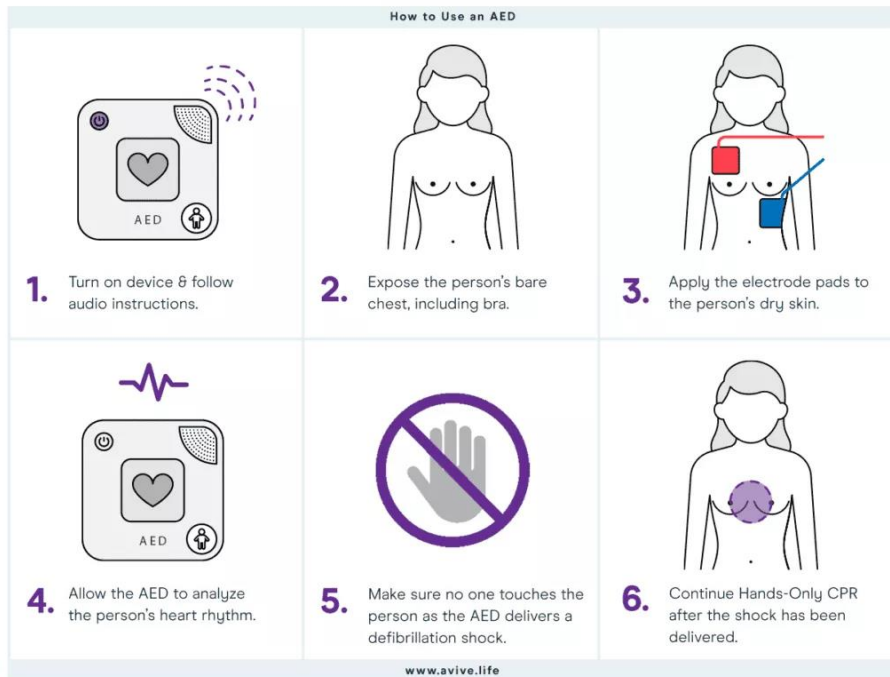
## DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE VILLAGE

There are three defibrillators in the village but only one is for public use at present and that is mounted on the wall of the Rex Rhodes Building next to the children's playground in Freeman field. GL52 9EX

If you think someone is having a heart attack and might need the defibrillator, call 999 and the call handler will know the service is available and so tell you to go to retrieve it.

THEY WILL GIVE YOU THE CODE NEEDED TO OPEN THE CABINET.

Return to the casualty; open the unit and  
FOLLOW THE SPOKEN INSTRUCTIONS.



## THE OLD CHAPEL

Contact: Andy Stillman 673218 [gotheringtonoldchapel@gmail.com](mailto:gotheringtonoldchapel@gmail.com)  
[www.gotheringtonoldchapel.org.uk](http://www.gotheringtonoldchapel.org.uk)

We've been getting back into the swing of things at The Old Chapel with our monthly Film Clubs and the return of Bingo Night which was a huge hit again! With Colin at the helm as our new Bingo caller and The Shutters supplying our fish n' chip tea, it's the perfect combination of fun, food, and friends (oh, and prizes!) We are looking to host two Bingo events this Autumn, one for families and a separate evening for grown-ups so do keep an eye out on our noticeboard or Facebook page for more details!

The Trustees really enjoyed helping towards the village Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the June bank holiday by making the afternoon tea goody bags for the big picnic on the field. The weather didn't dampen the mood and it was great to see so many in the village come out to enjoy the festivities. A huge well done to the organising committee for putting on such a wonderful event for the whole community (I only played a small role so must pass on credit where credit is due!)

During the Summer, please be sure to pop in to our 'Chat at the Chapel' which is on every Wednesday 10.30am - 12pm (£1 suggested donation). Bring a craft with you or just pop in for a cuppa and chat - don't be shy, it is open to all!

The "Traditional Games" Club will also be running on the first Sunday of the month from 2 - 4pm. Alan & Shirley have a fantastic selection of old and new games for you to challenge family or fellow residents - there's always someone up for a game. All ages are welcomed though children must be supervised. Entrance is £2 Adults, £1 children and includes drink and biscuits.

If you would like to hire The Old Chapel for your own event, do drop an email to Emily at [oldchapelbookings@gmail.com](mailto:oldchapelbookings@gmail.com).

Jenny Ross (Events committee)

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

*www.gotherington.org.uk/neighbourhood-watch*

*Mary Manders-Trett (Malleon Road) 674592*

*Howard Samuels (Shutter Lane) 672492*

### **Report a Crime - Contact the Police:**

*Reporting an emergency 999 or 112      Reporting non-emergencies 101*

*Bogus Callers 0300 123 2040      Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111*

*Cybercrime is criminal activity that either targets or uses a computer, a computer network or a networked device.*

*Most, but not all, is committed by cybercriminals or hackers who want to make money. Cybercrime may be carried out by individuals or organizations.*

*Some cybercriminals are organized, use advanced techniques and are highly technically skilled. Others are novice hackers.*

*Rarely, cybercrime aims to damage computers for reasons other than profit. These could be political or personal.*

### **How to protect yourself against cybercrime**

*Keep software and operating system updated*

*Use anti-virus software and keep it updated*

*Use strong passwords*

*Never open attachments in spam emails*

*Do not click on links in spam emails or untrusted websites*

*Do not give out personal information unless secure*

*Contact companies directly about suspicious requests*

***Thank you for reading this and  
Please Stay Safe***

**Howard Samuels**

## **GOTHERINGTON HEDGEHOG TRAIL**

*Contact: Jenny Ross 317536 [hedgehogtrail@gmail.com](mailto:hedgehogtrail@gmail.com)*

*www.gotheringtonoldchapel.org.uk*

*Thank you so much for all of your new hedgehog designs! This year's Trail kicks off on Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> with an Open Afternoon at The Old Chapel where you can pick up your 2022 Trail Guide and start searching!*

*We are delighted that local business Adelfi Care Services are sponsoring our Hedgehog Trail event again this year, which means all money raised can go directly to our supported charities: Vale Wildlife Hospital, Friends of Gotherington School (FOGS) and The Old Chapel Community Project.*

*This year The Old Chapel Community Project is looking to use some of the money they receive to fund a defibrillator to be positioned in the empty telephone kiosk opposite the building.*

*Finally, we now have quite a few budding artists who live outside the village and would really like to have a safe spot to hide their hedgehog through September-November.*

*So, if you are not intending to design your own hedgehog and live in Gotherington or Woolstone, you can still take part in this year's Trail by looking after a 'foster hog' – just contact me and we can make the necessary arrangements.*

*If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch!*

**Jenny**

## **GOTHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

*Contacts: Caroline Meller - Secretary e: [gotheringtonvhsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gotheringtonvhsecretary@gmail.com)*

*Trustees: C. Godsell, H. Samuels, B. Osborne, M. Manders-Trett*

*Bookings: [gotherington.org.uk/bookings](http://gotherington.org.uk/bookings)*

*Website: [www.gotheringtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.gotheringtonvillagehall.org.uk)*

### **A.G.M.**

*Last month, the A.G.M. of the Village Hall Management Committee gave all residents the opportunity to voice their support for this much-loved community building. Taking stock of the past year it was noted that with the lifting of Covid based restrictions the Hall was once again the venue for many of our community group meetings as well as for those running commercial classes such as Keep Fit and for family events, especially birthday parties.*

*Sadly, the meeting also saw the departure of Kim Rhodes as a Trustee. Elected in 2017, Kim has been responsible for developing and maintaining the web site, and endeavouring to ensure that the VHMC achieves CIO status. She will be sorely missed by the rest of the Committee.*

*At the time of writing there are two vacancies for the role of Trustee. If you value your Village Hall and would like to be involved in its future development so that it continues to be a place of 'intellectual pursuits and harmless recreation' (Elizabeth Malleson) then please get in touch to learn how you can lend your support.*

*And finally.....*

### **A Quest to find Village Hall historical documents**

*The secretary would welcome any papers, such as minutes or newspaper cuttings, relating to the Village Hall.*

## **"FRESHERS' FAIR" AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

*Contact: Caroline Meller 677 489 / [gotheringtonvhsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gotheringtonvhsecretary@gmail.com)*

*We are incredibly fortunate at Gotherington to have a wealth of enthusiasm which enables over 20 organisations, large and small, to flourish.*

*On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am – 4.30pm in the Village Hall there is going to be an opportunity for all residents to meet representatives of the village's Clubs and Societies.*

*If you've just moved into the village and want to find out more about what events are on offer then this is the best opportunity you're going to get.*

*To those who've lived here for many years, why not sign up to a Club or Organisation you have yet to be involved with?*

*On the flip side, if you have a skill, whether it be with IT, social media, art or mathematics, then it could be you can offer specific support to village organisations enabling them to thrive.*

*Admission to the fair will be free and light refreshments will be available throughout the day.*

*If you represent a village organisation and would like to take part or you would just like a bit more information, then please contact Caroline in the first instance on 01242677489 or at [gotheringtonvhsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gotheringtonvhsecretary@gmail.com).*

**Caroline**