

Parish Residents are cordially invited to
The 2024 Annual Parish Meeting
for Gotherington.

To be held at the Rex Rhodes building on Tuesday 11th June at 6.30pm.

The annual parish meeting is an opportunity for residents to raise any matters of concern or to come along to hear reports from village groups and also hear about the councils' activities over the past year and any future projects for 2024/25.

Please contact clerk@gotheringtonparishcouncil.org.uk if you would like to speak on any matter.

Agenda

1. Welcome from Chair.
2. Apologies for absence
3. To confirm the minutes for the APM 2023
4. Chair Report
5. Community award for Gotherington.
6. Public comments
7. Updates from County and Borough councillors.

Reports from Village Groups.

8. Gotherington Primary school – No Report.
9. Gotherington Village Stores – No Report.
10. Garden house Nursery – No Report.

11. The Old Chapel Community Project
Trustees to deliver report in person.

12. GET Team

The last event held in 2023 was The Roaring Twenties in the Village Hall and proved to be a popular event with many people dressing up in the appropriate clothes and we had various games such as roulette, poker and blackjack. A great evening and enjoyed by all those who came along.

Our first event of 2024 Mamma Mia held in March of this year was a sell out and a truly wonderful evening with Sarah Hewson, a female solo tribute act, performing and singing many of the ABBA hits.

We are currently busy preparing for the annual Village Fete. This year we have a combination of over 40 stalls including many children's activities. The Fire Service with their fire engine and the local Police are also in attendance.

Hopefully many of you will come along and enjoyed the daytime fun of the Fete, along with the GFest in the evening with the hog roast and great live music played until late.

Our next event is in the Village Hall on Saturday September 21st and the theme is the Wild Wild West. The first thought that comes to mind is cowboys and cowgirls, swinging saloon doors, line dancing, gambling and drinking of course. We are planning to have live music probably a mixture of western, country and the odd cowboy song!

This already sounds like it will be another memorable evening of music, food and drink to capture the essence of the American Frontier era.

More information will be available nearer the time, so please keep an eye open for our advertising posters and social media coverage.

The Events Team are keen to contribute any surplus funds made during our events back into the welfare of the Village. To date we have contributed to the War Memorial renovation and purchasing of a defibrillator.

We will continue to do this and any suggestions as to what you would like to see are very welcome.

Gotherington Events Team

13. Gotherington Cricket Club – No Report.

14. Gotherington Football Club – Report to follow.

15. Gotherington Tennis Club – No Report.

16. Gotherington Local History society – Report to be given in person by Cllr Meller.

17. Gotherington Pétanque Club

Members have played a full season of events and social games over the last year.

The season began officially with the Men v Ladies evening match in May followed by supper in the RR Building, although we do play whenever the weather is reasonably good during the winter.

In April we welcomed players from teams that also play in the Cotswold League to our Invitation Doubles Tournament. In July we held a Club melee tournament followed by cream tea in the V. Hall. Singles and doubles Club championships run through the summer and the Shutter Shield singles final is staged at our Picnic Day in August. The Gotherington Stores doubles final is played later in the year.

Our closing event sees us retire to the RR Building again when we hold the World Soft Boule Championship after supper.

Throughout the year we have enjoyed the new bench. Many thanks to the Parish Council for helping us finance that.

We have gained a few new members over the last year – most from outside the Village. Membership now stands at around 40 playing members. The current Committee is keen to keep the Club running but several members are trying to retire and pass on responsibilities. As many other Clubs are finding we have few volunteers willing to take on commitments.

18. Gotherington Village Hall.

The Village Hall continues to be well used and is an excellent resource for the community and at the recent AGM it was agreed that the hire prices per hour remain at £8.00 for residents and £10.00 for those residing outside of the Village.

The committee although small have ensured that the Hall is well maintained and that all safety regulations are adhered to.

Feedback from our Users is very important and we respond and handle any problems or suggestions as to how we can help straight away. A recent suggestion that the handle on the inner door to the Hall was easy to access by children has been moved higher up the door and makes the situation where young children are concerned more secure.

The AGM was held on May 1st at the Village Hall and the existing Trustees have agreed to stand again and we welcome two additional Trustees, Jane Nicolson and Julie Brown both of whom are much involved in Village activities.

The Hall is due for a makeover and will be redecorated beginning in early August, although the colour scheme is still under discussion the overall effect will create pleasant surroundings for all Users.

The general election on the 4th July 2024 will result in the Hall not being available to hire on that day.

The Hall master booking system is used extensively and continues to be a very reliable and easy to use system for both keeping our bookings and invoicing secure. Users like the fact that they can log onto the booking system and easily see when slots are available to hold their event.

The Village Hall has always been the meeting hub of the Village and is an important facility for the Village and if you would like to become involved and can help then please contact us for further information

Christine Godsell (Acting Chair) and Howard Samuels (GVH Treasurer)

19. My Fit 30 – Report to Follow.