

GIFFORD GRAPEVINE

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**Gifford Village Events
And Activities
October - March 2025**



CLUBS, SOCIETIES & GROUPS

Gifford Art Group - Meets weekly Gifford Village Hall Sept 24-Nov 26; Jan 21-Mar 25; Apr 15-June 21 from 9.30-12.30. Exhibition June 20 6-8pm, June 21-22 10-6pm.

Contact: Janet_fairgrieve@btinternet.com

Gifford Bowling Club - Contact: giffordsportsclub@btinternet.com
www.giffordbowlingandsportsclub.co.uk

Gifford Bridge Club - will resume play on Mon Oct 7 and play through to Mon Dec 16. Play will resume on Jan 6 until Mar 31. Please be in the hall by 6.50pm to enable play to start at 7pm prompt. Contact Bill Dew giffordbridgeclub@gmail.com

Morning Makers - (knitting and any portable craft) meets Mondays 2-4pm, Tuesdays from 2.15pm in the Lanterne Rouge. Everyone welcome Contact lantern Rouge. Tel: 07955 470 528

Gifford Community Association - runs the Village Hall. See www.giffordvillage.org and follow link to Village Hall for availability and booking.

Contact: Elaine Austin giffordhallbookings@gmail.com

Gifford Community Choir - from ages 16 upwards. No need to read music. Weekly rehearsals in the village hall on Thursdays during term time. For more information contact John.wrinn13@gmail.com. Christmas concert in December, see posters nearer the time!

Gifford Community Council - meetings monthly at 7.30pm on second Monday in the Bowling Club. All welcome. See www.giffordvillage.org/community-council for all approved minutes. Contact: chairgiffordcc@gmail.com.

Gifford Cricket Club - all men and women are welcome whatever standard to our winter training sessions.

All enquiries please drop us an email on cricketgifford@gmail.com

Good Companions - provides social and recreational facilities for older people and those who are isolated, disabled or in wheelchairs in Gifford and surrounding district. £1. All welcome. Contact: Jane Steven Tel: 01620 810031

Third Wednesday of the month except July and Aug in the Bowling Club 2.00-4.00pm.

Gifford Lunch Club - meets on the second Monday of every month 12 midday £6. All Welcome. Contact: Jane Steven 01620 810031

Gifford Community Woodland - find out what's happening and share your feedback at our quarterly community meetings: Monday 25th November and Monday 24th February, 7.30pm - 9pm in Gifford Bowling Club. For information about all our events and volunteer dates, please visit our website or social media pages: www.giffordcommunitywoodland.com/events
www.facebook.com/giffordcommunitywoodland
www.instagram.com/gifford_community_woodland
If you would like to receive email updates, please contact gifford.woodseh41@gmail.com

Gifford Horticultural Society - was formed in 1848 and welcomes new members. Find out more at www.giffordhorti.org or find us on Facebook. Talks in Gifford Village Hall, start at 19.30pm except January which starts at 14.30pm. Members free; guests welcome £2.50. Refreshments.

- October 9th Japanese Gardens in Scotland
- November 27th AGM and talk The Sensory Attributes of Honey
- January 8th 14.30 Fun & Plants in New Zealand
- February 12th Gardeners' Question Time hosted by George Anderson
- March 12th Gardening for Butterflies and Insects

Gifford Film Society / Yester Community Movie association - Gifford Film Club brought to you by Yester Community Movie Association screening films in Gifford Village Hall on the second Friday of the month at 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm). Membership fee is £10 for the 3 remaining films up to the end of the year. Guests £5.

Contact: Jackie.fry@btinternet.com for more information.

11 October "Past Lives" 8 November "Golden Oldie" 13 December "Lunana: a Yak in the Classroom"

29 November join us to discuss and choose films for 2025.

2025 season begins 10 January. £30 for 10 films or £5 guest membership.

Gifford Golf Club - contact: secretary@giffordgolfclub.com Tel: 01620 810591 - Visitors welcome.

Castle Park Golf Club and Golf Range - contact:
info@castleparkgolfclub.co.uk tel: 01620 810733 - Visitors
welcome.

Gifford Society - meets once a month in Autumn/Winter in the Bowling Club at 7.30pm. This season we will hear a fascinating variety of talks on subjects that range from local witches to organ transplants. Dates as follows (all Wednesdays): 16 Oct, 20 Nov, 11 Dec, 15 Jan, 19 Feb and 19 Mar. It is holding a coffee morning in the Village Hall on Sat 5th Oct.

Lammermuir Parish Church
(previously Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church)

Regular events:

Sunday services at 10.00am

- first Sunday of the month: Humbie Church
- third Sunday: Bolton or Saltoun Church*
- all other Sundays: Yester Church.

Service recordings online.

Church choir meets in Bolton Church on Wednesdays, 3-4.30pm.

Knitting Groups Thursdays, 2 -3.30pm in Yester Church, and Thursdays, 7.30pm, in the Session Rooms in East Saltoun

Messy Church for pre-school and primary school aged children: dates on website.

Drop-in Coffee Mornings 10.30 -12 noon, every second Wednesday of the month in Yester Church, and every fourth Tuesday in the Session Rooms in East Saltoun.

Additional events:

- 6th Oct, 10am: Harvest Thanksgiving, Humbie Church
- 10th Nov, 10.50am, Remembrance services, starting at the Gifford War Memorial, and in Bolton Church*
- 15th Dec, 10am, Lessons and Carols, Bolton Church*
- 15th Dec, 4pm, Blue Christmas service for all who have lost loved ones and miss them especially at this time, Humbie Church
- 22nd Dec, 10am, Nativity service, Yester Church
- 24th Dec, 11.30pm, Watchnight service, Saltoun Church*
- 25th Dec, 10.30am, Christmas Family service, Humbie Church.

**No closing dates have yet been set for Bolton and Saltoun Churches. However, should one or both of the buildings close before the publication of the next schedule, the alternative venue for services scheduled there will be Yester Church.*

Weekly news email available. www.lammermuirchurch.org For more detailed information see our website or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and threads.

Contact: anikosb@churchofscotland.org.uk, Tel: 01620 811193, 07936 042191

Yester Curling Club - is based around the Gifford area and play their games at Murrayfield curling ice rink. New members or anyone just wanting to try curling welcome. Secretary Alison Scott email alison143@btinternet.com

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

1st Gifford Brownies - contact: 1stgiffordbrownies@gmail.com. www.girlguiding.org.uk. Anyone interested in joining needs to register on this website first.

Toddler Playgroup - meets in the Village Hall Sept 6 and 20, Oct 11, Nov 8 and 22, Dec 13, 2025 Jan 10 and 24, Feb 7 and 21, Mar 7 and 21 April 4, May 9 Jun 13.

Parents/Carers and their children meet for play and a chat 10-11.30 and most of the children are Pre Nursery (0-3 years) No charge. Donations for snack gratefully received.

1st Gifford Cubs - runs every Monday night during term time from 6.15-7.30pm at Yester School. We take children from P4-P6. Please get in touch with section leader Ele McGregor-Davis at elemcgregor@gmail.com for more information.

Gifford Mini Rugby Goblins - meet at the Bleachfield Gifford every Sunday 10.15 (except for away games) from Sept 1st. Open to players of primary school age. More information on <https://www.pitchero.com/giffordminigoblins> or find us on Facebook or giffordgoblins@gmail.com.

Yester School – admin@yester.elcschool.org.uk
[@Yester_School/Twitter](http://www.edubuzz.org/yester)
Aug 14- Dec 20; Jan 6-Apr 4; Apr 22-June 25

Yester School Parent Council - for information visit
<https://www.yesterparentcouncil.org> or contact
yesterparentcouncil@gmail.com

OTHER GROUPS & COURSES

Carers of East Lothian - now in the East Lothian Community Hospital.

Chippendale School of Furniture - spoon carving course
scheduled for weekend of 27/28 Oct. Contact:
info@chippendale.co.uk www.chippendaleschool.com

Haddington Concert Society - check the website for concerts.
The first one is 13th October, a piano recital on our Bosendorfer
grand piano in St Marys Church - haddingtonconcertsociety.com
A contact list is kept for those with an interest in classical music
without joining the society.

Gifford Families - see Facebook

Haddington Library - John Gray Centre

Mon 9-7, Thurs Fri 9-5, Wed 10-5 Sat 10-4 Closed 1-2 Tel: 01620
820680

Museum Mon-Fri 10-1, 2-4.30 Sat 10-1, 2-4 Local history Centre
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10-1,2-4.30 or by appointment.

Our Community Kitchen - Tuesdays to Fridays at 12 midday in
the Bowling Club in Haddington. The Community Kitchen welcomes
everyone to enjoy a hearty home cooked 3 course meal. 3 courses
including coffee £4. All welcome. Contact:
alison@ourcommunitykitchen.org.uk or Call Alison Tel: 07500
148278

Volunteer East Lothian - contact info@volunteereastlothianorg.uk
or Tel: 01875 615423

U3A University of the 3rd Age - more than 40 learning and
leisure Groups: eastlothianu3a.org.uk. Contact:
secretary@eastlothianu3a.org.uk

Yester Estates - visit our website.
www.yesterestate.com/community-events

Community Council Seasonal Events

- Christmas Lights: Switch On Friday 6th December at 6pm
- Carols around the Tree: Monday 23rd December at 6.30pm
- Christmas Post: drop your local cards in the box at Lanterne Rouge from Saturday 7th - 14th December. Delivery costs 20p per card with all proceeds going to St Columba's Hospice.

MOBILE SERVICES & PRODUCE

Fish Van

Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Dicksons Walter
Tel: 0759 283 2194

Mobile Bank Royal Bank of Scotland Village Hall Square on
Weds 3.45-4pm

Mobile Library Unfortunately off the road at present For updated
information see www.midlothian.gov.uk or www.Facebook.com ;
facebook.co.uk/MidlothianLibraries or Twitter: @MidLibraries

SHOPS, CAFÉS, HOTELS, GARAGE

Beech and Birch: Tue - Fri 10.30am-4pm; Sat: 11.00am-4.30pm;
Sun 11am-4pm www.beechandbirch.co.uk.

Carfrae Farm Shop: Open Tuesday to Sunday Inclusive 10am-
5pm. Local produce; milk refill. www.carfraefarm.com; Tel: 07709
752 871

Carla's K9 Cuts: 5 star grooming service. Mon-Sat 9am-6pm. 18
High ST Tel: 01620 811222 / 07450 597713
www.giffordpetservices.co.uk

Fashion on the Farm: personal style and colour analysis -
sharon@chestersfarm.co.uk Tel: 07815 989783 for fashion
emergencies.

Gifford Garage: Mon-Fri 8-5 pm; Sat 9-12 Tel: 01620 810235

Goblin Ha': Cafe Open 7.30am-4pm Restaurant 12-2, 5-8 01620
810 244.

Hangar Framing: Mon-Thu and Sat 10-5pm and Sat 10-1pm.
Fenton Barns Tel: 01620 850946. Bespoke picture framing and art
gallery.

Hoggs Newsagent: Monday to Sunday 5.30am-4pm.

Hoggs Post Office: Monday to Saturday 7am-1pm.

Lanterne Rouge: 9am-4pm everyday Tel: 07955 470528.

Lewis and Clarke: Wed-Sun 8-3pm Tel: 01620 811001
info@lcartisan.co.uk

Tweeddale Arms: Open Mon – Fri bar only 12 midday-11pm,
Dinner Sat 5-9, Sun 12-9; 01620 810 240
Premier, Duns Road: 7am-10pm every day Tel: 07401 410777

USEFUL INFORMATION

MP - Douglas Alexander: douglas.alexander.mp@parliament.uk

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Police non-emergency: 101 **NHS24:** 111

East Lothian Council 01620 827 827

NEW Automatic External Defibrillator

Gifford Community Council supports several machines (AED or Defibs). The sites are:

- **Gifford Garage, on the outside wall facing Main St**
- **The Bowling Club, outside wall looking into the car park**

Both these AEDs are accessible 24 hours a day and do not need a PIN to open. Also:

- **Yester school, during school hours**
- **Gifford golf club: inside the clubhouse**

For more information or questions about using an AED please contact Gifford Community Council gsec@gmail.com or chairgiffordcc@gmail.com

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This initiative is backed by the Community Council and will be produced twice a year in October and April.

It can also be found online at www.giffordvillage.org

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