

Gawsworth Gazette

June 2019



Parish Meeting Held

The turnout at the annual Parish meeting wasn't overwhelming but thanks to those who came along the quality of the suggestions and the debate was excellent.

Some residents who couldn't attend sent their suggestions in by email adding some useful points to the discussion. All the points raised were followed up at the Parish Council meeting a few days later. Among the actions to emerge were:

Ignore SatNav!

The Parish Council will work with Cheshire East on renewed efforts to get appropriate signs installed at the higher part of Penningtons Lane where it becomes rough and difficult.

Hedges encroaching on pavements

We'll issue a reminder after the nesting season for residents to cut back their hedges that have spread over the pavement. Wheelchair users and pram pushers sometimes have to go out into the road to pass. Some hedges are going to need fairly major surgery!

Careful grass cutting

Some verges are being damaged by grass cutting machines. The Parish Council will voice residents' concerns with the Cheshire East contractors.

Dogs in the Park

Residents were concerned that, despite dogs not being permitted

in the Park, some people were still bringing their dogs in and were resistant to gentle reminders not to. The Parish Council is looking at installing new signage to make the ban clear.

Dogs are however currently permitted in Nancy's Wood but please remember that it is a favourite children's play area so do please pick up after your dog.

Some residents would like more street lights, others want to minimise the number of street lights. So, at least for the time being – no change.

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Community Diary

5th 2pm

Pastimes **(M)**

'The King and I'

6th, 13th and 27th 10am

Coffee Morning **(M)**

8th 3pm

Annual Shop Open **(V)**

Meeting

11th 7:30pm

Parish Council Meeting **(V)**

20th 10am

Luncheon Club **(M)**

01625 433239

25th 7:30pm

Gardening Club

'Butterflies in the Peak
District' **(C)**

01625 267342

29th

Gawsworth Rose Queen

01655 426 547

Did you know?

Reseheath College has named one of its halls of residence after Gawsworth. The other halls are Tatton and Capesthorpe.

Regular Groups

Monday

Beavers 5:30pm **(S)**

Cubs 6:45pm **(S)**

(2nd) Church Study

Group 2pm **(C)**

Tuesday

Girls Brigade 6pm **(M)**

Yoga 7pm **(S)**

(3rd) Ramblers: 9:30am **(C)**

Thursday

Scouts 7:00pm **(S)**

Bridge Club 7:15pm **(C)**

Sunday

See the Parish and Village
News magazine for details
of church services.

**Submit your events for
inclusion in the diary to Jane
Robertson: 01625 267 342**



Maggoty's Murmurings

Maggoty has been fascinated by tales of Gawsworth in years gone by. The working horses, the three-wheeler milk van, the long-gone shops, the village dance classes, Gawsworth Races, the characters remembered but no longer with us.

A proposal is gathering momentum to start an oral history project in Gawsworth. Listening to people's stories and recording them for posterity.

Several other communities have done similar things and have produced interesting booklets, videos and provided hours of interest for people of all ages.

Gawsworth Arts and Social Society (GASS) is taking the lead on the project and would love to hear from anyone who's interested in getting involved in any way.

Photo Competition Returns

We are kicking off in June and the theme is 'The Gawsworth Year' and we'll have a whole four seasons to snap away before we have our exhibition, voting and announcement of the winners.

As before, the emphasis

is very much on everyone having a go, children and adults, phone snappers and camera owners.

Look out for flyers in the Community Shop, posters on notice boards and information on Facebook, Nextdoor etc.

Penningtons Lane Green

An enthusiastic gathering of local residents met with Parish Councillors to discuss improvements to the only piece of public green land in the Gawsworth Moss area.

The consensus was to start again with the central bed planting with a feature blossom tree

and low shrubs being most favoured. Some natural log seating was suggested and grass-cutting and path-edging were brought up.

The council will now aim to work with Cheshire East, who own the land, to improve the site for residents enjoyment.

Where in Gawsworth?



Gawsworth Councillors

As reported in the May Gazette, 7 Parish Councillors were elected unopposed in the May elections. We are seeking 2 additional councillors willing to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Do contact the clerk or any Parish Councillor if you might be interested.

Gawsworth Parish spans two Cheshire East wards – Gawsworth and Macclesfield South. Lesley Smetham (Conservative) was elected to represent Gawsworth ward on Cheshire East Council and Laura Jeuda (Labour) and Brian Puddicombe (Labour) were elected for Macclesfield South ward.

Special thanks are due to Lesley Smetham who was a dedicated Gawsworth Parish Councillor for 20 years before stepping down in May.

Lesley, who was Cheshire East Mayor for the year until May 2019, will continue to represent Gawsworth village and rural residents as the Cheshire East councillor for Gawsworth ward.

Gawsworth Shop News

Want to find out how our shop is doing or about our plans for the creation of a Community Hub? Come along to our Annual Open Meeting on 8th June at 3 pm.

Initially the use of the hub will be as a seating area for customers to enjoy a café style service from our deli counter.

Our intention is to allow its use to evolve over time in line with your ideas and suggestions so that it fulfils the needs of the village. We have a number of suggestions already but would welcome your thoughts so we can manage its development to best meet the needs of the village.

At the Open meeting there will be a chance

to try a few more of our exotic low fat meats and place orders for them. The emphasis this time will be on burgers for summer BBQ's.

Alternatively, if you know what you want already, you can place orders in the shop. We will also be taking orders at the School's Rose Queen Fete.

Do you have a few hours to spare and are interested in meeting others from the village? We still have a few vacancies for volunteers to help in the shop. Training provided.

Gawsworth Rose Queen



It's the 90th Rose Queen Fete this month (29th June). Time to rekindle memories and enjoy Gawsworth's traditional annual event led by our school. The parade starts at 1pm so expect the local road closures around that time. Let's hope for fine weather so we can get out there to cheer the procession with its marching bands. Then pop along to the school field and try your luck at Tombola or enjoy afternoon tea.

Just £1 to get in and children are free.

Where in Gawsworth?

Haven't a clue – I can't read it!

Some street signs have become faded and almost illegible. The work has been listed as a 'future project' by Cheshire East Council but residents urged the Parish Council to purchase new signs and get the job done now.