

Gawsworth Gazette

August 2019



It's time for hedge cutting

The RSPB say that from August nesting is mostly over and we should be fine to cut our hedges without disturbing birds. There are a number of hedges around the parish that have grown

and grown over the years and now encroach on the pavement each spring causing difficulties for pushchairs and wheelchair users. So rather than just a light trim maybe some major cutting back might be needed for some hedges bordering public highways. Thank you!



Penningtons Lane Mast Update

Last month we reported on the blunder at Cheshire East planning department which led to telecoms company EE being mistakenly allowed to proceed with installing a mast on the green space at the end of Penningtons Lane.

The Parish Council and local MP David Rutley wrote to the Chief Executive of EE urging

them to do the 'right thing' and halt the installation. This appears to have been effective and EE have put the installation on hold and will use a temporary mast for the time being. EE want to talk to Cheshire East Council to identify a mutually agreeable alternative site.

Well done EE!

The Parish Council has not yet received a reply to its approach to Cheshire East Officials but it has vowed to continue to press Cheshire East council officials, alongside local people, our MP and Cheshire East Councillors in the hope that they will also do the right thing and cooperate in finding a suitable alternative site for the mast.

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Community Diary

12th 9:30am - 3pm

'Beside the Seaside' **M**

Holiday Club

Booking Essential

01260 222 907

01625 433239

13th 7:30pm

Parish Council Meeting **V**

Until 17th August

Gawsworth Hall

Theatre Season

01260 223 456

24th 2pm to 4:30pm

Village Garden Party

Gawsworth Hall

01625 409 026

S = Scout Hall

V = Village Hall

M = Methodist Hall

C = Church Hall

Submit your events for inclusion in the diary to Jane

Robertson: 01625 267 342

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**

Saturday

(1st) Quilting Group **C**

10:30am 01625 421 737

Sunday

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

Park Maintenance

The Parish Council has been experiencing some issues with the contractors who mow the grass, empty the bins, cut the hedges and do other odd jobs around the Parish.

This has led to some bins overflowing and grass not being cut. Apologies if you have been affected.

All efforts are being made to get back to normal service but in the meantime if you do notice any problems please do contact our clerk by emailing:

clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk

Building history needed

The Gawsworth Neighbourhood Plan has identified a number of, what it considers, locally valued heritage assets.

We need to justify why their local heritage, so if

you can provide a short history of these (such as the dates they were built, how they were used, old photographs etc) it would be greatly appreciated, just e-mail the Clerk.

- Methodist Chapel
- Gawsworth New Rectory
- Moss Terraces
- The School House
- Canal Cottage
- Toad Hall
- Mews Cottages
- Lych Gate
- Smugglers Rest

Village Hall a great resource

Chairman of the Village Hall committee Tom Aindow reported at the AGM that the hall was continuing to be a hugely valuable resource for Gawsworth and further progress had been made following the major refurbishment in the previous year.

He thanked the team for their valuable contributions. Additional volunteers are needed to join the committee and they are looking for a meetings secretary – can you help?

The treasurer, John Trueman, reported that finances were in a good order and money was available to continue the hall updating, although grants will be sought to enable all the necessary work to be done. The bookings secretary Andrew Bennett said that bookings were up on the previous year and the hall is proving popular as a venue for family parties, christenings, weddings etc. The

committee agreed that there would be no increase in hire fees this year. The Cheshire Rural Touring Arts performances continue to delight Gawsworth audiences and the GASS events have also been well attended. Put 24th November in your diary for the next Cheshire Rural Touring Arts event – not to be missed! The hall also serves all the Goslings before and after school club and regular users such as the WI.

Ros Price had made significant progress on improving the kitchen with a new cooker being

installed, cutlery and crockery purchased and a fridge on order.

Plans in the pipeline include adding curtains and other measures to help with the acoustics, purchasing a demountable stage, replacing the small tables and a complete repaint. Improving storage facilities is also a priority and the hope is that the container in the car park can be removed and replaced with something which is less of an eyesore!

To book the hall email GawsworthVH@gmail.com

Where in Gawsworth?



Gawsworth Shop News

August, the month most favoured for holidays; not so for the shop. With purchase completed, likewise the doorway through to no. 4, we are now in the throes of refurbishing both premises.

We hope to have completed the refit and redecoration of the shop by the time the school reopens in September.

This work will take place at times when the shop is closed so do keep popping in to see how it is going.

Unfortunately we are not able to get funding for this work so contributions or share purchases would be really welcome. To reduce the cost we are looking for volunteers for a range of tasks, just ask

in the shop.

Once the redecoration of the shop is complete the freezers will be moved back and a few tables and chairs put into no. 4 so customers can start using it as an indoor seating area while enjoying items bought from the deli.

To redecorate no. 4 we need additional funding. The wall adjoining no. 6 needs soundproofing and the kitchen needs upgrading to commercial standards.

We are in talks with several funding organisations about grants; if all goes well we should have enough funds by December to undertake this phase during January and February.

In due course we would like to provide a wider range of hot snacks but that depends on there being the demand, so over to you.

Maggoty's Murmurings

This year the Parish Council is 125 years old. It was formed in 1894, the same year as Manchester City Football Club formed from Gorton FC and Ardwick AFC.

Elected Parish Councils came about under the Local Government Act 1894 which also entitled women who owned property to vote in local elections.

You could help celebrate the 125th birthday by volunteering to fill one of the two vacancies on the Parish Council. There are lots of other ways to get involved in Gawsworth events.

Our shop welcomes new volunteers and the Village Hall committee is looking for new blood. Scouts and Girls Brigade always need help.

The Gawsworth panto is going ahead this year and helpers will be needed. So many opportunities!

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Lowes Lane, just on the corner opposite Rose Cottage