

Gawsworth Gazette

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Christmas in Gawsworth

By the time this edition has gone to press (apologies, elves interfered with production) you will hopefully have already enjoyed the Christmas Tree Festival at St James Church.

The Christmas Tree on the Pleasance is up, the simple pallet trees at Penningtons Lane are due to return and we are working to get the Church Lane light arch repaired. However no return of Festive Fun or

the panto – maybe next year.

On Saturday 18th December Santa will be touring from 2pm starting at the Harrington Arms and parading through the village finishing at Gawsworth Village Hall. Everyone (plus animals) can partake in the Christmas spirit by dressing accordingly - tinsel/ fairy lights/ hats/ jumpers. At 3pm-4pm refreshments will be available at the Village Hall and an

opportunity for children to have their photo taken with Father Christmas. We will also sing a few Christmas carols.

On Tuesday 21st friends of the Methodist and St James Church, supported by the Salvation Army band will be Carol Singing around the village. They will meet near the bungalows on Longbutts Lane at 6.30pm and all are welcome to join. Listen out for the carols from your doorstep!



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Camera Club

Macclesfield Camera Club is a small friendly group of people who enjoy all aspects of photography. They have a range of skills and experience from the novice to the semi-professional and meet fortnightly over from September to May.

Whether you're a complete novice or almost a pro, you're welcome to join them with an annual subscription of £50 which is pro-rated depending upon when you join, but if you'd like to see what they're about they have a

Boundary Changes

Many residents made representations to Cheshire East Council about the proposed transfer of around a third of Gawsworth homes to Macclesfield Town. The consultation closed on 28th November.

The Parish Council

'try it and see' approach, so why not come along for a few evenings to see if it's for you.

If you need to know please visit their web site: www.macclesfieldcameraclub.org.uk

New Road Signs

Several broken and faded road name signs have been replaced (see cover) by Gawsworth Parish Council and residents are delighted.

The Gawsworth logo is included in single line signs but couldn't be designed into double line signs like 'Penningtons

..... submitted a response reflecting the views of residents that the Gawsworth Moss area of the Parish is an integral part of the 'Community of Identity' of Gawsworth and residents do not wish to be moved into Macclesfield Town. The Parish Council even went as far as to suggest that if Cheshire East Council do so without evidence

Lane'. Old style cast signs were used for Lowes Lane and Shellow Lane as like for like replacements.

New Road Signs

Cheshire Community Action is carrying out research on the mental health needs of rural communities to help develop new mental health services in rural areas. You can complete their anonymous survey (closes 7th Jan) in 5 minutes at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/mentalhealthrural> or by scanning this QR code:



..... of resident support for the move they could be acting unlawfully.

Gawsworth is not alone in resisting the boundary changes with many other Cheshire East Parishes objecting, supported by local MPs and several Cheshire East ward councillors including Lesley Smetham, who represents Gawsworth.

Gawsworth WI Report

November's meeting was our AGM alongside our normal business, the Officers of the committee reported over the past year. Ros Price gave her last financial statement

as treasurer, Jayne Leyland gave her report as the secretary and Lesley Fallon gave her Presidents address.

All of this was followed

by a social evening and some quizzes.

There were several visitors at the meeting and it is hoped that some of these ladies will become members of our WI.

Nancy's Wood Planting



Thank you to the volunteers who have worked so hard to clear undergrowth and take out rogue leylandii and laurel and plant new oak, alder, rowan, cherry and lime trees in Nancy's Wood. The trees were funded with a grant from the Tree Council.

They also planted hundreds of bulbs and plants including snowdrops, English

Bluebells, wood anemones, ferns (male and female!) and wild garlic around the wood. Flag iris and marsh marigold should colonise the streamside areas.

A new mixed species native hedgerow was also planted along the Church Lane and Maggoty Lane sides of the wood. The whips were provided by the Woodland Trust.

Please feel free to come and join us at any of our meetings you will be made to feel very welcome. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall, Church Lane at 7.30 pm.

New Parish Councillors

A big welcome to Adam Hardy and Julia Wright who were co-opted onto Gawsworth Parish Council at the November meeting, following the resignations of Peter Briercliffe and Lisa Tyrrell.

Both have already been seen in action around Gawsworth; Julia explaining the community governance review to residents and Adam helping to erect the Gawsworth Christmas tree.

Gawsworth Hub News

The Christmas season is a busy time for us all, including our community shop and café. We usually have peak sales during this time and the season is important to support our shop income.

The shop has been stocked up to include Christmas fare, cards, and a wide choice of gifts to suit all the family. We are stockists of locally produced Forest Gin and Whisky and Winkle beers.

You can order your Christmas supply of Spearing's pies at the shop but please get your orders in early. Order forms will be available in the shop from 1st December.

The shop has a good range of wines and prosecco plus plenty of stamps available for your Christmas posting. During December we will also have wreaths and Christmas floral

decorations. For further details visit our new website www.gawsworthhub.co.uk Please support us and shop locally.

From Monday, 6th December until Christmas Eve we are offering a free homemade mince pie with every hot drink purchased in the cafe.

Why not take time out from your winter chores and Christmas preparation to enjoy a relaxing hot drink and complementary treat in the company of friends at our cafe.

Last year, children in the village made and donated Christmas cards to the Hub for us to deliver to local elderly residents and/or people who live on their own. We plan to repeat this for Christmas 2021.

Please put your homemade Christmas cards for distribution in

the Hub's colourful post-box.

We will again be having a Christmas raffle for our volunteer social fund. These funds enable us to hold a social event once a year to recognise all our volunteers, without whom the Hub would not exist.

If you are interested in volunteering in 2022 and would like to know more about the wide range of volunteer opportunities available, please email volunteering@gawsworthhub.co.uk or call Daryl Williams on 07967 408865

We thank you for your support during 2021 and wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Holiday Opening Times

Christmas / Boxing Day
Closed

Mon 27th to Mon 3rd
8am to 10am

Newspapers, milk and bread will be available.