



Gawsworth Gazette

Helping out to go out

For as long we can remember Gawsworth has always been a friendly, social village that loves going out for a do!

Get togethers of all sorts are organised by volunteer organisations and groups and more often than not they are a sell-out. Our Hub is doing a great job of organising community events on top of its shop, café and meeting place roles. Have you got your panto tickets yet? If not, let's hope you're not too late.

Gawsworth Arts and Social Society (GASS) and Gawsworth's John Upton Charity are two 'behind the scenes' supporters of our community events working with other volunteer groups to make things happen. GASS and associated groups put on many events, donated thousands of pounds for charity and also

reinvested any surplus into supporting future community events.

So now our village organisations have access to both indoor and portable PA systems, a demountable stage, stage curtains, a keyboard and stage lights all together costing around £7,000. That's money raised by residents just going out and having a good time.

The John Upton Charity also supports community organisations putting on events.

Helping the Village Hall purchase a new audiovisual system to enable speakers to be heard and films to be shown was a large recent outlay by the John Upton Charity and buying Santa and Elf costumes for the Santa Tractor Trail was a special pleasure.



Santa's Village Tour

Father Christmas took a pre-Christmas tour of Gawsworth on December 16th with a band of merry elves, a donkey and dogs!

His sojourn of the village finished with carols at the Gawsworth Hub and his visit was funded by the John Upton Charity.

Santa sent his thanks to Amanda Smith for pulling things together in just one-week, as well as Gareth Roberts, Russ the elf, Peaches the donkey, Tilly the elf, Lauren and family for the tractor, and various other people that made this happen. Santa was particularly grateful to Janet from the Hub for arranging refreshments!

How's the new look?

You might notice we're looking a little bit different...

The Gawsworth Gazette was launched back in September 2018 and we thought we'd try shaking the design up a little. This format is (obviously) a bit bigger and gives us more space for sharing community news - we struggled to fit it all in our previous few editions!

Please do let us know what you think!

This bigger format will obviously only work if we continue to have sufficient content - so please do send in your articles, comments photos and local stories. Anything Gawsworth is publishable, so just drop us an email to: clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk by the 20th each month!

About the Gawsworth Gazette

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You can submit articles for inclusion or subscribe to receive a digital edition each by emailing: clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk



Could you help make Gawsworth more green?

Would you like to be part of a team that works to improve the environment and tackle climate change in Gawsworth?

One of the objectives for the parish council in 2024 is to create a *Green Gawsworth Strategy* that will see the community working together to take small practical steps to make Gawsworth a more environmentally friendly

community.

There are many tasks/projects that could be undertaken, from tree planting to community energy schemes and improved water management - what is right for Gawsworth?

If you'd like to be part of the group, drop an email to: clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk

Gawsworth WI Report

The Christmas Fayre held in November was a huge success and has raised much needed funds for the WI.

Everyone who attended said how much they enjoyed themselves and how nice it was for the younger children to see Santa.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us it was nice to see so many people there.

There is even some talk that we will do it all again next year !

December's meeting was our last for this year and we held a tasting evening. Items of food had been bought from 3 separate Supermarkets and ladies were able to taste and mark how good (or not) they were. There were some interesting results.

Our New Year lunch will be on

22nd January once again at Macclesfield Golf Club this is a popular event in January. The January meeting on 2nd January will be held in the afternoon and will be from 1.30 - 3.30 in the Parish Hall. We will be having an Air Fryer demonstration done by Sue Davenport.

Please feel free to come along and join us for any of our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at the Parish Hall.

Introducing... Lisa Wanwright

I am delighted to be able to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Gawsworth Primary School.

I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to serve the wonderful school community and build upon the successes of the school thus far.

It is safe to say that I have been warmly welcomed by the children, staff, parents and governors and already feel part of the 'Gawsworth school family.'

I am parent of two children myself

and I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching is achieved. It is my dream for them to be happy in life and achieve their full potential. This is the philosophy that I bring to my role as Headteacher of Gawsworth Primary School.

I strongly believe that primary school should be filled with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which builds a child's enthusiasm and passion for learning. I can't wait to work with my team to make



Gawsworth the very best that it can be!

I look forward to meeting the wider community in my new role and hope that you will support and celebrate our achievements as we embark on our journey to make Gawsworth the very best that it can be.

New bankers for Cheshire East

Cheshire East Council has changed its bank from Barclays to Lloyds.

Those paying council tax by direct debit will see payments automatically move to their new bank and standing orders should automatically switch around 8th January.

If you pay any other way, the details are:

Sort Code	30-80-12
Account	26106368

Oh Poo!

Dog mess continues to be a nuisance on the pavements, footpaths and green spaces in Gawsworth.

The question of whether more bins might be useful was raised at a recent parish council meeting.

Did you know all public rubbish bins can take bagged dog mess? The vast majority of dog owners are meticulous about picking up and using the bins, however, a small minority leave their dog mess for others to stand in or their poo bags littering our streets and footpaths. That's both antisocial and illegal and the parish council urges the small minority to act responsibly.

More bins needed?

The parish council will be discussing whether more bins are needed in the parish at its February meeting (13th Feb).

Do you think there are any locations where a bin would help deter littering or fouling? Let us know and it will be considered at the meeting.

Poetry Corner

Mark Niehus wrote this piece of street poetry about making the most of the shops and facilities in the place in which you live.

It was written at a festival in Adelaide for an organisation called Totally Local, based in Calderdale, but now also in Macclesfield. It could easily have been written for Gawsworth and our hub.

*Take the place
that you live
and find
what you need*

*find what it has
in between
the supermarket
and the tv.*

*Walk from door
to door,
look at the faces
that serve you,
give them your name
and ask them
how they are going.*

*Make the connections,
join the dots
of the moments
that make the people
a place
worth living.*



DON'T MISS THE RETURN OF THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY PANTO JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

**19TH-21ST JANUARY 2024
AT GAWSWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

**TICKETS : £10 ADULTS £5 CHILDREN UNDER 14
ON SALE AT GAWSWORTH HUB FROM 1ST DECEMBER**



**PERFORMANCES :
FRIDAY 7PM
SATURDAY 2PM AND 7PM
SUNDAY 2PM**

**REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE**

FUNDS RAISED GO TO GAWSWORTH HUB



News from the Hub

What a busy year 2023 was for the Hub!

There were many events held within the village organised or supported by the Hub, it's thanks to the many volunteers that these events take place. There were Quiz nights, a Hoedown, Produce Show, Coronation events and many more, plus many activities hosted within the Hub. The final event of the year is the Village New Year's Eve Party which by the time you read this will probably be over, again thanks to our tireless volunteers for all their hard work.

The December repair café was another success, we now have a computer/ laptop fixer so please pop in if you have any repairs required for your tech gear. Remember it's the first Saturday of the month from 2-4pm the next one being 6th January in the Hub, so if you have something

that needs fixing, bring it along.

Well done to the wonderful wreath makers under the expert eye of Margaret Partington. They made beautiful specimens which are hanging on their festive doors in the village now.

The silk painters created beautiful artwork to make some personalised Christmas Cards and the water colour artists carried on the festive theme with Christmas trees and artwork wreaths. The New Year brings more watercolour and silk painting classes so look out for them if you're interested.

The Hub provided the refreshments for the Christmas Lights switch on which was a great success. How nice to have Santa pay us a visit for the carol singing in the Hub on the 16th December.

We held a volunteer buffet in the

Opening Hours

Monday	08:00 - 13:30
Tuesday	08:00 - 13:30
Wednesday	08:00 - 13:30
Thursday	08:00 - 16:00
Friday	08:00 - 16:00
Saturday	08:00 - 16:00
Sunday	08:00 - 10:30

Hub on 20th December for Janet Keates' leaving do. We will miss Janet a lot, her contributions to setting up the café and meeting place will not be forgotten. She has been a welcome face to all who have visited the Hub and she has led us into the next stage of its development and her legacy is very strong. She will continue to host the Knit and Natter on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and will hopefully hold some afternoon socials which as always will be very friendly and fun.

Tickets have been selling very quickly for the pantomime. The cast and backstage crew have been working very hard for what promises to be a very entertaining event. Break a leg everybody!

Big Wild Walk

According to a Sport England survey, walking is the most popular exercise in England. Here in Gawsworth we are blessed with great routes, whether it's a stroll to feed the ducks, walking the dog across North Danes Moss or something more energetic to burn off the mince pies and Christmas pud.

For the really adventurous, there's a new 90 mile long distance walk across Cheshire with a special focus on wildlife.

It starts at Hoylake on the Wirral, passes through Gawsworth and ends at Shining Tor, up by the Cat and Fiddle. The walk is called the



Eric Thurston Wildlife Way after a leading light in the Cheshire Wildlife Trust and is described as a 'walk on the wild side across the historic county of Cheshire'. Of course, there's plenty of wildlife and history to be seen on the Gawsworth leg of the walk.

The final 12 mile section starts at The Harrington Arms and features Danes Moss SSSI. The route passes (or maybe pauses!) at the

Harrington Arms, then passes Gawsworth Hall and on to Danes Moss SSSI. The guide comments: "Danes Moss is a fantastic 23 hectare site, and is an oasis of lowland raised bog, one of the scarcest and most threatened habitats in the UK."

Details of the full walk including the Gawsworth sections can be found at erichurstonwildlifeway.wordpress.com.