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Crossroads work to commence

Works to install traffic signals and a pedestrian crossing at the crossroads is due to commence at the end of October.

The works are due to start on 28th October and take approximately five weeks and will include resurfacing, new markings, kerb realignment and other measures to improve the safety of road users. The works will also include the installation of street lighting on the approach to the crossing.

The crossroads safety improvements are the final part of work funded by the Department for Transport through the



'Safer Roads Fund'. This was announced in 2016 to reduce the number and severity of fatal and serious injury collisions on the 50 highest risk road sections in England which included the A536 between Macclesfield and Congleton. Motorists, cyclists and pedestrians have, for many years, campaigned for safety improvements at the crossroads.

There is a dedicated web page on the Cheshire East Council website where more information can be found.

Gawsworth Parish Council is asking Cheshire East for further details - including the plans - and will share anything it is provided with.

There will be road closures and diversions on certain days and delays are inevitable. Closure information and diversion routes are shown on One.network. Cheshire East Council has confirmed that "residents access only" signage will be installed to discourage traffic detouring down Lowes Lane.

New Councillor Wanted

Gawsworth Parish Council is looking for a new councillor to fill a vacancy - and is inviting you to apply!

The casual vacancy was created when Gordan Mitchell stepped down in August. No by-election was requested so the Parish Council plans to co-opt at its November meeting.

Applications to join the parish council are now being accepted from those who would like to support their local community.

The role of a parish councillor includes representing the community, attending monthly meetings and working to promote the wellbeing of the parish. Councillors will make decisions on a range of matters affecting the community.

To be a councillor you need to be at least 18 years old, meet eligibility criteria such as living within the parish or being on the electoral register.

You cannot be a councillor if you are subject to a bankruptcy

restrictions order, have been convicted to imprisonment of 3 months or more in the last five years or are subject to a notification requirement under the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

To apply for co-option email clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk to obtain an application form. Applications must be submitted by 31st October.

If you'd like to know more about being a councillor, simply contact one of your councillors who will be happy to discuss it with you or come along to our October 15th meeting to see the council in action!

Over 100 entries in produce show

Gawsworth Gardeners were delighted to host the Produce Show on 8th September where over 100 exhibitors joined in this fun and sociable event. Visitors enjoyed inspecting over 100 entries across five categories.

Despite some challenging weather conditions for growers this season, exhibits were impressive, posing very testing conditions for the judges!

Overall category cups were awarded to Brenda Hughes for vegetables, Daryl Capes for flowers, Joyce Venables for houseplants and for photography, a perfect image of a dragonfly captured by Jane Harrison.

A stunning display of perfect dahlias was presented by Mark Capes and vegetable entries included some extra hot habanero chilli and jalapeno

peppers. Baking proved popular this year, with Rachel Tandy's Victoria sponge taking top prize and the preserves section, which included a best-in-category jewel-hued rowan jelly by Carrie Carr, went to Joyce Venables' Strawberry Jam.

Children's entries were particularly outstanding this year with intricate miniature landscapes and inventive and hilarious animals created from fruit and vegetables. Categories were won by Harry Austin and Ryan Tandy, with Ryan taking home a cup for his garden on a plate.

Overall Best in Show Cup went to Joyce Venables (pictured) for coming out top in category scores.

Thanks go to all the entrants, visitors and volunteers, with special thanks to the John



Upton Charity and Becky of @bakedbybean for her fabulous bakes.

The event raised over £350 for the Community Garden Fund. The garden, in Gawsworth Park, is now in its second year, is maintained by volunteers. It's a popular community space which provides edibles and flowers, an attractive focal point and a place for all ages to enjoy. The funds will be used towards an ornamental bed which aims to provide year-round interest.

To know more about the community garden, call in on Gawsworth Gardeners who will be meeting there at 10:00am on 26th October.

Confusion over Silk Town Ticket

A new discounted bus ticket has been introduced by Cheshire East Council for the Macclesfield area but they don't appear to know where it can be used.

The Silk Town Ticket offers unlimited travel across multiple operators within Macclesfield and the surrounding area for just £12 per week. The ticket is part of a trial by Cheshire East Council to simplify bus travel and encourage more residents and visitors to use public transport.

A map showing the operating

area on the Cheshire East Council website is confusing and, importantly, doesn't show if Gawsworth is covered.

The Parish Council spoke with Cheshire East Council who said it can be used, then that it can't be used and then again confirmed it can't be used but that a new clear map would be published.

The Parish Council queried why Gawsworth was excluded when other villages such as Bosley, Sutton and Prestbury are covered and was told it was down to bus operators.

So the Parish Council contacted D&G Buses demanding an explanation - only to be told Gawsworth is included with the boundary for the Silk Town Ticket being Shellow Lane.

Once the new map is available it will be shared via the Gawsworth Life website. In the meantime if you've used the Silk Town Ticket in Gawsworth, let us know!

Planning Applications

There is one new application in the parish:

24/3232M - Leagate, Congleton Road Prior Approval for extension.

Scarecrows to return

Our local school PTA, the Friends of Gawsworth, are organising a scarecrow trail again this year and you can be part of it.

Gawsworth kiddies love the experience – as do parents and grandparents so why not help spread a little fun by creating your own scarecrow? Scarecrows to be ready by Wednesday 23rd October and the trail will run from Friday 25th October until Sunday 3rd November. Drop an email to charlotte.a.percy@gmail.com if you'd like more information or to



register your scarecrow.

When the trail begins, maps can be purchased from the Hub for £2 - there will a puzzle to solve with a prize for the winner chosen at random.

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be on Church Lane from 3:45 to 4:10 on Thursday 10th and 31st.

Gawsworth Diary

Here's the run down of what's going on in Gawsworth in October.

Every Monday
Gawsworth Beavers 6pm
Gawsworth Cubs 7pm

Every Tuesday 6pm
Girls Brigade @ Methodist Hal

Every Thursday
Gawsworth Scouts

Every Thursday (exc. 17th)
Community Coffee Morning @ Methodist Church, 10am

Wednesday 9th 2pm-4pm
Knit & Knatter @ Gawsworth Hub

Saturday 12th 2pm-4pm
Repair Cafe @ Gawsworth Hub

Saturday 12th 7pm
Harvest Hoedown @ Scout Hall

Tuesday 15th 7:30pm
Parish Council meeting @ Village Hall

Thursday 17th 10:00am
Luncheon Club @ Methodist Church. Lunch Served 12:30pm. Contact 01625 433 239 to book.

Saturday 26th 10am
Gardening Club meet @ Gawsworth Park

Gawsworth WI Report

Gawsworth WI had a really interesting demonstration from Gill Adlington entitled *Painting is for Everyone at their September meeting.*

Gill demonstrated how with a few simple brushstrokes any one could produce a very competent painting. Everyone was silent as she painted which doesn't happen very often!

Some of the ladies went to local WI's to support events they are organising – from Bingo evenings to afternoon teas as well as supporting the Macmillan coffee morning at The Christie. Ladies that lunch went off to The Knott



Inn at Rushton Spencer on the 13th and the crafty ladies met on Thursday 19th with Knit and Natter at the village Hub on the 11th 2-4pm.

The WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall at 7.30pm, you are very welcome to come along and join!

Harvest Hoedown

Don't let the darker nights get you down, get down to Gawsworth Scout Hall on 12th October for a harvest hoedown!

With dancing to the Maggort Ceilidh band, a licensed bar and snacks, it promises to be a fun

filled night. The event starts at 7pm and tickets are on sale now from Gawsworth Hub at just £15.

The event is in aid of Gawsworth Hub and helps support this important community asset - so come on down!

News from the Hub

On 6th and 7th December at the village hall, the team that brought you the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, will be presenting a glorious gallimaufry of entertainment!

We are looking for individuals, pairs or groups to contribute to the entertainment: it could be songs, dances, sketches, monologues, juggling, gymnastic acrobatics, yo-yoing... whatever you, or someone you know, can offer.

For those who want to take part but don't know what to offer, we have lots of ideas for you. We are looking for singers to join our singing group or musicians to join the band. You can't be too old or too young! Please contact Charley Oliver for more details charles.oliver22@gmail.com.

Our volunteers recently enjoyed a fish and chip supper together with homemade desserts and refreshments at the village hall. Thanks to all those who made the delicious desserts, to Broken Cross Chippy for preparing 26 hot portions on time and a big thank you to our customers for their kind donations which enables the volunteers to have this deserved annual social event.

Our volunteers are very much the beating heart of the community and are to be applauded.

We are now getting ready for the next Hub event, our Harvest Hoedown at the Scout Hall on 12th October, with Ceilidh band 'Maggoty'.

We have also reorganised the cancelled Ken Nichol and Wendy Ross gig for 1st November. Please support these events to in order

to ensure we continue to have live entertainment in the village. Tickets are now available at the Hub for both of these events.

We will be supporting the Friends of Gawsworth Primary School, by selling maps in the Hub for the scarecrow trail that is taking place from Friday 25th October to Sunday 3rd November. We will also have our own selection of spooky delights for you in the shop and café at the Hub, so please make sure you call in before or after completing the scarecrow trail.

Whilst the change in season is underway there are a selection of bulbs for sale at the Hub.

We have Allium, Tulip and Tête-à-tête bulbs available to buy in singles. We now have a new plant stand outside the shop and the winter bedding will be in soon, keep an eye out for what we have as it is soon sold!

If there are any events you would like to see us host, or are interested in our Watercolour, Silk Painting or Beginners Bridge classes, then please email volunteering@gawsworthhub.co.uk.

Hub 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

A night with Ken Nicols and Wendy Ross

A duo from the legendary folk band Magna Carter are heading to Gawsworth on 1st November.

The show brings music, song, storytelling and comedy and will be held at Gawsworth Scout Hall Tickets are just £12. It's an evening that promises to "raise the spirit, move the emotions and make you smile."

Ken is considered one of the UK's top guitarists and Wendy, a classically trained violinist adds a true touch of class.

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