

# Gawsworth Gazette

March 2019



## New website goes live

Gawsworth Life, the new community website brought to you by the Parish Council is now live.

The council's communications working group agreed that the parish was best served by a website covering all parish matters rather than just the council. The new website features

community news, host the online edition of the Gazette feature a section on history, the council, clubs and organisations and events.

Community organisations are encouraged to provide details of the upcoming events, photos of their activities and details for the new

website, just email clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk.

Aligned to the new website are two new social media accounts: Gawsworth Life is on Twitter and Facebook so give them a follow.

## Parish Council News

The Parish Council has formally objected to the proposed mast at Pennington's Lane. The focus of our objections was the severe detrimental impact it will have on the character of the area.

Work is progressing on developing a

Management Plan for Gawsworth Park. Cllr Lisa Tyrrell is getting quotes for new play equipment and our plan will set out a range of improvements to the area over the coming years.

The Parish Council has supported the shop's planning application to

create a community hub, recognising that this will be a great community asset.

## Where in Gawsworth?



Visit the new community website: [www.gawsworthlife.co.uk](http://www.gawsworthlife.co.uk)

## Community Diary

**1<sup>st</sup> 2pm**

Women's World Day of **M**  
Prayer Service

**1<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm**

Between you and me **V**  
01625 431 150

**6<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

Community Choir **M**  
practice restart

**10<sup>th</sup> 1pm**

Village Farewell to Bishop  
William **S**  
Contact 423987

**12<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

Parish Council **V**

**26<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

Gardening Club talk by  
Robert Barlow on Hostas  
Contact 267342

## Walk the Oars

Cheshire Rural Touring Arts have announced their next show. Walk the Oars will be hosted at the village hall on Friday 12th April at 7:30pm.

Danish Storyteller Svend-Erik Engh and Scottish Musician/Singer and

## Regular Groups

**Monday**

Beavers 5:30pm **S**  
Cubs 6:45pm **S**  
(2nd) Church Study  
Group 2pm **C**

**Tuesday**

Girls Brigade 6pm **M**  
Karate Club 6:30pm **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.

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lead actor in the movie Dirt Road to Lafayette Neil Sutcliffe have created a story inspired by the Viking's arrival in Scotland.

You are invited on board a Viking Longship. Hold your oars steady as the Viking Storyteller walks upon them to celebrate a victory.

Tickets will be available from the community shop from 16th March.

## Looking Forward

**April 11<sup>th</sup> M**

Coffee Morning fundraising for Local NHS Charity

**April 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm V**

Walk the Oars

**April 27<sup>th</sup> V**

St George's Day Entertainment

*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**

## Gawsworth in the News

Gawsworth hit the Congleton Chronicle and and Macclesfield Express recently. The news – the £2.3m government grant for safety improvements on the A536 through Gawsworth and the proposed mobile phone mast on the green at Penningtons Lane.

You can still read the stories on-line if you missed the print edition.

## Gawsworth Shop News

This month we celebrate the 8th anniversary of saving our village shop by converting it into one run by volunteers for the benefit of the local community.

The shop's constitution stipulates that its profits must either be used to develop the business or for the benefit of the community it serves; they cannot be used to reward shareholders, directors, or even our hardworking volunteers.

Having traded profitably every year since we took over the shop, we have more funds than we need to maintain the business. We want to use these extra funds to provide additional facilities for the village but first need more space.

With the flat next door coming on the market we have seized the chance to purchase it using a combination of these extra funds and

the sale of more shares in the shop. The purchase is subject to receiving planning permission for the change of use we need to create a community hub and provide new facilities.

Although the hub will be hosted by the shop it will be a facility for the community to help run and derive benefit from.

To find out more about our plans and how you can help us succeed with this ambitious project do come along to our anniversary party on 16th March, 2-5pm in the Scout Hall.

Food and drink will be provided, you will also be able to taste some new products we are ordering for Easter. We look forward to hearing your suggestions and comments. In the meantime do please fill in our questionnaire to help us decide which facilities and services to provide.

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*See the full photo on the  
Gawsworth Life website*  
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## Do you know a conductor?

Gawsworth Community Choir's current conductor is standing down at the end of this season after eight and a half years leading the singers.

They are looking for an enthusiastic replacement.

If you are interested, please contact Anne at [pawoodsty@btinternet.com](mailto:pawoodsty@btinternet.com) or 01625 420404.

The choir is fortunate to have an excellent pianist and enjoys performing twice a year at community events in Gawsworth accompanied by a small group of local musicians.



## Maggoty's Murmerings

Samuel (Maggoty) Johnson (1691–1773) was an English dancing-master, a dramatist, a fiddler and reputedly the last court Jester in England. His grave is in Maggoty Wood and his fiddle hangs in Gawsworth Hall.

Our Gawsworth entertainment heritage goes back a long way but is alive and well today.

If you up for getting away from the gogglebox and enjoy entertainment and the opportunity to socialise how lucky you are to live in Gawsworth.

A jester is coming to Gawsworth Village Hall, a sort of modern Maggoty if you like.

Ian McMillan, BBC poet, commentator and the 'Barnsley Bard', will be performing with musician Luke Carver Goss on March 1st. Words, songs and breath-taking comedy is what to expect. Tickets are going

fast.

Songs and humour with a flavour of Lancashire are also the recipe for the WI to celebrate their 88th birthday on 5th March.

Then the Cheshire Rural Touring Arts are back for another season. These evenings are always very enjoyable so make sure you book for 12th April when Vikings and Scotland, storytelling and songs and more are on the menu.

On 27th April there's a St Georges Day entertainment from the Community choir and friends.

The first few acts in the Gawsworth Hall summer season have already been announced with favourites such as Jimmy Carr, Henning Wehn and Abba, Queen and Motown tributes featuring.

We are certainly well entertained in Gawsworth.

## Be a speed watcher

The sight of a high vis jacket and a gun pointing at you is a powerful reminder to speeding motorists to slow down.

The Parish Council is arranging training through our PCSO Julia Short for volunteers who would like to help. Our PCSO was recently out with her speed gun and several motorists were fined for speeding through Gawsworth.

Speeders caught through community speedwatch are sent letters by the Police and if caught multiple times can receive tickets.

So if you would like to be trained and can spare some time to speed watch just email [clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk).

## Where in Gawsworth?

Snowdrops on the footpath from Woodhouse End Road towards Danes Moss nature reserve.