

Gawsworth Gazette

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Maggoty's Murmurings

It just shows what communities can do when we work together. The news is very welcome that planning permission has been refused to put a mobile phone mast on the amenity green at Penningtons Lane. Of course, there might be an appeal, but hopefully that's unlikely as EE seem happy enough to put it elsewhere. It has to go somewhere but maybe clogged-up official communications channels have been unblocked and a sensible agreed site can be found.

Local residents worked as a cohesive unit with Colin Garlick providing great leadership. Residents came along regularly to Parish Council meetings and turned out in

numbers to a community meeting with EE's agents and also to a photoshoot. Letters and emails were sent in all directions and the local press highlighted the issue.

Cheshire East ward councillor Laura Jeuda and our MP David Rutley added their voices and the Parish Council got behind the objections with Penny Shepherd taking a lead on behalf of

Gawsworth Moss ward and the clerk Adam Keppel-Green providing expert guidance on how to express our concerns effectively. It worked! Common sense prevails! Thanks to everyone involved.

Meanwhile the committee hearing on the Dark Lane

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Where in Gawsworth?



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Community Diary

3rd 2pm

Pastimes **M**
Christian Releif Uganda
Trip talk by Dai Jones

4th 11th and 25th 10am

Coffee Morning **M**

9th 7:30pm

Parish Council Meeting **V**

April 12th 7:30pm

CRTA - Walk the Oars **V**
01625 420404

16th 9:30am to 3pm

Holiday Club (ages 4-11) **M**
Booking - 01260 222 907

18th 10am

Luncheon Club **M**
01625 433239

23rd 7:30pm

Gardening Club **C**
'Foliage Matters'
01625 267342

26th 7:30pm

St George's Day
Celebration **V**
England and the English
Words and Songs
Tickets - 01625 425 428

*S = Scout Hall V = Village Hall
M = Methodist Hall C = Church
Hall*

Regular Groups

Monday

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

Tuesday

Girls Brigade 6pm **M**
Yoga 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.

**Submit your events for
inclusion in the diary to Jane
Robertson: 01625 267 342**

Where in Gawsworth?

The green space at the
foot of Penningtons Lane.
Hopefully now saved
from a large telephone
mast marring the site.

Let the Parish Council
know if you have
thoughts on how this
area could be enhanced.
Maybe a bench or two?

Maggoty's Murmurings

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development application
keeps getting postponed
so that the applicants
can try to address issues
or provide additional
information. So, it does
seem the community's
comments are being
listened to.

Too early to guess the
outcome but this is
another good example
of the Gawsworth
community speaking
pretty much with one
voice.

If this makes you want
to be more involved
(and you are reading
this before 3rd April)
there's time to get your
application in to be a
Councillor.

Two Parish Councillors
have decided not to
stand this time round.
There are 9 seats in all
so there will only be
a vote if we get 10 or
more applicants. Have
a chat with any current
councillor to find out
what's involved.

Road Safety

The Parish Council has produced a paper on Highways Safety in Gawsworth, particularly the A536.

It sets out the options they are aware of that might improve safety for road users and pedestrians. View it on the Gawsworth Life website.

Bird Sightings

A beautiful all-white bird circled and landed by the Ben Brook. Could be a Little Egret as a few have been spotted in the area according to the RSPB.

A lovely sight but apparently not rare. Reed Bunting are rarer and have been spotted on Danes Moss by RSPB members.

If you are interested in birds the RSPB are hosting a free walk to Danes Moss on April 14th. Phone the leader Alan Brereton on 01625 615628 for details.



Highways Safety is the responsibility of Cheshire East Council, but the Parish Council hopes it can support them in their work and provide local knowledge and ideas. The government has promised £2.3m for safety improvements on the A536 through Gawsworth in 2020 – 2021.

Did you know...

Gawsworth women have the highest life expectancy in Cheshire East. At 89.5 years that's 13 years more than women in Crewe Central.

Gawsworth Parish Council was established in 1894, with the first meeting taking place on 14th December in the Parish Schoolroom.

Macclesfield Town Centre Regeneration

Cheshire East Council has been consulting on a strategic plan for the regeneration of Macclesfield Town Centre.

The Parish Council submitted comments on behalf of Gawsworth. The main concern was that we rely on Macclesfield for hospital service, trains, supermarkets, doctors, dentists, secondary schools etc yet the connections can be very poor.

Rush hour traffic mean it's all too easy to miss a train or doctor's appointment and cycling in along the A536 is not a safe option. The report's description of the Macclesfield catchment area as "dominated by 'Lavish Lifestyles', 'Executive Wealth' and 'Mature Money'" seemed rather detached from reality and also prompted a comment in our feedback!

Gawsworth Shop News

Last month was the shop's 8th birthday, which we celebrated with a party and a range of new products to taste including samples of venison, wild boar, ostrich and kangaroo which could be ordered for delivery in time for Easter. All are healthy and low in fat. We also have a few of each for sale in the shop.

We also put up displays about our proposal to create a community hub so that anyone interested could find out more, ask questions and share any concerns they have.

Regarding the hub, we have now secured planning permission for the change of use we require so can now complete the purchase of 4 Longbutts Lane.

Your responses to our questionnaire flagged up some reservations but the overwhelming response was in favour of creating a hub in the

village. Your responses will be very useful in helping us decide which services to provide and we thank all of you who responded for your input. Several organisations have also expressed an interest in using the facility to hold surgeries for residents.

Creating the hub will take time. We first need to integrate the two units by creating an internal doorway between them. We will then need to raise funds to refurbish and refit both units. Doing so will cause some disruption and we hope you will bear with us while we do it.

Although the hub will be the only facility in the village open during the day, 6 days a week, we have no intention of competing with other events or venues.

When school reopens after Easter the shop opening hours will be back to normal, that is 8 am to 4 pm Mon to Fri.

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.

