

# Gawsworth Gazette

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## On the buses

Bus services in Gawsworth has been improved with the introduction of a new hourly service from D&G.

This means that there is now a half-hourly service in Gawsworth during the middle of the day.

This extra service will only be continued if people take the opportunity to travel on the buses, so why not swap out some car journeys for the greener bus?

Find the timetables at [www.gawsworthlife.co.uk](http://www.gawsworthlife.co.uk) or in bus shelters and the noticeboards.

## Dark Lane Development

New and revised papers have been submitted by Cheshire East Council relating the proposed development off Dark Lane. You can find them on the planning website under reference 18/5544M.

The main changes appear to be that there will now be 7 affordable homes rather than the 8 in the original application

and room sizes have been increased so they meet national advisory standards. Many other concerns raised by residents such as safety along Dark Lane have been rebuffed by the applicant. The Parish Council has submitted an updated response confirming its objections.

The 'Save Gawsworth Green Belt' group has

## Where in Gawsworth?



urged residents to take another look at the plans and comment again on the Cheshire East website.

It's still worth submitting comments even if you've missed the official closing date.

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# Community Diary

**2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm** **M**

Pastimes - Vintage Tools  
01625 420 829

**3<sup>rd</sup> 10am** **M**

Coffee Morning  
Macmillan Support  
01625 433 239

**7<sup>th</sup>**

Harvest Supper  
01260 223 354

**8<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm** **V**

Parish Council Meeting

**10<sup>th</sup> 10am** **M**

Coffee Morning

**17<sup>th</sup> 10am** **M**

Luncheon Club  
01625 433 239

**22<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm** **C**

Gardening Club  
'Prospects of Arley'

**24<sup>th</sup> 10am** **M**

Coffee Morning  
Macclesfield Brass Band

**29<sup>th</sup> 10am - 3pm** **M**

Family 'come to the light  
party'  
01260 222 907

**31<sup>st</sup> 10am** **M**

Coffee Morning  
Mental Health Research

# Regular Groups

**Monday**

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

**Tuesday**

Girls Brigade 6pm **M**  
Yoga 7pm **S**  
(3rd) Ramblers: 9:30am **C**

**Thursday**

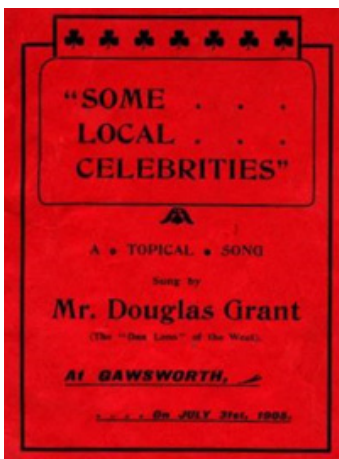
Scouts 7:00pm **S**  
Bridge Club 7:15pm **C**

**Sunday**

See the Parish and Village  
News magazine for details  
of church services.

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

**Submit your events to Jane  
Robertson: 01625 267 342**



# Gawsworth in Song

As part of the Gawsworth Living History project a fascinating booklet was dug out by Jillian Longson.

It contains a song about Gawsworth characters in 1905. The lyrics are rather tongue in cheek and aren't always very complimentary! Maybe a modern day Gawsworth resident would like to put some music to the old words? Or is there a songwriter who could do an updated version? Here's a sample verse, which seems to be about the schoolmaster:

*He's a big'un, although he  
is small  
He's a choirman, too, and  
he's got a bass voice  
The pride and the envy of  
all!*

*Is that Mr Proctor,  
Can anyone say?  
Is that Mr Proctor  
Whom children obey,  
Well if that's Mr Proctor  
Who ne'er needs a doctor  
Good health to you Proctor  
For many a day!*

# Gawsworth Shop News

Have you noticed the new sign in the window of 4 Longbutts Lane? Our Community Hub is now available for use for deli customers.

Don't be put off by the temporary tables and chairs as we need to wait for grant funding to furnish it as we would like.

By the time you read this we will have been visited by a group of cyclists, organised by the Mayor of Knutsford who are touring the area to visit and help promote rural ventures like ours. Hopefully this will generate publicity in our local papers.

The Hub is available to book for small

community benefit activities. The first booking that we have is Tuesday 1st October from 9:15 to 10:15 when the local PCSO will be available for a chat. If you have any concerns that you wish to be dealt with confidentially there is a private room for the purpose.

We would like to expand the range of products available in the shop. Rather than guessing, please tell us what you would like to be stocked.

## Mayor of Knutsford rides in...



The Mayor of Knutsford, Cllr Andrew Malloy (centre, yellow vest) rode his bike into Gawsworth and called in on our community shop for some refreshments on 21st September. This was part of a 100 mile cycle ride visiting every town in Cheshire East raising money for youth sports and a skate park in Knutsford. Andrew aimed to say hello to as many parish and town councils along the route as possible. He and his fellow riders had a quick snack and filled up their water bottles at the shop's new external tap. Just the job for thirsty cyclists and walkers passing through Gawsworth.

## John Upton gets new Clerk

Gawsworth resident Loraine Wood has been appointed as the John Upton Charity's clerk and treasurer.

The charity makes grants for the benefit of local residents. Recent beneficiaries include the Community Hub and the primary school.

You can contact Loraine at [JohnUptonCharity@GawsworthPC.org.uk](mailto:JohnUptonCharity@GawsworthPC.org.uk)

# Magotty's Murmerings

Maggotty was a Jester – also known as a 'fool'.

This Maggotty has been rather grumpy of late after reading through the revised papers for the Cheshire East Council application to build 10 houses on a field off Dark Lane.

We may be in a 'post-truth era' where facts sometimes matter less but hopefully the planning 'powers that be' won't take Gawsworth residents as fools when it comes to sorting out fact from fiction in the application. Let's take just two examples – there are several more.

The character and setting of the site are important for the planning decision and must be described accurately. However, the applicant describes the site as "surrounded by development on three sides". The fact is that there are 3 houses and the Methodist Church that face the site. Around 75% of

the perimeter faces open space. That's not 'surrounded by development'.

My second example: The Local Plan rules say that sites must adjoin the village settlement boundary to qualify for building in the green belt. The applicant says the site 'adjoins the settlement boundary'. No it doesn't! The site is down Dark Lane and the settlement boundary is the other side of the main road. Drawing a site boundary line on their maps, as they have done, down Dark Lane and over the A536 doesn't change fiction into fact.

Gawsworth embraces its jester heritage, but that doesn't mean we are fools.

## Where in Gawsworth?

An easy one! Gawsworth Hall of course but from an old postcard.

## Be a Parish Warden?

The Parish Council is asking for tenders for maintenance of the Park, Pleasance and other areas it looks after.

In combination with a new major contractor who would do the big jobs, they are thinking of resurrecting the scheme where a local person takes on some of the tasks on a regular paid basis.

Other places have part-time 'wardens' so, we are floating the idea in Gawsworth to see if there's anyone out there who might be interested.

The range of jobs is quite wide including clearing paths, treating benches, cutting hedges, painting etc.

If you, or someone you know might be interested contact the Parish Council clerk:

[clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk)