

Gawsworth Gazette

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Maggoty's Murmurings

My, don't we work hard for our community?

Gawsworth volunteers' work rates go into overdrive at this time of year in preparation for the festive season.

Musicians, readers and singers are putting together the programme for Gawsworth's annual favourite "Festive Fun" charity event. The Parish Council is hosting the Lights switch on, booking a brass band, sorting out a planned new Christmas Tree feature and so on.

We can also look forward to the wonderful Christmas Tree Festival in St James Church. The panto crew are already hard at work creating a memorable Sleeping Beauty production for us

in January.

Meanwhile our community hub is now open and a huge amount of work is going on behind the scenes by volunteers and local contractors to help it fulfil its potential.

Three cheers for all the Gawsworth workers. I had a meeting in the hub recently. Some good discussions on path and

highways issues but what did our visitor comment most favourably on? Did she appreciate my clear description of pavement and path problems?

No, it was Ray's tiffin that impressed her most! Maybe I've found the secret of how to get things done – the answer is tiffin.

Where in Gawsworth?



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Community Diary

4th 9:15-10:15 **H**

Police Surgery

6th 2pm **M**

Pastimes

Buxton Mountain Rescue

01625 420 829

7th 10am **M**

Coffee Morning

RSPB - 01625 433 239

12th 7:30pm **V**

Parish Council Meeting

14th 10am **M**

Coffee Morning

Arthritis Care

21st 10am **M**

Luncheon Club

01625 433 239

24th 7:30pm **V**

The People's String
Foundation

01625 619 449

26th 7:30pm **C**

Gardening Club
'Language of Flowers'

28th 10am **M**

Coffee Morning

Christian Aid

29th 7:45pm **S**

Betty's Bingo

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 H = Hub

C = Church Hall

Submit your events to Jane

Robertson: 01625 267 342

Dates for the Diary

December

6th – 15th **C**

Christmas Tree Festival

01625 409026

7th 5pm to 6:30pm **S**

Christmas Lights Switch

On - 01625 420404

14th 4.15pm **S**

Free Children's Village

Christmas Party

01625 423987

18th 7.30pm **V**

Festive Fun Christmas
event

January

24th – 26th **V**

Pantomime!

Sleeping Beauty

The People's String Foundation

The next show from the
Cheshire Rural Touring
Arts (CRTA) arrives in
Gawsworth on Sunday
24th November.

The People's String
Foundation - Res Publica
brings together the

sounds of an orchestra,
puppetry and live
performance and has
been described as
"totally mesmerising"
and "a magical show not
to be missed."

Tickets from the shop.

Winter Gritting Changes

Cheshire East Council has announced that it plans to stop winter gritting on Dark Lane and Gawsworth Road. CEC Councillor Lesley Smetham and the Parish Council are making representations to try

to get the proposal overturned and also to get Longbutts Lane added to the gritting plan.

It is important to Gawsworth to keep open the major routes

into and through the Village centre in severe weather and to be able to maintain access to the school, shop and for our milk delivery service. Elsewhere in Cheshire East new gritting routes have been added. Watch this space for news.

Path Sided Out

Cheshire East contractors have completed the 'siding Out' of the footpath next to the busy A536 between Dark Lane and Lowes Lane. Thank you! This has improved matters but the hedge along this stretch is still overgrown on both sides and obstructs the path in places so the Parish Council will need to renew its campaign

with Cheshire East to get the hedges cut back. In places overgrown hedges are obscuring warning and mandatory speed limit road signs.

The Parish Council maintains a log of outstanding works which it regularly chases up. At the last count there were 20 separate items on the list.

Gawsworth Environment

Cheshire East Council has launched a consultation on its "Environmental strategy". You can comment on their website until Sunday 24 November 2019.

We can each do our little bit. Shop locally, catch the new half hourly bus into town, recycle and countless other contributions. We'd rather you didn't superglue yourself to any of our local landmarks though.

A plan is hatching to develop a Green Gawsworth strategy in 2020. Interested? E-mail the Clerk and you could be involved from the very beginning.



Gawsworth Shop News

The good news is that we now have sufficient volunteers to stay open every afternoon Monday to Friday. We are, however, always grateful for more volunteers as some shifts are still covered by a few doing more than one shift a week. We are particularly short of volunteers to do shifts at weekend.

New this month is our range of Kenco coffees which our tasters consider much better than our current range. They are already proving to be very popular despite the increase in cost.

Have you seen our new window display? It currently has a range of

new products and will be continually changing as we acquire stock to reflect the change in seasons.

Please note our licence and insurance do not permit the hub to be used as a cafe so we cannot provide table menus or a waitress service. We are covered for you to purchase items from the deli and eat/drink them in the hub. If you order a hot item from the deli and want to eat-in we will give you a number which we will call out when your item is ready for you to collect from the deli.

The PCSO felt that her surgery last month was so successful that she has

booked the hub again for a Police surgery on Monday 4th November from 9:15 to 10:15am. If you have any questions or reports for them, do drop in. Remember if you want a private chat the hub office can be used.

Have you seen the new furniture and lighting? New tables will be next. Further improvements are planned as funds become available.

More and more customers are now using the hub seating area. If you are waiting to collect children from school, why sit in a cold car when you can sit indoors with a hot drink? It's more environmentally friendly than keeping the engine running to stay warm.

Where in Gawsworth?

The green space on St James Avenue. This is amongst the local green spaces listed in the latest draft Neighbourhood Plan as valued by our community. Others include Gawsworth

Park, Maggoty and Nancy's Woods, the school playing fields, the Pleasance and the Amenity Space at Penningtons Lane. Work continues on our Neighbourhood Plan.

