

Gawsworth Gazette

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Sun shone for village fete

There was lovely weather for the return of the Village Fete and Fun Dog Show on the lawn of Gawsworth Hall and a tidy sum was raised for St James Church funds.

There was ice cream, gin, cakes and teas to keep visitors sustained. Games to play, vintage tractors and stuff to buy including beautiful wooden bowls, boxes and walking sticks from local craftsman John Helm. Did you know he once made a walking stick for the Duke of Edinburgh? Local organisations including the Hub, Girls Brigade, Save Danes Moss and the Parish Council also had stalls. The John Upton Charity supported the Village fete with

contributions to the purchase of gazebos and the cost of the singer.

Councillors Adam Hardy and Julia Wright (pictured) manned the Parish Council stall to tackle questions on Parish Council business, the Village Hall, John Upton Charity and Danes Moss – and to ensure fair play in the jelly baby count competition. Note the Gazette bunting!



Day Trip

A day trip to Llandudno is planned for Tuesday 12th September. A bus will depart from the Village Hall at 9am heading to the Welsh seaside town.

Booking required, tickets are £20. To join the trip call Jillian Longson on 07799 441228.

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Produce Show

No community seems really complete without an annual produce show and Gawsworth has its version on Sunday 10th September in the Village Hall.

There are vegetable and houseplant classes, preserves and baking and a photo section to show your flowers, gardens, landscapes or animal pictures. Plus a special section for children.

The closing date for registering entries is 8th September. Call into the Hub for a Schedule and Entry Form or email clair.dempsey@gawsworthpc.org.uk

Entries to be in place by 10:30am on Sunday 10th. The Show will then be open to all visitors from 1.30pm – 4.30pm to view the displays and enjoy a Cream Tea!

Share your Gawsworth

Maybe you have a Gawsworth memory, a new story or a favourite photo you'd like to share through the Gawsworth Gazette.

Email clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk with your contribution.

Maybe some of our younger residents might like to send something in?

John Upton Charity

What is the history of Gawsworth's John Upton Charity how does it continue to support Gawsworth life nowadays?

The John Upton Charity can trace its roots back to 1754 when John Upton's will left £50 to educate eight poor Gawsworth children. In the 18th and 19th centuries century the Upton, and several other local charities combined assets to fund a poor

house on land granted by the Earl of Harrington at Moss Terrace, just off Penningtons Lane, while the commitment to educating Gawsworth's children and supporting the poor of the Parish continued.

In 1859 five low rent cottages at Moss Terrace, the 'affordable houses' of their time, were constructed. By 2005, the cottages could no longer be maintained by the Charity so they were

sold and the proceeds formed a permanent endowment. The Charity was reformed to provide grants to support Gawsworth Life from the interest earned on the endowment. That's how it continues today with the Parish Council being the trustee. Find out more about the John Upton Charity's current work in next month's Gazette. Contact the Charity at johnuptoncharity@gawsworthpc.org.uk

Girls' Brigade Open Night

Gawsworth Girls' Brigade are inviting parents and young people to join them for an open evening on Tuesday 12th September.

It's a chance to see what they do and what Girls' Brigade has to offer.

The open day starts at 6pm in the Methodist Church.

Ranger making a difference

Gawsworth's Parish Ranger is making a difference in the parish tackling a variety of maintenance jobs.

Mark is contracted by the Parish Council as part of its commitment to improving the parish.

Recently Mark has started clearing the awfully overgrown pavement on Church

Lane - this is a huge job which will be slowly worked at to eventually reopen the pavement.



Dance with Maggoty



After everyone had such a great time at the coronation ceilidh there'll be another chance to have a go on 23rd September in the Scout Hall. The band are Maggoty, named after local jester and fiddler Maggoty Johnson. They boast two fiddlers, a squeezer, a bagpipe and ancient wind instrument blower, a strummer, percussion and of course a caller to lead you through the dances. Tickets for the Harvest Hoedown are available in the Hub.

Bin charges coming

Cheshire East Council has announced the implementation of changes to green waste collections. From January 15th, if you would like your green bin emptied you'll need to pay £56 per year. Residents will be able to sign up for the charges from October.

Those opting not to pay for the service will need to dispose of green waste at the tip or, counter productively, in black bins.

Gawsworth Hub News

Thanks to everyone who paid a visit to the Hub stall at the Gawsworth Garden party on 20th August, it was lovely to see so many people at a wonderful village event. Helen and Pam did well to sell lots of raffle tickets to raise funds towards the Hub Volunteer annual BBQ. Well done in the raffle to Brenda Hughes who won the hamper and Lindsay Pegg winning the cuppa and cake for two in the Hub Café.

It was nice to see a few friendly faces at the “Drop in for a Cuppa, Cake and Chat” afternoon on 23rd August. This will become a regular event in the future so please look out for dates and support it. Janet had made a very delicious apple cake from apples donated to the Hub. Thanks also to Pam for baking a batch of yummy, iced buns and millionaire’s shortbread.

September is a very busy month for the Hub with lots of events to get involved with. Don’t forget the panto auditions on 5th, 6th, 26th and 27th September at 7pm in the Hub.

The village produce show is on Sunday 10th. Please support the event and enter as many classes as you can. There’s something for everyone from photography to home baking to vegetables and floral displays. Pop into the Hub for an entry form as soon as possible. Refreshments will be served on the day, so for those not exhibiting please come and enjoy a cuppa in the village hall.

Tickets are selling fast for the Harvest Hoedown on Saturday 23rd so don’t miss out. It will be an evening of dancing and there is a licenced bar to help quench your thirst. Tickets are £15 and include a hot dog or burger.

Sign up for the Introduction to

Watercolour painting on Wednesday 27th 2-4pm. Its £18 per person and all materials are included. Marianne Hodgkinson from Creative Roots is running the workshop. Please let us know as soon as possible if you’d like to attend as places are limited.

Gawsworth Hub has been through our normal quiet summer and now business will start to build up towards year end and our Christmas peak. We are working to make sure that we can deliver something of interest to you as well as satisfying day to day shopping. If you need anything just ask.

During the summer we have been supported by some great young volunteers, some satisfying Duke of Edinburgh activities, but all keen to become involved in community activity. We have been grateful for their input and have been happy to offer them an opportunity experience work in the community.