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Dark Lane Surprise

The application from Cheshire East Council to build 10 dwellings on a Green Belt field they own off Dark Lane was withdrawn at the last minute from the December agenda of the Northern Planning Committee by the Planning Officer. The proposal hasn't been permanently dropped, it's just that the Council wants more time to consider highways issues.

Safety for motorists and for pedestrians crossing the A536 is extremely high on the priorities of the Parish Council and Gawsworth residents alike so we hope that, after all our representations, this aspect of the application

will now be fully and properly evaluated. No date has been set for updated proposals.

In other planning news, an application for two dwellings to be built in a gap along Dark Lane recently went to an appeal with a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

Cheshire East's refusal to grant planning permission was upheld by the Inspector because the two-house proposal would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt and would also result in a loss of openness and conflict with one of the purposes for including the land within the Green Belt.

Gawsworth Neighbourhood Plan



Have your say

The consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan closes on 31st December. Complete the online survey or send comments to clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk or 33 Manor Crescent, Knutsford, WA16 8DL.

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Community Diary

2nd

Holiday Club **M**
'Going on a Journey'
01260 222 907

7th 7:30pm

Gawsworth WI **V**
'Gawsworth Hall'

9th 10am

Coffee Morning **M**

14th 7:30pm

Parish Council Meeting **V**

16th 10am

Luncheon Club **M**
01625 433239

23rd 10am

Coffee Morning **M**
01625 433239

24th to 26th

Sleeping Beauty Panto **V**
01625 425 428

23rd 10am

Coffee Morning **M**
01625 433239

25th

Burns Night at the **H**
Harrington Arms
01260 223 325

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**

Community Governance Review

Gawsworth Moss residents should have received a survey on the review and are encouraged to complete it by January 4th.

Community Cars

Community Cars is a service for residents of the Macclesfield area who are unable to use public transport or taxis due to mobility or medical reasons. It functions through volunteer drivers who use their own cars to help residents to get out and about.

All types of journey will be considered such as: medical and dental appointments and visits to sick friends, support groups or shopping centres. To register as a client you just answer a few basic questions such as name, address, disability and any further needs.

Volunteer drivers are sought across all areas in Macclesfield. Volunteers are paid all expenses and are given full training.

Contact Emma Budge on 01625 613111 to register with the scheme or to enquire about becoming a volunteer driver.

Gawsworth Shop News

For our observant readers you may well have noticed that this is the January 2020 edition of the Gawsworth Gazette. However it's still December 2019 and not yet Christmas and a reminder of what the shop can offer at this time of year.

Need a last minute gift? Look no further than the Hub and at the display of gifts supplied by the locally based 'Gifts 4 All'. While you are deciding, why not enjoy a hot drink and a mince pie for just £2.00 which will be available up until New Year's Eve. Alternatively

why not use the offer as an excuse for a relaxing break away from the house.

Come and have a look at our new display shelves, courtesy of 'The Body Shop at home with Paula'. Help yourself to free sample pots containing beauty products, along with Paula's current catalogue and special offers to browse at your leisure! Ordering is easy and products will be delivered to your door free of charge! Paula is also offering a 10% donation to our community hub for every

spend. Feel free to pick up a business card to see the many other services her business can offer!

Our Christmas Raffle will be drawn on 23rd December at 4:00pm so there is still time to get those last minute tickets. You could win a Christmas Hamper, a meal voucher for two at the Harrington or even a bottle of Macc Forest Gin or Whisky. There's also a very soft and cuddly teddy bear looking for a new home.

We are really delighted with how favourably our Hub has been received. Being a multi-use facility we would like it's full potential to be developed as quickly as possible so we are looking to recruit a Hub Manager to achieve this. It is a part-time paid position funded by a grant rather than the shop and initially be for one year with a possible extension. For the full job description please go to our website www.gawsworthshop.co.uk

Where in Gawsworth?



Operation Storyteller

Gawsworth and Chelford police have tweeted that they are tackling antisocial behaviour, sexual and fly tipping offences in Gawsworth laybys on the A536 after a series of complaints. The police activities have been christened 'Operation Storyteller'.

Some years ago, activities in the laybys made the Macclesfield Express headlines and recently there seems to have been an increase in reports of problems. We are lucky in having an attentive PCSO looking after us in Gawsworth. PCSO Julia Short is a regular visitor to Gawsworth Primary School, helping children keep safe and her regular surgeries are now being held in Gawsworth Community Hub, look out for dates if you would like to chat with her.

Julia was also out with civil enforcement officers around the school

helping to ensure safe parking for all at peak school time. The officers are planning to monitor the area on a regular basis.

Contact the police on 101 for any non-emergency matters or of course dial 999 in an emergency.

Where in Gawsworth?

The replacement oak gates at St James Church. The gates were jointly funded by the church and the John Upton Charity. For more information on the Charity contact JohnUptonCharity@gawsworthpc.org.uk

Maggoty's Murmurings

A new year, a New Year's Resolution. So, what could a jester such as Maggoty resolve for 2020, I wonder? Medieval jesters performed and entertained. Lucky that Gawsworth has plenty of entertainment on offer starting in January with the pantomime.

Our Sleeping Beauty is likely to offer music, jokes (of a sort), acting (if you stretch a point) and clowning (comes naturally) – all essential skills for a Jester. I'm told we might expect a couple of your favourite (?) politicians to make a guest post-election appearance – but don't let that put you off. So, my resolution – Maggoty will get tickets for the panto and all the other entertainment events in the Parish through the coming year.

Medieval court jesters enjoyed privileges which other people did not. They could make fun of respectable personalities and get away with it, they got well paid for it, they were given a permanent residence free, had generous expenses covered and they could use their influence to provide benefits to their friends. Their job was to entertain and lift the spirits when times were rough. But no, how dare you even think it?, they weren't politicians.