

Gawsworth Gazette

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Charlotte on the Radio

Gawsworth's Charlotte Percy has appeared on SILK FM talking about her Gawsworth Heroes gift of thanks initiative. She explained the initiative where neighbours and local businesses donated gifts that were passed on to Gawsworth NHS and other locally nominated front-line workers.

You can hear the interview and read the story on the [SilkFM website](#) under the banner 'Macclesfield Mum brings community together with gifts of kindness for keyworkers'.

Charlotte has received numerous enquiries to set up similar initiatives across the country, the first of which has now been established in a village in Dorset.

She has set up a 'community mama' group you can join on Facebook and Instagram and is our local lead for the NextDoor social media site.



Cosmos, Cabbages and Crafts

The Community Hub has set up a plant table.

Many of us propagate more plants than we need so the idea is to leave surplus plants on the table where other residents can pick them up and leave a donation to East Cheshire Hospice. Everyone benefits!

The hub also has plenty of jigsaws. Plus, there's a table in the hub for local crafters to display their wares. Plenty to keep us all occupied.

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John Upton Charity

The John Upton Charity (i.e. The Parish Council) met virtually and finalised its 2019-2020 accounts.

Grants totalling £6332 for the benefit of Gawsworth were made. A chairman's report is being finalised and will be published.

WI Virtual Meetings

The WI Committee Ladies held a virtual meeting/ catch up on Zoom.

A recipe book is in preparation and members are being encouraged to keep notes and diaries during these lockdown times.

Shop and Hub News

The nomination of our team as Gawsworth Heroes was unexpected and much appreciated. Thank you also for all your kind words, they mean a lot to us. We know keeping the shop open is the most important service we can provide and we all wanted to do it to help our community through this difficult time.

The fresh fruit and veg along with the plants are proving so popular that customers are trying to buy them before we can get them through the door. Sourcing supplies though is particularly difficult at present so don't be surprised if we decline to take orders. Sales generally are the best we have ever had so thank you for supporting us so we can help you.

You will notice we have made a number of changes to the shop. These are to further protect yourselves, our staff and our volunteers

New Council Leadership



Cllr Rupert Richards has taken over as Parish Council Chairman after Cllr Paul Woods completed his two-year stint. Cllr Penny Shepherd was elected Deputy Chairman. The Council's May meeting was held online.

Members of the public had a chance to raise through Zoom and could watch live or later on the Gawsworth Life Facebook page. The council welcomed the comments made and all will be taken on board. You can still comment by emailing clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th June at 7.30 and we welcome you joining us – virtually.

from Covid-19 and reflect concerns expressed by some of you.

If you have to queue outside the shop please form a queue towards the post box to keep access to the hub and No.6 clear. Please remember to maintain social distancing at all times whether in the shop or outside. There is a new screen in front of the till; when you have your goods and are ready to pay please wait behind the orange line till you are asked to place your purchases on the counter.

When placed please step back to the line while they are tilled. You will be then asked to step forward to pay while the till operator steps back. Once paid for you can collect your goods and exit via the hub door to avoid those waiting to come in.

At the moment there is quite a lip in the hub front door which we are planning to remove to make the exit safer.

Please be careful in the meantime.

As you pass through the hub you will see tables have been placed under the window on which are donated magazines and jigsaw puzzles that you can either purchase for a small donation to East Cheshire Hospice or swap for something you are donating. Please no books at the moment. The magazines are mostly for cross stitching so if you are getting bored you might find a project to do.

Outside the hub is a table for donated plants which again can be purchased by a donation to the Hospice. In each case there is a collection box for donations.

Janet continues to do a sterling job with her quiz sheets and would welcome any contributions, jokes, quizzes, poems or anecdotes.

Stay safe.

Tennis Courts Reopened

The Tennis Court has been opened for play in line with government guidelines the children's play equipment remains closed. Don't let your children into that area and PLEASE don't rip off the barrier tape.

Crime Reports

Our PCSO reports that on 11th May a van & shed were broken into on a farm off Congleton Rd Gawsforth. Various tools and 2 caravans were stolen.

Where in Gawsforth?



Maggoty's Murmurings

Samuel (Maggoty) Johnson was born just 25 years after the plague devastated the United Kingdom.

Eyam, in the Peak District, under the leadership of their Rector, cut themselves off from surrounding villagers for over a year in an act of extreme self-isolation to prevent the spread of the deadly disease. Plague is a very different disease from Coronavirus but

Communities coming together to help each other is, I'm sure, just as important now as it was over 300 years ago. In that respect I'd say Gawsorth is doing rather well so far. In Maggoty Johnson's time they recognised how pandemics affect the poor and disadvantaged in crowded populations more; they knew about keeping your distance from others and imposing control

measures to stop disease spread – and sticking with them. Maggoty Johnson would have known disease keeps coming back. However, they didn't have the superb medical care, the brilliant international scientists and the global pharmaceutical industry that we rely on today. Ingesting bacon fat to induce vomiting was the best treatment they could come up with.

Thank goodness for our experts. We just need to listen to them.

Community Support

COVID 19 Community information is available on the [Gawsorth Life website](#). A summary was included in the pullout supplement to last month's Gazette.

The WI 'Friendship Tree' is working well during lockdown, keeping in touch with members and others who are alone or need help.

Rev. Colin Wilson's weekly sermons are

available on the church facebook page and on [YouTube](#). A big 'thank you' from Colin and Rachel to everyone donating to the Food Bank. The donations box is on the Rectory doorstep.

The Gawsorth Neighbourhood Outreach volunteers continue to help residents with shopping, posting mail, collecting prescriptions etc. Contact Rachel on 07595 430022 Razzacantab@icloud.com

Where in Gawsorth:

New Farm Trig point. It's near the northern border of Gawsorth. Take the footpath west from Gawsorth road towards Pexhill road and immediately head uphill and there it is. At 183m above sea level it gives great views across to Croker Hill and the Peak District.

The only remaining trig point in Gawsorth.