

Gawsworth Gazette

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Virtual Parish Meeting

Gawsworth Parish Council is hosting a virtual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 7:30pm.

You will hear from the Parish Council on its work over the past year, plans for the next few months and have the opportunity to discuss any issues affecting Gawsworth

and put questions and suggestions to the council and wider community.

You can join the meeting using Zoom or watch and interact via the Gawsworth Life Facebook page. Questions and suggestions can also be submitted in advance by emailing clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk

gawsworthpc.org.uk.

Details of how to access the meeting will be published on the Gawsworth Life website and Facebook pages a few days before the event.

Style in the Community

These locals are certainly on trend and what lovely eyes you have!

Snapped at the Community Shop they are doing their bit to help prevent a second wave of COVID 19 in Gawsworth and looking rather fetching in their face

coverings. It's good to see people keeping their distance from others around Gawsworth. Thank You!

Medical leaders tell us now is the time to take individual responsibility in controlling virus transmission.

We are lucky that most of us, but possibly not all,



do our very best to keep to the guidance.

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Gawsworth Bowling Green



Perhaps not many people remember a bowling green in Gawsworth - it was situated at Oak Cottage opposite the Harrington Arms and built by Charles Twemlow in 1940.

The first picture is the opening of the green by injured soldiers. Rector Stephens is wearing a hat next to his wife. 6th from the left is Charles Twemlow, and some of the wounded soldiers .

The second picture a garden party at Oak Cottage the dance performer is Phyllis Twemlow.



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New book club

Charlotte on Woodhouse Lane has recently started a book club and you are welcome to join.

It is free and each month you receive a complimentary bookmark and a lovely skincare treat. It is being ran virtually at the moment via the Facebook group and Instagram account @communitymama (but it is not just for mums!).

So far, the group have enjoyed reading 'The Family Upstairs' by Lisa Jewel, and septembers book is 'His and Hers' by Alice Feeney.

It is hoped that any Gawsworth members of the book club will in time be able to come together to discuss the monthly books for tea and cake in one of the gardens or at our local, the Harrington Arms.

For more informastion email charlotte.a.percy@gmail.com

Shop and Hub News

Now that our community is slowly attaining some semblance of normality and customers are returning to work, the peak demand on the shop has eased and sales are returning to somewhere near our normal trading.

One of the benefits of the lockdown was that we increased our range of products to include fresh fruit and vegetables. Although our range has been tailored to demand we still have a wide range of these products.

Our customers have been discovering that it can be cost effective to shop at our store and that we carry quality products from local suppliers.

Please keep visiting the shop, this is a community shop and without you we will not succeed.

Now is the time when the gardeners in our community are

producing surplus crops and some are donated to the shop. Look out for these very fresh additions to our offerings.

We have adapted to the social distancing rules and customers are being responsible and distancing and wearing face coverings in the shop. We have implemented an additional cleaning regime. Our supervisors Shonna and Kathryn, and supported by Janet from the hub, have done a great job.

We are always grateful to our volunteers, without them we would not be able to operate, thank you all. Volunteers are returning but we are always looking for more help, if we have enough volunteers then we can consider increasing opening hours.

We are now planning for the time when we can offer the hub for community activities. More information will be released as plans

develop. Look out also for an increasing delivery on social media.

Charlotte Percy has given us some great leads to follow up on. If you are social media savvy and you would like to get involved in this aspect of our operation, please let us know.

To-date, thanks to your generosity in supporting our hub initiatives we have donated over £700 to the East Cheshire Hospice. It will be fantastic if you are able to donate more crafts or gift items to enable us to continue to support this amazing charity.

To learn more please contact Janet on hub@gawsworthshop.co.uk or 07444 848996 or visit her in the Hub.

As always, if you have any thoughts about our operations and our role in the community please email info@gawsworthshop.co.uk

Take care as school returns

Gawsworth Primary School children are back from Wednesday 3rd September. It's likely to be difficult to maintain social distancing in the areas around the school during the busy drop off and pick up periods.

The chief medical officer has identified activity outside school gates as

a significant COVID 19 transmission risk. So what we can do?

You might prefer to avoid the area when it is busy and probably it's a good idea for us to wear face coverings then. Not stopping for a chat in the area is helpful to pedestrian flow and pavement parking reduces the space to pass each other and can easily be avoided. Please drive

slowly along Longbutts, Woodhouse and Benbrook as pedestrians may step out into the road unexpectedly.

The school and Parish Council are talking with Cheshire East Council to see if measures can be introduced to help reduce risks. We'll keep you updated.

Broadband Survey

The Parish Council wants to help residents unable to access broadband at a reasonable speed. We are investigating options and the first step is to identify how many households might benefit and exactly where in Gawsworth they are. We'll then be able to assess whether a community fibre broadband scheme is possible and what the alternatives are. A survey should be dropping through your door soon. Please complete it and send back. We want to hear about both good and poor broadband service.

Gas pipes upgrade



Major works are underway in the centre of the village to replace old metal gas pipes with plastic ones. Disruption could continue for a couple more months. Please drive slowly around the road works.

Access to homes will be necessary and Cadent have outlined Coronavirus guidance covering this. All affected residents should already have received information from Cadent.

The contact number for queries is 0345 450 8490 or email wecare@cadentgas.com