

Gawsworth Gazette

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Could you be a cub leader?

Gawsworth Cubs are looking for someone (or sometwo) to join the Cub team who meet on a Monday night between 7pm & 8pm.

Ideally it would be someone who could

commit to help plan and run a program (one evening per term) to come along each week to help run that planned program to encourage young people aged 8 - 10 years to achieve their best.

Training is given before you start. Please contact Heather on 01625 423987 for more information.

Shelter from the rain?

Gawsworth Park is becoming increasingly popular and as part of the Parish Council's plan for continuing improvements the idea of constructing a shelter in the park has been proposed.

What do you think? Is it a good idea? Where should it be sited?

It could form an

attractive focal point in the park and the design and size is open to discussion, budget restraints and available grants.

The hope is that it could be more than just somewhere to dash to when a shower comes. It could serve as an under-cover seating and picnic area, maybe with barbeque



facilities, an open-air room for classes, meetings etc. and a 'band stand' for small open-air performances, storytelling sessions, crafts and so on.

Email your thoughts to clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk or speak to any Parish Councillor.

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On the agenda

Gawsworth Parish Council held its annual meeting on 5th May.

Cllrs Rupert Richards and Penny Shepherd were re-elected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively to serve their traditional second years in office.

Cllrs Gordon Mitchell and Emma Clarke joined Cllrs Evelyn Briggs and Lisa Tyrrell on the Park and Woodland working Group and Cllrs Paul Woods, Penny Shepherd and Margaret Parry continue on the Communications group.

The Council discussed how to continue its functions after complex

legal decisions in the English courts meant that totally on-line official council meetings can't continue after May. So, until the government sorts out the legislation or the council decides it can safely undertake meetings in person with the public in attendance, official decisions will be delegated to the clerk based on directions from the Council. So, the Zoom and Facebook monthly broadcasts will continue and you can still participate.

You'll probably notice little difference in practice. This work-around solution enables the valuable involvement of Gawsworth residents in Parish Council business to continue uninterrupted and safely.

Village Hall Reopening

The before and after school club resumed some weeks ago and now events are beginning to start up again in the Village Hall with regular bookings returning and some new events. All part of re-establishing the community interactions which are so important to us.

The Village Hall Committee has been working hard behind the scenes producing a detailed risk assessment and special COVID-related conditions which are regularly updated in line with government guidelines and which every hirer must agree to. Ventilation and airflow are key aspects so windows, and doors if feasible, must be kept open.

We are not back to full capacity in the hall yet and keeping your distance remains important. So caution certainly, but also a good dose of optimism.



Broadband Survey Results

Over 160 people participated in the Parish Council's recent broadband survey. Thank You!

Around half the residents responding called for faster broadband. It's no surprise that the rural parts of the Parish suffer most.

Perception of Broadband Speed

Adequate - 47.24%

Would like faster - 29.45%

Desperately need faster - 23.51%

Next steps? Getting reliable information on the broadband options available is a challenge and the Council will be investigating how it might help people flummoxed by 'the system'. It will also be liaising with Cheshire East Council to request that Gawsworth benefits from grants available for rural broadband.

For Sale (from the archive..)



A country development at **GAWSWORTH**
(Woodhouse Lane) Near Macclesfield

This pleasant site in a rural setting within the Green Belt area has all modern living requirements within easy reach. Three miles from the centre of Macclesfield, local shopping and new primary school adjacent to site.

Benbrook Way - £6,800 - £11,820

1971: Benbrook Way Estate. The year we changed to decimal currency and when the average national house price was £5,632. The average annual salary was £2,000. A pint of milk was 6p and beer was 15p – that's 87p for milk and £2.15 for beer in today's money.



Constabulary Cottage - £800

29th January 1920: Lot 1 of the sale of the Gawsworth and Bosley Estate by the Earl of Harrington. Cheshire County Council had the tenancy of Constabulary Cottage. Sold for £800.

Gawsworth Shop News

As we hopefully remain on track to safely come out of Covid restrictions, we are gradually extending our opening hours over the coming weeks. We are delighted that our wonderful longstanding volunteers Linda Dolan, Brenda Mouchet and Sue O'Donovan have returned and extend a warm welcome to our recent starters Brenda Hughes and Meriel Rodrigues.

However, we still need more volunteers so we can revert to our previous opening hours of 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday and extend our Saturday opening hours to 1pm. Sunday hours from 8am to 10.30am will remain unchanged. In addition, we require volunteers to help run a range of activities organised by our new community Hub. If you know anyone who might be interested, please email [volunteering@](mailto:volunteering@gawsworthshop.co.uk)

gawsworthshop.co.uk or pop into the shop and speak to one of our supervisors.

Speaking of our Hub, we are excited to formally open it on 21 June which we hope will bring everyone in our fantastic community back together. We will be running various activities that week, including the launch of our new loyalty card scheme and giving away samples of our delicious home fayre. Look out for posters and details on our notice board. With seating inside and outside, why not join us for a catch up and cuppa with friends soon?

After a washout in May, better weather is finally here. If you're planning to fire up your barbecue we can provide everything you need, from Aberdeen Angus burgers from Nigel Wilcox Butchers, tasty kebabs and baps from Chatwins Bakery. We can also take orders for fresh barbecue meats – let us know your requirements.

For those hosting friends and family we stock a unique range of drinks, such as gins and spirits, as well as beer and wine. You may also want to treat yourself to a special bottle of Forest eight-year-old blended malt whisky. Finished off in a 50-year-old Oloroso cask at a distillery, we have it available in 70cl porcelain bottles which would be a perfect gift for Father's Day.

Have you tried Pilates?

A new Pilates class is opening in Gawsworth Village Hall, with a free taster session!

The classes are run by chartered physiotherapist and certified instructor Chrissie Raynham-Wild and run twice per week - Mondays (10-11am) for beginners-intermediates and Thursdays (7:30-8:30pm) for intermediate-advanced.

Call 07378 166524 or visit www.wildaboutpilates.co.uk for more information.