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Happy New Year!

'Things can only get better' says the D:Ream hit song released exactly 30 years ago. But who was the keyboard player in D:Ream (although he didn't play on that track)? He's now well known to us all for more 'physical' pursuits? The answer's below ...

There's no escaping the national 'Permacrisis' we are living through but the past year reminds us what a helpful, supportive community we have and this will continue and grow this year. The Parish Council and Gawsworth Hub are both busy formulating their plans for the next few years. Residents' input has been sought and there will be

further opportunities for you to influence the focus and direction of these two key Gawsworth community organisations.

2023 is an election year locally. All 9 Gawsworth Parish Councillors and Cheshire East ward councillor positions will all be up for election in May. Are you passionate about Gawsworth? Would you like to improve the lives of fellow residents and make a difference to your community? Then consider putting yourself forward for office. Parish Councillors are voluntary but Cheshire East ward councillors, with their wider responsibilities, get an allowance of at least

£12,351 pa.

Several of the big Gawsworth issues from 2022 will be carried over and dare we hope for good resolutions? The proposed Danes Moss North major development will finally come up a planning decision. Residents are worried about effects on our Danes Moss Nature Reserve as well as the wider environmental and biodiversity impact which has drawn national attention. Gawsworth ramblers and nature lovers, not to mention the dogs are hoping that a way can be found for the environment [cont]

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to win over big money. We also still await news and plans for the LPS15 development in Gawsworth behind the Rising Sun.

Another long saga has been the safety work

on the A536 through Gawsworth. £2.31 million was granted by central government to Cheshire East Council in 2017 to include signalisation of the Dark Lane crossroads. A significant amount of work has been completed but the plan for the crossroads is still unclear. The Parish Council will continue

to press Cheshire East Council for openness, for residents knowledge and views to be properly considered and for the road design to be evidence-based. That's what government guidance says it should guide road design.

We can also look forward to a community garden in the park thanks to our enthusiastic gardeners plus other park and Nancy's Wood works are on the cards. Our clubs, organisations and community events are gaining momentum again and will, no doubt, go from strength to strength in 2023.

Who played keyboard for D:Ream? It was the TV physicist Prof. Brian Cox.



Third AED installed

An Automated External Defibrillator has been installed on the wall of the Scout Hall next to Gawsworth Park and the Village Hall.

An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's easy to use and gives voice instructions. It can analyse the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical

shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

This AED was obtained by Gawsworth Scouts and the Parish Council has funded its installation and maintenance.

Other AEDs are situated outside the Hub and at the Methodist church.



1773 | 1943
1953 | 2023

Three is a lucky number in Chinese culture, and maybe Gawsworth culture too.

In feng shui three is associated with auspicious events such as birth and also with success. The third year in a decade also seems to be momentous for

Your favourite tree?

Which is your favourite Gawsworth tree? Trees can look magnificent in winter as well as summer. Take a look around when you are out and about, take a snap and send it to clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk and we could feature it in a future Gazette. This picture shows an ancient lime tree (Tilia) by the footpath from Gawsworth Hall to Woodhouse End Road. It could be one of a handful of survivors from a lime tree avenue leading to Gawsworth Hall.

Gawsworth events.

1773 was the year that Maggoty Johnson died. Our jester, playwright and fiddler set a trend for merriment in Gawsworth.

Over the years the need grew for a venue for Gawsworth folk to meet and enjoy themselves and in the 1930s the provision of a playing field, now Gawsworth Park, with a site for a village hall was raised.

A public meeting in February 1943 resolved that a parish hall should be provided. Inflation in building material costs after the war (familiar?) made a new build too expensive.

Eventually after residents' donations, hard work and fund raising fetes, dances and whist drives a ready made wooden building, the Hurdsfield Recreation Hall, was purchased, re-erected here and extended.

The 'new' hall was

opened by Mrs de Ferranti of Gawsworth Hall on 5th September 1953. Seventy years later 2023 will be another momentous year for our Village Hall.

The plan is to set up as a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation) operating separately and leasing the hall from the Parish Council. The recent major internal refurbishment improved the hall hugely but much still has to be done to keep our much loved and well used hall moving forward. Fibre broadband is being installed and plans are afoot to refurbish the ladies loo and create much needed storage space.

The external cladding is in need of attention to smarten up the appearance of this icon of Gawsworth Life.

You can book the hall for family and village events by emailing gawsworthvh@gmail.com

Gawsworth Hub News

Thank you to all our customers who have supported Gawsworth Hub during 2022.

In early 2023 we will be consulting with local residents. In the meantime, there is a customer 'Comment, Suggestion and Ideas Box' in the Hub so feel free to pop a note in the box.

On a cold December night, the warmth and laughter coming from the Gawsworth Village Hall was down to 76 Quizzers. A culinary feast of Beef and Vegetable Hotpots followed by delicious puddings was created by Gawsworth's own "Mary Berry's", Ros Price, and Sue Davenport.

David Hyde, our brilliant quiz master, got the party going, teasing us with a picture round of celebrities and bridges to discuss over dinner; he then tested us all with questions ranging from Christmas movies to No 1 Hits, geography and

more. He even included a bit of insider trading knowledge asking us what price a box of local eggs sold in the hub is! (It's £1.60 by the way!).

The winners were "The Gawsworth Girls and Neil" followed closely by "The Cat's Whisker's" in second place.

Thanks to everyone who who supported the event; funds raised will go new notice boards at the Hub. Look out for our next event which could be a 70s night on the 4th Feb, and will help to cheer us up from those winter blues!

After all your Christmas parties, and when your visitors have returned home, you may want to take advantage of the Hub being an agent for Allons dry cleaners. We offer a drop off & collect service for all dry-cleaning requirements including duvets, curtains, and loose covers.

Our offer on locally produced Forest Whisky will continue until the end of January. On offer at just £50 per bottle why not enjoy this on your Burns Night celebrations?

January Hub Events

4th January 1030-1200
PCSO surgery

Your opportunity to raise concerns over any issues that relate to policing in the community and/or to seek advice /signposting

11th January 1400-1600
Knit & Natter

Knit & Natter friendly relaxed environment for a chat, light refreshments and if inclined bring along any craft

28th January 1000-1200
Gawsworth Gardeners

The 1st meeting of 2023. With guest speaker, allotment expert David Partington. David will be sharing his secrets on seed planting, germination and much more!