

# Gawsworth Gazette

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## Planning News

Did you know the Parish Council reviews all planning applications submitted in Gawsworth?

A couple of Gawsworth planning applications are causing concerned locals to raise their voices to object.

A recently purchased field off Woodhouse End Road adjacent to the sunken lane footpath to

the Danes Moss SSSI has been designated as 'Birch Tree Farm' and 'prior approval' for a machinery barn was granted last summer.

Applications are in for a temporary agricultural workers dwelling and a livestock barn. You can view the details and comment if you wish on the Cheshire East Council Planning Portal using

references 22/4988M and 22/4982M.

The Parish Council has objected to the dwelling and will consider the livestock barn at its February meeting.

To the south of Gawsworth an application [continued...]

## New community garden

New raised beds have been installed in

Gawsworth Park built for a new community garden



created by the new Friends of Gawsworth Park. Food4Macc volunteers built the new beds at the end of January with a further volunteer day on 5th February to shovel 18 tones of soil!

The garden will be planted in March/April.

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## Community Coffee Mornings

mornings held almost every week at Gawsworth Methodist Hall?

Margaret Parkin says that the coffee mornings, which are held every week except one when Luncheon Club is held, “have been running for over 15 years and are getting more and more popular.”

The coffee mornings which have become

an important part of the Gawsworth social calendar. They are a great way to keep up with old friends and meet new ones.

Sheila leads a happy band of helpers including Jean, Clive, Chris, Marilyn and two Margarets. When the doors open Brenda and Pat are first in followed by Kathy, Janet and Pat with her delicious fruit loaves and cheese scones. Book and bric-a-brac stalls are regular attractions plus of course the ever popular raffle.

As well as being a premier village social event, good causes and charities can benefit by hosting a morning. The list is growing and includes Gawsworth WI, East Cheshire Hospice, McMillan Cancer Support, RSPB, RNIB and many more. Often £200 or more is raised and the Save Danes Moss Community Group recently raising £630.

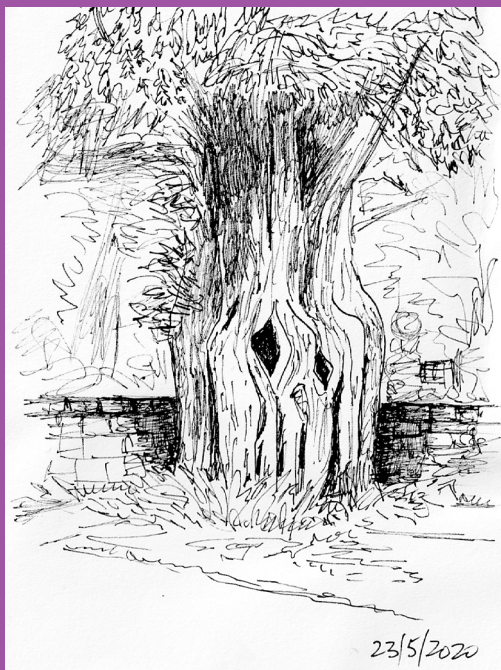
Gawsworth’s John Upton Charity provides regular grants to cover heating and lighting costs for the

## John’s favourite tree

Last month we asked about your favourite trees and John Gillet sent in this wonderful sketch of a tree many will know well. The old yew is en route to the church entrance.

John says “Most Gawsworth children know how to look through the small hole in that old yew tree!”

The sketch is included in John’s publications ‘Jumble’ and ‘Polyanthus’ which are on sale raising funds for the East Cheshire Hospice in their shops and Gawsworth shop.



## Planning News [cont..]

at High Lane Farm (22/4298M) for change of use from an agricultural building and stone barn to a wedding barn has nearby residents objecting.

The Congleton Chronicle reports concerns about the noise and other matters. Cheshire East Council regulatory services has assessed

noise, residential amenity and quality of life aspects and recommend a refusal of the application.

The Parish Council also raised objections and a decision from the planning authority is awaited.

## Gawsworth WI

It was lovely to be back for our first meeting of the New Year, and in spite of it being a wet and windy night it was nice to see so many members attending.

The pre Christmas Coffee morning raised £354.20 and from that we have been able to send a cheque for £175 to East Cheshire Hospice.

We also voted on the WI's resolutions for 2023 and these will be sent off to count towards the

national vote at the AGM in May.

This year they were Save Our Water every drop counts; Women to Women turning over a new leaf for tea workers; online gambling time to take action and Clean rivers for wildlife and people. The majority of votes were for the resolution online gambling.

Unfortunately, the speaker for the evening was unable to attend so instead ladies names were picked out of a tin and those selected were

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asked to tell us 2 things about themselves that no one else would know.

There were some very interesting and hilarious tales told. A trip to Denman on a singing course – where everyone turned out to be almost professional singers and our lady gave a rendition of A Doe A Dear, then went for lunch and put Strawberry yogurt on her fishcakes!

Another member had run a diving school in North Wales, one lady had lived in Indonesia.

# Gawsworth Hub News

Thank you to all customers, supporters and volunteers who together helped make 2022 a good year for Gawsworth Hub. Income throughout the year was above 2019 and mostly above the covid years when sales and income was exceptional.

The Hub window display has been updated to display the wide range of cleaning products we have in stock. We sell afternoon tea vouchers for locally sourced products that we stock in the Hub and include home baked cakes and savories from our café, ideal gifts for Valentines Day, Mothers Day, birthdays or just a special treat! The Hub also stocks a wide range of greetings cards and gifts. We have recently invested in a selection of games for you to enjoy whilst in the café; scrabble, backgammon, chess, draughts, dominoes, cards and much more. Just ask one of our volunteers for the

games you wish to play, it's a great way to meet friends and make new ones.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons are currently available for regular activities and community interest talks. If you, or someone you know, would like to lead on a regular activity or offer to give a talk about their hobby, please contact our Community Activities Manager by either visiting the Hub or by email [janet@gawsworthhub.co.uk](mailto:janet@gawsworthhub.co.uk)

January and February are traditionally quieter months so please support us if you can as our income in this period drops considerably. Your support will help us ensure we can continue to serve the community with a shop, café and meeting place. Our till system, Epos, helps to make Hub operations simpler, however, we realise that sometimes it takes longer

to serve our customers. We are looking for a volunteer with some IT skills to help keep the cobwebs out of the Epos data; it's an ongoing job that can be carried out at any time to suit a volunteer. If you could help us, please pop into the Hub and ask for Kathryn or email Daryl at [volunteering@gawsworthhub.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@gawsworthhub.co.uk)

## February Hub Events

**8th February 1400-1600**  
Knit & Natter

Bring your knitting and join us in the café for a cuppa and cake, £2.50 per person.

**15th February 0930-1130**  
PCSO Surgery

Informal conversation with police, support personnel. An opportunity to raise concerns, signposting etc

**25th February 1000-1200**  
Gawsworth Gardeners

Further details to follow.