

Gawsworth Gazette

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Summer Events

The sun shone down on the Gawsworth Rose Queen fete and children and adults had a fantastic day raising funds for the school. Reflecting on Rose Queen, and also the highly successful Coronation events in May, reminds us how much time and effort from volunteers goes into organising community

events and how much we all value opportunities to get together, celebrate and generally have a good time.

More great ways to meet and get involved are on the way! The Village Garden Party with Fun Dog Show is set for 20th August in the grounds of Gawsworth Hall with

all the usual attractions, although we hear that a volunteer to have wet sponges thrown at them is still being sought! Then September will see the Gawsworth Produce show in the Village Hall on the 10th. Entry forms are now available [cont]

Community garden harvest

The community garden within Gawsworth Park has seen the first produce being harvested.

Pictured is young Allegra, taking some peas home for tea and broad beans were harvested too.

The growing beds were added to the park earlier this year and are maintained by volunteers. The crops are available for the community to pick.

There are more peas and beans for people to take and the herbs have grown enough for people to use.



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from the hub so get tending your tomatoes, making your marmalade or snapping a scene. There's a children's section as well. You should register your entry by 8th September.

Then the fantastic news that the always popular Gawsworth pantomime will be back in January. See the Hub news for more information on that and the full programme of events that the Hub volunteers are organising for us.

Don't forget the Thursday coffee mornings in the Methodist Community Hall and all the meetings, classes and events at Hub, Village Hall, Scout Hall and the church and chapel halls. We are well off for community meeting places but we are a very social village. It can be difficult to find a slot if you are organising a family event. The Village Hall Committee even struggled to find a free evening in their own venue to hold their regular meeting.

Don't miss out – there are Facebook pages for 'Gawsworth Life', 'What's going on in Gawsworth', Gawsworth Hub, St James Church and Gawsworth Hall plus a NextDoor group. Thank you to the volunteers that make all this possible.

Garden Party

There will be a Village Garden Party and fun dog show to be held at Gawsworth Hall on Sunday 20th August from 2pm. Loads of stalls and lots of games and activities for the children. Look out for the posters around the village for further details.

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so that the people of Gawsworth can feed back our expertise and views on the scheme. The Parish Council has just heard that the detailed design drawings are being worked on and should be shared with us in July. We are reassured that our feedback will be appreciated. When we know more, you'll know more so watch this space.

Crossroads Traffic Signals

Gawsworth crossroads safety improvements were on the agenda in June and parishioners again had the opportunity to put forward their views to the Parish Council and Ward Councillor. It was a useful opportunity to recap on the course of events since the decision was made in 2017 by Cheshire East Council and the Department for Transport to fund

signalisation of the junction. Also how, over the years, Gawsworth's representatives have pressed for information and updates to pass on to the residents.

Most recently the Parish Council had asked Cheshire East Highways department, which is responsible for the work, to provide detailed plans of the proposals at the earliest opportunity

Gawsworth Women's Institute

At their June meeting Gawsworth WI had a fabulous speaker, Miss Pitchy Patchy, who gave a talk about clothing during the Second World War. Miss Pitchy Patchy gave an insight into make do and mend and utility clothing as well as lots of other interesting items.

In August the WI is having a repeat of the popular Wicker Wreath making workshop. Last time several ladies made chickens which proved to be very popular.

The Cloud Group autumn meeting is having talk in September by Dr

Michael Leach a wildlife photographer. The ladies that Lunch went to The Merlin on 13th June and the walking visited the Biddulph Grange on 21st June.

The WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall, please come along and join them and you will be made to feel most welcome.

Footpaths working group

One of the objectives set by Gawsworth Parish Council in its new four-year plan, is to enhance accessibility and active travel across the parish.

by councillors Andrea Kinsey, Gordon Mitchell and Paul Woods and the council is looking for community volunteers to join it.

A working group has been set up to lead on this. It will be led

The working group will be surveying public footpaths to

..... identify issues and improvements and exploring the creation of new permissive paths to enhance the network.

If you'd like to be part of this work, please email the clerk at clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk.

Green Gawsworth Strategy

Another objective the Parish Council will be working to deliver is the creation of a 'Green Gawsworth' strategy.

environment too. It will see how Gawsworth can reduce its carbon footprint, preserve trees and hedges and introducing measures which help enhance the ecology of the local area.

This will be a community-led strategy for reducing Gawsworth's impact on the environment and enhancing the natural

A working group of councillors Clair

..... Dempsey, Adam Hardy, Andrea Kinsey, Gordon Mitchell and Paul Woods are signed up but we are looking for community representatives to help lead this action..

Again, if you'd like to be part of this work, please email the clerk at clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk.

Gawsworth Hub News

Those of you with their ears to the ground in the village, will no doubt have heard a rumour that Gawsworth pantomime is to be resurrected! “Oh no it isn’t!” can I hear some of you cry? Well, it is true, Gawsworth Hub in conjunction with GASS will be producing the next pantomime in January 2024, written and directed by Charley Oliver. Any offers of help will be gratefully received, please look out for further information including the audition dates.

The hot weather has taken hold recently and the Hub is well stocked with cold drinks and ice lollies and don’t forget

we are now open on Saturday afternoons until 4pm. If there is anything you would like to see stocked in the shop, please leave us a note in the customer suggestions box in front of the till. We can’t always guarantee that we can stock all of your suggestions but we will consider them all and if you leave your name and contact details, we can get back to you.

The French language and culture café held recently was very much enjoyed by all the attendees. We plan on organising this again soon, together with similar events, including a session hosted by an art expert. If there is anything you have an

interest in and would like to see as an activity hosted at the Hub, or indeed host it yourself, please let us know.

Upcoming dates for July in the Hub:

Thursday 6th July
Cake day

Wednesday 12th July
Knit and Natter

Friday 14th July
PCSO Surgery

Tuesday 18th July
Books and Jigsaws

The Hub is always looking for additional volunteers to enable them to develop Hub services.

To find out more pop into the Hub and have a chat with Kathryn or Janet. Alternatively email volunteering@Gawsworthhub.co.uk. Details of specific volunteer opportunities will soon be posted in the new noticeboard outside the Hub, we also welcome all offers of ad hoc help and expertise.

