



Gawsworth Gazette

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Graveyard Talks

Representatives of Gawsworth Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council met last month to discuss options for the future of burial provision in Gawsworth.



The meeting analysed both scenarios where burial provision ceases and where it continues through extension of the existing churchyard.

The graveyard at St James is filling up and there is currently space for approximately 50-60 new graves and 150 cremated remains plots which, based on existing burial trends, suggests it will be full by 2038. The meeting discussed the legislative

framework for graveyards noting that under common law, all residents of a parish and those dying within a parish have a legal right to be buried in the Church of England churchyard; this applies to people of all denominations and faiths and people of no faith.

Financial considerations were very much in the minds of the meeting participants as they considered the options for future burial provision, including

options for who could be the burial authority and the desire to maintain a well-kept environment. Both the Parochial Church Council and Parish Council will have further discussions on the subject and they agreed to work closely together to achieve the best possible outcome for Gawsworth.

The views of all residents will be sought in the Parish Survey planned for later this year.

First Grey Belt Decision

An application for 'Permission in Principle' to build up to 3 dwellings on a parcel of land on Dark Lane (25/0771/PIP) has been refused by Cheshire East Planners.

It was widely seen a test of the new 'Grey Belt' designation created under revised planning rules and designed to open up the possibility of more building in the Green Belt. Most of Gawsworth Parish is Green Belt land and this was the first application to propose that a local

site be regarded as 'Grey Belt'.

Cheshire East Planners however concluded that the 'proposed development would result in inappropriate development in the Green Belt' and 'would not represent infilling development between existing buildings in a village and would fall outside any settlement boundary, and would not meet any of the other exceptions to inappropriate development in the Green Belt.'

The principle of the development



was therefore deemed not acceptable in that it would not represent sustainable development.

Previous applications to develop this site were made in 2016, 2019, 2020 and 2023. All were refused by Cheshire East Planning with the refusals being confirmed by the Planning Inspector. The applicant is able to appeal the most recent decision.

Gawsworth Hub Needs You

Gawsworth Hub was originally set up as a community village shop 14 years ago to ensure that a shop continued to be in the village after the previous owners stopped trading.

A few years ago, the unit next door became available which the Hub obtained and the café and meeting place was created.

Many people in the village appreciate the Hub as somewhere to buy a newspaper, milk, groceries, bread, alcohol, pies, cake, gifts, tickets for community events or to have a coffee and cake and see a friendly face for a chat. The Hub exists for the benefit of the community thanks to our volunteers who

have continued to provide a service to the community even through the COVID times (who remembers the distancing and queuing?). We have also undertaken to run some events locally for the community, such as music nights, quizzes and New Year's Eve parties and we are now planning to organise the second village pantomime.

We are currently struggling to fill some positions in the Hub due to holidays and illness and we desperately need people to help us out by volunteering in the shop and café. Could this be you? Could you spare us a few hours each week? Some companies allow employees volunteering time, does yours and would

you be willing to spend your volunteering hours at the Hub helping the local community?

We need people to help serve customers in the shop using the till and serving on our deli counter. In the café we need volunteers to make and serve drinks and simple meals such as beans on toast or bacon sandwiches. Full training and support will be provided.

We have a lot of fun, meet lots of people and there are always other volunteers to help each other out. Why not come and have a chat with Sara our Hub Coordinator to find out what it's all about; what you could do and times that you could volunteer, that would be convenient to you and the Hub. Sara is available most weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. or you can email her on shop@gawsworthhub.co.uk or call on 01625 425428.

Cheshire Rural Touring Arts: Live entertainment on your doorstep

Gawsworth Village Hall CRTA Committee are looking forward to hosting another evening of musical entertainment on your very own doorstep, courtesy of Cheshire Rural Touring Arts.

Cheshire Rural Touring Arts is an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation, presenting a diverse mix of professional theatre, music, dance and comedy shows across Cheshire, hosted by rural communities and run by over 100 volunteers across Cheshire who are passionate about keeping entertainment live and local. The project is supported with government investment by Arts Council England, additional financial support from Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East Councils.

The 2025 Spring Season runs from 28th March until 14th June and brochures are available from Gawsworth Village Hall and the Hub. If you fancy an entertaining, sociable, affordable night out, tickets are available for our next event on Saturday 10th May 2025 7:30pm when we welcome Cheshire artist Gus Glynn, to perform his Routes to the Classics: a journey through traditional folk and blues, right through to contemporary classics and all-time favourites from Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan, Carol King, Lou Reed to Amy Winehouse and Arctic Monkeys.

Tickets at only £12 available from Gawsworth Shop or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk. There will be refreshments available or

bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy in good company!

Promoters are working hard to keep this wonderful opportunity open to the community and really appreciate the local support they receive - we couldn't do it without you!



Gawsworth WI Report

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be on Church Lane from 3:45 to 4:10 on Thursday 8th and 29th.



The WI had an interesting and informative talk by Ray Perry from Rudyard Lake at their April meeting.

Ray told the group about the history of the lake and how at one time it was a busy place with day trippers from all over the county arriving by train.

The coffee morning on 3rd April raised £351 towards CRY – Cardiac Risk in the Young, thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event.

In May some of the WI ladies will be off to Ollereton to The Beeches Golf for a crazy golf morning and some lunch afterwards.

The WI walking group visited Rode Hall gardens at the start of May to see the bluebells. The walkers were impressed with the winter-flowering hellebores, lily of the valley, azaleas, rhododendron and Japanese primulas to name but a few.

In September there is a trip to Halifax to visit Shibden Hall and the Piece Hall.

July is their members meeting and they will be having a visit to Tabley House and tea and cakes afterwards.

The WI meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the village hall Gawsworth at 7.30 pm please feel free to come and join them.

Easter Fun

Great fun was had by the many children (and adults) who took part in Gawsworth Hub's Easter Trail.

Volunteers Karen and Sue enjoyed dressing up as bunnies and Joyce Venables and Dy Mitchell knitted the Easter bunny egg covers for the volunteer social fund.



Take a trip up the tower

St James Church is holding an open day on Monday May 26th from 10am to 4pm.

Returning after 10 years is the chance to take the 118 steep spiral steps up to the top of the bell tower. The cost is £2 for adults, £1 for children of £5 for a family of four. A reasonable level of fitness and good mobility is required - and children will need to be supervised at all times in the tower and on the roof.

The church tower dates to 1480 and was built of pink sandstone. The eight bells you'll find inside are much newer, the oldest from 1856, five more from 1890 and the latest two from 1907.

The open day will include refreshments, cakes, plants, gifts, displays music and much much more.



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Crafts in the Hub

The next watercolour sessions are on 30th April, 7th May, 21st May, 28th May.

Currently the group is full but there may be an occasional space when people are away. Some experience in watercolour helps if you are interested. Please contact Diane for details on accounts@gawsworthhub.co.uk or leave a message at the hub.

There are 3 silk painting workshops coming up, no experience or materials needed. Please contact Sara at shop@gawsworthhub.co.uk

Shop Opening Hours

Monday	08:00 – 13:30
Tuesday	08:00 – 13:30
Wednesday	08:00 – 13:30
Thursday	08:00 – 16:00
Friday	08:00 – 16:00
Saturday	08:00 – 13:00
Sunday	08:00 – 10:30

Summer Highlights at Gawsworth Hall

Gawsworth Hall is once again offering a great line up of comedy, music and drama across the summer. Here's some highlights.

On 26th May they are hosting the Youngertimer Car Show, celebrating post 1970s classic cars.

On 29th June Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream is being performed by Oddsocks Productions.

Swifties can find Taylor Swift tribute Katy Ellis performing on 13th July, or folk fans can catch Kate Rusby on 24th July.

Or if you're a musicals fan A night at the Musicals, with hits from Hamilton, Les Mis and more takes place on 16th July.

Visit: www.gawsworthhall.com

What we did on our holidays

We liked visiting Grandpa and Granny in Gawsworth over the Easter holidays because there was lots for us to do

We did the Easter Trail from the Hub and worked out the secret words and got a nice bag of chocolate eggs. There were two people dressed up as Easter bunnies. We also did the Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard and made crowns for Panda and Bunny which was fun. We got more chocolate eggs but Granny said we had to save them for later. Thank you to everyone who organised the fun.

Then we went to look at the new playground in the park. It looks

really cool and we can't wait for it to be open. Grandpa told us it cost a lot and that some charities donated money to help build it. Thank you to the Parish Council for building an exciting new playground. We think the zip wire and the climbing net will be the best bits.

We drew a new cover for the Gawsworth Gazette. We hope you like it. It has a picture of Maggoty and says 'All the best news inside'

Love Luke, Charlie and Ella.

Recent Planning Applications

25/0918/FUL Shellow Farm Shellow Lane. Redevelopment of previously developed land to provide two new 2 storey dwellings in lieu of an existing B8 Storage building and associated works.

25/1199/HOUS 8 Fytton Close. Erection of single storey rear extension

25/1170/HOUS Gaskells Farm, Woodhouse End Road. Single-storey side and rear extensions with a part first-floor rear extension and erection of 2x domestic outbuildings

View applications at: <https://pa.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/index.html>

