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Produce Show Proves Popular

This year's Produce Show was more popular than ever, showcasing local growing, making, baking and photography skills.

Category cups were awarded to Daryl and Mark Capes for stunning fruit and vegetables, Joyce Venables for delectable preserves and happy Houseplants, a cup for Baking went to Gill Biddulph for her Victorious Victoria Sandwich and Floral Cup to Amanda Kennington for a fabulous Autumn Vase display.

Paul Woods snapped up the Photography cup, Jenny Thompstone, the Garden on a Plate Cup and George Hughes and Harry Austin were awarded cups for their wins in the children's section.

Overall Best in Show cup went deservedly to Daryl and Mark Capes (pictured) for winning the most points across categories.

A new and popular category this year in the Children's Section was to 'Build a Bug Hotel' to attract beneficial insects to your garden. We were pleased to welcome Sharon Neild who shared information on Cheshire Wildlife Trust membership.



(Photos Martin Biss)



Scarecrow Trail Returns

The Friends of Gawsworth PTA are thrilled to announce the return of the much-loved Gawsworth Scarecrow Trail

This popular community event promises to bring joy to children, parents, and grandparents alike, filling the village with fun and creativity.

The spooky scarecrow trail will run from Friday October 24th,

to Sunday November 2nd. Residents are encouraged to get involved by following the trail.

Trail maps, which include a puzzle to solve, are available for just £2 from The Hub and the school. Each map sold enters you into a prize draw for a chance to win a top prize from 'The Entertainer' in Macclesfield, which has been kindly donated by Wild Things Forest School.



Musical variety show comes to Gawsworth

Gawsworth Village Hall is set to be the stage for an evening of riotous entertainment.

Two-man musical variety show, "Gentlemen, With Attitude," comes to the village on Sunday, 19th October

The performance, presented courtesy of Cheshire Rural Touring Arts, features classically trained, identical twins Professor Victor and Dr. Albert. The show promises an evening packed with comedy, interaction, original songs, games, and even a sprinkling of magic. It's described as a "good old-fashioned, feel-good, two-man variety show brought kicking and screaming

into the 21st Century".

The show has already earned positive feedback, with Michaela Wylde of BBC Radio Shropshire stating, "I don't think I've laughed so much in a short space of time – in a long time! They were absolutely fantastic!"

Tickets are priced at £13 and are available for purchase online at www.ticketsource.co.uk or directly from the Gawsworth Shop.

Seating is limited, so it is advised to book early. Attendees are welcome to bring their own refreshments or purchase from the bar.



Chronicle Headlines

The Gawsworth Gazette and Parish Council minutes are proving a rich source of material for the Congleton Chronicle.

It's good to see matters that matter to Gawsworth residents appearing in the local newspaper. The press stories are also a useful window on work the Parish Council does on behalf of residents.

The front-page story of the Chronicle from 28th August was about Cheshire East's rural community's response to Cheshire Farms about their policies for the council tenanted farm service. We have several of these farms in Gawsworth

and the topic was discussed at a Parish Council meeting and mentioned in the September issue of the Gawsworth Gazette. The Chronicle article quoted extensively from the paper Gawsworth Parish Council prepared and also referred to Cranage Parish Council which has raised similar concerns to ours. They highlighted that "Asset disposal could result in undesirable small-scale rural development, which may conflict with broader planning objectives."

Pastures Farm in Gawsworth, two semi-detached cottages, farm buildings and 9 acres, which were formally tenanted farms, is currently up for sale by Cheshire East Council. They describe it as an "exciting development opportunity" with the suggestion in the sales material to convert two residences into one bespoke luxury property.

The Congleton Chronicle also ran a story on the plea from Gawsworth School's Head boy about dog poo outside the school. Sadly, articles in the press, in the Gazette and on social media have had no effect on an antisocial dog owner. Piles keep appearing along the pavements where children walk to school.



Yoga for all

Wednesdays 12pm-1pm
Gawsworth Village Hall

£10 per class
Please bring a mat if you have one

Contact Ruth:

greenwoodruth@gmail.com or 07716077230



Hub Volunteers Wanted

Gawsworth Hub is always grateful for the timer and energy their volunteers bring to the Hub.

Right now, they'd love a few more helping hands! In particular:

Café shifts

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10am–1.30pm

Shop shifts

Early morning cover

Holiday cover

Across both the café and the shop

If you can spare a little time and would like to get involved, please come and see Sara at the Hub

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be on Church Lane from 3:45 to 4:10 on Thursday 2nd and 23rd.

— they'd love to have you on board. The Hub organises lots of volunteer socials so its great fun, as well as helping support a greatly cherished community asset.

If not for you, please share with friends!

Panto News

The read-through evening, hosted by the pantomime author Charley and the pantomime director David, was well attended.

Following this we had two well attended audition evenings by some familiar and some new faces, with everyone who attended being offered a part. The first rehearsals are now underway, the set building has started, props and costumes are being sourced and the excitement is building!

PCSO Messages

The PCSO responsible for Gawsworth, Amy Mair, has recently distributed a couple of information messages for us.

The first was a reminder about parking offences saying that police will be issuing fixed penalty notice fines to any vehicles causing an obstruction.

It is an offence to:

- Park within 10 metres of a junction.
- Park on the pavement or a dropped curb and fail to leave room for a wheelchair or double buggy to pass.
- Park on the road and fail to leave room for another vehicle

Parish Council Meeting

At the September meeting the Council was perturbed to hear a report of rowdy behaviour in the park by guests at a party hosted in the village hall.

They had taken unauthorised entertainment and catering equipment into the park and the disturbance continued late into the night.

It was noted that abuse of the park facility was extremely rare but the Council was determined to do all it can to prevent anything similar happening again. The Council will be discussing the

to pass.

- Double park - this makes it very difficult for emergency service vehicles to get through if they need to.

The police are also encouraging all residents to download the 'What Three Words' app.

They say "What3words is revolutionising the way we communicate location by dividing the world into a grid of 3m x 3m squares, and given each square a unique combination of three words: a what3words address."

Now everywhere has its own

rules for use of the park at its next meeting and will liaise with the halls on their communication and enforcement.

Among the maintenance items discussed Parish Councillors were pleased to hear that a date had been confirmed to commence work on the verge retaining wall in the park and that agreement had been reached for the landowner to repair the broken fence around the Church Pool.

The council next meets on Thursday 21st.

address, from the side of the motorway to parking spots and remote viewpoints. For example, [///margin.area.dull](#) identifies a precise location of the centre of the church tower.

The app is free to download for both iOS and Android and works entirely offline – making it ideal for use in areas of the UK with an unreliable data connection, such as rural back-roads and motorways.

What3words is now used by over 85% of UK emergency services – police, fire and ambulance – and has become an important tool in the emergency toolkit.

Gawsworth Hub News

Our Christmas gift vouchers are now available to purchase!

They can be used across the Hub — whether for a coffee in the café, some delicious deli treats, or our popular gift range. We've also got jams, pickles, dried fruits, nuts, and festive gift boxes arriving soon. Perfect for a thoughtful present.

The café has been buzzing lately with our new monthly specials. We've enjoyed a warming lentil dahl with flatbread, followed by this month's hit: mushrooms on sourdough toast. Next month, we'll have something new to tempt your taste buds!

As always, you'll find a selection of freshly baked cakes made by our volunteers, available to eat in or take away. Don't miss our spiced buns (like tea cakes, but with an extra kick of flavour) or our homemade soup and cheese scone or roll, perfect for these autumn and winter days. We're delighted to now be



offering fresh fruit and veg from the local farmer's auction.

We receive one delivery each Thursday at 10.30am, so that's the best time to come and choose the freshest produce. You can buy in small quantities too — ideal for individuals or couples who don't want to overstock.

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

Recent Planning Applications

Here are the latest applications in Gawsworth:

25/3492/PIP - Land At Shellow Farm Shellow Lane

Permission in principle for the erection of one dwelling.

25/3402/HOUS - 9 Woodhouse Lane

Increase in roof height to form additional living space on first floor of dwelling, erection of dormer windows to front elevation and erection of single storey rear extension.

You can view and comment on applications at <https://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk>

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Cheshire East Backs Devolution

Cheshire East Council has voted to support the creation of a Mayoral Combined Authority for Cheshire and Warrington.

The new authority would unlock powers and over £650 million in government funding over 30 years, giving local leaders direct control over spending on key priorities.

These include improving public transport, building new housing, enhancing skills for the local workforce, and boosting economic growth. Decisions would be made locally by the new mayor and authority, rather

than in Whitehall.

The proposed Mayoral Combined Authority would represent more than one million residents and could be operational by early 2026, with the first Mayoral election expected in May 2027.

Cheshire East Conservatives, including Gawsworth CEC councillor Lesley Smetham, voted against the proposal, whilst CEC Labour group, including Macclesfield South councillors Brian Puddicombe and Fiona Wilson voted for the proposal, which passed 36 to 32.