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Last Orders for Rising Sun

The Rising Sun pub in Gawsworth served its last pint on April 25th.

Greene King, who own the pub, are also closing the Butley Ash on the other side of Macclesfield with the future of the Blacksmith's Arms on Chelford Road uncertain.

Andy and the team at The Rising Sun said they were sad to be shutting their doors forever and added "We would like to thank our customers for the continued

support over the years."

The Inn dates back to the mid-18th century with the first recorded licence being from 1754 although it has been extended and altered over the years. The original small country pub still forms the core building but it had grown to a family dining venue and was well known for its entertainment programme.

It seems the adjacent Premier Inn, which is owned by Whitbread,



will remain open. Greene King is undergoing a major strategic overhaul and plans to sell or reformat around 10% of its estate to combat rising costs and to focus on high-performing venues.

With the previous closures of the Chain and Gate and the Fools Nook pubs on the Gawsworth borders that leaves just the Harrington Arms to serve our community. Lucky that it's such a great local!

Survey seeks community's views

Copies of a community survey are being delivered to households across Gawsworth as the parish council seeks residents' views on a range of topics.

The survey covers a range of topics including whether dogs should be allowed in Gawsworth Park, improvements for Nancy's Wood or Maggoty Wood and other green spaces.

The future of burial provision in the parish, with options for expanding the burial ground at Gawsworth Church is also

covered. Questions also ask what areas in the parish require better maintenance.

Views on 20mph speed limits are also invited, including whether limits are appropriate in Gawsworth and if so which roads.

The survey only takes 15 minutes to complete and will inform discussion at the council.

The survey closes 7th June 2026.

You can complete the survey at www.gawsworthlife.co.uk/survey



Peak Cluster

Local Environmental Analysis help wanted

The environmental impact of the proposed Peak Cluster Ltd pipeline will be an important, possibly crucial, aspect of the determination of the project.

If it goes ahead local environmental effects should be important in finalising the route. The negative impact on the environment of the pipeline construction and the AGIs is a key aspect which Cheshire East Council officers must evaluate as set out in the motion put to/agreed by their Corporate Policy

Committee. Cheshire Wildlife Trust, in their March 2026 statement, stated that they are carefully assessing the potential impacts of the Peak Cluster CCS proposal.

Providing a robust and comprehensive assessment of the specific environmental and heritage impact of the project in Gawsworth is important so that Cheshire East Council officers, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Peak Cluster Ltd, the planning inspectorate etc have the best

possible local information alongside their more general consideration of environmental impacts across the long route through Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Cheshire and the Wirral . You can help. We are drafting a paper that identifies environmental issues in Gawsworth Parish.

We have already identified several which make Gawsworth particularly sensitive but maybe you have more information and local knowledge and can help make the analysis as detailed and accurate as possible. If so, get in touch with clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk and we'll get you involved.

Peak Cluster Limited responds to MP's questions

Macclesfield MP Tim Roca has been following up concerns of local residents with Peak Cluster.

Tim recently wrote to your Parish Council and several Gawsworth residents forwarding Peak Cluster Ltd's responses to Gawsworth residents' questions that he had raised. The full response can be viewed on the Gawsworth Life website.

In the section headed 'Gawsworth Parish Council' they begin by saying "The route of the pipeline is an iterative process, and we anticipate that there will be changes to the final proposed route. This will be informed by the feedback we receive during our consultations and our ongoing environmental and engineering studies".

While that sounds mildly encouraging they go on to only committing to refining the pipeline corridor to 100m, identifying more specific

locations for above ground infrastructure and defining any temporary construction requirements such as compounds and off-route access roads.

So, disappointingly, no hint that they are considering a different route that avoids Gawsworth Parish with its inherent environmental and heritage sensitivities.

Peak Cluster Ltd also said that they won't focus on the potential impact of one settlement over the rest and they dismiss the notion that route choice should avoid settlements where possible. Even so, they do acknowledge that they have received 'a large amount of feedback from residents of Gawsworth'. So well done to us all for ensuring our voice is being heard.

We must conclude that the Parish Council, The Residents Group and individual residents must continue the good work with

renewed vigour.

Tim Roca, tells us that his focus is "holding Peak Cluster to account and doing everything I can do to ensure constituents' voices are heard and responded to - Developers must provide clarity, transparency and protection for our area". Tim also noted that he had recently submitted a number of written parliamentary questions from Gawsworth Residents Group.

Bingo Night Sells Out

The Hub's ever popular Bing Night on 8th May is already a sell out.

The event has become a highlight of the village calendar, with plenty of laughs, thanks to Sybil and Maud. If you missed out this time, don't worry—keep your eyes peeled for tickets for our next event in October.

Cake Afternoon

A date for your diaries - a cake afternoon raising funds for the Stroke Association on 11th June.

There will be lots of lovely homemade cakes available for all to buy and enjoy a chat and catch up with your friends.

Whittling Workshop

Why not try a new skill at the Hub.

Anna Barker will be running a Beginners Greenwood Carving Workshop on Monday 1st June from 2-5pm at a cost of £35. Contact Sara in the hub.

Crumbs!

Tickets are still available for the next Cheshire Rural Touring Arts production hosted at Gawsworth Village Hall.

Crumbs! by Bad Apple Theatre is heading to the village on 16th May at 7pm. Packed with comedy, clowning and even live baking on stage, Crumbs promises a truly original night out. The show follows the misadventures of Petronella Parfait, a former TV baking star suddenly dropped from her high-profile contract and forced to reinvent herself in the ruthless world of social media influencers. Expect hilarious mishaps, sharp satire, songs, original music - and a delicious treat to taste as the show comes to an end.

Tickets are £13 and available from Gawsworth Hub or <https://shorturl.at/WGevw>

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be on Church Lane from 3:45 to 4:10 on 21st May.

Witnesses Sought

Cheshire police have appealed for witnesses or dashcam footage following a serious collision in Woodhouse End Road.

The collision, near the junction with Cowbrook Lane, took place just before 2:40pm on Wednesday 15th April and involved a white Ford Transit van.

The driver, a 35 year-old man, suffered serious injuries. You can report information by visiting www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us or by calling 101. The incident reference is IML-2309220.

Grand Opening!

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF AWARD-WINNING HOME CARE IN MACCLESFIELD!

Thursday 14th May from 10:30am-2pm

at the Gawsworth Village Hall, Church Lane, Macclesfield, SK11 9QY

Join us for a warm and welcoming day of community, conversation, and celebration, with complimentary refreshments and plenty of engaging activities to enjoy.

This free event marks the launch of CareYourWay Macclesfield, so come and celebrate with us and take part in our exciting raffle, featuring fantastic prizes, all in support of Dementia UK.

SPECIAL GUESTS & SPEECHES FROM:


Sarah Sabater
CAREYOURWAY CEO


Macclesfield
FIRE STATION


Wilmslow
POLICE STATION


Representatives
from DEMENTIA UK

 01625 380160

Call us for more information or to speak to our team!

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OLD TIME WHITTILING

Why not try something NEW for Summer

Learn to Whittle with Anna Barker

Join our beginners workshop

**Monday 1st June 2pm - 5pm
at Gawsworth Hub Cafe**



Greenwood carving skills taught in a safe environment

Book now at www.annabarkercraft.co.uk

**£35.00 per person
includes a drink and cake**

Numbers will be limited
so hurry and book now!



Supporting local suppliers at Gawsworth Hub

At Gawsworth Hub, supporting local isn't just something we say—it's at the heart of everything we do.

We're proud to work closely with a wonderful network of nearby suppliers who help us bring fresh, high-quality produce to the village while strengthening our local economy.

Our savoury favourites come courtesy of Spearings Butchers, whose pies, sausage rolls and ham are firm customer favourites. We're also delighted to stock sausage and bacon from Pete's Butchers on Park Lane, ensuring top-quality breakfast staples. Dairy is delivered fresh by Newtons Dairy, supplying us with delicious milk and cream. For our sandwiches and daily bread, we turn to Chatwin's Bakery, whose loaves, and traditional barmcakes keep our café and deli well stocked. Local drinks are just as important to

us—Wincle Brewery provides a fantastic selection of beers, including Speckled Hen and Sir Philip among others, while Forest Gin supplies the popular gin (and whisky) enjoyed by many of our customers.

Cheese lovers are well catered for too, with award-winning varieties from Reaseheath College alongside cheeses from local producer Joseph Heler. Our eggs come fresh from Pace's Farm near Congleton, and we offer healthy plants, fruit and vegetables in partnership with Ashley Waller Auctions in Lower Withington and The Corner Plot. Our preserves feature Fruits of the Forage and Mrs Darlington, both local producers in Cheshire and of course we've recently started stocking Happy Cow Chocolate based here in our own Gawsworth Village.

And of course, no visit would be complete without a piece

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



of homemade cake—our café proudly serves a tempting range of sweet and savoury home baked products by our talented local volunteers.

Look out for all the bedding plants in the coming weeks at the Hub.

Gawsworth Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 22nd April at the Village Hall.

The meeting is an annual open meeting where residents can raise any topics for local discussion.

Only eight residents attended the meeting, which was chaired by Parish Council Deputy Chair Cllr Adam Hardy. Adam provided an update on the parish council's work around Peak Cluster and announced the launch of the community survey.

In the open forum section, a resident raised the gradual loss of hedgerow trees over the last few years and concern about water quality in the Ben Brook.

It was suggested that community litterpicks could be held to target areas with litter issues and concern was raised about the impact of agriculture on the Danes Moss SSSI. One resident asked how the meeting could be more exciting to get a greater attendance in 2027.

Answers on a postcard (or email clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk).

Planning Applications

Here are the latest applications in Gawsworth:

26/1141/HOUS
Fodens Farm, Woodhouse End Road.
Construction of an annexe

26/1006/FUL
Libby's Patch, Shellow Lane.
Rural Enterprise Dwelling

You can view plans and decision notices on the Cheshire East Council website: <https://pa.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/index.html>