

Gawcott Newsletter

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Traffic Analysis Report - Hillesden Road, Gawcott

Summary - Selected Weeks – 30 July - 2023 to 26 August -2023

Daily Summary of Volumes and Speeds

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Average Daily Vehicle count	1088	1954	1924	1700	1528	2039	1379
Overall average speed	29.0	27.2	27.0	27.4	27.8	27.9	29.0
Average count over limit	447	561	537	522	500	674	564
Percentage over limit	41.0%	28.7%	27.9%	30.7%	32.7%	33.1%	40.9%
Average speed of speeder	34.9	34.6	34.6	34.6	34.8	34.8	34.9

Average

Speed Range	Vehicles per week	Percentage
0 - 29	7806	67.2%
30 - 34	2576	22.2%
35 - 39	871	7.5%
> 40	358	3.1%
Total	11610	100%

These figures are taken from the vehicle activated sign as you enter the village from Hillesden

To contact the editor please email

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Deadline for the November issue is October 22nd

Want to book Gawcott Village Hall?

To book the Village Hall please email Mandy Minney on

gawcottvhall@gmail.com

Coffee Café

The 'drop in' Coffee Café is held in the Methodist Chapel on Thursday mornings from 10.00 a.m. until 12. Come along for tea or coffee, biscuits and other snacks available – dunking allowed! Join in the weekly debate about which is best, toasted tea cakes or toasted hot cross buns and chat with friends old and new. Refreshments are free of charge, donations to Chapel funds are gratefully received but not essential.

Katy, Irene, Rosemary and Friend

Gawcott Friendship Club News

Hello All, We had a lovely day out to Stratford upon Avon, the weather was on our side for a change. Next month we will be in the hall for fish and chips, same as last year - they were great. A member from Buckinghamshire Age UK will be popping in, so if you have the need for help of any kind he will be able to point you in the right direction. So sorry to hear that Gawcott WI will be closing soon, maybe some of you would like to give us a try, we are a very friendly group.

On November 1st we will be having a meeting in the Hall, and another trip has been arranged to Winchester Christmas Market on the 29th, so get your names down if your interested or speak to Joy on 01280821325. For any other info try Sally on 07711884615, or Pete Saving 07748527948



ACOUSTIC BAND COMING TO GAWCOTT

November 23rd, 7.30pm



I have an Acoustic Band coming to play and sing lovely songs on the 23rd November at 7.30pm in Gawcott Church.

This will be seated at tables so please bring your own cheese, wine, nibbles and glasses

It's £15.00 each and all proceeds go to our church repairs

Please contact me on 07771 666193 for a ticket

Thank you for your support - Susan x

Defibrillators in Gawcott

If you come across someone who is unconscious, unresponsive, not breathing or not breathing normally, they're in cardiac arrest. The most important thing is to call 999 and start CPR to keep the blood flowing to the brain and around the body. After a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 per cent.

If you're on your own, don't interrupt the CPR to go and get a defibrillator. If it's possible, send someone else to find one. **There are 2 public access Defibrillator Heart Restarters in Gawcott.** These are located at the **Village Hall** and the **Richard Roper Fields**.

the WI

Inspiring women

SEPTEMBER MEETING

We welcomed Ken and June Brazier who have raised funds for many years for Mercy Ships – old liners converted into hospitals which moor, mostly, off the W African coast offering operations, procedures, advice, pastoral and general care – and leaving a great legacy including on shore clinics. Their presentation was heart rending showing how devoted volunteers perform surgery, and some quite simple procedures, to restore health and enable many to live a normal life rather than hiding away with deformities. – an amazing organization.

PHONE BOX LIBRARY.

Opening hours will alter later this month to winter times 10 am – 4 pm and the troughs will have a seasonal update. It would be nice to have a few more volunteers to help on the rota – please contact either Maja Harrison (07966 108760) or Jennie Smith (07706 917137) to find out what's involved – not much really! Please donate books appropriately and we would ask, please, that you do not leave bags or boxes of books inside or outside the phone box.

SOCIAL GROUP

This month's meet is Wed 18 th Oct - with or without crafting projects – to enjoy friendly chat and, of course, tea and cake!

OCTOBER 3 rd meeting

We will welcome Sally Chittenden and Helen Church demonstrating autumnal decorations – with helpful hints and advice to inspire.

NOVEMBER 7th Annual Meeting

After the business meeting and 'closure' is confirmed we will raise a glass with fellow members and look forward to continuing our friendships.

FAREWELL – our last newsletter entry

A reminder that Gawcott WI will close at our annual meeting next month. We are unable to nominate officers for 2023/24 and our membership is unsustainable. We were re-formed in 1996 after a previous closure and we have had a wonderful innings with approximately 70 members over 27 years. We would like to thank all past members who contributed to the WI, many on the committee, and thank you to Gawcott for their support for all the functions eg craft fairs, flower festivals, coffee mornings, afternoon teas, fashion shows, quizzes, beetle drives and musical events. In particular, a big thank you to all who helped raise funds to purchase the red telephone box prior to its arrival in 2012 and hope this facility will continue to be supported. It was disappointing that the entry to the Best Kept Village competition was cancelled due to covid but donations were retained and continue to be used for the village, eg the flower troughs.

Our very best wishes
Thank you
Gawcott WI 1996 -2023

October 2023



The Wishing Well and News from the Duck Pond.

Thank you to everyone who has dropped a donation into the well, every single penny helps and goes to Alec's Angels, our local charity which supports children and young people who are coping with terminal illnesses. With Christmas looming Alec's Angels will already be getting their plans sorted to decorate the hospices and provide the little treats that are needed to make the children's lives just a little happier. Thank you to the kind people who donated their expenses from the Safari Supper to the charity, it is very much appreciated.

We are so sad to say goodbye to our lovely village WI. Over the past few years, the members of Gawcott WI have helped Alec's Angels such a great deal – running the refreshments and cake stall at The Gawcott Mile and making many other generous donations. They have been absolutely amazing, kind and generous and their hard work for this very worthy cause is so very much appreciated – Thank you.

Look out for festive decorations at the Wishing Well in the coming months. Halloween is usually quite interesting – and don't forget that the geese like the occasional pumpkin to peck at. Remembrance Day is also celebrated, and of course, Christmas. We like to think that our solar lights on the Wishing Well help brighten up the road a little in lieu of the hopeless streetlights. The daily game of 'how long will the streetlight stay on?' is getting a bit tedious now. The one by the pond lasts for around 4 minutes each evening, the next one up is now working intermittently and rather looks like something from a 1970's horror movie, the next one has a faint glow going on, and the next one is doing absolutely nothing! Please be careful visiting the ponds in the darker evenings, we have reported the lack of lighting many times – but apparently the workmen still don't have the correct parts to fix them, well, it has only been two years of asking!

The geese and ducks (they are still here!!!) have been enjoying the windfall apples and the occasional blackberry. Our plum harvest was not quite as good as usual this year, which may be just as well as one year we gave the geese so many plums which weren't suitable for human consumption that they became 'drunk' and started staggering around and had to be rescued from the pond!

The Harper Family.

Gawcott Parent/Carer and Toddler Group

We have been fortunate to have our very own Pre-School in the village for so long, and when it eventually closed the space was taken up temporarily by Tingewick Pre-School after the unfortunate vandalism of their premises in Tingewick. Sadly, when the new Tingewick Pre-School premises are up and running we won't have a Pre-School in the village any more. What we do have is a Parent/Carer Baby and Toddler Group which is held in the Methodist Chapel from 10.30 until 12 on Friday mornings. We are a small friendly group always on the look out for new members. Come along with your Bump, Baby or Toddler make new friends and enjoy a cuppa while you watch the children play.

Judith and Irene.

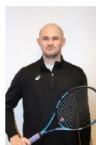


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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



COACHING WITH ED

Ed Harwood is a former pro tennis player based in Bucks. He offers adult and kids groups, plus individual lessons at competitive rates.

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Gawcott Methodist Chapel

Services weekly at 6.00 pm in the Chapel from 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm.

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 1st October, the Chapel is beautifully decorated, as always, and the proceeds will be donated to people within the village. Pop in to one of the services or the Coffee Café at the end of October/early November to see the beautiful 'Poppy Curtain' which is part of our Remembrance Day décor.

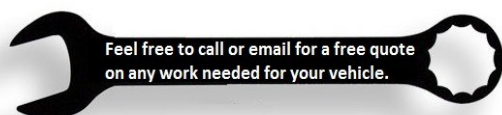


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Gawcott newsletter will trial a change in how it is distributed in Nov and Dec.

Thank you to those who responded to the questions below, or on facebook, to express preferences on how they would like to receive the newsletter.

The majority seem happy to receive the newsletter by email or view it on Facebook. Those who requested a printed copy will continue to get one delivered. We will also publish the newsletter on the parish council website www.gawcottwithlenboroughpc.co.uk

This new distribution approach will be trialed for November and December and then reviewed. The November and December newsletter will be:

- Emailed to a distribution list
- Published on *All About Gawcott* Facebook site
- A batch of newsletters will be left in the telephone box (library) for anyone who would like to take one. We will monitor how many of these are taken and adjust accordingly.
- Delivered to homes who would like to receive a printed copy

Please fill in the below and return it (instruction below)

I would like to be emailed a copy of the newsletter and my name and email address is below:

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If you still want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please fill in your details below and return this to 8 Leyland Close, Gawcott or send me a text on 07726 911414

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If you could please put this form into the post box at 8 Leyland close, Gawcott or text your response to the editor on 07726 911414 we will organise distribution of the newsletter accordingly.

I would like to personally take this opportunity to thank the team of newsletter deliverers who have willingly delivered the newsletter every month, some for many many many years! Thank you so much for your support, the village is lucky to have you!

THANK YOU