


Gawcott Newsletter

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The Gawcott Mile for Alec's Angels 2024



Saturday 27th April, 10.30 am

This year the **Gawcott Mile** will take place on Saturday 27th April, registration from 10.30 am. Runs start at 11.00 am. It is a one-mile Fun Run from the Methodist Chapel, through the village and up the Hillesden Road to the Pavilion in the Richard Roper playing field. The participants will run around the Pavilion before running back down Hillesden Road, back into the village and then up Church Street, down past the Church and back to the Chapel.

There is a £5 entry fee (although additional donations are very welcome) which goes to the charity. This can be payable on the day or via the Alec's Angels 'Just Giving Page' just put your name and Gawcott Mile 2024.

Every runner wins a splendid medal. There are trophies for the fastest adult male and female runners, fastest boy and girl under the age of 14, and the 'Roundwood Cup' is presented to the fastest runner who attends Roundwood School, where Alec was once a pupil. There will also be a 'Mini Marathon' for small children, a short run from the Chapel to the village school to claim their medal and prizes.

Alec was a cheeky, fun-loving little boy, even when he was really ill, he wanted to make those around him happy. He asked his parents to do something for the other poorly children "even if it is only to make them smile". The Alec's Angels charity does that, supporting terminally ill children and their families, creating special memories, and making them smile. Alec's favourite colours were orange and lime green.

This year our fancy dress challenge for the 'Goodman Cup' will be 'wear it orange' – anything goes – if there is some orange involved – see how creative you can be. As well as this there will be a raffle and a few other stalls in the Chapel, as well as refreshments.

If anyone would like to help in any way (extra marshals for the route are always useful, people to run a stall or help with the refreshments are also welcome) please let me know.

Donations of raffle or tombola prizes, or cakes would be gratefully received.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Judith Harper and the 'Gawcott Mile' Team.

Contact: judithharper2004@yahoo.co.uk

Traffic Analysis Report - Hillesden Road, Gawcott

Summary - Selected Weeks – 28-Jan-2024 to 24-Feb-2024

Daily Summary of Volumes and Speeds

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Average Daily Vehicle count	838	1365	1919	2198	1978	2020	1419
Overall average speed	29.5	28.3	27.6	27.2	27.9	28.3	29.2
Average count over limit	380	481	615	716	674	751	622
Percentage over limit	45.4%	35.2%	32.0%	32.6%	34.1%	37.2%	43.8%
Average speed of speeder	34.9	34.6	34.6	34.6	34.5	34.7	34.9

Average

Speed Range	Vehicles per week	Percentage
0 - 29	7498	63.9%
30 – 34	2843	24.2%
35 – 39	1038	8.8%
> 40	358	3%
Total	11736	100%

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Gawcott Methodist Chapel

Weekly services continue at 6pm on Sunday evenings. We have a mixture of services, either formal ones lead by clergy or more casual own arrangements involving members of the Chapel. Visitors are very welcome at all services.

Coffee Café

The Coffee Café is held every Thursday morning in Gawcott Methodist Chapel from 10.00 am until 12 noon. Come along and join us for a nice cuppa and biscuits, or a hot buttered toasted tea cake. A chance to chat with old friends, and to make new ones. Everyone welcome. There is no charge for refreshments, but donations to chapel funds are always gratefully received.

GAWCOTT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Hi all, lovely to see spring has arrived and things look more cheerful. Our March meeting in the Hall was a great success. One of our committee members said she would arrange some entertainment, but wouldn't say what. To our surprise two of our local villagers - Sue Herring and John Burgess - had been secretly practicing a duet of songs from the musicals. This was their first public event. They were amazing, we were all impressed by such a lovely surprise. This was followed by tea and delicious homemade cake. Next month we will be advised on keeping mobile, by doing simple chair exercises, again by a local lady Lizzy Flint. We are so lucky to have so many talented people in the village, our numbers are growing but should you feel that you are interested please come along to see what we have to offer or contact one of us:

- Sally 07711884615,
- Pete 07748527948,
- Joy 07936503334,
- Sylvia 07936033568

All meetings in the hall are 2pm start. Trips you will be notified on booking. The first trip is on May 1st to Marlow and on to Runnymede for a boat trip on the river.

Gawcott Toddler Group

The group meet every Thursday afternoon during term time from 1.15 pm until 2.45 pm in the Chapel. We have some lovely toys, we provide snacks for the children and refreshments for the adults. New members are always welcome, the more the merrier. Come along with your bump, baby or toddler, you'll be most welcome. If you do come and decide that this is not the group for you, why not give us some suggestions as to what you would like, we are always happy to listen and make changes.

PADBURY TENNIS CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Now that spring is around the corner Padbury Tennis Club welcomes new members of all ages at our Tuesday (7pm) and Saturday (4pm) social mix ins. Free membership until the end of March.

The club will also be fielding a team in the MK Tennis League again this year, with pre-season training with our resident coach Ed Harwood. Ed continues to offer junior coaching on Tuesday evenings and has an adult group on a Wednesday evening. He is also available for one-to-one coaching.

The club always welcomes new members of any ability so why not come and give tennis a try!

If interested, drop Dave a message on padburytcmemb@gmail.com

JUKE BOX 60s BAND



SOLD OUT!

26th April 2024, 7 — 10pm

Doors open at 7pm

In aid of Church repairs

Want to book Gawcott Village Hall?

To book the Village Hall please email Mandy Minney on gawcottvhall@gmail.com
Thank you

News from Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

The Parish Council meets monthly at the Village Hall. Dates of meetings are on our website www.gawcottwithlenboroughpc.co.uk. All are welcome to attend.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th April at 7pm followed by the Parish Council meeting and all are welcome.

Planning:

The latest planning applications received that are being considered by Buckinghamshire Council are as follows:

24/00131/APP – Change of use of land to a gypsy and traveller caravan site and erection of day room – Land to the West of Main Street South, Gawcott

24/00485/APP – Householder application for first floor extension to garage and convert to annexe including associated works – Gawcott Farm, Lenborough Road, Gawcott

24/00498/VRC – Removal of condition 5 (unit to be demolished) relating to application 23/02485/APP (redevelopment of existing barn complex to form 1 No. residential dwelling (retrospective) – Rowan Tree Farm, Hillesden Road, Gawcott

24/00731/APP - Change of use from equestrian to a mixed use of equestrian, business and residential use. Demolition of existing equestrian buildings and the erection of single storey stables, storage barn, office and dwelling house – Hollow Farm, Buckingham Road, Gawcott

To view the details, please go to Buckinghamshire Council's website at: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/

Other news:

- The Pavilion – Our funding application was successful. The showers and the kitchen will be prioritised for refurbishment and then from May 2024, other improvements will be completed. Thank you to Buckinghamshire Council Community Boards for the funding which will help pay for the improvements.
- Streetlights - We are aware some are still not working. However, Buckinghamshire Council advise that they await parts for some in order to repair them.
- Caretaker/Handy person needed. Please see separate ad.

Wanted: Caretaker / Handy Person for Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council is seeking a Caretaker / Handy Person to look after it's land and buildings. The position would probably suit someone who is reasonably local to the parish, and who has a demonstrable ability to carry out general DIY tasks to a good standard. We don't anticipate that the successful person is a trade specialist, but all trade backgrounds or even keen DIY hobbyists can work for us.

Examples of work required include general fixing, maintenance work and groundworks. We would anticipate bringing in specialists for things like electrical work and plumbing as the need arises. Providing access to the pavilion and all- weather pitch when required and ensuring secure after use.

Whilst it's difficult to estimate the time commitment for this role, we anticipate an initial need of 5 hours per month, working flexibly. The role will be remunerated at £15 per hour.

We expect the handy person to have their own general tools and transport, but the Parish Council could purchase specific tools if/when identified as needed. If you're interested and/or want to discuss this please contact us by email at: parishclerk@gawcottwithlenboroughpc.co.uk

Gawcott Community Group

Events

2024

01
JUNE

D DAY COMPETITION

Decorate your house competition for the D Day 80th Anniversary

02
JUNE

D DAY JUDGING

Judging will take place of the decorated houses ready for D Day on 6th June

08
JUNE

Grand Raffle Launch

Raffle tickets go on sale in aid of the Gawcott Village Hall Centenary

07
SEPT

Centenary Evening

Adult centenary event black/gold/white theme -70 tickets avail. more details to follow

08
SEPT

FAMILY FUN DAY

To commemorate the hall centenary at 2pm Tombola stalls, games, colouring competition

08
SEPT

CREAM TEAS

Served in the hall from 2-5pm during the family fun day more details to follow

08
SEPT

Grand Raffle Draw

During the fun day the Grand Raffle will be drawn & the centenary plaque unveiled.

07
DEC

Christmas Lights

Gawcott Christmas tree lights switch on with music, mulled wine, food & a raffle at 5pm

DEC
DATE
TBC

VISIT FROM SANTA

The usual visit of the Santa Sleigh by the Rotary Club supported by Gawcott Community Group

All event details will be published on fb and in future newsletters.

Any queries or for tickets contact us on 07928 712271 or

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To contact the editor please email Gawcottnewsletter@gmail.com

Deadline for the May issue is April 20th

Thank you



PADBURY TENNIS CLUB

Play Tennis In



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SOCIAL CLUB NIGHTS TUES & SAT
TEAM PLAY IN MK TENNIS LEAGUE
ANNUAL CLUB TOURNAMENT
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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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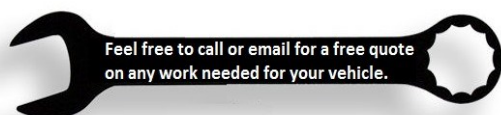
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News from Holy Trinity Church- Gawcott



An urgent appeal for help from churchyard mower volunteers

Would anyone be prepared to spend some time with Mary, Martine and myself in maintaining the Gawcott churchyard this year?

Andrew Hetherington, who was a major member of our team, moved away from the village. We very much thank Andrew for his help over the years.

Generally we tend to mow and maintain the churchyard about once a week in the summer and usually spend about 3 hours with mowing and gardening tasks.

We are a happy friendly group and always break for coffee and biscuits mid morning. We are not hard taskmasters and do this work to make the village look clean, tidy and better.

You do not need to bring any mowers, gardening tools, equipment etc., we have all we need at the church.

If you can help, could you please contact me, Andrew Pollard on 07786 251429.

An update of building, etc.

The plaster work has now been completed. We will be repainting the church later this summer. This will cost approx. £10,000. We receive no help from the wider church and have been grateful for the support given to our various fund-raising events....but the need goes on!

A sound system will be installed mid-March with thanks for a very generous donation. What a blessing that will be!!!!



Village Lunch– 1 p.m. every Monday

A warm place to meet neighbours and friends
Choice of two soups, rolls, cheese toasties, tea/coffee.

No charge but donations gratefully received.

We are delighted that the Soup Café has been awarded a five-star rating by the Food Standards Agency. Special thanks to Beverly Maggs and the team for all the hard work they put into achieving this.

Our Services

Easter Sunday 31st March

We all meet at Padbury at 10 a.m.
For Easter Communion Service followed by breakfast

Sunday 7th April Café Church and Annual Church Meeting 10.30 am

Sunday 21st April Care and Share

Sunday, 28th April – Holy Communion

Sunday 5th May – Café Church

Apha Course on Thursday afternoon continues...

This is an opportunity to find out more about our faith. Each week we watch a short video followed by a chat to discuss what we have watched. Absolutely no knowledge needed. If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith please contact Sue Ambrose 01280 813346

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who came along to help clean the church after the building work. It looks great! Many hands really do make light work!

Search for our new Vicar

The process of finding a new vicar for the Lenborough Benefice is in progress. It is a slow business but we ask for your prayers that the right person will apply and be chosen.

Gawcott Progressive Supper

The Gawcott Progressive Supper will take place on **Saturday, 11th May 2024, 7.00 pm to 12:45am.**

This popular annual event is a great opportunity for Villagers, be they newcomers or have been here a while, to meet new and old friends in a relaxed atmosphere over Supper.

The Supper, which costs £17 per person, consists of three courses including drinks. The idea is that we all meet at one house for pre-supper drinks and then enjoy each course of the meal at various houses in small groups before all meeting up again at the end of the evening for coffee and drinks.

The total cost is distributed among the hosts to provide the food and drinks for their chosen course – with the hosts deciding what dish they wish to prepare (allowing for any allergies etc). Everyone is welcome to take part – please indicate which course you would prefer to host and the maximum you can cater for!

If you would like to come, please complete and return the form below.

Gawcott Progressive Supper Saturday, 11th May 2024

I/We would like to attend the Supper

Surname First Names
Address
Telephone
Email

I/We would be prepared to host the following Course (Preference in order please)

- a. Starting House Drinks (£2.00 per head)
- b. Starter (£4.00 per head including drinks)
- c. Main (£5.00 per head including drinks)
- d. Pudding (£4.00 per head including drinks)
- e. End House Coffee/Drinks (£2.00 per head)

Maximum seating including ourselves is

The following person(s) has a food allergy (or real dislike)

Name Allergy/Dislike

Name Allergy/Dislike

I enclose payment of £ (£17.00 per person in cash or cheque payable to J. Lowing. If payment by bacs is preferred please text for Bank Details). **This completed form together with payment must be returned NO LATER than Monday 22nd April 2024 to John Lowing, The Cottage, Church Street (next to Crown Pub).**

Any queries please call John Lowing on 07768141370 or email at john.lowing@lyoncourt.co.uk