

Gawcott Newsletter

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The phone box is now 'managed' by the Parish Council and Gawcott Community Group but no change in its use. It is a great facility for the village and hope it will continue to be used appropriately. May we ask, once again, that bags of books are not left outside or on the floor inside which does cause problems for the volunteers who open and close the box.

Contributions are most welcome but only if there's space on the shelves.

Copies of the monthly village newsletter are left inside for access.

If there are any queries or if anyone could volunteer to help please contact
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THANK YOU

Traffic Analysis Report - Hillesden Road, Gawcott

Summary - Selected Weeks – 05-Dec-2023 to 29-Dec-2023

Daily Summary of Volumes and Speeds

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Average Daily Vehicle count	1184	1623	1668	2070	1875	1523	1471
Overall average speed	29.3	28.5	27.8	27.4	28.5	28.6	29.3
Average count over limit	537	607	557	666	693	574	671
Percentage over limit	45.3%	37.4%	33.4%	32.2%	37.0%	37.7%	45.6%
Average speed of speeder	35.0	34.8	34.6	34.4	34.7	34.8	34.8

Average

Speed Range	Vehicles per week	Percentage
0 - 29	6493	62.8%
30 – 34	2577	24.9%
35 – 39	943	9.1%
> 40	331	3.2%
Total	10344	100%

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

News from Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on a monthly basis at the Village Hall, dates of meetings are available on our website and at the bottom of our minutes, and all are welcome to attend. The minutes from the Parish Council meetings can also be found on our website as well as other information for and about the parish, eg. general news, road closures etc. Our website address is: www.gawcottwithlenboroughpc.co.uk

Planning:

Current planning applications that are awaiting consideration by Buckinghamshire Council are:

- **23/04010/ADP** - Submission of details of all matters reserved pursuant to outline planning permission
- **15/01242/AOP** (Application for Outline Planning Permission with access to provide Allotments, Cemetery, Associated Buildings, Landscaping, New Vehicular and Pedestrian Access, Engineering (including Ground Modelling) Works, Infrastructure Works (including Drainage Works and Utilities Provision), Demolition, Car Parking and Lighting) - Land South of The A421, Tingewick Road, Buckingham.
- **22/02689/ADP** – Erection of 121 dwellings along with landscaping, garages, roads and all ancillary works (Phase 1) following outline permission ref: 19/00148/AOP – Land at Osier Way, Osier Way, Buckingham
- **23/03301/APP** - Change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, hardstanding and dayrooms ancillary to that use - Land Adjacent Radclive Road, Gawcott.

If you wish to view the details or comment, please go to the Buckinghamshire Council website: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Other news

Buckinghamshire Council have carried out some works to help reduce the risk of flooding in the village. In addition, we have been advised that Main Street will be closed between the 12-16 th February for Anglian Water to carry out repairs to the sewer.

The Parish Council have made an application for funding to upgrade the pavilion at the Richard Roper Playing Field.

After months of waiting for repairs to be carried out, we are informed that seven streetlights have been repaired. Meanwhile others seem to be malfunctioning or not working at all. The Parish Council will continue to follow up on this matter.

**To contact the editor
please email**

Gawcottnewsletter@gmail.com

**Deadline for the March issue is Feb
20th**

Thank you

Want to book Gawcott Village Hall?

**To book the Village Hall please email
Mandy Minney on**

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Thank you

Gawcott Methodist Chapel

Christmas seems such a long while ago now, we celebrated in the Chapel with a special Christmas Eve service with friends old and new coming along for a celebration of the real meaning of Christmas, led by Phillip and Joan. We heard, again, the story of the first Christmas and sang Christmas carols. Some of the carols were traditional, some modern and some a bit older. For Christmas 2024 we will be asking for 'requests' for the carols for Christmas Eve, so if you have one you particularly enjoy singing, or listening to, let us know (we'll ask in the November Newsletter).

Our Christmas 'faux stained-glass window' looked beautiful lit up over the Christmas period. It was made, from coloured cellophane and black sugar paper, by children at the GiG group, which ran prior to Covid. The 'children' who worked so hard to help create the window are now all grown up, some still living in the village, and some have move away, which makes this piece of artwork (and the Easter version) even more Newsletterspecial. We are hoping to get the panels laminated to protect them so we can carry on using them in the future. Our Sunday Services continue to be held in the Chapel every Sunday evening at 6pm. A warm welcome awaits visitors.

Fix it, Don't Bin it

....and have a drink while you wait



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Where: The Centre, Verney Close, Buckingham,
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The Wishing Well



And News from The Duck Pond

Thank you to all who contributed to the Wishing Well over the Christmas period, your donations will go to Alec's Angels to continue to help make life a little bit easier for children coping with cancer. Really, every penny counts. Alec's Angels volunteers worked hard to provide a beautiful 'Grotto' at the children's hospice, providing a happy and exciting space for families to celebrate together.

Details of the annual 'Gawcott Mile for Alec's Angels' will appear in the next Newsletter - watch this space. Love them or hate them (we love them) – the streetlights are back!!! At last!! The poor geese are so confused, no longer living in total darkness at night. As well as making it so much safer to walk along the road in the evenings, the streetlights also go some way to help keep the geese safe at night as it is easier to see any unwanted 'foxy' visitors. The geese really appreciated the tasty snacks which people brought for them over Christmas – brussels sprout peelings – yummy!

As we move into spring the geese will start to smarten themselves up and get ready for the nesting season. We also expect to see the moorhen back again, with the first of many little families hatching out around the pond, as well as the ducks and rabbits who make their home here too. The geese enjoy having visitors, especially those bearing gifts of vegetable peelings and the occasional crust of bread – but please mind your fingers!!

The Harper Family

Gawcott Toddler Group

We continue to meet on Thursday afternoons from 1.15 pm until 2.45 pm in the Chapel. During the winter months this works well because we can benefit from the residual heat from the Coffee Café to make the Chapel warm and cosy for the children.

The small, friendly group welcomes parents and carers along with their babies and toddlers for a chance to socialise, play and have a drink and a snack together. We are quite informal and are open to any suggestions of activities that people may want to include in the

group. We currently have the Pre-School running in the Village Hall, but this is to return to Tingewick once they have their new premises. We really hope that we can keep the Toddler Group running in the village, to provide an amenity for young families who may not be able to access services in Buckingham or other villages. The

group is run free of charge, supported by the Chapel, a voluntary donation of £1 per family is acceptable, but not essential.

Judith and Irene

Coffee Café

The Coffee Café is held each Thursday morning from 10.00 a.m until 12 in the Chapel. Come along for a tea or coffee, toasted tea cakes etc and a chat in the warm, welcoming Chapel. Bring a friend or neighbour, or come on your own and meet new friends.

There is no charge, but donations can be made to Chapel funds if you wish. We were very fortunate to receive a wonderful donation towards our heating fund from the kind people of the 'Buckingham Table', who also contributed to the Holy Trinity Church to help support their community lunches held on Mondays. The donation is so much appreciated, as it gives us more opportunities to open the Chapel for social events, such as the Coffee Café and the Toddler Group, as well as Sunday Services.

Katy, Irene, Rosemary and friends.



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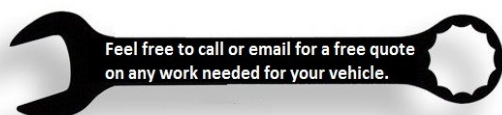
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News from Holy Trinity Church

After many months of being off sick, Revd. Ros Roberts, the Benefice vicar of Gawcott, Padbury, Hillesden and Adstock, has retired to live in Suffolk. We are now beginning the lengthy process of appointing a new vicar. This involves all the four parishes getting together, with advice from the Bishop's office, to produce a "Benefice Profile"a look at what's going on in each of the parishes; the needs of each village and the whole benefice together, the challenges facing a new vicar, etc. The vicar's role is to be here for EVERY-ONE in the community, people of faith, those of no faith, of any age, background, different denominations, etc. for YOU.

Members of Gawcott Church have been working to produce our part of this important document.....**but would really like some feedback from YOU as to what you feel are the particular needs of this community which the church could do to help. (please email your ideas to sueambrose@icloud.com**

In the meantime.....we carry on with...

...two lay-led informal services and one service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am each month.....(1st Sunday Café Church...all ages, with coffee and croissants, lively songs, a thought-provoking message, a time to be still and think 3rd Sunday "Care and Share" informal discussion on various aspects of our Christian life, 4th Sunday, Holy Communion taken by a visiting Priest.

Starting on 1st February, Thursday afternoons from 2-3.30 pm we are running an **ALPHA COURSE** – a chance to explore the basics of the Christian life through a series of talks on video and discussions – over tea and cake!! If you are interested come along – with a friend perhaps? – or for more information **phone Sue on 813346.**

The **Monday Lunches** are going down well. Served at 1 pm they are a good opportunity to meet up with friends or make new ones. No charge but donations gratefully received.



The old building has been having its ups and downs.....mostly downs with rain leaking through the roof and water damage to the walls. We carry on regardless!!!! BUT..... it is continuing to be very expensive. We have already spent thousands of pounds in repairs... now the plastering and, in the spring, the re-decorating. **All expenses of**

running the church and the upkeep of the building and the churchyard are the responsibility of the local church-goers. Any financial help would be gratefully received.

The Big Church Cleaning Party will be held on Thursday 22nds February at 10.30.AM.
Please come along to help (make the coffee if you aren't fit!). IT REALLY MAKES LIGHT WORK OF CLEANING UP AFTER THE PLASTERERS IF WE ALL CHIP IN!

Holy Trinity Friends '100' Club – Application

Membership of Holy Trinity '100' club gives you 12 opportunities of winning a cash prize across the year. Yearly subscription runs from March through to the following February and draws take place on First Sunday of every month at the Café Sunday Service. Half of all the money raised through this scheme is paid out in cash prizes, with the other half going towards the upkeep of the church.

Please fill in the form below and return along with your subscription for the year (£12 for each entry), before 28th February. Participants must be 18 yrs of age or over.

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email	

Names (1 line per person in household)	Tel No. (If different from above)	Subscription Amount	
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I am aware that the personal information shown above is held by the officers of Holy Trinity Church (Gawcott PCC). I give permission for that information to be used in accordance with the Church Data Privacy Notice. (I understand that I can request at any time that my information is deleted.)

Signature **Date**

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