

Gawcott Newsletter

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Gawcott Progressive Supper 2024 - Make a Note in your Diary

The Gawcott Progressive Supper has become a tradition and popular event in the Village for over twenty years.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, 11th May 2024 starting at 7.00 pm.
So **MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY** and **BOOK YOUR BABYSITTER!**

This Supper, which costs £15 per person, consists of three courses including drinks and is a great way for newcomers to get to know people in the Village and for others to renew friendships over a good meal. The idea is that we all meet at one house for pre-supper drinks and then enjoy each course of the meal in various houses in small groups before all meeting up again at the end of the evening for coffee and drinks.

Full details will appear in the April Village Newsletter but in the meantime if anyone has any queries or comments please contact John Lowing either by email on john.lowing@lyoncourt.co.uk or by calling 07768141370.

Traffic Analysis Report—Hillesden Road, Gawcott

Summary—Selected Weeks—01 Jan 2024—27 Jan 2024
(27 days)

Daily Summary of Volumes and Speeds

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Average Daily Vehicle count	1397	1809	1991	2045	2137	2184	1460
Overall average speed	26.5	27.4	27.7	28.3	28.0	28.5	29.7
Average count over limit	511	605	660	717	728	817	677
Percentage over limit	36.6%	33.4%	33.1%	35.1%	34.1%	37.4%	46.4%
Average speed of speeder	35.0	34.4	34.5	34.5	34.4	34.6	34.9

Average

Speed Range	Vehicles per week	Percentage
0 - 29	8087	63.8%
30 - 34	3137	24.8%
35 - 39	1084	8.6%
> 40	366	2.9%
Total	12673	100%

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



JUKE BOX 60s BAND

Holy Trinity Church, Gawcott

Friday 26th April 2024



7.30—10pm

£15.00

Doors open at 7pm

Bring your own
Drinks / Glasses / Snacks



"Raffle"

In aid of Church repairs

Tel Susan on 07771666193 or
01280 815 855

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 Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 18th April at 7pm and again all are welcome. Our website address is: www.gawcottwithlenboroughpc.co.uk

Planning:

The latest planning applications received that are awaiting consideration by Buckinghamshire Council are:

- **23/04000/APP** - Householder application for demolition of existing single storey rear extensions and erection of single storey rear extension with remodeling of rear external amenity areas - The Cuckoo's Nest, Back Street, Gawcott
- **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 7 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

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

Other news:

- ♦ The Parish Council have made an application for funding to carry out some upgrades to the pavilion at the Richard Roper Playing Field and we hope to receive a decision by the end of March.
- ♦ Streetlights – We are aware that there are still quite a few not working and have sent Buckinghamshire Council an updated list. We will continue to chase them.
- ♦ We are pleased to advise that our funding application via the Buckinghamshire Council Community Boards for a new speed sign has been successful. The new sign will be moved between two locations, Hillesden Road and Main Street. An order has been placed and delivery expected in approximately 10 weeks.
- ♦ We have been advised that Moretonville Football Club are planning their annual football tournament on the 8th & 9th June.
- ♦ Upcoming roadworks: 1st to 5th March - Lenborough Road, patch repairs;
19th & 20th March - Lenborough Road, gully clearance
18th & 19th March – Old Barn Close, patch repairs

Parish Council finances: 2024-2025

We all contribute to the cost of the services managed by the Parish Council through an addition to the Council Tax levy collected by the Buckinghamshire Council. This is called the Parish Precept and provides finance so that the Parish Council can manage the various properties and services for the parish.

For the 2023-2024 financial year, Councillors agreed that the previous precept of £20,000 would not be increased given the pressure on everyone's costs. This year however, there is no alternative but to increase the precept to £25,000 given the rise in servicing and staff costs. Whilst an increase of 25% may appear excessive, the effect on the monthly cost to residents will vary from approximately 85p for band A properties, £1.20p for band D and £2.02 for band G properties. You can find out which band your property is in by checking your yearly Council Tax invoice or at the Buckinghamshire Council website by accessing the Council Tax pages.

Parish Councillors are not paid; they give their time voluntarily for the benefit of the parish. The paid staff are the part-time Parish Clerk who oversees the administration of the Council and a security officer and a cleaner who look after the playing field and pavilion.

There is more financial information on the Parish Council website. Alternatively, come along to a Parish Council meeting and your questions will be answered.

Alan D White. Parish Council Chairman

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.

The Chapel has received some very welcome donations towards the upkeep and running costs. The kind people at The Buckingham Table made a very generous donation from the proceeds of their Christmas float. We also received a substantial sum from the Gawcott Community Group, part of which was made up of funds from the Rotary Club Christmas float which visited Gawcott. These gifts arrived at just the right time, as we had received notification that some of our electrical work in the Chapel needed repairing and bringing up to date. This means that we can continue to use the Chapel for weekly services and for the other more social events, such as the Coffee Café and the Toddler Group.

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 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.

GAWCOTT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Hi everyone, hope your are all keeping well. It was nice to get together last month. We will be meeting in the Village Hall on March the 6th for tea and entertainment, at 2pm , if you were unable to make it last month you will still be able to pay your subs for the year.

We have sorted a program which will involve some trips out, the first being on May 1st to Marlow, then a boat trip from Runnymede. Look forward to catching up on the 6th.

Any info needed please ring

- Sally 01296738010, or
- Pete on 07748527948.

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 a adult groups 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

**To contact the editor
please email**

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Deadline for the April issue is March 20th

Thank you

Want to book Gawcott Village Hall?

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



PADBURY TENNIS CLUB

Play Tennis In



COURTS AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK
SOCIAL CLUB NIGHTS TUES & SAT
TEAM PLAY IN MK TENNIS LEAGUE
ANNUAL CLUB TOURNAMENT
LTA QUALIFIED LEVEL 4 COACH
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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CPR

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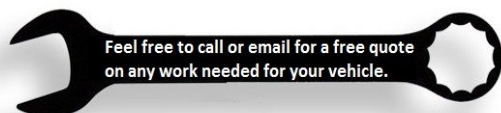
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