

# Gawcott Newsletter

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## Gawcott Community Group Events

**Jumble Sale - Saturday 18th November**

**10.00am - 12 noon in the Chapel**

**Funds raised to be shared between the Chapel and the Church.**

**Christmas Tree Lights Switch on - Saturday 2nd December**

**From 5pm on The Green**

**Mulled Wine, Coffee, Tea, Mince Pies, Sausage Rolls.**

**Hot Dogs - £1**

**Christmas Hamper Raffle - £1 a ticket**

**This years Christmas Tree is sponsored by Young Electrical Services, thank you to Martyn Young.**

**Rotary Sleigh Father Christmas Visit - Sunday 10th December**

**Late afternoon, exact time tbc.**

**Beneficiaries from the Rotary money collection will be listed here prior to the event.**

**Please support all of these events in Gawcott in the run up to Christmas!**

**Any questions please call us on 07928 712271.**



**To contact the editor please email**

Gawcottnewsletter@gmail.com

**Deadline for the December issue is Nov 15th**

**Thank you**

**Want to book Gawcott Village Hall?**

To book the Village Hall please email Mandy Minney on

[gawcottvhall@gmail.com](mailto:gawcottvhall@gmail.com)

**Thank you**

### Coffee Café

Drop in for a coffee or cup of tea and refreshments, free of charge (although donations to Chapel funds are always welcome). Meet old friends, make new ones, have a chat or just a quiet sit down in the warm. All welcome every Thursday morning from 10.00 am until 12 at Gawcott Methodist Chapel.

Katy, Irene, Rosemary and Friend

### **Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council News**

The Parish Council would like to welcome Jenny Tofield as our newest member. Cllr Tofield was co-opted at our October meeting.

Cllr Tofield has lived in Lenborough for over 15 years and would like to be more involved with the community which has now become a possibility due to her working hours being reduced.

#### **HS2:**

For information please see below the contact details for HS2.

Tel: 24/7 Helpdesk 08081 434434 (Freephone) or email: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

Anyone spotting an HS2 vehicle using the wrong route should report via the above - if possible record the date, time, contractors name and registration. Thank you



**ACOUSTIC BAND COMING TO GAWCOTT**

**November 23rd, 7.30pm**



**SOLD OUT!**

### **Gawcott Baby and Toddler Group**

Hey, babies, toddlers and preschoolers of Gawcott, do you want to get out, make friends, eat snacks and play with toys??? Bring your grown-up (parent, grandparent, carer etc) along to Gawcott Methodist Chapel on Friday mornings during term time between 10.30 a.m. and 12 and join in the fun. The grown-ups will get a cuppa and a biscuit too, if they are good.

# Traffic Analysis Report - Hillesden Road, Gawcott

## Summary - Selected Weeks - 27-August 2023 to 30-Sept 2023

### Daily Summary of Volumes and Speeds

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Average Daily Vehicle count	1277	2190	2432	2528	2680	1966	1892
Overall average speed	29.0	28.3	27.9	27.9	27.7	27.9	28.7
Average count over limit	528	761	782	816	852	623	724
Percentage over limit	41.3%	34.8%	32.2%	32.3%	31.8%	31.7%	38.3%
Average speed of speeder	34.8	34.6	34.5	34.6	34.4	34.5	34.6

### Average

Speed Range	Vehicles per week	Percentage
0 - 29	9586	66.2%
30 - 34	3388	23.4%
35 - 39	1124	7.8%
> 40	393	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14491</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

## Gawcott Methodist Chapel

All are welcome at our Sunday Services at 6.00 p.m. every week in the Chapel. Members of the Chapel will also be joining with the congregation of the Holy Trinity Church for the service of



Remembrance in the Church yard at 11.00 a.m. on 12th November. Currently the Chapel is decorated for Remembrance Day, and features a poppy wall display as well as the 'Poppy Curtain' which was made during 'Covid 19' as it wasn't possible/advisable to sell home made poppies for the Royal British Legion that year. Samantha's crocheted poppies will be available from various places in town in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday – they are re-usable, but if you still have last year's poppy please drop another donation into a collection if you can.



### The Wishing Well and News from the Duck Pond.

The Wishing Well will be decorated for Halloween, and following that, Remembrance Day. Thank you to everyone who has dropped money into the Well, we really hope your wishes come true. Alec's Angels are currently busy with Christmas preparations for the children's cancer wards and the hospices. As well as bringing a smile to the faces of poorly children, they also help create positive, happy memories for the children's families. The donations from the people of Gawcott are really appreciated.

Throw your coin into the Well, then you make a wish.

Will it come true? I cannot tell, but this is how it is...

Throw the coin and ring the bell, help others' dreams come true,

Here at Alec's Angels' magic dwells, and that is thanks to you.

Your coin can give fun for a while, provide help or peace or joy,

Alec's Angels make children smile and help the girls and boys.

The geese and ducks would like to say thank you for the pumpkins that they receive after Halloween, and would also like to say thank you in advance for any Christmas brussels sprout peelings that come their way – actually if you get them simmering now they should be just right for Christmas!!!

The Harper Family



### **News from Holy Trinity Church Gawcott**

Our thanks go to Revd. Ros who retires at the end of October. Ros has been the Rector of the Lenborough Benefice (Gawcott, Padbury, Adstock and Hillesden) for the past fifteen years. It has not been easy juggling the different needs of four different villages – and going on line during the pandemic. We are grateful for all she has done for us. Ros loved children and I am sure that the families of those brought for Baptism will remember her delight holding their little ones at the font and spraying the children standing round with “holy” water! Her final service will be the 10.30 Holy Communion at Padbury on Sunday, 29th October. Please come along to say “goodbye” We wish Ros and Ken a very happy retirement in Suffolk. During the vacancy (which could be for many months) we will carry on our usual schedule of Café Church, Care and Share meetings and monthly Communion taken by visiting clergy. Revd. Val Plumb will be our clergy contact person. For full details of all our services, contact persons, etc. at Gawcott, please visit “A church near you – Gawcott” on the web.

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### **Susanne Winterbottom**

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that Susanne Winterbottom died in late August after a long battle with cancer. Susanne has been the church organist for many years, and, together with Fraser, their delightful folk concerts have helped raise a considerable amount of money for church repairs. She was a real “Community” person. We have been so grateful for the love and support she has given us all. Our special love and thoughts are with Fraser and their grown up children: Jenny, Ricky and Harry.

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It was lovely to come together with new friends to celebrate our **CAFÉ CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL** at the beginning of October. The collection of over £200 was sent to the Buckingham Food Bank for which they sent grateful thanks. Special appreciation to everyone who helped decorate the church and brought delicious finger food for the buffet we all enjoyed after the service.

*Replastering work will be carried out in the next few months. We regret any mess but need to remove the wet plaster behind the pulpit and replaster ready for re-decorating next year.*

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### **Our Services November/December**



#### **Sunday November 5th Café Church All-Age Celebration at 10.30 a.m.**

with coffee and croissants to start and then LIGHT AND DARK!!!! Come and find out more about pumpkins!!



#### **Remembrance Sunday Nov.12th at 10.50 a.m. at the War Memorial in the Churchyard**

A short service of Remembrance and laying of wreaths followed by coffee in the church

#### **Sunday November 19th – 3rd Sunday Care and Share at 10.30 a.m.**

Informal discussion/songs/prayer time exploring aspects of Christian faith.

#### **Sunday November 26th Parish Communion at 10.30 am.**

Communion service with preaching and hymns led by Revd. Simon Faulkes



### **Christmas Service Dates for your Diary**

**Carols by Candlelight** December 17th 6pm. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

**Christingle** Christmas Eve at 4pm. Informal service for all the family

**Christmas Day Family Communion** 10.30 am at Padbury



### **Soup Café – 1 pm every Monday**

A warm place to meet neighbours and make friends

Choice of two soups, rolls, cheese toasties, tea/coffee No charge but donations gratefully received.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Now we are getting busier, could you volunteer a couple of hours on the odd Monday lunchtime to help us? A friendly crowd and a chance to make new friends! Lots of different jobs from which to choose – serving tea and coffee/ taking orders/making toasties/making soup/serving soup/helping with washing up.

We'd be so grateful! Please contact Beverly Maggs if you would like to help 07724 121790

See Church Notice Board for other church contact numbers

See “A church near you- Gawcott” on line for full details





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### 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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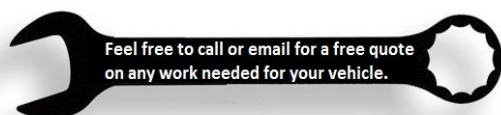
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