

Gawcott Newsletter

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NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES

Sally Aris and family have delivered papers for many years to Gawcott residents – no problem through wind, rain, hail and snow. They are now retiring and can enjoy a well earned rest and a bit of a lie-in!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO SALLY AND FAMILY FROM ALL CUSTOMERS

A festive poster for a Christmas Light Switch On event. It features a large, decorated Christmas tree on the left side, adorned with red and gold ornaments, yellow stars, and candy canes. The background is white with green pine branches at the top. The text is in various fonts and colors, including red, black, and gold. The event is scheduled for Saturday, 7th December at 5pm. It is sponsored by LA Dog Grooming and Gawcott Fields Farm Business Park. Performances will be given by The Roundwood School Choir and Susan Herring & John Burgess. There will be mulled wine, mince pies, sausage rolls, soft drinks, tea, and coffee, all cash only. A Christmas hamper raffle is also available for £1 a ticket. A Christmas hat/jumper competition will have a prize for the best adult and child. Free neon accessories are provided for children.

Gawcott Community Group

SAT 7th December at 5pm

Christmas Light Switch On

On The Green

**sponsored by LA Dog Grooming
Gawcott Fields Farm Business Park**

**Performances by
The Roundwood School Choir and
Susan Herring & John Burgess**

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Sausage
Rolls, Soft drinks, Tea & Coffee.
Cash only please.

**Christmas Hamper
Raffle £1 a ticket**

**CHRISTMAS HAT/JUMPER COMPETITION
A PRIZE FOR THE BEST ADULT & CHILD!**

Free neon accessories for
the children!

**To contact the
Editor please
email**

**Gawcottnewsletter
@gmail.com**

**Deadline for the
December issue is
November 20th**

Thank you

**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.

Planning

24/02850/APP – Erection of dwelling – Land adjacent 45 The Rise

24/02930/COUAR - Prior notification application (Part 3, Class Q) for change of use and conversion of existing agricultural barn into one dwellinghouse - Land Off Buckingham Road, Gawcott

Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council are:

24/02255/APP – Householder application for single storey front extension – Twin Trees, Hillesden Road. APPROVED

24/02147/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. REFUSED

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

Other News

Buckinghamshire Council have advised that works to improve the drainage in New Inn Lane are due to commence on the 28th October. A road closure will be in place for about a month. You can view details via the <https://one.network/> - view under the road and dates stated.

The Flood Management Team at Buckinghamshire Council are asking residents across the county to complete an online questionnaire to tell them about your experiences of the flooding and how it may have affected you. They would be grateful if you could please share your experience using this link below - <https://forms.office.com/e/5XLX5yMu05>

Buckinghamshire Council have launched a new '[Be Flood Ready](#)' website, which has lots of information about how to make your home more resilient to flooding, how to prepare a flood plan, and what to do in the worst case scenario of experiencing property flooding.

Caretaker/Handy Person

The Parish Council is looking for a Caretaker/Handy Person for the Richard Roper Playing Field to look after the land and buildings - £150 per month, hours are part time/flexible.

The position would probably suit someone who is a local resident and who has a demonstrable ability to carry out general DIY tasks to a good standard. To include general fixing, maintenance work and ground-works; providing access to the pavilion and all-weather pitch when required and ensuring secure after use.

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

Defibrillator Heart Restarter

Anyone can use it
No training necessary



For an unconscious person
NOT breathing normally



Call 999 Start CPR Switch on defibrillator Follow its instructions

There are 2 public access Defibrillator Heart Restarters in Gawcott. These are located at the Village Hall and the Richard Roper Fields.

GAWCOTT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Hello all,

Summer seems to have taken its leave, chilly days are with us again (remember to get your winter draws on before that gets here). Last month was probably one of the best, Fish and Chip Lunch - always popular. Also we had a quiz, to keep our minds ticking over. Next month is in the hall again to be inspired with a flower arranging demo with another visit from Helen Dutch who lives in our village. We have so many talented people living here, I am sure it will be wonderful, followed with tea and cake. look forward to then (November 6th) 2 o'clock.

CALL FOR BOOKS FOR ROUNDWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

One of our priorities at Roundwood Primary School is that all children develop a love of reading. We are currently updating our school libraries on our Infant Site and Junior Site to support this.

If anybody has any books at home that their children or grandchildren, no longer read, we would be very grateful for any donations that anyone would like to make. These could be fiction or non-fiction for children aged from 4 years old to 12 years old.

We are working very closely with the Buckingham University Bookshop, who are helping us to develop our class libraries, we are very excited to have received our first books from them, which the children are already enjoying. They are creating a 'Wish List' of exciting and interesting new books for us. If anybody would like to purchase a book for the children from this list please contact the Buckingham University Bookshop.
book.shop@buckingham.ac.uk

Thank you very much for your support

Roundwood Primary School

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THE FilmPlace

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER FILMS

BEETLEJUICE BEETLEJUICE (12A)

Friday 1st November - 7.30pm

THE BOY AND THE HERON (12A)

(World Cinema & Hidden Gem)
Subtitles

Saturday 2nd November - 7.30pm

FLY ME TO THE MOON (12A)

Saturday 9th November - 7.30pm

VAN GOGH: POETS AND LOVERS (PG)

(Documentary in Exhibition On Screen series)
Saturday 16th November - 7.30pm

THELMA (12A)

Saturday 23rd November - 7.30pm

KNEECAP (18)

Saturday 30th November - 7.30pm

PERFECT DAYS (PG)

Subtitles
(World Cinema - Hidden Gem)

Saturday 7th December - 7.30pm

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (U)

(Classic Movie Night)

Saturday 14th December - 7.30pm

Films subject to availability - schedule may change
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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - NOVEMBER UPDATE

We've decorated for Harvest and we've had some lovely events – 100th birthday party, Café Church Harvest with Bring & Share lunch, and another musical evening this month – sold out!

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sun 3rd Café Church 10.30

Informal, friendly and with coffee and croissants – children catered for

Sun 10th Remembrance Sunday 10.50 at War Memorial followed by coffee IN THE CHAPEL

Sun 17th Care and Share 10.30

Reflection – and, as title suggests, looking after one another and learning about our faith

Sun 24th Holy Communion 10.30

DECEMBER AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sun 1st Café Church

Sun 15th Care and Share

Sun 22nd Dec 6pm Carol Service

Tues 24th December Christmas Eve 4 pm Christingle

More details in December

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

We have new members in the mowing team which is excellent, some of whom also work on the general maintenance of the shrubs and trees so it is looking really cared for.

There's also a seat to sit quietly and reflect.

WEDDING

The banns are being called for the wedding of Oliver Aris and Jane Turney in December.

CHURCH OPENING

Holy Trinity is open for a few hours each day – a quiet space - thank you to very willing volunteers.

If anyone needs access outside these times please check the notice board for contacts.

Monday 10 am – 2.30 pm

Tuesday – Saturday 9 am – 4.30 pm

Sunday – according to service schedules

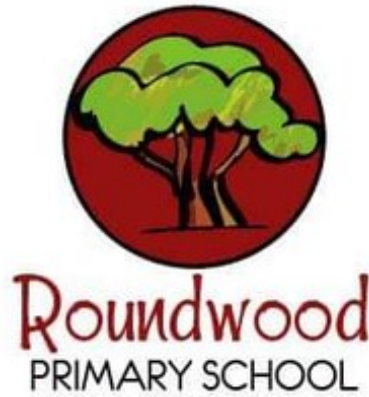
VILLAGE LUNCH

This event continues to be very popular – every Monday 1-2 pm – providing homemade soups, tea and coffee. It's very relaxed and informal with a lovely atmosphere and donations welcome.

100 CLUB

This is drawn monthly at the Cafe Church – cash prize for the winner. Membership will be renewed early next year. Currently, 78 members and it would be good to have a few more!

(Reminders and information continue on facebook)



Would you like to make a difference to your local community? Then consider becoming a governor!

Roundwood Primary School are seeking governors from our local community.

What do Governors do?

- Ensure clarity of the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school.
- Hold leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Oversee the financial performance of the organization, making sure its money is well spent

Your commitment...

- 6 Governors meetings throughout the school year – each approx. 2 hours long.
- Pre-reading material ahead of the meetings.
- Completion of Induction training and ongoing training – mostly virtual courses completed at your convenience.
- Visits to the school to meet with staff and children

Who can be a governor?

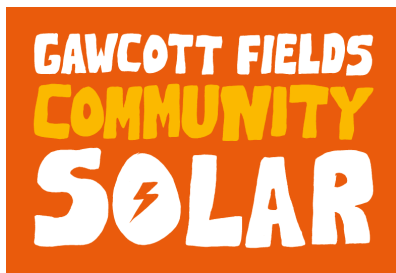
- Anyone who has the time to commit to the role and believes they have a relevant skill set to offer – a comprehensive training package is provided!
- We would welcome conversations with individuals who have no current links to the school (our parent governor vacancies are currently filled).
- Experience in strategy, project management, marketing or finance could be beneficial but not essential.

To find out more about the role or ask any questions, please contact the Chair of our Governing Board: Jen McGrath, jmcgrath2@roundwood.bucks.sch.uk

Save the Date - Jumble Sale & Coffee Morning

A Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning will be held on **Saturday 16th November** at Gawcott Methodist Chapel from 10.30 am until 12. Proceeds from the event will go towards the upkeep of the Chapel and associated charities.

Look out for details on donating items nearer the time. Any left over clothing from the Jumble Sale will be donated to Roundwood School for their Bags2School fundraiser. Bric a Brac items will be donated to local charity shops.



Local community solar farm announces £25,000 in grant funding for green projects

Gawcott Fields Community Solar CIC has launched a new round of its Bee Green Grant Fund, offering £25,000 to support local community groups, schools and charities with great green ideas. Organisations based within 5km of Gawcott Fields Farm are encouraged to apply for funding

About the Grant Fund: The Bee Green Grant Fund seeks to support local projects that focus on energy efficiency, renewable energy generation, and raising environmental awareness. Grants are available for projects that address climate change, energy conservation, and other sustainability initiatives. Over the past year, the Bee Green Grant Fund has supported energy efficiency upgrades for community buildings, educational workshops and solar farm visits for schools, and the installation of solar panels at four local sports clubs. This year, potential areas for funding include:

- **Energy audits and energy efficiency improvements in schools and community buildings.**
- **Community-led nature conservation projects. Environmental education projects.**
- **Community and youth-led activity to help develop a vision and plans for a net zero future.**
- **Low carbon skills, STEM education programmes, EV mechanic training, energy efficiency and renewable energy apprentice training.**
- **Solar Soft Loans to fund solar on community buildings and schools.**

About Gawcott Fields Community Solar CIC: Gawcott Fields Community Solar CIC is a not-for-profit local energy enterprise that operates a 4.2MW community solar farm at Gawcott Fields Farm, between Buckingham and Gawcott. The 16,000 panel solar array has been up and running since 2016, generating electricity for the equivalent of over 1,100 homes. The electricity generated by the solar farm is sold to the grid and surplus income (after covering operating and finance costs) is reinvested into local community projects, with an estimated £2.8 million expected to be distributed over the solar farm's 25-year lifespan.