

Gawcott Newsletter

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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.

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

24/02147/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.

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

24/01534/PIP - Application for permission in principle for a minimum of one and a maximum of one detached dwelling – Poppyfields, Tingewick Road. Appeal lodged.
Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council are:

24/01331/VRC - Variation of condition 7 (water quality) 10 (plans) relating to application 20/00886/ADP (Variation of condition 10 of planning permission 17/04668/ADP as amended by 17/A4668/NON - To vary drawing references within condition 10 to allow amended distribution, and amendment, of proposed homes and give effect for 9 additional homes to the layout of homes south of Tingewick Road) – Land at Tingewick Road, Buckingham. APPROVED

24/01276/APP - Householder application for demolition of conservatory, extension and alteration to existing house and single storey enclosure to existing pool - The Laurels, Lenborough Road, Gawcott, APPROVED

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

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 groundworks; 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



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The Wishing Well & News from the Duck Pond



So far this year the pond and associated wildlife have had to look after themselves

a bit more than usual because Steve has been a bit incapacitated following an illness and major surgery. He's on the mend now but has to be a careful for quite a while longer – feel free to ask "should you be doing that?" if you see him out there with his spade! (the answer is probably yes, a bit of exercise is good, but he really mustn't overdo it). We are very grateful to everyone who has been along to visit the geese and bring them scraps, and to our neighbours for giving us a hand with looking after the area, it is very much appreciated. As this is being written it is pouring with rain outside and the pond is very, very full! It had just been dredged to remove a great deal of silt that has built up over time, we are hoping that when everything is re-landscaped we will have a beautiful clear pond that will support even more wildlife. If the current rain doesn't replace much of the silt, and we don't get too much sewage coming our way (it's still happening, but not as much as previously – and this is exceptionally heavy rain), the pond should be around 4ft deep in places and we will hopefully be able to have fish in there again, along with the toads, frogs, newts and other pond creatures. The 'big digger' moved a great deal of earth and silt, as well as providing entertainment for passers-by, particularly when it got stuck!! Many thanks to Idris for his hard work with the digger, and to Steve C for coming along with the giant tractor to pull the digger out when it got stuck!! And to Lyall, who is helping to re-landscape with the 'little digger'. We are hoping to have the area around the 'crib' cleared and tidied in time for the arrival of our Nativity characters in December.

Money is still being collected in the Wishing Well, we do hope your wishes come true. The money will be given to Alec's Angels to support children and young people coping with cancer. The people of Gawcott have been so supportive of this local charity over the years, it really is very much appreciated. Look out for further information regarding the Alec's Angels Halloween event in the next few weeks – if the weather starts behaving itself, this event could be held very close to home!!

Plans are already being made for next years 'Gawcott Mile', one local child was heard to say that she was really hoping that it wouldn't be held at the same time as her family were planning to go to Greece for their spring holiday, as she would far rather be in Gawcott for the 'Mile!' – that's dedication!

The Harper Family

P.S. Welcome to all the new people moving into the village. FYI Alec's Angels is a charity in memory of a local boy who sadly lost his fight with cancer. The charity supports children and young people with a myriad of issues related to coping with cancer, including specialist equipment, travel costs, making special memories, supporting siblings, providing equipment for hospital stays, as well as supporting the children's hospices and the children's A&E at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The people of Gawcott have raised a great deal of money over the years. The Gawcott Mile is a fun run held in the spring, it is just a mile and it is in Gawcott, and it is fun!! (and there's cake). Look out for details of the 2025 run. If you throw a coin in the well by the pond and ring the bell we can't guarantee that your wish will be granted, but it might be – but what we can promise is that coin will go towards supporting the wishes and needs of some very poorly young people – and every little helps!



**To contact the editor please
email Gawcottnewsletter@gmail.com**

**Deadline for the November issue
is October 20th
Thank you**

Gawcott Parent and Toddler Group

This small, friendly, informal group meet in the Chapel every Thursday afternoon from 1.15pm until 2.45pm (taking advantage of the residual heating after the Coffee Café!!). We have a wide variety of toys and equipment, provide refreshments for the adults as well as the children, and have a big space to play in. We really look forward to meeting new little people and their parents/carers. Join us every week, or just when you can.

Gawcott Methodist Chapel

Weekly Sunday Services at 6pm. A combination of preacher and congregation led services. Come along, you will be made to feel very welcome.

Coffee Café

Join us at this friendly, weekly social get-together on Thursday mornings in the Chapel from 10.00 am until 12. Hot drinks, biscuits, toasted tea cakes available free of charge (although donations are gratefully received, but not essential). The colder weather is drawing in, the Chapel will be heated and cosy. Make it a regular outing, or just pop in occasionally, either way we'd love to see you.

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.

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Would you like to shape the future for the next generation?

Do you have valuable / professional skills you can offer?

Are you committed to contributing to your local community?



If you answered YES to any of the above please get in touch via email office@roundwood.bucks.sch.uk where an appointment will be made with the Chair of Governors to discuss the role in more detail and attend a tour of the school.

Being a governor is a rewarding way of making a voluntary contribution to the lives of young people. Roundwood Primary are looking to appoint a number of new governors and we'd be delighted if members of our local community joined our board.

We welcome anyone who is interested in school governance and full training and support will be provided. All new governors must complete safeguarding checks.



Want to book Gawcott Village Hall?

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

Thank you