

Gawcott Newsletter

APRIL 2026



Gawcott Progressive Supper

Saturday 16th May 2026

7.00pm



FINAL OPPORTUNITY

FORMS TO BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL

The Gawcott Progressive Supper has become an annual tradition now for well over 30 Years. This year's event will take place Saturday 16th May starting at 7pm. So make sure the date is in your diary and (if needed) Babysitters are booked! The supper, costs £20 per person and consists of a 3-course meal including drinks. It is a great way for newcomers to get to know new people, as well as others to renew friendships over a good meal. The evening starts at one house for pre-supper drinks and then you enjoy each course at various other houses throughout the village in smaller groups, before everyone meets up again at the end of the evening at a final location in the village for coffee and further drinks.

The total cost collected from all the attendees will be distributed among the hosts, to provide the food and drinks for their chosen course – with the hosts at each location deciding what dish they wish to prepare (allowing for any allergies etc). The amount of money returned to each host per head is as shown on the following page.

Everyone in the village is welcome to take part, so using the form provided, please indicate which course you would prefer to host (Starter, Main or Dessert) and the maximum you can cater for with your contact details! If you would like to attend, please complete and return the following form.

If you are new to the village or just new to this and would like a chat, or if you have any questions, comments or clarifications please just:

Email: GawcottProgressiveSupper@Proton.me or

Phone Steve Britton 07542 674 928.

Yes, I/We would like to attend the Supper		
	Attendee 1	Attendee 2
First Name:		
Surname:		
Allergies/Intolerances/Dislikes		
Address:		
Telephone Number:		
Email Address:		
<p>I/We would be prepared to host the following course for a <input type="text"/></p> <p>maximum number</p> <p><i>Please indicate your hosting preference between Starter, Main or Dessert in order below (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and how many you can host at the bottom.</i></p>		
A	Starting House Drinks (£2.50 per head)	Already Confirmed
B	Starter (£4.50 per head including drinks)	
C	Main (£6.00 per head including drinks)	
D	Dessert (£4.50 per head including drinks)	
E	End House Drinks (£2.50 per head)	Already Confirmed
	Maximum seating I/We can host (Including yourselves as the hosts)	

I/We enclose payment of £ £20.00 per person in cash or cheque payable to S.Britton. If payment by BACS is preferred and/ or you prefer this form electronically, please email.

This completed form together with payment must be returned **NO LATER than Wednesday, 22nd April 2026** to Steve Britton. The Old House, Main Street, (Thatched house, next to Bus Stop) or via email if BACS is your preference - GawcottProgressiveSupper@Proton.me

MUMBAI DIAMOND HEIST NIGHT

4 Course Immersive Dining Experience



Welcome Drink



Chaat Bites



Mumbai Sliders



Kathi Roll / Kebabs



Shahi Tukra

£39.99 pp

Interactive Entertainment Between Courses

(Become part of the heist... or catch the thief!)

📅 Saturday 25th April

🕒 6:00 PM Start

👗 Dress Code:

Traditional / Glam / Heist Style

⚠️ Full payment required at the time of booking

Gawcott

Parent and Toddler Group

Tuesday mornings

10am until 12 noon

Firewood Logs For Sale

Sun dried oak

By the load

(approx. 1.5m cube) or

Small dumpy bag (liftable)

Call Alex on 07813 760763

or email

Cleftwood9@gmail.com

Want to book

Gawcott Village Hall?

To book the Village Hall

please email

Mandy Minney on

gawcottvhall@gmail.com

Thank you

Want to contact the Editor?

Please email gawcottnewsletter@gmail.com

Deadline for the May issue is April 2026

GAWCOTT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Coach outing to SPRINGFIELDS DESIGNER SHOPPING OUTLET , BLUE DIAMOND GARDEN CENTRE, RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND FREE ENTRY TO THE FESTIVAL GARDENS designed by celebrities and more

All facilities are walkable on the same complex

Tuesday APRIL 14th, £23 pp

We have a few spare seats available.

Contact Pete on 07748 527948

to book or want more information

Local business?

Advertise

Here

For more information on how you can advertise your business in Gawcott's newsletter

Email: gawcottnewsletter@gmail.com

Coming soon to a road near you!! Please join us for

The Gawcott Mile for Alec's Angels



Saturday 18 th April 2026



(the one with the animal costumes!!)

This year the Gawcott mile will take place on Saturday 18th April. Registration from 10.30 am. The run starts at 11.00 am. For those new to the village, this is a one-mile Fun Run starting at the Methodist Chapel by the Village Green, through the village, past The Crown (where water will be available – thanks Jyoti) and up the Hillesden Road to the Pavillion in the Richard Roper playing field. The participants will run around the Pavillion before running back down Hillesden Road back into the village, past The Crown again (water still available – if you choose to stop and drink anything else it will slow you down!!!) and then up Church Street, down past the Church and back to the finish line at the Chapel.

There is a £5 entry fee (although additional donations are extremely welcome) which goes to the charity. This can be payable on the day or via the Alec's Angels 'Just giving Page' – just put your name, Gawcott Mile 2026 and any message you would like to add. Every runner wins a splendid medal. There are trophies for fastest male and female runners, fastest boy and girl under the age of 14, and the 'Roundwood Cup' is presented to the fastest runner who attends Roundwood school where Alec was a pupil. There will also be a 'Mini Marathon' for smaller children, a short run from the Chapel to Roundwood school and back to claim their medal and prize.

Alec Jarvis was a cheerful fun-loving little boy who used to attend Roundwood School. Even when he was terminally ill, he wanted to make those around him happy. He asked his parents to do something for the other poorly children "even if it is only to make them smile". For the past 15 years, in Alec's memory, the Gawcott Mile has raised money to help the charity started in his name "Alec's Angels" support terminally ill local children, and their families, creating special memories and making them smile – the Gawcott Mile Team and Alec's Angels committee are so very grateful to the people of Gawcott for their amazing support at this event. Feel free to wear your running gear, but this year our theme is 'Animals', so we would love it if you wore an animal outfit, onesie, mask, t-shirt, hat – whatever.....The best costume will win the much coveted 'Goodman Cup'! There will also be various stalls inside the Chapel as well as refreshments, so you can be part of the Gawcott Mile by just eating cake (but sadly you won't get a medal). Offers of help on the day, whether it be marshalling, running a stall or help with the refreshments as well as donations of Tombola or Raffle prizes are very welcome.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Judith and the Gawcott Mile Team for Alec's Angels. Judithharper2004@yahoo.co.uk

Gawcott Village Hall

You may have seen in last month's newsletter that Gawcott Village Hall received funding from Bee Green Grant Fund to insulate and paint the ceiling.

We are very thankful for this funding as it has created a warmer and more cosy environment but highlighted the need for internal re-decoration.

The Trustees of the Hall agreed to proceed with repainting internally and with the help of funding from the raffle organised last year by Gawcott Community Group the hall is being painted in the coming weeks.

We would very much like to thank GCG for their contribution towards the improvements to our Hall and also to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

The floor has been sanded-down and re-varnished/polished by Martyn Minnie our caretaker, so thank you to him for his hard work.

The Hall is owned by the Gawcott Village Hall Charity for the benefit of residents and groups in the village and surrounding area. Unfortunately the hall is not being hired a great deal at the moment, so we are hoping that a re-vamp will encourage long term hirers to use it for clubs/societies and weekly exercise classes/activities as well as for individual social events such as quiz nights and family gatherings. The hall seats up to 70 people at tables so is a good sized space, with a quality catering standard kitchen facility and parking spaces available at the front and the back of the hall.

If you know of anyone looking to hire a Hall as either a long term hirer or a one off, then please get in touch by contacting:-

Mandy Minnie on gawcottvhall@gmail.com

Thank you - Trustees of the Village Hall

'OPEN DOOR' COFFEE MORNING

in aid of redecoration of doors

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH GAWCOTT

SAT 9 MAY 2026

10.30 - 1 pm

11.15 John and Susan Duo



Gawcott Community Group 2026 dates for your diary

Saturday 21st March

Bingo Night with Fish & Chips in the village hall at 7pm, doors open 6.30pm, ticket only £20, bring your drink & glasses, raffle & spot Prizes.

Saturday 28th March

Easter Eggstravaganza in the village hall, 2-5pm
Includes an Easter Tea Social event for all ages with an Easter Hunt around the village for children and their parents, collect a clue sheet from the village hall then return to the village hall for Easter Crafts, Easter Bonnet competition, a prize for best adult and best child, Refreshments including Hot Cross Buns & Easter Cakes.

Sunday 7th June

Annual Summer Event
Gawcott Festival 12-8pm
Richard Roper Playing Fields

Saturday 5th December

Gawcott Lantern Parade & Christmas Tree Light Switch On
Holy Trinity Church & The Green

Sunday 6th December

Rotary Santa Sleigh Visit to Gawcott

Get Involved in Gawcott Festival

The much-loved Gawcott Festival is back and we need YOU to help make it a success



Volunteers Needed

Can you spare a couple of hours? We're looking for friendly faces to help with:

Setting up and packing down

Running stalls and games

Welcoming visitors and general event support

Whether you can help for an hour or the whole day, we'd love to hear from you!



Stall Holders Wanted

Are you a local business or crafter?

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and services to hundreds of visitors. Spaces are limited — book early to avoid disappointment!



Sponsorship Opportunities

Would your business like to support a fantastic community event while gaining great local exposure?

We have sponsorship packages available to suit all budgets, including:

Programme advertising and banner placement

Social media promotion

Event announcements on the day

Support your village and promote your business at the same time!

If you'd like to volunteer, book a stall, or request sponsorship details, get in contact with Jenny Green

jennygreen1988@hotmail.co.uk

07749944650

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Gawcott Festival

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

12PM - 8PM

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FREE
ENTRY

Dog Show
Bar & Pimms
Hog Roast & BBQ
Children's Activities
Food Stalls
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HOLY TRINITY GAWCOTT

APRIL 2026

The Easter festival centres on the most important Christian event – the crucifixion and the resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL 1030

Holy Communion (NOT Café Church)

All very welcome to celebrate the resurrection and stay for refreshment

19 April 10.30

Care and Share – informal
coffee and fellowship and friends

26 April 10.30

Holy Communion

VILLAGE LUNCH Mondays 1-2 pm NOW FOUR YEARS OLD!

Tasty homemade soups, toasted sandwiches,
coffee/tea/biscuits (sometimes cake!) always chat and always friendly
Donations welcome

Betsy's Bench



Betsy Ladyman was churchwarden for some years and the family placed this seat in the churchyard – daffodils and primroses now – roses and lavender later.

Somewhere to sit quietly ...

A message from Callum Anderson MP

Hi there,

It's been a busy few weeks both locally and nationally, and I wanted to share an update on some of the issues I know matter most to residents here in Gawcott. The world feels increasingly uncertain at the moment, with the war in Iran adding to global instability and continuing to impact both international politics and the cost of living here at home. Against that backdrop, I was pleased to see the Chancellor confirm over £50 million in support for low-income families who rely on heating oil. This is a vital step in helping households in rural communities like Gawcott manage rising energy costs. As someone who also uses heating oil, I understand these pressures first hand, and I will continue working closely with fellow MPs to ensure this support remains in place for as long as it is needed. Closer to home, I have recently launched my petition calling for the Bletchley Station Eastern Entrance. Better access to the station would be a real benefit for residents commuting from Gawcott and the surrounding villages, and I encourage you to take a look and add your support. I am also continuing to work closely with stakeholders to press for greater accountability from East West Rail, particularly regarding delays to the opening of Winslow station and progress across the wider line. I know it's frustrating, and I can assure you that I share those frustrations.

I was very proud to sign the county-wide pledge supporting young carers. Across Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, and the wider UK, young carers do an incredible job, often taking on significant responsibilities alongside their education. They deserve recognition, understanding, and the right support to thrive, and I am determined to play my part in helping them succeed.

Looking ahead, there is much more to come in the weeks and months ahead. In particular, I will be launching a series of engagement events as part of a consultation on social media access for under-16s—an important and evolving issue for many families.

As always, if you would like to stay up to date with my work and hear more about the issues that matter locally, please do sign up to my newsletter for regular updates straight to your inbox. A QR code is included below for easy access. And if there is anything I can help you with, please do get in touch with me at callum.anderson.mp@parliament.uk.



The Wishing Well and News from the Duck Pond

We are all getting our animal costumes ready for the Gawcott Mile for Alec's Angels on 18th April. This is one of our main fund raisers for Alec's Angels during the year, the others being the Halloween Trail on 31st October and the Winter Wonderland on 12th December. This year Alec's Angels should also receive funds from the Gawcott Festival on Sunday 7th June. As well as these village events the Wishing Well collects a steady amount of small change from visitors and passers making a wish and dropping in a coin or two as they pass by. This is all donated to the charity to help support very poorly children and their families coping with childhood cancer. Every penny really does help, and we are grateful, on behalf of the charity, for every coin that rings the bell.

Spring has sprung and the countryside is looking lovely (apart from the potholes!!). Gawcott always looks really special at this time of the year with its daffodils and cherry blossom trees and new born lambs in the fields. Nature can be a wonderful thing but can also be hard to cope with at times. Sadly, all the magnificent koi carp were taken by a wild predator, probably an otter, and we suspect the otter was also responsible for the demise of our little gosling.

We really aren't farmers, more like enthusiastic wild pet keepers, and we often have to remind ourselves of an old adage that a local gentleman once said to us when we were coping with the loss of some of the animals "if you have livestock, you also have dead-stock", but it is still sad when you find you can't protect the animals. Otters are cute, although we haven't yet seen one, and have their place in the life cycle of the countryside too (although we are very annoyed with this particular one). We do have another nesting goose, and if we get another gosling we may try to temporarily remove mother and baby (not an easy feat!) to a safer place at the rear of the house until we feel it is safe to return them to the rest of the 'gaggle'.

The Harper Family

Jumble Sale

There will be a Jumble Sale in the Chapel on Saturday 9th May from 10.00 am until 12 noon. This will be to raise funds for the new heating system and for Roundwood School funds (Gawcott and Tingewick sites). Dates for donations to be dropped off at the Chapel will be announced closer to the event, so please save your unwanted clothes, toys and bric a brac (sorry, no electricals). Any items of unsold clothing or soft toys will then be sent to Roundwood Schools Bags2School textiles collection the following week to raise even more money for Roundwood school funds. Refreshments will also be available. Jumble sales have been held in the village for many years, although we have heard several people say they have never been to one! This is a great way of recycling clothing, much of which is in excellent condition, an opportunity to pick up a real bargain, and it is always good fun too.

Toddler Tuesdays

We had a lovely Easter session, with one of our eldest toddlers searching for chocolate eggs which she kindly shared with all of the babies who were able to take an Easter egg for their older siblings. We will not be meeting over the Easter holidays, and will be back in the Chapel on Tuesday 14th April. All parents and carers with their babies and toddlers are very welcome to join us in the Chapel for play, chat and a well-deserved cuppa every Tuesday from 10.00 am until 12 during term time.

Coffee Café

All are welcome at our Coffee Morning in the Chapel each Thursday from 10.00 am until 12 noon. Join us for hot drinks, biscuits, toasted tea cakes and hot cross buns, as well as a friendly chat. We have a large selection of paperback books and beautiful jigsaws all available to borrow, and some lovely hand made greetings cards for sale. Pop in for a quick cuppa, **or** stay for the morning, either way you will be extremely welcome at this friendly little community gathering.

Gawcott Methodist Chapel

Weekly services every Sunday evening at 6.00pm. Join us in the Chapel for both preacher and congregation led services, you would be extremely welcome.

The Chapel is looking lovely as we lead up to Easter, the new blinds are successfully keeping in the heat and protecting us from the glare of the sun. Next on the renovation list is the replacing of the heaters over the summer so that we can be warm and cosy again next winter.

Hopefully our Jumble Sale on the 9th May will bring in some extra cash not just for us, but for our friends at Roundwood School. The Chapel is in regular use throughout the week but is also available for hire as a small venue within the village.