

Gawcott Newsletter ★



The December 2025 newsletter is supported by the **Gawcott Community Group**

★ *Gawcott Community Group would like to wish everyone in Gawcott....*



“Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year” and thank you for attending our events in 2025. We look forward to seeing you in 2026....



Thank you to all the committee for all their hard work this year, without you these events would not happen - you are all stars





Come and Meet Father Christmas!

Join us on Saturday 13th December,
3-7pm at Northridge, Preston Road
(opposite the pond)
for a magical walk through the Gawcott
Winter Wonderland!

Meet Father Christmas and his Elves,
make Reindeer Food, and enjoy
festive treats.

£10 donation per child – all in support of
Alec's Angels, helping local children and
families smile through tough times.

To request a booking form email:
Judithharper2004@yahoo.co.uk



Upcoming Events at Gawcott Methodist Chapel

Welcome to **Gawcott Methodist Chapel** this Christmas season!

Whether you're a regular, visiting for the first time, or simply seeking some festive cheer, there's a place for you in our community. Everyone is welcome at Gawcott Methodist Chapel. No matter your background, beliefs, or where you are on your journey, we look forward to sharing the joy of Christmas with you and your loved ones. Wishing you a peaceful, hope-filled festive season!

Here's a round-up of our upcoming events – we look forward to celebrating with you!

Sunday Services

Every Sunday at 10:30am

Join us each week for a welcoming service filled with worship, thoughtful reflection, and an inclusive spirit. All are warmly invited!

Coffee Café

Every Thursday from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Drop in for a cuppa, a toasted tea cake, and some good company. The Coffee Café is a relaxed space for conversation, laughter, and making new friends – everyone is welcome, whether you stay for five minutes or the whole morning! Join in with our Jigsaw and paperback book swap shop.

Gawcott Toddler Group

Thursdays during term time, 1.15 pm – 2.45pm

A friendly, safe environment for little ones to play, learn, and explore. Parents, grandparents, and carers can enjoy a chat and a hot drink while the children have fun with the toys.

Lantern Parade

Saturday, 06/12/2025, starting at 17:00 at Holy Trinity Church,

Entertainment by 'Sue & John'. Mulled wine, hot dogs, tea and coffee and mince pies available. Lantern parade from the Church to the Village Green to see the lighting of the Christmas tree, with singing by children of Roundwood School. The Chapel will also be open from 5.30pm for those who wish to wait in the warm for the arrival of the Lantern Parade from the Church and to see the lighting of the Christmas tree, hot drinks and mince pies available.

Christmas Eve Carol Service

Wednesday, 24/12/2025 at 8pm

Our Carol Service is a highlight of the season – heart-warming carols, festive readings, and a joyful atmosphere. Whether you're singing along or simply soaking up the spirit, you'll be warmly welcomed.

News from Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

The Parish Council meets monthly at the Village Hall. Dates of meetings are on our website <https://gawcottwithlenborough-pc.gov.uk> All are welcome to attend.

The following applications have been decided

1. **L/25/3166/KA - Shiralee, New Inn Lane, Gawcott** Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area - **APPROVED**
2. **5/01927/APP – _The Old Barn, Lenborough Road -** Householder application for single storey rear extension link to proposed converted garage— **REFUSED**
3. **25/02332/APP – _Hill Brick Barn, Lenborough Road -** Householder application for proposed new front entrance area with oak framed canopy, wood burning stove with external flue, fenestration alterations and new external garage doors - **APPROVED**
4. **PL/25/2752/KA – _4 Church Street -** Fell 1 x Birch due to size and its blocking light getting through. Replace it with another tree more suited to the space available **APPROVED**
5. **25/01942 – 01947APP – Manor Farm House, Hillesden Road** Retrospective applications for various matters **REFUSED**
6. **25/00474/APP – _Land off Main Street -** Construction of 3 x 5-bed detached dwellings with parking, hard/soft landscaping, access from Preston Road and associated works following demolition of existing stable block. **APPROVED**
7. **5/00607/APP – _Old School House, Church Street -** Householder application for construction of first floor rear extension & loft conversion. Replacement of flat roof over single storey rear extension with gable ended pitched roof. Installation of 4.no roof lights within the existing roof planes. **APPROVED**
8. **5/00311/APP – 2 The Barracks, Main Street -** Householder application for single storey rear infill extension to existing kitchen. **APPROVE**
9. **New premises licence PR202502-361476 –The Buckingham Distillery, Gawcott Fields Farm** **APPROVED**

There are a number of applications awaiting decision and a number of appeals that have been refused.

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

Traffic Analysis Report - Hillesden Road, Gawcott Summary - Selected Weeks - 28-Sep-2025 to 25-Oct-2025

Daily Summary of Volumes and Speeds

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Average Daily Vehicle count	1266	2008	2067	2030	2197	2057	1626
Overall average speed	27.5	27.0	26.8	27.2	27.1	27.3	27.9
Average count over limit	384	539	542	579	611	612	536
Percentage over limit	30.3%	26.8%	26.2%	28.5%	27.8%	29.8%	33.0%
Average speed of speeder	34.4	34.1	34.1	34.3	34.1	34.4	34.5

Average

Speed Range	Vehicles per week	Percentage
0 - 29	9447	71.3%
30 – 34	2739	20.7%
35 – 39	851	6.4%
> 40	214	1.6%
Total	13250	100%

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

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Mandy Minney on gawcottvhall@gmail.com

Thank you

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

AT THE CROWN

HOSTED BY MIKEY DYSON

Come and warm up after the Christmas Lights Switch-On with a festive, family-friendly quiz night at The Crown!

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

STARTS AT 7PM

TEAMS OF UP TO 6

Why not book a table and enjoy dinner from our new winter menu

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

December 2025



ADVENT – preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth begins
on the fourth Sunday before Christmas - 30th November

REMEMBRANCE Nov 9th

About 40 gathered at the War Memorial to remember those who gave their lives for us
to live in freedom. We pray current conflicts can be resolved in peace and tolerance.
Coffee then served when it was good to see people coming together again.

We are so grateful to have a vicar now. Quentin has four churches and the service schedule is 'shared'
between the four – rather a logistical exercise especially approaching Christmas. Quentin does one Holy
Communion a month here and members of the congregation arrange the less formal Café Church and Care
& Share – all voluntary – and Quentin joins us when he can. It would be so good to see more join us too, to
take time out of this busy and sometimes stressful life, to re-charge, share, learn, reflect and who knows
who you'll meet. We're ordinary people (not stuffy!) living ordinary lives and want to share God's love.

SAT Dec 6th at 5 pm

**Holy Trinity is hosting refreshments on behalf of Gawcott Community Group
before the Lantern Procession to the switch-on lights on the Christmas Tree on the Green.
Mulled wine, tea/coffee, mince pies, hot dogs, carols with Roundwood School Singers
and the John & Susan Duo – something for everyone.**

Sun Dec 7th 10.30 Cafe Church

**Our informal gathering reflecting on the year, and the year to come with coffee and croissants –
TWO DRAWS for the 100 Club!**

SUN Dec 21st 10.30 Care & Share – preparing for



4 pm CHRISTINGLE

A lovely start to Christmas for young and old. Lots of involvement for little ones. Each child takes home a
Christingle to represent the world, all gifts of the earth and Jesus, Light of the World, to help remember
what Christmas is all about. More details from Sue Ambrose 01280 813346

TUES Dec 23rd CAROL SERVICE 6 pm

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve St Mary's Padbury 11pm Christmas Day All Saints Hillesden 10 am

VILLAGE LUNCH Mondays 1-2 pm

MON Dec 15th - festive fayre and carols the John & Susan Duo

**NB next village lunch Jan 5th 2026. Donations welcome towards church funds –
these lunches are all prepared and managed by volunteers.**

CHURCH OPENING

**Mon: 10 am – 2.30 pm Tue: Sat 9 am – 4.30 pm Sun: according to service schedule
If you need access outside these times please check the notice board for contacts.**

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR 2026



Gawcott Lantern Parade & Christmas Lights Switch-On

Saturday 6th December
From 5pm at Holy Trinity Church

Enjoy festive entertainment from
Roundwood School Choir and
the lovely duo Sue & John

Christmas Hamper Raffle – £1 a ticket
Tea, coffee & soft drinks will be available, along
with mulled wine & mince pies to warm you up.

Hot dogs for just £1

Bring your own lanterns and join the parade!

🎄 Gawcott's Christmas Weekend Timeline 🎄

Gawcott Lantern Parade & Christmas Light Switch-on

Saturday 6th December

- 4.55pm Children meet in front of the school to collect their lanterns
- 5.00pm Refreshments, Raffle & children's stall in Holy Trinity Church
- 5.15pm Sue & John sing Christmas Carols inside church
- 5.30pm Roundwood School singers inside church
- 5.50pm Lantern Procession for everyone led by the school singing
- 5.55pm School sings one song by the Christmas tree on the Green
- 6.00pm Countdown & light switch on by Lee, Mel and Family
- 6.15pm Raffle Draw in church
- 7.00pm Christmas Family Quiz with Mikey in The Crown

Sunday 7th December

Rotary Club Santa Sleigh annual visit to Gawcott collecting for charities including those in Gawcott.

Please check on Facebook for confirmed time and route.

Gawcott's Christmas Tree this year is kindly sponsored by T2TM



Let's Make Gawcott Magical This Christmas!

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This December, we'd love everyone to join in making **Gawcott sparkle** by decorating the **fronts of your houses** or if you've got trees outside, give them a festive glow too!

No competition, no pressure, just a chance to spread some cheer and bring a little magic to our community.

The Wishing Well and News from The Duck Pond

You know those fiddly little 5p pieces that get stuck in the bottom of your handbag, or fall out of your pockets? Well, they make a lovely little ringing noise when they are thrown into the Wishing Well, maybe that is the sound of your wishes coming true?? We've recently retrieved quite a few from the Well, they add up and we will be banking several pounds worth of the shiny little coins which will go towards supporting children with cancer and paying for equipment and resources to help make them smile. Of course, £1 and £2 coins make a pretty decent ringing sound too!

Over £100 was raised at the Halloween Trail, which will also go straight to Alec's Angels. Despite the weather we had a wonderful evening scaring the many visitors, I hope they all enjoyed it!! Quite a few plans have already been formulated to make next years event even scarier and more fun. Many thanks to the friends, family and neighbours who pull together to help make this event possible.

Our next big event for Alec's Angels will be our first (and maybe last – we'll see how it goes???) Winter Wonderland. Father Christmas is visiting his special, cosy Gawcott Grotto and is meeting a few of our local children and their families. The gardens will be decorated with lights and a giant Christmas tree, there will be a magical walk through the woods to try and find the home of 'Gawky the Gawcott Elf' as well as other crafts for our 'paying guests' to join in. These children will also receive a gift from Father Christmas, so early booking and payment is advised as the elves need to go shopping! Even if you are not booking to visit Father Christmas, you are still very welcome to walk through the garden and woods and have a seat in our 'Christmas Café' and enjoy a hot drink and a warm mince pie (donations to Alec's Angels).

We joined with our lovely neighbours to make a small display next to the Wishing Well in honour of Remembrance Day. The soldier, beautifully made by Lyall, will be appearing again next November. Samantha again crocheted poppies, 500 in total, which were distributed for donations from the stall outside Tesco. A few more from previous years were used to decorate the Chapel and the Wishing Well.

Several people have pointed out that one of the geese is missing. Sadly, it does seem to have disappeared with no trace, which is unusual, there is usually some evidence if Mr. Fox has been visiting. Everything else is doing well, and the fish in the pond seem to have survived the recent heavy rainfall. The geese really appreciate the snacks that many visitors bring them, especially in the winter months. They particularly enjoy vegetable peelings and are really looking forward to Christmas when they are given lots of Brussel sprout leaves.

It won't be long now until our Christmas Nativity is set up. Steve and Lyall have built a beautiful new 'stable' all ready for the Nativity characters, who have been given a bit of a 'glow up' over the summer. Many thanks to Naio Environmental, Buckingham, for the very kind donation of fencing to build the stable, and to Bruce for delivering it to us, it is very much appreciated. The stable should last for many years to come. We are often told by people that they enjoy seeing the Nativity scene, we consider it to be our 'Christmas Card to the Village' and make a donation to Alec's Angels instead of sending Christmas cards. As well as a reminder of what Christmas is really about, it doubles up as a traffic calming resource, as drivers slow down entering and leaving the village to have a look.

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