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CAN YOU HELP?

For many years the Gayton News has been printed at Northamptonshire ACRE, whose services support local rural activities. From January 1st 2014 they will no longer offer a photocopying service, and therefore I need to find a new printer.

We are obviously on a tight budget and a quick check on other printers during an emergency earlier this year indicated that an increase of at least 50% in costs would be incurred if the GN were printed commercially.

If anyone can suggest a printer who would be able to print the GN in its present format and at a reasonable cost, please contact me a.s.a.p..

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EDITORIAL

It seems that the season of mellow fruitfulness is really in overdrive this year as the summer melts into a beautiful warm and sunny autumn. The hedgerows are full of berries, and trees are laden with fruits just waiting to be picked and made into something tasty! It's a busytime in the kitchen – thank goodness for freezers! At least a large part of the garden's produce can be stored for the leaner months to come. Although maybe the field crops were not as good as normal due to the cold spring and late start to summer, the bounty of autumn is a precious bonus.

The Harvest Festival Service to celebrate this special time of the year is to be held on Sunday October 6th at 5.30pm, when the schoolchildren and Gayton Festival Singers will be taking part.

Reading this edition, it will soon become clear how busy the village has been during the summer months (and much more is promised for the rest of the year). Activities enjoyed are many, but to mention some of the more popular:- the Evergreens are the most active group, who organise one or two events a month, and have enjoyed several outings: - the Dog Show,



Members of the Evergreens enjoying the Coffee Morning in the village hall

which has become a familiar annual fixture on the village calendar, was once again very successful, despite distinctly unpleasant weather;- and on October 23rd over 100 people dressed up to the nines for a wonderful concert 'From Baroque to Broadway' in the church. Working hard in the background to organise these events are various people and committees, and their efforts should be applauded. Fund-raising to maintain our lovely old church has been particularly enthusiastic, and its success has in part been due to the variety of the events they have presented. In order to keep this going, Anna Fox is organising a meeting in the Queen Victoria on Wednesday October 23rd to discuss ideas for future events (see later).

Another long-standing activity which is sadly coming to an end is The Gayton Jazz Appreciation Society (T.G.J.A.S.). This was started by John Shaw in 2002, who has organised 10 concerts in the church with local and international artists which have made large sums of money for GCHT. In addition, John has organised 106 monthly meetings of TGJAS, with talks by knowledgeable members illustrated with recorded music, and the occasional live session. This is a huge commitment, and many thanks to John.

It was great to have repairs done to two of the roads leading into the village – (how many times did YOU forget Milton Road was closed during that week?). Wrights Lane was rapidly becoming a bumpy track, with many people refusing to use it, but now, with a brand new surface on large parts of it, it is wonderful. The pot holes on Milton Road have also been filled in so one does not have to make a dangerous swerve to avoid them.

Continuing on the theme of roads, it is very good news to record the establishment of the Gayton Traffic Action Group, with a dedicated group of villagers pin-pointing the traffic problems we have here, most of which concern speeding along Bugbrooke Road/Back Lane. These volunteers are to meet monthly to report progress and discuss initiatives, and hopefully they will receive the support of everyone in the village.

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GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Fellow Villagers,

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the Traffic Action Group is now up and running. Please contact this group regarding any issues you may have concerning traffic in Gayton.

On a related matter: The state of some of the roads in our area is appalling, although some work has now been done on Milton Road and Wright's Lane. If/when you notice any particularly bad problem (e.g. a major pothole) you should contact "Street Doctor":

Online - [Street Doctor](#)

Email - streetdoctor@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Website - [Northamptonshire County Council Pot Holes](#)

Remember to get a reference number.

We are still getting occasional reports on sewer smells. If you notice anything you should contact me (859253 / jbuus@btinternet.com) and/or our Parish Clerk Viv Hartley (858360 / viv.hartley3@btinternet.com).

I would like to conclude this report with some good news. As you may have seen in the recent village message, Gayton did quite well in the recent Northamptonshire Village Website Competition. In the category "Best Informative Site" our website was "very highly commended", effectively coming third behind the winners Burton Latimer (Burtonlatimer.org) and Helmdon (Helmdon.com). The winner of "Best Community Website" was Geddington (Geddington.net).

For those of you who have not logged on to our site recently, here is a reminder of the address: www.gayton-northants.co.uk

I would like to thank those assisting with the maintenance of the website.

Please contact me if you have any material or ideas you think may be suitable for the website, or if you spot any mistakes, outdated material, incomplete or missing information, broken links or other problems with site.

Jens Buus, Chairman of Gayton Parish Council, September 2013.

GAYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Seven 'light bulb' moments in the fight against crime.

THE lights aren't on and there's no-one home – don't be dim now that daylight hours are shortening!

The clocks don't go back until October, but Northamptonshire Police want home and car owners to be properly prepared in the fight against crime during the autumn and winter months.

A regional campaign about 'darker nights' crime will highlight crime prevention messages designed to guard against burglary, robbery and car crime.

Seven 'light bulb' moments:-

- As nights get darker earlier, burglary tends to increase – leave lights on inside your house
- Leave a light on in more than one room, upstairs and downstairs – remember to choose low-energy lamps
- Use a timer switch to operate the lights as it starts to get dark – change the times that the lights come on, to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the house
- Make sure your door is well lit and fully visible from the street – dusk to dawn lamp adaptors are available from DIY stores
- Keep shrubbery and hedges at the front of the house pruned to below one metre – remove any cover for a burglar to work unseen and give your neighbours every chance to spot something suspicious
- Keep curtains closed at night – if you are away, ask a neighbour to close them for you
- Check existing lighting is in good working order and replace any faulty equipment – remember to check batteries in torches and smoke alarms

If you are concerned about suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, ring police on 01604 432436 – in an emergency always ring 999.

Gayton Litter-Pick Day

Sunday 3rd November 2013

Meet: Linthorpe House, Back Lane

Start time: from 10.00 am

We provide: picking tools - gloves -
sacks - tabards....and coffee on your
return

To assist with organisation, please let
Joan know if you are coming
Tel: 858800

Gayton Village Hall Hire Charges

The village hall can be hired from as little as £15 (from £11 for the committee room) for a wide range of social activities.

If you require the Hall for a Private Function then charges start at £60 – if alcohol is to be sold an appropriate licence will be required.

Further information about the village hall is available at

www.gayton-northants.co.uk/services/villagehall.html

Or contact Joan Adams 01604 859416 for bookings.

St Mary the Virgin

Things have been far from quiet since the last edition of this fine publication, I refer not to a cacophony of sound from the bells on various occasions over the summer (visiting ringers just having a good time) but to the sweet sounds of the recent Gala Concert, my fellow Church Warden David Coppock has written of elsewhere in GN. Likewise, the reports of the wheelings and dealings of GCHT are documented independently.

Some of you keen eyed residents may have noticed a deluge of cyclists hitting the lanes leading to Gayton on the 14th September, this was not the opening stage of the Tour of Britain bike race but the much grander nationwide Historic Churches Annual Ride and Stride fund raising day. Well done to those hearty souls from Gayton who actively participated or devoted some of their time to manning the church and making those athletes from other churches welcome on arrival here.

Whoever visits the church and for whatever reason, we are all very grateful to the bands of scrubbers, polishers and cutters, you know who you are. Well done for all your fine and hard work.

We have a number of off timetable services looming and I have listed them below for your convenience, suffice to say Gayton Festival Singers and the children from Gayton School will be out in force for the Harvest Festival and Carol Service.

A very nice touch also is the Service to Commemorate the Departed at 3.00pm 3rd November. This being Rev Marion Reynold's initiative and is aimed to be a celebration of our departed family and friends. It promises to be a lovely and sentimental service, all topped off by a little light socializing over refreshments. Please come along.

Should you need reminding, the regular communion services in Gayton remain at 9.30am on the 1st Sunday of the month and 11.00am on the 3rd Sunday, the latter taking the form of a Family Communion service and is aimed at being more “younger generation” friendly, so please come along to either or both.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding church matters by all means please contact the Church Wardens David Coppock (859645) and Andy Hartley (858360) or Rev Marion whose full contact details are as follows:-

Priest-in-Charge Pattishall with Cold Higham and Gayton with Tiffield
The Rectory
Church Street
Pattishall
Northants
NN12 8NB
Tel: 01327 830573

Forthcoming notable services

6th Oct 5.30pm Harvest Festival with the School and GFS

3rd Nov 3.00pm Commemoration of the Departed

10th Nov 6.00pm Remembrance Day Service.

15th Dec 5.30pm Carol Service with School and GFS

Christmas Day 9.30am Family Communion Service

Andy Hartley

Wedding

We would like to thank Marion Reynolds for a lovely service, David Coppock who went out of his way to help us, the Gayton Festival Singers, the Bell ringers, the Organist and the Verger and everyone else involved at the Church who made our Wedding Day so lovely. Truly, a day for us to remember.

Rod and Chris Sanderson

From the Priest in Charge

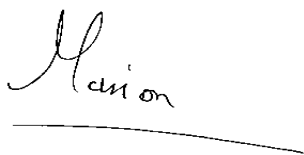
Towards the end of September two very different concerts took place in our benefice churches – Gayton and Pattishall. What was common to both events though was the talent of the performers and the friendship and fellowship enjoyed by all who attended. As someone who enjoys a variety of music but has very little musical talent, I am always amazed at the God given gifts that musicians have which give so much pleasure to people like me.

It takes an awful lot of hard work, dedication and determination, not just when learning music but also continually to practice, to become and remain such talented performers. I wonder, did all our performers have aspirations and ambitions to be musicians from an early age or was it something that they gradually became aware of and cultivated?

In school assembly this term we are looking at aspirations and ambitions and I have chosen unlikely characters – David, the prodigal son, and Nehemiah, just to name a few – to try to show the children that the most unlikely things can happen in our lives, that we can achieve our ambitions, that we may end up with ambitions that we never for a moment thought we'd have; if we let God be our guide and trust him, then we can achieve and do our very best at what we set out to do or what and where God is leading us to do.

Some of us though don't know what to do in our church, we think (erroneously) that we don't have any talent or ability. You may be thinking: "I could do something; I just don't know what I could do". You may not have thought you had anything to give to God's work in the benefice/deanery/diocese. In the diocese there are people called Vocations Advisors who are there to help folk discern what God's ambition is for them. If you don't enquire, you may never fulfil your latent aspirations and ambitions. If God is metaphorically nudging you, ask me for details of how to contact the Advisors (in confidence). To quote from St Theresa of Avilla: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now." So, what are your

aspirations and ambitions?



Don't forget, at the end of October the clocks change one hour backwards – British Summer Time will be officially over!!

GAYTON CHURCH HERITAGE TRUST –

- *WOULD WELCOME ANYONE WITH BRIGHT IDEAS FOR FUTURE FUND RAISING FOR GAYTON CHURCH, IN PARTICULAR TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HEATING SYSTEM AS WINTER APPROACHES. THIS NEED NOT BE THE ONLY REASON FOR MEETING UP BUT IT COULD BE A GOOD STARTING POINT. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO AIR THEIR VIEWS IN THE QUEEN VIC ON WED. 23rd OCTOBER 7.30 P.M. - and - WHY NOT ORDER A MEAL TO SAVE HAVING TO COOK FOR ONCE!!*

For those who wonder why GCHT exists at all, a brief outline may help.

A Gayton Parish Plan was undertaken by the Parish Council between 2002 and 2003. A questionnaire was delivered to every house in Gayton the purpose being to identify the future needs of the village. Twelve key areas emerged from which six action groups were formed and run by volunteers in the village to address the areas identified and report progress back to the Parish Council. The teams were as follows:-

- Environment
- Information and Communications
- Crime
- Traffic Control
- Village Green/School
- Parish Church

(In addition Affordable Housing and Re-cycling/segregation of waste would be dealt with by the Parish Council).

Gayton Church Heritage Trust evolved from the initial Church /Parish Action Steering Group which established that the church building is an important landmark in the village. Gayton Parochial Church Council bore the entire burden of raising sufficient money for repairs, heating, lighting etc. in addition to a considerable sum required each year to be paid to the Peterborough Diocese. At a meeting of Gayton Parish Council, the consequence of not supporting the PCC with the upkeep of the building if Parishioners alone were unable to support the church financially, was discussed. Churches have been known to be closed, only providing one or two services a year. The knock on effect to the community of such closures inevitably effects aspects of village life which were previously taken for granted.

Gayton Church Heritage Trust was granted charitable status in July 2005 and was independent of but working with the PCC with the sole purpose to raise money specifically for the building, to keep it in a good state of repair and secure its future for the village as a whole. This objective has been achieved through many generous donations, successful concerts, both classical and jazz, Northants Touring Arts performances, wine tasting, barn dances, bridge lunches and suppers, even a clay pigeon shoot! In addition we have had contributions from Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, Gayton Companion Dog Show, Gayton Gigs and The Friends of Gayton School resulting from 'Elvis' appearance on the Village Green Last but not least, all the cream teas, book and cake stalls, tombola, raffles etc. All in all the people involved have had fun raising £58,000 of the £107,000 we have already paid to improve the building. GCHT's independent status allowed the Trust to make a good case for Community Grants to South Northamptonshire Council, Northampton Voluntary Sector, and Gayton Parish Council and between them these grants funded the difference.

On Saturday 14th Sept the Dog Show, despite the rain, managed to attract many entries and GCHT is very grateful for their cheque of £227.44p Next year will be the tenth Gayton Companion Dog Show and I wish to thank Steven and Alison for their support and congratulate them on running such a popular show for the past nine years. The following day The Annual

National Ride and Stride was also dogged by bad weather. However one Gayton family entered and earned themselves well deserved medals for taking part. Many other competitors from surrounding churches were pleased to find Gayton Church open and to have their sponsorship forms validated before moving on refreshed. I am delighted to hear that Gayton School have agreed to consider becoming involved with the Ride and Stride next year.

There are two more events to end off the year. Any help/raffle prizes or requests for tickets to swell the crowd would be great.

Northampton Male Voice Choir - Saturday 2nd November at 7.30, bar from 7:00 p.m Gayton Church - Tickets Adult £8, Children £5 Family Ticket £14 from:- Anna Fox 859444 (email anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk) or from Margery Keal 858883.

Northants Touring Arts – Victorian Christmas – Sunday 1st December 4:30, Seasonal Refreshments from 4:00 p.m. Tickets - Family of four £10 - Adult £6 – Child £4

Tickets:- Anna Fox (email anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk) or Phone 859444

Anna Fox



Marion Reynolds draws the winning ticket in the raffle at the concert

Gala Concert a Huge Success!

Those who attended the Gala Concert in Gayton church on Friday 20th September will no doubt agree that we all experienced something very special. A balmy autumn evening, sparkling wine and canapés served on arrival, an audience dressed in their finest evening attire, all set the stage for what was to be a magical evening of music and song by the charming and talented Helen Swift and Jonathan French.

The concert was entitled ‘From Baroque to Broadway’, sub-titled a Journey through the Ages, and that is exactly what it was.

Helen began the journey with Handel’s *Tornami a vagghiar* followed by pieces by Purcell and Bach as examples of music from the Baroque era. Next followed two songs from *The Marriage of Figaro*, before Jonathan played *Fur Elise* by Beethoven. Following these typical classical items were three romantic songs, *Die Forelle* and *Ave Maria* both by Schubert, and *Liebstraume* by Liszt.

Helen rounded off the first half with an amusing classical interpretation of *Old Mother Hubbard* by Hely-Hutchinson.

The interval gave the audience time to refresh themselves at the bar and chat with friends and in some cases neighbours they hadn’t seen for a long time or at least didn’t recognize in their finery!

Jonathan began the second half with the rousing *William Tell Overture* by Rossini. Jonathan only discovered that Helen had put this piece in the programme at about 4-30 pm on the day of the concert when they came to set up and have a quick rehearsal. He told me that he hadn’t played it for a long time. I don’t think anyone noticed, such is his natural talent and professionalism. Further opera pieces, *The Laughing Song* by Strauss, *O mio babbino caro* by Puccini and *Poor wand’ring one* by Sullivan, were sung beautifully by Helen who used the full range of her excellent mezzo soprano voice to great effect. There were three breakages at the bar but it is only a rumour that they coincided with Helen hitting a top e flat during the Sullivan piece!

Gayton has become a bit of a mecca for Jazz fans over recent years and any that were present for this concert certainly weren't disappointed as Jonathan wowed us with *Rhapsody in Blue* as written for piano by George Gershwin. As the music ended, many people in the audience rose to their feet to acknowledge a superb performance. More Gershwin numbers, *Fascinating Rhythm*, *Summertime* and *I got Rhythm* followed, with Helen and Jonathan displaying their versatility. We finally made it to Broadway as the couple jointly sang the Leonard Bernstein classic *America* from *West Side Story*. This was followed by the delightful *Girl in 14G* by Tesori sung in the best 'Broadway style' by Helen.

This was the end. The audience showed their approval and admiration in the time-honoured way. Applause filled our lovely church as I had the pleasure of presenting our two performers with gifts to show our appreciation. As the applause continued, the inevitable encore came. Helen chose the amusing *A word on my ear* by Flanders and Swann to round off a truly memorable evening.

Thank you to all of you who came. The event raised well in excess of £1200 which will certainly help meet the running costs of our church for one more year.
David Coppock



Helen Swift and Jonathan French perform to an enthusiastic audience

Hello Everyone

A whole year has passed since the dance classes first started. In the last Gayton News I told you how well everyone had done during the year and they are all still doing really well. It's now time to start a new class. For anyone who couldn't start last year, the opportunity to come along is here again. If you started last year, but for one reason or another could not continue, perhaps you would like to try again, everyone is welcome.. Once the classes have started, after several lessons it's quite difficult to catch up



Classes start on 14th October, 7.30 – 8.30 for beginners and 8.30 – 9.30 for improvers. Last year I was approached by a lady in the village who said she was on her own and would like to learn . . . well, good news! I have a gentleman who is seeking a partner who will attend with him on the Monday class. If you were that lady, please contact me for more information, otherwise someone else will snatch him up. Male dancers are like gold dust!

My mobile number is 07990545647. If you are looking for a partner, do ring me. See you on the 14th!

Keeeeeeep Dancing!
Liz

Gayton & Tiffield Community Minibus

The AGM of the Community Minibus will take place at Gayton village hall on Wednesday 23rd October at 2.30pm.

This meeting is open to all village residents.

Christmas shopping – two trips to Milton Keynes are planned for Wednesday 20th November and Wednesday 11th December. Cost £3 return. Depart around 9.30am, leave MK 2/2.30pm, times to be confirmed. At least six passengers are necessary to make the trips viable. Places need to be reserved in advance so please complete the booking form in the bus or email Rae Spencer; rae.spencer@btopenworld.com

Anyone in the village can use the bus for these trips (and at any other time) – you don't have to be a regular user.

New drivers wanted. We are always in need new drivers so if you are interested in driving the bus once a month your help would be appreciated. Please contact Rae by email as above or on 01327 35335

Gayton Walkers

If you would like to join us on the 2nd Sunday of the month for a “healthy” walk - no more than 5 miles, I promise!, you are most welcome.

We meet at Fiveways at 10am and usually manage to start and finish at a pub. All walks on footpaths with the occasional stile.

We welcome well-behaved visitors from outside the Parish as well as dogs.

If you would like more information, please contact me by e-mail robin.kelso@btinternet.com or phone 01604 857585

Robin Kelso

Gayton Traffic Action Group

The newly formed Gayton Traffic Action Group met for the first time on Monday 23rd September. The group is lead by residents of the village whose main commitment is to stop speeding through and around the village. The group will also consider the wider remit of traffic issues that affect Gayton, but the focus is on speeding.

The Gayton Traffic Action Group meets every month and we welcome people to join us and lend us your support however you can, be it to distribute leaflets or to be a part of the Community Speed Watch scheme run by Northamptonshire Police. We will be meeting at 8pm in the village hall as follows:

- Monday 21st October 2013
- Monday 25th November 2013
- Monday 16th December 2013 (may change due to Christmas events)
- Monday 20th January 2014
- Additional dates to be published at a later date

We are currently pulling together a list of contact details of those residents who would like to be fully involved through to those who just want to be kept up to date. If you want to be kept up to date as to our progress, or you are concerned about the speeding in and around the village, or have concerns over other traffic issues, then please send your issues and contact details to Simone Wade at Corner Cottage, Bugbrooke Road, or simonewade@me.com.

The first meeting came up with many excellent ideas that we are now working on. We will keep you posted as to how we progress these ideas, including regular articles in the “Gayton News”. In the meantime, if you have any issues or ideas, or if you want to be involved then please let us know.

GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB.

The Coffee Morning held at the beginning of August was well attended and raised money for the club's funds. Thank you to all who helped on the day and everyone who supported this event.

Caroline Trotter came to our first meeting in September and gave an interesting talk, illustrated with slides, about alpacas. All those who attended will now look at our two resident alpacas and know much more about them!

Our programme until the end of the year is as follows:

Autumn Outing on Thursday 26th September, members only.

Fish and Chip Lunch on Thursday 10th October at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Guests welcome but must book in advance.

Lunch Outing to Northampton College on Thursday 14th November, members only.

Musical Entertainment by Kathie and John Barker on Tuesday 22nd October at 2.30pm, guests welcome.

Festive Entertainment with sherry and mince pies on Tuesday 26th November at 2.30pm at the Village Hall, guests welcome.

Christmas Lunch on Thursday 5th December, members only.

If you would like to join our friendly and sociable club or join in with some of the activities as a guest, please ring Carol Coppock (859645), Jan Leeding (859275), Manja Ronne (859253) or Len Schofield (01327 349591).

GAYTON COMPANION DOG SHOW 2013

The ninth Gayton Companion Dog Show was held on Sunday 15th September on the Village Green. Unfortunately we were not as lucky with the weather as in recent years, with rain throughout most of the day.

Judging took place in two rings, with Shona MacPherson judging in Ring 1 (the pedigree and junior handling classes) and Gayton's postman Andy Gates judging the remaining classes in Ring 2. 54 owners turned up with 83 dogs, entering 212 classes between them. This was an inevitable fall due to the weather.

Best In Show was Harvey, a 4 year old Pointer from Grendon. Reserve Best In Show was Todd, a 4 year old Norfolk Terrier from Pytchley - Todd also won Best In Show at our 2009 Show. Best Veteran was Tia, a 12 year old Beagle from Buckingham, and Best Puppy was Jinks, a 7 month old Flat Coated Retriever from Rushden.

This year's winner of the John McCarthy Trophy for the Best Gayton Dog was the Easts' English Springer Spaniel, Rock. Lily James took home the Michael East Shield for Best Gayton Junior Handler, handling Labrador Retriever Maggie.

Thank you to everybody who helped with this year's show, and also to our sponsors. We made £227.44 for Gayton Church Heritage Trust (Registered charity number 1111145).

'FLU JAB

The annual inoculation against influenza will take place at The Weir, Fiveways, on Monday October 7th between 9.30am and 11.30am.

Please Note: you should contact Blisworth Surgery to be placed on the list to be eligible for this service.

GAYTON COMPANION DOG SHOW 2013 RESULTS

Best in Show



80 HARVEY (Pointer)

The John McCarthy Trophy for the Best Gayton Dog



73 ROCK (English Spring Spaniel)

Reserve Best in Show



15 TODD (Norfolk Terrier)

The Michael East Shield for the Best Gayton Junior Handler



54 LILY handling MAGGIE (labrador)



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GAYTON ALLOTMENTS - AGM

will be time for the AGM.

With the summer months now behind us, this year with some wonderful weather for a change, the allotments will soon need to be prepared for the winter, and it

All ploholders and their families are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 13 November, starting at 7.30 pm. Afterwards there will be tea/coffee with biscuits and cake, giving ploholders a chance to compare this year's successes (or failures!).

As usual, if you require information about plot availability, please contact the allotment secretary, Judy Hamilton, on 859786, or send an email to judyhamilton.1@btinternet.com.

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All change at school!

Well, the new academic year has started at Gayton Primary and it is all change. As you will all know we have started this year by welcoming a new Head Teacher following the retirement of Mrs Wyhiswskyj.

Mrs Celia Irwin accepted the role of Executive Head Teacher and will now look after Gayton School as well as continuing her role as Head Teacher at neighbouring Blisworth School.

When Mrs Irwin was approached by the Governing Body for the role we were advised that Mrs Irwin was a very committed Head Teacher, this commitment has been very much evident over the summer holidays when she and her team worked tirelessly to spring clean the school and get things in order before the children returned in September.

Taking on Gayton has already proved a challenge as Mrs Irwin has had to recruit not only an Infant Teacher but also a Junior Teacher to replace Mr Green, both at short timescales.

Mrs Knights, Mrs Lee and Mrs Bounds have joined the existing staff members. Mrs Lee will be working with both the Juniors and the Infants, Mrs Knights is working with the Infants and Mrs Bounds the Juniors and so far it all seems to be working well, lots of smiling faces at school and the children seem very settled with their new teachers.

The introduction of new credit systems awarded for good work and good behaviour have enthused the children, The infants are busy trying to fill up their 'rockets' with credits and the juniors have a very cool internet based system with their own account and a personalised alien monster!

Fun aside such a huge change of staff and Head teacher can be very hard for all the children and both existing and new staff. Implementing new working practises and developing new working relationships is never easy and takes time and commitment. The Governing Body are extremely grateful to Mrs Irwin and all the new and existing staff members for the massive effort they have put into making this transition so easy for our children. They are a fantastic team.

The partnership between Blisworth and Gayton School will provide lots of benefits to both schools not only financially but also academically with joint planning between teachers and support and advice between the staff. It will also provide lots of benefits for the children. Year six will be working with the Blisworth year six on Friday mornings a lovely opportunity to meet and make new friends before the move the secondary school.

The partnership has also opened up a new world of school clubs for our pupils, including 'Rock School' on Friday mornings, I'm sure you will hear the music if you walk past!!

In addition to new teachers we are also welcoming a new Governor - Simone Wade will be joining the body. Simone is also a member of the Parish Council and hopes to further develop the relationship between the school and the Parish Council, something which Mrs Irwin fully supports.

Well, although lots of things have changed, many things will remain the same including the work that our Friends of the School do to raise extra funds. We have renamed the 'Friends of Gayton School' the 'FroGS' and elected a new Chair Mary Koniewienko who I am sure many of you will know as she has older children who have attended the school.

The next date in the diary is the Christmas Craft Fair which as always will be a lovely afternoon for all the family with a visit from a very special guest..Ho..Ho..Ho !

Look out for the posters advertising the event and we hope to see you there!

Alison Anderson – Chair of Governors

Late News

Members of Gayton Parochial Church Council and Church Heritage Trust were saddened by the news that Denis Pearson died on September 7th. Denis was the Architect who oversaw the improvements to the church. His advice and guidance was invaluable as he skilfully guided us through the bureaucracy of making changes to an ancient building. We feel that we have lost a good friend.



Christmas Gift Ideas

***Are your loved ones or friends blind or partially sighted?
Are you wondering what to buy them for Christmas?***

Then why not visit one of **Northamptonshire Association for the Blind's Sight Centres** to see a range of different gift ideas. They display and sell a variety of specialist aids and equipment that can make the perfect birthday or Christmas gifts for someone living with sight loss.

Gifts include: Kitchen Gadgets, Talking Clocks and Watches, Reading and Writing Guides, plus other Household Aids. There are Big Button Telephones and Mobile Phones, Large Print Books, Playing Cards and NEW Large Print 2014 Diaries and Calendars.



The gifts vary in price to meet all budgets and they won't be found on the High Street.

Locations:

Kettering Sight Centre located behind QD's on the High Street, at the top of the Wadcroft car park (off Commercial Rd).
Open Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays 10am-1pm.

New **Northampton Sight Centre** located on the Harborough Road opposite Waitrose in Kingsthorpe. Open Monday – Friday 9am-3pm.

For added convenience, why not visit our **Mobile Sight Centre** when it visits **Northampton Town Centre**, parked outside Central Library in **Abington Street** from 10am-12:30pm on the following **Fridays: 4th Oct 1st Nov** and **6th Dec**. It will also be on the **Market Square** from 10am - 12:30pm on the following **Wednesdays: 9th Oct, 13th Nov** and **11th Dec**.

If you are unable to visit any of our locations but would like to obtain a catalogue or place an order, get in touch with us:

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Gayton Primary School

Monster Cook Book Launch

Monday the 14th October 2013

3.30pm at the School

The pupils at the school have put together a great new cook book with some wonderful recipes and ideas.

Come along at 3.30pm to sample some of the meals, cakes and snacks and see what you think!

Teas and coffees available. No purchase necessary, but copies are £5 each.

A great idea for Christmas Presents, or just for your own kitchen.

Everybody Welcome!



GAYTON NEWS

Advertising Charges

**Fundraising events held in the village and organised by residents
for village affairs FREE**

All other advertising:	by villagers	by others
Whole page	£5	£10
½ page	£2.50	£5
¼ page	£1.50	£2.50
4 lines or less	50 pence	£1.50

Please note: MONDAY DECEMBER 9th

Deadline for news and comment