

EDITORIAL

And so we reach the end of another year with the arrival of Christmas and all the annual festivities. This has been a year marked by strange weather patterns which threw everything on hold and totally upset plants, animals and birds, as winter stayed within us until May, thus causing the following seasons to be very late. Even now, in December, a few leaves remain on trees normally bare at this time. It's anybody's guess how this will affect next year.

In Gayton, the number and variety of events organised for the enjoyment of villagers has given us much to be grateful for, whilst supporting many local causes. These include a Jazz Concert, the Dog Show,, an Antiques Valuation Day, Open Gardens, a Gala Concert, a performance by Northampton Male Voice Choir and the School's Christmas Fayre. Among other regular activities are the monthly village walks, carefully planned by an experienced leader (New Year's Resolution:- join Walking Group for good of Health!) and the regular entertainments arranged by our very enthusiastic and caring Evergreens Committee. We thank all those involved in organising any of these events, who give up their time and work so hard.

And now for a major change in the GN which should become immediately noticeable! For the last five years it has been printed at Northamptonshire ACRE, but unfortunately ACRE has now discontinued this service due to lack of demand for booklets, plus the need to buy a new and very expensive photocopier. The magazine will now be printed at Campion School. Obviously, at the time of writing I have not seen the finished product, but we are promised pictures in colour, which will be a great improvement! In addition, the GN can now be read on the village website.

Your GN is compiled from articles sent in by regular contributors, giving reports on recent events plans for the future and news of village organisations, plus occasional other articles and advertisements. We would welcome comments and views from anyone. Have you an opinion on anything at all in the village that could start a discussion? These comments could remain anonymous, if desired, but would make for a livelier and more interesting magazine.

Gayton

News



The next GN will go out at the very end of February. This is earlier than usual as unfortunately I shall not be around in March. Anyone planning to include articles in the near future, please bear this in mind when planning what to include.

It just remains for me to thank our regular contributors whose names are included in this edition, and also our voluntary and very willing deliverers, who's names you are probably not aware of:- Leandra Bramham, Geoff and Joan Wood, Eric White, John Shaw John Metcalfe and Philip Steer. And I am still not very competent on the twiddly bits on the computer, so thanks to Barry for rescuing me on a number of occasions

With very Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas

And all the best for 2014

From the Gayton News



The Christmas tree in the church

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Gayton residents and friends,

I am very pleased to introduce myself as the new chair of the Parish Council. I am sure that you will join me in thanking Jens for his excellent work as the outgoing chair.

By way of a quick introduction – my husband and I have lived in Gayton for nearly eight years and we have two daughters who attend the primary school, at which I am the Local Authority link Governor. I am looking forward to working with the Governing body and the new Head Teacher, Celia Irwin, in continuing the “outstanding” legacy and in improving the relationship between the school and the Parish Council to the benefit of the children and village.

I wanted in this article to both update everyone regarding the progress of the Parish Council but to also reiterate the role that it plays in improving our community and giving you a “voice”, especially as central government continues to devolve services and decision-making to the communities that it effects.

If there are any issues that you wish the Parish Council to consider there is an agenda item at every meeting where residents of Gayton can raise issues for discussion and further action as needed. So please come along to the meetings – your views are important in helping us to represent the village to local government and other agencies whose work impacts village life. Meetings are held every second Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the village hall.

Since that last edition of Gayton News in early October the Parish Council has meet on two occasions at which we discussed several on-going issues. The Gayton Traffic Action Group is amongst them and an update is made elsewhere in this edition. Suffice to say that progress although slow, is being made to address the speeding and traffic issues in and around the village.

Minutes of all the Parish Council meetings can be found on the village

website <http://www.gayton-northants.co.uk>

Issues that the Parish Council has been discussing include the progress of the Gayton Traffic Action Group, maintenance of Park Lane and the path steps, the on-going smell from the village sewerage system, planning issues, and the state of the roads in and around the village, especially as winter approaches.

Specific highlights include the new and improved Speed Indicator device along Bugbrooke Road, recently installed by Northamptonshire County Council. Please report any failures in the speed devices to me on the following email address simone@pdqcf.co.uk. The installation of this device means that we now have a mobile device that can be used around the village in hot spot problem areas.

Problems with the village sewerage system continue and whilst there are on-going “snagging” works to resolve the problem, there continues to be smells etc and to that effect the Parish Council has invited Anglian Water to the next Parish Council meeting to answer residents’ concerns. When the meeting arrangements have been agreed the details will be made available. Please come along if you have concerns and you would like them answered.

Please report by email any incidences of smells to either me or to any member of the Parish Council. Unless we are able to show a “diary” of smell nuisances then we are not likely to force a satisfactory resolution. Lastly, the Parish Council is working to develop a directory of people to contact when reporting issues or incidences such as speeding, smells, broken street lights, etc. I hope to tell you about significance progress in my next report.

Best wishes and Merry Christmas - **Simone Wade, Chair of Gayton Parish Council, December 2013.**



Litter-Pick - Sunday 3rd November 2013

Another successful collection and this time two of our volunteers decided that Wrights Lane beyond the canal bridge needed our attention - and what a lot they found!

Looking at the pile of rubbish stacked outside our house I counted:

30 plastic litter bags

2 tyres (one very large!)

2 oil cans

1 Gaz container

1 wall radiator

1 picnic basket

1 carton Village Help directories (later collected by VH)

Several packages of IKEA brochures, and various other items of junk (see picture below)



The huge amount of litter from Gayton streets awaits collection!

It is again with pleasure that we thank all the volunteers who turned up this time and we managed to clear most of the roads in the parish. Well done everyone and thanks again for helping.

Geoff & Joan Wood

St Mary the Virgin

It is always key to put things in perspective and to get one's priorities correct and so it has to be right to start with a few thanks, namely to all those who contributed to the service collection of the 3rd Sunday of November from which the total of £205 has been sent to the Philippines Disaster Fund.

The food items gathered at the Harvest Festival were donated to the Towcester Food Bank, those running the food bank being very grateful to you for your contributions.

On a completely different note, what do St Mary the Virgin Church graveyard, Gayton and the grounds of the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge have in common? :- *Arabis turrita* or Tower Cress in common English speak, is only found growing "wild" in the UK in these two spots and is proving quite a hit with botanists around the land. We have had visitors from as far afield as the Isle of Wight and Manchester to marvel at this relatively non-descript plant. Samples of seed from this year's plants have been received and held by the Millennium Seed Bank and also being prepared for germination by a specialist in Wales. We have been harbouring quite a rarity without knowing it. Let's hope our efforts this year bear fruits through a bumper population next year.

The Tower Cress is tucked nicely out of harm's way and at this time of year shouldn't be a problem for anyone wishing to lend some time giving the graveyard a jolly good cut to finish off the year. The grass in many parts is impossible to cut with a mower due to grave masonry of one form or another and requires the attention of numerous strimmers and so if anyone thinks the graveyard is a little untidy and needs attention then by all means please come along at any time and cut as little or as much as you like. If you are able to strip away some of the ivy from the older untended graves and place it against the perimeter walls then all the better, again, by all means please do. The more pairs of hands that do their bit, the easier the task of keeping on top of the graveyard vegetation will be. In the spring, certain areas will be sectioned-off to help promote the wild flora and fauna. The Parochial Church Council has been discussing the potential fund-raising and commemorative events for next year, fear not, the relevant

details will be disseminated to you all when the arrangements have been firmed-up a little more, we are sure you will be quite pleased with what is in store.

All the churches in the benefice celebrate on the big day, our Christmas Day service here in Gayton starts at 9.30am, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. (I am sure Christmassy distractions such as stocking filler chocolates and sweets etc for the younger ones will be perfectly acceptable.)

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 Reynolds:

The Rectory
Church Street
Pattishall
Northants
NN12 8NB
Tel: 01327 830573

Finally, *the Church Wardens and PCC would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We also hope 2014 is a year of continued good health and prosperity.*

Andy Hartley



Gayton Alms Charities

Gayton Alms Charities have been established for over 100 years. Today they are called the 'Gayton Relief in Need Charity' and the 'Gayton Educational Foundation'.

Gayton Relief in Need Charity

This charity exists to provide assistance to any person living in the Parish of Gayton* who for whatever reason find themselves in need, hardship or distress. Usually this assistance is financial, with money paid directly to the successful applicant.

Examples of where this charity might be able to help are with the purchase of food or clothing, heating costs, and grants to assist with funeral expenses.

Gayton Educational Foundation

This charity exists to provide assistance to people under the age of 25 years living in the Parish of Gayton* who for whatever reason find themselves in need of financial help with their education. Money may be paid directly to the successful applicant but the Trustees are able to grant money to organisations in the village of Gayton whose purpose is to educate or improve the lives of people under the age of 25 through leisure-time activities.

Examples of where this charity might be able to help are in the provision of books, equipment, computer software, IT hardware, musical instruments, travelling expenses, music or dance tuition, residential educational experiences, university fees, or anything else not normally provided and paid for by the Local Authority.

The charities receive their modest incomes from land rent and returns on investments. Trustees meet twice each year to review income and to consider applications for assistance under the terms of the scheme for administering the charities.

Any villager who feels they are eligible for help under the terms of either of the Gayton Alms Charities should contact the secretary Barry Steer

(tel.858886) who will provide the appropriate application form. The Chair of Trustees is happy to offer general advice about an application and/or assist with the completion of an application form.

*In exceptional cases the Trustees may give assistance to people living just outside the Parish of Gayton. These people must be able to satisfy the trustees that they ought to be treated as if they lived in the village.

David Coppock
Chair of Trustees (tel. 859645)

WHO DUNNIT?



Early one frosty morning in November, something went into the wall on the corner of Springs Orchard. Witnesses say that at 7am the wall was intact, but that half an hour later this hole had appeared. Tracks were visible mounting the pavement at this point, where somebody had obviously missed the bend.

Any clues?

Neighbourhood Watch

We have been notified by Smartwater that the price of their forensic property marking kit is going up in January and that they will be supplying direct to NHW members @ £25 per kit. So if you have been thinking about getting one, now is the time to order as we can still supply at the present price of £20 each. More information about the new Smartwater deal will appear on the village website in January.



Now that Christmas is coming, how about a gift or stocking filler with a useful purpose? How about one of our alarms for personal or property protection? The Personal Attack Alarms are £6.50 each and the minis are just £2.50 each. And the well-tried and tested "Shed Alarm" is only £10.50.

Full details of these alarms are given on the leaflet I circulated by email on 20th November. There is still time to order one for Christmas!

Geoff Wood

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Come and join your friends and neighbours on the 24th December at 6.00pm on the village green to sing carols.

Afterwards, soothe the vocal chords and raise energy levels with mulled wine and 'bring and share' mince pies.

A collection for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance will be made.

Further information can be obtained from Jan Leeding (859275) or Sharon Crossley (858863).

A nice warming brazier is provided to keep out the chill!

GAYTON WALKERS

“Walking is simple, free and one of the easiest ways to get more active, lose weight and become healthier”- NHS website.

That statement makes a lot of sense so why not join us on the second Sunday of the month for a walk/stroll of no more than 4 miles. We seem to end up at a pub (probably not so healthy!)

We meet at Fiveways cross-roads in Gayton at 10am

Dates for your diary

Wed 1st January- an extra short walk to clear one's head! (Start an hour later than usual at 11am)

Sun 12th January, 9th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December

More information from Robin Kelso-01604 857585



November Walk – on the Nene Way at Upton

GAYTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Table-Tennis, dance classes, band practice, local meetings, private parties and many other social and community activities continue to use Gayton Village Hall as their venue. The village hall is wholly self-funded – relying on income from the hire of the hall, reduced council tax fees and the time freely given by the volunteers who make up the Management Committee (and a few other helpful souls). In order to help keep the village hall running costs low we do ask that users clean up after themselves. Otherwise, the last 6 months have been uneventful and the management committee would like to extend the Season's Greetings to one and all.

If you would like to contribute to the running of the village hall please contact me (we are always looking for additional management committee members).

David Ayre

December 2013

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.

THE KING IS COMING!

ELVIS PRESLEY a.k.a. Andy Kelso

is coming to

GAYTON CHURCH

on

SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2014 at 7pm

Make a note in your diary!

More details later

N.S.P.C.C.

This year's donations amounted to £231.25 – a little less than last year, but very much appreciated all the same. According to 'Connect' (N.S.P.C.C. Magazine), the West Midlands collected £34,417, coming 4th in the UK out of eleven regions. Didn't we do well!

If you have joined the residents of Gayton in the last year, and would like a box for all that annoying loose change, please give me a ring on 858740. Thank you once again to all my loyal supporters.

Joan McCarthy

GAYTON ALLOTMENTS



With the cold and dark days and Christmas just around the corner, tending the allotment naturally takes a backseat, but one piece of noteworthy news is our brand new and very impressive noticeboard. A big thank you goes to Richard Fitzsimmonds for employing his time and expert skills in making it for us.

If, during a quiet moment over the coming holidays, your thoughts go to the joys of spring and growing your own fruit and vegetables, make a note of contacting the allotment secretary in the new year to enquire about vacancies. Judy Hamilton can be contacted on tel 859786, or by email to judyhamilton.1@btinternet.com.

The Allotment Committee wish all allotment holders and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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



GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB.

We have had a very interesting and varied programme of activities from September to December.

For our Autumn Outing we took a trip on the narrowboat 'Charlie' from the top lock at Stoke Bruerne to just inside the Blisworth tunnel and back. This was followed by tea in the museum tea rooms. We were very fortunate that the weather kept fine.

The Fish and Chip Lunch in October was, as ever, a very well supported occasion. Freshly cooked fish and chips followed by a selection of homemade sweets certainly seemed to satisfy the members. Our second meeting in the month was a musical entertainment afternoon. Kathie and John Barker presented a varied programme of songs and music. Kathie sang and John played the keyboard and violin. It was a pleasure to welcome them to our club.

In November we visited 'The Lane' restaurant at Northampton College. The college has had a lot of new building work to extend and improve the facilities and the restaurant has been refurbished. We ate a three course meal with coffee afterwards. The food was prepared and served by the students of the college. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their lunch and the surroundings and there was quite a lot of discussion amongst the members about returning for another meal in the not too distant future.

It was going to be difficult to follow the success of our lunch outing to the college, but it was achieved with our Festive Entertainment. The afternoon started with a glass of sherry or an orange juice. Our entertainer was Paul Kybert, a Magician. In the first part of the afternoon Paul went round the member's tables doing cards tricks which had everyone mystified. After a short break Paul returned to the 'stage' to demonstrate his skills making a £20 note, a diamond ring and a watch disappear. These did not reappear until the end of the show – the ring in a sealed envelope, the £20 inside a kiwi fruit and the watch inside a series of boxes. Paul also brought his rabbit which appeared in a previously empty box. The show was followed by mince pies and tea. Everyone who came agreed it was a magical afternoon!



Magician Paul Kybert bamboozles the Evergreens

Our Christmas Lunch was held at Whittlebury Park. This was a very pleasant venue in the Terrace room overlooking the golf course. Members had a complimentary drink and a delicious three course meal paid for by the club with support from the Gayton Alms Charity.

There was a wonderfully festive atmosphere as everybody enjoyed their Christmas lunch and wine



Olive Mary and Ann enjoy the wonderful Christmas lunch

The end of the year is a good time to thank our helpers without whom we would not be able to provide all that we do. Thank you to Sandie Morton, Penny Taylor and Joan Jeffrey for their help with the lunches in the village hall, also to David Coppock for driving the minibus and to Dinah Fowler who makes and serves the tea at our meetings. The committee would like to thank members for the support they have given the club this year.

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 (01327349591)

Manja Ronne

A pleasant surprise awaited passengers on the Minibus on Friday 13th! Seasonal nibbles were offered to passengers to enjoy on their journey.

Many thanks Manja!

Gayton Church Heritage Trust

The last two events for this year organised by GCHT were: Northampton Male Voice Choir (November 2nd) and A Victorian Christmas, by Blast from the Past (December 1st).

The first of these made a profit of £426 and the second £462, from ticket sales, raffle or Lucky Dip and refreshments. Both were very enjoyable and the Christmas Tree, decorated and given by Joan and Maurice Jeffery, added the sparkle in our lead up to Christmas. Very many thanks to everyone who supported these productions



The church made a wonderful backdrop for the concert given by the Northampton Male Voice Choir

There are a host of ideas brewing for next year. John Shaw is producing a calendar of all events to give an overview of 2014 and he aims to deliver a copy to all houses in the village. Alongside National events marking the 100th Anniversary of the start of World War 1, there are plans for three in Gayton, to include a concert in the church, contributions from the children at the Primary School and an exhibition in the church to coincide with the Armistice Service in November.

There are families in the village who bear the names of those soldiers who died in WWI and are commemorated on the plaque in Gayton Church.

There are also families, whose relatives' names appear on War Memorials elsewhere and who should also be remembered at that service. The February edition of Gayton News will include more details of the WW1 events but in the meantime we would be most grateful for ideas and the promise of a loan of any memorabilia.

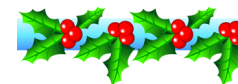
Anna Fox, Chairman GCHT

anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk 01604-859444

This picture of an Evergreen enjoying himself at the Christmas Lunch certainly captures the spirit of the moment! In fact it caused such amusement that another guest decided that it would be entertaining to invite readers to write an appropriate caption to accompany it, and that he would offer a prize.



Entries, labelled 'caption competition', to the editor (12 St. Mary's Court), by Jan 6th. Only printable entries considered!
A prize of £10 is offered for the best entry. Editor's decision final.



Gayton Traffic Action Group

A few changes have been made to the way in which those wanting to be involved in finding and implementing a solution to the traffic and speeding issues in and around Gayton, meet. As with most interest groups it is usual to hold regular meetings however, it is also difficult to find time in our busy lives to attend those meetings. With this in mind it seems pointless to hold monthly meetings where the main body of work is a rehash of the issue and an update; and so with this all in mind I decided that meetings would only be held when a decision needs to be made and that I would provide regular updates via the Gayton News and the village website.

I am pleased to report that Gayton village has been selected to take part in the Community Speed Watch run by Northamptonshire Police. This project is an important element in our approach to solving the speeding issue as it not only involves use of the “speed gun” but includes various initiatives that we will run throughout the year. The Community Speed Watch works by pairing us with a partner village and Gayton has been paired with Bugbrooke. We will share with them the police equipment which includes data cables that can be run across the road to collect information about traffic volume, direction and speed. In addition, we will have use of the “speed gun” between 28.06.14 and the 09.08.14. Gayton will have the sole use of the “speed gun” on the 2nd, 4th and 6th week of this period. Whilst this is some time away I am pleased as it does include time when the children have gone back to school and the village is therefore at its most natural state which will give a true picture of the speeding issues. (It is also during the summer). This coupled with the data will provide us with a strong evidence base to support our fundraising efforts.

In respect of fundraising I think we need to be realistic in our expectations as to any funding from the Northamptonshire County Council. It is an unfortunate but true fact that only villages and towns with a record of fatalities receive the very limited funding in order to install traffic calming measures and so we will need to look to other means of finding the money required. I have looked into this and spoken to other Parish Councils including Collingtree who used Section 106 monies to install speed bumps etc. Section 106 money is set aside by a developer as part of the planning process and is ring-fenced for community benefit. Therefore, the Parish Council will be alert to any development and planning permissions within

the village in the hope of one day securing Section 106 money.

Anyone who wishes to use the equipment will need to be trained. This is to ensure that all volunteers work safely and with valid insurance. The Police hold a number of training sessions which take place at Northamptonshire Police Headquarters, Northampton on a Saturday morning or afternoon usually 0900hrs to 1200hrs or 1300hrs to 1600hrs. The Police will send dates through to us as soon as their timetable has been developed.

The view of the Police is to have trained as many villagers as possible so that holidays etc. can be covered. Thank you to those who have already volunteered however, I still require more volunteers, and also someone to act as the Community Speed Watch Coordinator. This role is simply to liaise with the Police and to collect and return equipment. If you wish to volunteer or be the Coordinator then please let me know ASAP. My email address is simone@pdqcf.co.uk or you can call me on 07976 854136 or (01604) 879888. Alternatively please put a note through my front door at Corner Cottage, 2 Bugbrooke Road.

In respect of how we address the traffic and speeding issues – we all have plenty of ideas as to what is required. However, we need a credible solution that we know for sure will solve the issue and so I have contacted an engineer within the County Council Highways department to consider the issues at Gayton and devise a costed solution. I believe that this from an expert will provide us with the credibility needed when we start talking to funders. I will keep you all informed of the progress and as soon as I have a DRAFT plan I will circulate it for comment. At this point I will also call a meeting so that we can discuss it and everyone can add their opinion. I know that any traffic calming solutions have the potential to cause upset and disagreement but I will ensure that all plans are fully consulted before they are approved ready for use to secure funding.

So in summary, Gayton is now a member of the Police Community Speed Watch scheme and we require more volunteers to be trained in the use of the “speed gun”. I have asked for a Highways engineer to consider the traffic and speeding issues and to devise a bespoke and costed solution for our village. I will update you as to progress in the next edition of Gayton News.

Best wishes **Simone Wade**

Community Minibus Update

AGM– 23rd October

Our AGM was again very well attended by our regular passengers, drivers and representatives of Gayton and Tiffield Parishes. The Trustees of the Charity, Garry Keal, Barry Steer, Geoff Wood and Rae and Chris Spencer were all unanimously re-elected with Rae, Geoff and Chris re-elected as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for a further year.

Fare Increase from 1st January 2014

Although our finances continue to be in very good shape thanks to the excellent work of our Treasurer, faced with continued increases in operating costs and with our NCC grant rolled over without an increase for the past three years, it was decided that a fare increase from 1st January was necessary to ensure our finances remain in a strong position. The current and new fares are:

Current Fares

Gayton or Tiffield to:	Child		Adult	
	Single	Return	Single	Return
Towcester	70p	£1.10	£1.10	£2.20
Northampton	.90p	£1.50	£1.50	£3.00

Fares from 1st January 2014

Gayton or Tiffield to:	Child		Adult	
	Single	Return	Single	Return
Towcester	80p	£1.50	£1.50	£3.00
Northampton	£1.00	£2.00	£2.00	£4.00

Although it appears to be quite a hefty increase our fares are still much lower than the other service providers with the Stagecoach return fare to Northampton for example being currently £6.40.

Passengers holding Concessionary fare passes will of course be unaffected by the increase.

New Bus Station

As you will be probably aware the existing Greyfriars Bus Station in Northampton will be closing in the new year and the new Bus Station at the top of the Drapery on the site of the old Fish Market is scheduled to open on the weekend of the 2nd/3rd March

There are only 12 bays currently sited in the new smaller bus station with additional bays being constructed in The Drapery. We are currently provisional allocated to a bay located in the Drapery and we will update you as soon as the final allocations are agreed. Our current route via Bridge Street to and from the Drapery should remain unaltered by the new proposals. As soon as the details are agreed we will provide a further update

Rae Spencer



Towcester Safer Community Team
Towcester Police Station
Watling Street
Towcester
NN12 6DE
Force Contact Centre telephone 101

Parking General Rules and Advice

Towcester Safer Community Team has received complaints from members of the public about inconsiderate parking that often occurs in and around the local villages.

In response to this we encourage those residents with driveways or off-road parking to use this space to park your vehicles wherever possible. We do appreciate that this option is not available to many vehicle owners who have to park their vehicles on the Highway.

To assist in reducing these complaints please consider the recommendations listed below when parking your vehicle on the Highway.

Do not wait or park where there are restrictions shown by:

- Yellow lines along the edge of the carriageway
- School entrance markings on the carriageway

Do not park your vehicle where it would endanger or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. For example; do not stop:

- Near a school entrance
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users
- Opposite a traffic island [if this would cause an obstruction]
- Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction

□ Anywhere you would prevent access for emergency vehicles
Do not park wholly on the pavement as this can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, the visually impaired and people with pushchairs.

Finally, when parking at night, for safety, please position your vehicle facing in the direction of the flow of traffic. This allows for rear reflectors to illuminate as another vehicle approaches.

Officers that respond to reported incidents involving parking complaints will assess each situation individually but will, however, take into consideration environmental factors and wherever possible liaise with the owner of a vehicle to consider repositioning. If an officer considers a vehicle to be parked in a dangerous position or causing more than a momentary obstruction that officer may consider issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice or removal of said vehicle at the owner's expense.

We thank you for your assistance in these matters. Please do not hesitate to contact the team should you wish to discuss the above in more detail.

To report an incident or crime to Northamptonshire Police telephone 101, in an emergency dial 999

Towcester Safer Community Team

Dear Friends in Gayton

Once again, we will be making a donation to Gayton Church Heritage Trust instead of delivering Christmas cards to you, but we would of course like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jens & Manja, 6 Baker Street



FREE VALUATION DAY
ANTIQUES, JEWELLERY, SILVER, GOLD,
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Charles Hanson and his team of valuers

WEDNESDAY 8th January 11am – 3pm
WEDNESDAY 12th February 11am – 3pm
WEDNESDAY 12th March 11am - 3pm

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Gayton School

I think this has been the fastest term ever at school! Mrs Irwin and her team have worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition for all the pupils following the quite extensive change in teaching staff. Their efforts have definitely paid off and all the children seem really happy, settled and extremely excited about Christmas!

Festive cheer is evident in bucket loads at school. There is a beautiful big Christmas tree in the hall, one in the reception and one in each classroom as well as lots of decorations. And a special Gayton School post box for the children to post cards to their friends and teachers.

Last Friday evening was our annual Christmas Craft Fayre. For a change we held the event on the Friday evening instead of a Sunday afternoon and it proved to be a great success. The children had a wonderful time exploring all the activities organised by the Friends of Gayton School, a nail bar, face painting, hook a duck, and spin the wheel, loads of crafts, a BBQ, teas and cakes and so much more.

The children took centre stage when they sang Christmas songs for all including some in French! I'm sure our special visitor Father Christmas was as impressed as I was!

The event was really enjoyable and raised a significant amount for the school which will provide funds for extracurricular activities and equipment. Thank you all the volunteers and staff who helped to make it such a success.

The next date in our countdown to Christmas is the school nativity this week. The children have worked hard to learn lines and songs and I know all the parents will be in for a treat. This year the younger children will take the starring roles and there has been much excited chatter about who's who and what costumes they have!

This year the children will be doing two performances which will really allow them to enjoy the experience!

Hot on the heels of the nativity we have the Carol Concert in the church on

Sunday afternoon. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the school and its local community to get together and I am sure that the children's excitement for Christmas will rub off on us all. It is also nice to see the important role our Reverend Marion has been playing in the school in the run up to Christmas, making sure that all the children fully understand the real meaning to Christmas. This has included a very successful Christingle Service and even giving each child their own 'real' advent calendar. It is so nice for the school to interact with its community and we hope that this relationship will build now that Simone Wade, the Chair of the Parish Council has agreed to wear two hats and become a Governor for the school. This seems an appropriate opportunity to thank David Coppock who has recently driven the Gayton Minibus for the school delivering the children to the cinema and a cluster of carol concerts.

Just to make sure that the children break up for the Christmas holidays totally excited we will close the term with a school disco and a party day!! This will see the return of a very special visitor, Ho Ho Ho!

The disco DJ will be our one and only Mr Marriott, our super human village post man and school Sports Co-ordinator. It will be a very special disco as it will also be an opportunity for the children to give their love to Mr Marriott as he has decided to retire as our School Sports Co-ordinator after what seems like a zillion years. Mrs Irwin and the Governors and all the staff wish Will Marriot all the best, he will be greatly missed!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Carol Concert and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Alison Anderson

Stop Press:- Carol Service. It seems as if the whole village had turned out for the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 15th December. – the church was packed with all pews filled to capacity. The evening was made by the colourful contribution made by the schoolchildren, who depicted a series of biblical scenes in a series of tableaux. The costumes were wonderful, with shepherds, angels, kings etc showing much ingenuity in the making! The children sang several carols on their own, and joined in with the Gayton Festival singers on others. **See over for some lovely pictures**

CAROL SERVICE



The Gayton Festival Singers, under its conductor Clare Pearce.



The school performs in front of a large audience.



Photos courtesy of Pete Foster

GAYTON SCHOOL TOTE

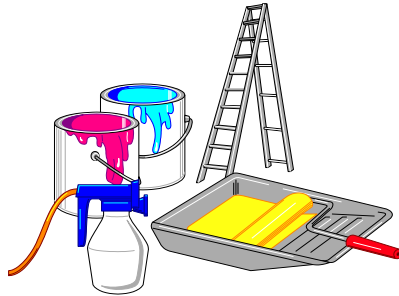
The Gayton School Tote was drawn at the Christmas Craft Fayre on 6 December and the winners are:

September 1st prize - 50 - Emily Holcombe (£30)
2nd prize - 89 - Andi Gurney (£15)

October 1st prize - 84 - Joan Wood (£30)
2nd prize - 113 - John Wesson (£15)

November 1st prize - 103 - Jean Ratledge (£30)
2nd prize - 89 Andi Gurney (£15)

December 1st prize - 97 - Tilly Brown (£75)
2nd prize - 21 - Mary Koniwienko (£25)



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GAYTON NEWS CHRISTMAS QUIZ!

Here it is again! The quiz this year is very easy (!) and one the whole family can enjoy.

On the following pages is a list of 100 pairs of definitions, the answer to which is the same word. In each case, the spelling of the answer is the same, but sometimes the pronunciation or part of speech may be different.

Fill in all the answers, enter your name, address and phone no., then detach the centrefold and deliver to 12 St Mary's Court by **MONDAY JANUARY 6th** at the latest.

The usual generous prizes will be awarded – 1st £10, 2nd £3 and 3rd £2. A tie at any level will result in draw by an independent person

E N J O Y!

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| 1. Side of river
Cash deposit | 14. Periodical
Arms Store | 27. Grand Prix track
Electric pathway | 40. Metal
Finish the laundry |
| 2. Tome
Reserve | 15. Grievance
Ailment | 28. Moving air
Rotate by hand | 41. Vision aids
Extravaganzas |
| 3. Voter
Ingredient | 16. Stand out
Scheme | 29. Practise
Means of transport | 42. Approach
Musical prelude |
| 4. Chart
Item of furniture | 17. Ignore
Slim | 30. Cricketer
Type of hat | 43. Incubate
Conceive |
| 5. Sick person
Long-suffering | 18. Solid
Business | 31. Up to date
Moving body of water | 44. Nag
Stringed instrument |
| 6. First
Hole | 19. Car pedal
Type of bag | 32. All alike
Worn at school | 45. Pugilist
Dog |
| 7. Water container
Military vehicle | 20. Pledge
Talent | 33. Base of building
Make-up | 46. Cope with
Opener |
| 8. Area of ground
Story | 21. Judgement against
Group of words | 34. Season
Coil | 47. Religious fraternity
Sequence |
| 9. Begin
Jump | 22. Overpass
Card game | 35. To glue
Baton | 48. Breaking up clods
Distressful |
| 10. Walk out
Hit | 23. Apartment
Horizontal | 36. To be filled in
Long seat | 49. Received at Christmas
Now |
| 11. Colonise
Resolve | 24. Food box
Get in the way | 37. Game of golf
Delivery route | 50. Prayer
Gather |
| 12. Number
Finger | 25. Golf club
Operates car | 38. Disc
Best time | 51. Statement
Story |
| 13. Type of school
Thorough | 26. Runner-up
Small unit of time | 39. Replenishing
Hung at Christmas | 52. Type of meat
Type of sport |

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| 53. Plastered
Mean | 66. 2 under par
Bird of prey | 79. Mattress covering
Sound of clock | 92. Centre of activities
Part of wheel |
| 54. Function
Job | 67. Essay
Rugby score | 80. Dessert
Plaything | 93. Bathroom fixture
Brief spell of rain |
| 55. Squeeze
Newspapers | 68. White wine
Gammon joint | 81. Lens cover
Waterfall | 94. Woolly
Aintree horse |
| 56. To mend
Plot | 69. Drum
Trap | 82. Apportionment
Rented vegetable patch | 95. Flag
Cleaning cloth |
| 57. Light filament
Type of plant | 70. Slip
Hair decoration | 83. Not vacant
To be married | 96. Apply oneself
Be there |
| 58. Racquet game
Vegetable | 71. Electric conductor
Telegram | 84. Belongs to me
Pit | 97. Rearmost oarsman
Disabling attack |
| 59. Cleaner
Empty space | 72. Woollen cloth
Ad lib | 85. Denture fitting
Tableware | 98. Go to the bottom
Kitchen furniture |
| 60. Gives heat
Component part | 73. English painter
Policeman | 86. Public service vehicle
Multiple edition | 99. Pick
Deduce |
| 61. Climbing aid
Damage in hosiery | 74. Pay here
Cultivate | 87. Payment to elderly
Small French hotel | 100. Important body part
Church musical
instrument |
| 62. Attendant
Leaf in book. | 75. Hat
Canal | 88. Tree covering
Dog's voice | _____ |
| 63. Artist
Rope in small boat | 76. 5 shillings
Royal headgear | 89. Pointer
Annoy | <u>NAME</u> ----- |
| 64. Gasps
Underwear | 77. Seashore
Freewheel | 90. Past tense
Faultless | <u>ADDRESS</u> ----- |
| 65. Retain
Stronghold | 78. Place of worship
Forehead | 91. Aircraft
Hard black lignite | ----- |
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