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EDITORIAL

What a wonderful summer it has been! It may have been a little late in getting started, but once it got going, it was perfect, lasting until the beginning of October – unlike many areas in the western Mediterranean which have experienced torrential storms and floods for 2 or 3 weeks now. If things return to normal autumn weather in October, the summer of 2014 will always be remembered as one of the best on record. And our alpacas are nibbling away frantically in their paddock, which is almost devoid of any edible grass!

The local farmers have been taking advantage of these conditions to get on with their autumn tasks early and tractors have been buzzing round the lanes first with the early harvest, and later, ploughing. Already, there are neatly ploughed fields to be seen, and also many of the hedges have been trimmed to perfection. The autumn colours are approaching their best, as we await the change of season.

A few points at random in this issue:

Many people spend a lot of time working very hard organising fund-raisers, mainly for the church and the school. Successful recent ones have included the Dog Show, a Bridge Drive, a Gala Concert, a Fete and a Quiz and supper evening – an impressive programme. All of these earned valuable funds, as well as providing lots of enjoyment for villagers and visitors alike.

We hear a lot about people at local level not having a say in local decisions, and having legislation imposed on them. Gayton Parish Council is very aware of this, and is working very hard to produce a plan, called Village Vision for 2030. If we want a voice in the future development of our village, we would all be well advised to stay aware of developments.

In the next few weeks, we are going to hear much in the media and read much about the First World War. Gayton is doing its bit with a week of commemoration from November 3rd, with events centred on the church and the school. This is history, but recent history about which most of us know quite a lot, and may even possess tangible family memorabilia from this time. Do take time to join in our local events.

The Gayton and Tiffield Minibus is desperately in need of new drivers (see p. 21). This is a valuable local service upon which quite a few people, especially the elderly, depend, so please think of volunteering and thereby making a valuable contribution to the community..

Finally, I would like to say that the next issue of Gayton News will be my last as editor. As yet, no-one has been appointed to take of this very enjoyable and worth-while task, but during the next couple of months, hopefully someone will come forward and agree to take it on.

If anyone out there fancies becoming the new editor and would like to know what is involved, please don't hesitate to give me a call. In the meantime, the Parish Council will be working to find somebody.

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Stop Press

Harvest Supper and Quiz

The harvest supper and quiz was well attended in the village hall on Saturday 4 October. It was a relaxed and fun evening of good food and friendly rivalry over a team quiz, run kindly by Hilary Aslett. Chilli and lasagne were followed by a dazzling display of desserts.

Thank you to everyone who came, and to all who cooked, and helped out. We raised over £550 for the Church.

Alison Foster and Carolyn Estall

(see pic. P.7 and p. 27)

Gayton Parish Council Update

Dear Gayton residents and friends,

Since the last edition of the Gayton News the Parish Council has reconvened and met once in September following the summer break.

The Parish Council continues to work on the development of the next village **Vision for 2030**, and addressing the traffic speeding issue via the **Gayton Traffic Action Group**.

At the September meeting the Parish Council considered a plan of action to support the consultation process that we hope to start in the next month or so. Involving the village community in making decisions about its future is central to the development of the new Gayton Village Vision. The new Village Vision will outline the changes that we wish to see happening to ensure the village remains prosperous and viable in the future.

The Government has continued to encourage and to push more control to the local level allowing local people to have a direct say in the way that they want their community and parish to grow and to prosper.

The Parish Council's role is to provide Gayton residents with a voice; representing their views to Government agencies, etc. thus ensuring that we all have a say in the way in which the village changes over the next 15 years.

The Parish Council has taken a proactive role ensuring that the views and wishes of the village residents are clear and understood, and that there is no doubt about the way we feel about any possible changes to the village.

To support the development of the new Village Vision a draft Consultation Plan has been developed to ensure that all residents and village stakeholders have an opportunity to contribute their ideas, wishes and feelings about Gayton over the next 15 years, and how changes can be made to ensure its sustainability and that it retains the essence of what makes it such a desirable village to live in now.

As reported in past editions, part of the development of the new Village Vision and as part of the Parish Council's proactive stance, it was decided that a review of the village confines was required. This review is primarily

driven by the fact that the current confines makes little sense as it cuts through gardens and does not follow any logical boundary. Additionally, a review is necessary to support the work to resolve the traffic and speeding problems in and around the village.

If we do not consider the current village confines and make proposals then it will be done to us by Planners who do not live in or have any strong links to our village. The village confines is an important document in that it will tell the Planning Authority of South Northamptonshire Council what the wishes of the village residents are in respect of any future development.

More significantly, towards the end of 2013 and at the start of 2014 the Government asked all landowners across the UK what parcels of land they would consider putting forwards for development. This request was made as part of the Government's push to meet the housing demand of a growing population. The result of the Government's request in respect of Gayton is available on the South Northamptonshire District Council website.

The proposals for the review of the village confines and the proposed areas for potential development and how they inform the new Village Vision, forms the basis of the Consultation Plan. Due to the significance of these issues to be consulted upon, it was decided at the September Parish Council meeting that a single item agenda be discussed at an extraordinary meeting. The date of this extraordinary meeting is currently being agreed and will be advertised on the village website and notice board.

On another matter I am very happy to announce that Karen Cooper is now a member of the Parish Council. She joins us at a very dynamic and interesting time for the village and Parish Council, and I am sure that her experience and abilities will be invaluable as we navigate the challenges ahead.

If you wish to discuss any of these issues please contact me or any of the Parish Council members. You can find their details on the village website or alternatively please contact Viv Hartley the Parish Council Clerk on (01604) 858360. My email address is simone@pdqcf.co.uk and my mobile number is 07976854136.

Simone Wade

KEEP GAYTON TIDY

Litter-pick Day

Sunday 26th October 2014

Meet: Linthorpe House, Back Lane

Start time: 10.00 am onwards

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

Although gloves are available it is preferable for you to provide your own.

To assist with organisation, please let me know if you are coming

Joan Wood Tel: 858800

Gayton Traffic Action Group

Watch over the summer, and the results are now in!

I want to thank the volunteers who worked hard over the three week period that we had use of the speed gun to reduce the speeding through and around the village. The Police are hoping to add an additional programme and I hope that Gayton will be successful in being awarded another speed gun session which is due to take place during January/February 2015.

To recap, as part of the scheme the Police installed a data box two weeks prior to and after use of the speed gun. The volunteers' work generated 83 Police warning letters that were sent to the registered keepers of the speeding vehicles.

The Police judge success by a reduction in the number of vehicles exceeding the ACPO 35mph figure. The 85th percentile is also important as it is used as a trigger for enforcement (the higher the number the worse the road is considered to be). Here are the results:

Date devise up: 27/06/2014 Date devise down: 08/07/2014			
Amount of vehicles in survey: 14,014*			
PSL: 30 Exceeding PSL: 6096 (44%)		ACPO: 35 Exceeding ACPO: 1779 (13%)	
**85%: 37 mph		Max: 57 mph	
Detailed Information			
Motorbikes:		LGV's:	
85%: 38%	Max: 49 mph	85%: 31 mph	Max: 39 mph
Cars:		HGV's:	
85%: 37 mph	Max: 57 mph	85%: 30 mph	Max: 30 mph

Date devise up: 13/08/2014 Date devise down: 22/08/2014			
Amount of vehicles in survey: 4,218*			
PSL: 30 Exceeding PSL: 362 (9%)		ACPO: 35 Exceeding ACPO: 45 (1%)	
**85%: 29 mph		Max: 43 mph	
Detailed Information			
Motorbikes:		LGV's:	
85%: 32%	Max: 41 mph	85%: 12 mph	Max: 19 mph
Cars:		HGV's:	
85%: 29 mph	Max: 43 mph	85%: 0 mph	Max: 0 mph

*The devise is in place for a two week period

** The 85th percentile speed is the speed, which 85% of the vehicles are not exceeding. Road speed limits are commonly determined by the 85th percentile, given that 85% of drivers will drive at or below a speed that is comfortable for the given road conditions.

Simone Wade



Competitors at the Harvest Supper and Quiz slog it out with the aid of a wonderful meal washed down with plenty to drink!

St Mary the Virgin

What a performance, stamina and youthful enthusiasm in abundance and raising in excess of £250 for the Historic Churches Trust, I refer of course to the Kelso effort during the annual Ride 'n' Stride event on that sunny Saturday 13th September. Well done, you deserve the plaudits and have now raised the bar for others in the future. The devotion to hours of training in all weathers obviously paid off by carrying you to the end of the route you had set yourselves.....or was it actually the thought of getting to your favoured inn before closing time that did the trick we wonder? Many thanks from the PCC also to those who manned our church to welcome other participants of the event and also a collective "well done" to the other supreme Gaytonian athletes of the day. Close to £400 was the final tally of which we receive a portion back.

Whilst on the subject of supreme performances, the borrowed stage (thank you Gayton School) was well and truly graced by an extremely talented trio of Jonathan French on piano, Steve Morris, clarinet and vocalist Helen Swift during the Gala Concert on the 19th September. Not only were the canapés mouth-watering and the wine bubbly, so too was the musical fayre on offer, from classical opera to Gershwin to pure instrumental bonanza, we had the lot. The evening was sold out, we all had an absolute ball and raised in excess of £1200 for general funds in the process. It was really telling when, during the intro to the evening, Helen said how honoured they felt at being asked back just one year on from their first appearance here, I think the feeling was fairly mutual. Congrats to David and Carol C. for steering this one through and thank you to all the canapé/sparkling wine/raffle ticket technicians for helping to make the evening such a success.

There have been a number of other events of note recently, these have been primarily on the GCHT list of *Things to Do*, it would only seem appropriate for me to leave the detailing of their success to others, however, it must be said that I am sure Marion, the PCC and the wider community are very grateful for the financial input GCHT is able to provide to maintain the fabric of the church building.

On the Parochial front, 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.

As last year, we have a very special service on Sunday 2nd November, this being for the Commemoration of the Departed. The service starts at 3.00pm and a lovely afternoon tea will be available afterwards for those wishing to catch-up with one another for a chat etc. This proved to be very successful last year and is anticipated to be so again this year.

Also in November, we shall be holding our Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 9th, commencing at 5.30pm.

If you are wishing to plan your mid-winter Christmas programme already, the Carol Service is to be held on the 14th December and this year we host the joint benefice's Christmas Midnight Service, starting at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

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

Andy Hartley

Stop Press

Harvest Festival Service, Sunday October 5th. The Service was well attended and we were rewarded with a wonderful performance of seasonal music and readings by the children of Gayton School, plus the Gayton Festival Singers. The standard of singing was very high from both groups, and there was also a collection of harvest produce. David Coppock, who is retiring as a Governor of the school after many years, was thanked for all his hard work, and was presented with a gift and a beautiful card hand-made by the children.

The service ended with wine and soft drinks being served.

Gayton Church Heritage Trust

The Heritage Lottery Fund are encouraging voluntary groups to find out about the impact on families and communities during The Great War and to submit applications for grant funding to help with a project. GCHT applied for a small grant earlier this year and heard in July that our bid had been successful with an award of £4,200. We have a year in which to spend this money and the hope is that much more information will be gathered as the year progresses.

The starting point for our project is the War Memorial in the Church and a desire to discover more about the sixteen names of men who died. A group have begun searching on the Commonwealth War Graves and Ancestry websites. Jenny Wakelin has a wonderful source of information in the form of letters from the two Wakelin brothers and friends including photographs before they joined up. A visit to the Northampton Records Office revealed that there were also twenty six survivors which caused an even bigger loss to the village for the war years than we had at first imagined.

Involvement of Gayton Primary School. Last term the children worked on ideas about how it might have been had they been a child, living in this village during WWI. They produced art work and letters that will be on display in November in the church. The HLF grant has allowed funding for the Junior pupils to visit the Staffordshire Regimental Museum on November 4th and was chosen because the material on display relating to WWI has an educational programme for school parties. The school is also going to support a WWI project in the New Year by allowing their computer suite to be used for sessions supported by Northampton Records Office who are willing to run a group session on how to search ancestry websites. In addition a visit to Wootton Hall can also be arranged to discover how to locate documents relating to Gayton. Interested? e-mail :- anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk

Exhibition entitled ‘Gayton and the Great War’. The Church will be open for a week from Monday 3rd November, 1-4p.m. each afternoon until the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 9th November when the church will open instead at 2.30p.m, and teas will stop in time for the start of the Service at 5:30p.m.

Included in the Exhibition of Gayton history we are fortunate to be able to show exhibits from two other local exhibitions held earlier this year:-

Friends Meeting House, Northampton, Clare Abbatt, an artist specialising in sculpture ‘The Long Shadow of War’ its effect on families and communities.

Towcester Library, John Sunderland and Margaret Webb. ‘All the Business of War’. For five days in September 1913, North Bucks and South Northamptonshire were turned into a battle ground, British Manoeuvres for more than 40,000 soldiers and airmen in what turned out to be a vital dress rehearsal for the so called Great War. **Entrance to the Exhibition is free.** Tea-time refreshments will be on sale every afternoon,

Thursday 6th November at 6:00p.m Talk by Dr John Sunderland - ‘The Pendulum of War’- How the British Expeditionary Force Foiled the Schlieffen Plan in 1914 -. **Tickets £2 includes a glass of wine. Phone 859444 or e-mail :- anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk**

Last but not least-

Grateful thanks to Joan McCarthy, who organised a very successful Bridge Lunch, which raised over £1500 for GCHT:

- and to Alison and Steven for donating £243.82, the profit from the Dog Show, to GCHT- it was a great event and all the soup and cakes that were also donated bumped the takings on the day by a further £226.40 and very many thanks also to Karen Cooper for her invaluable help with the refreshments.

Sunday 7th December 4:30 - Elizabethan Christmas in the church’ played by PIVA Early Music Group www.piva.org.uk Tickets 859444 anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk

Anna Fox

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I took over as Chair of the Gayton NHW in April after the sad demise of Geoff. I was extremely happy to have the opportunity to follow in Geoff's footsteps and take over such a well run group.

The village email messages have continued to prove very helpful to Gayton residents in many respects and I expect them to grow. We have plans to improve and upgrade our website which we hope will include a notice board for residents.

In July Barry Steer and his son Phil very kindly erected the new NHW signs.

I am sorry to say that John Davidson had to stand down as street warden for Tiffield Road in July due to other commitments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank John for all his efforts as a street warden.

Thankfully Richard Akers has very kindly offered to take over from him which I am very grateful for. An updated list is below.

Tony Benham	anthonybenham@btinternet.com	Coldwells, Bugbrooke Road	858338	Back Lane and Bugbrooke Road (south side/school side)
Joan Wood	joanwood8@btinternet.com	Linthorpe House, Back Lane	858800	Back Lane, Bugbrooke Road (north side), Banbury Lane & Flitnells Farm
Jen Buus	jbuus@btinternet.com	The Birches, 6 Baker Street	859253	Baker Street
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Linda Trusler	a.e.barrett@btinternet.com	Orchard House, Eastcote Road	858220	Eastcote Road
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John Knight	No email	10 Milton Road	858644	Milton Road
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Richard Akers	rjakers@hotmail.co.uk	11 Tiffield Road	859813	Tiffield Road
Pat Byrom	westgatehouse@aol.com	Westgate House, Eastcote Road	859355	Westgate House & Goggs Farm

Julie Wood

GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

At the beginning of September the club had a 'Posh Afternoon Tea' in memory of Margaret Ratledge. Following Margaret's death in 2013 her family kindly gave the club a donation in her memory. The committee suggested that a special afternoon tea would be a good way to remember Margaret. It was a lovely afternoon, members were asked to 'dress to impress' and they all rose to the occasion in style. The afternoon commenced with a formal toast to Margaret followed by a delicious afternoon tea prepared by Pam Bird. Background music was provided by Chris Bowyer on the keyboard. Everyone agreed that they had had a lovely time and we were so pleased that members of Margaret's family and friends were able to join us.

At the end of September we went on a mystery tour. The final destination for afternoon tea was Kelmarsh Hall. The route, devised by David, took us to Kelmarsh via Brockhall, Wilton, Great Brington, Ravensthorpe, Creaton, Cottesbrooke and Haselbech. The sun shone and the countryside was beautiful. It was a most enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to David and Manja for driving the minibus and her car respectively.

Our annual Fund raising Coffee morning was held in August and was well supported. We raised valuable additions to club funds. Thank you to everyone who attended this event.

If you would like to join our friendly, sociable club for the over 55's please contact Carol Coppock (859645), Jan Leeding (859275) or Manja Ronne (859253). Why not come along to one of our meetings and see what we get up to! (please ring first to avoid possible disappointment)

Our programme for the rest of the year is:

Thursday 16th October- Fish and Chip Lunch

Tuesday 4th November –Bingo

Thursday 13th November -Autumn Outing

Tuesday 25th November -Christmas Entertainment with 'We Three'

Thursday 4th December -Christmas Lunch

Carol Coppock (Secretary)

Gayton Companion Dog Show

The tenth Gayton Companion Dog Show was held on Saturday 13th September on the Village Green.

Judging took place in two rings, with renowned judge Dr Ruth Barbour judging in Ring 1 (the pedigree and junior handling classes) with PC Claire Paul, Northamptonshire Police Dog Legislation and Wildlife Crime Officer judging the remaining classes in Ring 2. Gayton's PCSO, Jen Harrison, also popped along and assisted with the choosing of the best Gayton Dog.



69 owners turned up with 101 dogs (only one of which was a Dalmation!), entering 242 classes between them. We had 10 dogs entered from the village, plus the good weather brought out a large number of spectators from the village.

Dog Show Officials

Best In Show was Lexie, a 22 month-old Cocker Spaniel from Wellingborough. Reserve Best In Show was Minnie, a 4-year old Pointer also from Wellingborough. Minnie is an old hand at our show, having won Best Puppy in 2010, and was also handled by the Best Junior Handler last year. Best Veteran was Tia, a 13-year old Beagle from Buckingham, who also won this award in 2010 and 2013; and Best Puppy was Bella, a 9-month old Bracco Italiano from Grendon. This year's winner of the John McCarthy Trophy for the Best Gayton Dog was the Curtis' Jack Russell, Beau. Ellie Clayton took home the Michael East Shield for Best Gayton Junior Handler handling a Papillon, Bertie.



Best in Show line up

Thank you everybody who helped with this year's show, and also our sponsors. We made £243.82 for Gayton Church Heritage Trust (Registered charity number 111145).



Best Gayton Dog

Alison and Steven Huckle.

RECIPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING EVENT

One spacious family home, three talented cooks, two abstemious bar men, three fleet of foot waitresses, three kind but firm parking attendants, two extremely persuasive raffle ticket sellers, one Barclays Bank pensioner, and many generous supporters who donated all the prizes and most of the food.

On Thursday 28th August 2014, forty bridge players arrived at Fiveways House for lunch and bridge. The meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the card session was a little noisier than usual because everyone was having such a good time

After the prize-giving, Anna and Charles were thanked, and we all cleared up. The magnificent sum of £758.18 was raised, which will be almost doubled once a cheque for £750 is received from Barclays Bank under the pound for pound scheme – well done Barclays.

If you would be willing to let us use your home for a similar event in 2016, please contact Anna Fox. The ravers usually behave themselves!

Joan McCarthy



Joan distributes prizes at the very successful bridge lunch



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Gayton Village Hall Management Committee

An uneventful summer has passed, with quite a quiet time with respect to village hall use. But now that the table-tennis season has returned again I suspect that the village hall will see increased use in the evenings throughout the week.

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
October 2014



Mobile Library Timetable

Route West 08 - Second Friday of each month

Dates of Visits - August 2014 to July 2015

08 August	12 December	10 April
12 September	09 January	08 May
10 October	13 February	12 June
14 November	13 March	10 July

STOP No.	VILLAGE / TOWN	STOP	ARRIVE	LEAVE
3	Gayton	Back Lane	15:30	16:00

LibraryPlus



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.

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GAYTON WALKERS

We continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Fiveways crossroads. In September there was a change to the normal schedule as the walk was combined with the Ride and Stride day (Cycling & Walking) - a national fund-raising event for the Historic Churches Trust (see www.nhct.org.uk). We met at 9.30am on Sat. 13th September – 3 Gayton residents and 4 from Pattishall parish. The walk took in the churches of Milton Malsor, Blisworth (church and chapel) and back to Gayton church - a total of 6.8 miles- more than some were anticipating!

Barbara and I were very grateful for the generous sponsorship and we realised £255. Half of the proceeds go to NHCT and half to St Mary's Church, Gayton. Thank you. Hopefully, there will be more people taking part next year.

The next walk will be on Sunday 12th October at 10am - not 6.8 miles, more likely 4-5 miles and ending at a pub.

Robin Kelso

01604 857585

WANTED

I am looking to try and rent a large garage / workshop within Gayton or the surrounding areas.

If anyone has an outbuilding, large garage or a workshop they would like to rent out I would be very interested.

My number is 07879058

Many thanks Damian

Gayton & Tiffield Community Minibus

We have the AGM scheduled for Wednesday 29th October at 2.30pm at the Village Hall. We would welcome a good attendance at the AGM where we will have the opportunity to appoint Trustees and Officers, Approve the Annual Accounts, discuss in detail the finances, structure, timetables, future plans and any other matters that attendees wish to raise.

The finances of the Charity continue to be in good shape thanks to a lot of Private hires and consistent passenger numbers - but please keep spreading the word as without good passenger numbers and volunteer drivers the future of the service will be threatened by NCC withdrawing our annual grant as we have to fight continually to justify the grant.

Unfortunately to date we have not been able to find a volunteer to help with the accounts and administration tasks carried out so ably by Geoff Wood from the start of the Minibus scheme in 1984 until his sad passing earlier this year. I have undertaken these tasks on an interim basis but we would welcome additional help and also additional Trustees and of course volunteer drivers to help us maintain a valuable community transport resource. If you are interested in becoming involved but are unable to attend the AGM, please contact either myself, Gary Keal, Barry Steer, David Coppock, Manja Ronne or Jens Buus for further information.

Sadly Friday October 10th will be Barry Steer's last drive on the minibus rota. Barry has always been a huge contributor to the Minibus service since it started in 1984 and has been an active Trustee since we set up the G & T Charity in 2006. I know everyone will join me in thanking Barry for all of his considerable efforts and help over the years and we hope to still see him continue as a Trustee for many more years.

With the winter quarter approaching we have two provisional dates for MK shopping trips scheduled on the run up to Christmas on 26th November and 10th December - but will need at least six passengers to make the trips viable. Places will need to be reserved in advance on the booking form that will be in the bus from the start of November - or direct to me via telephone or email. Please let me know if you feel alternative dates would be better and please help spread the word to anyone you think may be interested in the trips departing at 10am from Hillcrest Rd and Fiveways and returning at 2.30pm - the cost will be £5 return.

Rae Spencer – Chairman

01327-353352 - 07784-561268 - rae.spencer@btopenworld.com



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Special offers on selected Menu Items - 2 for £10 Lunchtime and Early Bird 6pm to 7pm available Tues to Thurs.

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See our website for Opening Times and Full Menu.

www.queenvictoriagayton.co.uk

Telephone reservations welcome on 01604 857511

Children are welcome as are Dogs on Leads.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



The Leedings' beautiful garden, one of six on view for Gayton's successful Open Gardens Day in July.

Ladies Lunch

The recent revival of the monthly Ladies Lunch has been a great success, and during the winter there is even more reason to come and join us on the second Wednesday of the month.

This Gayton News is unfortunately going out just too late to remind you ladies of the October meeting, but the remaining two sessions of this year will be on Wednesday November 12th and Wednesday December 10th. – when we may possibly include a seasonal flavour to our lunch!

This is a good way to get to know others in the village, to meet old friends and to put the world to rights, so don't forget! We gather at about 12.30-ish in the Queen Vic for a lively hour or so of conversation.

Ed. [Any queries, give me a ring].

GAYTON SCHOOL

Another school year starts and we welcome with it some new faces. Following the appointment of Mrs Irwin as Executive Head Teacher, the Governing Body have been working to develop a long term structure for the school. Last year we had Mrs Knights (who had come out of retirement) teaching in the infant class room and both Mrs Bounds and Mrs Lee teaching in the Junior room.

This team although of a temporary nature did a fantastic job at providing continuity for the children and ensuring the high quality of teaching was sustained.

However a permanent team was essential. We have now recruited some amazing teachers to provide a strong permanent structure for the school. Miss Lofts who will be teaching our infants and a new Mrs Lea (same name different spelling) joins us to lead in the junior class room with the continued support of Mrs Bounds.

Mrs Lea also holds the position of Head of Teaching and Learning meaning she will manage the school on a day to day basis for Mrs Irwin.

Mrs Quick remains as our French and Art Teacher and Mrs Gowler remains as the school Business Manager.

There has been a lot of activity at school over the holidays not just the new teaching team's preparations for this year but also the playground has been resurfaced and the kitchen refreshed for the new school meal system.

Our school, like all schools, now has to offer all children in the infant age group a school meal. We are using the caterers which provide hot meals for Blisworth and Tiffield schools, so far to great success!

Things have changed in school as well. The class rooms have received new names chosen by the pupils from their favourite authors. The infant class is now the Donaldson room after Julia Donaldson author of the Gruffalo and Room on the Broom. The junior room is now called the Dahl room after Roald Dahl. To celebrate these new names and these authors the school are holding a Donaldson and Dahl day with lots of different educational activities for the children to enjoy.

The Friends of Gayton School have also been busy planning lots of family activities for the coming year which will help to raise funds for the school. These will include Bingo Nights, a Christmas Bazaar and a Summer Fete. Look out for posters around the village advertising the dates for these events and we hope to see you there.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all the residents and their families for their fantastic support for the schools summer fete, held at the end of the last term. It raised a considerable amount for the school which we hope to use to update the IT systems, providing the children with some more innovative tools to explore the world of computers and computing.

This term the Governing Body will be undergoing a process of restructuring. Although we find it easy to secure parent and staff Governors it is much harder to recruit Governors from the village and local community. If you feel that you could have the time to support the school in this way please do give me a call for a chat on 01604 858116.

As I am sure you are all aware the centenary for the First World War will be on Remembrance Day and to mark this very important date every child will be making a clay poppy to plant in the school garden. The school will also be supporting the Remembrance events at the church.

On a closing note, the Christmas Bazaar will be on the 28th November from 5-8pm with lots of activities for all the family and refreshments including mulled wines and mince pies!

We are also expecting a very special visitor , Ho, Ho, Ho - all are welcome!

Alison Anderson

Chair of Governors

GAYTON ALLOTMENTS

The autumn is an ideal time to prepare the ground for the year ahead, so if you were thinking of getting an allotment, now is a good time to get started. Gayton allotment site has some vacant



plots of different sizes available at very reasonable rents, and we will be happy to show you the options. If you are interested, please contact the treasurer, Rose Metcalfe, on tel 01604 858860, or by email to rosalynandjohn@btinternet.com .

GAYTON COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WINTER WONDERLAND

CHRISTMAS Bazaar

FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER
FROM 5-8PM

SANTA'S GROTTO, GORGEOUS GIFTS, Nail Bar,
BOTTLE TOMBOLA, WIN LUXURY HAMPER, BBQ,
MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES, SANTA TRAIL,
Cakes & sweets, CRAFTS, RAFFLE,
KIDS' GAMES, FACE PAINTING, REINDEER FOOD
ENTERTAINMENT & FESTIVE SURPRISES...

GAYTON SCHOOL, BUGBROOKE ROAD,
NORTHANTS, NN7 3EU
everyone welcome...
£2 per ADULT, CHILDREN FREE

GAYTON SCHOOL TOTE

The tote results for July and August were as follows:

July	1st- 2 nd	58 Tamzin Coates 51 John Shaw
Aug	1 st 2 nd	50 Emily Holcombe 114 Mark Leading

Gayton Primary School Tote needs you!!

The school tote is one of the on-going fund raisers which many villagers support, for which we are very grateful. We would be delighted to have any new members this year. Not only are you supporting the school but you have a great chance of winning some fab cash prizes!

The tote is drawn every 2 months in the school playground.
1st prize is £30 and 2nd prize is £15 per month (January to November)
1st prize is £75 and 2nd prize is £25 (December super draw)

The cost is £12 per year, payable in September. We are holding this years' subscriptions open until 17 October for those wishing to join.

If you are interested please contact April Foster on 858184.

Harvest Festival Weekend

The downside of any event in the village hall – Alison and Elaine happily do the washing-up after a delicious Harvest Supper!



DAVENTRY AND SOUTH
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CONSERVATIVES



GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

10:30am — 15:00pm

£2 Entry

Accompanied children free

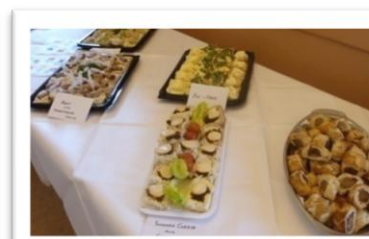
Where?

Kislingbury Village Hall
Ashby Court
Kislingbury

The Conservative Party in conjunction with the Alzheimers Society

Promoted by Lydia Smith on behalf of WNC, all of 78 St. George's Avenue, Northampton, NN2 6JF.

Gayton Evergreen Club



'Posh Afternoon Tea' in memory of Margaret Ratledge.

Service Rota October to December

5 th Oct	8:00am	BCP HC	Pattishall
	9:15am	½ Hour service	Pattishall
	11:00am	CW HC	Cold Higham
	5:30pm	Harvest Service	Gayton
12 th Oct	9:30am	CW HC	Tiffield
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW HC	Pattishall
19 th Oct	8:00am	BCP HC	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW HC & Harvest	Cold Higham
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW Family HC	Gayton
26 th Oct	9:30am	CW HC	Pattishall
	11:00am	Family Service	Tiffield
2nd Nov	8:00am	BCP HC	Pattishall
	9:15am	½ hour service	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW HC	Gayton
	11:00m	CW HC	Cold Higham
	3:00pm	Commemoration of departed	Gayton
9th Nov	9:30am	Remembrance Service & short HC	Tiffield
	9:30am	Remembrance Service	Cold Higham

	10:45am	Remembrance Service & short HC	Pattishall
	5:30pm	Remembrance Service	Gayton
16th Nov	8:00am	BCP HC	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW HC	Cold Higham
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW Family HC	Gayton
23rd Nov	9:30am	CW HC	Pattishall
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	Family Service	Tiffield
30th Nov	9:30am	Benefice CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	6:00pm	Advent Carols	Pattishall
7th Dec	8:00am	BCP HC	Pattishall
	9:15am	½ hour service	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW HC	Gayton
	11:00am	CW HC (said)	Cold Higham
14th Dec	9:30am	CW HC	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW HC	Pattishall
	5:30pm	Carol Service with school	Gayton
21st Dec	9:30am	CW HC	Pattishall
	3:30pm	Carol Service	Tiffield
	6:00pm	Carol Service	Cold Higham

24th Dec	4:00pm	Crib Service	Tiffield
	6:00pm	Carol service + CW HC	Pattishall
	11:30pm	CW HC	Gayton
25th Dec	8:00am	BCP HC	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Family HC	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Family Communion	Cold Higham
	11:00am	Family Service	Tiffield
28th Dec	9:30am	CW Benefice Communion (Pattishall
4th Jan	8:00am	BCP HC	Pattishall
	9:15am	½ hour service	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW HC	Gayton
	11:00am	Family Worship	Cold Higham

GAYTON NEWS		
Advertising charges		
Fundraising events held in 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	free	£1.50

Please note: Friday December 12th

Deadline for news and comment