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## EDITORIAL

It seems a long time since the last GN went out. The reasons for this were mainly influenced by a quick look at the calendar/diary which showed that there were many village events in the first half of the year, culminating in the Open Gardens on July 6<sup>th</sup>, after which there seemed to be a natural break, so we decided that this issue should come out at this time.

And how great this village looks at this moment. After a warm spring and a very sunny June, the gardens have excelled themselves this year, and in preparation for the Big Weekend, the village looks very tidy. And even if we no longer have our friends the alpacas to keep the grass in the field at Fiveways 'mowed', the profusion of wild flowers is interesting.

The work currently being undertaken by the PC to ensure that any future development of the village is in the interests of villagers involves us all, and, although 2030 seems a very long time ahead, it is important to make sure that any changes between now and then are for our benefit. Anyone with an interest would be welcome to join the discussion at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

It is also good news that steps are being taken to slow traffic through the village, and hopefully this includes not only Back Lane, where speeding is all too easy despite the Speed Indicator, but also along Blisworth Road and on entering the village along Milton Road.

If you are not a sports lover, then this summer must be proving quite an ordeal! With four top world events all happening during the weekend of July 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, for those interested in more than one of these, it must be quite a problem organising one's viewing schedule! And to fit a visit to the gardens open in Gayton on the Sunday is even more of a problem. It isn't easy to find a weekend during the busy summer months where there is nothing going on locally, and the time when gardens are at their best is very limited.

There are lots of things to look forward to in the autumn, including the Gala Concrtr, the Companion Dog Show, the Harvest Festival Service and the Service of Remembrance in November, when this year of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the First World War will be remembered with a special service and display of memorabilia in the church.

Enjoy the remainder of what has so far been a pretty good summer with plenty of sunshine. Crops are ripening and hay-making has already commenced!

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## **Stop Press – Open Gardens Day**

When all the money is collected, the profit from the day is expected to be about £900.

There were six gardens open in different parts of the village, which gave a good circular route which took in them all. The gardens were all very interesting and different in character and design.. There were plenty of visitors who lived locally, but also others from as far afield as Kettering, Rushden, Milton Keynes, Bletchley and Northampton, which proves the power of widespread advertising. Visitors were spotted heading back to their cars with plants purchased during their tour of the gardens.

Teas were served in the church, with a large choice of delicious home-made cakes, and also cream teas, all of which proved very popular. Also in the church, local artist Zoritza Williams put on a display of paintings and photographs of local scenes.

Just over the road on the corner of St Mary's Court a larger than ever selection of second hand books was on sale, plus some good quality bric-a-brac at knock down prices. Business was brisk for most of the afternoon.

To all who opened gardens, served teas, baked cakes, washed up, worked on stalls and helped make the day such a success – a big thank you.

The feed-back was very complimentary, and the clash with Wimbledon/Silverstone/Tour de France seemed to no effect on attendance.

And a further very big thank-you to the weather which, despite gloomy forewarnings, turned up trumps!

## **Gayton Parish Council Update**

Dear Gayton residents and friends,

The Parish Council has been busy over the past months since the last edition of the Gayton News. Most activity has been centred on work to develop the next village **Vision for 2030**, and addressing the traffic speeding issue via the **Gayton Traffic Action Group**.

To support the development of the new village vision, an action plan is being developed that will 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.

Part of the work to ensure that Gayton is sustainable moving forwards is by the Parish Council taking a proactive position and reviewing the village confines rather than allowing planning officers to do this on our behalf. As a result of the review a draft village confines is due to be discussed at the July Parish Council meeting and if approved it will be sent to every household so that every resident can provide feedback. It is planned that the consultation will take place in September 2014. That is some months away but this timetable will allow plenty of time for discussion at the Parish Council meeting, where everyone is welcome to attend and contribute, and to follow best practise that states that consultation should not take place over school holiday periods as it drastically reduces people's opportunity to be consulted.

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, and in addition it will help alleviate other village problems such as the speeding along the Blisworth Road. The speed limit along this road is currently 40mph and therefore cannot be included within the Police Community Speed Watch scheme as this only deals with roads with a speed limit of 30mph. However, if the road were included within the village confines then we can request that the County Council change the speed limit to 30mph.

If you are not able to attend the next Parish Council meeting and wish to make comments then please get in touch and email me on [simone@pdqcf.co.uk](mailto:simone@pdqcf.co.uk) or call on (01604) 879888. The Parish Council is there to implement the wishes of the village community and your contribution, thoughts and ideas are very welcome.

**Simone Wade**

## **Gayton Traffic Action Group**

It has been a busy few months for the Gayton Traffic Action Group.

I am pleased to announce that the village is now officially part of the Police Community Speed Watch scheme. This allows trained residents to use the 'speed gun' and provides us access to other Police speed reduction initiatives that we will run throughout the year.

In April I undertook a village walk around with PC Gary Wright to discuss the speeding issues in and around Gayton and to identify the sites from which we will use the speed gun.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 17 volunteers attended a training session with the Police on how to use the speed gun. This was an amazing turnout of concerned residents who wish to take action to resolve this issue. Gayton has been teamed up with Bugbrooke and we will share the speed gun with them between the 28<sup>th</sup> June and the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

In addition to the use of the speed gun, the Police have fitted a device that will measure the volume, speed and direction of traffic before and after our use of the speed gun in order to monitor any impact that we will have made on the speed.

Should the volunteers capture a speeding vehicle then the details are sent to the Police who will generate a letter to the vehicle owner advising them about their speed. Repeat offenders will also receive a visit from officers from the Community Speed Watch Team and if the speed of the vehicles over the period that we use the gun triggers a threshold the Police will then

use their speed enforcement camera vehicle in the village which could result in those who speed being fined and receiving penalty points.

I am also working with the Police Community Speed Watch officers to update our Speed Indicator Devices so that we can capture data about the traffic through the village.

Please be assured that it is the intention of the Gayton Traffic Action Group to use this scheme to slow the speed of traffic through the village and raise awareness of drivers to the speed limit in Gayton. Therefore we will be highly visible and work in a team of three when using the speed gun. I hope that you will support our efforts and use the 30mph wheelie bin stickers that we are to receive as part of the scheme, to help us raise awareness. If you would like a wheelie bin sticker please contact me on [simone@pdqcf.co.uk](mailto:simone@pdqcf.co.uk) or 01604 879888.

I will continue to keep you all posted about the various speed reduction initiatives that will be planned for the year ahead.

**Simone Wade**

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## **GAYTON OPEN GARDENS**

**This is an annual fundraising event for St. Mary's Church**

Perhaps you would like to help next year to make this an even more successful afternoon? Please contact Joy Ayre (858837) or Carol Coppock (859645) if you are willing to open your garden or to help with refreshments, or run stalls in the church.

Thank you

## St Mary the Virgin

Whilst fresh in the mind, I must mention the Choral Evensong supported by Gayton Festival Singers on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September. It proved to be a very popular event and a tribute to the GFS conductor, Claire Pearce. Very many thanks to those Gaytonians that attended either in the choir stalls or in the pews. For those interested to note in your diaries, the next Evensong service will be at Holy Cross church, Pattishall at 6.00pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Now fading from memory are the Annual Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings of April this year. David Coppock and Andy Hartley were nominated to continue as Church Wardens, Carol Coppock remains Treasurer and Jenny Dee the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council. Stan and Mary Watterson, John Mayes, Penny Taylor, Carolyn Estall and Alison Foster all sit on the PCC.

No doubt many of you will have heard increased activity of the church bells recently, we are fortunate to be a popular tower for visiting ringers and we have also recommenced monthly Monday practices. Should any readers have an interest in taking up the art by all means please have a chat with Andy Hartley. On the subject of stereotypical English sounds of summer and now that all the spring flowers have died away, whilst we encourage later varieties to become established in certain areas, we have some large areas of longer grass that could do with a strim and trim. If any of you have a strimmer, time and inclination the PCC would be very grateful for your contribution in managing the site so please do pop in and pick a spot and then strim it.

We have all received and have blue-tacked to our walls the *Programme of events for 2014 in support of Gayton Church*, it would be foolhardy of me to copy them all below but it would be equally foolhardy not to mention the highlights such as the Gala Concert on the 19<sup>th</sup> September featuring Helen Swift and husband John French. It promises to be outstanding...again. The weekend before sees the Annual Dog Show and the Historic Churches Ride and Stride event, the latter being part of a nationwide event and one in which we shall again be looking to include wider participation, young and old. Whilst those who prefer a more genteel

activity, Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> August sees a Bridge Lunch (being scheduled between 12.00 and 4.00pm (suggests one heck of a lunch!)).

On the Parochial front, should you need reminding, the regular communion services in Gayton remain at 9.30am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and 11.00am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 are wishing to plan your mid-winter Christmas programme already, the Carol Service is to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December and this year we host the joint benefice’s Christmas Midnight Service, starting at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve – you have no excuse for not being told early enough.

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*

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## GAYTON ALLOTMENTS



After the wet winter plot holders are now starting to enjoy their freshly harvested fruit and vegetables grown on the allotments.

We do have a few vacant plots on our lovely site, and if you would like some details, please get in touch with the Allotment Secretary, Judy Hamilton, on tel 859786, or by email to [judyhamilton1@btinternet.com](mailto:judyhamilton1@btinternet.com).

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## Gayton Church Heritage Trust

Fund raising by the Trust continues, the most recent being a very successful Jazz in the Church organised by John Shaw on 23rd May which, after expenses, raised £1039.49 for GCHT. Very many thanks to John for this his eleventh and probably last of these concerts which have raised in all £13,440. Jazz concerts have been the major fundraiser and have contributed significantly to the costly improvements and repairs to the building. John's contacts in the Jazz world have meant that we have had world class, jazz musicians in Gayton to audiences coming far and wide who packed into the church and filled it at every concert. We are most grateful to John for his tireless work in organizing so many.



the Church' sessions. Grateful thanks also to Barry Steer who proved to be a first class ticket salesman as well as an excellent Barman.

**Standard Miles  
perform to a packed  
church on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.  
Photo Barry Steer**

The next fundraising event will be a Bridge Lunch, organised by Joan MacCarthy. This is another of Joan's popular Bridge afternoons attracting numerous enthusiasts and I look forward to welcoming them at Fiveways House on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August. For tickets please contact Joan, or any queries to 859444

I mentioned in the last Gayton News that a number of activities to acknowledge that this year marks the 100 years since the start of WWI. Gayton Church will be open in the week of November leading up to the Service of Remembrance for display WWI memorabilia which we hope

will be gathered from people living in Gayton who would be happy to loan items from a family member who served in WWI or in fact any item of interest that they possess from that time to add to our knowledge and understanding of the years from 1914-18.

Gayton War Memorial is a plaque in the church to commemorate the fifteen men and boys who served and died in WWI all of whom lived here or who had family had connections in this village. Gayton Primary School set aside a week of activities in June which began by a visit to the church to note the names listed on the memorial plaque, some of those mentioned have families living in Gayton to this day.

To help the children to understand more fully about the conditions those men faced when they volunteered to serve their country letters kept by the Wakelin Family were read to them by Jenny Wakelin. Alison Huckle also helped in the school with more examples to illustrate how it might have felt to be a child at that time. The art work and letters that the children then created during that week demonstrated how well they were able to transfer that experience into their own work which will form part of the exhibition in the church. Anyone who would like to continue with a WWI project about their own family, over the summer, to add to the display in November is most welcome. The school has agreed to allow a group to use the computer suite if there is enough demand from families wanting to learn how to research on line. A group session could be organised if anyone is interested.

Another WWI activity is the sewing group organised by Joy Ayre which meets regularly to make a series of squares with the aim of creating a wall hanging for the church. The squares are of uniform size and when completed will be stitched together and mounted. The ideas that individuals in the group have come up with are very varied and everyone has surprised themselves with what they have been able to achieve by the help we get from each other. At present we may not have enough squares to hang the work by November but there will be enough to display and hopefully encourage some more people to take part as the work to complete the WWI wall hanging can carry on into next year. Contact Joy Ayre or phone me – 859444 - for more information.

For all queries or information contact Anna Fox -859444



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

At the last meeting of Gayton Neighbourhood Watch, Julie Wood volunteered to take over the Chair from the late Geoff Wood, as well as the management of the village email message service (with help from Jens Buus).. Below is a list of the Neighbourhood Watch street coordinators.

Tony Benham	Coldwells, Bugbrooke Road		Back Lane and Bugbrooke Road (south side/school side)
Joan Wood	Linthorpe House, Back Lane	858800	Back Lane, Bugbrooke Road (north side), Banbury Lane & Flitnells Farm
Jens Buus	The Birches, 6 Baker Street	859253	Baker Street
Julie Wood	4 Brittain Cottages, Blisworth Road	858259	Blisworth Road
Tony Barrett	Deans Lodge, 4 Deans Row	858939	Deans Row
Linda Trusler	Orchard House, Eastcote Road	858220	Eastcote Road
Rita Poxon Rod Poxon	Karibuni, Park Lane	858562	High Street, Park Lane
Joan Adams	25 Hillcrest Road	859416	Hillcrest Road
John Knight	10 Milton Road	858644	Milton Road
Barry Steer	12 St Mary's Court	858886	St Mary's Court
John Davidson	Eight Acres, Tiffield Road	858029	Tiffield Road
Pat Byrom	Westgate House, Eastcote Road	859355	Westgate House & Goggs Farm

## Gayton Village Hall Management Committee

### Chairman's Report 2013-2014

Another uneventful year, with village hall use following similar patterns to previous years, but income from hall hire indicates a decrease in use (annual lower than expected). Frequent users continue to include the Table Tennis club, Gayton Evergreens and several dance classes. Our village hall also continues to attract users from outside the local area, being situated quite central nationally for groups coming from across the UK and offering low cost facilities ideal for modest gatherings (e.g. family gatherings and community activities).

The management committee remains unchanged, with no enquiries from volunteers to serve on the management committee. Gayton Village Hall Management Committee is always looking for more members to help keep the village hall in a state of good repair and financially self-supporting.

It is with sadness that I report the loss of two key members of our community earlier this year, Eric White and Geoff Wood. Eric served for almost 50 years on the Village Hall Management Committee, was active on the Parochial Parish Council for many years and an active Table Tennis club member until 18 months ago. Geoff similarly enjoyed being a member of the Gayton Table Tennis club until approximately 2 years ago, was a lead member of the Gayton Neighbourhood Watch and had been instrumental in retaining the Gayton and Tiffield Minibus service.

Modern society is becoming more dependant on electronic devices, smart phones and personal computers, for communications, seeking/sharing information and social networking. It appears that such 'progress' might be the reason for reduced use of our village hall, less demand for real gatherings when virtual gatherings are more convenient.

A final observation is that we still have a village hall actively managed and available for hire 7 days a week and at short notice because we have a booking's clerk who can provide access to the hall almost 24/7. I have noticed that many small community village halls are only available on a restricted basis –the booking clerk only available at certain times. We are fortunate to have such flexible access to the village hall, but we should not assume that this can continue indefinitely.

David Ayre  
Chair of Gayton Village Hall Management Committee  
May 2014

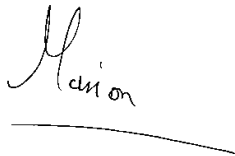
### From the Priest-in-Charge

Recently Paul and I held a celebration lunch at the Rectory and nearly 30 family and friends came from far and near to join us in what proved to be a lovely, if exhausting, day. It was so good to be able to spend some quality time with people we've known for more years than we all care to remember in some cases, but also, for our friends to make new friends themselves as we all mingled together chatting and enjoying each other's company. It had been quite a task for my daughter, granddaughter and I to prepare all the catering but, as we all enjoy cooking, that was not a chore (apart from the disaster with the cheesecake which ended up a collapsed mess in the bin!)

It is good to be with others – as the 16<sup>th</sup> century poet, John Donne said: “no man is an island; entire of itself” and in our recent Bible readings, for each person's welfare. We are told repeatedly that the disciples met together for prayer and the breaking of bread and fellowship.

Yes, we all do lead extremely busy lives but it is important that we do make time for others who are dear to us, and those who may well become dear to us if we just made time to get to know them. There are many people even in our small villages who are lonely, who do need a helping hand who might just want a friendly smile, hello or wave when we see them. Let us all make a conscious effort to foster friendship in our communities. Remember what Jesus said: “just as you did it [*served/helped/befriended*] to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matt 25: 40).

especially from Acts, we early church treated meeting with others, sharing meals together, having a care can see just how important the fledgling



Helen Swift

# GALA CONCERT II

They're back!

After their huge success last year

**Helen Swift and Jonathan French**

are back in concert in Gayton Church on

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**7.30 pm**

This time they are joined by acclaimed clarinetist

**Steve Morris**

Tickets £12 under 16s £6

**Special price for Gayton residents £6 and £3**

Includes Sparkling wine and canapes on arrival

Licensed Bar

Evening dress optional but why not?

For tickets call 01604 859645 or 07792630543

Raising money for Gayton Church



## GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

Members of the Evergreen Club have been very busy since the last Gayton News was published. Here are some of the highlights of our varied programme of activities.

There have been three afternoons of entertainment. Paul Dumas, an accomplished comedian and ventriloquist, joined us in February and performed with his 'friends' (his dummies, grandma, granddad and pet dog). In March, Sylvia Smith came to talk to us on the subject of 'Holiday Horrors'. By the end of her very amusing talk we were glad that we hadn't booked to go on a sailing holiday around the west coast of Scotland! In May, 'Our Flossie' joined us again with her song and dance, and quick costume change routine! She is always great fun.

Members have been on two outings, the first was to Billing Garden Centre followed by lunch at Billing Mill. The second was to Delapre Abbey for afternoon tea. The Tea Room at Delapre is in the delightful setting of the old walled garden of the house. Fortunately the weather was kind and members were able to sit outside for their tea and take a stroll around the gardens admiring the beautiful planting.



Photo: Barry Steer

At the Social Afternoon and Cream Tea members were invited to pit their wits against Len's fiendish quiz.

In June we were invited by the children of Gayton Primary School to join them for afternoon tea. Class 2 had been studying World War 2 and wanted to talk to members about their memories of growing up in the war or of their family who had wartime experiences.



Photo: Manja Ronne

Huckle who worked with the children to prepare the delicious tea and helped the children get the most out of the afternoon.

As always the club could not manage without its helpers Dinah Fowler, David Coppock, Penny Taylor, and Sandie Morton.

Our annual fund raising Coffee Morning takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August from 10.30-12.00 in the Village Hall. Please support this event if you can. The money raised at this event help with funding the club's activities during the 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). Dates of future meetings can be found on the Gayton web-site.

Carol Coppock (Secretary)

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## GAYTON COMPANION DOG SHOW 2014

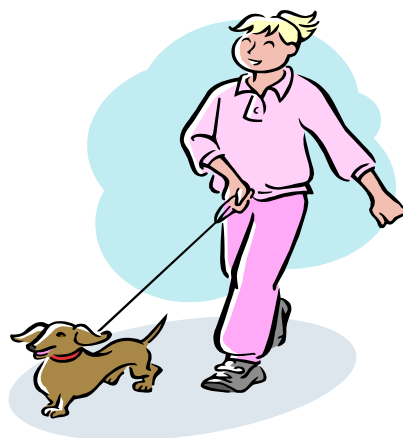
The tenth annual Gayton Companion Dog Show will be held on Saturday 13th September, on the Village Green. As in recent years, all profits from the Dog Show entries will be donated to Gayton Church Heritage Trust. Judging will take place in two rings; and our judges will be Dr Ruth Barbour (pedigree and junior handling classes) and PC Claire Paul (novelty classes). Ruth Barbour is a highly regarded judge in the canine world, a former member of The Kennel Club General Committee and Chief Steward at The Ladies Kennel Association. Claire Paul is our local Dog Legislation and Wildlife Crime Officer at Northamptonshire Police.

As has become tradition, there will be a special class to find Gayton's Best Dog, the winner of which will be awarded The John McCarthy Trophy for the year; and there is also The Michael East Shield awarded each year to the Best Junior Handler associated with the village. Both of these awards are open to cross-breed and pedigree dogs, so we would love to see as many local dogs as possible entered in this milestone show.

Further information on Gayton Companion Dog Show 2014 is available on the website: [www.gayton-northants.co.uk/dogshow](http://www.gayton-northants.co.uk/dogshow)

Alison and Steven Huckle. [Tel:858474](tel:858474)

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### Security Tips For vehicle Owners

A lot of vehicle crime results from criminals seeing opportunities and taking them. But you can easily outsmart the thief by following the simple advice below.:

- **Always keep your car locked and close the windows** - even if you are only leaving the vehicle for a few moments.
- **Don't leave anything on display in your vehicle** - even an old coat may be enough to tempt a thief.
- **Take all your belongings with you when you leave the car** - preferably lock them in the boot before you start your journey
- **Sat Nav Advice** - Ensure when removing your sat nav, that the cradle and suction pad are also removed and any suction marks are wiped away.
- **Never leave keys in the ignition**, not even at a garage when paying for petrol.
- **Keep keys safe at all times**, whether you're out or at home. Remember, most vehicle crime can be prevented. Don't give criminals an easy ride.

If you have any information about criminal activity in your area or if you witness anyone acting suspiciously please report this by telephoning 101, in an emergency always dial 999.



## **Caroline and Alex would like to offer you a warm welcome to The Queen Victoria Inn, Gayton.**

Now fully re-open serving Good Food, Fine Wines and Real Ales.

Come and enjoy our Classic Pub Menu from Fish & Chips to Juicy Steaks supplied by Elliotts Butchers. We also have a regularly updated Specials Board.

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

Drinks offers - 20p off all drinks and Buy 2 Large Glasses of Wine and get the rest of the bottle free - available Tues to Thurs 6pm to 7pm.

Sunday Menu including Traditional Roast available @£8.95 12 til 5pm.

See our website for Opening Times and Full Menu.

[www.queenvictoriagayton.co.uk](http://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.**

## **Queen Vic Review**

The Queen Victoria Pub has now opened again, and is also serving food. Currently it is under temporary management until a new permanent landlord is found. We went along to see what the QV was like now and to try out the food.

There is a selection of starters in the £4 to £5 range and about a dozen main courses (£8 to £9), as well as curries (at £10) served with rice, naan bread, poppadum and chutney. In addition there are steaks (£11/£15) and some daily specials. The main courses are fairly standard pub fare, but it is worth pointing out that the steaks are locally supplied (by Elliotts). There is a separate children's menu. A limited number of white and red wines are listed on a board.

We ordered ham, egg and chips, and a beef madras curry, respectively. After a quite short time the food appeared and was nicely presented. The portions were generous, and the food was fully up to expectations. Due to the portion size we did not try the sweets.

All in all we are happy to report that the QV seems to be back on form and that it is possible to get a good meal at a reasonable price.

Joan Wood and Jens Buus

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The editor, accompanied by three other villagers, went for a meal at the Queen Vic one evening, as we wanted to try out the food before this edition went out. We all felt that as the pub had re-opened, we should give it as much encouragement as possible.

We all chose steak. This was served exactly to our individual cooking requirements, and accompanied by mushrooms, tomato, onion rings, a salad and some really more-ish chips! Helpings were generous, and only 2 of the party could manage a dessert.

The atmosphere in the Queen Vic was very friendly, and the serving staff, though young and new, were most anxious to please.

We would certainly recommend our local for a good meal out – and within walking distance!

Ed.

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### Ladies Lunch

Many people have expressed regret at the demise of the once popular monthly Ladies Lunch at the Queen Vic. The opportunity for a good old gossip and put the world to rights is missed and this seems to be the time to revive these get-togethers.

I have spoken to Caroline, and she will be very happy to accommodate us, but the first one is rather tricky to organise as she couldn't cope with a sudden influx of about 20 for lunch! After this, numbers would probably not vary too much.

Consequently it is planned to hold the first Ladies Lunch at the new Queen Victoria on Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup> (time to be decided), and thereafter on the second Wednesday of each month.

If you intend to come, would you please let me know by **Friday August 8<sup>th</sup>**. If you are unable to come this time, but would like to in the future, also let me know so that a rough estimate of numbers can be made.

Ed. ( contact details p.2).

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To Gayton Village,

Thank you to everybody in the village for the last 4 years. It has been very enjoyable. A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Price for all their kindness over the years. And again thank you for my leaving gift which I spent on a new filter for my koi pond. I shall miss you all. Look forward to seeing you all at Gayton Dog Show.

Best regards,

Your Postman,

Andy x

GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

## Coffee Morning

Thursday 7 August

10.30 - 12.00

Gayton Village Hall

Tombola, raffle, bring and buy,  
plants, cakes and produce

Refreshments

Free Admission



## Gayton Walkers

This walking group continue to meet on the second Sunday of the month at Fiveways cross-roads in the village at 10am. The walks are led by different people and tend to last about 2 hours. We go at a leisurely pace and admire some lovely countryside. Dogs and non-residents are very welcome. The next walk is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July.



Picture: Rod Poxon

Gayton Walkers pause for a picture on the traditional 'Bluebells' walk in May, having discovered the Gate House Arch in Badby Woods

I have a slightly different plan for the September walk- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. This date virtually coincides with the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust (NHCT) big fund-raising event- Ride and Stride. See [www.nhct.org.uk](http://www.nhct.org.uk) -click on Ride and Stride.

Groups or individuals can walk or cycle between churches, obtaining sponsors or just making a donation to NHCT. The money raised is divided between a church of your choice and NHCT for the upkeep of church buildings.

The event is actually on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September but I would plan a walk to take in some local churches (plus a pub) on our normal Sunday- 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. Sponsor/Donation forms are available from Andy Hartley (01604 858360) or Barbara Kelso (01604 857585)

Do come and try us out!

Robin Kelso

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## SPRING LITTERPICK

Many thanks to those people who were able to help with the litterpick in March. As you can see from the photo a vast amount of rubbish was collected including bales of Ikea catalogues no doubt intended for circulation in the village! This had been reported to Ikea.



Photo: Manja Ronne

Jens Buus and Manja Ronne valiantly cleared the whole length of Wrights Lane! Robin Kelso volunteered to collect the rubbish bags on his trailer so made many trips to and fro – a special thank you to all three.

The next litterpick will be at the **end of October or early November** – date to be agreed nearer the time.

Joan Wood



## Gayton C of E School

The end of the school year is very nearly here and so much has happened at school since last September. Mrs Irwin and her team have worked incredibly hard to ensure continuity for all the children and have done so fantastically.

The Infant class, under the guidance of Mrs Knights, have explored Dinosaurs, Minibeasts and how plants grow. All supported by trips to Holdenby House and the West Lodge Rural Centre. Their parents have been included in this learning through a superb class assembly where all the infant children had an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge through acting, songs and crafts.

The juniors, under the supervision of Mrs Lee and Mrs Bounds, have explored the weather and both the first and second world wars. They have found learning about how the wars affected Gayton especially interesting. The impact of war on the village was really brought to life by the kind involvement of the village community including Anna Fox and Jenny Wakelin.

The Juniors will be rounding off the year by bringing their understanding of living through the war years to life by putting on a stage production all about the second world war. The Evergreens will be invited to preview this production at the dress rehearsal.

This year's summer fete was another great success and raised a significant amount for the school and I would like to thank all the local community for their ongoing support at this event. I would also like to thank the Friends of the School, the parent volunteers who put so much effort into organising these events. Fundraising for the school is also being supported by the new clothing bank situated behind the Village Hall by the back gate. The proceeds from this recycling bank go directly to the school and I would like remind all the villagers that they can use this bank to dispose of unwanted clothes and thank you all in advance for your support.

Much effort is also being put into the next school year. A recruitment process has appointed a permanent teacher for the Infant classroom, Miss Lofts who will take over from Mrs Knights from September. And Mrs Lea

who will be the new Head of Teaching and Learning, effectively managing the school and the teaching team for Mrs Irwin.

The Governing Body were fully involved in the recruitment process for both these permanent positions and were incredibly pleased with the high calibre of all the applicants and the successful candidates who we are confident will provide a very successful and secure future for the school.

In addition to the changes to the staff we have had some changes to the Governing Body. David Coppock has decided not to continue as a school Foundation Governor after eight years of invaluable support and will be replaced by Mrs Carolyn Estall. I would like to thank them both for their support of the school.

The school will also be undergoing a mini makeover over the holidays when the playground is resurfaced and the back wall is mended and re rendered and the garden is given a face lift. All of which will contribute to a fresh and exciting start to the school year in September.

It has been a very exciting year at school and thanks to the very positive relationship with Blisworth School we are sure that the next school year will be as successful.

Alison Anderson

Chair of Governors

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### GAYTON NEWS

#### Advertising Charges

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## Tony Rogers - 1928 – 2014

I wish to thank everyone who sent their kind wishes of sympathy to me and my family at the sad passing of my father on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at his home.



He was born in, and very much loved living in Gayton, one of the few long time residents/characters left in our village.

Fondly known by many as the 'Owl Man', he was seen daily riding his bike with Ollie the owl on the handlebars, and with Patch, his dog, in the basket. Many hours were spent taking Ollie to schools, nursing homes and

many village events to do talks on owls, including pubs! Perhaps many of you may have seen him on the TV show Barking Mad.

In his life time as a chauffeur he drove many a prestige car around Europe – Rolls Royce, Bentley, Cadillac and Buick to name just a few, which later led to his love of cars and holidays abroad.

He particularly liked the countryside, especially Wales. When we were young, we always seemed to return for holidays again and again – we must have been lucky with the weather!

He was a member of the Avon Cosmetics Model Aerial Display team, along with my brother John, which took up many a weekend – and the following days putting the aeroplanes back together again!

Also he was involved with the running of the Gayton Allotment Society as treasurer, and he helped with the running of the Gayton and Tiffield minibus, and Woe betide any driver upsetting the timetables by being late!

Thank you to all who attended his funeral, and the kind thoughts from many who were unable to be there. At my home afterwards, we gave him the good send off he would have enjoyed.

Rosalyn (Ros)

## Gayton School Tote winners :-

January - First prize -132 -A Hillyard  
- Second prize - 133 -J Finch

February - First prize - 31 -M Rohnne  
- Second prize - 70 -K Pancoust

March - Frist prize - 89 -A Gurney  
- Second prize - 67 -K Cokayne

April - First prize - 35 -L Cheeseman  
- Second prize - 105 -H Gowler

May 14- 1st Lisa Jones number 25  
- 2nd Will Marriott number 121

June 14 - 1st Jean Finch number 133  
-2nd Lyn Appleton number 5

Well done to the winners!



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## Double Decker Red Bus in Gayton!



Some passers-by wondered if this was a new bus route! But no, Gayton has not suddenly been annexed to Greater London. It was there to transport guests to and from a wedding at St Mary's church in May.

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**Please accept my apologies for any errors which may be found in this issue. This was due to a temporary problem with the editor's eyesight!**

**Please note: Monday September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Deadline for news and comment**

