

GAYTON NEWS

March 2015



EDITORIAL

Karen & Ann welcome you to the Spring edition of the Gayton News. Edition number 127, our very first edition having taken the reigns from Wendy Steer. What an act to follow, here we go.

We send a very big and heart felt thank you on behalf of the whole village to Wendy Steer for her 27 years of love, laughter and tears no doubt, carrying out the enormous job of editing the Gayton News, enabling the village to communicate and keep informed.

So now we 'spring' into action so to speak!

Please remember to contact Karen on 01604 859684 or 07753638180, email karencoper@mortimers.uk.com with items for the next issue of the Gayton News, by 1st June

Happy Easter to you all

Dear Villagers,

I would like to thank you for the incredibly generous gift I received from you all.

It was a total surprise to me, and I was very touched by your appreciation.

I shall treasure always the two Dartington Glass tumblers (one of which is inscribed 'Gayton News Editor 1987 – 2014'). And the Gardening Token – for a very large amount – which we shall spend with great pleasure, on plants which will remind us of those enjoyable years.

Thanks to you all,
Wendy

Kerbside collections of electrical items start this month

As the number of electrical products we throw away continues to rise, South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) is about to make it easier for residents to recycle them. Starting Monday, 16 March unwanted electrical items will be collected from the kerbside alongside the rest of their recycling. Any small household electrical item is suitable, as long as it fits into a carrier bag. To get residents started a one-off plastic bag will be delivered alongside the spring edition of SNC Review which is delivered to every home. Afterwards, residents can use any standard carrier bag for future electrical items.

All residents have to do is put their broken, old or unwanted electrical items in a bag and place it on top of their **blue bin lid** on recycling week. The items will be collected by the regular collection crew and placed in separate containers on the side of the vehicles. The electrical items will be taken to a special facility where they will be safely dismantled and recycled. Residents are also reminded they can recycle household batteries by putting them in a small plastic bag (sandwich bags are ideal) and placing it on top of the blue bin lid during recycling week.

If you have any large electrical items these can be collected on our separate bulky waste collection service. This costs £30 per collection and can be booked by calling 01327 322344. Alternatively you can take them to a household waste recycling centre, visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk to find your nearest one.

The Funny Story of the Taxi Driver and St Peter



One Easter a priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them. 'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool. 'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver. Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set. 'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word.' 'Yes, that's true.' St Peter re-joined, 'But during your Easter sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'



*Northamptonshire ACRE invites you to
the launch of our Big Lottery funded*



Rural Wellbeing Service

Wednesday 25th March 2015

10 am to 3.30pm

East Northants Council Chambers

Thrapston. NN14 4LZ

Lunch provided

For more information contact Elaine.oleary@northantsacre.org.uk
Or Tel. 01604 765888

To book a place: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-thriving-voluntary-and-community-sector-for-east-northants-registration-15708656013?dm_t=0%2C0%2C0%2C0

Northamptonshire Police

The Northamptonshire Police number for reporting incidents, suspicious vans, people

has changed to **01604 888964**

The old number 01604 432436 is being phased out (you can still get through on it at the moment)

The new number is active now.

The non emergency number is still 101.

Gayton Village Hall Management Committee

We will be holding the Village Hall Annual General Meeting late in April (Wednesday 29th April, 8pm, Village Hall Committee room). All residents are welcome to attend. The annual general meetings are usually brief, but provide the community the opportunity to be involved in the management of their village hall. The agenda for the AGM is the usual and provided below:

Gayton Village Hall Annual General Meeting Wednesday 29th April 8pm Gayton Village Hall Committee Room

Agenda - 58th Annual General Meeting, Gayton Village Hall Management Committee

1. Minutes of the 57th A.G.M.
2. Chairman's Report.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. To adopt the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015.
5. To note the appointment of representatives of the undermentioned organisations to serve on the Management Committee:
Gayton Evergreen
Gayton Parish Council
Gayton Parochial Church Council
Gayton School & 'Friends of School'
Gayton Table Tennis Club

To note the appointment of Village Representative(s) to serve on the Management Committee.

To elect Chairman and Vice Chairman.

General discussion – any business connected with the Village Hall that attendees wish to raise.

David Ayre March 2015

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 7TH MAY 2015

Would you like to help represent the interests of our village community?

If you are 18 years or over, live in the Parish of Gayton or within 3 miles of the Parish boundary, and would like to become a member of the Parish Council, please get in touch with Viv Hartley, the Parish Council Clerk for more information and a nomination form & pack.

Parish Councillors are elected every 4 years. They work together as a team making decisions on behalf of the local community, suggesting ideas, engaging in constructive debate and responding to the needs and views of the community. Councillors must accept the decisions of the Council as a whole.

The Parish Council is responsible for many of the local services such as grass mowing, street lighting, the playground equipment and general village maintenance. The Council is consulted on planning matters and liaises with other agencies reporting highway issues and safety matters. Once the annual budget has been set, a precept is raised from the District Council to enable the smooth running of village.

At present, Gayton Parish Council meets 9 times a year, January, February & March, May June & July, September October & November. Meetings are held in the village hall on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm and usually last for no more than 2 hours.

Do give it some thought, fresh faces & fresh ideas will help your community run smoothly for the next four years.

Contact Viv Hartley for more information on 01604 858360

Gayton Parish Council

'Clare Cotter'

I have recently been on a narrow boat holiday, cruising from Gayton Marina to Braunton and back. I love to capture life experiences on film and had taken some of the best photos that I have ever taken along that small stretch of water. The holiday was very significant as my current work situation is very stressful and each photo represented a captured moment of joy; whether it be of the reflection of the trees in the still canal water, the sun catching the frost on the lifebuoy, my friend and I navigating through the locks, tunnel and bridges or our 14 year old cocker spaniel tentatively experiencing something very new; it was an integral aspect of my recovery.

On our homeward journey, in a fleeting moment of stupidity, I took a moment to capture on film a Union Jack flag, quite unexpectedly flying on the canal side in the breeze, illuminated beautifully by the sun against the field. You can guess what happened next; yes - the camera slipped out of my hand and into the canal and was gone in an instant. I could do nothing but steer the narrow boat to the side of the canal and howl inconsolably.

My reason for writing is to hope against hope that my camera may one day be retrieved. I am advised by a local photographer that memory cards are quite indestructible. My hope is fuelled by an amazing experience I had when I was in my teens. I had been on a trip to le Touquet with the school and just outside of Dover I had an idea! I quickly scribbled my name and address with black eyeliner on an opal fruit wrapper and stuffed it inside a plastic Fiesta bottle. Five years later that bottle was picked up by a young man on the beach of the Netherlands who wrote to me!

I am thinking that if by some miracle a fisherman hooks the camera, or the canal bed is churned up somehow and my camera is rediscovered, I would love to have the chance to see if the pictures are retrievable. If any of your readers happen upon it please could they contact me thegirlsr@googlemail.com 49, Aller Brake Road Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 4NL

Location (I am sure you locals will be familiar with the flagpole!) Grand Union Canal somewhere between bridges 43-46. I guess that there is some risk that the camera will travel along the canal depending on the activity on the canal. We were travelling down the middle of the canal because there was no-one else around.

With kindest regards, Clare Cotter

Would you like an opportunity to discover how to go about Researching your Family History?

The information made available for the exhibition in the Church 'Gayton and the Great War' was funded by a grant from Heritage Lottery Fund. They also paid for expert help from an archivist at the Records Office, Wootton Hall, Mereway, Northampton.

We now have the opportunity to open this up to anyone who would like to start researching a specific topic of family history.

This project is open to all and two 2 hour sessions have been provisionally arranged on April 15th and May 20th. These can be either in the morning or afternoon, depending on what suits people who are interested.

The Gayton Mini Bus will be available to transport an interested group of people to the Records Office. The sessions will be devoted to helping us with the difficulties of retrieving information. We will also learn how to care for old letters and photographs to prevent the inevitable deterioration that happens with time.

If people are encouraged by these sessions and want to continue working together, Gayton School has kindly agreed to let us use the Computer Suite for this purpose.

Anyone interested in this idea should contact me on

anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk or phone 01604 859444.

Anna Fox



Great British Fish and Chip Supper Friday 15th May 2015

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper” To help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2015 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA’s vital services. You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA. In 2015 we want to make the batter matter and raise £40,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £20,000 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone. Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

CHRISTMAS QUIZ – ANSWERS

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| 1. To gain favour with | Curry | 34. Bathroom washing aid | Sponge |
| 2. Essayist | Lamb (or Bacon) | 35. Classic BBC sitcom | Porridge (or Bread) |
| 3. Children's hiding game | Sardines | 36. Sauce named after capital of Minorca | Mayonnaise |
| 4. Cheese from Ure Valley | Wensledale | 37. Inside a cushion | Stuffing |
| 5. From North German Port | Hamburger | 38. Use axes on wood | Chops |
| 6. Earl, coastal town or Pacific Archipelago | Sandwich | 39. Where the Scottish Kings were Crowned | Scone |
| 7. Moneymaker | Tomato | 40. Break into small pieces | Crumble |
| 8. Upside down apple tart | Tarte Tatin | 41. A beheaded Captain | Kipper |
| 9. Celebration drink | Champagne | 42. Chair the Apprentice | Sugar |
| 10. Somerset Maugham novel | Cakes & Ale | 43. Wife of Muslim Sovereign | Sultana |
| 11. Staffordshire town | Leek | 44. Mess up, muddle | Fudge (or hash) |
| 12. Arise | Sirloin | 45. Flight in the wind | Vol-au-vent |
| 13. Generosity in Giving | Bounty | 46. Caused by shoes rubbing | Corn |
| 14. Curtailed Nordic country | Swede | 47. Seasonal dessert | Summer (or Christmas pudding) |
| 15. Heavy stationary traffic | Jam | 48. Odd | Rum |
| 16. River in Guyana | Demerara | 49. King Edward | Potato |
| 17. Cheek | Sauce | 50. Piel del Sapo, water or Honeydew | Melon |
| 18. Sharpe tasting | Tart | 51. Iceberg | Lettuce |
| 19. Bald head | Pate | 52. Wilfred, Eric ----- | Pickles |
| 20. 26 miles | Marathon | 53. Smile please, say ----- | Cheese |
| 21. Region in mountainous part of France | Savoy | 54. Seen by the hundred in roadworks | Cone |
| 22. Goodbye Mr | Chips | 55. Island in Dutch Antilles | Curacao |
| 23. Crazy | Crackers (or nuts) | 56. A goat | Butter |
| 24. Seasonal Euroasian Country | Turkey | 57. Game bird in pear tree | Partridge |
| 25. with Rosie | Cider | 58. Escalope from Vienne | Wiener |
| 26. Crush, racquet game | Squash | 59. US film producer | Broccoli |
| 27. My Boy | Lollipop | 60. Brand new dressing | Mint sauce |
| 28. Large stone | Rock | 61. Moan | Wine |
| 29. An appointment | Date | 62. Found in bones | Marrow |
| 30. 1000 leaves (Fr.) | Mille Feuilles | | |
| 31. Richard with measles | Spotted Dick | | |
| 32. Cake from Atlantic Island | Madeira | | |
| 33. Insignificant thing | Trifle | | |

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| 63. From Melton Mowbray | Pork Pie | 90. Veg. from Belgium | Sprouts |
| 64. Oh my darling | Clementine | 91. Trim hedges & shrubs | Prune |
| 65. US term of endearment | | 92. As keen as? | Mustard |
| 66. Tell him to leave! | | 93. Bandage | Dressing |
| 67. Lure, enticement | Carrot | 94. Junior Girl Guide | Brownie |
| 68. Salad seen on Nov 5 th | Rocket | 95. After Saturday | Sundae |
| 69. Harbour | Port | 96. In several episodes | Cereal |
| 70. Edible fungus, soft chocolate | | 97. A rose is one, so is a daisy | |
| | Truffle | | Flour |
| 71. Opposite to long loaf | Shortbread | 98. Go away! | Choux |
| 72. Eat it all in France | Mange Tout | 99. After all the Aprils | Maize |
| 73. A pastry from Derbyshire | | 100. Up to date | Currant |
| | Bakewell Tart | | |
| 74. Grated rind of citrus fruit | Zest | | |
| 75. Amphibian in a pit | | | |
| | Toad in the Hole | | |
| 76. A breath of wind (Fr.) | Souffle | | |
| 77. Cooked US State | Baked Alaska | | |
| 78. Many different kinds | All Sorts | | |
| 79. NaCl | Salt | | |
| 80. Computer manufacturer | Apple | | |
| 81. Leavin' the car | Parkin | | |
| 82. Well known from Whiltshire | | | |
| | Oyster | | |
| 83. Eugene had one of these | Gin | | |
| 84. Ail in France | Garlic | | |
| 86. Be idle, hang about | Loaf | | |
| 87. The bringer of War | Mars | | |
| 88. Afternoon refreshment | Tea | | |
| 89. Bend quickly | Duck | | |

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST
IN THE QUIZ THIS YEAR, AND A VERY
CLOSE RESULT
THE WINNERS WERE:

- 1st Joan Wood
2nd Ros Agar & Rose Harle
3rd Carol Price

CONGRATULATIONS

**Wendy, we very much look forward to your Christmas Quiz in the
December Edition**



National Plant Monitoring Scheme

EVERY FLOWER COUNTS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL STOCK TAKE OF UK'S WILDFLOWERS

Making plants a priority

The new National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS), launching in spring 2015, will for the first time enable scientists to take an annual stock take of the UK's wild plants and their habitats, but to do this we need the public's help. We are looking for volunteers to carry out surveys of wildflowers and their habitats that will provide robust evidence of which widespread plants are increasing or declining, as well as indicating the changing state of our most valued habitats such as grassland, fenland and even road verges. Plants are nature's building blocks and this new monitoring scheme will sit alongside existing schemes for the UK's birds and butterflies to help us understand more about how the countryside is changing.

Chris Cheffings, from the Joint Nature Conservation Committee says "Currently, information on plant species' abundance and change is very limited, and it is difficult to gauge the condition of habitats outside protected sites. JNCC is delighted to be able to support the NPMS, which will fill this significant gap in UK biodiversity surveillance. The annual results collected by volunteers will help to identify trends in hundreds of species, allowing us to assess plant community changes."

The search is now on to find 2000 volunteers to take part in the NPMS who will play a vital role in gathering information. Together the volunteers will monitor wild plants in 28 important habitats, ranging from hedgerows and meadows to salt marsh and scree slopes.

Hayley New, from Plantlife says “The NPMS is hugely enjoyable and over 400 volunteers have helped us set up the new scheme. It’s easy to do and everyone will receive free training and guidance plus support from the partnership for volunteers who have queries, as well as web support and illustrated guidance notes – so volunteers will have the perfect survey tool kit to get them started!”

Dr Kevin Walker, Head of Science, Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) says “It’s really great to finally have a national scheme that everyone can take part in. Whether you simply love wildflowers or are a budding botanist, input from volunteers will provide sound evidence on how our wild plants and habitats are changing. It’s a fantastic achievement and should mean that wild plants are at the forefront of discussions on how our environment is changing and what we should be doing about it.”

How does the NPMS work?

- ☐ Volunteers will be able to choose from three options depending on their level of expertise: recording from a short or an extended list of target species in each habitat or recording all species they find in their plots.
- ☐ Volunteers will be given a 1 km square with a grid showing up to 25 locations. Surveyors will be asked to visit three of those locations and carry out surveys in square plots and then identify two linear features such as hedgerows, rivers and road verges and survey these locations too.
- ☐ The squares have been randomly chosen, but with a focus on squares containing habitats of interest.

Oliver Pescott, from the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology says “The results from this new scheme should allow us to quantify the smaller changes that are occurring within our most valuable habitats. In the past, volunteer-collected data have been able to demonstrate the results of large-scale habitat loss over the last century, now we would like to reveal even more detail about the changes within the remaining areas of these habitats in our landscape.”

For more information on the NPMS and how to take part please visit www.npms.org.uk

The NPMS is a partnership of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI), the Biological Records Centre (within the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology), Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) and Plantlife. The NPMS builds upon previous research projects funded by JNCC and Defra.



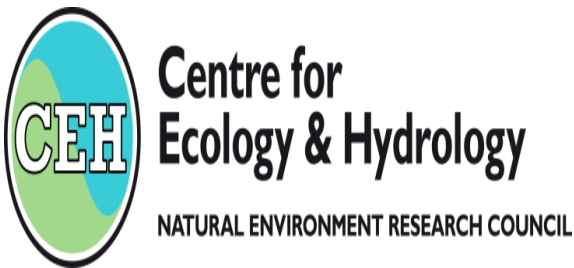
The Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) is the statutory adviser to the UK Government and devolved administrations on UK and international nature conservation. Its

work contributes to maintaining and enriching biological diversity, conserving geological features and sustaining natural systems.



The Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) has been promoting the study, understanding and enjoyment of British and Irish wild plants since 1836. BSBI supports and encourages research and conservation, and is

one of the world's largest contributors of biological records, collected by our volunteer members - amateur and professional botanists who benefit from our research, training and outreach programmes.



The Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH) is a world-class research organisation focussing on land and freshwater ecosystems and their interaction with the atmosphere. We are

a Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) Research Centre and integral to the delivery of the NERC Strategy, The Business of the Environment, with over 425 researchers and students based at sites in England, Scotland and Wales.

W: www.ceh.ac.uk E: enquiries@ceh.ac.uk T: 01491 838800



Plantlife is the charity speaking up for the nation's wild plants. We work hard to protect wild plants on the ground and to build understanding of the vital role they play in everyone's lives. Plantlife carries out practical conservation work across the UK, manages

nature reserves, influences policy and legislation, runs events and activities that connect people with their local wild plants and works with others to promote the conservation of wild plants for the benefit of all.

St Mary the Virgin

Churches Together in Towcester, through the work of willing and able volunteers, is key to a very very worthy cause, that of the Towcester Food Bank. In the main, we are quite comfortable and don't necessarily really need much but there are those in the neighbourhood who do. Whether through the ripple effect from a central financial squeeze or as a direct event of misfortune, some are struggling and the Towcester Food Bank has been lifebuoy to a relatively large number of folk in the Towcester area, adults and children alike. It was thus very heart warming for Gayton Church to receive a letter of thanks from the Food Bank following the donation of over 26kg of food via the Harvest Festival last year. To highlight the importance of all donations, the letter stated that during September, more than 1165 kg (ie well over a tonne) was allocated to those in need, including nearly 80 children. It is very easy for us to be benevolent at key times such as Christmas and during Harvest Festivities but it is important to spread the load if we can and so by all means please contact the Church Wardens if you would like further information or contact details for the Towcester Food Bank.

Thank you all very much for all the contributions you made last year.

We are now on the cusp of spring and the grass and flowers in the church yard are about to leap into life, as are the various lawn mowers and strimmers that try to keep the majority of the area tidy, let's wish all the operators the best of luck for the coming year and may they have the patience and strength of saints. In our quest to make progress in keeping certain of the other areas wild and nature friendly we have managed to get the assistance of a select group of Moulton College students on occasions to help with some of the tasks where many hands make light work, they are finding the trips out to Gayton quite

rewarding, as are we. We shall hopefully end up with a nice blend of aesthetic and naturalistic scenes in the months and years to come.

Additionally, this year we have enrolled to be a part of the Churchyard Conservation Scheme, run by the Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust, this should be a source of inspiration and advice, time will tell.

Another principle occurrence at this time of year is that of the Annual Vestry Meeting and also Parochial Church Meeting during which the various Church Officers and Parochial Church Council are selected for the coming year together with a recap of what has gone on during the previous 12 months etc. I would find it difficult to say that they really get the pulse racing but these meetings are a must for us and can be quite interesting. This year they shall be held after tea and cakes have been finished following the 11.00am service on Sunday 19th April, the meetings themselves should start at about 12.15pm. Please come along if you can and either offer your support for the running of the church or by all means let us know if you think we can make improvements, it is a good opportunity to put your views across.

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.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding church matters by all means please contact the Church Wardens:

David Coppock (859645) - Andy Hartley (858360)

Rev Marion Reynolds at The Rectory, Church Street, Pattishall.

(01327 830573)

Andy Hartley

Gayton Church Heritage Trust

The Trustees of GCHT and the Parochial Church Council work together to maintain the parish church for the benefit of the village as a whole and aim to provide a combination of events that we hope have a wide appeal, including of course the regular church services. For the second year running, John Shaw has delivered to every house in the village a calendar of events taking place in the Church. It has been well received as a good way of finding out what is going on.

‘Gayton and the Great War’ activities reported in the December issue of Gayton News are ongoing – work on the wall hanging continues. Gayton School children are learning how to make Rag Rugs out of old scraps of material. The information collected at the Exhibition is waiting to be added to and put into a readable form.

The Christmas concert in December was subsidised by SNC Arts and performed by an early music group PIVA, and made £339.45 after expenses. These and other events highlight how well the building gets used and that the improvements to the building have proved to be well worth while. However it is still not exactly cosy in the winter months and the roof leaks whenever it rains. The five yearly, quinquennial inspection and report on the state of the building is due this year and may well reveal more horrors, requiring attention and involve large sums of money. It is at times like this that the task of raising the money to keep the church in a good state of repair, prevent further vandalism and maintain the churchyard feels like moving a mountain not a molehill. Some might argue that it is a waste of time and effort to raise money for an ancient building that is past its sell-by date. However the exhibition in November, ‘Gayton and the Great War’ attracted much local interest and visitors from far and wide. Some had strong links with Gayton church and were able, to look for their family name by requesting to see the Parish Records. The gravestones in the churchyard were another point of interest. The history of the building is beautifully

detailed in a Visitors Guide written and published in 2006 by Rita Poxon. It is illustrated with photographs of the treasures in the church taken by her husband, Rod.

Rita describes how the church has evolved from a simple 11th century stone structure to the beautiful and interesting building we have today- (copies are still available @£3.50) The church has played an important part in forming a community by embracing change, as has the village primary school. These plus the two pubs provide meeting places and character to the village. So we redouble our efforts, value our heritage and carry on!

Anna Fox - March 2015 anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk

Come and join us as a Parish Constable!

Are you community focused and want to give something back? Do you want an exciting, challenging, dynamic role?

Then come and join Northants Police as a Parish Special Constable!
Parish Special Constables are part-time, voluntary, fully warranted police officers who are dedicated, through choice, to policing a specific area or parish.

In return for 16 hours duties per month, we will provide you with training and full uniform and give you the opportunity to come and join us to conduct policing duties in your local area.

You will work with the local Safer Community Team to conduct a variety of policing duties in your area and really make a difference in your community. This really is one of the most rewarding voluntary opportunities available! So visit our website at: <http://northantspolicespecials.co.uk/> or email us at specialsrecruitment@northants.police.uk to find out more or to apply today.

We look forward to welcoming you on board!



**‘World Challenge’ Fund-raising Concert
in Support of Eleanor Ayre
Saturday 21 March at St Marys Church, Gayton
‘An Evening of Music & Song’**

We asked Eleanor Ayre about ‘World Challenge with Champion School’. Eleanor, along with friends and staff of Champion School are going to Northern Peru in the summer of 2016 for 4 weeks. In this time they will have a week of adjusting to the change of culture and climate and starting to trek. They then spend the second week trekking around the Andes and the local area. The third week they spend doing a community project to help the local villagers. For example last year’s group who went to Vietnam helped to build a water system and well for the local community to provide a better source of water. However this activity can range from helping to build and paint a new community building to teaching English at a school. The final week is rest and relaxation in which they get to fully explore the culture of Northern Peru such as going to markets and wildlife centres.

However, World challenge puts a lot of emphasis on raising the money themselves. Eleanor has to raise £4,295 overall herself, so she has a lot of fundraising to do!

The concert is on the 21st of March at 7:30pm in St Mary's Church, Gayton. It will include the Gayton Festival Singers, Eleanor and her friend Sarah, who is also doing World Challenge, and Carolyn Rankin.

Ticket prices - £5 Adults - £2.50 Students – Under 16’s FREE

For more information please contact Joy Ayre on 01604 858837
Joy.ayre@springroad.co.uk or David Coppock on 01604 859645

Please come along to the concert and support Eleanor, her friends and Champion School with ‘World Challenge 2016’



One of my favourite pass-times is playing Sudoku, but I have to admit, only if it is at least fiendish level, otherwise it is just too easy and I get bored. Fitting the correct numbers into the correct squares, given little prior information in order to complete the grid is something that appeals to my logical mind (yes, as I've said before, maths was my favourite subject at school, followed by history). And there is such a sense of achievement when you finally complete the puzzle (and yes, there's a lot of frustration

when you realise you've made a mistake and haven't got a clue where so you can't successfully complete the grid).

If you think about it, living the Christian faith is a bit like completing a Sudoku puzzle. We are given accounts of God's work through the early Jewish history in the Old Testament, the life and ministry of our Lord in the Gospels and the amazing start to the early church in the Letters but it is up to us to fill the gaps for ourselves. And, yes, we do sometimes fill in the gaps wrongly. As we worship together, study the Bible, meet with Christian friends and so on we are filling in the gaps – we are working out God's solution for our lives as it were. Sometimes, when doing Sudoku you can see immediately what number to put in a particular square; sometimes it takes ages to see it and sometimes we have to go off and look at a different part of the puzzle then come back to a difficult part having completed another section. So it is with the Christian faith – sometimes we can clearly understand what God is saying to us or leading us towards, sometimes it seems as if God just isn't listening to us and we've completely lost our way and sometimes we end up doing something we had no intention of doing then coming back (usually with some surprise as we realise that God has been with us all the time and we just didn't realise what he was saying to us).

Lent is a very good time for us to really open up ourselves afresh to God as we join a Lent group, spend some gentle time with God at a Taize style service, read those Christian books we've been meaning to read in the spare time we've been meaning to set aside for ourselves; the list goes on.

One thing we shouldn't do though is to treat Lent as just another day/week/time and do nothing. Our Lord used his time in the desert, in quiet, in solitude to absolutely get to grips with what God had tasked him to do and, well, we all know the results, don't we?

Enjoy Lent, be challenged by Lent, be inspired by Lent and come to Easter refreshed, re-energised and fulfilled. Is that fiendish level? Well, maybe but just think of the satisfaction!



WaterAid Lent project – some of our schools and individuals in the benefice have signed up to drop their change into jars to help provide clean drinking water in Uganda. Did you know that more children are ill or die through drinking dirty

water than anything else? For more information please talk to me, Rev Marion Reynolds. The Rectory, Church Street, Pattishall Tel: 01327 830573

GAYTON OPEN GARDENS – Sunday July 5th

**We are once again holding our Books and Bric-a-Brac stall
at 12 St. Mary's Court.**

**This is an advance warning that we shall be happy to receive your
unwanted GOOD QUALITY BOOKS (especially paperbacks) and Bric-
a-Brac. We are also interested in Jigsaw Puzzles.**

Sorry, no clothes.

**Please bring items to 12 St Mary's Court
From Monday June 29th.**

If we are not there, take them to No.1 (opposite)

March and April Church Services

For Holy week and Easter week

21 st March	5pm	Taize ½ hour	Pattishall
22 nd March	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
Lent 5	11am	Family Service	Tiffield
28 th March	5pm	Taize ½ hour	Tiffield
29 th March	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
Palm Sunday		Benefice Service	

Mon 30 th March	7pm	Said Holy Communion	Tiffield
Tues 31 st March	7pm	Said Holy Communion	Cold Higham
Wed 1 April	6:30pm	Said Holy Communion	Gayton
Thur 2 nd April Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	CW Holy Communion followed by Vigil until midnight	Pattishall
Friday 3 rd April	2pm	A hour at the cross	Cold Higham
Good Friday	6pm	Devotional Hour	Pattishall
Sat 4 th April Easter Eve	8pm	Service of Light	Pattishall
Sun 5 th April Easter Day	8am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11am	BCP Holy Communion CW Family Communion CW Family Communion CW Family Communion CW Family Communion	Pattishall Pattishall Cold Higham Tiffield Gayton

Upcoming events

Lent course – are continuing each Wednesday afternoon in Lent, at 2:30pm at the Rectory or Monday evenings at 7:30pm at Sue & Philip Titheridge's home in Tiffield. Come along and study Mark's gospel, the shortest gospel and our Lectionary gospel for this year.

Lent Taize services – each Saturday in Lent at 5pm for ½ hour, check which church in the Messenger

Saturday, 21st March – concert in St Mary's Gayton. Details from David Coppock
Annual APCMs will be held in the church on the following dates. All are welcome but attend but only those on the church electoral roll can vote:

Thursday, 16 th April	2pm	ColdHigham
Sunday, 19 th April	12:15pm	Gayton
Monday, 20 th April	7pm	Pattishall
Sunday, 26 th April	12noon	Tiffield

Forward notice: we will start holding a monthly Prayer Breakfast on a Saturday, 8:30am to 9:30am at the Rectory; a chance for us to get together to share a breakfast then have a time of prayer (particularly for the benefice but also for whatever is on our heart and mind). Dates: 25th April, 23rd May, 27th June. Do join us!

If you haven't yet seen Gaytons beautiful new bench, then take a few minutes to sit and rest there. It is thoughtfully located at Fiveways with the inscription 'Travellers Rest Margaret and Tony Ratledge', who lived in Gayton with their family for many years.



GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

Our first meeting of 2015 was well supported by members who enjoyed a Bingo afternoon. There was an opportunity to win 'line' or 'full house' prizes and time to enjoy tea and cake over a chat.

The 31st Annual General Meeting was held at the end of January. The minutes of the 2014 AGM were read and agreed and a financial report was presented. The club's finances are in good shape, supported by fundraising and two generous donations from the Gayton Alms Charities. The Chairman's Report reminded members of the activities enjoyed throughout the year. The retiring committee stood down and were prompted re-elected and thanked for their continuing hard work.

At the beginning of February the club welcomed Rob Davis who gave a talk on 'Dogs for the Disabled'. Rob gave a lively and interesting presentation. Unfortunately we were not able to meet a dog as they were either being trained or already working hard to support a disabled person. However we watched a very informative DVD which showed the dogs at work. It was very interesting to learn how the dogs could help children particularly those who are autistic.

At the end of February we had lunch at the Queen Victoria in Gayton. It was nice to be able to eat 'locally'. We were made very welcome, Alex and his team worked hard to make our visit an enjoyable occasion. The service was helpful and friendly.

We have a full programme of activities for the rest of the year which can be found on the Gayton website.

Our meetings for the next couple of months are as follows:

Tuesday 10th March – Musical Entertainment with Bob Smith

Thursday 26th March – Fish and Chip Lunch

Tuesday 14th April – Talk on the gardens of the National Trust

Thursday 30th April – Outing to Skylark Farm Shop and Restaurant

If you would like to join this friendly and sociable club please contact Carol Coppock (859645), Jan Leeding (859275) or Manja Ronne (859253)



The Gayton School Tote for January and February 2015 was drawn on the 27th February and the lucky winners are:

January

1st Number 133 Jean Finch

2nd Number 126 Tracey Goatley

February

1st Number 125 Annette Smith

2nd Number 19 Jens Buus

Want to learn to play the piano?



I have extended my piano lessons in to the day time and can now offer lessons in Gayton to anyone who would like to either begin or continue with playing.

If you fancy a taster to see what it's about - I offer a 4 week block where you can just try it out for a while. I also may be able to accommodate the odd regular after school/weekend slot that I have left.

Please call me if you would like further information.
Debbie 01604 859870 / debbie.murphy@mac.com

The Beech Tree at Wendover House

I am writing to you about the magnificent Beech Tree which stands in our garden. Some branches have recently come down, and being concerned particularly about the branch overhanging Blisworth Road, I recently had it surveyed by a professional arboriculturist. I am sad to tell you that he reports its condition to be poor and recommends that it be felled as soon as possible. The picture below of a cross-section of the trunk shows it to be hollow (blue) rotten or unsound (pink and green) with only the parts coloured brown being good wood. It obviously represents a danger to people and traffic using the adjacent Blisworth Road, as well as to property and walls, and now that I am aware of its condition I am anxious that it be felled before the high winds of March bring it down and kill someone. The tree is subject to a Preservation Order (TPO) and permission to fell it has been obtained from the South Northants Council. I accepted a quotation from a specialist firm who recognise the urgency of the work, I have received the Council's permission.

Regards

Peter James

Height:	16m	Crown Spread:	19m
Condition:	Poor	Vigour:	Normal
Reason for test:	The tree was tested because of basal cavities and stem hollowing.		
Test Results:			
Results & Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tree was tested at a height of 40cm and the test results show extensive and very advanced decay with a very limited amount of sound residual wood. • Because of the tree's age, crown imbalance and location next to a public road, I recommend it is removed. 		



KEEP GAYTON TIDY

LITTER-PICK DAY

Sunday 29th March from 10am

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

joanwood8@btinternet.com

Village Hall Hire Charges

The village hall can be hired from as little as £15. From £11 for the committee room, to use for a wide range of social activities.

If you require the Hall for a Private Function 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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To request a brochure or arrange a visit please contact
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Telephone 01933 622457

Email info@darsdale.org.uk

www.darsdale.org.uk

Gayton Walkers 'New Year's Day' Walk 1st January 2015



GAYTON WALKERS

The Gayton Walkers continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10am at Fiveways. We occasionally have some “interlopers” from other villages. You are most welcome to bring friends with you for these walks. There don't appear to be many other village “walking groups”, so long may ours continue.

A special welcome back to Barry Steer, our honorary “Life President”! who returned for the February walk after a hip replacement. We look forward to see how he negotiates stiles in future. Perhaps he will leap them like our dog, Meisie!

We had a big “turn-out” for our New Year’s Day walk and I hope that we shall see some of those come more regularly.

The April walk will be on **SUNDAY 12TH APRIL, 10AM AT FIVEWAYS**. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Robin Kelso



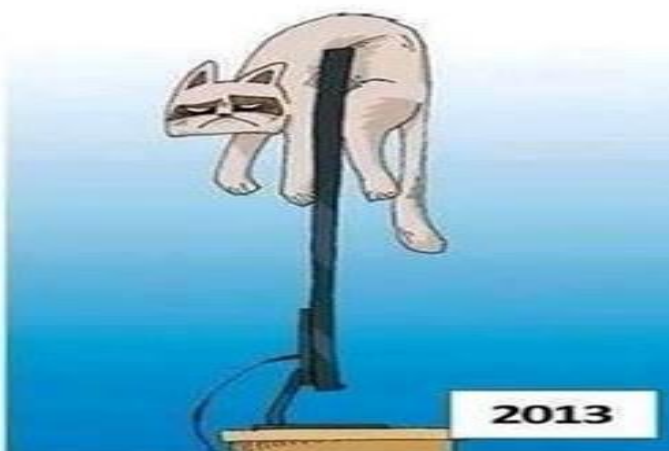
GAYTON ALLOTMENTS



With spring around the corner plot holders will soon start work on their plots in earnest.

Currently all plots are taken but if you would like to be added to our waiting list, please contact the treasurer, Rose Metcalfe, on tel 01604 858860, or by email to rosalynandjohn@btinternet.com.

You might have heard on local radio that there have been break-ins on and thefts from several sites in Northampton with valuable equipment being stolen. Therefore, could we please ask all plot holders as well as Gayton residents in general to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity on the allotment site to the Police. Thank you.



Advertise in the Gayton News

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

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News from Gayton Parish Council

Village Questionnaire

Since the last edition of the Gayton news the Parish Council continues to work on the Village Questionnaire that will be circulated to all residents. We expect that the questionnaire will be circulated in the next few weeks. The results will be made available in the next edition of the Gayton News and also on the notice board and the village website.

“LEAVE IT BEHIND & YOU COULD GET FINED.....”

The Parish Council has received a number of concerns from residents relating to dog mess on the paths around the village and in some instances on people’s front gardens and on the playing field.

Gayton is a beautiful village and we enjoy many rural and unspoilt walks in and around the area. All areas within the South Northants Council boundary that are accessible to the public are covered by the Council’s Dog Control Order and it is an offence to leave your dog’s mess behind. If you fail to clear it up you could be prosecuted and fined by South Northants Council. The Dog Control Order includes public footpaths across the fields etc. and so even if you are in the middle of nowhere please pick up after your dog.

Most dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs however some clearly do not. If a council officer or any other authorised officer witnesses you not cleaning up after your dog, you may be given a fixed penalty of £75. If you refuse to pay the fixed penalty you may be taken to court and be fined up to £1,000 plus court costs. **The Council will also issue fixed penalty notices where a member of the public has witnessed a dog owner failing to remove their dog’s faeces.** You can report dog fouling online [http:// tiny.cc/dogmess](http://tiny.cc/dogmess)

Some owners take the trouble to wrap the dog mess in a plastic bag, but then leave it at the side of the path. This is a littering offence and if the offender is found guilty in the Magistrates’ Court the fine could increase to £2,500 plus costs and they will get a criminal record.

The best place for wrapped dog waste is in your own black household wheeled bin. Wrapped dog waste can also be placed in any dog waste bin. The Parish Council is currently looking at the costs of having dog bins erected around the village and to then have them regularly emptied.

Dog waste can be placed in the street litter bins but the best place is your black wheeled bin. Dog waste is not only extremely unpleasant, it is also the perfect breeding ground for bacteria (Campylobacter and Salmonella) and other forms of infection. The most damaging of these is caused by the roundworm *Toxocara Canis* which can pose a serious health risk to any individual unlucky enough to ingest infected soil, and is one of the main reasons that dogs must be kept away from children's play areas.

If you have any questions regarding this issue or you have a view as to where dog waste bins would be best placed please call Simone Wade on (01604) 879888, (07976) 854136 or simone@pdqcf.co.uk

Gayton Community Speed Watch Scheme

The volunteers for the Gayton community Speed watch scheme will be out and about recording the speed of vehicles passing up and down the Bugbrooke Road from the 16th March to 27th March 2015. This is an additional session over and above those usually scheduled to take place. I am sure that you will agree that the effect of the scheme is positive and the speed through the village decreases, however over time it has crept back up and again there are a number of vehicles that are speeding through the village.

If you would like to volunteer you will need to attend a training session. The next session is due to take place on Saturday 1st August 2015 at the Caroline Chisolm School, Wooldale Road, Northampton NN4 6TP. The session starts at 9:30am and finishes at 12:30pm. If you would like to join us then please contact Simone Wade on (01604) 879888, (07976) 854136 or simone@pdqcf.co.uk

Gayton & Tiffield Community Minibus Update

Timetable Change on Tuesdays

Following on from our AGM and the proposal to change the Tuesday Minibus timetable which was featured in the December edition of the Gayton news, we now have permission from the Passenger Transport Authority to change our timetable for the Tuesday run.

So from the **1st March** our return time from Northampton on Tuesdays which has been 2.30pm is amended to 2pm. The changes to the timetable are as shown below.

Northampton

Drapery	14.00	(Bus Stop 18)
Morrisons	14.10	(By Request)
Tesco (Mere Way)	14.20	(By Request)

Gayton

Fiveways	14.30	(Milton Rd–Church– High St)
Hillcrest Road	14.35	(By Village Hall)

Tiffield	14.40	(High Street North & South)
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Volunteer Drivers

In the next few weeks we should hopefully have four new volunteer drivers from Tiffield undergoing their MIDAS training and they will hopefully be introduced to the driving rota from June, which will help enormously in spreading the workload on our existing volunteer drivers.

Our thanks to everyone in the Villages of Gayton and Tiffield for their help and support which has enabled us to continue to provide our community minibus service for thirty years.

Initially there were many Minibus schemes set up in the County but over the years they all reluctantly closed down due to lack of local volunteer drivers and coordinators. The transport Authorities, Councillors and even local MP's still use our scheme as an example of what local communities can achieve.

It is a year now since the sad passing of Geoff Wood, our former Treasurer and administrator who made a major contribution to keeping our scheme operating and if anyone would like to volunteer to help in this capacity it would be much appreciated. Please contact any of our drivers or Trustees for further information.

Rae Spencer - Chairman

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