

# GAYTON NEWS

## DECEMBER 2015



*Christmas Greetings*



Well where is 2015 going, and almost gone. It has been filled with celebrations, good times, summer sunshine and warm days. I know there have been hard times and there have been sad and difficult times for many of us. It's almost Christmas now and the time for a new year. I very much hope you will all move forward with the fresh start of the new year with spring to look forward to.



I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the wonderful editorial and pictures for our Gayton News. I too thank all those who each quarter very kindly deliver the Gayton News out to our awaiting village.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Very best wishes, Karen Cooper



What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

*Claustrophobia!*

Why does Santa have three gardens?

*So he can 'ho ho ho'!*

Who delivers presents to cats?

*Santa Paws!*

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Dear Friends in Gayton

With this message we would like to wish all our friends in Gayton a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. Instead of delivering individual Christmas cards to you, we will, once again, be making a donation to Gayton Church Heritage Trust.

Jens & Manja, 6 Baker Street

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## THE GAYTON DOG SHOW IN SEPTEMBER

What a truly wonderful gathering of puppies and dogs of all sizes and breeds arrived in Gayton for Gayton's Dog Show. A great big thank you to Alison Huckle and her team of family and friends for yet again organising this much loved event.

Shaylea Fitzgerald who lives in Gayton attended the dog show with her family and their two dogs Betty a Border terrier x Border Collie, and Jarvis a Cocker Spaniel x Lakeland Terrier.

Shaylea came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 'Junior Handler' with Betty. Her Dad Shay, came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 'Best Crossbreed' with Betty, and he came 5<sup>th</sup> in the 'Prettiest Bitch' with Betty. Jarvis came 1<sup>st</sup> in 'The Dog the Judge would most like to take home' with Mum Sam.

Shaylea had the most wonderful day and proudly took her rosettes into school to show her teachers and the rest of her class.

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***The second Harvest Supper and Quiz*** took place in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd October. It was very well attended with approximately 56 quizzers and we raised the amazing sum of £725.30 for Gayton Church.

Many thanks to all those who supported the event, either by attending or by cooking the fabulous Chilli Con Carne which was absolutely delicious! The pudding table was



groaning with a fantastic array of desserts, all cooked by the ladies of the village and all tasted as good as they looked!



A special thanks to Mrs Hilary Aslett from Pattishall, our quiz master for her excellent quiz, delivered with great humour! I would also like to thank Carolyn Estell and Elaine Footitt for being such a great support in the organisation of the event and in the endless washing up! Alison Foster



## The W.I. celebrates '100 years' this year



*The WI was born in 1897 by a group of rural women in Canada. The first WI in England was started in 1915 and its aim was to revitalise rural communities in the UK and to encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the first world war. The WI has now become a much broader Church in its outlook*

*and has become the largest voluntary women's organisation in the Country. I was President of the Gayton WI for a number of years which I thoroughly enjoyed. In 1997 Gayton WI celebrated the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the WI holding a party with guest speakers, an excellent competition depicting a nursery rhyme, several past Presidents attended, and a lovely birthday cake made by a Member. The WI provides women with the chance to build new skills and to campaign on issues that matter to their communities.*

*Ann Addison*

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### Autumn 'LITTER PICK'

A big thank you to all those people who helped with the Autumn litter pick. There was a good response to the 'last minute' email sent round asking for more volunteers and the number jumped from four to sixteen. It was good to see four teenagers willing to help as well. Most of the village and surrounding roads were cleared. It's amazing what is found hidden under hedges - I had to phone the South Northants Council office on Monday morning and ask them to collect a lavatory on the verge along Blisworth Road!



A special thanks to Robin Kelso who again went round with his trailer to collect all the heavy bags and things too bulky to carry.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us again for the Spring litter pick.

This pile rubbish is all from Wright's Lane. There were many many more bags of rubbish collected from the rest of the village and placed outside

Joan Wood's house, which had already been removed by SNC before Jens went out to take a photo.



# Please join me in Congratulating Barry & Wendy Steers daughter Jenny's marriage to David

What a truly fairy tale wedding on Friday 25 September in Gayton Church. The weather was warm, the sun was shining. Guests arrived in a red double decker London bus, Mother of the Bride Wendy & the Bride's brother Philip walked to Church, shortly followed by Father of the Bride Barry and daughter Jenny with her bridesmaids. The Festival Singers filled the Church with song, the bells rang out, laughter and joy from the very happy family and their guests, a tractor & trailer was their carriage from Church to the arrival of a helicopter to whisk them away to their wedding reception.





## Introducing Gayton Parish Council



Viv Hartley. I've lived in Gayton most of my life and have clerked for the Parish Council since 1991. I have 4 children who all attended Campion and you'll often see me round the village with dogs or bicycles. Tea is my favourite tippie!



Karen Cooper. I have lived in the village with my husband Alex and our son Max, for 21 years. I am your recently elected Gayton Parish Council Chairman and Joint District Councillor with Cllr Ann Addison, for the Harpole & Grange Ward.



Rod Poxon. Moved to Gayton in 1983, joined the Parish Council in 1998 and became Chairman. He held this post over the Millennium period. He was heavily involved with the Millennium fund raising events & activities in the village, and had close involvement with the "Glimpses" books on Gayton, the Church Guide & DVD. He is the PCs internal auditor and, in May this year, took on the role of Vice Chairman.



Rachel Billing. I have lived in Gayton all my life. I take a keen interest in village life running our farm and riding stables. I have been a Parish Councillor for 8 years.



Sally Besley. We have lived in Gayton for 21 years, bringing up our two boys in this beautiful & historic village. I joined the Parish Council 4 years ago, I wanted to better understand of the village & contribute something back in terms of my time on the Council. My spare time is spent outside walking my dogs, running, and enjoying the wonderful countryside.



My name is Julie Wood. I live at 4 Brittain Cottages with my husband Peter, dog Oliver and four rescued battery hens. We have lived in the village for about six years. I became a Gayton Parish Councillor in June of this year. I am Chair of the NHW and am part of the Gayton Communications Group.



Carl Hamilton. I spent my formative years in the Orkney Islands, leaving in the 1950's. I put my roots down in Gayton 2001. All my working life was spent in the forces, first as a soldier and then in a variety of Research and Development roles. I live in Bugbrooke Road with my artist wife Judy and our Cairn Terrier, Bertie. My interests are game fishing and growing vegetables on our allotment in Cub Close. I joined the parish Council in order to get more involved in the community.

**Sam Fitzgerald.** Last but by no means least, Sam joined the PC this year, she lives on Bugbrooke Road with her husband Shay and young daughter & son.

# Gayton Alms Charities

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

## **Gayton Relief in Need Charity**

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

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

## **Gayton Educational Foundation**

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

Examples of where this charity might be able to help are in the provision of books, equipment, computer software, IT hardware, musical instruments, travelling expenses, music or dance tuition, residential educational experiences, university fees or anything else not normally provided or funded by an educational institution such as a school or college.

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

Any villager who feels they might be eligible for help under the terms of either of the Gayton Alms Charities should contact the secretary Barry Steer (tel: 01604 85886) who will provide the appropriate application form. The Chair of Trustees is happy to offer general advice about an application and/or assist with the completion of an application form.

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

David Coppock  
Chair of Trustees  
(01604 859645)



## Another Cracking Gala Concert

Those lucky enough to get hold of tickets for the Gala Concert in Gayton church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September certainly experienced something very special. Sparkling wine and canapés served on arrival, an audience dressed in their finest evening attire, a 'night club' atmosphere, all set the scene for what was to become a magical evening of music and song by the charming and extremely talented Helen Swift, Jonathan French and Stephen Morris.

Helen opened the concert in classical style with Mozart's *Schon lacht der holde Frühling* then joined husband Jonathan on piano to play two duets from Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite – The Hall of the Mountain King* was spectacular! Next came three pieces by English composers. The first two, by John Ireland, were presented by Stephen playing the lovely *Fantasy Sonata for clarinet*, and Helen singing *I have twelve oxen*. Helen then sang the endearing *Linden Lee* by Ralph Vaughan-Williams. Jonathan wowed the audience with an unbelievably fast rendition of *Flight of the bumble bee* by Rimsky-Korsakov before all three artistes joined together to present *The Spider* by Flanders and Swann. An amusing end to an excellent first half.



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



The second half began with Helen, Jonathan and Stephen performing a selection from *Carnival of the animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns. Stephen played the part of the elephant starting with his 'standard' clarinet. He soon decided that this instrument wasn't up to the job so brought on stage a much larger bass clarinet. After a few more bars the music stopped again, this time Stephen disappeared before returning to everyone's amusement with a huge contrabass clarinet – one of only a handful in the UK. This time the elephant was truly represented! The lighter mood of the second half continued with our talented trio presenting glorious pieces from George Gershwin (*Walking the dog*), Herman (*Clarinet on the town*), Yourmans

(*Tea for two*) and Cole Porter (*The Oyster and Let's do it*). In the latter piece, yours truly was invited on stage to lead some audience participation! This involved some pretty nifty juggling of picture cards in time with the song so that the audience knew what to sing and when to sing it. A fun time was had by all and I did manage to leave the stage with my dignity intact! Only two songs remained on the programme, *High Hopes* by Housen and Cahn, and *Content to be behind me* by Ben Moore. Helen sang, Jonathan and Stephen played, and the audience were captivated by wonderful music.



Then it was all over. The audience showed their obvious approval and admiration in the time-honoured way. Applause rang out in our lovely village church as our performers were presented with gifts to show our appreciation. As the applause continued, the inevitable encore came. The trio appropriately chose *Trio Finale* by Camille Saint-Saëns to bid us farewell

Thank you to all of you who came. The event raised just over £1100 which will help us meet the ever increasing costs of running our church for one more year.

David Coppock



## Gayton Primary School

The school has had an eventful term. The pupils joined the congregation at St Mary's Church to celebrate the harvest on the 4th October and sang some of their celebration songs. This was enjoyed by everyone. There was also a separate harvest celebration at the church in conjunction with Tiffield School and a lot of goods were collected to go to the Hope Centre. This was followed by a themed day at Gayton for both schools. The children had a really exciting time. Wednesday 18th November saw Gayton School joining with the Forest Federation Schools for a special day. The younger children went to Whittlebury to have a day with Pirate Dan. They were all appropriately dressed of course. The older children joined together at Gayton school for a 'Round the World Day' which included trying food and taking part in dances from other culture.



**On 4th December it is the Friends of Gayton School Christmas Bazaar from 5 - 8pm in the school and we hope that people will feel able to support this event as it raises money for the little extras that the children enjoy.**



**The Children will be attending the Bugbrooke Cluster carol service on 7th December.**

**The traditional nativity involving all the children, is being held in Gayton Church on 14th December at 6pm. Still on a Christmas theme there will be the usual attendance at a pantomime for all the children which is something they are all very much looking forward to.**

Gayton School would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone from the community who would like to help in the school in any capacity, be it listening to reading or sharing hobbies and interests.

Everyone at Gayton School want to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Anne Pringuer. Chair of governors.



## GAYTON ALLOTMENTS

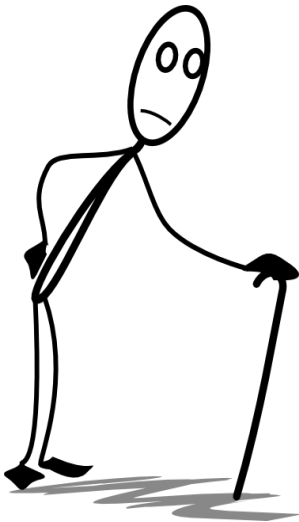
With the growing season behind us allotment gardeners can now take a well-earned rest whilst also taking stock of this year's successes - and possibly a few failures too, although we don't like to dwell on those!

For would-be allotmenters, if you like more information about available plots, please contact the Treasurer, Rose Metcalfe, on tel 07907 702969, or by email to [treasurergaytonallotments@btinternet.com](mailto:treasurergaytonallotments@btinternet.com).

The committee would like to wish all allotment gardeners and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Plentiful 2016 on our allotment site.

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### As We Age.....



I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks!  
I don't need anger management; I need people to stop tiddling me off!  
My people skills remain just fine; it's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.  
The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."  
I talk to myself because sometimes I need expert advice.  
Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.  
When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment; now it's like a mini vacation!  
I don't have grey hair, instead I have "wisdom highlights"

meaning I'm just very wise.

I've lost my mind and I'm pretty sure my kids took it!

Even duct tape can't fix being stupid, but it can muffle the sound!

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please, I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

Chocolate comes from cocoa which is a tree, which makes it a plant, which means it's salad.....well..... almost.

Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, - the courage to change the things I can, the friends to post my bail when I finally snap, and give me patience,..... And give it to me NOW.



## GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

At the beginning of September members were entertained by the Homestead Singers. This proved to be a most enjoyable afternoon of music and humorous stories. At our second meeting in September Dusty Rhodes gave an interesting talk on 'Country Superstitions'. He was able to give an example of a saying or superstition for each of the letters of the alphabet!



In October members visited The Lanes Restaurant at Northampton College for lunch. This is always a pleasant and enjoyable experience. The food, service and surroundings contributed to an enjoyable outing.



Our Autumn outing was to the Roman Way Garden Centre. This was a new destination for most members and turned out to be an excellent choice. Members enjoyed lunch in the restaurant and having fortified themselves got down to some serious shopping. On the return journey the minibus was almost full to bursting with bags and packages including a rather large Santa on the back seat. Everyone agreed that it had been a lovely day. Our last two meetings of the year include a talk by Gail Stuart on 'Life with my father - Eric Morecambe' on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm in the Village Hall and our annual Christmas Lunch on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Whittlebury Park.

Our programme of meetings for January and February 2016 is

12<sup>th</sup> January Bingo at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

26<sup>th</sup> January AGM at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

9<sup>th</sup> February Speaker on 'Help For Heroes' at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

25<sup>th</sup> February Lunch Outing

**Gayton Evergreen Club warmly welcomes new members, who are 55 and over. Please contact Carol Coppock (859645), Jan Leeding (859275) or Manja Ronne (859253)**

## Gayton Walkers



We continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10 am at Fiveways. There is a hard core of “regulars” and it would be nice to see some more faces. We never walk for more than 2 hours and invariably end up at a pub, to “replace fluids” you understand! The November walk was organised by Barry Steer (just like old times!) and was between Bradden and Greens Norton. A photo of the group is attached, thanks to Alison Foster.

The December walk is on SUNDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, not 13<sup>th</sup> as it clashes with the preparations for the Carol Service in the afternoon. Also, I won't be back from Paris in time on the 13<sup>th</sup> as are having a weekend there to watch Northampton Saints play Racing Metro in the European Champions Cup!

However, there will be a SHORT walk on FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST 2016 meeting at 11am at Fiveways.

Quote – “If walking prolongs your life, why aren't postmen immortal?”

Robin Kelso

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## CAROLS ON THE GREEN



**Thursday 24th December at 6.00pm on the Village Green**

Please come and join your family, friends and neighbours for a festive sing along. Afterwards soothe those vocal chords and enjoy mulled wine and ‘bring and share’ mince pies.

There will be a collection for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. If you are unable to attend but would still like to donate then please feel free to do so.

For further information ring  
Sharon Crossley (858863) 11 Bugbrooke Road

## CHURCH SERVICES at Gayton, Pattishall, Cold Higham & Tiffield

Date	Time	Venue	Service
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5:00pm	Cold Higham	Taize for Advent
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8:00am	Pattishall	BCP Holy Communion
	9:15am	Pattishall	½ hour service
	9:30am	Gayton	CW Holy Communion
	11:00am	Cold Higham	CW Holy Communion (said)
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5:00pm	Tiffield	Taize for Advent
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am	Tiffield	CW Holy Communion
	11:00am	Pattishall	CW Holy Communion
	5:30pm	Gayton	Carol Service
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5:00pm	Pattishall	Taize for Advent
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8:00am	Pattishall	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Gayton	CW Holy Communion
	3:30pm	Tiffield	Carol+Crib Service
	6:00pm	Cold Higham	Carol Service
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4:00pm	Pattishall	Carol & Crib Service
	6:00pm	Cold Higham	CW Holy Communion
	11:30pm	Pattishall	CW Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8:00am	Pattishall	BCP Holy Communion
	9:30am	Gayton	CW Family Communion
	9:30am	Cold Higham	CW Family Communion
	11:00am	Tiffield	Family Service
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am	Cold Higham	CW Benefice Communion (By extn)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	8:00am	Pattishall	BCP Holy Communion
	9:15am	Pattishall	½ hour service
	9:30am	Gayton	CW Holy Communion
	11:00am	Cold Higham	CW Holy Communion (said)

### 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](http://www.gayton-northants.co.uk/services/villagehall.html)

Or contact Joan Adams 01604 859416 for bookings.

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## Reverend Marion Reynolds

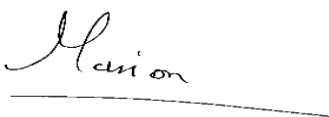
I looked back over what I wrote the first December I was here (was it really four years ago?) when I talked about my love of algebra – solving the unknowns (X). We have moved on in the Benefice since then and, I believe, we are doing more to try to make X, the good news of the Gospel of Jesus (not just Christmas), known in our community. However, we must never become complacent – there is always so much more work we can and should do.

As I write this on a dark and murky afternoon, rain pouring and wind gusting, if I listen to the news on the TV or radio, I might be forgiven for asking myself: why on earth am I sending Christmas cards with peace on earth and goodwill to all written on them? What peace? What goodwill? What joy? What is there to celebrate? It all seems so dark and murky doesn't it? It was precisely the same over 2000 years ago in what we now call Israel – the people didn't think they had anything to celebrate – after all they were living under the harsh rule of their Roman conquerors weren't they? Where was God in their situation? And how often do we hear that same sentiment today, especially after the horror we all witnessed in Paris last weekend? I give the same answer as I gave when I was asked a similar question after 9/11: God is there with you, crying with you, sharing the pain, angry and frustrated. Why? Because it is not God who is perpetrating the evil we see and hear about all around us; it is man. As a Christian, John 3:16 is my lynchpin: "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son". That is the X, what Christmas is really all about.

At the end of November the church begins its new year, as always, with the season of Advent. Advent is one of two penitential seasons in the church (the other being Lent) when Christians particularly think about how far we fall short of what God would like us to be and we ask for His forgiveness. We look forward to celebrating Christ's first coming as a baby (at Christmas) and we also look forward to his promised second coming at some time which only God knows when every tear shall be wiped from our eyes and death shall be no more as we are told in Revelation 21. At the end of Advent we have one of the two joyful seasons of the church – Christmas (just as we have Easter at the end of Lent). Christmas is the time when Christians remember, and thank God, that He loved the world so much that He was prepared to send his only son to show us a role-model for life. Christmas Day is the time when we give thanks for the birth of the divine Jesus as a human being, to a human family.

We will be celebrating Advent, Christmas Night and Christmas Day. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for any, or all, of the services. Who knows, if you do, then maybe the X (that unknown) in Xmas will stop being an unknown, and you, too, will know the love of God in your life this Christmas.

May God bless you and all and those you love at this special time of year.



Marion

## St Mary the Virgin

Well, the *Historic Churches Ride and Stride* came and went, although there were only a few from Gayton involved this year we were glad to receive £80 back from the central pot after forwarding the proceeds raised. Many thanks to those who rode and strode together with those who must have the patience of Saints to sit in the empty church for what seemed like hours in order to welcome those riding up the hill to Gayton, give them drink and biscuits, sign a form and wave them off as they pedal all the way back to from whence they came. As David reports elsewhere, the Gala Concert was very well supported and very much appreciated, what talent was on show.



As you can see, we are now the proud owners of a Wildlife Trusts Bronze Award in recognition of the way we now manage the graveyard. It is very early days in wildlife habitat terms but it is a start, hopefully over the coming years we shall see the area mature in such a way that it incorporates a rich blend of flora and fauna with those areas in which our departed loved ones lie and in which we may like to dwell and remember them. Huge thanks to the merry band of volunteers who recently came forward to assist with some of the menial tidying-up tasks, it is a big place and there is plenty to

do, even over the winter, so if you want to become involved by all means please let us know. Help us push the area forward to the Silver Award next year.

Some of you may have heard the bells ringing out at strange times during this last few weeks, the tower is very popular with ringers from both near and far and we have had the pleasure of welcoming ringing bands from all corners of the Midlands and even Sussex. You may recall the Queen surpassing all who have gone before her and become the longest serving monarch, we celebrated that too along with many other bell ringers around the country by sounding the bells to mark the grand occasion.

Other recent notable events included the Service for the Commemoration of the Departed, this was very well attended with congregation coming from throughout the Benefice. Marion again provided very sympathetic and supportive words during the service, over-hearing the chit-chat during Pam Bird's post-service Teas, one realises how much this opportunity to reflect on personal losses means too many of us in the Parishes. On a lighter note, the Harvest Supper and Quiz proved very successful, Alison Foster must take a fare share of the plaudits for all the work she put into the co-ordination and coercion! I can't quite remember who actually won this year, if you would like to know I am pretty sure Marion or David Coppock may be able to help!

On the parochial front, the benefice Christmas Midnight Mass this year shall be held at Holy Cross, Pattishall starting at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, the Christmas Day Service here in Gayton shall be at 9.30am on Christmas morning.

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 at The Rectory, Church Street, Pattishall. Tel: 01327 830573.

Last, but by all means, not least, the Churchwardens and PCC would like to wish all our friends and neighbours in Gayton and beyond a very Happy Christmas with a healthy and peaceful New Year and a very big thank you to all who have helped us throughout the year, whether this be in the churchyard or in the church, you all make such a difference. Thank you.

*Andy Hartley.*

## 'Harvest Festival' in St Marys Church Gayton Sunday 4 October

Harvest Festival was a wonderful occasion, a full Church with children from Gayton School, their families and friends, and wonderful singing voices from the Festival singers, singing Heaven & Earth, Fields of Gold, For the Beauty of the Earth and A Gaelic Blessing. The congregation sang out in 'good voice' the chosen hymns and we heard readings by different people.



The children of Gayton School sang and performed two songs, Harvest Rock 'n' Roll and Conkers, which were very well sung, performed and were great fun.



The children also performed 'Maximus Mouse' with Reverend Marion Reynolds and David Coppock, it was enchanting.



Very generous contributions of produce were received into the Church to help support those in need.

Everyone enjoyed a drink, chocolates and a lovely catch up after the service.

We send a very big thank you to Reverend Marion Reynolds, to Gayton CE Primary school and the children, to Clare Pearce the Musical Director to Christine Maron, playing the Piano, to Eric Cave playing the Organ, to the Festival singers and to David & Carol Coppock for organising the Church.



# GAYTON NEWS CHRISTMAS QUIZ

At a time of the year when we can no longer enjoy our gardens, this Quiz serves as a reminder of these far off summer months.

Every answer has some connection to a garden; it may be the name of a plant, vegetable shrub or tree, a bird, a pest, a tool or a piece of furniture. It may refer to some well-known garden, person or some other connection.

Please remove the centrefold from this Gayton News and send your answers to Wendy Steer at 12 St Mary's Court by Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>.

We had a very large entry last year, so get your thinking caps on and let's see if we can repeat this! Don't worry if you can't find an answer to every question – send it in anyway. It's very rare for anyone to get all the answers all correct!

Prizes will be: 1<sup>st</sup> - £10

2<sup>nd</sup> - £3

3<sup>rd</sup> - £2

In the event of a tie, or multi-ties, the prize money will be divided appropriately.

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**On behalf of the village and all quiz lovers, I send a very big thank you to Wendy Steer for again putting together a wonderful Christmas Quiz for us all to agonise over and totally enjoy, good luck. Karen**

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1. These can make a chain.
2. Lonely in the onion patch?
3. Happens in winter.
4. Bulb trying to Keep up Appearances?
5. Location of Monet's Garden
6. A martial art.
7. Make of shoe polish
8. You can be as cool as this!
9. One of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World.
10. Type of ladies hat.
11. Station on Docklands Light Railway.
12. For what is Ebenezer Howard Famous?
13. Supermodel, scourge of paths, roofs and lawns.
14. A bicycle component with an ancient burial place.

15. Name of a market and Opera House

16. To lounge on on beach or Garden.

17. Grasscutter.

18. Unwanted third person.

19. Stringed orchestral instrument.

20. European national.

21. Symbol of Yorkshire.

22. Appeared in Gardeners World and Groundforce.

23. Steers boat.

24. She didn't get to dance.

25. Sounds like a very large brass instrument.

26. Area of land devoted to fruit growing.

27. A tree and very sweet syrup.

28. Where is the famous statue of Peter Pan?

29. Local school.

30. Call a ----- a ----- . To speak plainly

31. Name of the Japanese throne?

32. SKIN BATH AN EGG!  
(*anag*).

33. What is the symbol of the National Trust?

34. ----- of Liberty.

35. ----- Fields for Ever.

36. Remember me.

37. Found in light fitting.

38. A hit from Amsterdam!

39. Stockings.

40. This one made progress (*N.B. not a pilgrim*)

41. Created by Baroness Orczy.

42. Effeminate man.

43. Hardy was his other half.

44. From which all plants grow.

45. Salad fired into outer space.

46. Location of R.H.S. Trial Grounds.

47. What is a Gardeners Delight?

48. M1 Service Station.

49. Musical work by Frederic Delius.

50. Mr. Fawlty.
51. Kind of tennis played at Wimbledon.
52. Worn on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
53. Comedian, born Robert Norman Davis.
54. National emblem of Scotland.
55. Town in Staffs.
56. The Second Best Exotic  
----- Hotel
57. Garden waste piled in a heap
58. Coloured home.
59. One end of the spectrum.
60. Youth who pined for his own image.
61. ----- Time, operetta by Schubert.
62. Painting by van Gogh, with several variations.
63. Official garden waste container.
64. Arboretum
65. Computer giant.
66. Pike of the Home Guard, Walmington-on-Sea.
67. Puccini Opera.
68. They view things from below.
69. Money placed on a bet.
70. Heard in England's premier Cathedral.
71. Latent flower.
72. Route of railway through low hill.
73. Apportionment.
74. England's main annual Flower Show.
75. Part 2 of TV answer to Q.4.
76. Maintain a Rightwinger!
77. Featured in Chapters 1 and 2 Of Genesis.
78. Home of West Bromwich Albion.
79. TV's first Gardener.
80. She sang 'Wuthering Heights'.
81. 'Bake Off' Hostess.
82. Made famous in song by Terry Wogan.
83. 24 of these, baked in a pie.
84. Tall grass from Argentina.



85. Author of 'A Severed Head'.

86. A sort of tractor.

87. Hair stylists accessory, luxury car or ocean wave.

88. Used to extinguish fires.

89. Discard one's clothes.

90. Valuable product of horses!

91. 'I wandered lonely as a cloud' – and what did I see?

92. Drive fast and safely.

93. Famous 18<sup>th</sup> century landscape gardener.

94. Unwanted in garden; reference to tobacco.

95. Home of Burnley F.C..

96. THIN RUM RAIN(*anag.*)

97. Tree sculpture.

98. Children's TV cartoon series, first shown in 1974.

99. 2 together in Christmas Carol.

100. Kiss under this at Christmas!

Name .....

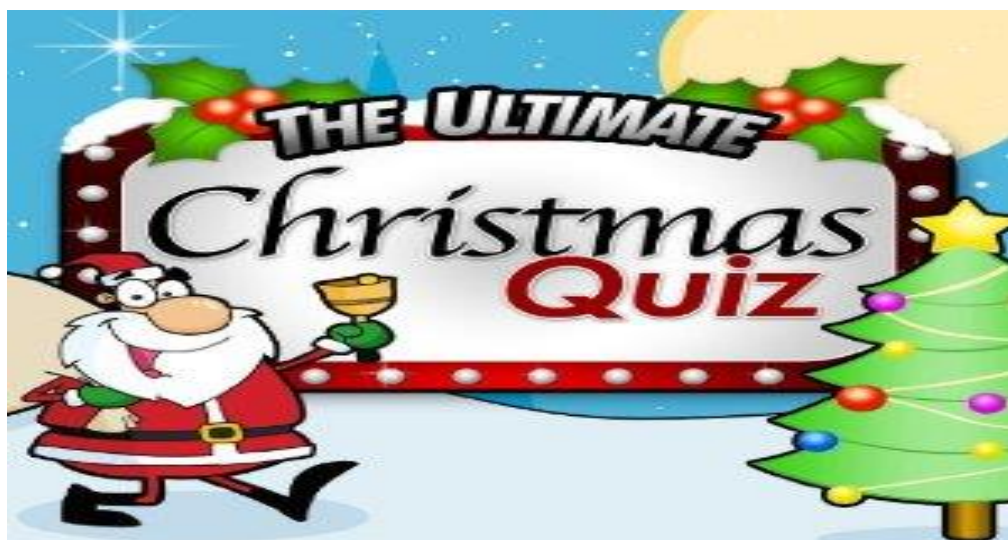
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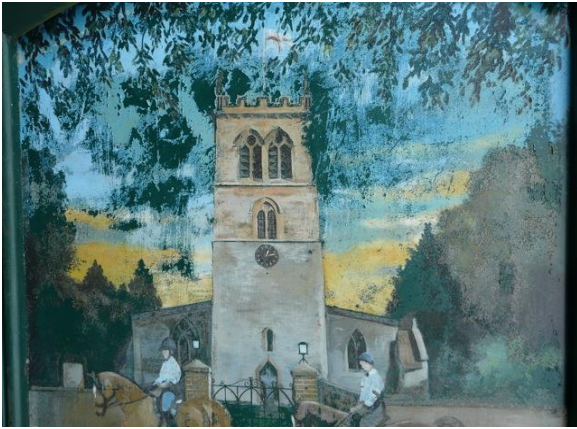
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**FRIDAY JANUARY**



## GAYTON VILLAGE SIGN

**Has been taken down – it hasn't been stolen!**



Due to the very poor condition of Gaytons Village Sign, the Parish Council decided to arrange to have it taken down where it can be assessed for refurbishment.

Thank you to Gavin Billing for taking down the sign, not an easy task due to its incredible weight.

The paintings of the Church, trees and horses are now very worn away and in a desperate condition.



Here you can see the terrible condition of the base of the sign which secures it over the wooden post, it is rotten and rusted.

There is severe rust and decay to most parts of the metal frame.

The lettering and numbers on the metal surround are not painted on, they are transfers and are peeling away.



When the Parish Council has made investigations as to the best way forward with the village sign we will let you know. This will be a lengthy process therefore it will be down for quite some time. Karen Cooper



## Fungi in St Marys Court, Gayton

In October a cry for 'help' came across the internet from Barry & Wendy Steer.

"We have an amazing crop of fungi on our back lawn which has suddenly appeared over the last few days. In all the 41 years we've lived here, we've never seen anything like this.

Only this one corner of the lawn is affected. On all the rest there is just the odd fairy ring that we get every year.



What has caused this sudden and unprecedented infestation? How can we get rid of them? Can any of you knowledgeable gardening enthusiasts help us? If they were edible, it wouldn't be so bad, but we suspect they are not!

Look forward to reading your theories and advice".

Barry and Wendy

This was food for thought for Manja, so to speak! She immediately thought of Flemming Rune, a friend living in Denmark who she has known for many years. He is the author of many scientific books and beautiful books on fungi and forests. Manja also thought of her father who was an honorary member of the Danish Mycological Society. Flemming kindly identified Barry & Wendy's fungi as an *Armillaria* ('Honey Fungus'). It is most likely *Armillaria lutea* ('Bulbous Honey Fungus') with a club-shaped stem and lots of whitish veil remnants along the edge of the cap on the underside (partly covering the gills).

The fungus is not poisonous, but not really edible either. Some people consider it edible, but it has a rather insignificant taste, and a number of people get allergic reactions with it. I don't eat it myself!

Flemming's advice to Barry & Wendy was to 'do nothing, just sit back and enjoy nature's magic! Barry comment was he wasn't sure Wendy agreed with that!

There are some beautiful examples of 'fungi' around the world





## Gayton Church Heritage Trust

The role of GCHT is to raise money for capital expenditure on improvements to the church building. The Trustees work with the Parochial Church Council to maintain the church as a valuable community asset open to everyone in the village. In the past year there has not been much call on the Trust funds apart from routine, annual service payments. However 2016 will be different because the completion of the Quinquennial survey, a five year structural inspection, has highlighted a host of urgent repairs. With this in mind and with the extra fund raising needed GCHT Trustees have been looking for new members and are much encouraged by those who have already shown an interest. We are more than happy to be contacted by anyone living in Gayton who may also wish to know more about the Trust and why it exists. Contact details below.

Two fund raising events that have raised significant sums of money for GCHT in the last twelve years have sadly come to a halt. John Shaw, mentioned in the last Gayton News that after twelve years of 'Jazz in the Church' he felt that it was time for him to take a back seat. Likewise the Gayton Companion Dog Show held this September will not happen next year. Alison and Steven Huckle plus their family and friends have run a very successful show for the last eleven years. Alison's annual letter was always most welcome when it arrived in early summer each year to inform me of the date for the next show and that any profit from the entries would be donated to GCHT. However this year she added the sad news that she would not be continuing due to ill health and that she too needed to stop. On the day of the Show a crowd of enthusiastic dog owners from the village and from far and wide came as usual to enjoy a wonderful event with great hopes of getting a rosette or two for their hound(s). They came because Gayton Dog Show has a reputation for friendliness but also has a professional edge not always found in village shows. The day ran as smoothly as ever and Alison not being one to give up easily was a vital presence. It was good to see her in her element and as much in evidence as ever. The customary cheque from her arrived the following week for £135.81. The final sum donated over eleven year's amounts to a grand total of £3,943.34. I am most impressed and on behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank Alison and Steven for their hard work and generosity. We have appreciated their support over the years and as Gayton Companion Dog Show became a village institution so its popularity grew. Jazz in the Church and the Dog Show brought a lot of enjoyment to many people and were the events that we looked forward to each year - both will be sadly missed.

I hope many of you will have seen the publicity for the last of the events listed in the calendar for this year in aid of GCHT funds and hope to see you there.

**Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 New Perspectives will perform a Festive Comedy full of twists and turns in 'He wore a Red Hat' – Tickets £9 or Family £20 (2 adults +2children) available on the door 4:00p.m or by phone from: Anna Fox - 01604-859444**

**Refreshments – Mulled Wine – Hot Chocolate - Mince Pies and Christmas Biscuits**

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