

GAYTON NEWS

MARCH 2016



Wishing Queen Elizabeth II a very Happy 90th Birthday on 21 April 2016



Thursday 12 - Sunday 15 May: The Queen and Members of the Royal Family will attend a pageant celebrating The Queen's life to be held at Home Park in Windsor Castle.

Friday 10th June: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a National Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Saturday 11th June: Her Majesty accompanied by Members of the

Royal Family will attend at The Queen's Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade.

Sunday 12th June: The Queen will attend the Patron's Lunch, a celebration of Her Majesty's patronage of over 600 organisations in the UK and around the Commonwealth since 1952.

As we all very well know, the rain and storms have been beyond belief this winter, especially for those in the north. Just one of the schools badly affected is Burnley Road Academy in Calderdale, which suffered severe flood damage. In excess of 16,000 homes across Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cumbria and parts of Scotland were affected and the cost of the damage is over £1billion. A teacher from Upton Meadows Primary School had the idea of sending unwanted children's books to the schools affected. She got in touch with the Northamptonshire Emergency Response Corps (NERC), a Community Organisation and Charity who brings together various agencies involved in emergency response in the County, who launched an appeal which was then supported by Northampton County Council to help schools replace the hundreds of books they lost in the floods. I would like to thank everyone in Gayton who donated their books, they were taken to the Towcester Library who sent them on to the Burnley Road Academy in Calderdale. The school which teaches children age 4 to 11 will be closed for 6 months while extensive repairs are carried out.



Thank you very much, Karen



THANK YOU!

I send a very big thank you to Jens & Manja for their wonderful Christmas contribution to the Gayton News of £25, thank you both very much for your support. Karen

Gayton Walkers

The Gayton Walkers continue to meet at 10am on the 2nd Sunday of the month. There is a nucleus of us who take it in turns to "lead". We also have some "outsiders" who join us as they don't have a local group in their village. We always like to see new faces, particularly new residents to the village. It would be a good way to meet people and we are quite friendly!

We usually end at a pub and have been known to stay on for lunch. Dogs welcome with well-behaved owners. If you would like more information, please contact me.

Robin Kelso robin.kelso@btinternet.com



Gayton Harvest Supper & Quiz Night Saturday 1 October at 7.30pm in Gayton Village Hall



Something for your diaries and calendar, this years Gayton Harvest Supper and Quiz Night is on Saturday 1st October at 7.30pm in Gayton Village Hall.

Once again Hilary Aslett will be our Quizmaster and supper will be served during the evening.

More details nearer the time!

Contact Alison or Pete Foster to reserve your tickets on 01604 858884.



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Kindest regards

Jen

Would you like to 'Advertise' in the Gayton News

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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 Chairman to Gayton Parish Council 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 last 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.



Julie Wood. I live at 4 Brittain Cottages with my husband Peter, dog Oliver and our rescued battery hens. We have lived in the village for about six years. I became a Gayton Parish Councillor in June last 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. I have been a parish Councillor since September 2015. I have lived in Gayton for the past 17 years. I live with my husband Shay and have two children Shaylea aged 6 and Sonny aged 2, we also have 2 dogs, a cat and 3 guinea pigs! I am a Mental Health Social Worker by profession and work for Northamptonshire County Council managing a team of Community and Residential Social workers

Superfast Broadband in Gayton

Dear Residents

As Chairman representing the Information & Communications Action Team I have been in frequent contact with “Superfast Northamptonshire” urging an earlier delivery date for “Superfast Broadband” (>24Mbps download), which was previously indicated as “by the end of 2017”. Succinctly, I was requesting that an up to date survey should be carried out, as the team believed that many of the perceived difficulties in providing the service might “evaporate” and Gayton could become a “quick win” good news story. On 2nd February I finally received confirmation that Gayton is now scheduled for an immediate survey and that the anticipated delivery date is now “by December 2016” and that the when and where map and Roll out Schedule will be updated shortly to show this.

I'm also very pleased to see that Openreach are also confirming this schedule on their “when & where” webpage! Depending on the site surveys, timescales could move back or indeed forward, but as this is at least 9 months ahead of the previous estimate, I feel that the improved date is a satisfactory result. If you have not yet registered your interest in Superfast Broadband, you may wish to on:

<http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/expression-gen.aspx>



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the very energetic Information & Communications Team for making several considerable enhancements to the village’s varied communications methods over the last year. We plan to bring you more improvements this year!

Regards, Colin Simmonds, Chair of Gayton Information & Communications Action Team

Reasons I should proof read the Gayton News!





TOWCESTER BRIDGE CLUB

Towcester Bridge Club meets weekly on Tuesdays at Towcester Conservative Club for friendly Duplicate Bridge, start time 7:30 pm.

All levels of players are represented at the club and experienced players are encouraged to help new members improve their bidding, play, and understanding of the rules.

For more information Contact:

Lynda Riecken [Tel 01327 209840](tel:01327209840); email lynda@riecken.co.uk or

Barry Steer, Tel 01604 8588886: email barrywendysteer@yahoo.co.uk or

Visit our website: www.bridgewebs.com/towcester

We welcome new members, so why not come along and see for yourself!





Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance is an air ambulance service providing a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service to the counties of Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and the Milton Keynes area. We do not receive any government funding, and rely entirely on donations made by the general public. Our helicopters are literally lifted in the air by the kindness of people like you. Thank you.

Rachel Billing has a 'Clothing Bank' located on her driveway into her home on Wrights Lane, Gayton.

Your unwanted clothes, bags and shoes will help keep the Air Ambulance flying. Please drop off any unwanted items to the clothing bank.

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Gayton Village Hall

Why not use our Village Hall for your parties, family gatherings, toddler groups.....

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 a TEN licence will be required which can be obtained from South Northants Council.

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.



**ST.MARY'S CHURCH GAYTON
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2016**

Mothering Sunday Service
Sunday, March 6 9.30am

Spring Concert
Gayton Festival Singers and Guests
Saturday, April 16 7.30pm

Jazz In The Church
Friday, May 20 7.30pm

Open Gardens
Sunday, July 3 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Ride and Stride Day in support of
The National Historic Churches Trust
Saturday, September 10 10.00am - 6.00pm

Gala Concert
Friday, September 16 7.30pm

Harvest Supper and Quiz
Saturday, October 1 7.00pm

Harvest Festival with the Gayton
Festival Singers and Gayton School
Sunday, October 2 5.30pm

80s theme Hallowe'en Disco
Saturday, October 29 7.30pm - late

All Souls Service.
Commemoration of The Departed
Sunday, November 6 3.00pm

Remembrance Service
Collection for a charity for Services personnel
Sunday, November 13 5.30pm

Christmas entertainment
Sunday, December 4 4.30pm

Carol Service with the Gayton Festival
Singers and Gayton School
Sunday, December 11 5.30pm

Christmas Day Service
Collection for a charity for the homeless
Sunday, December 25 9.30am

Progress on Gayton Village Sign 'Renovation'

Many of you are probably wondering when the village sign will be completed and back on top of it's pole. Well, progress is being made but it is the nature of such things that it is slower than we might like!

The sign has been assessed by a local metal-worker who has given his advice on the most cost effective way forward. Briefly, he has recommended that:



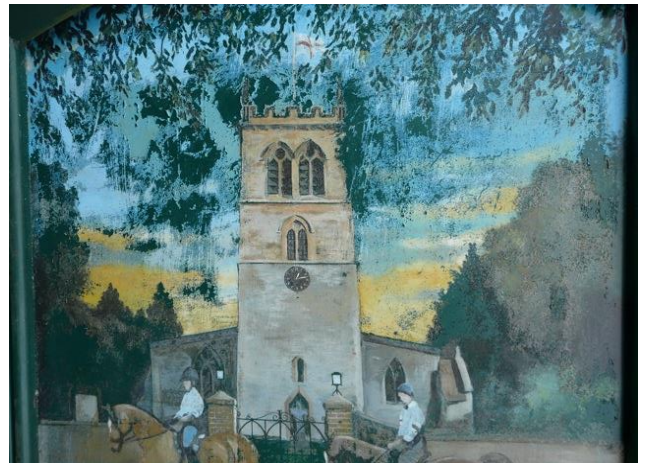
- The existing metal frame be sand blasted and powder coated thus providing a finish tough enough to prevent corrosion problems in the future,
- The really badly corroded parts (scrolls etc.) be replaced with new parts which should also be powder coated,
- And the weakened wooden pole be replaced with a metal post with a brown powder coated finish that will look like wood from a distance.

This would be stronger, resistant to the elements and definitely resistant to termites and rot.

Judy Hamilton is preparing a quote for the renovation of the actual sign. This will include:

- Taking it back to the original aluminium,
- Spraying it with an undercoat recommended by a specialist company and
- Re-painting the artwork and lettering with professional sign writing paint.

Quotes for all this work will be completed by the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th March and, assuming agreement is reached, work can begin. If things go to plan the sign should be back in place by early summer.



If work seems to be moving slowly it is because this is a relatively small task. Contractors tend to fit these tasks in between bigger jobs and this often results in delay. However, as the alternative is to pay a specialist sign company a great deal more (probably double our current quote) the Parish Council believe it is the correct course of action. My role in this is to pull the various threads together - I ask only for your patience.

Thank you, Carl Hamilton

Gayton C of E Primary School

As the Easter holidays rapidly approach we can look back on a very full and exciting term.

Basketball Coaching

Years 4, 5 and 6 went to Campion to have a session of basketball coaching. Paul Sturgess, formerly of the Harlem Globetrotters, gave a talk and a demonstration and helped coach the children. All had a wonderful time.

Chicks

The children were very excited as all ten of their 'dragon eggs' have hatched! We had ten fluffy chicks in the KS2 classroom that the children have watched hatch in the incubator. The chicks were then transferred to a brooder box complete with heat light, bedding, feed and water which allowed the children easy observation and access to the chicks.

Sikhism

The week beginning the 22nd February was Sikhism week in school. The children all had the pleasure of meeting and working with Mr Singh from the Gurdwara in Northampton. He shared his knowledge and experience with the children about many aspects of Sikhism. To end the week the whole school joined in a festival to celebrate their learning and experienced some Indian food, music and dancing.



Music

The children enjoyed an amazing drumming assembly from the

Northamptonshire Music Service last week. Also this term, the Northamptonshire Music Service are coming in to school for ten weeks to deliver a 'Let's play brass' project where all the junior children will receive tuition

with a brass instrument.

Mrs Libby Lane has begun a Choir club on Mondays after school and the children are going to be taking part in the 'Big Sing' at the Derngate on Thursday 10th March.

Staffing

After Easter Mrs Emma Cox and Mrs Kerry Fulford will be joining the staff at Gayton Primary School as permanent class teachers for the Reception and KS1 class. They are both experienced teachers who are currently job sharing in another school. They come with a wealth of experience and will be an asset to the school and the Federation as a whole.

Summer Fete

A date for your diaries – The Friends of Gayton School will be hosting their annual fete on Saturday 2nd July. Stacy Powell. Assistant Headteacher



GAYTON SCHOOL HOUSE (TRUST)

Firstly thank you for all your patience in putting up with all the parked contractor vehicles whilst the School House was refurbished.

When the last tenant left it was apparent that the house was in need of significant work to bring it up to standard for a new tenant and to upgrade or replace the facilities. The house has been rewired (the wiring not only included original sockets but a number of additions from when the house was used as an office); the bathroom and kitchen have been replaced and a downstairs toilet installed; a complete redecoration was needed and outside guttering and pipes replaced. The chimneys were swept having not been swept since 1986 according to the newspapers that were blocking the flues! Caps were needed on the chimneys to stop the birds getting into the house. It all took longer and was far more expensive than anticipated.

The garden has been cleared and hedging cut back but further work still needs to be done. The Trust will be applying to have the access changed to allow for off road parking, thereby alleviating the need to park in front of the house on the road. The Trust did apply to have the hedge removed as it is growing into the pavement but the council were not keen on the proposal for fencing as it was not in keeping with other boundary fencing in the village, so the trust is reviewing other approaches to the hedging.

Many of you may not know the history of the house and Trust. The land was given when the school was established and a gift provided to build a house for use by the school headmaster. The house was converted for use as offices and later returned to domestic use but deemed surplus to requirements by the educational authority. The Trust was established to manage the income from renting the property and these monies are allocated by the Trustees to provide extras for the pupils within the Christian ethos of the school. The Trust is managed by the parish rector and church wardens. In the event that the educational needs of the village change, for example if the school closed, the land and any property/assets revert back to the original benefactor. In other words it is not 'owned' by anyone and cannot be disposed of by any organisation.

The house is now let on a commercial basis to the current head teacher of Gayton CofE school and the Forest Federation (of which Gayton school will be formally part of post September 2016 – subject to agreement after consultation). In effect, the school house is being used once again for its original purpose with added benefits for the school and the village. It is hoped this will continue for the benefit of all.

IT'S TIME TO START COLLECTING!

The 'Gayton Open Gardens Day' this year is on Saturday August 3, and we shall be running our Book and Bric-a-Brac stall once again. This is a preliminary prompt to begin putting aside books, especially paperbacks, Jigsaws and other suitable objects for sale at this event, which each year makes a considerable amount of money for Gayton Church.

**We shall be accepting items from Monday June 27th onwards. Thank you
Barry and Wendy Steer**

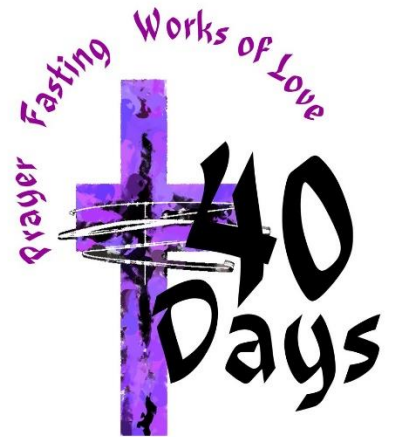
Reverend Marion Reynolds



Lent Course – each Tuesday lunchtime in Lent, starting on 16th February at 12noon at Cold Higham Village Hall with Frugal Lunch OR each Thursday evening, starting on 25th February at 7:30pm at the Rectory. Come along and study some of Jesus' parables in Luke's gospel, our Lectionary gospel for this year.

Lent is the period of six weeks, 40 days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important

festival in the Christian calendar. **Lent** starts on Ash Wednesday in western Christian Churches and climaxes during Easter Week. The last week of **Lent** is called Holy Week.



Lent Taize Services – each Saturday in Lent at 5pm for ½ hour, starting on 13th February at Cold Higham (then Gayton, Pattishall, Tiffield, Cold Higham, Gayton)

There will be NO monthly prayer breakfast in March. The next one is Saturday, 23rd April at 8:30am – 9:30am at the Rectory

Forward notice – Saturday, 2nd April concert in Holy Cross 7pm. A performance of the acclaimed oratorio "According to Mary". Ticket available, £12.50 (to include a welcome drink and canapes)

Special notice: Sunday 20th March (Palm Sunday). The only service in the benefice will be at 9:30am at Cold Higham. +John and Archdeacon Richard will be in attendance for the installation of Revd Marion as Rector of the benefice

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marion". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

The Rectory, Church Street, Pattishall

From the Priest-in-Charge

What's in a word (or title)? That has been a very pertinent question in the benefice over the last couple of months. For over 4 years I have served as priest of Amelcote Benefice as Priest-in-Charge but, from 20th March 2016 my title will change to Rector. What does that mean? In practice, no difference; I will still remain (technically) part-time and (definitely) unpaid, continuing to live at the Rectory in Pattishall, doing the same job as I have been doing all along. In theory it means that I will be entitled to be officially known as the incumbent of the benefice and, more importantly, the suspension placed on the benefice in 2011 has been lifted. What does all that mean?



What is the difference between having a rector to a vicar to a priest-in-charge? The difference between a rector and a vicar is historical and around who got the income from the glebe land attached to the parish (in medieval times when the monasteries owned much of the land churches were built on, all income from the glebe land went straight back to the monastery – Henry VIII put an end to all that!). Each parish was/is in the gift of a patron who might be a person (such as the local lord of the manor) or an institution (such as Church Missionary Society, a university college or a cathedral); the patron having the right to nominate a candidate for a living (as being the incumbent of a parish/benefice is known) to the PCC and the bishop. If, for any reason, the diocesan bishop suspends the living, as was done in Amelcote in 2011, then the patron has no right to nominate a candidate. In this case the bishop usually appoints a priest-in-charge, usually for a fixed period of time.

+Donald has now decided to lift the suspension; the patrons of the benefice (Sidney Sussex college, Cambridge, the Society for the Maintenance of the Faith and the bishop), along with the PCCs have been consulted and the upshot is my status will be changed in a special service conducted by +John, Archdeacon Richard and the Deanery Lay Chair, Richard Yates on Sunday, 20th March at 9:30am in St Luke's church, Cold Higham (followed by refreshments in the village hall). From that time, I am officially Rector of the benefice. I do hope as many people from all across the benefice will be able to join us for that service.

All that is taking place against the backdrop of the start of Holy Week, the most solemn time in the Church. We start off with the triumphal entry by Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (20th March), follow Jesus on that journey to the cross and rejoice in God's redeeming work on Easter Day. Please see the notice sheets for all the special services for this week. We are like Jesus' first disciples, approaching this time with such mixed emotions – elation, fear, despair, desolation, incredulity, overwhelming joy. It's good to take time out to reflect and remember Jesus' final words from the cross: "it is finished"; not a cry of defeat but a shout of jubilation that God's purposes were, in fact, fulfilled and our salvation is assured.

A very blessed and happy Easter to you all

Services March 2016 including Services Holy Week and Easter 2016

12 th Mar	5:00pm	Taize for Lent	Cold Higham
13 th Mar	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
19 th Mar	5:00pm	Taize for Lent	Gayton
20th Mar	9:30am	Installation service of Revd Marion as Rector with +John	Cold Higham
21 st Mar	7:00pm	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
22 nd Mar	7:00pm	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
23 rd Mar	6:00pm	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
24 th Mar	7:30pm	CW Holy Communion + vigil	Pattishall
25 th Mar	2:00pm	Hour at the cross	Cold Higham
	6:00pm	Devotional Hour	Pattishall
26 th Mar	8:00pm	Service of Light	Pattishall
27 th Mar	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Family Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Family Communion	Gayton
	9:30am	CW Family Communion	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Family Communion	Tiffield
3 rd April	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:15am	Pattishall ½ hour	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion (said)	Cold Higham
	6:00pm	BCP Evensong	Tiffield

Gayton Church Heritage Trust

Peter James retired as a Trustee in February this year and his contribution as a founder member of GCHT has been invaluable including the role of Treasurer between 2006-2008. Peter helped towards our success in our early fundraising initiatives including his strong support for the Annual Gayton Companion Dog Show run by Steven and Alison Huckle, the profits from which were donated over 11 years to GCHT.

Up until January of this year the number of trustees had dropped to just five, however I am delighted that there are now ten, which is perfect and about the same number we started with in 2005. Last November several people expressed an interest in becoming involved in raising money for the upkeep of the church. In January six agreed to become Trustees and are now all listed on the Charity Commission Register - under Gayton Church Heritage Trust 1111145 our charitable status number. I should like to thank all those who do show an interest in the church as a valuable amenity in the village and worth supporting the events we organise. Thankfully, once again we have a larger group to help with ideas and I hope that they find it an enjoyable experience all round. I would also like to thank John Shaw, Joy Ayre and Martin Church for their continued support and all that they have done, and continue to do for GCHT.

A warm welcome to the six new Trustees - Elaine and Tony Footitt, Pete Foster, Karen Cooper, Astrid White and Liz Jell. The new team has hit the ground running, Karen and Alex Cooper have offered to take over from John Shaw to keep 'Jazz in the Church' a regular feature, Friday 20th May will be the first occasion and the details appear in this copy of Gayton News, as do the details of a Hallowe'en 'disco in the Village Hall on October 29th, organised by Martin Church. There will be more events to look forward to during the year. New ideas and all offers of help are always most welcome.

Gayton News Magazine, The Village Website and The Village Message updated daily by Julie Wood provide the means of how to find out about matters of interest and events in Gayton. Anna Fox- anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk

GAYTON ALLOTMENTS

With the longer days spring will soon be upon us in earnest, and allotment holders will again be taking up their tools to prepare their plots for the coming season. We have a few vacant plots on our site so if anybody would like information about joining our friendly crowd of allotment holders, please contact the treasurer, Rose Metcalfe, on tel 07907 702969, or by email to treasurergaytonallotments@btinternet.com.



GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

We finished 2015 with a flourish! At the end of November Gail Stuart gave a talk on 'Life with my father Eric Morecambe'. Gail is an excellent speaker, she described how it wasn't that easy growing up with a Dad who was never 'off duty'. She told us how Eric started his career and how he teamed up with Ernie Wise to make such a popular entertainment duo. Gail also spoke very warmly of her Mum who supported the family throughout. During tea members were able to look at the photographs Gail had brought along which gave an idea of the many famous people Eric met throughout his career.

Our annual Christmas Lunch on Thursday 3rd December was held at Whittlebury Park Golf and Country Club. This was the third time we had held the lunch at this venue. As before, the room was beautifully decorated for Christmas and was just the right size to accommodate our group. Nearly all our members were able to attend this lunch so it was a very sociable occasion. The raffle table was groaning with prizes some of which had been donated by members. This was a good way to start the Festive Season.

The first meeting in January was Bingo, which was well attended. At the end of January we held our Annual General Meeting. Jan Leeding welcomed members to the 32nd AGM of the club. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Carol Coppock, Manja Ronne gave a full account of the club's financial position and Jan gave a report of the activities of the club and thanked all those who helped with the running of the club in 2015. The committee stood down - and were swiftly re-elected! Naomi Sheehan was welcomed onto the committee as a co-opted member. After tea, members were entertained with a slide show of photographs taken at meetings over the years. Naomi kindly put on a small exhibition of bobbin lace and demonstrated to interested members.

At the beginning of February Carole Graves came to talk to members about the work of the 'Help for Heroes' Charity. She gave a very moving presentation which showed how the charity was started and how far it has come from small beginnings. At the end of the month we had a lunch outing to the Queen Eleanor Pub, which was most enjoyable. Thank you to David Coppock for driving the minibus.

We have a full and varied programme of activities planned for the rest of 2016, which can be found on the Gayton website.

Our events for the next few months are:

Tuesday 8th March Musical Entertainment with Graham Kinnersley at 2.30pm
in the village hall, guests £3

Friday 1st April Fish and Chip Lunch at 12.30pm in the village hall, members only

Tuesday 12th April Speaker Barbara Knight – 'Travels in New Zealand' at 2.30pm in the
village hall- guests £3

Thursday 24th April Spring Outing to Buckingham Nursery, members only

Gayton Evergreen Club warmly welcomes new members, who are 55 and over. Please contact Carol Coppock (859645), Jan Leeding (859275), Manja Ronne (859253), or Naomi Sheehan (859814)

Gayton Village Hall Management Committee

In November 2015 we put out a general plea to Gayton Residents for pre-1997 50p pieces (required for our electricity meters and no longer legal tender). I am happy to report that several residents provided us with a few old 50p pieces and one resident provided us a significant number of the required coins. We are in a position that we should be able to continue to use our old electricity prepayment meters for many years to come.

The winter months were a quiet period and hire income from the village hall is at an all-time low. Although Table-Tennis, Evergreens and Dance Classes continue to use the village hall there are few other activities/gatherings. The management committee number only four and we are left wondering if there is a future for village halls in the 21st century. If you are interested in helping to manage the running of the village hall, or if you have ideas on how the community can be encouraged to make more use of the village hall, you will be made very welcome at our meetings (held every 3 months – please contact David Ayre tel.858837).

We will be holding the Village Hall Annual General Meeting in May. 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.

Gayton Village Hall Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 4th May 8pm
Gayton Village Hall Committee Room

Agenda - 59th Annual General Meeting, Gayton Village Hall Management Committee

1. Minutes of the 58th A.G.M.
2. Chairman's Report.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. To adopt the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2016.
5. To note the appointment of representatives of the undermentioned organisations to serve on the Management Committee:

Gayton Evergreens

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 2016

'CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN'

GAYTON LITTER-PICK DAY SUNDAY APRIL 3RD

Join in the national campaign to make
Britain clean in time for
Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday

Meet at Linthorpe House, Back Lane
From 10am onwards

Picking tools, sacks and tabards are
provided. Gloves are available but it is
preferable for you to bring your own if
possible.

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee on your
return.

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

Joan Wood Tel: 858800 email: joanwood8@btinternet.com



Dog Fouling in Gayton



There have been several reports of people allowing their dogs to foul on our village footpaths and not clearing the mess and taking it away with them. Please 'all residents' clear your dog mess and take it home with you responsibly. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 is new legislation. Letting your dog foul on the pavements and parks and not removing the foul is a criminal act. Dog foul can cause blindness from an infection called 'Toxocariosis'. If you witness someone letting their dog foul without cleaning it up afterwards in a public place, you should report this to South Northants Council, you can do this on line at southnorthants.gov.uk

Notes From a Gayton Artist

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Judy Hamilton and I live in Bugbrooke Road with my husband Carl and Bertie the Cairn Terrier. Some of you will probably recognise Carl and me as the humans attached to Bertie when he's taking us for a walk! Growing up in rural Oxfordshire, surrounded by nature in all its guises, led to an enduring love of nature and animals. Over the thirty years or so since I started painting (I was only just old enough to hold a brush!) it has been that love of the natural world that has been my source of inspiration.

'Bertie'



I work in a variety of media including oil, pastel, acrylic and charcoal – although oil and pastel are my favourites. I can achieve really pleasing (to me at least) textures of fur and feather with both oil and pastel but oil is perhaps stronger and more dramatic and pastel softer and more subtle. In the end it depends on what the subject matter dictates and the preferences of the customer. One important difference is that oil paintings can be mounted in numerous ways or even left unframed whereas pastel paintings are delicate and have to be mounted behind a protective layer of glass.

I have painted a number of commissions for customers in the local area since arriving in Gayton – although that's one bit of information only they can share with you. Most of my commission work is for pets, both living and departed, although it is much easier if you can meet the subject face to face. I haven't had any big cats or snakes yet thank goodness, but I will.

'Well, maybe one big cat!'

If any of you feel that there is an artist in you just waiting to burst out, I do run an art group. Unfortunately, at the moment there isn't enough demand in Gayton to support our own group, so we meet in Rothersthorpe. We have tutorials several times a year, working towards an annual exhibition which is both good fun and an opportunity for everyone to display their work in public. There are three members from Gayton, including me, and we are always keen to welcome newcomers – please don't be put off by lack of experience everyone has to start somewhere.



'Murphy in Oil'



I am going to put on a small exhibition at Gayton Church during the Open Garden event later this year. If you are interested in art of any kind (and you don't have to like what I do) I would love to meet you and chat over a coffee. Maybe there is room for a more art oriented Gayton in the future.

I hope these few words give you a feel for what I do and, if you are interested, there are more examples of my work and a contact number at

judyhamiltonart.com.



Safeguarding

Campion school via Northampton County Council have sent out information for a Mobile Phone App that can be downloaded onto phones so you as parents/carers can track all photos taken on your child's smartphone. This product may offer benefits from a safeguarding point of view to protect children and students from sending/receiving inappropriate images. Feel free to review the app for Android Phones as below

App: play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.selfiecop.android

Website: www.selfiecop.com

Telephone: +353 (0)87 667 8490

Email: shane.diffily@gmail.com

Selfiecop is a new app that protects children & teens from the dangers of sexting & selfies.

SelfieCop works by emailing parents a copy of every photo or video taken on their child's smartphone or tablet. This includes photos & videos captured by popular social networking apps, such as:

SnapChat, WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook & Twitter



SelfieCop deters unsafe behaviour by making children **STOP & THINK...** "Do I really want my Mum & Dad to see me like this?!" SelfieCop is available for all **Google Android smartphones & tablets**, including Samsung, HTC, and Sony & Nexus. SelfieCop costs just €2.99.

(An iPhone/iPad version of SelfieCop is under development & due out in the summer.)

The 13th 'Jazz in the Church' of St. Mary the Virgin, Gayton

Continuing the wonderful success of the last 12 'Jazz in the Church' concerts organised by John Shaw and his great team, please come and join us on

Friday 20 May 2016 for the 13th Jazz in the Church evening

We have a wonderful quintet of Jazz Musicians lead by Richard Exall & Amy Roberts performing a mixture of jazz from early jazz, swing, contemporary fusion and latin jazz.

The bar will be open for a relaxing drink from 6.45pm with music from 7.30pm. Ample car parking, disabled access and toilet facilities available.

Please contact Karen Cooper 01604 859684 karencooper@mortimers.uk.com, or John Shaw 01604 859364 joloshaw2@gmail.com for further details and to book your tickets.

Gayton Parish Council

Gayton Parish Council will have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor as of the AGM in May 2016. If you are interested in applying for this role please contact the Clerk to Gayton Parish Council, Mrs V Hartley, 17 Dean's Row, Gayton, Northampton NN7 3HA. Telephone 01604 858360.

What is a Parish Council and why become a Parish Councillor?

What is a Parish Council? A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish. It is the level of government closest to the community, with the district authority of South Northants above it in the hierarchy.

As it is the authority closest to the people, parish councils are invariably the first place people will go with concerns or ideas. For this reason they are a vital part of any community.

Why become a Parish Councillor? When people in the community need support and guidance, it is sometimes the parish council that is turned to. By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support. A community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

What decisions do Parish Councils make?

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters, crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities. It's true to say that on their own, parish councils have limited powers to make decisions. But they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions such as the District, Borough & County Councils. In this respect parish councils are extremely powerful. The organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and its views will be taken seriously.

How much time does it take up?

Gayton Parish Council meet on the second Monday of each month with the exceptions of April, August & December. Our meetings start at 7.30pm and are usually closed by 9.30pm, depending on the agenda, members of the public are also invited. In addition to the regular meetings, councillors are required to attend other meetings representing the council.

How long does a parish councillor serve for?

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

To stand for election on a parish council, you must: be a UK or commonwealth citizen, or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union, be at least 18 years old.



LIVE JAZZ IN GAYTON

**Friday 20 May 2016 at
7.30pm in**

**The Church of St. Mary
the Virgin, Gayton**

Enjoy a fantastic evening of music

'Richard Exall & Amy Roberts Jazz Quintet



The Amy Roberts and Richard Exall Quintet now tour the UK performing at jazz clubs, festivals and concerts. Their music is drawn from a wealth of experience encompassing a vast range of jazz styles and periods. The rhythm section features musicians whose influences extend across the field from early jazz and swing to contemporary fusion and latin jazz. They successfully cross the traditional divides of the jazz world, performing melodic and intricate arrangements that wow audiences and appeal to listeners of all styles of music.

Bar open from 6.45pm serving wine, beer & soft drinks. Raffle. Toilet facilities. Disabled access. Ample car parking

TICKETS JUST £12.50 no concessions

For further details and to purchase your tickets please contact:

Karen Cooper – 01604 859684 / 07753 638 180 email karencooper@mortimers.uk.com

Barry Steer - 01604 858886 email barrywendysteer@yahoo.co.uk

John Shaw - 01604 859364 email joloshaw2@gmail.com

Bring a comfy cushion as we will be seated on the wooden Church pews!

All profits will be donated to Gayton Church Heritage Trust, registered charity no.1111145

Neighbourhood Watch in Gayton

Security

I cannot stress enough how important it is to our community to report ANY incidents including suspicious circumstances, information linked to potential drug use/drug dealing or crime by telephoning 101 and selecting option 2 [in an emergency always 999].

The person reporting the incident and giving information will not be identified and the more information that the police can gather helps build a picture of where and when incidents are happening, who is involved and allows evidence to be gathered to progress investigations.

Our PCSO Jen Harrison's contact details are 101, Ext 344275 or jen.harrison@northants.police.uk

You can also call Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111.

Cold Calling

I have some leaflets and signs for your window/door stating that you will **not accept cold callers**. Please email or telephone me on julie.a.wood@btinternet.com or 01604 858259 and I will get the information delivered to you.

Personal Information

Below is a message sent to be by a concerned resident. It is a good example of why we should always DESTROY our personal information.

“Recently, after the bins had been collected, I was clearing the garden from the rubbish that had blown in and found an interesting document referring to a resident.

It was a printout of a repeat prescription, very wet but still very readable. I now know: the name, address, date of birth, NHS number and the doctors' practice registered with. Perhaps more crucially, I know the medication and dosage so can easily find out the medical problem and its severity.

This is not a particularly near neighbour, so this document was probably blown out of the collection vehicle. But it does show just how careful we all should be with personal data these days: it should all be shredded, preferably cross-cut, but, at a minimum, torn up into small pieces”.

NHW Street Wardens

Julie Wood	julie.a.wood@btinternet.com	4 Brittain Cottages, Blisworth Road	858259	<i>Back Lane and Bugbrooke Road (south side/school side)</i>
Joan Wood	joanwood8@btinternet.com	Linthorpe House, Back Lane	858800	Back Lane, Bugbrooke Road (north side), Banbury Lane & Flitnells Farm
Jens Buus	jbuus@btinternet.com	The Birches, 6 Baker Street	859253	Baker Street
Julie Wood	julie.a.wood@btinternet.com	4 Brittain Cottages, Blisworth Road	858259	Blisworth Road
Phil Hand	phand@live.co.uk	22 High Street	858291	Deans Row
Linda Trusler	lindatrusler@hotmail.co.uk	Orchard House, Eastcote Road	858220	Eastcote Road
Rita Poxon Rod Poxon	rita@poxon.me.uk rod@poxon.me.uk	Karibuni, Park Lane	858562	High Street, Park Lane
Joan Adams	No email	25 Hillcrest Road	859416	Hillcrest Road
John Knight	No email	10 Milton Road	858644	Milton Road
Barry Steer	barrywendysteer@yahoo.co.uk	12 St Mary's Court	858886	St Mary's Court
Richard Akers	rjakers@hotmail.co.uk	11 Tiffield Road	859813	Tiffield Road
Pat Byrom	westgatehouse@aol.com	Westgate House, Eastcote Road	859355	Westgate House & Goggs Farm

The NHW helps to keep the village safe with regular updates from the PCSOs and information sent from the Police.

If you would like to join the NHW scheme then please contact me at julie.a.wood@btinternet.com or 01604 858259. I shall need your postal and email addresses and telephone number. All information is held on a confidential database and will not be shared with anyone outside the NHW.

If you know of anyone joining or leaving the village please let me know so I can amend the database. Thank you, Julie Wood

St Mary the Virgin

Well the *Historic Churches Ride and Stride* came and went..... were my opening words last time and I start with the same theme in this edition. Please make a special note in your diaries and calendars for Saturday 10th September, we would like Gayton to have a good turn-out this year, what better reason can you find for getting fit, having fun with family and friends and doing your bit for Gayton's history and heritage? We hope to be putting on a little extra incentive to prise you onto those roads, we shall keep you posted but just make the note on the calendar for now.



Sort of tied in with the above is the need to make the church a little more waterproof and robust for our future use, not very easy to spot from the ground but the roof is actually showing its age, the tell-tale signs being stains on the inner walls and the occasional puddle after heavy rain. Last year we were pipped at the post in our application for assistance from a Government initiative, the Church Roof Repair Fund, hopefully our current application will be more to the judges' liking, fingers crossed for the "You have three yes's, well done" sometime in June.

Of course, we don't just pester you and beg for money, we do actually give it away too. I am not referring to the statutory (and large!) sum we have to send through to the higher echelons in Peterborough each year, we do try to support local bodies under our charitable giving banner, which recently included £100 to the Royal British Legion following the Remembrance Day Service, £150 to the Hope Centre after Christmas and the donations received during the Harvest Festival went off to the Towcester Food Bank. On their behalf can we say a very big thank you to you all, it does make a difference.

We have received many favourable comments following Gayton hosting the AGM of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Guild of Church Bell Ringers, fine ringing was to be heard through-out the area and a fine time had by all who attended.....I am not sure if we are ringing in the spring or not but it shall soon be here and of course with that will be the blooming of all the wild spring flowers in the grave yard, if you get the chance please pop down for look at some stage. The flip side of course is also the growth of the grass, we shall be looking for volunteers to help keep certain areas neat and tidy whilst other areas are allowed to develop under the Northants Wildlife Trust scheme. If you are interested in giving us a hand with a lawn mower/trimmer please let us know. We shall be having another tidy-up day during the spring and will give you a little warning so that you can come along for more fun and exercise!

Another big date for your diaries, Sunday, 20th March, Rev Marion is to be Installed as Rector of our Amelcote Benefice rather than being her current "Priest in Charge" status. Representatives of the high and mighty of the Peterborough Diocese, including the Bishop will be in attendance at what will be quite a fancy service all followed up with fine teas and cakes etc afterwards. It all takes place at the 9.30am service in St Luke's Church, Cold Higham. (Incidentally, there will be no service in Gayton that day.)

Whilst your diaries are out, the Annual Vestry Meeting for Gayton Church is to be held at 12.00pm on Sunday 17th April, following the 3rd Sunday Service. If you want to get something off your chest about how we do things in Gayton Church or you would like to become more involved, this would be a good time to put your hand up. The Meeting is generally fairly short, so don't worry it wouldn't tie up much of your Sunday off.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding church matters by all means please contact the Church Wardens David Coppock (859645) and Andy Hartley (858360) or Rev Marion Reynolds:

The Rectory, Church Street, Pattishall
Tel: 01327 830573

Thank you, Andy Hartley

Dear Gayton Village,

After 16 years of working at the village primary school my role as bursar/business manager is being made redundant and at Easter I will be leaving to take on new ventures.

I have seen many changes at the school over the years from the development and improvement of the school building to, more recently, changes in the way the school is moving forward into the future.

I have loved working at the school and being a part of Gayton village. I have had many roles over the years from parent to volunteer helper, an active member of the Friends of the school, a lunchtime supervisor, a teaching assistant and for the last twelve years I have been in the office and at the front of the school. I have made many friends and acquaintances and watched many families make their journey through the school. I am sad that I am having to leave and I will miss all the parents that I have made lasting friendships with and, who have given me lots of wonderful support throughout. I will, of course, also miss all the children who the school is all about.

I would like to thank all the people of Gayton village for being so wonderful and friendly. I have met a lot of you over the years either as parents or visitors at the school's events and have enjoyed talking to you all.

I wish the school well for the future.

Thank you and Goodbye.

Helen Gowler

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I write in reply to Helen's letter above,

Dear Helen

On behalf of the village of Gayton and further afield, I send our huge thanks for all the amazing work you have done for Gayton School. My son Max attended Gayton school from half way through year 1 through to year 6 and during that time you were a wonderful support, we always felt that you were the 'rock' of school, goodness only knows how your position can be redundant. I remember you having to perform surgery on Max's finger while away at Longtown to remove a splinter!

We truly wish you well with your future, you will be greatly missed.

Very best wishes

Karen, Alex & Max Cooper

Allotment News

Early in 2016 Gayton Allotment Association successfully secured a grant of £2752 from South Northants Council. The application process was pretty hard work and I would like to thank everyone who contributed, including the Parish Council who's input helped oil the wheels of bureaucracy!

In order to qualify for the grant, the Allotment Committee had several hurdles to clear. I won't go into the details but the end result is that our way of doing business has been reviewed and made fit for 2016.

During the application process all members were asked how the grant money should be spent and the following projects were chosen:

Resurfacing of the entrance drive

Building a communal shed for plant swaps and sharing excess produce

Buying tables and a Gazebo for our annual allotment BBQ

Using any balance to buy ground cover fabric to cover vacant plots

In the event that further improvements are needed, we may apply for another grant, perhaps next time to the National Lottery. Raising money in this way enables us to keep our rents low and Gayton residents pay some of the lowest rents in the area.

Of course, all these facts and figures are very important but most people are more interested in doing some gardening! Spring is with us and increasing numbers of folk are coming out of hibernation and preparing their plots for the coming growing season. On the social side of things, we have our annual summer BBQ to look forward to and, as we have recently joined the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), there are plans afoot to use our membership to visit RHS gardens in the coming months.



For those of you who haven't yet sampled the delights of allotment gardening, just think of the benefits: fresh vegetables; good company; social events; exercise and fresh air and all this in a peaceful and pleasing setting. Sorry for my unashamed sales pitch but we do have a couple of vacant plots and Gayton folk are always welcome.

For more information please contact Rose Metcalfe. Phone 07907 702969
or email Rose to treasurergaytonallotments@btinternet.com

Thank you, Carl Hamilton

GAYTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

presents

Four exciting fundraising events for 2016

A Concert for Springtime

with

Gayton Festival Singers presenting a selection from Vivaldi's Gloria
Caroline Rankin & Friends (strings)

and

Seasonal Readings with actor Mike John

Saturday 16th April 7.30 pm - St Mary's Church Gayton
Adults £8 under 16s £4 - Ring 01604 859645 for tickets

OPEN GARDENS

An opportunity to visit some of Gayton's lovely gardens
Sunday 3rd July 1.00 – 5.00 pm.

Bric-a-brac, Books, Jigsaws, DVDs etc. at 12 St Mary's Court

Homemade cakes and cream teas at the church together with an exhibition of work by local
artist Judy Hamilton

Tickets from the church on the day

GALA CONCERT

We welcome back

Helen Swift, Jonathan French & Stephen Morris

for another glamorous evening of music and song

Friday 16th September 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Gayton

Last year's concert was a 'sell out' so book your tickets early for this very special event!

Ring 01604 859645 for tickets*

HARVEST SUPPER & QUIZ

Test your general knowledge with 'Quizmaster extraordinaire' Hilary Aslett and enjoy
fabulous homemade food prepared by our resident chefs without leaving the village!

Saturday 1st October 7.00 pm

Gayton Village Hall

Ring 01604 858884 for tickets*

* For ticket prices please visit www.gayton-northants.co.uk or look out for local advertising

*Gayton PCC has to raise over £7,000 each year to run our village church.
By supporting these events you are helping us to do this.*

News from South Northants Council (SNC)

SNC Budget

Council tax will rise by 2.95% for the first time since 2010 which will equate to £5 on Band D property up from £170.37 to £175.37.

Waste Recycling

SNC recycled 59.9% of all waste thanks to the blue bin and green bin schemes and the cooperation of the residents. SNC was best in Northamptonshire, best in East Midlands and 11th overall in the country.

Towcester Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE)

Persimmon Planning permission and legal S106 Agreements are in place since March 2015. Design Code and reserved matters are now with planning department and due to complete by June 16. Target date to start phase 1 is Oct this year with first occupation mid 2017. The Relief Road must be completed end to end on or before the occupation of 1017 homes, the approx target date is 2022, SNC are working with government and others to try to bring this forward. The funding to connect to the main road network is in the government five year plan but toward the end of it.

A43 Improvements

Coupled with the SUE improvements to Towcester, the Tove roundabout (Tesco/VW) has been improved and works are complete. Work is starting now to make improvements at the Abthorpe roundabout (McDonalds) which will run for approx 18 months.

Local Plan

SNC Local Plan part 2, will reconsider all the villages and confines. There will be consultation back to the parishes at various stages throughout, the plan is scheduled for adoption in Autumn 2018. The government require all councils to have a five year land supply, the formula is complex but approx 330 homes each year must be built. SNC currently have a 7 year land supply.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

SNC will adopt CIL with effect from 1 April 2016. This has been consulted upon with the development industry and will be used to pay for infrastructure in the district. It will apply to many of the smaller developments that did not pay S106 monies in the past. The charge applies to residential and new retail space. There are national exemptions within the regulations for houses built for your own use provided you live in it for at least 3 years after completion. The Parish Council is entitled to 15% of all CIL monies or 25% if there is an adopted Neighbourhood Plan in place, capped at £100 per existing house in the parish.

The Forum, Moat Lane Regeneration

SNC moved to the Forum over the Easter weekend in 2015. The first year has been successful with more people visiting the building and using the Library. The Forum houses SNCs offices, an Adult Learning facility, the Library and Registrars services for births, deaths and marriages. SNC are in discussions with the police about a front desk operation. The Tove Long Stay car park on Northampton Road is due to open spring 2016 providing 60 new spaces initially and 160 spaces when it is complete. The additional spaces will be accessible when road works at the Sacaracens Head side of the crossroads with A5 / Brackley Road are complete. These road works are linked to the development of Towcester South and will be done this year as the Towcester South houses cannot be occupied otherwise.

Cllr Karen Cooper - karencooper@mortimers.uk.com

Cllr Ann Addison - a_addison@btinternet.com

District Councillors for the Harpole & Grange Ward

Gayton, Rotherstrophe, Milton Malsor, Kislingbury & Harpole

South Northants Council

Diary dates for Gayton Village

March

Sunday 13 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk - meet at Fiveways
Monday 14 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall Committee Room
Sunday 20 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

April

Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communication at Gayton Church
Sunday 10 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk - meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 12 th	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreens – Village Hall - Speaker Barbara Knight on 'Travels in New Zealand'
Saturday 16 th	7.30pm	Spring Concert 'Gayton Festival Singers & Guests'
Sunday 17 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 24 th	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways
Thursday 28 th	10.30am	Gayton Evergreens – Spring Outing – details to be confirmed

May

Sunday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 8 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Monday 9 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall Committee Room
Tuesday 10 th	12.30pm	Gayton Evergreens – Village Hall - May buffet lunch
Sunday 15 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Friday 20 th	7.30pm	Jazz in the Church
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 24 th	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreens – Village Hall – Bingo

June

Sunday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 12 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Monday 13 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall Committee Room
Tuesday 14 th	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreens – Village Hall – Social afternoon & cream tea
Sunday 19 th	11.00am	Family Communication Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways
Thursday 30 th	11.00am	Gayton Evergreens – Summer Outing

July

Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 3 rd	1 – 5.00pm	Gayton Open Gardens
Tuesday 5 th	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreens – Village Hall - Strawberry tea & Tombola
Sunday 10 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Monday 11 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall Committee Room
Sunday 17 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 24 th	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

August

Thursday 4 th	10.30am	Gayton Evergreens – Village Hall – Morning Coffee
Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 14 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Sunday 21 st	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 28 th	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

September

Saturday 10 th	10am-6pm	Ride & Stride Day in support of The National Historic Churches Trust
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DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE SUMMER EDITION BY Wednesday June 1st 2016

TO: karencooper@mortimers.uk.com

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