

GAYTON NEWS

JUNE 2016



Keep cool this summer



'CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN' GAYTON LITTER-PICK WAS SUNDAY APRIL 3RD



For those of you who couldn't join us, on what was one of the nicest days this year, the photograph below shows what was collected. I'm sure you will agree that it is very sad that this much litter was collected since the last litter pick done in October - myself and Karen & Alex Cooper collected six bags on Bugbrooke Lane alone.

A big thank you to the following people who helped:

Barbara and Robin Kelso, Barry and Phil Steer, Claire and John Simmonds and two sons (aged six and eight), Garry Keel, Glenyss and Bob Woodcock, Jens Buus and Manja Ronne

Julie Wood, Karen and Alex Cooper, Pete Foster and family

Not forgetting Joan Wood who tirelessly arranges and caters the litter picks twice a year.

Regards

Julie 😊





WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR CLASS

CIRCUIT TRAINING KEEP FIT CLASS

AT PATTISHALL PARISH HALL

SATURDAYS EVERY WEEK FROM 8.45AM TO 9.45AM

ALL ABILITIES AND FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME!

We are an enthusiastic mixed group who meet every Saturday morning for a fun hour of exercise. Our class is supported by 2 fully qualified Fitness Instructors (Will Keeble and Jane Seely) who organise each session and provide guidance and encouragement. Their classes are designed for all levels, but whatever your starting point they will help you to improve your fitness and strength.

Typically a 1 hour class will include a group warm up to ensure everyone is ready for exercise, a series of exercise stations situated around the room which involve cardiovascular or weight bearing activities using equipment, group exercises concentrating on key areas of the body like core/abdominals, lower body and aerobic activity, and finally a group cool down and stretch to end the workout.

New members are always welcome so please come along and join in the fun!

Pattishall Parish Hall, School Road, Astcote, Northants. NN12 8NN - £5 per session.

For further details please contact David Keeble 01327 830792
keeble855@btinternet.com

A Concert for Springtime

A lovely evening was enjoyed by those who attended the Concert for Springtime in Gayton church on 16th April 2016.

In the first half, Gayton Festival Singers, conducted by Clare Pearce and accompanied by Christine Marson on piano, presented selected movements from Vivaldi's Gloria. The choral pieces were interspersed by solo items by Clare Pearce and Amanda Gibson, and readings by local actor Mike John.

The interval gave time for the audience to refresh themselves at the bar and have a chat with friends. Sales of raffle tickets were brisk and the lucky prize winners beamed with delight as their numbers were called.



After the interval things 'livened up a bit' with the choir being joined by some more very able performers. The talented 'Four Tunes String Quartet' played Miniature String Quartet by Joubert and young violinist James Gudd presented a very entertaining and accomplished rendition of Bathwater Blues by Malcolm Miles. Cellist Caroline Rankin gave a beautiful performance of Vivaldi's 6th Cello Sonata which clearly displayed her incredible musical skills. Both James and Caroline were accompanied in their pieces by the wonderful Christine Marson on piano.

Gayton Festival Singers added some of their favourite songs to the mix including pieces by John Rutter, Bob Chilcott, Leonard Cohen and Gordon Sumner (Sting). Amanda Gibson and Andy Needham sang 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square' and Mike John entertained us with a wide variety of poems ranging from the prologue to Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' read in Middle English (!), to 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. Mike's light Welsh accent certainly made the readings something special.

The concert ended with the usual encore. The whole company came together to sing 'You Raise Me Up' (Westlife) and everyone went home smiling.

A huge thank you to all who made this concert the success it was.

David Coppock

GAYTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Presents

Three more exciting fundraising events for 2016

OPEN GARDENS

An opportunity to visit some of Gayton's lovely gardens and allotments
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 £4 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!
Tickets now on sale!
£13 adults £6 under 16s

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

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.

Gayton & Tiffield Community Minibus

Hi Everyone

Well summer is here at last, so we can archive the minibus de-icer for a while and dust off the Bikinis, Mankinis and buckets and spades ready for the annual summer heatwave!

Sadly our current rota from June - September is the first for over 28 years that doesn't include Mike Fountain from Tiffield. What an amazing contribution to our communities especially as his wife Alison also drove for over 12 years - so between them they clocked up over 41 years of driving and Mike even stood in as Co-ordinator when needed.



Amazing people do amazing things - so again our thanks to Mike and Alison.

With our new drivers; Cate Gardener, Andy Tennett, Sue and Peter Thomas and Geoff Wilkins joining Steve Jowers and Phil Leggett from Tiffield and with Jens and Manja and David Coppock from Gayton, we now have a total of six Tuesday drivers and five on Friday now that Mike has left.

So with the exception of Geoff, Manja and yours truly who have 4 drives, all the other drivers have 3 drives in the 4 month rota period - which is a greatly improved situation on early last year.

Again our passenger numbers reflect the recent loss several regular users and the number of users of the Tuesday service into Northampton has been particularly low.

So we all need to ensure that our communities are aware of the need to **actually use the service** to ensure that we can continue to operate to Northampton and Towcester on a regular scheduled basis. Therefore please spread the word that we do need our communities to use the service for it to continue to operate our scheduled services and to provide a valuable community resource for local clubs, organisations as well as individuals.

Our thanks to everyone in our communities, our Parish Councils and of course especially our drivers and passengers for your help and support in keeping our village Minibus service going for an amazing 30+ years!

Rae Spencer 01327 353352 - rae.spencer@btopenworld.com

Mobile 07784 - 561268

GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

Our first meeting in March was a Musical Afternoon with Graham Kinnersley. He presented a Story and Musical Quiz which was great fun. Our second meeting was a Fish and Chip Lunch. This is always a popular event - what isn't to like about freshly cooked fish and chips followed by home made puds and tea or coffee, eaten with friends?

In April Barbara Knight came to talk to us about her travels in New Zealand. It was most interesting to learn about the country and to see Barbara's the lovely photographs. Our Spring outing was to Buckingham Garden Centre. Members enjoyed a browse around the shop and a lunch in the restaurant. Sadly the weather was rather chilly so only very hardy souls took the opportunity to look at the plants in the nursery. Thank you once again to David Coppock for driving the minibus.

At the beginning of May there was another chance to enjoy food and good company at the May Lunch. Members were offered a two course buffet lunch with tea or coffee to follow. Our next meeting in May was a Bingo afternoon with plenty of prizes to be won!

The committee and members are very grateful to David Coppock, Anna Fox, Penny Taylor and Viv Watterson for their help at the Fish and Chip and May lunch. The committee and members would also like to thank the Gayton Alms Charity for their continued financial support.

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:

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| Tuesday 14 th June | Social Afternoon and Cream Tea in the Village Hall |
| Wednesday 29 th June | Summer Outing - venue to be confirmed |
| Tuesday 5 th July | Strawberry Tea with sandwiches and cakes |
| Tuesday 13 th September | Oakhouse Foods demonstration, talk and tastings |
| Thursday 29 th September | Outing, venue to be confirmed |
| Friday 14 th October | Fish and Chip Lunch |

Our annual fund raising Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 4th August from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. There will be a variety of stalls including Tombola, bring and buy, cakes and a raffle. Please support this event, the money raised helps to pay for club activities.

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 EVERGREEN CLUB

Coffee Morning

Thursday 4th August

10.30 - 12.00noon
Gayton Village Hall

Everyone welcome



Tombola, raffle, bring and buy, plants, cakes and produce. Refreshments - Free Admission

How to keep your cool this summer!



Anti-social behaviour at the play area on the Village Green

Gayton Parish Council has been in contact with the Police regarding anti-social behaviour at the play area on the Village Green. Fires are being lit in the play area, in the corner, next to a wooden fence and underneath a fir tree. So far there has been no serious damage but obviously this is an unlawful act, it is a hazard and potentially very dangerous. This is something that the Parish Council supported by the Police will not tolerate.

The Parish Council and Police take this very seriously. The response from the Police is below:

If you do see anything or know who these people are but don't wish to contact the Police please email or telephone me.

Regards

Karen Cooper

Chairman to Gayton Parish Council

07753 638 180 / 01604 859684

karencooper@mortimers.uk.com

Response from the Police

Are there any witnesses to the anti-social behaviour and lighting of fires? Please contact me directly with any information such as names of those involved, and dates and times of incidents to assist with patrols, as this will enable me to make home visits to speak to any involved young people and parents. Please could anyone witnessing any form of anti-social behaviour at this location report it at the time to the Police on 101 and in any emergency 999. I have copied in colleagues at Towcester who will pay passing attention to the play area at the location of the village green/village hall.

Kindest regards

Jen

PCSO 7041 Jen Harrison |Police Community Support Officer |Towcester Safer Community Team

Towcester Police Station, Watling Street, Towcester, NN126DE

Tel 101 | Ext 344275

Email Address jen.harrison@northants.police.uk

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Northamptonshire Police: Putting Communities First

Website www.northants.police.uk

Twitter – for regular updates follow @TowcesterSCT and @PCSO7041



Gayton Church Heritage Trust

The revival of Jazz in the Church, by Karen and Alex Cooper was a great success. On Friday 20th May the jazz quintet led by Richard Exhall and Amy Roberts was a most enjoyable evening and the first of our events this year. All other events can be found on the calendar printed in this edition of Gayton News or by looking on the village website and also by following the regular updates from Julie Wood.

The money raised to keep Gayton Church in a good state of repair comes from events such as Jazz in the Church. Grants are another source of funding and have to be applied for. Gayton Parish Council has awarded grants to GCHT in the past and more recently a grant from The New Homes Bonus Scheme. The funding is administered by South Northamptonshire Council and allocated to Parish Councils for community projects. GCHT applied for £4,000 to improve areas in the church where the central heating competes with drafts. The worst places are the small Saxon door in the bell tower and the high clerestory and the windows above the central aisle. Out of the £4,000 grant applied for, only £1,134 has been spent to reduce the drafts around the door. The remainder of the grant has been returned to SNC for Gayton Parish Council to make available for other community projects in the village.

A County trust, Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust (NHCT) granted money to Gayton Church to repair the tower and weather vane in 2009. NHCT raises between £30- £35,000 each year for churches in the County from the annual Sponsored, Ride and Stride which this year will take place on Saturday 10th September. Entrants from Gayton wishing to take part will start and finish at St Mary's Church and can obtain sponsor forms on the day or offer a donation to NHCT. The list of churches open from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm will be available from July onwards for a pleasant day to be planned to cycle or walk to churches that are open and in such lovely villages. There is an incentive for churches to take part in that they are then eligible to apply for a grant from Northampton Historic Churches Trust in addition half the money raised locally on the day of the Ride and Stride is retained by the host church.

I intend to serve cream teas and cakes in our church on September 10th and donations to help boost the takings would be welcome including any offers of help. All are most welcome to enjoy a cuppa in the Church. Squash and biscuits will be available for the entrants in the NHCT Ride and Stride. I hope that many bikers, hikers and cake eaters from the village will be keen to take part this year, in particular because the 2015 Quinquennial Structural Report on Gayton Church stated that the roof is a cause for concern, in other words - a new church roof may be required. Thank you.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

TADD - (Towcester and District Door to Door)

In January this year I joined TADD as a voluntary driver. We provide transport (on average 52 trips per day) to enable our elderly and vulnerable members to attend their medically related appointments. If you have some spare time could you please consider driving for TADD. Mileage is paid by clients to drivers and there are special arrangements for TADD drivers regarding parking when visiting hospitals. I have found it very worthwhile. I've met so many lovely people and made some friends too. You can volunteer for as much or as little time as you like. Please contact Maggie Down 01327 810300, Clerk to Paulerspury Parish Council. Or you can email or call me for more information (my details are below).

Dog Fouling

There have been many reports of dog fouling within the village. Some time ago the SNC dog warden said he would put up some 'no fouling' signs, do some patrols and talk to dog walkers to make sure they had 'poo bags'. Unfortunately he hasn't managed to visit yet. If you wish to complain then please go to <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/dog-fouling.htm> or call 01327 322322. If more complaints are received it might encourage the dog warden to visit.

NHW

It has been pretty quiet in Gayton as usual since my last report. We had a few unsavoury characters knocking on doors in April offering double glazing. Please remember never to answer your door to any uninvited people.

Some outbuildings have been burglarised and mowers etc were taken. Please be careful to lock up your gardening tools and ensure expensive mowing/ride-on equipment is stored safely.

There have been a few incidents of fires being lit on the grass at the children's play area. Our PCSO, Jen Harrison, requests that if you have any information, such as names and/or dates and times of incidents, contact her directly on 101 Ext 344275. This will assist the patrols and will enable her to make home visits to speak to any young people involved and their parents.

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 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 of the NHW team.

If you know of anyone joining or leaving the village please let me know so I can amend the database and issue a 'Welcome to Gayton' letter where relevant.

Any non-emergency incidents or crimes should be reported by telephoning 101. There is also a report online section that can be found on Northamptonshire police Website www.northants.police.uk. Emergencies must be reported by dialling 999.

GALA CONCERT

ST MARY'S CHURCH GAYTON

Helen Swift & Jonathan French
are once again joined by acclaimed clarinetist
Steve Morris



Friday 16th September

2016 7.30 pm

**Adults £13 Students and
under 16s £6**

Includes sparkling wine & canapés on arrival

For tickets ring 01604 859645 or 07792 630543

**Why not dress to impress on this
glamorous occasion?**

Raising money for Gayton Church



GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

This is a social club for the over 55's in Gayton and its surrounding villages. Currently we have about 36 members who pay a subscription of £15 per year. We receive some financial support from the Gayton Alms Charity and hold fund raising events such as the annual Coffee Morning in August.

Meetings are generally on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Outings are usually arranged to take place on a Thursday so the Community Minibus can be used for transport. The calendar of activities includes speakers, bingo, May Lunch, Fish and Chip Lunches, Christmas Lunch, Quiz and Cream Tea, Strawberry Tea, Musical Afternoons and day and afternoon outings to places of interest usually involving food!

Our Annual General Meeting is held in January when a committee is appointed for the coming year.

Carol Coppock
Secretary Gayton Evergreens Club

Churchyard Tidy-up

Saturday 16th July 9.30 am – 12.00 noon

Bring your own tools/machinery/
wheelbarrow etc.

Tea/coffee and biscuits provided

Please call David Coppock on
859645 if you are able to help.



Supporting your village Church!

St Mary the Virgin



No doubt you will be made well aware of looming events connected to our church through other contributors to *Gayton News* and wider publicity closer to the times, so suffice to say here we are all looking forward to the weekends of the *Gayton Open Gardens, Gala Concert* on the 16th Sept and *Ride and Stride* also in September so that we

can be a little nosey, feel well entertained and proud of our exertions respectively. Not to forget the *Harvest Festivities* later in the year too.

Hopefully many of you who have passed by or passed through the Church Yard this spring and early summer have again marvelled at the wide array of wild flowers on show. You may have also noticed we have tried even harder to keep a check on the grass this year in the key areas of the grounds, for this we need to thank the kind folk who volunteer their lawn mowers and time to keep the areas looking as smart as they can, James Foster certainly warrants a special mention for all he has been doing in there.

If you are feeling a little left out and would like to do your bit, please feel free to do so at any time and in particular on the 16th July when another *Church Yard Tidy-Up* session had been scheduled.

On the formalities front, the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings were recently held during which the Church Wardens were appointed for the coming year, again David and Andy have accepted the roles. Carol Coppock is again the Treasurer and Jenny Hinds the Secretary, both of these tasks can be quite onerous and so those of us on the Church Council and those who attend the church at any stage during the year should be very appreciative of these secretive mini-heroes. Alison Foster is again a member of the PCC but we had to say farewell and many thanks Carolyn Estall who has had to stand down ahead of a move to pastures new, your input will be sorely missed.

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

The Rectory, Church Street, Pattishall, Northants NN12 8NB
Tel: 01327 830573



Gayton Primary School

Para Olympian Visit

Basketball Para Olympian, Clare Strange, came into school last term to talk to the children about her career and gave the children an opportunity to play wheelchair Basketball. We look forward to seeing Clare again on the 4th July for the opening of our Federation Sports day at Stoke Bruerne.

On the 20th May Gayton Primary School celebrated The Queen's Birthday. Stoke Bruerne Primary School joined us as we had an exciting day of activities including biscuit making, quizzes, building the Queens Palace and lots more. The weather held out for us so all the children could enjoy their tasty buffet lunch, which was provided by all the parents, on the school playground. After lunch we all went onto the village green to enjoy games and fun at the park. It was a great opportunity for the children to come together and have a day of fun filled activities and make new friends with children from the other Federation Schools.



Gayton Primary School



It is hard to believe that we are in the summer term with only weeks left of the school year!

However, I do know that the children have all been working very hard and are looking forward to their six week break.

I hope they get lots of sunshine to enjoy the outdoors while they are off.

Swimming

Over the last couple of terms, KS2 pupils have been enjoying weekly swimming lessons. The pupils get picked up by coach from school and then taken to the Gateway Pool in Tiffield where they all have an hours swimming lesson. This has been a fun and exciting learning opportunity for the children.

Summer Fete

Everyone at school is looking forward to our annual Summer Fete which will be on **Saturday 2nd July from 1pm on the village green.** There will be a raffle with great prizes, a BBQ, craft stalls, games, guess the teddy, tombola's and much more! We hope to see you there to show your support for the school and local community.

KS1 are having lots of fun working on their topic 'Where the wild things are'. They have been learning about all sorts of mini beasts and searching for them in the local environment. This week, they have received caterpillars and over the coming weeks will watch them grow and hatch into beautiful butterflies. Zoolab will be coming into school with a selection of reptiles for the children to learn about and handle. These will include a bearded dragon, giant land snail, corn snake plus many more.

KS2 have been working on 'That's Life'. They have been learning about the different parts of the body and how they work. They have been talking about different food groups and the importance of a balanced diet and exercise. Whilst studying the heart and circulatory system, they dissected a lamb's heart to see the different chambers and arteries.

This week, KS2 had a new pupil join their class - Felicity Harris. All staff and pupils welcome Felicity and her family to the school.

Children throughout all year groups have had an opportunity to enjoy after school clubs including Football on the village green with Mr Hollis and also Mad Science watching spectacular demonstrations, hands-on activities, and making learning about science fun for the children!

Gayton School Summer

FETE

Sat. 2nd July 2016 1pm

CRAFTS *~* **GAMES**

KART RUN *AND* **TOMBOLAS**

CAKES *AND* **TEA ROOM**

DANCING *AND* **STOCKS**

BBQ ★ *~* **ICE CREAM**

RAFFLE *~* **BOTTLE STALL**

GUESS THE TEDDY

Gayton Village Green

NN7 3EU

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!



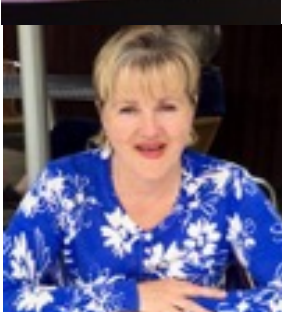
Karen Cooper. I have lived in the village with my husband Alex and our son Max, for 21 years. I am your Chairman to Gayton Parish Council and Joint District Councillor with Cllr Ann Addison, for the Harpole & Grange Ward. I am newly appointed to the Cabinet at SNC, my Portfolio is Community Engagement & Wellbeing.



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 9 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

GAYTON OPEN GARDENS DAY

Sunday July 3rd

1 – 5pm



Don't forget, we shall be holding our usual Books and Bric-a-Brac stalls in aid of Gayton Church at 12 St. Mary's Court on Sunday July 3rd at 11.am.

Please let us have any books, especially paperbacks, that you may have finished with, jigsaws, and objects (in good condition) suitable for sale on the Bric-a-Brac stall.

We shall be accepting items from Monday June 27th onwards.

Many thanks, Barry and Wendy Steer

This has been a very successful Church fund raising event for a number of years. Many villagers get involved but we are always looking for extra help. If you are able to open your garden (it doesn't have to be perfect!) or help for an hour with serving refreshments in the church or could perhaps bake a cake please contact Joy Ayre (858837) or Carol Coppock (859645).

This year there are 7 gardens open plus the allotments, which are opening for the first time. Barry and Wendy Steer are once again setting up their stall at 12 St Mary's Court selling books, DVDs, jig-saw puzzles and bric-a-brac. Judy Hamilton (Gayton's Local Artist) is exhibiting a selection of her work in the church. Please support this event in any way you can.

Thank you

Would you like to 'Advertise' in the Gayton News

Adverts for Fundraising events held in the village, for the village are FREE

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Stephen Mold



Stephen is the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire. Stephen is happily married to Nikki and has a young family and are seeing first-hand how wonderful & challenging bringing up children in the modern world can be.

Stephen had a normal upbringing; climbing trees, playing football and then joining the Air Training Corps. This taught him tolerance, how to work with others through team-work, the importance of taking responsibility and the value of public service. Over the last 30 years, Stephen worked his way up through the ranks, from his first job unloading lorries through various senior roles onto running his own

business. Stephen is passionate about making sure everyone gets their opportunity to make the most of their lives. As the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, Stephen wants to ensure victims are put at the heart of everything he does. He is focused on addressing the problem with alcohol and drug fuelled crime across Northamptonshire, as well as working to end domestic violence. In addition to this, he also wants to make sure that the towns and villages of Northamptonshire are safe for children and free from those who wish to harm them, either physically or online. Stephen is committed to protecting the number of frontline officers and believes that there is an ever increasing opportunity to exploit new technologies, to enable more officers to be visible on the streets of Northamptonshire tackling the issues important to local residents; rather than being stuck at stations filling out paperwork. To contact Stephen email Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk or post to:

Police and Crime Commissioner, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, NN4 0JQ

Gayton Harvest Supper & Quiz Night - Don't miss it Saturday 1 October at 7.30pm in Gayton Village Hall



Something for your diaries and calendar, this year's 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.

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

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](mailto:lynda@riecken.co.uk) or

Barry Steer: Tel 01604 8588886: [email barrywendysteer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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.

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**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.

Northamptonshire Natural History Society Journal Issue 281 April 2016

I send thanks to Jens Buss for passing on to me his copy of the Northamptonshire Natural History Society Journal, issue 281 dated April 2016.

Pages 37 to 39 include interesting editorial of village signs in our surrounding area, and non-less than our very own **Gayton Village Sign**, which is just finishing its restoration period and about to be re-erected on our Village Green. Thanks go out to Carl & Judy Hamilton for their hard work in the restoration process.

Below is the editorial which Jens has shared with us all:

Northamptonshire Village Signs - Part Four By John Starkey

“This series of articles was commissioned by the previous editors of the Journal, prompted by a fully illustrated talk given to the Society. The prohibitive cost of printing all of the village signs in colour precluded a full report and a representative selection was chosen instead. Previous articles introduced the variety of signs and looked at traditional materials and design, and those which are all metal. (As is our Gayton Village Sign).

Some villages employ an unusual material for the sign. Great Oxendon has a large granite disc resting beside the main road; the sign at Laxton is an elaborate wooden structure reminiscent of a village well; at Southwick the sign erected to mark the accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II is made of cement. One or two signs include brickwork: at Hargrave and Braybrooke; and Cogenhoe where the base is also decorated, as is the base at Great Houghton. Little Irchester village sign stands on a coal oven.

So different in style and material that it may not really qualify as a "village sign", is the free-standing sundial below the church in Wadenhoe, but, like many village signs locally, it was erected to mark the second millennium and it has the village name boldly carved round the rim.

Among my personal favourites, in the traditional style, are those at Brigstock (a detailed double-sided sign), Chipping Warden which includes a pig (as does Guilsborough, but that is another story), Deanshanger with wonderful "children's drawings"

Gayton, where the scene of horse riders passing in front of the church regularly comes to life for the visitor.

Karen



Allotment News

Spring has arrived with some chilly nights and temperatures generally low for the time of year. This is not ideal from a gardening perspective but it will at least provide a good excuse for any crop failures we suffer later in the year! Despite the usual meteorological ups and downs, allotment holders have been busy and the site looks great, what a lovely spot to spend some time on a spring day.

There are a few things on the drawing board for the coming months. Members will be visiting RHS Wisely in June and although it isn't clear yet how big the party will be, at least a dozen will be going. Transport will be organised to suit the size of the group, a mini bus or private cars being the most likely approach. The allotments will be open to visitors on the Gayton Open Gardens day in July. There will be a member of the allotment society on hand to show people around and answer (basic!) questions for any visitor's uninitiated in the art of vegetable gardening. Members are planning a community garden with our new shed (which will be bought with the grant we received from the Council) at its centre, an exciting project that aims to use all recycled materials and volunteer labour and by next year provide a lovely spot to take a break, sit and eat a sandwich or maybe even drink a G&T! It will also be an ideal spot to hold our annual BBQ - the next one being scheduled for July 2016. The council will be resurfacing the road outside the allotment gate in June and that will stop water running onto the allotment and eroding the driveway. Once the council work has finished we will turn our attention to our own resurfacing project. That and the community shed will use up most of the grant we secured in January. I'm fairly certain that there are a lot of you out there wondering why on earth we allotment gardeners want to work so hard in order to share our crops with pigeons, rabbits and an army of pests too vast to mention? Well, some of us strive to be entirely self-sufficient in vegetables, an ambition that is entirely achievable with a reasonable sized plot, a greenhouse or poly-tunnel and a bit of hard work. Most folk don't have such big plans and prefer smaller, more manageable plots. You can still harvest a lot from even a really small plot, especially when you get more experienced and make the best use of your space. I think what these members are looking for is some fresh air, good company, a bit of physical work and maybe a bit of a challenge. We have no vacant plots at the moment but don't let that you put off applying as there are usually one or two coming up. Our plan is to reduce the size of our plots in general over the coming years, some plot holders wishing to downsize may be able to accommodate a new member wishing to start with something small and manageable. That isn't to say that you can't have a big plot if you want to approach veg growing on an industrial scale, ideal if you like the idea of being self-sufficient in vegetables (some exotic varieties may need a greenhouse or poly tunnel if they're to flourish). Be warned though, so don't delay, come and sample the delights of allotment gardening, lovely fresh vegetables, lots of fresh air and of course the company of like-minded folk with an interest in horticulture. For more information please contact Rose Metcalfe. Phone 07907 702969 or email Rose to treasurergaytonallotments@btinternet.com

Thank you, Carl Hamilton

NHW Street Wardens

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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

Church updates from Reverend Marion Reynolds

Did you know that the easiest way to ensure that your regular giving to your church is maximised at no cost in money, time of effort to yourself is to give through Peterborough Diocese? You can set up a standing order mandate payable to the diocese who will then give the money plus the tax refund (presuming you are a UK tax payer) to your church every month. For details ask the church treasurer or Reverend Marion Reynolds.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, 8th June 11am - 3pm (from TV Bargain Hunt, For What It's Worth, Antiques Road Trip, Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is). Refreshments are available with any profit from sale of them to St Luke's church.

w/e 18th & 19th June - Pattishall Gardens Open culminating in Evensong to celebrate our gardens at 5pm in Holy Cross

Prayer breakfast is on Saturday, 25th June at 8:30 - 9:30am at The Rectory. Come along for breakfast, chat and time of prayer for our benefice and all who are in need.

30th June, 7:30pm open Deanery Synod meeting at Holy Cross. Ben Smith our Archdeaconry advisor on buildings and grants will be the speaker. All are welcome to attend

From the registers:

Holy Baptism

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| 1 st May | Holy Cross | Rebecca Jayne Anthistle |
| 8 th May | St Luke's | Elizabeth Grace Dickins |
| 8 th May | St Luke's | Philippa Charlotte Dickins |
| 29 th May | St Luke's | Annabel Mary Eleanor Spicer |

Readings - June 2016

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| 5 th June (Proper 5) | 1Kings 17: 17 - end Ps 30 Gal 1: 11 - end Luke 7: 11 - 17 |
| 12 th June (Proper 6) | 2Sam 11: 26 - 12:10, 13 - 15 Ps 32 Gal 2:15 - end Luke 7:36 - 8:3 |
| 19 th June (Proper 7) | Isa 65: 1 - 9 Ps 22: 19 - 28 Gal 3: 23 - 29 Luke 8: 26 - 39 |
| 26 th June (Proper 8) | 1Kgs 19: 15 - 16, 19 -21 Ps 16 Gal 5: 1, 13 - 25 Luke 9: 51 - end |

Service rota - June 2016

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| 5 th June | 8:00am | BCP Holy Communion | Pattishall |
| | 9:30am | ½ hour service | Pattishall |
| | 9:30am | CW Holy Communion | Gayton |
| | 11:00am | CW Holy Communion (said) | Cold Higham |
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| 12 th June | 9:30am | CW Holy Communion | Tiffield |
| | 9:30am | Family Worship | Cold Higham |
| | 11:00am | CW Holy Communion | Pattishall |
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| 19 th June | 8:00am | BCP Holy Communion | Pattishall |
| | 9:30am | CW Holy Communion | Cold Higham |
| | 9:30am | Morning Prayer | Tiffield |
| | 11:00am | CW Family Communion | Gayton |
| | 5:00pm | BCP Evensong | Pattishall |
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| 26 th June | 9:30am | CW Holy Communion | Pattishall |
| | 11:00am | Family Service | Tiffield |
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| 3 rd July | 8:00am | BCP Holy Communion | Pattishall |
| | 9:30am | ½ hour service | Pattishall |
| | 9:30am | CW Holy Communion | Gayton |
| | 11:00am | CW Holy Communion (said) | Cold Higham |

From the Rector

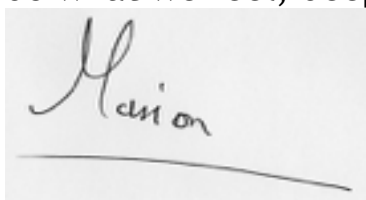
As I write this we are being continually bombarded by accusation and counter-accusation, scaremongering, a plethora of unsubstantial and unsubstantiated facts (presented as absolute truth), misleading headlines and much more. It gets to the point where a lot of folk are just plain fed-up, exasperated and bored with the whole thing. What am I talking about? The EU referendum.

I would never be so presumptuous as to tell people how they should vote but I have absolutely no qualms about saying that I feel there is no excuse for not voting. We are very privileged in the UK in that we have universal suffrage, a thing which even 100 years ago was unthinkable. Therefore, if we fail to use our vote, we don't have any right to criticise or moan if we don't agree with the outcome. In many countries, voting is compulsory but not in the UK (some would say why not?). We also have a good example in Jesus. Albeit, this was not about voting but it is so closely related and relevant: Jesus was asked if it was right to pay taxes or not. His answer was to take a coin and ask whose likeness was on it. When the answer came, Caesar's, Jesus said to give to Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God that which is God's. St Paul also told us that we need to obey those earthly rulers put in authority over us. The principle is the same, if it is a civil (moral) or legal requirement, you can't ignore it.

Before 1918, the vote was restricted not simply by sex but also by property qualifications. Roughly 60% of adult men were then entitled to vote. The 1918 Act brought more than eight million women into the electorate; but, for the first time, it also enfranchised more than five million men over the age of 21 without regard to property or class. The Bill was passed in the House of Commons by 385 votes in favour to 55 against. The repressive male Establishment of the time voted 7-1 in favour of votes for some women (restricted at that point by age and property qualifications) and all men over the age of 21. It wasn't until the 1928 Act that women were on equal terms with men.

That all sounds rather political, doesn't it; but I don't mean it to be so. I think facts like the above make it so much more important that we, as Christians, remember what God has done -that he made male and female; that St Paul tells us that, in God's sight there is no male and female, ... slave and free, ...; everyone has equal status and their voice should be heard.

It is so easy to get caught up in all the hype surrounding the EU referendum. Again, we could take a look at Jesus to help us. What did he do when he had an important decision to make? He prayed! Let us too pray that God will guide us to do what we feel, deep down is the correct place to put our X on 23rd June.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mission". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

St Mary's Church

Gayton Church Heritage Trust continues its programme of events through 2016

Ride & Stride Day in support of The National Historic Churches Trust
Saturday 10 September 2016 10am - 6pm

Harvest Festival with the Gayton Festival Singers
Collection for Towcester Food Bank & The Hope Centre - Sunday 2 October 5.30pm

All Souls Service
Sunday 6 November 2016 3.00pm

Remembrance Service
Collection for a Charity for Service Personnel
Sunday 13 November 2016 5.30pm

Christmas Entertainment
Sunday 4 December 2016 4.30pm

Carol Service with the Gayton Festival Singers & Gayton School
Sunday 11 December 2016 5.30pm

Christmas Day Service
Collection for a Charity for the Homeless
Sunday 25 December 9.30am

For further details regarding any of these events please contact
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Gayton's 13th Jazz Concert in the Church



People from Gayton and surrounding villages enjoyed a fantastic 13th Jazz Concert in Gayton Church on Friday evening, 20 May.

The Richard Exall & Amy Roberts Quintet joined by Alan Haughton playing the piano, Bill Coleman with his Double Bass and Clark Tracey playing the drums entertained us with their vast range of jazz styles, from early jazz and swing to contemporary fusion and latin jazz.

John Shaw with the support of Lois, Barry & Wendy, Anna, Margery, Robin, Pete and others, have worked tremendously hard over the past 9 years giving us 12 wonderful Jazz Concerts here in the Church and raising over £13,000. We thank you all very much.

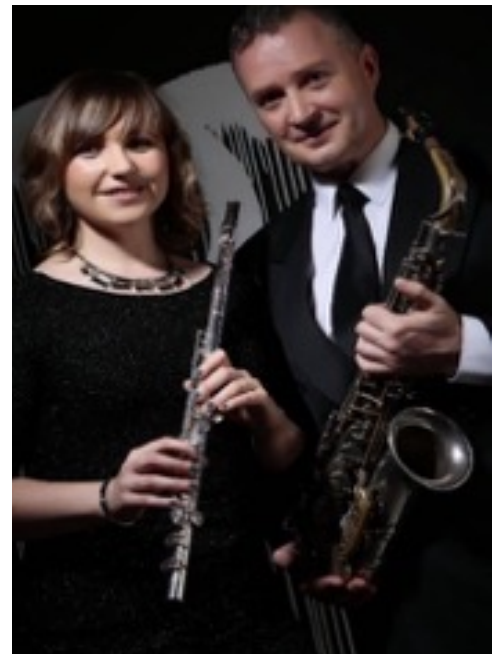
After the 12th Concert last year John announced his retirement, but he didn't quite get away with it! With his wealth of knowledge and expertise John supported me in organising the 13th Jazz concert. Earlier this year I became a Trustee of Gayton Church Heritage Trust, which registered as a Charity in 2005. The aims of the Trust are modernisation and preservation of the Church. The group of Trustees supported by residents in the village organise social events like this to raise much needed funds for our Church.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped bring this wonderful evening together, John, Anna, Pete, Alex, Barry, Sharon & Hannah.

Roll on the 14th Jazz Concert!

Best wishes

Karen



GAYTON WALKERS

The regulars still meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10am. We manage to find different areas to try out and a pub in the area afterwards.

It would be nice to see some new faces as we don't walk for more than 2 hours at a leisurely pace, admiring the views and doing a fair bit of chattering. How else do we find out what is going on in the Parish!

Do come and give it a try.

Meet at Fiveways crossroads on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10am.



Song. O spirit of the Summer-time
By William Allingham

**O spirit of the Summer-time!
Bring back the roses to the dells;
The swallow from her distant
clime,
The honey-bee from drowsy cells.**

**Bring back the friendship of the
sun;
The gilded evenings calm and late,
When weary children homeward run,
And peeping stars bid lovers wait.**

**Bring back the singing; and the scent
Of meadow-lands at dewy prime;
Oh, bring again my heart's content,
Thou Spirit of the Summer-time!**



Diary dates for Gayton Village

June

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| Sunday 4 th | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Saturday 10 th | 10am-6pm | Ride & Stride Day in support of The National Historic Churches Trust |
| Sunday 11 th | 10am | Gayton Walkers - monthly walk - meet at Fiveways |
| Monday 12 th | 7.30pm | Gayton Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall |
| Tuesday 13 th | 2.30pm | Demonstration, talk and food tasting by Oakham Foods - Village Hall |
| Friday 16 th | 7.30pm | Gala Concert - St Mary's Church |
| Sunday 18 th | 11.00am | Family Communion Service, Gayton Church |
| Sunday 25 th | 10.30am | Gayton Cyclists - monthly ride - meet at Fiveways |
| Thursday 29 th | 11.00-3pm | Autumn Outing - details TBC |

October

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| Saturday 1 st | 7pm | Harvest supper & Quiz - Village Hall |
| Sunday 2 nd | 9.30am | Holy Communion, Gayton Church |
| Sunday 9 th | 10am | Gayton Walkers - monthly walk - meet at Fiveways |
| Monday 10 th | 7.30pm | Gayton Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall |
| Friday 14 th | 12.30pm | Evergreens - Fish & Chip Lunch - Village Hall |
| Sunday 16 th | 11am | Family Communion Service, Gayton Church |
| Sunday 23 rd | 10.30am | Gayton Cyclists - monthly ride - meet at Fiveways |
| Tuesday 23 rd | 10.30am | Evergreens - TBC |

November

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| Sunday 6 th | 9.30am | Holy Communion, Gayton Church |
| " | 3.30pm | All Souls Service, Gayton Church |

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