

GAYTON NEWS

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ELVIS IS COMING

(a. k. a. Andy Kelso)



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2016 at 7pm

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

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Gayton Village Hall Management Committee

The management committee number only 4 (David Ayre, Joan Adams, Jens Buus and Mark Leeding). With no enquiries from volunteers to serve on the management committee we are considering alternatives to encourage Village Hall user input into managing the Hall. The first plan is to place a 'suggestion box' in a prominent place in the Village Hall – so if you are a user of the Village Hall and have ideas how we can improve our social venue please let the management committee know.

The summer months were quiet with respect to activities in the Village Hall. However the last couple of months have seen increased use with the start of the Table Tennis season and the advent of some new regular users.

Your Village Hall continues to be one of the cheapest venues in Northamptonshire for social events, clubs, activities and children's parties. Please continue to use your Village Hall.

David Ayre
Chair of Gayton Village Hall Management Committee
November 2016

Village Hall Hire Charges

The village hall can be hired from as little as £15 (£11 for the committee room) for a wide range of social activities.

If you require the Hall for a Private Function then charges start from £60 (where alcohol will be sold an appropriate licence can be obtained from South Northants Council).

Further information is available at www.gayton-northants.co.uk/services//villagehall.html
Or contact Joan Adams for bookings – 01604 859416.

Gayton Parish Council



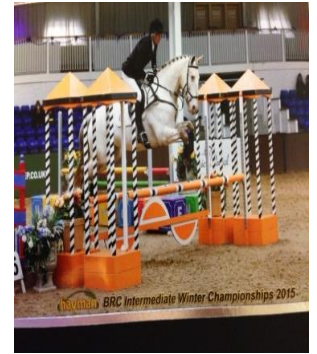
Viv Hartley. I've lived in Gayton most of my life and clerked for the Parish Council since 1991. I have 4 children who all attended Campion, you'll often see me round the village with dogs or bicycles. Tea is my favourite tippie!

Karen Cooper. I have lived in the village with my husband Alex and our son Max, for 22 years. I am your Chairman to Gayton Parish Council and Joint District Councillor with Cllr Ann Addison, for the Harpole & Grange Ward. I have been appointed to the Cabinet at SNC, my Portfolio is Community Engagement & Wellbeing.



Rod Poxon. I moved to Gayton in 1983, joined the Parish Council in 1998 and became Chairman. I 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. I am the PC's internal auditor and 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 10 years.



Julie Wood. I live at 4 Brittain Cottages with my husband Peter, our 2 dogs Oliver & Bella, & 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. I volunteer for TADD, Towcester & District Door to Door, taking people without transport to their doctors & hospital appointments.



Carl Hamilton. I spent my formative years in the Orkney Islands. I put my roots down in Gayton 2001. 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 PC 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, 2 dogs, a cat and 3 guinea pigs! I am a Mental Health Social Worker by profession.



James Foster. I live in Deans Row with my wife and two daughters, who both attend the village school. I lived in Gayton until I was 10 years old. We bought our home here in 2003. I am a Mechanical Engineer by trade. I wanted to join the parish council to help maintain and try to improve our lovely village in some small way.

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GAYTON WALKERS

We continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10am, come and join us.



We recently explored Paulerspury and Pury End and previously discovered some footpaths between Astcote, Eastcote and Pattishall and recovered at The Eastcote Arms, possibly our nearest pub.

Colin & Sue Simmonds plan to lead the walk on December 11th to Ravensthorpe with lunch at The Chequers Inn, for those that want. So, it is not ALL walking!
Robin Kelso 01604 857585

Gayton & Tiffield Community Minibus



Hi Everyone

Well there haven't been many bikinis and 'speedos' on the recent Minibus runs as we get back to the rain, frost and ice of the winter months.

We held our sixth Annual General Meeting on the 26th of October and our Trustees, Geoff Wilkins, Steve Jowers, myself and (my much better half)

Chrissy Spencer were all duly re-elected for the current operating year. I was also re-elected as Chairman and Interim Treasurer and Chrissy as Secretary. Unfortunately, Cate Gardner who is one of our Tiffield drivers couldn't attend the AGM but has recently offered to become our Treasurer, which is great news as she has previous experience of managing charity accounts. Cate will have a hard act to follow as she succeeds Geoff Wood, who as we all appreciate, made a fantastic job for nearly 30 years of not only the finances and administration, but in fighting to keep the service running despite repeated attempts by NCC to close it down.

Our finances continue to be in excellent shape with an accumulated surplus of almost £37,000 although the reduction in passenger numbers following the loss of some regular users did reduce passenger revenue. However, this was offset by increased private hire revenue from regular use by local Schools and the revenue for the first 6 months of this year has exceeded our previous highest yearly figure!

With Christmas approaching we are again planning to run shopping trips to MK Shopping Centre on the **7th and 14th of December** subject to getting a minimum of 6 passengers for each trip. So, if you would like to join us please let me know asap via email, phone or text so that I can reserve a seat for you as the trips are very popular. The cost is £7 return departing from Gayton at 10.00am and leaving MK at 2pm.

With 11 volunteer drivers from Gayton and Tiffield, reserves of £37,000 and record revenue from Private Hire we are in great shape, **but** we all need to ensure that our communities are aware of the need to **actually use the service**. This will ensure that we can continue to operate to Northampton and Towcester on a regular scheduled basis which provides us with the minibus which is a valuable community resource for local clubs, schools, organisations as well as individuals.

Our thanks to everyone in our communities, our Parish Councils and of course especially to our drivers and passengers for your help and support in keeping our village Minibus service going for an amazing 33 years!

Rae Spencer 01327 353352 - rae.spencer@btopenworld.com - Mobile 07784 - 561268



Neighbour Hood Watch

Please remember NEVER answer your door to any uninvited people.

Update on Local Crime Issues and Matters That Affect Neighbourhood Watch

There has been a significant decrease in crime. There has however been an increase in theft from motor vehicles (mainly in hotel areas) - Harpole, Grange Park, Towcester and Daventry. This is hard to target but the Police are working on it. Lorries are targeted for diesel.

As of October 2016 the new strategy is that Police staff working is much more fluid. No longer will a PCSO have a defined area which gives the freedom that anyone can answer an incident within a five-shift working pattern. The police highlighted the three ways we should contact them for non-emergencies:

Dial 101: The control room works on a grading and queuing system on calls.

Emailing the SCT: (SCTTowcester@northants.police.uk)

Report online via the Northants police website: (northants.police.uk/contact/online).

None of these are for crime(s) in progress.

NHW

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can lead to toxocariasis in humans. Toxocariasis causes serious illness and even blindness. **Environmental Enforcement Officer, Robin Skinner from South Northants Council continues to visit the village on our behalf.**

BE AWARE, BE RESPONSIBLE, TAKE YOUR DOGS MESS HOME AND DISPOSE OF IT PROPERLY.

If you see somebody allowing their dog to foul the pavements/footpaths then please gather as much information as you can, the name and address of the person in charge of the dog (if known), a description of the dog, plus details of the date, time and place of the offence.

If fouling occurs at regular times it may be possible for an officer to witness the fouling and take action accordingly. If you wish to complain then please go to

<http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/dog-fouling> or call 01327 322322.

The NHW helps to keep the village safe with regular updates from the SCT (South Northants Community Team) and regular information from the Police. If you would like to join the NHW scheme please contact me julie.a.wood@btinternet.com or 01604 858259. I require your postal & email addresses & telephone number. All information is held confidentially 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. Non-emergency incidents or crimes should be reported by telephoning 101. There is also a 'Do It Online' section on Northamptonshire Police Website www.northants.police.uk. Emergencies must be reported by dialling 999.

Church updates from Reverend Marion Reynolds

We're on an earlier deadline from the Editor this month so I write this only a couple of days after the result of the American Presidential election was announced to a mixture of incredulity, horror, anxiety and euphoria. And, yes we had already witnessed a very similar scenario in this country only five months earlier with the EU referendum. As I have said before, I would never try to influence how anyone should cast his or her vote but I am convinced that each eligible person should vote AND each person has the right to have his or her opinion respected. And, I think, that is what bothers me so much about both results – the fact that the “losing” side does not appear to accept the democratic will of the people (demanding re-runs, crying foul and generally treating those on the “winning” side as being actually unable to vote properly).

The reflections on the lectionary reading for November are on the Old Testament book of Daniel and this is a book that bears inspection today. Yes, we are talking different time, different economic and social structures and autocratic, almost tyrannical rulers; however the sentiments are the same and so powerful. Take, for example, the reflection for Wednesday, 9th November (just as the American result was announced). The reading was Belshazzar's feast (Daniel 5) and part of the reflection reads “we know something about the transition of power between the Babylonians and the Persians, and there are good historical reasons why it happened, but our writer is not interested in them. This book wants to show us, above all, that God controls everything and everyone. If there is a regime change, then God is behind it and God has his reasons. Its readers are encouraged to believe this, even when it is not easy to see, and know that ultimately they can feel safe in God's world”.

We are fast approaching the seasons of Advent and Christmas, the time when we lead up to the climax – the overwhelming love of God for his world in sending his Son, Jesus, to show us the way back to God. One phrase used to describe Jesus is “prince of peace”. Let us take this opportunity to listen again to the story of God's working out of his purpose for humanity and pledge ourselves to listen to and follow the Prince of Peace, not just at this time but each and every day.



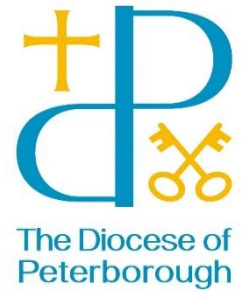
May God indeed grant each and every one of us a happy and peaceful Christmas and 2017.

Marion

Reverend Marion Reynolds

From the Rector

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 Rev'd Marion.



Upcoming events

Wednesday, 7th December 11am – 3pm Antiques Valuation Day at Cold Higham Village Hall. Refreshments are available with any profit from sale of them to St Luke's church. **Note: 1st Wednesday this month only**

Wednesday, 11th January 11am – 3pm Antiques Valuation Day at Cold Higham Village Hall. Refreshments are available with any profit from sale of them to St Luke's church.

Advent frugal lunch – 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December 12:00 - 1:30pm. Come for physical and spiritual sustenance with a soup, bread and cheese lunch and a study based on the Advent Wreath. Cold Higham Village Hall

Saturday 10th December, Pattishall Village Hall, 7pm – “Elvis” is Coming. Elvis tribute Andy Kelso in concert to support niece Camila's charity expedition to raise money for Action Medical Research for Children. Contact Robin & Barbara Kelso (01604 857585) for details

Monday, 12th December 10am – 11:30am, Advent Quiet Prayer based around the Jesus Prayer. Holy Cross church

Friday, 16th December 7pm – seasonal readings and music at Holy Cross church

Saturday, 28th January, 8:30am – 9:30am Prayer breakfast, venue TBC.

Forward notice

Saturday, 18th February, 7pm – Holy Cross quiz night at Pattishall VH

From the registers:

RIP

16th November Dinah Anne Fowler Gayton Service and cremation

St Mary's Church, Gayton

Gayton Church Heritage Trust concludes its programme of events through 2016, be sure to look out for the events for 2017

Sunday 4th December at 4:30pm in Gayton Church

"A heartwarming drama of love, war and odd jobs - one man's battle with Shakespeare" written & performed by Mark Carey.

Set during the Second World War, this story will appeal to all from 11 years and up. A vivid portrait of village life with all 17 characters played by Mark Carey.

Tickets £12 includes a glass of Mulled Wine or juice and a Mince pie

Contact Anna Fox for tickets 859444 email anna6fox@gmail.com



Carol Service with the Gayton Festival Singers & Gayton School

Sunday 11 December 2016

5.30pm



Christmas Day Service

Sunday 25 December 9.30am

Collection for a Charity for the Homeless

For further details please contact Anna Fox Tel: 01604 859444

email: anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk

John Shaw Tel: 01604 859364 email: joloshaw2@gmail.com

Gayton Alms Charities

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

Gayton Relief in Need Charity

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

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

Gayton Educational Foundation

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

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



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

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

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

David Coppock

Chair of Trustees (01604 859645)

A n K Allsorts are celebrating our first years trading and reflecting on a very successful year! We have accommodated many local dogs both for holidays and day visits. They all enjoy making new doggie friends and go home tired and content. Walks are in beautiful countryside, they play in our totally secure garden and then down time with a snooze at lunchtime ready for the afternoon's activity.



We get many returning pooches who get really excited when they realise where they are going, some even pull their owners down the drive! They all love Kevin whom they follow everywhere, it's a bit like watching the pied piper! He somehow manages to

make them all feel special. One dog in the village still squeezes out under his gate when Kev walks past with the pack, so he can have a few minutes playing with the dogs before his owner comes and retrieves him!

It's been fascinating to see such a wide variety of dog breeds and get to know their individual personalities. It is an honour to be entrusted with our customers dogs as they are all such a special part of their family and it is so rewarding to see them go home happy and relaxed.

Yoga classes started in October and we have a great bunch of new Yogis blossoming in the village! All ages and abilities are catered for, and there have been some great achievements already, and the benefits of yoga noticed by some of the students. There are still spaces in the classes and if enough interest, more classes will be run. Push your boundaries and come along to a class! Don't worry about feeling not confident, classes are very small and tailored to your needs. You will surprise yourself with how much can be achieved in a short space of time! Monday's class is 9.30 – 10.45am and Wednesday is 6.30-7.45pm, £10.00 per class.

To check for yourself, please see some of the lovely reviews from our pet owners and yogis on our website:- www.ankallsorts.co.uk or face book page. If you are interested in discussing anything about the yoga classes, please call Alex on 07739479077. If you are interested in finding out more about pet sitting, please call Kevin on 01604857546 to discuss. 2017 is already being booked so if you have a holiday already scheduled make sure you have secured your dogs place with us!

Alex and Kevin. 12 High Street, Gayton NN7 3HD

Church Service Rota for December 2016 and January 2017

Date	Time	Service	Venue
3 rd Dec	5:00pm	Taize	Tiffield
4 th Dec	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
10 th Dec	5:00pm	Taize	Cold Higham
11 th Dec	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	5:30pm	Carol Service	Gayton
17 th Dec	5:00pm	Taize	Gayton
18 th Dec	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11:00am	Family Communion	Gayton
	3:30pm	Carol Service	Tiffield
	6:00pm	Carol Service	Cold Higham
24 th Dec	4:00pm	Crib service + CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11:30pm	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
25 th Dec	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Family Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Family Communion	Gayton
	9:30am	CW Family Communion (by extn)	Cold Higham
	11:00am	Family Service	Tiffield
1st Jan	9:30am	Benefice CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
8 th Jan	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
15 th Jan	8am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW Family Communion	Gayton
22 nd Jan	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11:00am	Family Service	Tiffield
29 th Jan	9:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Pattishall
5 th Feb	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	In formal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion (said)	Cold Higham



Pattishall's
**Christmas
Fayre**

Friday 2nd December

5-7 pm

Tombolas

*Christmas
Gifts*

*Santa's
Grotto*

*Amazing
Games*

**Pattishall
CE Primary School,
School Road,
Pattishall, Towcester,
NN14 8NE**

*Crafts & Stalls
Festive Food
& Refreshments
Mulled Wine*

Care, Commit and Contribute Campion 2016-2017

It is a great pleasure to be able to share this Campion update with you, the first of what will become a regular feature of the Bugbrooke Link.



In September 2016 we introduced our focus for the forthcoming school year; Care, Commit and Contribute. This statement reflects our high expectations that all Campion students care about themselves and each other and commit to making a positive difference within their school and local community. Indeed, making a difference captures the focus on contribute, which makes clear the expectation that our students are involved in extra-curricular involvement, both in school and beyond. Campion colleagues work hard to provide the best teaching and care for each of our learners and their commitment extends well beyond the school day. The Autumn Term has been typically busy with our wide range of activities which our students enjoy; awards evenings, visits to the theatre and from theatre companies, music performances, a visit to Aushwitz, County sporting successes and a fiercely contested inter-house table tennis competition give just a glimpse of the wide range of experiences which have occurred in just the past seven weeks – the school diary is certainly packed! In addition we have been awarded the Schools Games Mark for the first time and we continue to retain our International School Award which recognises the international learning which takes place at Campion - we were delighted to welcome once again to our Sixth Form international students who join us to deepen their knowledge and broaden their life experience. We were also very pleased to welcome our Year 7 students as they began their Campion journey. Many of these students had already joined us for an exciting 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' themed summer school and it has been super to see our students growing in confidence each day as they have got to know each other, our staff and the school environment better. We place a high value on transition programmes to provide the best possible support for our Year 6 students, recognising the significant changes they face when moving from primary to secondary; our primary colleagues play an important role in this work too and therefore I am delighted to say that through the support of colleagues both in Campion and beyond, our Year 7 students have made a super start to their Campion career.

During 2016-17 we celebrate 50 years of Campion School. A series of exciting events are being planned to celebrate this important landmark. If you or someone you know has a link with Campion, please do tell them about the Campion at 50 Facebook group which provides a great series of recollections from ex-students and colleagues. Viewing the information on the site is an experience in itself and I recommend this to you. The Facebook page will also include dates and details of the celebration events. As we look ahead to our celebrations, I do hope you will be able to join us at some stage and discover more about the Campion community.

I look forward to providing a further update on school life in the next edition. Until then, on behalf of all Campion students, colleagues and friends, my very best wishes. Claire Whitmore Headteacher



'Education through exploration'

World Challenge is the leading provider of life-changing school expeditions. They have over 28 years experience organising student trips around the world. World challenge expeditions are designed to develop important life skill, helping students to hone teamwork and leadership skills, to gain confidence and self-esteem, become more globally aware and to enhance their employment prospects.

This summer Gayton saw Eleanor Ayre travel to Peru with Champion Schools World Challenge. We are now delighted to support Eleanor's brother Alasdair Ayre and Olivia Guerin, both from Gayton, with their opportunity through Champion Schools World Challenge to travel to India in 2018.

Social Life Here You Come!

Babysitting Services to raise money for my World Challenge!

In 2018 I have the opportunity of going to India with World Challenge, an organiser that gives people the opportunity to explore many different countries around the world! Crazy right?! I have to raise around £4,500! Yes, I agree it's a big number, but this allows me to trek in remote valleys, explore the culture of India like its temples and palaces and contribute to the local communities, with even some time to spare to take part in activities like white water rafting!

Contact me on: 07825 728771

Thanks, Olivia Guerin a fellow Gaytoner!



Need odd jobs doing?

Call now

*Hi, I'm Alasdair Ayre and in 2018 I will be going to India with world challenge. To go on this trip I must raise all the money (£4150) to pay for the trip as it is part of the experience. One of the ways I'm going to raising this money by doing odd jobs so any jobs you have will be much appreciated. Call: 01604 858837 Or email: Alasdair.ayre@Gmail.com
World Challenge website: <http://www.worldchallenge.co.uk/>
Donations welcome to 8 Baker Street, Gayton, Northampton NN7 3EZ*

Superfast Broadband

An Update from the Gayton Information Communications Group.

On behalf of the residents of Gayton, I contacted “The BigIdea” for an updated timescale for provision of Superfast Broadband.



As you may be aware, BT Openreach have been progressing the delivery during this year and we have seen physical evidence in the form of provision of the Fibre cabinet and associated ductwork. Currently, on their “Fibre Journey” webpage, they have it listed as in “Connect” phase and state: “typically it’ll be available to your premises within the next four months.”

In my previous correspondence to BigIdea, They confirmed to me that we could anticipate delivery in approximately December 2016.

So, having received their “November E-News” and reading that both the “when and where map” and the “roll out schedule” had been updated, I was very surprised and indeed concerned that I could find no entry for Gayton and so, I contacted them for an explanation.

Here is their reply:

Having investigated this further, we can confirm that Blisworth 3 (Gayton) is expected to be ‘fibre enabled’ between April – June 2017. I appreciate that we previously suggested that this would be completed by December 2016, however as indicated in our correspondence, due to the complexities faced on a civil engineering project of this scale, all timescales can be subject to change Our local BT project team have indicated to us that, although the new fibre cabinet has been stood, there are certain aspects of the works which are still in the early stages. The standing of a new fibre cabinet can often be early on in the whole cycle of works when planning and building a new fibre network. We would expect Blisworth 3 to appear on our [Roll Out Schedule](#) (coming soon section) In the new year, when the network build should have progressed further.

Kindest Regards, Tom, Broadband Delivery Team

I will be contacting them further to both seek justification for this extended timescale and to press for an improvement.

Regards,

Colin Simmonds, Chair of Gayton Information Communications Group

St Mary the Virgin

Regardless of one's political persuasion or attitudes towards armed conflict etc, when you stop and think, it is so difficult not to be moved to some extent by the historic implications of Remembrance Day. Young, local men who had all before them just as you or I have, lost so much so that their loved ones and friends at home, could have a safe and secure future. They thought they would be coming back, but they didn't, collectively, we shall always be indebted to them. Our Service of Remembrance is a token of that, the plaque of those who lost their lives in the two World Wars serves as a reminder and now, a newly dedicated wall-hung embroidery commemorates those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the first of those wars. Thank you to all who came to pay their respects at the Service and also gave generously, the Royal British Legion shall no doubt make very good use of the £120 received during the collection.

Apologies for the sombre opening paragraph, not all in the church is such as we have recently enjoyed some cracking social and fund-raising events. Helen Swift with husband Jonathan and friend Stephen again gave us a real treat during the Gala Concert way back in September. The combination of voice, piano keys and "wind" was of exceptional quality in itself but made all the more enjoyable by the accompanying smiles and banter (not of the Donald Trump variety I hasten to add).

The smarty pants amongst us were able to shine at the Harvest Quiz and Chips, the smartest being the team including Marion, Paul, David C, Carol, Naomi and Mike.....they must have been bolstered by some divine intervention. Very many thanks to Alison Foster and her merry band of helpers for all the hard work to make it happen, of course not forgetting the quiz master, Hilary Aslett from over the border in Pattishall.

As for the Ride and Stride, also in September on a very very wet day, a mighty sum well over £600 was raised for the Northants Historic Churches Trust, with at least 50% coming back to us. All these years we have been led to believe the riding referred to bicycles, we were wrong, Elaine and Steve pushed the boundaries and risked the undertaking in the comfort (and dry!!) of a car. A Stewards' Enquiry confirmed that no laws had been breached and the result was allowed to stand. Their endeavour serves to prove that human evolution is on-going, intelligence is gaining momentum through each generation. As a footnote, well done also to the brave but wet Neanderthal-like cyclists from the Hartley and Fox households.

Looking ahead, the 4th of December sees the performing of "Into the Breach" in the church, starting at 4.30pm, a very interesting play, with one actor playing the roles of a cast of seventeen. Sounds like fun and we hope to see you there, refreshments shall of course be on offer too, as will be many friends and social chit-chat etc.

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On the Parochial front, should you need reminding, the regular communion services in Gayton remain at 9.30am on the 1st Sunday of the month and 11.00am on the 3rd Sunday, the latter taking the form of a Family Communion service and is aimed at being more “younger generation” friendly, so please come along to either or both.



The Carol Service will be held from 5.30pm on Sunday 11th December and shall be supported by the Children of Gayton School and Gayton Festival Singers, it promises to be a really nice event so do please come along. Sing, listen and wash it all down with mince pies and mulled wine.

We celebrate at each church in the benefice on the big day and so there will be a service here in Gayton on Christmas morning.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding church matters by all means please contact the Church Wardens David Coppock (859645) and Andy Hartley (858360) or Rev Marion Reynolds, The Rectory, Church Street, Pattishall, Northants NN12 8NB



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GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

If you listened carefully you might have heard the sound of members smacking their lips in anticipation of a tasting session by Oakhouse Foods. Paige Stevenson gave a very interesting talk at our September meeting about this local company outlining the services they offer which include home delivery of ready made meals and groceries. Members had a chance to taste a variety of dishes both savoury and sweet. They did, however, save room for tea and cake at the end of Paige's talk.

Later in the month there was another chance to 'tickle the taste buds' when we visited Beckworth's Emporium for lunch. We had been advised to arrive early as it is a very popular lunch venue, which proved to be true. After lunch, members had the opportunity to look around the Garden Centre and the Food Hall indulging in a spot of retail therapy. Thank you to David Coppock for driving the minibus.

The food theme was continued in October (well chocolate is food, isn't it?) when Kevin Varty gave an entertaining talk 'Sweet Memories-but don't get me started on the Waggon Wheels'. It turns out that Waggon Wheels have got smaller in diameter but are thicker than they used to be! Kevin told of the development of the great Quaker chocolate manufacturers including Terry, Rowntree, Cadbury and Fry. He reminded us of all the brand names of our youth some of which are still being manufactured and some just a distant memory. This was a most interesting and nostalgic afternoon.

Whilst on the topic of nostalgia, our Christmas entertainment was a walk down memory lane with the 'Richtones'. Members were welcomed to the meeting with sherry and were then entertained by Tony and Richard who played guitars and sang hits from the 50's and 60's made famous by Buddy Holly, Cliff Richard, Billy Fury, Elvis and many others. There was a great deal of foot tapping and a break out of hand jiving at one point. The entertainment was followed by mince pies, stollen and tea. This was a good start to the festive season.

Members are now looking forward to Christmas Lunch at Woodward's Restaurant at the Boat Inn, Stoke Bruerne. A three course meal followed by tea/coffee and mince pies should round off the year very nicely. The club would once again like to thank the Gayton Alms Charity for their generous donations which cover the cost of the member's Christmas Lunch.

Sadly at the beginning of November we learned that Dinah Fowler passed away. Dinah was a very valued member of the club who helped the committee by serving the refreshments at our meetings. Always cheerful and welcoming, Dinah will be missed by all our members.

Gayton Evergreen Club warmly welcomes new members, who are 55 and over. We have a full and varied programme of activities planned for 2017, details of which can be found on the Gayton website or by contacting one of the committee members; Carol Coppock (859645), Jan Leeding (859275), Manja Ronne (859253), or Naomi Sheehan (859814).

Facebook

An Update from the Gayton Information Communications Group.



On a brighter note; as a group, we have been looking at the use of Facebook to enhance the communications within the village.

Earlier this year, I set up a “Gayton Village” “Community” page:
<https://www.facebook.com/GaytonNorthants/>

This is primarily a formal, controlled page to publicise events and social occasions in the village and mirrors information sent out by other means e.g. Village Email, leaflets, website, Gayton News.

The site does not require membership, but obviously works much better if you have a Facebook account (“profile”).

In addition, with the expertise of Leandra Bramham, we have also set up a “Gayton Villagers” “Group” page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1666694633606812/>

This is a less formal, “chatty” site where any member can post anything that is on their mind relating to the village.

To view it does require a Facebook profile and to “post”, requires membership which you can request by hitting the “Join” button.

Our simple guidelines for its use are:

Anyone clearly not from the village or closely surrounding area would be asked to justify membership.

No “pre-vetting” of posts, i.e. members are on their own responsibility for their own postings content.

Admins can “moderate” by removal of unsuitable posts and if necessary, members.

Commercial postings should only be for businesses in the village or very closely related area.

I appreciate that not everyone uses Facebook, but I am sure that these will be useful additions to the communications methods in the village and will enhance village social interaction.

Regards,

Colin Simmonds, Chair of Gayton Information Communications Group

The return of Barry & Wendy's Fungi in St Marys Court



Why did the Fungi leave the party? There wasn't mushroom.

Why did the Mushroom get invited to all the parties? 'Cuz he's a fungi!

Why do Toadstools grow so close together? They don't need Mushroom.

What room has no doors, no walls, no floor and no ceiling? A mushroom.

Here's another autumn picture. Anyone interested in making crab apple jelly? Barry & Wendy at St Mary's Court have several tons to spare!





Kislingbury Christmas Market

Saturday 3rd December 2016

10am – 4pm

**Kislingbury Village Hall, Ashby Court, Off Bugbrooke Road,
Kislingbury NN7 4JE**

Make it a date to come along and do some Christmas shopping, visit our stalls

Jewellery – PartyLite Candles – Beauty Box - Teddies

REAL CHRISTMAS TREES – Old Fashioned Sweets

Champagne & Wine – Wood Turner – Ceramics

Oriflame Cosmetics – Tile Pictures – Christmas Cards

Cheese and Home Made Jam

‘Name the Teddy Bear’

‘Christmas Hamper Raffle’ & ‘Christmas Tombola’

**Sit and relax with your family & friends
and enjoy our refreshments**

**Soup & a roll, mince pies, mulled wine
tea, coffee & orange juice**



**Organised by Kislingbury Conservative Branch
Shared proceeds with Gossett Ward Premature Baby Unit at Northampton General Hospital**

Gayton Church Heritage Trust

On November 11th this year Charles and I were looking after grandchildren in Devon and so we went to the Remembrance Service in Topsham where our son lives. It was the most glorious, sunny day, warm enough to be outside and stand around a War Memorial bearing the names of forty Topsham Men who died in World War I. This was more than twice the number of the men who died in Gayton but it was simply a number and I could not engage with their loss in the way I have with the fifteen names on our memorial. I was moved by their service, by the boy who played a perfect Last Post and the veterans with rows of medals glinting in the sunshine. However, I had no sense of connection with the names on the Topsham cenotaph.



Trustees of Gayton Church Heritage Trust and Parochial Church Council Liaison Group decided to raise the profile of the fifteen names on the Gayton War Memorial in response to the National initiative to acknowledge the Centenary of WWI. Considerable amount of work has gone into our endeavour and it has achieved what we hoped for – which was not just to see names on a plaque but to know them as men from very different backgrounds. We found it particularly poignant that by highlighting the dates of their deaths, we brought into focus the part that each man played in the wider context of the War as it progressed. I was sad not to be in Gayton for the Remembrance Service because learning more about these men has been an enlightening experience such as this year with the centenary of the Battle of the Somme out of the thousands who died in this conflict, three had a connection with Gayton - Harry George, Horace Smith Pancoust , and Cyril Henry Marshall King.

It has taken two years but we have completed the task. The wall hanging has been framed, hung and was blessed by Rev Marion Reynolds at the Remembrance Service. All the information gathered is to be made available on the Gayton Village Website and we hope in booklet form as well. I should like to acknowledge everyone who has worked on the project in particular Joy Ayre who designed the wall hanging and responsible for most of the embroidery work. Also the work by Carol Coppock who has researched and collated the information about the Fifteen Men and we look forward to being able to share that with you in the not too distant future. We also hope to keep up an interest in the sewing group. The idea is complete an Altar Frontal to include the squares already embroidered plus additional squares to commemorate not only WWI but any family member you wish to be remembered each November.

GCHT fund raising has done well again - A Jazz Concert in March, Halloween Disco in October and One Man Show in December. These events help with the upkeep of the building for the benefit of everyone in the village. We are fast approaching next year and need to fill the calendar with more events for 2017. We would welcome suggestions for different fundraisers and any offers of help would also be most welcome.

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December

Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Gayton Church
"	4.330pm	Christmas Entertainment, Gayton Church
Saturday 10 th	7.00pm	Elvis is Coming to Pattishall Village Hall
Sunday 11 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
"	5.30pm	Carol Service with the Gayton Festival Singers, Gayton Church
Sunday 18 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Christmas Day Service, Gayton Church

January 2017

Sunday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion, Gayton Church
Sunday 8 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 10 th	2.30pm	Evergreens – Bingo afternoon – Village Hall
	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 15 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 24 th	2.30pm	Evergreens – Talk by Barry Watson 'The Agony & Ecstasy of a Canal Hotel'

February

Sunday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Gayton Church
Sunday 12 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 14 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 19 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

March

Thursday 2 nd	12.30pm	Evergreen Fish & Chip Lunch – Village Hall
Sunday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Gayton Church
Sunday 12 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 14 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Thursday 16 th	2.30pm	Evergreens – Talk by Richard Deacon – 'Northampton in the 60s' – Village Hall
Sunday 19 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – meet at Fiveways
Thursday 30 th	12noon	Evergreens lunch at Northampton College

April

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Gayton Church
Sunday 9 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Sunday 16 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – meet at Fiveways

May

Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Gayton Church
Tuesday 9 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 14 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Sunday 21 st	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Sunday 28 th	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – meet at Fiveways

June

Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Gayton Church
Sunday 11 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 13 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 18 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Sunday 25 th	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – meet at Fiveways

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