

# GAYTON NEWS

## MARCH 2017



# The Easter Bunny

A funny fact about the Easter bunny is, in the past, people called it “Osterhase” or “Oschter Haws.” These are German terms that mean "egg-laying hare."

The legend of the Easter bunny bringing eggs to children appears to have originated in Germany, and immigrants brought the legend to the United States when they settled in Pennsylvania.

Children made nests to provide a place for the Easter bunny to lay eggs. Decorative baskets filled with grass eventually replaced the nests, and the Easter bunny soon began leaving chocolate, other candies and gifts in the baskets, in addition to eggs. Sometimes the bunny hid the eggs and baskets. Before going to bed on the night before Easter, children often left carrots for the Easter bunny to eat during its visit.

Older literature indicates that an Easter fox was originally responsible for laying and delivering eggs, at least in some parts of the country. It is unknown when or why the transition from Easter fox to Easter bunny occurred. In other countries, the bunny is not always the animal associated with Easter. In Switzerland, a cuckoo delivers the Easter eggs and baskets.

## The Easter Bunny

Once I saw the Easter Bunny  
Come hop, hop, hop.  
So I cried, “Dear Bunny,  
Will you stop, stop, stop?”

I ran to the window  
To say, “how do you do?”  
But he shook his fluffy tail,  
And said, “Happy Easter to You.”





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

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

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

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## Gayton Parish Council

Gayton Parish Council have sadly said goodbye to Cllr Rod Poxon. Rod moved to Gayton in 1983 and joined the Parish Council in 1998 and became Chairman. Rod 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. During Rod's time with Gayton Parish Council he has been Chairman and Vice-Chairman, along with the PCs internal auditor. On behalf of the Parish Council, I send my thanks and very best wishes to Rod, he knows how very much we will miss him. Enjoy your retirement Rod.

So, Gayton Parish Council has a vacancy ..... What powers and duties does the parish councils have? Parish councils have a variety of powers and duties, all of which impact directly on the community, which include our Allotments, Burial Ground and Churchyard. The village hall. Entertainment and the Arts. Footpaths. General Spending – parish councils can spend a limited amount of money on anything they deem of benefit to the community that is not covered by the other specific responsibilities. Gifts – parish councils may accept gifts. Highways – lighting, parking places, right to enter into discussions about new roads and road widening, consent of parish council required for diversion or discontinuation of highway, traffic signs and other notices, tree planting and verge maintenance. Legal proceedings – power to prosecute and defend any legal proceedings in the interests of the community, power to take part in any public enquiry. Litter - provision of litter-bins and support for any anti-litter campaigns. Planning – parish councils must be notified of, and display for residents, any planning applications for the area. Any comments submitted to the planning authority by the parish council must be taken into account. Recreation – provision of recreation grounds, public walkways, open spaces, village greens and playing fields. Rights of Way – footpath and bridleway maintenance. Seats (public). If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for Gayton please contact the Clerk, Mrs Viv Hartley [vivhartley3@btinternet.com](mailto:vivhartley3@btinternet.com)





## 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 tipple!

**Karen Cooper.** I have lived in the village with my husband Alex and our son Max, for 23 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.



**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. 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.



## GAYTON WALKERS

The Traditional Gayton New Year Walk, enjoyed by 10 plus 3 dogs. As you can see there were big smiles all round despite the very wet weather!



We continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10am, come and join us.  
Robin Kelso 01604 857585

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## GAYTON SPRING LITTER-PICK

A date for your diary 'Sunday 2 April at 10am' – join us to help clear litter from our verges before spring arrives.



Meet at Linthorpe House, Back Lane from 10am onwards

Picking tools, sacks, Hi-viz tabards are provided. Gloves are available but have been well-used so bring your own if possible.

Tea or coffee will be awaiting you on your return.

It would help with organisation if you could let me know if you are coming.

Joan Wood Tel: 858800

email: joanwood8@btinternet.com





## Gayton & Tiffield Community Minibus

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**

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### Facebook

The Gayton Information Communications Group.



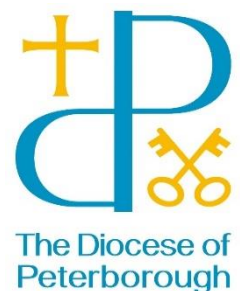
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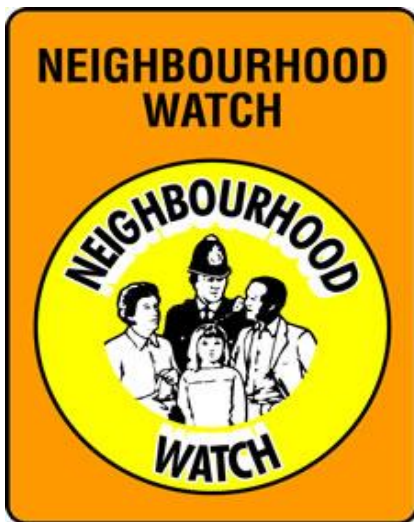
Colin Simmonds, Chair of Gayton Information Communications Group

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### 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.





## Neighbour Hood Watch

Please remember NEVER answer your door to any uninvited people.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.northants.police.uk). Emergencies must be reported by dialling 999.

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### Gayton School Tote Winners

August 2016 - 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Clarke - 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Price

September 2016 - 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Coppock - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ona Ndefo

October 2016 - 1<sup>st</sup> Manja Renre - 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Wood

November 2016 - 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Desai - 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Coppock

December 2017 - 1<sup>st</sup> Leandra Bramham - 2<sup>nd</sup> John Allen

January 2017 - 1<sup>ST</sup> Alison Williams - 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzanne Harris



## Church updates from Reverend Marion Reynolds

Firstly, many thanks for all the cards, flowers and messages of get well that I've received over the last two months as I started my recovery from the hip replacement. To date the recovery is going well – I'm doing my exercises, not overdoing the walking, still not driving and generally doing what the surgeon and physios are telling me to do. I am also having to exercise a great deal of patience – something that does not come naturally to me, and am experiencing a great deal of frustration as I just can't do some of the things I usually take for granted. In some ways the last three months have been a very salutary and valuable experience for both Paul and I and we thank God for his many blessings to us. Secondly can I also express my thanks for all the hard work that has been done in my absence especially by Hugh and Sue (I really didn't know you'd get four funerals in two weeks Hugh!)

It's nearly Easter - please check the Messenger for service dates and times across the benefice. On Good Friday we welcome Henry Rankin and his fellow Vine musicians for a performance of Haydn's Seven Last Words From The Cross at St Mary's, Gayton. It is a special devotional time on the most solemn day of the church year so please do come along at 6pm. Easter is the most joyful time of the year so please do make time to join one of our celebration services on Easter Day.



**Immediately after Easter our service pattern across the benefice changes so please do read the Messenger and check the times of the services and what liturgy is being used, when and where.** The service pattern has been the same for the last five years so it was time it was reviewed. A small cross benefice group looked at the services we offer and recommended some changes. The revised service rota was put to each of the four PCCs who passed it along with a new Morning Prayer liturgy and a couple of revisions to our existing liturgies (which had been in use since some time before my arrival in 2012 and which needed standardizing). Hopefully the new service pattern provides a mixture of Eucharistic and non-Eucharistic, formal and informal worship. There is always one main Common Worship Holy Communion in the benefice each week; the non-Eucharistic services vary with each of our churches. Can I please encourage everyone to be openminded and embrace what we are trying to do to provide real, meaningful worship to all across the whole benefice and pray for God's blessing on our endeavours.

*Marion*



## Campion School update

It seems hardly possible that we have already reached the first half term of 2017 and our theme of Care, Commit and Contribute continues to dominate in all that takes place.

Despite the winter season, we have continued to enjoy a wide range of excellent experiences. Our students gave a fabulous performance of the musical 'Our House' on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February.



The performers, lighting crew and house band were each led by students and their contributions reflected hours of rehearsal time - both performances proved to be super!

In addition we have celebrated sporting successes in Years 7 and 8 Sports Hall Athletics, Year 7 Netball, and Years 7 and 8 boys and girls Hockey. Campion students have represented Northamptonshire in the Anglian Trophy for Cross Country and in the East Midlands Rugby team too.

We were also delighted to find out that a group of business students have reached the semi-finals of the Student Investor Competition. I know you will join me in congratulating all students who have been involved in this wide range of opportunities. Please also keep in mind that our newsletter, 'The Root', is available each week at <http://www.campion.northants.sch.uk/>



As we continue to prepare for our 50 year celebrations, we have kindly received donations of canoeing and golfing experiences, Wyevale vouchers and an engraved Piston from Cosworth Engineering; these opportunities will form part of our raffle prizes and if it should be that you are able to support our fund-raising events in any way or would like more information about our special day on 9<sup>th</sup> September, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Jane Green at [csoffice@campion.northants.sch.uk](mailto:csoffice@campion.northants.sch.uk)

Best wishes  
Claire Whitmore  
Headteacher

## St Mary the Virgin

Although the Festive Season seems so very long ago together as does the Christmassy edition of Gayton News, I find myself struggling to pen an action packed piece for this one, we must have been a little quiet.

There are a few snippets however, we must thank Rev David Painter, Hugh Kent and Mrs Sue Titheridge for covering our regular services in Marion's recent absence, in the case of the two Revs, retirement isn't all it seems for Men of the Cloth.

On the subject of cloth, those of you who have visited the church recently will have seen the World War 1 embroidered wall hanging now actually hanging on a wall. A great deal of effort has gone into the display from start to finish and thus many thanks to all involved in the chain of events culminating in Richard Fitzsimmons doing the tricky bit in fixing it to the wall so that we may all now marvel at the artwork.

The calendar of village events usually covers the main church activities too but by way of a reminder we have a few fund-raisers in the pipeline for later in the year. The ever popular Gala Concert with vocalist Helen Swift *et al* will be here again on the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept and the Harvest Supper with Quiz hot on the heels, the date for this does have to be confirmed. Before that however, we get the chance to be amazed by the botanical magic performed by our very own Gaytonians during the Open Gardens Day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July.

We don't just take your money though, we also give it away, to very worthy needs of course. The collection taken during the Christmas Day Service amounted to £125 which has been passed on to the Hope Centre which does a fantastic job providing help and much needed support to the homeless in Northampton. We very seldom realise how fortunate we really are, anything we can share with Hope Centre goes a long way and helps a great many.

On the Parochial front, as of the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the churches in our Amelcote Benefice are altering slightly the regular Sunday Services. Here in Gayton we shall continue with a 9.30am service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday but this shall be one of Morning Worship with no communion. The 11.00am service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month shall be a Communion Service.

During Holy Week and Easter we have a communion service at 6,30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of April, a Devotional Hour from 6.00pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April and a Communion Service at 11.00am on Easter Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> of April.

You are all of course invited to come along to the PCC AGM and Annual Vestry Meeting starting at 12.15pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of March, refreshments will be available beforehand.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding church matters by all means please contact the Church Wardens David Coppock (859645) and Andy Hartley (858360) or Rev Marion Reynolds, The Rectory, Church Street, Pattishall. Tel: 01327 830573

*Andy Hartley*

## ALLOTMENT NEWS

As things have been fairly quiet on the horticultural front for the last few months, this newsletter is a series of observations that I have ruthlessly plagiarised from a variety of sources on the internet!

I recently read an article that featured a National Trust plan to open a thousand new allotments in England, what fantastic news. However, I do hope they allow their tenants to run their plots in the traditional style that makes an allotment immediately recognisable from any train window! It should have a shed that is just about fit for purpose, preferably patched with odd bits of corrugated iron and probably propped up to postpone immediate collapse. Bits of old carpet not only add style but are great for suppressing weeds and a recycled bath tub is great for growing carrots. There is a certain satisfaction in not wasting things in this era of consumer goods. It's not that I'm a re-cycle Ninja or anything, it just seems so right to run things in a topsy turvy, relaxed and vaguely eccentric British Allotment way. My apologies if you prefer the neatly manicured lawns and weedless borders of a National Trust garden - I like them too.

Assuming that you fancy a little piece of land on which to be creative, don't worry too much about having time to tend it. It really doesn't have to be that time consuming as there are things you can do to make life easier. The first tip is to grow low maintenance plants; sweetcorn (see next paragraph), kale, carrots, beetroot, squashes and potatoes all fit the bill and broad and runner beans are also easy to grow. The thing with beans is you have to be there to harvest them and that takes a bit more planning but I never find harvesting (or eating) too much of a chore. The main thing is not to overreach yourself. A second labour saving tip is to put a bit of weed suppressant between the rows and that way there isn't much hoeing to be done, That and a weekly water will get you some home grown produce with a minimum of effort. Our Society is well aware of the pressures of modern life so we will always recommend a small plot for those with less gardening time. Please don't be put off by the thought of working your fingers to the bone but if an allotment really isn't for you, how about a trip to the States?

In North America, in the area that is now known as New York, the Native Americans were hunter gatherers - the men did the hunting and the women tended the allotment! It was literally an allotment as there was no such thing as ownership of land, land was allocated to families by the tribal elders. According to Iroquois legend, corn, squash and beans are three inseparable sisters who can only grow and thrive together. Certainly planting them in the same plot provides a sustainable system that provides both long-term soil fertility and a healthy diet.

If you fancy a bit of Native American horticulture, here's how to plant and grow your own 'Three Sisters' plot.

Sweet corn prefers loose, rich soil so, if your soil is heavy, dig in some manure or compost in the spring. After incorporating the compost into the soil, make mounds spaced about three



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feet apart, each 12 inches high and 24 inches across. Group the mounds in a block to suit your plot (and appetite), as this will enhance wind pollination.

Wait until your soil temperatures is warm enough to ensure germination (for reasonably accurate planting times, look on the seed packet). Next, flatten the tops of the mounds and plant five to six corn seeds (about an inch deep) in a small circle within the centre of each mound. Then wait!

When the corn seedlings are about five inches high (about two weeks after sowing), plant seven or eight climbing bean seeds in a circle about six inches away from the corn seeds. Wait another week, then sow seven or eight squash seeds around the edge of each mound, about 12 inches from the beans.



As the plants grow, thin the corn in each mound to the sturdiest two or three seedlings. Also thin the beans and squash, keeping three vigorous seedlings of each evenly spaced around the mound. Help the bean seedlings to start climbing the corn stalks by loosely tying against the stalks. All you have to do then is wait (you will have plenty of time to go and check out the land of the Iroquois for yourself, although I'm told they have now moved to Canada).

(my thanks to Reeser Manley for the growing tips on his blog at [bangordailynews.com](http://bangordailynews.com))

As always, I'll wind up with a bit of recruiting. Don't be put off by the image of old men in sheds - some of the men in sheds are quite young! We have a fairly diverse mix of mature, young, male and female and of course you will be made very welcome if you join us. There is a one off Maintenance Deposit of £25 that is returned if you leave your plot in good order and thereafter a starter plot costs as little as £10 a year. There is also an annual BBQ that has become a very enjoyable tradition and we always welcome incentives from members on how to make the allotment more enjoyable for everyone.

If you want to join us, you can contact me at [letting.gaytonallotment@btinternet.com](mailto:letting.gaytonallotment@btinternet.com)





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***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*







## An update on Stop Rail Central from Mark Redding

As I am sure you are well aware there is a second concurrent assault on our countryside and rural environment in the form of Roxhill's 'Northampton Gateway'.

The combined impact of these two massive warehouse parks will be devastating. There is strong opposition to the two developments in the immediate surrounding villages but we get the impression that slightly further afield (even as close as Towcester) many people are not fully aware of what is potentially coming their way.

We are therefore attempting to raise awareness and the attached flyer is the start of our campaign. We are very much hoping that we can rely on your support over the coming year as we attempt to preserve what we all value and which, once gone, can never be regained.

As an aside I don't think there is any greater evidence that Government policy is being abused by developers than the fact that two, so-called 'strategic', developments are being proposed immediately adjacent to each other. These 'rail interchanges' are intended to be built in relatively small numbers and 'strategically' placed around the country to facilitate the shift of goods from the road and onto rail. Developers' justification for building these is not based on any actual demand for rail connected warehousing but a theoretical model called the Great Britain Freight Model, devised by a company called MDS Transmodal. This company have estimated (guessed) how many rail connected warehouses there should be in the country, have come up with a figure and then arbitrarily divided this regionally.

There is absolutely no correlation between actual demand and these figures. Furthermore the predictions assume there are no capacity constraints on the rail network, which there are, so the figures they are quoting cannot even be achieved because the rail network cannot accommodate the paths required. This is sheer madness. Even if you were to give the model any credence the amount of rail connected warehousing that has been allocated to the Northampton region is around 2,000,000 square feet - the two opportunist developers are proposing 13,000,000 square feet of warehousing. Development on this scale cannot be justified.

You might also wish to note that when the draft model was issued in 2013, Ashfield Land (who also employed MDS Transmodal in a private capacity) lobbied for the figures to be increased, which they duly were (for no justifiable reason) to further strengthen their case for building on land not allocated for development.

Sincerely

Mark Redding. Stop Rail Central Ltd

**The fourteenth “Jazz In The Church” concert  
Friday 19 May in St Mary’s Church, Gayton  
Bar opens at 6.45pm, concert starts at 7.30pm  
Tickets £10**

This year we will be joined by ‘Indian JoesQuintet’ to entertain us for the evening with 60’s Sole Jazz and 70’s Jazz Funk



This series of concerts was started in September 2007 by John Shaw, with two aims in mind, as fund-raising events for Gayton Church Heritage Trust and to promote jazz.

All were organised and implemented by a small group of committed members of The Gayton Jazz Appreciation Society (now virtually extinct), GCHT and the Gayton Parochial Church Council. All proceeds will enable us to continue with much needed work keeping our Church open.

There is plenty of parking, disabled access and toilet facilities.  
Bring a cushion, the pews can be uncomfortable!

For more information and tickets contact

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

## GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

Our first meeting of the year was an afternoon of Bingo. This was a well attended meeting and members had the chance to catch up with the news over a cup of tea (or two) and cake.

At our second meeting in January we welcomed Barry Watson who gave a talk called 'The Agony and Ecstasy of a Canal Hotel Boater'. Barry gave a brief outline of the history of canals and also entertained members with anecdotes of his career as a boat owner, hotel boater and canal boat broker. He ended his talk with a song called the 'Rochdale Nine' which described the progress of a narrow boat travelling down the Rochdale Canal's flight of nine locks.



The Club AGM was held at the beginning of February. This meeting takes the traditional format of the reading of the minutes for the 2016 AGM, the Treasurers Report and the review of the activities and meetings during the past year. The committee then stood down and were immediately re-elected for another year! Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting and members were then entertained with music by Bob Smith.



As mentioned before in these reports, members of the Evergreen Club are very fond of meetings involving eating, so needless to say, the Fish and Chip Lunch held at the beginning of March was very well attended. Members enjoyed freshly cooked fish and chips, followed by homemade sweets and tea or coffee.

Below are details of the meetings to be held over the next couple of months:  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, speaker Richard Deacon on 'Northampton in the 60's'

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Lunch at The Lanes Restaurant, Northampton College

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, Bingo with Bring and Buy Sale

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm in the Village Hall, Spring Lunch

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Outing - venue to be confirmed

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.30pm in the village Hall, speaker Barbara Knight – topic tbc

Gayton Evergreen Club warmly welcomes new members, who are 55 and over. The full programme of activities is available 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).





## **A Meditation for Good Friday**

The Vine Quartet

will play

*The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross*

by Joseph Haydn

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April - 6:00 pm

St Mary the Virgin

Gayton

Northampton NN7 3EY

Admission Free – No need to book

Retiring Collection

Information from – Anna Fox 01604 859444

## Gayton Church Heritage Trust

I concluded my entry in the December Gayton News by mentioning that the fundraising events held in 2016 had been very successful and made gratifying amounts of money. This was partly because the events were well supported but also because individuals decided to organise something a bit different for a change, where groups of friends could get together to enjoy an evening out within walking distance of home.

The biggest fund raiser was the Halloween disco, organised by Martin Church and his family, which made a profit of £1,920. Discos are clearly popular as the same formula was used for the first event in 2107. The St Valentine's Disco was organised by Liz Jell, Sandie Morton and Claire Hall and included a fish and chip supper. They made a useful profit of £513. It is most encouraging that people with ideas have taken on the organisation of an event to ensure its success and are happy to donate their hard-earned profits to a village cause – in both these cases, for the upkeep of the church building.

There are many more events taking place in the course of the year planned jointly by Gayton Church Heritage Trustees and the Parochial Church Council. In our village, we are fortunate to have the use of two venues for social events, suited to different entertainments and tastes and both buildings benefit from being kept in use.

If anyone wants to plan an event to support the upkeep of either building it is probably worth a mention, that the church is not great for holding a barn dance as the pews get in the way but musicians like it because the acoustics are really fantastic.

Anna Fox

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**Q: What do you call ten rabbits marching backwards?**

**A: A receding hareline**

**Q: What do you call rabbits that marched in a long sweltering Easter parade?**

**A: Hot, cross bunnies**

**Q: Why did the Easter Bunny have to fire the duck?**

**A: Because he kept quacking all the eggs!**

**Q: What do you call a dumb bunny?**

**A: A hare brain.**

**Q: How can you tell which rabbits are the oldest in a group?**

**A: Just look for the grey hares**

# **GAYTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

presents

Three more exciting fundraising events for 2017

## **OPEN GARDENS**

An opportunity to visit some of Gayton's lovely gardens

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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 29<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Gayton

Last year's concert was another '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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.***



# Music for Lent



Music for voices from the Renaissance to the present day portraying the life of Jesus as seen by the Virgin Mary and Mary Magdalene.

**Performed by Consensus Vocalis**

**Venue: Holy Cross Church, Pattishall**  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 7:30pm**

*Wine & Light bites*

*Entrance free*

*Retiring collection in aid of church funds*

## Calendar of events

### March

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Evergreens – Talk by Richard Deacon – ‘Northampton in the 60s’ – Village Hall
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – meet at Fiveways
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Evergreens lunch at Northampton College

### April

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion, Gayton Church
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreens ‘bingo and table top sale’ Village Hall
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	A Meditation for Good Friday. St Marys Church Gayton.
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Gayton Evergreens ‘Spring lunch’ Village Hall

### May

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion, Gayton Church
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Gayton Evergreens ‘Outing’ details tbc
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreens ‘Speaker – Barbara Knight’ Village Hall
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – meet at Fiveways

### June

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion, Gayton Church
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreens ‘Musical entertainment’ details tbc
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion Service, Gayton Church
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – meet at Fiveways
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Gayton Evergreens ‘outing to Kings Bridge Farm, Steeple Claydon

### July

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communication at Gayton Church
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 – 5pm	Gayton Open Gardens 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. Tickets £4 from the church on the day
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreens ‘strawberry tea’ Village Hal
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Gayton cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

### August

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Evergreens ‘coffee morning’ Village Hall
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE SPRING EDITION BY FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

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