

GAYTON NEWS JUNE 2017



GAYTON OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY JULY 2nd

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From WEDNESDAY JUNE 21st

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Gayton Harvest Festival Celebrations

A note for your diary & calendar

Due to unforeseen circumstances the date for
The 'Gayton Harvest Festival' has been changed
from Sunday 15 October
to Sunday 1 October



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October at 7pm
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Harvest Supper



QUIZ!

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2	Milton Malsor	Church Close	14.45	15.10
3	Gayton	Back Lane	15.30	16.00
4	Rothersthorpe	Church Street, Banbury Lane	16.15	16.40
5	Rothersthorpe	Memorial Hall	16.50	17.15

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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.

Gayton Parish Council

Gayton Parish Council held their APM on the 9 May. We have said goodbye to Sam Fitzgerald who has been a Parish Councillor since 2015. We thank Sam for her time and input with the Parish Council and wish her well.

We have 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors to bring the Parish Council up to a full quota of 7 Members. We would very much welcome you to join us. Please contact either myself or Viv, clerk for further details. Our next meeting is Tuesday 11 July at 7.30am in the Village Hall.

Parish councils have a variety of duties, all of which impact directly on the community. We are here to support and guide the Community. We are responsible for village amenities such as our playground, open spaces, grass cutting, reporting problems with roads and footpaths, lighting, traffic signs and other notices, tree planting and verge maintenance, our allotments, our Churchyard. The Parish Council 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.

Thank you
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Viv Hartley
Clerk
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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 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 11 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. I am now Vice-Chairman to the Parish Council.

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



There is still a nucleus of Gayton Walkers who meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Fiveways crossroads.

It would be nice to have some new faces. We do get a few “outsiders” from Pattishall parish who join us as there isn't a walking group there.

We don't rush and never go for more than 2 hours, usually ending at a pub to revive ourselves.

In March, we had a local walk and finished at The Eykyn Arms. In April, we were further afield at Ravensthorpe and stopped for lunch at The Chequers.

Looking to the future, the September walk will be on [SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER](#) in order to coincide with the annual Historic Churches Trust fund-raising event. See www.nhct.org.uk. I hope to organise the walk that day to visit a few local churches. Collect a sponsor form from Andy Hartley-01604 858360 andyhartley5@googlemail.com.



St Mary the Virgin

True to the words within the previous Gayton News we did indeed hold the Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting on the 19th of March during which the status quo was pretty much maintained, David and I remain Wardens, Carol Coppock the Treasurer to the PCC, Jenny Hinds the Secretary and additional members of the PCC being Alison Foster and Sharon Crossley who is the newbie on this occasion, thank you very much Sharon, we look forward to you being a cog in our well oiled machine. Various accounts and reports were presented to the meetings, please let us know if you would like to have sight of them. The value of the PCC and officers is going to fairly elevated over the coming months as you shall read further below. Continued

Continued

It is with sadness that I have to report the passing of John Barker from Pattishall who lost his battle following a short illness. John was a regular at so many church events, many of which he deputised on the organ for us.

His lovely personality and wit will be greatly missed as will his impromptu duet harmonies he used to sing with his wife Kathy during even the most regular of hymns. Sadly Kathy herself is also struggling with illness in hospital. Our thoughts and prayers have also been with Ian Pugh, Church Warden for Pattishall within our benefice who also recently passed away.

Many of you may already be aware that Marion is shortly to be moving away from the area to take another Parish in Staffordshire as she and Paul wish to be closer to their family. Although Marion joined us on very much a part-time working basis, in reality this turned out to be far from the truth. The energy, commitment and time she put into her duties in the benefice are second to none, she has done us all a fantastic job, we have been very privileged and are very grateful. I am sure you will all agree she will be a tough act to follow, we all wish them both all the very best for their move. Please come along to either the 11.00 service in Gayton on June the 18th, her last one in Gayton, to wish her a fond farewell or the 11.00 service in Cold Higham on the 25th for her finale in the Amelcote Benefice. On the bright side, at least when she and Paul have gone, we others may stand a better chance in the village quizzes!

Following Marion's move in June, the joint benefice shall face the unenviable task of trying to lure and secure a successor, as one would expect there are a series of protocols to follow and the selection is made by representatives of all the parishes, the church Patron and representation from the Bishop. We are told that the Bishop aims to fill such a post within 6 months however we need to face the realities of the task, it may take longer than anticipated. In the interim we shall strive to maintain a full schedule of regular services through the assistance of local clergy and Lay Readers. Depending upon the business, the "management duties" involved in the church's running shall be undertaken by the Church Wardens, the Rural Dean or the Archdeacon of Northampton, your first port of call for enquiries etc should be through David or myself as Church Wardens. Fingers crossed for speedy appointment.

The calendar of village events usually covers the main church activities, 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 29th Sept and the Harvest Supper with Quiz hot the heels. 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 2nd of July, no doubt you will witness a real frenzy of activity in many a household in the build up to the day.

On the pastoral front, we shall continue with a 9.30am service on the 1st Sunday but this shall be one of Morning Worship with no communion. The 11.00am service on the 3rd Sunday of the month shall be a Communion Service.

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

Andy Hartley.

GAYTON SPRING LITTER-PICK

Our Spring litter pick was held on Sunday 2 April and saw villagers doing a grand job tidying up our village ready for summer time. The weather was kind to us once again and enough people turned up to cover most of the village and surrounding roads. It is surprising how much rubbish is found deliberately dumped in the hedges and ditches by people who have no qualms about spoiling our countryside.



“Catch the Community Spirit”

Wrights Lane is a favourite dumping ground and although the part from the bridge to Banbury Lane is just outside Gayton Parish boundary Jens Buus and Manja Ronne cleared the area the following weekend, resulting in another pile of bags and rubbish for SNC to collect!

Joan Wood



A very big thank you to all those who picked litter and thank you to Joan for supplying the tools and much welcome tea and coffee afterwards.

Facebook

The Gayton Information Communications Group.

Regards,

Colin Simmonds, Chair of Gayton Information Communications Group





Gayton & Tiffield Community Minibus

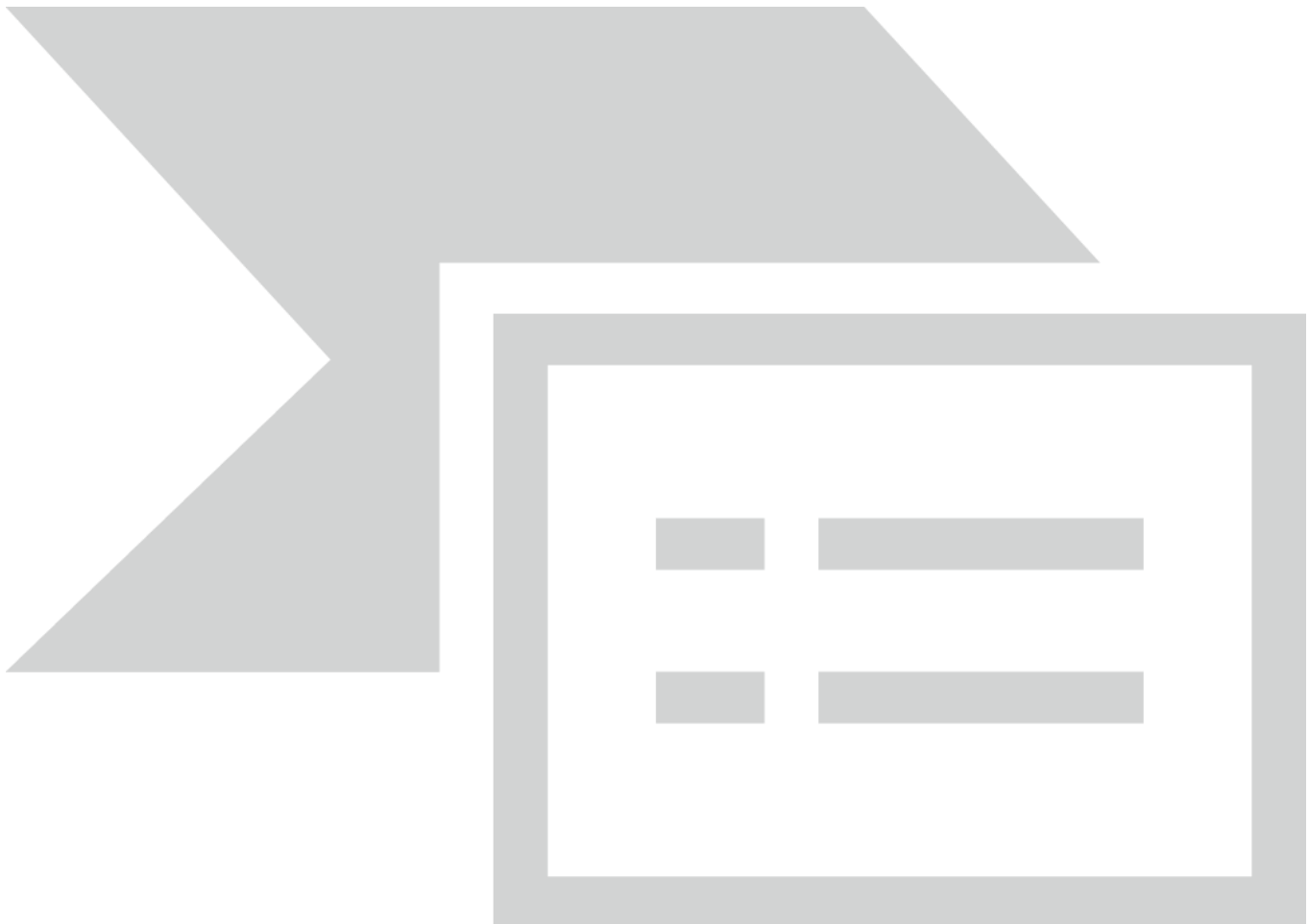
With 11 volunteer drivers from Gayton and Tiffield, reserves of £37,000 and record revenue from Private Hire we are in great shape, **but** we all need to ensure that our communities are aware of the need to **actually use the service.**

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!

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GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

Programme for June to August 2017

Tuesday 13th June 2.30pm Gayton Village Hall

Musical afternoon with Hunsbury Voices Community Choir

We are in for a treat with the 27-strong choir. Please ask friends and family to join us so we can outnumber the choir! Guests £3.00. Kindly book tickets for guests in advance from Carol so we know how much cake to get! (See contact details below).

Thursday 29th June Afternoon outing to Kings Bridge Farm in Steeple Claydon, MK18 2EJ, with garden visit and full afternoon tea (sandwiches, scones and cakes)

Depart from Fiveways at 1.45pm. Cost: £9.00. Transport: £3.00. Members only.

(Please note: The price includes entry to the garden and the afternoon tea. We have been asked to arrive no earlier than between 2.30/3pm. Proceeds will be donated to the cancer vaccination programme charity.

Tuesday 11th July 2.30pm Gayton Village Hall. Strawberry Tea with sandwiches & cake and a tombola. Please bring items for the tombola. Guests: £3.50.

Thursday 3th August 10.30am to 12noon Gayton Village Hall. Coffee Morning.

Please save items for the tombola, bring & buy and raffle.

Future Meetings / Events

Thursday 14th September - Late summer outing. Time and details to be advised.

Tuesday 26th September - Afternoon tea in memory of Dinah Fowler in Gayton V.H. at 2.30 pm.

Thursday 12th October - Fish and chip lunch in Gayton V.H. at 12.30 pm.

Village Events

Sunday 2nd July Gayton Open Gardens from 1 till 5 pm.

Friday 29th September Gala concert in Gayton Church at 7.30 pm.

Committee contact details

It would help us with the planning of meetings and outings if you could kindly let us know if you are planning to come or not.

We can be contacted as follows:

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Naomi Sheehan. Committee member 01604 859814

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Gayton Village Hall Management Committee

May 2017 Chairman's Report

Another uneventful year has passed. The village hall continues to attract use from established groups (e.g. Evergreens and Table Tennis), local users (e.g. children's parties) and national users (e.g. ASPADS – working dogs user group). Although our village hall is not pretty it is functional and a cost-effective community building (cheap to hire). Many enquiries from outside of the parish cannot believe that our charges are for a hire period of up to 4 hours and not just per hour. However over the decades the use of the village hall has declined and currently our running costs threaten to exceed our income. The first 'main user' to leave us was Gayton School when they built their extension more than 10 years ago, but they still prefer to hire the village hall for annual fetes as its location, next to the village green, is convenient. Then the Table Tennis clubs declined from 6 or 7 teams playing out of Gayton to the current 4. With the advent of popular soft play areas and mobile mums the Gayton Toddler group was disbanded around 2008/2009. And now the village hall has competition from the Church as a venue for functions.

The current management committee, although numbering only 4 individuals, maintains a tight control of finances and the village hall should remain viable for at least another 5 years or more. It is probably of no surprise that all the management committee members have been in post for at least 10 years and some for 20 years and more! So once again I make a plea, if you value your community building and have a spare few hours a year please consider joining the village hall management committee. We try and meet 4 times a year to plan and execute the running of the village hall.

David Ayre
June 2017

Village Hall Hire Charges

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

If you require the Hall for a Private Function then charges start at £60 – if alcohol is to be sold an appropriate licence will be required.

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

Campion School update

As our Sixth Formers near the end of their studies, thoughts are turning very much to their future careers. Two of our Sixth Form students have secured prestigious work experience placements with the United Nations in Geneva, one student has organised a Short Term Traineeship at the CERN Research Centre in Geneva for the summer holidays, and two more had the opportunity of three days of work shadowing at the Houses of Parliament in April.



Students remain busy in school too. Congratulations to our Year 8/9 hockey team who won the district hockey tournament, beating Moulton School 9-0. They will be representing South Northants and Daventry at the County finals in July and we all wish them much success. The Year 7/8 cricket team also enjoyed victory in their first game of the season, comprehensively beat Quinton House by nine wickets. Students have also competed in the Track and Field Schools Cup, involving schools from across the county. Junior boys, inter boys and inter girls teams came second. Junior girls came third and we had winners for the girls in junior 100m, and inter 800m. Students participated in all events from 100m to 1500m, and all field events demonstrating superb commitment. Students from Campion participated in an inclusive PE event held at the Parker E-Act Academy. Students from mainstream and special schools participated in an archery tournament sponsored by the South Northamptonshire and Daventry School Sports Partnership. Of the nine teams taking part the Campion A and B team came both first and second! The B team will now progress to the County finals in June.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Award group recently completed their expedition, camping and trekking through the fields in Silverstone and beyond, with an overnight stay in the tents which they had carried themselves; the strength our students displayed - both physical and emotional - during the expedition ensured a successful outcome for all involved. Well done!

As a school, we also value the positive contribution made by many Campion students in community events. A good number of our students recently took part in the Gang Show, supported by their friends and fellow students in the audience. Congratulations to all for their involvement and support too!

Our Year 11 and post-16 students have worked hard in preparation for their external exams and I know you will join me in wishing them all the very best.

In closing, tickets are selling well for our 50th Anniversary celebration on 9th September and they are now running out. For details and the application form for both the evening event, and afternoon tea please go to our website <http://www.campion.northants.sch.uk/204/campion-at-50>. Please do get any applications in as soon as possible to ensure you are able to take part in the various activities that are being planned.

Thank you for your continued interest and support for all at Campion.

Best wishes

Claire Whitmore - Headteacher

Church Services rota June 2017 Note – new service rota pattern

Date	Time	Service	Venue
18 th June	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
25 th June	9:30am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	3:30pm	Memorial service – Jane Freund	Tiffield
2 nd July	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield

St Mary's Church, Gayton

Monthly Prayer Breakfast on the 24th June, 8:30am to 9:30am venue THC; a chance for us to get together to share a breakfast then have a time of prayer (particularly for the benefice but also for whatever is on our heart and mind).

From the Registers:

Baptism:

7th May Holy Cross Daniel Joe Pugh
 Benjamin Scott Stanley
 Alyssia Emma Silver Stanley

Marriage:

20th May St Luke's Sarah Frances Watts & Christopher Michael Peters

RIP:

10th May Holy Cross Ian Christopher Pugh service & cremation
 31st May Holy Cross John Barker service & cremation

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.

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).

From the Rector

Are you old enough to remember that song which closed every episode of the late Peter Cook and Dudley Moore show “Not only but also”?

Now is the time to say Goodbye

Now is the time to yield a sigh (yield it, yield it)

Now is the time to wend our waaaayeeeeee

Until we meet again some sunny day.

Goodbye, goodbye, we're leaving now, Tattybye

Goodbye, we wish you all goodbye Fartatata, fartatata.

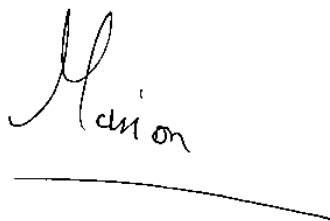
That is so appropriate to Paul and I as we start packing in preparation for our move to Staffordshire. I always thought there was a touch of poignancy in the song and that is certainly the case with us. We leave with very mixed feelings.

God does move in mysterious ways, ways so obvious with hindsight. We do so firmly believe He is in charge, His timescales are very rarely ours and His plans for us so often leave us initially wondering “what on earth is going on?” The chorus of the hymn “I the lord of sea and sky springs to mind”: “I will go Lord, if you lead me”; well, He has led us to a new benefice, with similar problems to those I faced when we came here, only 2 parishes instead of 4.

We have had a wonderful 5 ½ years in Amelcote Benefice and we just want to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming us, making us be part of your communities and your lives and giving me the privilege to lead you in ministry as we share our Christian faith. It was not an easy decision to say “yes” to moving but we are confident that God is calling up to serve Him elsewhere.

We leave at the end of June and I will be installed as Vicar of Fulford and Hilderstone in Staffordshire on 29th July. All are welcome to that service at 3pm and, if you are ever in Staffordshire, near Stone, please do call in and see us.

May God bless Amelcote benefice and all of you.



Mission

Are you available to Volunteers at the following events?

The Stop Rail Central Group involved with halting the development of a Rail Freight Interchange and warehousing on the farmland between Blisworth and Milton Malsor are looking for volunteers to collect more signatures for a petition objecting to the development on the grounds of the detrimental effect it will have on the environment because of the sheer size of the development.

The following events will have SRC representatives from the steering group who would welcome extra support in collecting petition signatures. The Gayton Open Gardens on Sunday 2 July, The Blisworth Canal Festival 12-13 August and The Stoke Bruerne at War 9-10 September.

Please contact Anna Fox for details Tel 859444 or 0780 161 177



**Open
Gardens
Gayton
Sunday 2nd
July**



**Blisworth Canal Festival
12-13 August**

Stoke Bruerne at War 9-10 Sept



'The Great Foot Path Walk' on Saturday 5th August

'The Great Foot Path Walk' on Saturday 5th August to cover the area between Milton Malsor and Blisworth with the aim of highlighting the extent of the amount of land that the Rail Freight interchange will occupy. The organiser Alastair Anderson has suggested that interested parties from Gayton might like to join the Group Setting out from Blisworth. I have agreed to collect the names of those from Gayton and let Alastair know numbers. If you could let me know by e-mail or phone I will respond with the time and where to meet.

Very many thanks Anna Fox tel:- 859444 or mobile:- 0780161177



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Maintaining Gayton Churchyard

Many readers will have noticed some significant changes in the churchyard of St. Mary's church. Regular mowing and grass cutting has been taken over by Allseasons Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Contractors as part of their contract to cut our roadside verges and playing field. Our sincere thanks must go to Gayton Parish Council for providing this invaluable support to our village church.

Sunken graves are gradually being top filled with soil to create level surfaces. Over the next few months these patches will be composted, fertilized and reseeded. In addition, we intend straightening some of the tilted headstones to make things look a bit neater. The PCC would like to thank those volunteers who give up their time in assisting us with this work.

It would help us enormously if those people whose relatives or friends are buried in the churchyard would keep floral tributes as close as possible to the headstone marking each grave. This will enable mowing between headstones much easier, quicker and therefore less expensive.

As a PCC, we are governed by The Peterborough Diocesan Churchyard Regulations which state the following:

Containers with flowers should be placed as close to headstones as possible so that they do not obstruct mowing or churchyard maintenance.

Wreaths and other cut flowers may be placed on graves but removed as soon as they have withered.

There should be no artificial flowers except Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths. These are to be removed after a period of two months.

Flower bulbs may be planted in the soil of any grave.

No tree, rose bush, or any other bush or shrub may be planted without the Chancellor's* permission.

We are sure you will agree that our churchyard has not looked so neat and tidy for a long time. The churchyard is a valuable heritage and an asset to our village and we hope that with everyone's support we can continue to improve its appearance.

The Churchwardens and Gayton Parochial Church Council.

* Contact details of the Chancellor's Office are available from the Churchwardens.



Joules

SECONDS SALE

(Seconds, Samples and Returns)

NEW DATE!!

MONDAY 17th JULY

6:00 - 8:00pm

Advance tickets are available from the school office or www.pta-events.co.uk/pattishall

£4 for entry from 6:30pm

£7 VIP Early Bird tickets (entry from 6pm)

Entry on the door: £5. 6:30pm

**Pattishall C.E. Primary School
School Road,
Pattishall,
nr. Towcester
NN12 8NE**



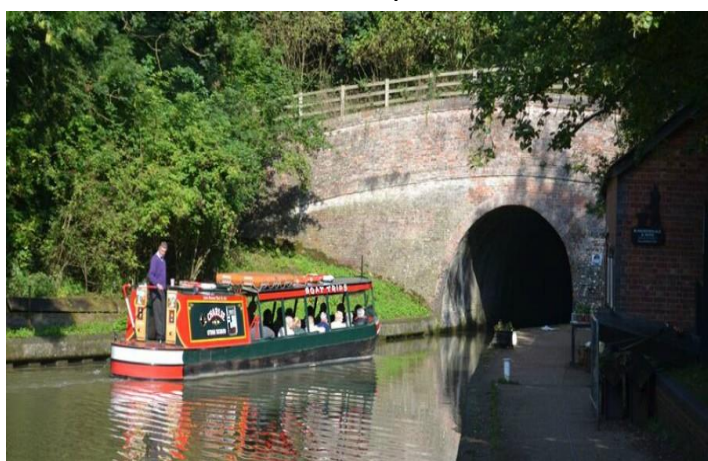
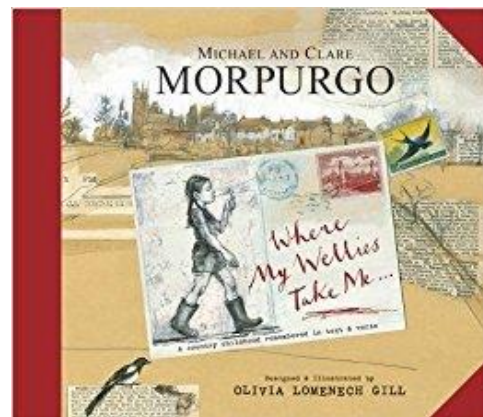


The children in both classes have come back after Easter working on a new topic 'Where our wellies take us'. This is based on the wonderful poetry anthology by Clare and Michael Morpurgo.

The children have enjoyed exploring their local environment and then writing poems and creating artwork to accompany them.

We have also been learning about the Grand Union Canal and are looking forward to visiting the Canal Museum

in Stoke Bruerne in a couple of weeks.



Our year 3 pupils enjoyed a 1 night stay at Kings Park Centre in Northampton. Over the 2 days they took part in a number of activities including trampolining, roller skating, rock climbing, archery and Gymnastics. They also had the opportunity to meet Princess Anne as she was there opening a new indoor trampolining park.

All pupils in the federation had fun taking part in a skipping workshop held in school. They learnt new skipping techniques alone and with partners. Once they had taken part they were also able to buy skipping ropes for them to use in and out of school.

We have a fun summer term coming up, including a trip to Bosworth Water Park in Market Bosworth, where our pupils can enjoy nature walks, building sand castles on the manmade beach and paddling in the water. We also have our Federation Sports Day at Stoke Bruerne planned.

KS2 have 3 new pupils join their class – Stephanie and Jacob Caldecourt and Ruby Mutch. All staff and pupils welcome the pupils and their family to the school.



In September 2017 Gayton will be consisting of 3 classes; Class 1 Reception and year 1 pupils, taught by Mrs Fulford and Mrs Cox; Class 2, years 2 and 3 pupils, taught by Mrs Powell (Assistant Headteacher) and we have a new member of staff joining us, Mr Mcloughlin who will teach Class 3, years 4, 5 and 6. Mr Mcloughlin has a vast array of experience working with mixed aged classes and loves his sport; I'm sure he will be a valuable new member of the teaching team, not only to Gayton School but the Federation as a whole. The pupils have had the opportunity to meet him and he will be invited to attend our transition days in the summer. This is an exciting time moving forward for Gayton School.

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 2nd 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 29th 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 14th 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 Church Heritage Trust AGM 18th April 2018

The minutes of the meeting can be accessed on the Gayton Website. The Trustees are John Shaw – Secretary, Joy Ayre – Treasurer, Martin Church, Elaine Footitt, Tony Footitt, Liz Jell, Astrid White, Peter Foster, Karen Cooper.

Background to the formation of a Church Trust for Gayton Parish Church

The Gayton Parish Plan conducted by the Parish Council in 2001 identified future needs of the village by a questionnaire delivered to each household. Volunteers formed action groups run by the then Chair of the Parish Council to look at the areas receiving the greatest interest and what actions might be taken to address these issues.

The church received many responses highlighting its historic significance as well as the spiritual and social importance of the building as part of village life. Maintenance costs of the church were a major concern and it was becoming increasingly difficult for the Parochial Church Council to have sole responsibility for its upkeep. The Parochial Church Council agreed that with better facilities, the church could be used for concerts as a means of raising money. From the Parish Plan initiative a steering group was formed known as the Facilities Group with the purpose of fund raising for a servery and a toilet in the church. However, the state of the building needed urgent attention, requiring large sums of money. To apply for grant funding to help with maintenance costs it was necessary to become a fully constituted trust, with a well-defined remit for the overall benefit of the building and the community as the whole. The Application to the Charity Commission for Charitable Status was successful. The Facilities Group continued to raise money specifically for a servery and toilet in the Church and became founder members of Gayton Church Heritage Trust. Our charitable status had credibility because it had the backing of the 2001 Gayton Parish Plan and formed the basis of all applications for community grant funding. This is of particular relevance as at the present time because the process of looking at the needs of the village and how to fund projects currently being looked at.

Anna Fox – Chairman, Gayton Church Heritage Trust
Gayton Church Heritage Trust – Constitution 28th July 2005

The Charity's objectives for the Church building are: The Preservation, Repair, Restoration, Maintenance and/or improvement for the public benefit of the fabric, major fittings and ornaments of the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Gayton, Northants, its churchyard and ancillary buildings, together with the provision of such additional facilities to enhance public worship and community use of the church as the Trustees shall from time to time determine. Adopted August 12th 2005 and signed by John Shaw

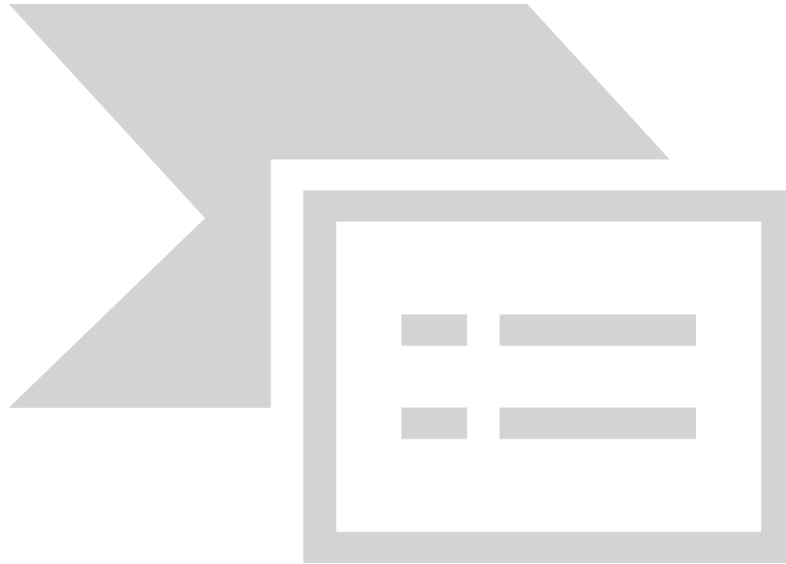
The Charity is registered by the Charity Commission and listed as Model Constitution for a Charitable Unincorporated Association Registration Number 1111145.

St Mary's Church, Gayton NN7 3EY

Presents

Open Gardens and Allotments

Sunday 2nd July 1-5 pm



**Enjoy an afternoon out visiting Gayton Gardens & allotments
There will be a Teddy Bear Trail to entertain younger visitors**

**Stalls include bric-a-brac, books, DVDs, jigsaw puzzles,
'Made in Gayton' and plants**

**In the church there will be a demonstration by a local lace maker
together with an exhibition of her work**

**You can also enjoy afternoon tea with homemade cakes and
cream teas.**

Admission is adults £4, children £2, Family Saver Ticket £10.

Get your tickets and maps from the church

Follow the signs for Parking

**This event is raising money for Gayton Church.
Contact carol.coppock14@gmail.com for further information**

HARVEST SUPPER & QUIZ



Saturday

14th October

7pm to 11pm

Gayton Village Hall

Ticket price: £12 Includes meal (Chilli & homemade desserts)

All proceeds in aid of St Marys Church

Contact: Alison Foster 01604 858884


TOWCESTER FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

We want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry, but we need your help to make this happen. Your gift of food, time or financial support will make a real difference. Towcester foodbank is a project founded by local people and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area. Based in the St John Ambulance hall, Islington Road, it opens twice a week on Tuesdays between 12.00noon – 2.00pm and Fridays between 10.00am – 12.00noon. The Foodbank is staffed by volunteers, the shelves in the storeroom are stocked with the food kindly donated by members of the public and organisations. If you would like to support the foodbank in some way please visit the Give Help page on their website for more details www.towcester.foodbank.org.uk Items currently needed are 'all foods except pasta and baked beans' 'toiletries' 'household items such as tin openers, tea towels, toilet rolls, kitchen rolls, cling film

There will be a collection for the Towcester Foodbank towards the end of July at The Towcester Tesco. If you would like to help please email myself or Barbara Parfitt at bjp@btinternet.com

Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.

Karen karencooper@mortimers.uk.com Tel: 07753 638 180



**Calling all Bakers and creative Ladies
(and Gentlemen) of Gayton**

**We have volunteered to run a
'Homemade in Gayton' stall
on Sunday 2 July for
the Open Gardens Event**

**We are seeking donations such as home
baked cakes and pastries, homemade jars of
honey, jam, pickles and chutney, plus any
other hand crafted gifts such as candle
holders or cards etc. If you are able to help
us fill the stall we would be most grateful.**

**Please let us know by Friday 23 June if you can
help by emailing or calling as follows:**

Email: footitte@sky.com

Phone: 07793753631

All proceeds will go towards Gayton Church

Many thanks

Tony & Elaine Footitt

Gayton Gardeners and Allotment Society

Allotment News

The soil is warming, there's plenty of rain and everything is beginning to grow more quickly - especially the weeds! This time of year is particularly busy for vegetable gardeners, much of the sowing and planting done now will produce crops over the summer and autumn and looking around the allotment, I see beans of all shapes and sizes, sweetcorn, peas, brassicas, potatoes, courgettes and winter squashes to name but a few. The fruit is beginning to swell too. First come the strawberries that have so much more flavour than supermarket varieties - we're eating ours now (so are the pigeons)!

Looking forward there are a few things planned for the summer. The allotments will be open to visitors on the Gayton Open Gardens day on July 2nd and, once again, there will be a member of the allotment society on hand to show people around and answer questions for any visitors uninitiated in the art of vegetable gardening. Who knows, a bit of recruiting might go on too! We also have our members BBQ in July, an annual event that has become a bit of a tradition over the years. As always we will keep our fingers crossed for good weather and ensure that we don't clash with Silverstone (like we did last year). The fantastic puds and excellent chefs are of course a given. It's also possible that alcohol will be involved.

The resurfacing of our drive is at last complete and we are now turning our attention to buying and building our 'swap shop' and completing the community garden, by which time we will have used up the last of the grant we got from South Northants Council. We may well look at other fund raising ideas next year, the aim being to continue improving facilities for our members.

We have a few vacant plots at the moment in a variety of sizes. The smallest could be dug in an hour or two and would be ideal for someone with limited time or a beginner who wants to try vegetable growing to see if they like it. The largest is not for the faint hearted and needs to go to someone who is willing and able to put in some seriously hard work (or own a tractor!). So if you think you might like to join our group of green fingered enthusiasts and grow your very own fresh vegetables, get lots of fresh air and swap a few tales about the size of your marrow, contact me at the e-mail address at the end of the article.

Curiosity Corner

It's about time for me to ramble on a bit about a couple of new things I am thinking of doing this season. The first is to dig less. This cannot be bad as it means less work but in order to get started I will need lots of mulch to suppress the weeds and improve the soil structure. I have it on good authority that by hoeing or mowing my plot and then covering it with mulch, I can plant most things directly into the resulting covering layer of water retaining, weed suppressing soil improver without digging.

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The main drawback is the need for lots of mulch to start with which may mean buying bulk bags of mushroom compost. However, once the weeds are controlled, old straw, grass cuttings or home made compost should suffice and hopefully they'll be free. Small weeds may appear but they can be easily controlled by hoeing (really!)

I don't pretend to have thought this up myself, we have at least one member who already practices minimum dig gardening and as always I will copy anything that works. If you are interested in learning more, there is a very informative book called 'Organic Gardening, the natural no dig way' written by Charles Dowding.

The second thing I want to try is growing dwarf fruit trees. I'm too old to plan a full scale orchard, someone else would very likely enjoy the fruits of my labour - literally! So I reckon the best plan is a fast maturing and portable mini orchard. My aim from all this is to have a number of trees that have different flavours and uses but don't crop so heavily that the apples go to waste. I favour using cordon trees, the following short description, copied from the Chris Bowers and Son website, explains what they are:

A very easy space saving option, cordon fruit trees consist of just one main stem with 2-3" laterals carrying the fruit and flowers. Traditionally grown at a 45 degree angle, they are these days more often grown vertically, but you can still plant them at an angle if you wish. Space cordon apples and pears 2.5-3' apart. They can be grown against a fence or wall, or along posts and wires, or in the open and staked individually with a 'standard rose' type stake, or even a stout bamboo cane. They will reach between 6-8' in height. They do well on all soils except the light and sandy which should have plenty of organic matter incorporated to add body, and the trees mulched thereafter. The beauty of cordons is that they can be planted in pots, tubs or directly into the soil. I think I'll start with some old favourites that I've read about in a book by a long dead author all of which are still available and deemed highly suitable for training as cordons. They are called, in order of ripening; Michaelmas Red that ripens in September (presumably Christmas was early the year this was named), Sunset, a November ripening variety and Adam's Pearmain that ripens between December and January. I may also add a couple of dual purpose trees such as James Grieve for cooking. All these and many more are available from the nursery, Chris Bowers and Sons, which is well worth a look.

Till the Next Time – That's about it for this instalment but I hope I'll see some of you at the allotment on the Open Garden's day and have the opportunity to extol the virtues of allotment gardening to you face to face. Should you feel the urge to provide feedback on anything in my short article (or perhaps put me in touch with a local mushroom farmer!) please feel free to contact me, Carl Hamilton, at letting.gaytonallotments@btinternet.com.
Thanks, Carl



GALA CONCERT

ST MARY'S CHURCH GAYTON

Helen Swift

and

Jonathan French

are once again joined
acclaimed clarinettist

Steve Morris



Friday 29th September 2017
7.30 pm

Adults £13 Students and under 16s £6

Includes sparkling wine & canapés on arrival

**For tickets ring 01604 859645 or
07792 630543**



**Formal evening dress
encouraged!**

Raising money for Gayton Church

GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

We have had two very interesting speakers at our meetings recently. At the beginning of March, Richard Deacon gave a talk on 'Northampton in the 60's'. This was illustrated with lots of lovely, nostalgic photographs of old Northampton. Members were very interested to hear the stories about Northampton as they knew it in their younger days and there was a great deal of reminiscing!



We are hoping Richard is able come back sometime soon to give his talk on Northampton from the 70's to the present day. In May, Barbara Knight gave an illustrated talk on her recent holiday to Oman. This gave members a fascinating insight into a little known holiday venue.

A lunch in the company of friends is always enjoyable and members have enjoyed two such occasions recently. At the end of March members visited the Lanes Restaurant at Northampton College. The restaurant is run as a training venue for students on catering courses at the college. This outing did not disappoint. The three course meal was delicious and well prepared, and the service was excellent. The Spring Lunch was held at the end of May. Members enjoyed a cold meats, quiche and salad buffet followed by home made sweets and tea/coffee.

Our Spring Outing was to Emmaus at Charleton near Turvey. Emmaus is a charity supporting homeless people offering them accommodation and training. There are several shopping outlets selling men's, women's and children's clothing, furniture and gardening items. Cycles and keep fit machines were also in plentiful supply. There is also a wide selection of books and bric-a-brac for sale. A Bistro serving light lunches and teas proved very popular with the members. Everyone agreed this was an enjoyable visit and a worthy cause to support.

We have a lot to look forward to over the next few months, including:

Tuesday 13th June at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, Musical Entertainment with the Hunsbury Singers, guests £3

Thursday 29th June, Garden Visit to Kings Bridge Farm, Steeple Claydon with afternoon tea

Tuesday 11th July at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, Strawberry Tea and Tombola

Thursday 3rd August 10.30am -12.00pm in the Village Hall, Coffee Morning

Thursday 14th September, Outing - venue to be confirmed.

Sadly John Barker, one of our members from Pattishall passed away in May after a short illness. A very talented musician/composer, John and his wife Kathie entertained us at the Evergreen Club on several occasions.

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).

Calendar of events

June

Tuesday 13 th	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreens 'Musical entertainment' details tbc
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
Thursday 29 th	1.00pm	Gayton Evergreens 'outing to Kings Bridge Farm, Steeple Claydon

July

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 2 nd	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 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 11 th	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreens 'strawberry tea' Village Hal
Tuesday 11 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall
Sunday 16 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 21 st	10.30am	Gayton cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

August

Thursday 3 rd	10.30am	Gayton Evergreens 'coffee morning' Village Hall
Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 20 th	10.00am	Gayton walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists – meet at Fiveways

September

Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 10 th	10.00am	Gayton walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 12 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Thursday 14 th	11.00am	Evergreens 'outing'
Sunday 17 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 24 th	10.30am	Gayton cyclists – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 26 th	2.30pm	Evergreens 'social afternoon with cream tea'

October

Sunday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 8 th	10.00am	Gayton walkers – monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 10 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Thursday 12 th	12.30pm	Evergreens 'Fish & Chip Lunch'
Sunday 15 th	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Gayton cyclists – monthly ride – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 24 th	2.30pm	Evergreens 'Bingo'

November

Sunday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at 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	11.00am	Evergreen 'outing'
Sunday 19 th	11.00am	Family Communion in Gayton Church

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