

# GAYTON NEWS

## MARCH 2018



Bob Harris, a long time Gayton resident, passed away on 11th November 2017, he was 84 years of age.

All donations that were received from the memorial service which was held at St Mary's Church on November 30<sup>th</sup> were made to the British Heart Foundation.

Bobs family would like to thank everybody for their kind contribution.

Many thanks, Simon Harris



A very big 'thank you' goes out to Julie Wood for her hard work and commitment to Gayton's Neighbourhood Watch and email system. Julie served the village for a number of years, keeping everyone informed. Thanks go to Julie along with congratulations to her and Pete with their house move. We wish them both happiness. Karen

I send a 'thank you' to Gayton Parish Council for their financial support which has enabled the Gayton News to continue, 'thank you' also to Jens and Manja for their much appreciated donation to Gayton News funds. Karen

## Gayton Walkers

Our February walk was from Stoke Bruerne starting and finishing at the Navigation Inn. Some of us stayed for lunch. Not brilliant as it was very busy. The March walk was Cold Higham, Grimscote and Potcote in fine weather with good views.



Following the success of the footpath survey in 2017, it has been agreed that some of us will undertake maintenance not only of the Parish footpaths but also the pavements in Gayton. If you know of any paths, stiles etc. that need attention, please let me know. I will pass the information to Colin Simmonds who has agreed to co-ordinate this project.

We continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday at 10am at Fiveways. It would be nice to see some new faces!

Robin Kelso. 01604 857585

## Gayton Church Heritage Trust (GCHT)

The work on the Church Roof will soon be complete. GCHT only had a small part in supporting the costs associated with the roof repairs however we continue to help by raising money to improve the amenities in the building. The heating requires a total overhaul and will be the focus of our fundraising this year and probably next year too. The boiler needs re-locating and the present radiators are old and noisy but not totally useless. New Fundraising Members Welcome. The AGM and appointment of Officers is April 17th at 7:30 p.m. including a General Meeting at Fiveways, 2 Back Lane.

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## St Mary's is one of Northamptonshire's top 110!

In 2018, the 'Northamptonshire: Britain's Best Surprise' campaign aims to encourage people living in Northamptonshire and beyond to explore the great diversity and beauty of Northamptonshire's churches.



This campaign will enable more visits to church buildings and church events, and will involve a range of activities (website content, printed material, PR, Google & Facebook advertising, social media promotions) as well as the production of posters, banners, leaflets, trails, film with drone footage and digital advertising.

The Surprise Northamptonshire campaign will officially launch this year by focussing on the county's historic churches on 1 April 2018. St Mary's, Gayton has been included on the campaign's list of Northamptonshire's 100 best churches due to its historic and architectural importance.



Each church on this list will have a dedicated webpage on the 'Surprise Northamptonshire' website, which can provide potential visitors with more information about our church as well any events or activities we are running.

The webpage has already been created for most churches on the 'best 100' list. You can find it by following this link -[www.northamptonshiresurprise.com/crm-categories/things-to-do/churches/](http://www.northamptonshiresurprise.com/crm-categories/things-to-do/churches/)

David Coppock. Churchwarden

## Gayton & Tiffield Minibus Service

With the 'Beast from the East' having finally releasing its icy grip on the area we are delighted to report that despite the arctic conditions and heavy snowfalls, we still managed to operate our service except for Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> when all our regular passengers informed us they would not be venturing out into the sub-zero temperatures, gales and snowstorms.

Our Treasurer Cate Gardner will soon be finalising our accounts for the current financial year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March and we continue to be in an extremely good financial position due to record Private Hire revenues which has helped to increase our reserves to over £40k. This is an amazing achievement and we are currently exploring the replacement of our Minibus which is now 10 years old, at a cost of approximately £23,500 which would still leave us with more than adequate financial reserves.

From the recent news coverage, you will probably be aware that the 'shambolic' management of NCC are planning to cease subsidising many long established but commercially unprofitable bus services. Fortunately, we have been involved from the early stages in the consultation process and have been specifically excluded from the current planned cutbacks. But many of the local scheduled services will be radically affected, including the current services from Towcester through Blisworth into Northampton. We are still awaiting the final decision as the proposals have yet to be formally approved by the County Council. It is interesting to note from the NCC figures provided in the consultation that they currently pay **£15.47 per passenger trip** in transport subsidies. It is extremely rewarding for us to note that with a cost of **£2.66 per passenger trip** we are the lowest cost scheduled service in the County!

On the run up to Christmas we operated two mid-week shopping trips to MK City Centre and Oxford which were much appreciated by many residents and our thanks to Geoff Wilkins for undertaking the trip to Oxford.

With 11 volunteer drivers and an excellent financial position, we continue to be in great shape, **but** we all need to make sure that everyone in our communities are aware of the need to **use the service**. This will ensure that we can continue to operate to Northampton and Towcester on a scheduled basis which provides us with the minibus which is a valuable community resource for local clubs, schools, organisations as well as for our regular passengers.

Our thanks to everyone in our communities, our Parish Councils and of course especially to our brilliant team of 11 drivers and our passengers for your help and support in keeping our village Minibus service going for an amazing 33 years in Gayton and Tiffield.



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## Allotment News

After what seems to have been a long dark winter, spring is finally in the air. Thanks to the 'Beast from the East' we have had the coldest couple of weeks for years with winds so strong that they blew over sheds on the allotment and one of our fences at home! Sub zero temperatures aren't all bad though as they help to kill off bugs in the vegetable plot but gale force wind we can do without.

Despite the vagaries of British weather, as owners of a fair sized greenhouse, family H has made an early start. I've planted onion seeds in modules and peas in a length of guttering ready to slide into the soil when the weather warms up. Outside, and exposed to the elements, my overwintered Aqua Dulce broad beans coped well with the sub zero temperatures and are now a couple of inches tall. I also have some healthy looking garlic in a raised bed (posh name for an old filing cabinet full of compost).

So, what comes next on the allotment calendar? We love eating fresh picked home grown tomatoes and I'm itching to get seeds in. However, restraint is called for as I have it on the authority of Mrs H, who actually knows what she's doing, that if you start too early the young plants will get leggy due to lack of light. Apparently it's better to wait till the end of March to be sure of cultivating strong young plants by which time we'll have for a few more minute of precious daylight each day. We did a bit of an experiment last year and grew greenhouse tomatoes in a mix of grow bags, large containers and in the ground. Our grow bag crop developed something called blossom end rot due to lack of water and the RHS advised us that we needed to water at least twice a day. That certainly helped but the crop was pretty poor. The plants in containers did much better as they retained water for longer but the clear winners were those planted in the ground. The tomatoes in the deck were much more robust, needed less water and remained productive into the early autumn. I should apologise to all you tomato experts out there for 'teaching granny to suck eggs' but hopefully someone will find my observations interesting.

'View from the Allotment Entrance'

If you've visited Cub Close lately you'll notice that our driveway has been re-surfaced and that we have a nice new shed which is destined to become our allotment 'swap shop'. We also have a new grass trimmer with wheels that will make short work of overgrown plots. All this was made possible by a grant from South Northants Council that the Parish Council (PC) helped us apply for, so thanks again to the PC and to the Grant Officer at South Northants Council who was ever helpful.

Although the vacancy situation remains stable, we do have space for new members

and Gayton residents are particularly welcome. We can cater for most needs so if you want a small area to grow cut flowers or cut and come again crops we can oblige and big plots are also available. You will also meet people of like mind and spend lots of time in the fresh air and glorious English summer sunshine (waterproofs and brollies advised). Carl H  
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**Campion students** have continued to enjoy a wide range of experiences during the Spring term. Opportunities in the past two months alone have included an excellent production of Alice in Wonderland; feedback from all was superb – a high quality performance indeed and a joy to watch! Other events have been shared through our weekly newsletter, The Root, including a series of extra-curricular revision opportunities for students in Years 10 and 11, leadership of primary school

partnership sporting events, a visit from GB hockey player Zoe Shipperley, careers education days with business partners, theatre visits (for example Woman in Black and The Play that Goes Wrong!) and visits from theatre companies too as we continue our programmes to educate all students about the importance of positive relationships. Many of these events require time from colleagues beyond the school day and during holiday periods too and I am proud to lead a team who make such a tremendous commitment to our students.

Year 13 have taken their mock exams and showed great resilience during this pressured period. They have also received tremendous offers from universities. We are pleased that three students have been successful in securing offers to study for their degrees at either Oxford or Cambridge, studying Engineering, Physics and Law. Other offers include York to read History, Leicester to read Archaeology, Loughborough to read English Literature, Leicester to read Economics and Northampton University Primary Education. Our Sixth Form students certainly have much to look forward to at the end of this demanding exam experience. They have also been busy organising a wide range of inter-house competitions too – their commitment to whole school life is tremendous.

Whilst the Easter holiday will be fast upon us, Campion will remain open for those taking exams and subject teams are providing an exciting Easter School programme. As I type, our GCSE students are already in their actual exam season. I know you will join me in wishing all the very best to each one of our students who are taking external exams.

Very recently a group of students were interviewed about their experience at Campion. In their words, 'its like being part of one big family'. If you would be interested in joining the Campion family, please check out our website where any vacancies are posted; we would welcome applications for our lunchtime team. This part time role provides a great opportunity to get to know the Campion community and experience some of the best events at our inter-house competitions – if this would be of interest to you, please do get in touch with Dawn Hilder via [csoffice@campion.northants.sch.uk](mailto:csoffice@campion.northants.sch.uk). We look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes

Claire Whitmore  
Headteacher

The children at **Gayton Primary School** celebrated World Book Day on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018. All the children came into school dressed as their favourite books characters, they all looked fantastic. Parents came into school on the morning and read with their children and we carried out some world book day activities throughout the day. We also held a Sponsored read throughout that week. The project was organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Organiser, Kerry Holligan. The children raised £600 and this will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money raised, Usborne are also donating EXTRA BOOKS to the school.

The friends of Gayton held a mother's day sale in school. The child were able to purchase small gifts for their mums and take home for mother's day. We also held an open morning for mums where they worked with their children and then enjoyed tea and cake.

Our children are looking forward to celebrating sports relief, week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> March. The British Heart foundation kindly donated skipping ropes to the school and we will carry out a sponsored skipping activity and will raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

Our upcoming dates that you are welcome to attend, Gayton Church Easter Service – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2.30pm. May Day Fete, Village Green - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Father's Day Football, Village Green -16<sup>th</sup> June 2018



**Towcester Wild Day** is planned for 5 April from 11am to 3pm in Tove Wetland Pocket Park which is owned by Towcester Town Council and managed by the Towcester Wildlife Group. South Northants Council has recently funded the Town Council with a community grant towards the provision of a boardwalk giving improved access to a pond dipping/viewing platform as well as an interpretation board. The boardwalk is now in place and the interpretation board is soon to be installed. Towcester Wild Day will be a community wild day in the pocket park which will involve a number of activities based around a Bioblitz organised by the Northants Biological Records Centre. The Bioblitz will encourage people to become a wildlife explorer for the day and find and identify as many different birds, bugs and plants as they can.

Other activities will include pond dipping with the Towcester Wildlife Group, outdoor fun including Den Building, dig for treasure with Cotswold Archaeology, Park Games and Smoothie Bike with the SNC Activators, Arts and Crafts in the Park and Family Walks. Bring a picnic and have a fun day out in your local park and enjoy the wildlife and the natural environment.





## Rail Central – Phase Two Consultation Venues

An opportunity to hear a current update for this proposed development. Some venue sites will have already happened by the time this edition of Gayton News has been circulated, however the attached links will have the updated information.



- Walnut Tree Inn. 21 Station Road, Blisworth NN7 3DS – Thursday 15th March 2pm-8pm
- Milton Malsor Village Hall. High Street, Milton Malsor NN7 3AS. Saturday 17 March 12.30-5.30pm
- Roade Village Hall. Bailey Brooks Lane, Roade NN7 2LS. Wednesday 21st March 1pm-7pm
- South Northants Council Chamber. The Forum, Towcester NN12 6AD. Thursday 22nd March 1pm-7pm
- Milton Malsor Village Hall, High Street NN7 3AS. Friday 23rd March 2pm-8pm
- Blisworth Village Hall 19 Stoke Road, Blisworth NN7 3DB. Saturday 24th March 10am-4pm

Members of the project Teams will be available at all Venues to answer queries.

Links – [www.railcentral.com](http://www.railcentral.com) (on line feed -back form available)

Project email address:- [railcentral@camargue.uk](mailto:railcentral@camargue.uk) Postal address:- FREEPOST Rail Central

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## GAYTON OPEN GARDENS 2018

A date for your diary....

Gayton Open Gardens will take place this year on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1 - 5pm. There will be gardens to visit, homemade teas in the church and a chance to browse Barry and Wendy's ever-popular stall at 11 St Mary's Court.

If you are interested in helping at this event by opening your garden, making a cake, serving refreshments or running a stall, please contact



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As usual, we are holding our **'Books and Bric-a-Brac stall'** at 12 St Mary's Court, and we are asking you to start collecting books and bric-brac in good condition. Remember – all profits go to the church.

Thank you. Barry & Wendy Steer



## GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

Our annual Christmas Lunch was held at Woodward's Restaurant at the Boat Inn, Stoke Bruerne. Members enjoyed a pre-lunch drink before sitting down to a three course seasonal lunch followed by tea/coffee and mince pies. Once again, this lunch was funded by the Gayton Alms Charity and our annual fund raising Coffee Morning in August.

The first meeting of 2018 was the AGM which was well supported by members. The minutes of the meeting for 2017 were agreed as were the financial reports and a summary of the club activities. The committee was re-elected unanimously by the members. Afterwards refreshments were served and members had an opportunity to watch a slide show of photographs taken at our meetings last year.

Kevin Varty joined us at the end of January to give a talk entitled 'Radio Days'. This took the form of a quiz, Kevin played a short piece of title music and we had to guess the radio programme associated with it. It was amazing how far our memories went back!

In February we had a lunch outing to the Poppy Fields Farm Restaurant in Duston. Members enjoyed a carvery meal and super-sized puddings.

Snow and icy conditions affected our next meeting. A very small number of members made it to the village hall; tea, cake and a chat was their reward.

The meetings for March – June are as follows:

- Fish and Chip Lunch on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm.
- Outing to The Bell Plantation on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Spring Lunch on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30 pm
- Bingo with table top sale on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm
- Social Afternoon with Cream Tea on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2.30pm
- Musical Quiz on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm
- Outing, venue TBC on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June

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).



## The History of Evergreen Farm (Part One: A Good Investment?)

In the middle of the sixteenth century, Gayton was a tight knit farming community. The farmers, although not rich, were making a success of their lives. The Dover, Jones, Wapul, Forman, Tarry, Wright and Neale families all intermarried keeping the farming know-how in the village. They named their children after the Lord and Lady of the Manor, Sir Francis and Bridget Tanfield's children. Among the top ten most popular children's names in Gayton at the time were Bridget, Elizabeth, Margaret, Anne, Mary, Thomas, William, Francis, Robert and John!

From 1378 until 1600 Gayton was an open village farming a three-field system, Milne Feld (either side of the Eastcote Road, with the Mill in the little copse on the left), Catwel Feld (at the end of Park Lane including the Deer Park) and Drywel Feld (On the left of the Milton Road). Oldefelde (Oldfield) dating from 1300 was incorporated into Drywel Feld.

Dover's House Photo: Rod Poxon



Standing on the High Street, in front of Evergreen Farm, was Evergreen's forerunner, Dover's House.

The large ironstone blocks that edged the side of Dover's House can easily be seen incorporated into Evergreen's wall.

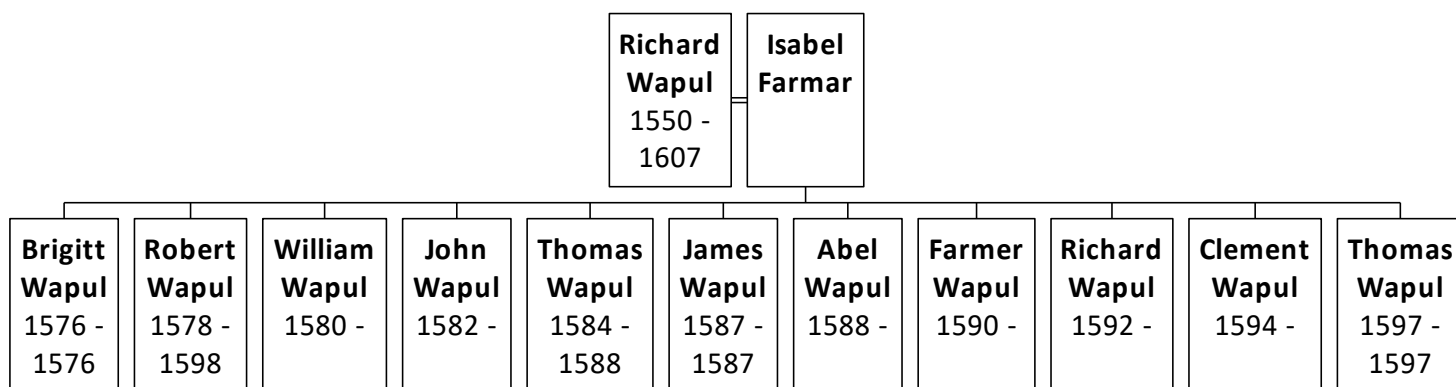
Dover's House was called after John Dover who farmed from and lived here with his family in the mid-fifteen hundreds.

The death of John Dover's wife, Elizabeth, and daughter Joan, in January 1561 were among the earliest in the Gayton Parish Registers and although John was not a young man he went on to marry Alice Jones in the October and to have three more children, Bridget, Anne and Mary. John Dover may have built a new Farmhouse but it is far more likely that his successor at Dover's House, Richard Wapul, built the new Farmhouse, today's Evergreen Farm.

Over the years farmers who wanted to invest in property often continued living in the old farmhouse but built a new farmhouse close by, which they let out to the well-to-do, as Thomas Marriott who lived at Outback did. He built Fiveways which he rented to the disgraced, but wealthy, Revd John Elderton. Richard Wapul may have rented the new farmhouse to Peter Salter, who was a Parish Officer in Gayton in 1600. Accommodation, as befit his status, may explain the house being called Peter's House locally.



## Wapul Family Tree



In his will of 1528, Richard Wapul's grandfather left £20, the equivalent of £11,000 today, to his daughter. Richard obviously came from a wealthy farming family. On 29 January 1575 Richard married Isabel Farmar at Gayton Church. They had ten children, and of those that survived, all were boys, just what a farmer needed! However in the 1570s several of the adult men in the Wapul family died and whilst Richard Wapul may have inherited, at the same time he lost the man power that the farm needed.

Wapul's hay barn and cow house were over the road from the farmhouse, today used as Evergreen Stables. Known as 'William Pell's Yard' in 1559, it was stacked with a load of cut wood, and an old cottage where William Pell lived with his wife, Agnes, daughter of John Wright, Husbandman, and daughter Elizabeth. Elizabeth was in 1559 the proud possessor of a new violet gown that she had just inherited from her grandmother. Their son Thomas inherited the cottage, referred to as 'Thomas Pell's cottage' down through the years to 1773!

Evergreen Stables or William Pell's Yard Photo: Rod Poxon

Richard Wapul was a Dairy farmer and the Farmhouse had an Orchard, garden and Hemp plot. Henry VIII's Statute of 1533 required landowners to grow one quarter of an acre of Hemp (*Canabis*) per sixty acres of farmland and in 1563 Elizabeth I re-enforced it with a £5 fine! Hemp, is illegal to grow now, but it was a good crop for Dairy farmers as it was sown in May and then left to grow during the Dairy farmer's busiest months. The fibre was used to make fabric, rope or sacking, which Henry and Elizabeth required for their fleets.



Richard Wapul chose a miserable time to invest his money in building works. Towards the end of the sixteenth century it seemed that the 'older' generation were making way for the new. Sir Francis Tanfield died in 1558, and Robert Tanfield, the last of the 'older' generation of Lords of the Manor died in 1599. With a new young Lord of the Manor, Mr Francis Tanfield, who had little sentimental connection with Gayton, the scene was set. Added to which, the farming community was changing too. John Wright the elder died in 1559, John Dover, aged 96, died in 1605, and John Forman died in 1624, a 'very old man'.

Enclosure was almost always imposed from above with a quick profit being an overriding motivation and a new generation of farmers, who could appreciate the notion of improving their farming methods with the benefit of Enclosure, was emerging. Enclosure which changed strip farming in open fields, to separate holdings of smaller, hedged off, fields took place on 23 March 1600\1 dramatically changing the whole look of the Gayton countryside.

Strip farming had been in operation for centuries and everyone understood how it worked. Because of the nature of the strip farming, it was necessary for the Community to meet together each year, in the pub, to agree the crop rotation, agree what was being done and, in addition, everyone had an opportunity to air their grievances. Gayton's Enclosure was 'by agreement' and very early. Few Parishes were operating this system of farming. In order to establish everyone's rights to the new pieces of land a great many title deeds had to be created (or even fabricated) and to remove the risk of disputes, Quitclaims were passed. Defining the position of the new land was nigh impossible when everything had changed.

Abstract: 31 March 1601 Francis and Elizabeth Tanfield to Richard Wapul of Gayton  
Messuage houses and buildings and 26a for 2000 years

All that messuage or tenement in Gayton aforesaid then in the occupation of the said Richard or of his assigns withall houses and buildings thereto belonging with their appurtenances And all that plot and parcel of ground of land meadow and pasture containing by estimation 26 acres in the field or parish of Gayton aforesaid then also in the occupation of the said Richard or of his assigns with reversion of sundry exceptions covenants rents service and duties to the said Francis Tanfield and Elizabeth and to the heirs of the said Francis at by the said Indenture more at large appeareth To have and to hold all and singular the said premises to the said Richard Wapul his executors and assigns from the day of the day of those Indenture unto the end and term of two thousand years then next following. The state right title and interest of which said Richard Wapul of and into all the said messuage tenement lands and premises thereto here above mentioned to be appertaining under the exceptions referuations covenants rents service and duties contained in the said Indenture

Lincolnshire Archives, Ref: Hawley 1/C/17 Transcription: Rita Poxon

Just as Richard Wapul completed his building works, when he had too many calls on his money already, he was required to hedge and ditch his newly enclosed farm. His growing sons probably helped around the farm but farm accidents were common and his eldest son, twenty year old Robert Wapul, had died in 1598.

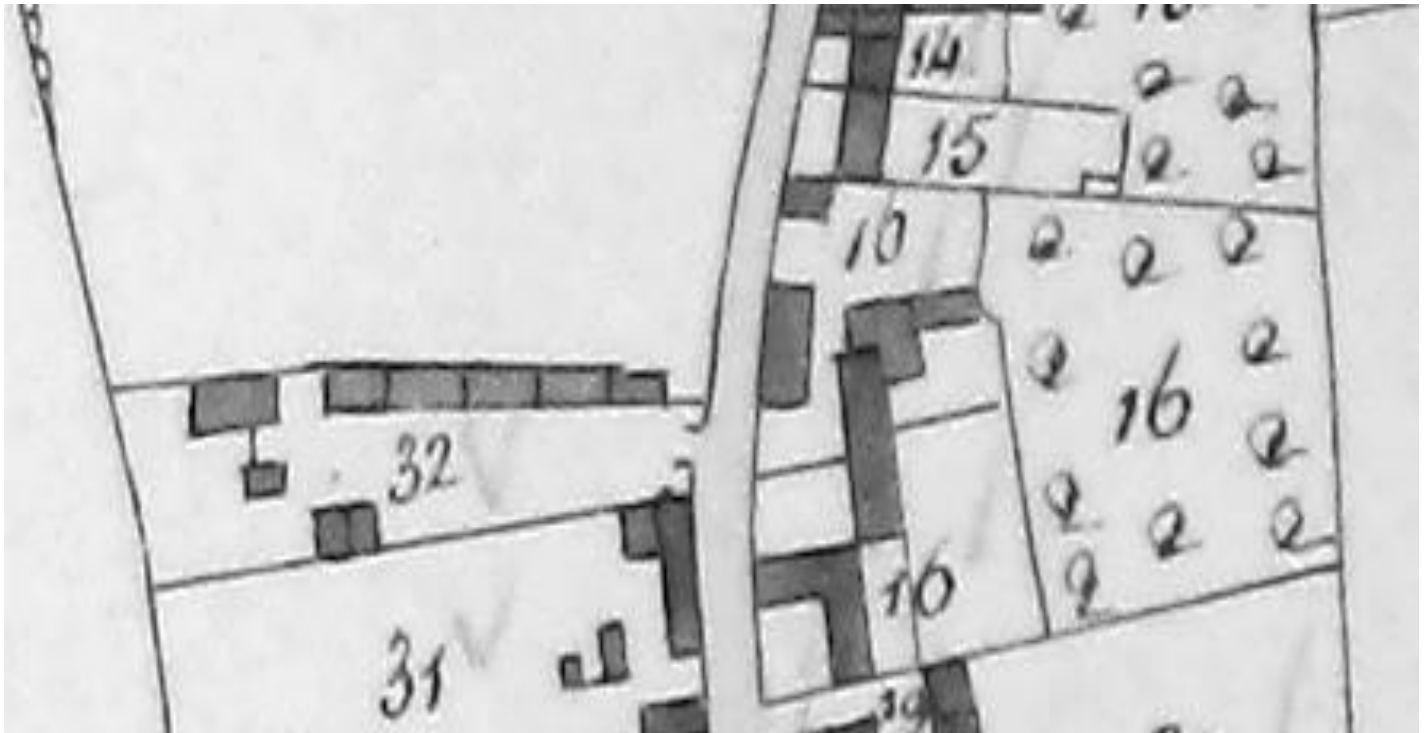
Richard Wapul, himself, died in 1606 and his other sons were not old enough to take over and to thrive under the new farming methods.



## Evergreen Farm (16) and Stables (32)

Courtesy of Northamptonshire Archives, T15, Gayton Tithe Award Map 1841

In 1607, too late for Gayton to become involved, there was an armed riot (the Levellers) in Northamptonshire against Enclosure. Northamptonshire was totally unprepared to deal with the situation and immediate action was taken to raise the competency of the Militia.



By 1613 Gayton had a Trained Band of men, one of whom was Thomas Pell who was to be 'employed on any occasion'. The changing times were reflected with Thomas and Alice Pell naming their son in 1616, not for the Lord of the Manor but, for Theodore Markes the new owner of Dover's. Sadly, it didn't help their cause, their child died at 12 years old and Thomas died, a poor man, in 1636.

Enclosure created the farms that we know today, but at what cost? Pre-1600, Richard Wapul who came from a well-to-do family was a successful Dairy farmer who made sufficient money to build a new Farmhouse. His existing house had an orchard, garden and hemp plot and over the road was his hay barn and cow house. What led to the fall in his family's fortunes? Had he over extended his finances or was he forced into debt by events beyond his control? Did the stress of Enclosure or the death of his eldest son contribute to his death? Following Richard's death the Wapul family disappeared from Gayton.

Rita Poxon



**Super pictures of Gayton in the snow – thanks to Barry Steer**





## Footways & Paths Working Party - Volunteer Work Days

Following on from the excellent work performed by the Gayton Walkers to clear and improve access points to several of the village footpaths, the group discussed extending the scope to organising volunteer work days to address the tidiness and usability of Gayton parish Footways (pavements) as well as Rights of Way (ROW).

Superb work by Glenyss and Robin has established a Working Party under the Parish Council (PC) to formalise volunteer work days. At an inaugural meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> Robin asked for someone to lead the party and I (Colin) volunteered and was accepted.

We discussed the practicalities and purpose of the Working Party:

- Organised work day volunteers are insured through the PC, if a reasonable set of simple rules are complied with: i.e. Attendance log; Risk assessments; Hi-Viz wear; supervised minors, etc.
- Monitor, identify and address small work items on ROW's and Footways to include gates, stiles, hedges, verges etc.
- The existing Litter Pick days are established volunteer days and these will continue and be supported by the Working Party.

We can't fix everything in the village and certainly don't plan to take over the responsibilities of Councils and landowners but to work with them both to achieve tidier and more useable paths, i.e. we won't be filling in potholes or tarmacking the paths! 😊

A few ideas so far have been: leaf clearance on Milton Rd; Hedge reduction on Back Lane; Grass verge tidying on Blisworth Rd.

We intend to have a few volunteer days throughout the year and will publicise these through Village Message emails and Gayton Village Facebook posts and Events.

I hope you think that this is a worthwhile activity and can volunteer a few hours of your time and then maybe enjoy your labours on a nice amble with Gayton Walkers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month?

Feel free to contact me with questions or ideas.

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## St Mary the Virgin

It is with great relief and pleasure that following the Service of Institution on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, well attended by a Bishop, Arch Deacon, Rural Dean and a whole array of other clergy, local dignitaries and mere common folk like thee and me we are able to say that we now “have a vicar”. We welcome Rev’d Karen from a joint benefice to the north of the county, I shall leave her to her own introductions over the coming months as I am sure she will be very much a part of the community and come across a great many of us as she goes about her work, Karen’s contact details are at the tail of this article.

With that said, we are very much indebted to the stand-ins during the period of inter-regnum, I refer of course to Sue Titheridge of Tiffield and the unmistakable (and affectionately known as) Nick the Vic, who hails from Far Cotton. Both did sterling service and were prepared to commit to doing so from the onset, which is very brave as none of us new how long it would take to fill the vacancy. A very many thanks to the both of you from all connected to the church.

Although it seems to very far gone by now, services over the Christmas period were well attended but it was a shame the Carol Service had to be cancelled due to the very seasonal, but alas untimely in this instance, snowy weather. From the associated collections, the PCC chose to make donations of £120 to the Royal British Legion and £100 to the Northampton Hope Centre.

Looking forward, the Open Gardens event is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, you have plenty of warning to get those green fingers going if you are that way inclined.

On the pastoral front, we continue with a 9.30am service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, this is 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. It must be noted that this may be subject to change at some point in the future depending upon how Rev Karen wishes to undertake her Ministry.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding church matters by all means please contact the Church Wardens David Coppock (859645), Andy Hartley (858360) or the Rev’d Karen as below:-

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## Calendar of events

### March 2018

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists Monthly Ride – meet at Fiveways

### April

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship at Gayton Church
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers Monthly Walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists Monthly Ride – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Evergreen Spring Lunch

### May

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship at Gayton Church
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Evergreen Bingo & Table top sale – Village Hall
	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers Monthly Walk – meet at Fiveways
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.30pm	Evergreen Cream Tea & Quiz
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists Monthly Ride – meet at Fiveways

### June

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship at Gayton Church
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers Monthly Walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Evergreen meeting – Village Hall
	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists Monthly Ride – meet at Fiveways
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Evergreen outing

### July

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship at Gayton Church
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers Monthly Walk – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Evergreen 'Strawberry tea' – Village Hall
	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Cyclists Monthly Ride – meet at Fiveways

### August

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Evergreen 'coffee morning' – Village Hall
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship at Gayton Church

**Thank you very much to everyone who contributes articles for the Gayton News and to those who deliver it to the village and keep the website updated.**

**Please email your articles for the summer edition by Friday 15 June 2018**

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### GAYTON SPRING LITTER PICK SUNDAY 15TH APRIL

A call out to the village, please join in Gayton's Spring Litter Pick. Please come to Linthorpe House, Back Lane from 10am onwards on Sunday 15 April. Picking tools, sacks, and hi-viz tabards will be provided. Gloves are available but have been well used so it is preferable for you to use your own if possible. Tea and coffee will be served on your return. It would help with allocation of roads if you would please let me know if you are coming. Joan Wood Tel: 858800 [joanwood8@btinternet.com](mailto:joanwood8@btinternet.com)

