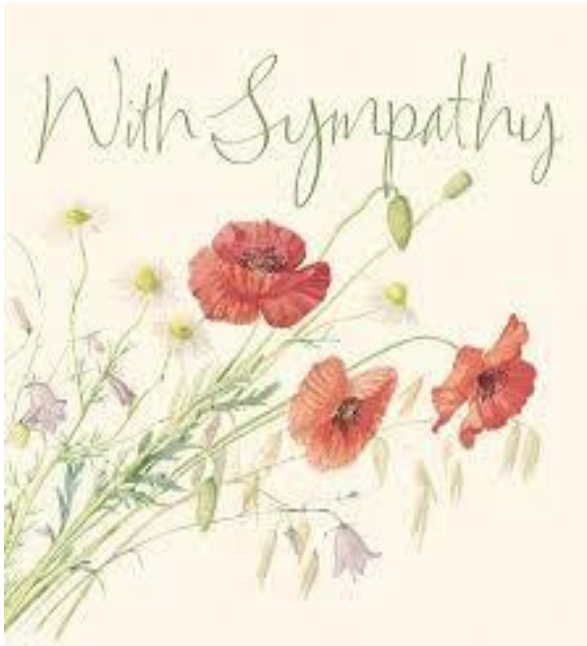


GAYTON NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2019





Helen Newcombe contacted me.

'My father Raymond Newcombe sadly passed away on the 26 July, peacefully in Nottinghamshire. Raymond lived in Gayton for many years before moving to Rothersthorpe and later to Nottinghamshire'.

Our thoughts go to Helen and their family.
Karen

Gayton Village Hall

The village hall has had a quite summer with only low usage. The summer weather has probably encouraged folks to entertain al fresco and avoid the need to hire the hall. With autumn return the regular use will increase. September is the start of the Table Tennis season and we are expecting the usual four teams to hold their home matches at Gayton. This means the hall will be in regular use during many weekday evenings. Therefore, if you are planning a weekday late afternoon/evening event in the village hall please contact Joan Adams to discuss hall availability.

Please consider your local village hall when looking for a place to hold an event - family gathering, party, club meeting, etc. We need your continued support to ensure the village hall remains a village asset.

David Ayre

Chair of Gayton Village Hall Management Committee



The Organic Gardener (Volume 2)

A recent article I read on the internet made me realise that Mrs H (Judy) and me are what the author called 'compulsive gardeners' and I thought I'd begin my piece by sharing some thoughts on this serious condition! Symptoms include:

- Patrolling the garden at night with a torch to remove slugs and snails from vegetables.
- Owning one beaten up old car but being a 'two greenhouse family'.
- Having pockets full of objects that could get you arrested in London.
- Scrounging other people's weeds and grass cutting to make compost.
- Needing more freezers than Tesco.
- Having jars of pickle, chutney, jam and ketchup in every cupboard (yum).
- Growing seeds on the bedroom window sill in winter.
- Boring anyone that wants to listen (and quite a few that don't) about fantastic crops and new horticultural plans and ideas. In fact, pretty much what I'm doing here!

However, despite the drawbacks of taking holidays in winter and spending too much on horticultural accoutrements, the benefits of being addicted to gardening are well worth considering.

Let's start with health. Medical science accepts that both being out in the daylight and getting your hands into the soil is beneficial to your immune system. That's especially good news for young children as it could help protect them from things like asthma in later life and I'm sure its good for adults too.

Then there's the environment, if you have an allotment or garden full of vegetables and fruit, air miles can be reduced to metres walked (or at worst a short car journey) and a corner left for wildlife will encourage all sorts of critters - most of which will be welcome!

Of course it's a sociable pastime as well and the people you meet on an allotment have a common bond, regardless of background, age, colour or race . You can always compare the size of your marrows or share a cup of tea in a shed if you want company and if you fancy being on your own an early start usually gives you a few minutes of seclusion.

I mentioned sheds earlier and of course we all know that they are things of rare beauty. If you have a seat and a gas ring it is grand to make a brew and sit and relax, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Of course no-one can escape completely and there have been murders committed in sheds due to allotment rivalry. But in the main a shed is a place to escape to when you need to chill and if tea isn't your thing try gin!

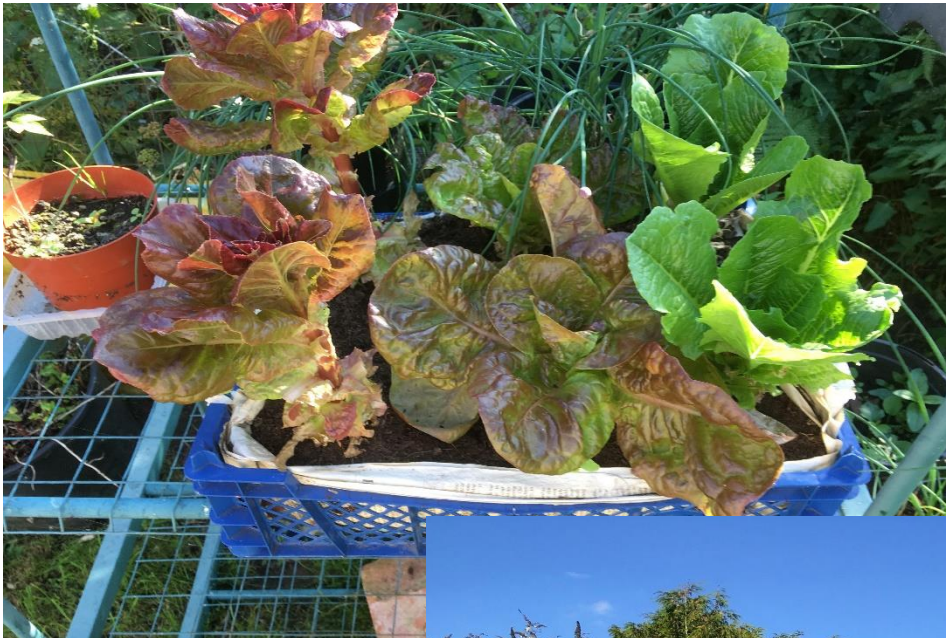
So, why not come and join us and help secure the future of Gayton's Allotment Society. We will have a few plots available soon due to retirements and folk moving away, so if you've been thinking about having an allotment but not got around to it, now is a good time. You can contact me by email or mobile - details of both are provided at the end of the article.

But enough of the sales patter, it's time to bring you up to speed with our Autumn and Winter plans.

We will of course have the usual suspects outside on our allotment. Brussel sprouts, kale, cabbage, parsnips and carrots will be available well into the winter and this year we have successfully protected the brassicas from the squadrons of cabbage white butterfly's by erecting a net cage over them which has the added benefit of keeping the pigeons out as well.

When the tomatoes are over Judy has decided to try something new and will plant Red Russian Kale and spinach in the greenhouse border. This should enable us to add tender young leaves to winter salads up until Christmas. Lettuce and oriental leaves can also be grown in the greenhouse in winter. This entails lining mushroom crates with cardboard to stop them leaking, adding a layer of manure to the bottom and then filling them up with general purpose compost. The leaves (see below) can then be planted and kept on staging, again providing salads well into the winter.

Judy's Leaves in a Crate (We've been picking leaves of these plants for a month or so)



Let me close with a photo of our netted brassica patch with the allotment greenhouse in the background and I'll let you know in future instalments how long our winter salad harvest lasted.

Our Brassica Patch

Happy Gardening, Carl



letting.gaytonallotments@btinternet.com

Mobile: 07547 380907

St Mary's Church, Gayton

Harvest Supper & Quiz



Saturday 19th October 2019 at 7.00 pm

Tickets £10 to include Dinner & Dessert
(Jacket Potato with Chilli and a vegy option)

Available from Jenny Hinds 07494 558987

&

Sharon Crossley 07545 948807

Teams of 6 - Bar available



'Gayton Festival Singers'

...is YOUR community choir and we are looking for more singers to join us.

We sing at the major church services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas plus a few weddings. If you fancy joining us, you will be very welcome. No previous experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and the love of music.

Please give me, David Coppock, a call on 01604 859645 if you would like to give it a go.

Gayton Alms Charities

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

Gayton Relief in Need Charity

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

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

Gayton Educational Foundation

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

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

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

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

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

David Coppock
Chair of Trustees
(01604 859645)

Gayton Primary School

The summer break flew by and we hope all the children had a fabulous summer and have returned back to school refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting school year ahead.

We would like to welcome our 5 new reception pupils and their families that have joined us here at Gayton Primary School this September. We would also like to welcome, Mrs Bird our School Lead / Class 1 teacher, and two teachers returning from maternity leave, Mrs Fulford and Mrs Boulton. We wish them lots of luck in their new roles here at Gayton.

We wish Good luck to our year 6 pupils that left us in July and hope they are having fun and enjoying their time at their new secondary schools.

They celebrated their time at Gayton by putting on a fantastic leavers show for all our pupils and parents. They also had their leaving prom with all the other year 6 pupils across the Federation on their last week, they all looked lovely for the occasion and enjoyed dancing, mocktails and the photo booth on the evening.

Staff and pupils will be attending the upcoming Harvest Church service on, Sunday 29th September at the village church at 3.30pm.

The Forest Federation have an exciting opportunity working in partnership with the Saints rugby team in Northampton. The children across the schools have all taken part in a rugby taster session with a school coach from the Saints and have had a great time! Following on from this, the schools are offering a weekly after school club organised and delivered by the same coach in school for the children to take part in and enjoy.

We have an open morning for all Reception 2020 children which will be held on, Friday 4th October, 10-12pm. This will give you an opportunity to come and look round the school and meet teachers and other staff. We are looking forward to meeting you.

We would like to create as many relationships with our local community as we can and so if you have any ideas or upcoming events that you'd like the school to be involved in, please contact us. Tel: 01604 858749. Email: bursar@gayton-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk



Stiles & Footpaths

Those of you who walk the footpaths of the Parish may have noticed that there has been an improvement in the look of some of the paths and particularly the stiles. That has been due to a “dedicated” team of workers who sometimes think that they are on Community Service. I am most grateful for their help. The next jobs are to improve the

stiles as some are rickety and need extra steps etc. I also plan to try to make the stile areas more “dog-friendly”. If a dog-walker would like to offer advice or help with construction, I would be most grateful.

Robin Kelso Tel: 01604 857585

GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

The annual Coffee Morning in early August was a successful fund raising event. We welcomed new and existing friends. There was a tombola stall, which kept the younger visitors engaged, books and jig-saws, bric-a-brac, a cake stall and a raffle. In total we raised £191.05 for club funds.

The first meeting back after the summer break saw the return of Kevin Varty who gave a very entertaining talk called 'Sounds Familiar – a nostalgic look at TV programmes of the past'. This took the form of a challenge. Members were asked to name the tunes and the actors in particular TV series including *The Brothers*, *Z Cars*, *Dallas*, *Dynasty* and *Holby City* to name but a few. Who would know that Evergreen Club members are so knowledgeable about TV theme tunes? We beat Kevin hands down!

We have a varied programme of meetings arranged for October to December, which include:

Thursday 10th October Fish and Chip Lunch, 12.30pm in the Village Hall

Tuesday 22nd October Speaker Derek Blunt, 'Squires and Spires', 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Thursday 14th November Autumn Outing – venue and timings to be confirmed

Tuesday 26th November Entertainment Afternoon, 'Between The Frets'. Live music from the 40's, 50's and 60's.

Thursday 5th December Christmas Lunch at Woodward's Restaurant, Stoke Bruerne. (Members only event)

Guests are always welcome to join our meetings (excluding Christmas Lunch). Full details of these, including timings and costs, can be found on the Gayton website or from one of the committee members.

Gayton Evergreen Club warmly welcomes new members, who are 55 and over.

If you are interested in joining this friendly and lively club please contact one of the committee members Carol Coppock (859645), Jan Leeding (859275), Manja Ronne (859253), or Naomi Sheehan (859814).

Carol Coppock

The Towcester Farmers Market was re launched on the 13 September and is held on the 2nd Friday of the month from 9am – 1.30pm at the Richmond Road Car Park off Watling Street

Gayton & Tiffeld Community Minibus Service

Hi Everyone. Well what a brilliant and sunny summer holiday period we have been enjoying this year. This has been a really challenging but very good year for us so far and we were delighted to be able to provide a Minibus shuttle service for the highly successful Tiffeld Open Gardens and our thanks to Geoff Wilkins and David Coppock for providing the shuttle service at Gayton Open Gardens. Having accumulated reserves of over £41,000 thanks to excellent financial management by our Treasurer Cate Gardener and private hire revenue primarily from school runs for Champion and Sponne Schools, we are now able to replace our Minibus which is 10 years old. The replacement minibus we are currently assessing is the latest Ford factory produced 17 seat model which has many desirable features such as parking sensors, rear view camera, inbuilt sat-nav, air-conditioning, luxury seating and an electrically operated sliding door. Hopefully we shall be placing the order very soon and subject to availability should have our new minibus by late October, or November. We are still trying to get an increase in our annual NCC grant but with the extreme financial restrictions on NCC we may have to look at alternative ways of funding our service. This could include extending our services to more local villages and the possibility of 'partnership working' with local villages who have lost their regular bus services. Our annual AGM is provisionally scheduled for October 17th as we need to formally approve our accounts, appoint our Trustees and Officers and determine our strategies for next year. We have also provisionally scheduled our annual MK shopping trip for December 12th. So our thanks to our brilliant team of 11 volunteer drivers, to Cate Gardner for her superb work as our Treasurer and to Cate, Geoff Wilkins, Steve Jowers and Phil Leggett who have all made significant contributions as our Trustees during the past year.

Rae Spencer Tel: 01327 353352 Email: rae.spencer@btopenworld.com Mobile: 07784 561268

Service schedule from 1st October 2019 to 31st January 2020

October

Tuesday 1st P. Leggett, 8th D. Coppock, 15th C. Gardner, 22nd R. Spencer, 29th S. Jowers

Thursday 17th AGM – 2pm

Friday 4th M. Ronne, 11th J Buus, 18th P. Thomas, 25th A. Tennet

November

Tuesday 5th C. Gardner, 12 P. Leggett, 19th D. Coppock, 26th R. Spencer

Thursday 14th Gayton Evergreens

Friday 1st G. Wilkins, 8th P. Thomas, 15th A. Tennet, 22nd J. Buus, 29th M. Ronne

December

Tuesday 3 S. Jowers, 10 P. Leggett, 17 C. Gardner, 24 R. Spencer, 31 D. Coppock

Thursday 5th Gayton Evergreens, 12th MK Shopping, 19th Tiff Evergreens

Friday 6 P. Thomas, 13 M. Ronne, 20 A. Tennet, 27 G. Wilkins

January 2020

Tuesday 7 S. Jowers, 14 C. Gardner, 21 D. Coppock, 28 R. Spencer,

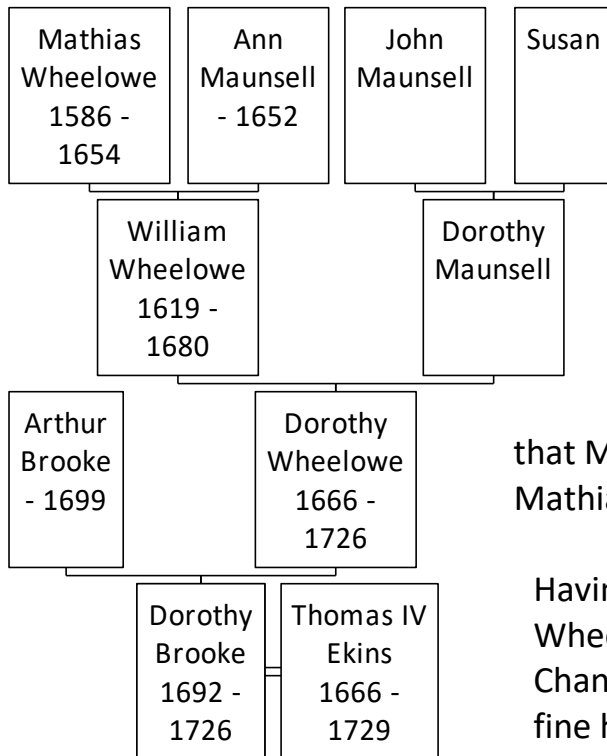
Thursday

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History of Newe House (Part Three: It just gets worse!)

When Mathias Wheelowes died in 1654, his son William, and his wife Dorothy, moved into Newe House. William and Dorothy had twin boys and three daughters, all of whom had died, with the exception of a daughter named Dorothy, after her mother. She was now their only child and heir, and they put all their efforts into making sure that she married extremely well. And she did! And although Mathias Wheelowes did not live to see it, on 17 June 1680 Dorothy Wheelowes his granddaughter, married Arthur Brooke of Great Oakley a descendant of one of the ancient families of Northamptonshire.

Dorothy Brooke's Ancestors



In a bid to marry his daughter well William settled the majority of his lands and dwellings on his daughter, Dorothy, with the exception of Forman's House, which in the light of Mathias second marriage was still in the occupation of Jane Wheelowes.

In 1659 William Wheelowes added a piece of land, 1 acre and 1 rood, from John Houghton the Elder for £20 to his estate. He also purchased the two cottages that Mathias Wheelowes left to his sister Hester, and her son Mathias Barnes, Citizen and Vintner of London.

Having failed to get any more money out of Mathias Wheelowes' Estate, William's sister Ann, took William to Chancery Court over a property deed disputing whether a fine had been levied in 1677 completing the deal.

The result was an Interrogation of various people which shines a light on to William Wheelowes' life as a Gentleman and Grazier and also to some extent of life in Gayton.

Court of Chancery Wheelowes v Mansell

4 Was he the said William Wheelowes then and at all times before so long as you know him of a perfect understanding judgement and memory and not ways suspected to fail in his memory or understanding how long did you know him before such failure And how long after the sealing of the same deed did he continue of sound memory and understanding as you know or remember declare your knowledge in the premises.

Thomas Garratt of Sudborough in the county of Northton (Agricultural) Labourer, 30 years old. (He) saith that he did know Mr Wheelowes for about ten or twelve years before then sealing and delivery of the deeds during all which time he was of a good sound and perfect understanding and so was and continued and at the time of sealing and delivery of the deeds and for about half a year after this date at the time of sealing the deeds and for half a year afterwards living with Mr Wheelowes as his servant and that William Wheelowes during all the time did wholly manage his affairs himself by going to markets and fairs and selling and

buying what he had occasion for in the way of his traffick he having great dealing publicly as a grazier and having a great stock in his hands

Benjamin Winkles of Castle Thorpe in the county of Bucks labourer Aged twenty and five years (He) saith that Mr Wheelowes for the space of two years before them sealing and half a year afterwards did continue of a good sound and perfect understanding and judgement Mr Wheelowes during all the time in the World as a grazier and himself in person re-stocking at fairs and markets buying and selling of cattle there And (he) further saith that for the space of one year (he) lived with the said Mr Wheelowes as his servant in which time the above mentioned deeds were sealed and delivered And (he) lived one other year of the two years and a half with one Mr Lockwood in the town of Gayton where Mr Wheelowes at the same time did live and he had often occasion to meet and discourse with Mr Wheelowes he did always find Mr Wheelowes of a sound and perfect understanding and judgement and did never hear otherwise of him during the time aforesaid

Richard Lockwood of Gayton in the county of Northton gent aged fifty years and upwards William Wheelowes was then of a good sound and perfect understanding and so did continue for about the space of eight or twelve months after And this deponent further saith that he know William Wheelowes for about the space of nine years before their sealing delivery of the deed and during all the time both before and at and after the sealing of the deed Mr Wheelowes did continue and was of a sound and perfect understanding and judgement acting as a Grazier upon his own estate and buying and selling his own goods.

Richard Fitzhugh of Leavencourt in the parish of Paulersperry gent

He did hear it credibly reported and from Dorothy during the life of William Wheelowes and while he was in perfect memory (they) had levied a fine to cut off the entail of their land in Gayton and (he) saith that there was above the space of six months after and upwards before the said Mr Wheelowes lost his memory and understanding

William Watson of Gayton in the county of Northton gent aged forty and five years and this deponent further saith that the said William Wheelowes to this deponent's knowledge did continue of a sound and perfect understanding until about the month of February 1678. And this deponent very well know the said Mr Wheelowes using to accompany him to fairs and markets to buy and sell cattle the said Mr Wheelowes dealing as a Grazier And this deponent never knew or heard although he was intimately acquainted with him that he was ever crazed or unright in his memory perfect or understanding until about the aforesaid month of February 1678.

The National Archives: Extracts from C22/725/57 Transcription: Rita Poxon

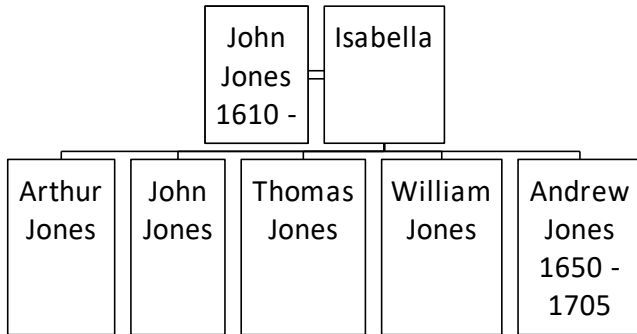
This Interrogatory gives a unique insight into a group of the well-to-do graziers of Gayton and thereabouts, William Watson from Chain Walk, Richard Lockwood from Outback and William Wheelowes from Newe House going around the local cattle markets together buying and selling their stock. They also employed men to work on the farm, with the good workers being recommended to their friends.

After William's death, Dorothy Wheelowes went to live with Dorothy and Arthur Brooke at Great Oakley.

Jane Wheelowes died in March 1688 and the property that Mathias had given her for life reverted to William's sisters and the Wheelowes/Brookes bought them and put the Wheelowes estate in trust for the benefit of their younger grandchildren, leaving Dorothy Wheelowes

senior, an annuity of £70. Arthur Brooke died in 1699 and Dorothy Wheelowes moved in with her daughter until her death in about 1701.

Andrew Jones was the Tenant Farmer at Newe House

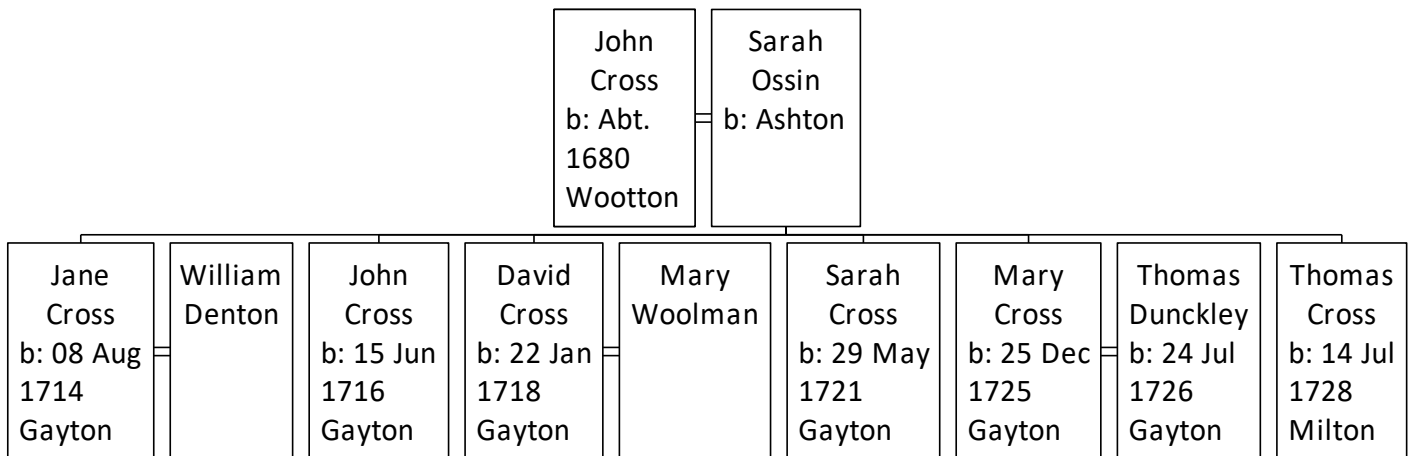


By the time that Dorothy Wheelowes moved out of Newe House the house was about eighty years old and was no longer the up market residence it once had been.

Newe House was now a farmhouse and rented to Andrew Jones, Yeoman. It seems likely that his brothers John and Thomas lived with him and worked on his land.

When Andrew died on 22 May 1705 aged 55 he left a will that implies that he was very much the family patriarch. He leaves John and William 20 shillings every six months for their natural life and his brother Thomas inherits a house in Duston and the rest of Andrew's estate.

After Andrew Jones' death, John Cross took over the tenancy at Newe House Farm in 1705, and he married Sarah Ossin on 16 September 1713 in Ashton.



After her mother and husband died, Dorothy Brooke (nee Wheelowes) started to organise her land ownership, which in her father's time had been chaotic and perhaps she felt she ought to bring some order to her affairs sooner rather than later. In 1707, Dorothy Brooke separated out John Forman's Inheritance and sold it to John Bailey.

1707 Counterpart of the release

Mrs Dorothy relict to Arthur Brooke to John Bailey and Edward Cosby
Formans House and four closes called Formans Closes 26a

Northamptonshire Record Office: Brooke of Oakley 322/9 Transcription: Rita Poxon



Courtesy of Northamptonshire Archives: ZA 3441, 1829

In 1717 Dorothy Brooke sold Newe House with a parcel of some of the smaller fields on the west side of Gayton Parish to Benjamin Warren.

28 June 1717 Counterpart of conveyance.

An estate in Gayton Dorothy Brooke relict of Arthur Brooke to Mr Warren

All that messuage by the name Newe House formerly in the possession of William Wheelowes dec, then Dorothy Wheelowes dec, then Andrew Jones dec, now – (John) Crosse

Northamptonshire Record Office: Brooke of Oakley 322/9 Transcription: Rita Poxon

Dorothy Brooke's better land on the east side of Gayton became part of her daughter, Dorothy Brooke's marriage settlement when she married Thomas Ekins on 15 Aug 1719 in Oakley. Thomas Ekins of Twywell held the land from 1721 until he died in 1729. In Thomas Ekins' will he bequeathed the land to the eldest son of his niece Sarah Cockman, Thomas Cockman of Wollaston, who at the time was just six years old. When he died it was passed on to his son, also Thomas Cockman, of Bedford who in 1793 sold the land to Thomas Butcher the younger of Northampton, Gent.

Thomas Ekins Will: Made 12 September 1729

Item I give and devise unto Thomas Cockman eldest son of my niece Sarah Cockman all my inclosed grounds and estate in Gayton now in the tenure of John Gibson of Northampton Maltster and Baker

The National Archives: PROB 11/633 Transcription: Rita Poxon

Mathias had succeeded in gentrifying his family, but at what cost? They were more than happy to drag his name through the Courts and then do likewise with their brother, broadcasting his illness to the World. Well to do, but not well behaved! Rita Poxon

Gayton Church Heritage Trust

Important Message – All payments and regular donations for Gayton Church Heritage Trust via The Nat West Bank - Sort Code 56-00-60 Account 3510060 should all be cancelled as this account has been closed.

A new Business Account has been opened with Lloyds Bank -Sort Code 30-90-89 Account 42340568

The branch in Towcester makes it easier to pay cash and lodge cheques made out to Gayton Church Heritage Trust (or with the abbreviation GCHT)

All other transactions will be via Lloyds On Line Banking



Update regarding the next project

The role of GCHT is to fundraise for the upkeep of Gayton Parish Church, a significant building and plays a part in the life of the village and is hopefully seen as a valuable asset.

All projects and alterations to the Church require an Architect's approval and sanctioned by the Diocese. GCHT and Gayton Parochial Church Council formed a link called a Liaison Group so that we could work together. The next meeting of the group is in October to discuss the outcome of the Architect's opinion on the most cost-effective solutions to improve the heating in the church, the state of the parquet blocks in the North aisle and the need for more storage space.

As the Church is seen as part of the village heritage GCHT was successful in gaining Community Grant-Funding for the servery and a porch for the North Door which enabled the addition of a toilet. In order to qualify for grant-funding additional money needs to be raised by the community from events and from donations. A lot of effort was put into fundraising for the earlier projects which has resulted in a greater use of the building as a good venue for concerts and other such events but not quite welcoming in the winter months.

The heating project, the cost and any other information will appear on the Gayton website.

Anna Fox, Chairman GCHT
Registered Charity - Sept 1st 2005. Number 1111145
Gayton Church Heritage Trust

World Challenge Expedition to Cambodia and Thailand

Some of you may remember me offering my help last year and earlier this year as I tried to raise the funds I needed for a World Challenge expedition. Thanks to your help, on the 16th July 2019 I left for the 3-week expedition to Thailand and Cambodia. The trip introduced me to a whole new culture and people. After 20 hours travelling we arrived in Bangkok and were immediately immersed in a hot, humid, bustling city whilst we finalised transport and accommodation for our travels and the different phases of the trip. During the expedition phase we spent a week in the jungles of Cambodia, trekking and learning how to put up hammocks, and how important the jungle is to the ecosystems in Cambodia. The guides knew a lot about the jungle, and were keen to pass on their knowledge to us – they even helped to make some lovely local dishes from jungle ingredients each evening for dinner!

Another part of the trip was a project phase assisting a local community. We spent one week in a village on an island in the middle of the Mekong River, helping them to build a school for the local children. We also spent time with the community, staying with the families in their homes and getting to know them really well. It was so lovely to be able to communicate with someone, understanding and learning about them. Even with the language barrier they taught me how to lay a concrete floor and make a wedding dessert!

We also explored the history and the culture of the two countries. In Thailand we travelled to Kanchanaburi and trekked to one of Thailand's most famous waterfalls. The waterfall itself has an impressive seven tiers, and the top pool is said to resemble the mystical elephant Erawan. As well as the being able to appreciate the beauty and tranquillity of the country we learnt some of the modern history by trekking through Hellfire Pass. This is the site of the Death Railway built by POWs in World War 2, immortalised in the film 'Bridge on the River Kwai', and it helped us to understand the hardships they suffered.

In Cambodia we visited many sites, including the archaeological sites and temples at Angkor Wat in Cambodia.



As a UNESCO World Heritage site, Angkor is one of the most significant archaeological sites in South-East Asia and is a truly stunning place that could easily occupy me for weeks! In Phnom Penh we visited the Security Office 21 (or S-21, now known as the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum), a former school that became an integral institution of the Khmer Rouge regime from 1975 to 1978, where we glimpsed something of the horror Cambodia has suffered in its recent past, and saw how the impact of that war and the rule of the country under the Khmer Rouge is still so hurtful for the people today.

After an action packed 3 weeks we reluctantly left and returned to the UK. I had a brilliant time and came away with so many new friends, incredible memories of the people we met and the sights we saw, along with a new appreciation for the importance of remembering the history of a place. Thank you so much to everyone in the village who contributed and helped me to take on this challenge, and especially to the Trustees of the Gayton Educational Foundation for their support and donation.

Lucy Ward





GAYTON VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING

Cream Tea

**SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2PM TO 5PM AT
THE VILLAGE HALL**

***Pop along with your friends
for a lovely afternoon treat.
EVERYONE WELCOME!***

Gayton Walkers

We still meet at Fiveways on the 2nd Sunday of the month to have a local walk of approx 2 hrs. The last one was different as we explored the Water Meadows and Pocket Park in Towcester. It started by climbing the Bury Mound in Moat Lane to learn a little of the history of this ancient town and surroundings. Some people who have lived in the area for a long time admitted that they had never visited these areas. We retired to the Towcester Mill Brewery to sample their local ale afterwards.

The September walk took place on Saturday 14th, rather than the Sunday, to link with the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride fund-raising event. A number of us, not many Gaytonians, walked from Weston chapel to the churches at Moreton Pinkney, Plumpton and Lois Weedon and took refreshments at The Crown, Weston. It was a lovely walk of 5+ miles on a fine day. Thank you to my sponsors which has enabled me to give £130 to the NHCT of which £65 will be donated to St. Mary's Church, Gayton.

Please do come and join us on the 2nd Sunday- October 13th and November 10th.

Towcester Watermeadows



The Watermeadows, which were once closed to the public as part of the grade II listed parkland of the Easton Neston Estate, are now accessible to all. In 2009 and 2011 South Northants Council purchased the land that forms the Watermeadows, for public use. Hundreds of people now regularly use the Watermeadows.

In August South Northants Council successfully secured a grant of £164,062 to enhance this wonderful public parkland. This grant will improve the offer and access, and attract a greater cross section of the public to enjoy this open space in the centre of Towcester. The money from the Rural Payments Agency's Growth Programme Scheme under the Rural Development Programme for England will pay for walkways, a picnic area, a natural play trail and signage boards.

Parkrun started the Watermeadows parkrun. It is a 5km run every Saturday at 9am. Its free to everyone, but please register before your first run. Only ever register with parkrun once. Don't forget to bring a printed copy of your barcode. Everyone runs for their own enjoyment, its not a race, run, jog or walk. It is entirely organised by volunteers.

Email watermeadowshelpers@parkrun.com for more information

'St Marys Church' Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Harvest Thanksgiving in Gayton is on Sunday
29 September at **3.30pm**

Gayton Festival Singers will be joined by the
children of Gayton Primary School
to lead the singing for the service.

If you would like to make a donation of dried,
packaged and or tinned food

**(NO PERISHABLE FOOD OR BEAKED BEANS OR
PASTA PLEASE)**

the Church will be open on Saturday 28
September from 9am – 4pm and again on

Sunday 29th from 9am. All donations will be given to the Towcester Food Bank



TOWCESTER FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE
IN CRISIS

A typical food parcel given out to those in need includes breakfast cereals, soup, rice, pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tea or coffee, sugar, biscuits and snacks. The Food Bank also welcome donations of toiletries for men, woman and children and small household items such as tin openers, washing up liquid, dish cloths, toilet rolls and tissues. *Currently the Towcester Food Bank has plenty of baked beans and pasta.*

Autumn Litter Pick

“Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness- and litter picking” are upon us once more.

Joan Wood is unable to organise the next litter-pick so I have been asked to act as deputy.

The date will be **SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER** starting at 10am (or a date and time to suit). I hope that there will be a willing army of volunteers who can spare an hour to help clear the roads, hedges etc around the village. I have the appropriate equipment- plastic sacks, litter-pickers, gloves (but you may like your own) and gilets jaune. It will be available from my house FAIR VIEW, DEANS ROW.

Please let me know if you can help or would like more information.

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Calendar of events

October

Sunday 6 th	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church
Wednesday 9 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Gayton Village Hall
Thursday 10 th	12.30pm	Gayton Evergreen Club Fish & Chip Lunch – Gayton Village Hall
Sunday 13 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Sunday 20 th	11.00am	Family Service at Gayton Church
Tuesday 22 nd	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreen Club. Talk by Derek Blunt ‘Squires & Spires’
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Gayton Cycling monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

November

Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 10 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Wednesday 13 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Gayton Village Hall
Thursday 14 th		Gayton Evergreen Club Autumn Outing – details TBC
Sunday 17 th	11.00am	Family Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 24 th	10.30am	Gayton Cycling monthly ride – meet at Fiveways
Tuesday 26 th	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreen Club. Entertainment by ‘Between the Frets’

December

Sunday 1 st	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church
Thursday 5 th	12.30pm	Gayton Evergreen Club Christmas Lunch
Sunday 8 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Sunday 15 th	11.00am	Family Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Gayton Cycling monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

January 2020

Sunday 5 th	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church
Wednesday 8 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Gayton Village Hall
Sunday 12 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Sunday 19 th	11.00am	Family Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Gayton Cycling monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

Thank you very much to everyone who contributes to the Gayton News and to those who deliver it to the village.

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