

# GAYTON NEWS

## SUMMER 2019





Towcester & District AA membership books are now on sale and there are NO price increases on last year. They are available from the usual outlets and on the club's website (where you can pay by PayPal, credit or debit cards) at [www.t-daa.uk](http://www.t-daa.uk)

We have had a busy year working on the club's waters and putting together plans to improve the future. Our £4,000 grant won from the Environment Agency for improving Astwell Mill is already being put to good use and has, so far, paid for work to help control excessive weed growth. That

includes a new silt filtration pond which helps remove incoming silt from water flowing in off the land behind the far bank wood, and also for various chemical treatments including Siltex to help reduce accumulated organic silt and to help limit future growth. Both are beginning to prove successful, though our efforts were nearly overcome late last summer due to the record temperatures. It was quite a challenge but we are confident we can deal with it this year even if we get another heatwave. Work is due to continue on improving the 'field bank' and access to it, while volunteers have again been improving and increasing the number of the platforms on both lakes during the close season, and a new GATE has just been fitted to the bottom lake, doing away with the need to climb over that awful style as was the case in previous years! Bankside vegetation trimming has again been part of the close season at Astwell and a major effort has been made, in partnership with the land owner at Silverlake where a great deal of self-set shrubbery has been removed to try and lessen 'predation' by human and non-human means! Various platforms have been improved/replaced and in some cases, earthworks have allowed installation of steps down the bank to them, all carried out by volunteers working with the farmer. We are also due a meeting with EA fishery scientists to look for ways to improve spawning opportunities for the fish at Silverlake, the ambition being to make a good fishery even better!

On the downside we have lost the, largely under-used, Seven Acres pond near Paulerspury because the owner has died and the site is being sold. Back on the upside the members' offer of £3 weekday discounted tickets at Lakeside continues. And we are working closely with the Canal River Trust and other local clubs on the Trust's 'Lets Fish' programme of organised coaching sessions to try and increase the number of newcomers of all ages (but especially juniors) coming into the club. We need such newcomers to help ensure a healthy future for both the sport and the club and thank CRT for their co-ordinated campaign.

Many thanks to all who joined last year and we look forward to seeing you on the club's banks again in the year to come. Enjoy your fishing.

Tickets can be had from: T&DAA on line at [www.t-daa.uk](http://www.t-daa.uk)

By post from Mr I Findull at 62 Jenkinson Road, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6AW

Or from Weals Motoring Centre, and Towcester Football Supporters Club – both in Towcester.

Gilders and Carpin Capers in Northampton. GoneFishin, Willards Tackle, Fishing Republic and Tackle Hub in Milton Keynes. Heyforrd Fishery. Dennetts Garden Centre in Daventry. Jakemans Tackle at Aylesbury. (full addresses on website)

## MAGISTRATES IN THE COMMUNITY

I first became a Magistrate, a Justice of the Peace, in 1990, and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being part of this ancient, 658 year old diverse office, which came into being during the reign of King Edward 111 in 1361, with the Justice of the Peace Act. Justice was then administered by male members of the landed gentry, and it wasn't until 1919 that the first woman became a Magistrate.

Four years ago, I joined the Magistrates in the Community Team. It is a Magistrates Association initiative to increase public awareness of Magistrates within the criminal & civil justice system.

In the main we visit primary & secondary schools as well as 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges. We also give consideration to making presentations to community groups.

Giving presentations to primary school years 5 & 6 is one of the best ways of spending a morning. We work in pairs, dividing the morning into two distinct halves.



Before break we explain how the Magestry started & how JPs are appointed. We talk about what kind of cases we deal with, how guilt or innocence is decided & how we decide on the sentence. We also spend time on witness identification. We always interact with pupils, asking them what they already know about the judicial system and we find some of the questions & answers we get are extremely interesting.

After the morning break we hold a 'mock trial' with the youngsters taking on the roles of Magistrates & Court officials. At present, our mock trial is about cyber bullying. We finish the morning with a general question & answer session.

We spend the whole day with secondary school pupils. As well as having a mock trial, this time Death by Dangerous Driving, there are sessions with the prison service, probation, the police & fire & ambulance services. Earlier this year we had a presentation by a former prisoner.

Magistrates in the Community is an excellent way to 'show case' the work of Justices of the Peace, and it is one I cherish and am delighted to be a part of.

Cllr Ann Addison JP

## GAYTON WORKING PARTY

I seem to have taken on the role of Footpath Warden for the Parish as I organise the Gayton Walkers monthly event. Some of the areas around stiles are in need of clearance which I propose to persuade people to help with. However, it has been clear for some time that some of the footways (pavements) in the village were becoming overgrown and almost impassable.

I am most grateful for the help from the following, who were not on a Community Service project, for agreeing to help with clearing the footways on Blisworth Road, Back Lane and a length of Milton Road outside Gayton Manor - Glenyss & Bob Woodcock, Colin & Sue Simmonds, Penny Taylor, David & Carol Coppock, David & Hilary Glanville, Dave Roe and Barbara Kelso. Thanks also to Clive Wakelin for allowing us to "lose" some of the scrapings in his field margin. Robin Kelso



Hold the dates .....

Harvest Service in Gayton Church, supported by the Gayton Festival Singers and the Gayton School Children on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October



Gayton's Harvest Quiz and supper on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October in the Village Hall

## Gayton Church Heritage Trust

I mentioned in my last article that GCHT is concentrating on raising sufficient funds to upgrade the heating in the church. At present there is no heating at all in the North aisle which needless to say reduces any benefit from the existing system. However, before any work to improve the heating or for that matter any alterations to the building, we have to obtain permission from the Diocese.

Church buildings lend themselves to a variety of different events and by the time this edition of 'Gayton News' has been circulated two such events will have taken place in our Parish Church. The Annual Open Gardens – which has a wide following in the village and surrounding area and on following Friday, Sara Spade with her 'Old Hot Club Tours' also attracting people into the village which further increases the use of such a lovely building. Both of these events will have raised money for the different ways in which the maintenance of the building is managed and funded. Gayton Parochial Church Council has to maintain the day to day running of the building, heating, lighting etc. and includes an annual payment of £5,000 to the Diocese to support the role of a Vicar, shared between three other Parish Churches in the area. The role of GCHT is to raise money for major building repairs, improvements and upkeep of the building.

Grants in aid are available, on application by both the Gayton Parochial Parish Council and Gayton Church Heritage Trust. Once we have approval to carry out the work, GCHT and GPCC will each approach specific grant-giving bodies with a specific funding portfolio, such as community, education, faith, listed, building etc. Every applicant, when applying for a grant in aid, has to demonstrate what they have achieved on their own initiative to raise money, that they have all necessary approvals in place and that they are a recognised institution.

Many thanks to everyone who supports events in the village, it makes this village a great place in which to live and justifies all the effort that goes into maintaining our assets, such as the School, Village Hall and Parish Church.

Anna Fox  
Chair GCHT



Thank you to all those in Gayton who have helped me to work towards my goal of raising £3, 700 for my World Challenge Expedition to Cambodia & Thailand on 16 July 2019. By giving me the opportunity to water gardens, look after your pets and help out in many other ways in the community I have finally reached my goal. Special thanks go to the trustees of Gayton Educational Foundation for their encouragement and support over the past 18 months. By supporting me you have all also supported the local communities of Cambodia and Thailand. Thank you! Lucy Ward

## World Challenge trip to India



This is very overdue, and I wish I had written this much earlier.

However, I think that now is the perfect opportunity to sit down and regale you with a short synopsis of my trip to India, which your generous donations funded.

Before we actually left for India we spent a day at school in preparation, checking that we had all the correct documents and kit. To be completely honest I was pretty nervous because I didn't know anyone going that well. It also didn't help that I was the last to arrive. This was all the day before we left for India, and we slept that night at school, leaving at four in the morning for Heathrow airport. The journey was a series of flights; a nine hour flight to Mumbai, a two hour flight Delhi and finally a 30 minute flight to the foothills of the Himalayas.

The initial welcome to India was a rather intimidating one as the airport was over run with military personnel, and subsequently on my journey through the Himalayas I saw hundreds of military bases. We spent the first week acclimatising to the altitude and culture. Altitude is something very strange indeed, and until you actually ever go to such heights and experience it, it seems like nonsense. The town of Leh was magnificent. It was split into two halves, one of which contained homes and hotels and then over a hill sat a vast network of streets and markets. The acclimatisation phase contained several smaller treks that still were a serious struggle. One of my more vivid memories is from the first of those treks. We were told that there were pythons here at the foot of the Himalayas, which obviously was a bit of a shock. However, this was followed up by the blunt reassurance that the rabid dogs roaming the area tended to keep them in hiding.

The second week consisted of our trek through the Himalayas to lake Tso Moriri. This was an adventure in itself as we faced a serious diversion due to one of the members of our group getting altitude sickness and had to be evacuated. The barren landscape of the Himalayas was certainly something to behold and made the struggle worth it. Visiting the lake was a spectacular way at end the journey, especially after overcoming some significant difficulties. Continued .....

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Week three saw us return to Leh and then on to Rajasthan for the project phase in which we painted and decorated a school for the deaf and mute. This was interrupted by a virus that passed round the group, meaning that we had to have a day off. However, once finished the pupils were very happy with the work.

On completion of the project phase we moved on to our final week of cultural exploration in which we saw both the Taj Mahal and the Amber fort.

Visiting Delhi was also a great eye opener, and an experience that I will not forget for a while. A single 9 hour flight home brought an end to the trip.

Once again thank you very much for your generous donations without them I would not have been able to undertake this adventure.



## **GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB**

### **Coffee Morning**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

**10.30 - 12.00noon**

**Gayton Village Hall**

**Tombola, raffle, bring & buy, plants, cakes & produce. Refreshments**

**Free Admission**



Super photos from Manja Ronne, thank you.  
7<sup>th</sup> April, Cameron Billing with their sheep and lambs.



Below .... taken on 3rd May, Jens Buus was driving the minibus on that day, and when the incident took place was driving towards Northampton, down the hill towards the first canal bridge, when he ended up "herding" the little family towards the canal. Manja

happened to be coming in the opposite direction, driving towards Gayton, and also came across the geese, which were coming towards her with the minibus driving slowly behind it.





## The Organic Gardener (Volume 1)

Organic gardening doesn't rely on artificial fertilisers and insecticides but on a balanced ecosystem based on the health of the soil. Every hectare of soil has twenty tonnes of living organisms ranging from worms to bacteria, it is literally alive. The plants that grow in this amazing environment provide a home for insects, birds and other creatures that together help keep things in balance. Once that balance is achieved, although pests are still present there will usually be something there to eat them and help keep numbers under control.

In sharp contrast, the non organic garden has soil that is treated as a sterile medium with the sole purpose of producing food. Each crop receives a cocktail of fertilisers and pesticides aimed at producing the best possible crop by stimulating growth and then protecting it from pests. Unfortunately these same chemicals damage the soil and kill the good bugs as well as the bad. Less bugs means less birds, slug pellets kill the hedgehogs that feed on poisoned slugs and so on and so forth.

When we arrived in Gayton, almost 20 years ago, there were swallows, swifts and house martins filling the sky every summer, now there are only a few. There were bats in our garden every dusk and now there are none. So where have they gone? It is likely that one of the main causes is the marked decrease in insect life. Only a few years ago, cleaning splattered insects off the windscreen of my car was a daily chore - of late I hardly need to bother. I'm sure that lots of people think this is a good thing for humans but its not so good for birds and bats that depend on the bugs for food.

So how can we stop killing the insects that are such an important part of the food chain and help create an environment that will give a foothold for our decreasing wildlife? Even a single area in a village that has the right sort of plants and is free from chemicals is a good start but lots of smaller areas like allotments and gardens is even better. Mrs H has been gardening for wildlife at No5 for years and we have a pond with newts and a variety of birds that regularly visit. I have decided its time for me to follow her example and go completely organic on our allotment and here is where I intend to start.

First of all I shall stop digging, dig out docks and dandelion roots but then put the spade away. Bury small weeds in a couple of inches of mulch and over a few months the weeds will die due to being deprived of light. Eventually worms will work the organic matter into the soil and improve its structure, a win win situation with less weeds and more fertile soil (not to mention less backache!). I'm sure it will take a couple of years to become really productive but that's fine.

Next I'll arrange my allotment into 4 foot wide slightly raised beds, narrow enough to work easily from the paths and easy to cover with butterfly netting on hoops (plastic water piping is cheap and weather resistant and will make good hoops). This will mean I can stop spraying with insecticides. Slugs and snails are a bit harder to control but, as they like places to hide a clean surface is important. So, once the weeds are gone and I have bare earth between my plants there will be less slugs and snails to worry about and if I can also encourage birds or hedgehogs onto my plot they will help out too. And its always lovely to see them there when I'm working.

Then I'll stop using chemical fertilisers like Grow-more. There are plenty of organic fertilisers on the market but if I can make my own I'll need little else and I've already grown some comfrey that when placed in water can be used 2 weeks later to fertilise all sorts of plants. Continued ..

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Nettles can also be used to make a similar liquid feed and there are plenty of those available! There is also the option of using a crop of mustard. Planted in August it will die back at the first frost and add to the mulch for worms to pull down over the winter. Last but not least I will need to add some volcanic rock dust to help replace the minerals that have been lost by 60 years of digging. Cabbage white butterflies can be a real problem on brassicas in late summer and there is one spray I can use two or three times a season. Its called Bacillus Thuringiensis and it will kill the caterpillars but is completely harmless to humans, birds and anything else that may come in contact with it. Its recommended by Charles Dowding, the no dig Guru who has loads of short programmes on U Tube, and you can buy it on Amazon. So if nets are too difficult to organise there is always a fall back.

You may ask why do I bother? Well, if you need to ask you probably won't feel the same about it as me. I have always loved being outdoors surrounded by plants and wildlife and any small thing I can do to help patch up our environment gives me a feeling of achievement. I know that an increasing number of allotmenters feel the same, many are going organic and a few are way way ahead of me.

I promised last year to update you about my chillis. The Jalepenos did well but were disappointingly mild, even after they changed from green to red. So, this year I've tried something different and have grown a variety called Serrano Purple and another called Serrano (not purple!). I'm assured that if you only grow one type that this is it - so I've grown some Apache again as a hot backup! I'll keep you posted on how my experiments go, whether my Chillis are hot and whether my organic, no dig plot becomes a haven for wildlife.

If you feel inspired to come try your hand at growing things (with or without chemicals) why not join us on the allotment. My contact details are below, and remember you don't need to take on a huge plot.



*My plot before I start – taken on Open Gardens Day*

Carl

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## Gayton Village Hall Chairman's Report 2018-19

Gayton Village Hall is becoming quite popular, with several 'new regular users' making use of our community facility. There are yoga classes, dog training classes and a new toddler group in addition to the regular user groups. I suspect the events organised by our newer committee members have raised the profile of the village hall to good effect – encouraging people from near and far to enjoy community events whilst raising modest funds to help revive the Hall.

Meanwhile the management committee are working to improve the fabric and facilities to make the village hall a more attractive venue. Last summer a willing group of volunteers helped to restore/replace the wooden entrance porch (and outside light). The next stage is to replace the fire exit doors and replace 'blown' double glazed units.

There was some sad news: Len Schofield, an active volunteer on the Gayton Village Hall Management Committee from September 1994 to November 2015, died earlier this year. I know Len was a keen and active member of Gayton Table Tennis club and Gayton Evergreens, but still had time to help in the management of our village hall. During his 20+ years serving our community he also held the position of Chair of the Gayton Village Hall Management Committee for 6 years (1997-2003). Len did 'make the difference' and the village hall is available today because he and other volunteers managed the day-to-day running, maintenance, bookings and finances. For the village hall to be successful it also needs users, and Len was also a regular user of the village hall.

It has been an amazing year with respect to use of the village hall, with income increasing from the 2017-18 gross income of £2100 to a gross income of £5000 for 2018-19. Approximately £2000 of this annual income was generated from the fund raising events, but this still shows a 50% increase in use.

David Ayre  
June 2019

### SPRING LITTER PICK

Many thanks to the 16 volunteers who did a very successful litter pick back in April. It was a very cold day but at least it stayed dry. Apart from all the bagged rubbish there were bits of a settee, floor tiles and a few tyres. One of the tyres was extra large and a gentleman came to my door late afternoon to ask if he could have it as it would make an excellent swing. I was only too pleased to help with some re-cycling!

The next litter pick will be in the autumn.

Joan Wood





Gayton Open Gardens and  
Teddy Bear Trail on  
Sunday 9 June.

Weren't we lucky!

During a brief break in the  
current 'monsoon', the  
Books and Bric-a Brac stall  
had a very successful  
afternoon. We made a  
record amount for the  
church, and we would like  
to thank all those who  
were so generous with  
their contributions.

Barry & Wendy Steer

How lucky were we?

It stopped raining on Saturday afternoon and stayed fine for Sunday, much to the relief of the gardeners and organisers of this year's Gayton Open Gardens. There were twelve gardens, four of them new for this year, as well as plenty of allotments to see. Barry and Wendy's Stall at 12, St Mary's Court did a very brisk trade. Barbara, Jane and Lauren Ratledge arranged a lovely display of cross-stitch and quilting made by the three generations of the Ratledge family and Barbara's sister-in-law, Jean. A welcome new addition to the day was the free shuttle minibus around the village kindly driven by Geoff Wilkins and David Coppock. In total the event raised £1360.00 for the church, which includes £308.50 from the stall, £79.00 from plants and garden sales and £307.50 from teas.

Many thanks go to all those (too many to list here, but you know who you are) who made this event so successful. The gardeners who worked so hard to get their gardens ready for opening, the organisers of stalls and plant sales, the cake makers, the tea makers, the washers up and the clearers up! Without your support this event would not happen or be so successful.

Thank you also to the residents of Gayton who supported this event by coming to look around the gardens and enjoying some refreshments afterwards. It was lovely to see a more families with children visiting this year.

Carol Coppock and Joy Ayre



## '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.

## St Mary's Church Gayton Gala Concert Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm

All the glitz and glamour of a true gala evening return to Gayton as Helen Swift, Jonathan French and Stephen Morris join us once again to present a wonderful array of music and song for all tastes.

Helen was a music scholar at Cambridge University and went on to study opera in London and Dublin. She has appeared in concert venues all over the world.

Jonathan is a classical concert pianist who teaches at the Birmingham Conservatoire. He too has given solo performances in many of the best concert venues including the Symphony Hall Birmingham with the CBSO.

Stephen studied music at the Birmingham Conservatoire. He is much in demand as a clarinet and saxophone player and has played with all of the major UK orchestras.

Evening dress is not compulsory – but why not!

Tickets: Adult £14 Student £7 Price includes sparkling wine and canapés on arrival. Licenced bar Ring 01604 859645 or 07792 630543

This event is raising money for Gayton church.

## GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

One of the highlights of our programme so far has been our day trip on the Crusader Community Boat, 'The Mountbatten'. We departed from the wharf at Blisworth Arm at 10.00 am and cruised along the Grand Union Canal, enjoying coffee and biscuits on route. The boat turned round at the marina on the outskirts of Nether Heyford and moored up at the Wharf at Bugbrooke for lunch. After our meal we returned to the boat for our cruise back to Gayton, with tea and cake. The weather was very kind to us, staying dry for most of the journey. Everyone on the trip agreed that it had been a memorable day. Jean Stewart was warmly thanked for providing the biscuits and cakes which were much appreciated.

Since March we have enjoyed two lunches, one to Greens at Collingtree Golf Course in March and our traditional Spring Lunch at the Village Hall in May. Greens was a new venue for members of the club and we thoroughly enjoyed a two course lunch in a private room overlooking the golf course. Our Spring Lunch was very well attended. Members enjoyed a two course buffet lunch of cold meat and salads and homemade desserts to follow.

We have welcomed two very interesting speakers to our meetings. In April, Helen Frost gave a lively and very informative talk about the World War 1 Women's Land Army. Andy Tennet joined us at the beginning of June to give a talk on his career in the Northamptonshire Police Force. He gave an insight in to his many roles and talked about a number of the cases in which he had been involved. It was fascinating to learn how much policing has changed over the past thirty years; from bobby on the beat to 'high tech' investigations and the development of forensics and DNA.

Our programme over the next few months is as follows:

- 27.6.19 Outing to the Old Barn Restaurant at Upper Stowe for afternoon tea
- 9.7.19 Strawberry Tea
- 1.8.19 Coffee Morning
- 10.9.19 Speaker Kevin Varty 'Sounds Familiar' – a nostalgic look at TV programmes from the past.
- 24.9.19 Social Afternoon with Cream Tea and Quiz
- 10.10.19 Fish and Chip Lunch
- 22.10.19 Speaker Derek Blunt, author and artist, on 'Squires and Spires'

Full details of these meetings including timings and costs are 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

## Sara Spade performs for us .....

Sara Spade gave a wonderful evening of entertainment in Gayton Church. It was a lovely evening with great music.

Sara has appeared in many local festivals including Althorpe, The Stables Wavendon and at the Harpole Scarecrow Festival, to mention a few.

To completely appreciate her wider audiences go to [www.SaraSpade.com](http://www.SaraSpade.com) or look on u-tube.

Sara has been described as Britain's New-Wave-Vintage Nightingale. That's because she writes music with a hint of modern groove but with good, strong melodies, romance and a ray of uplifting sunshine.

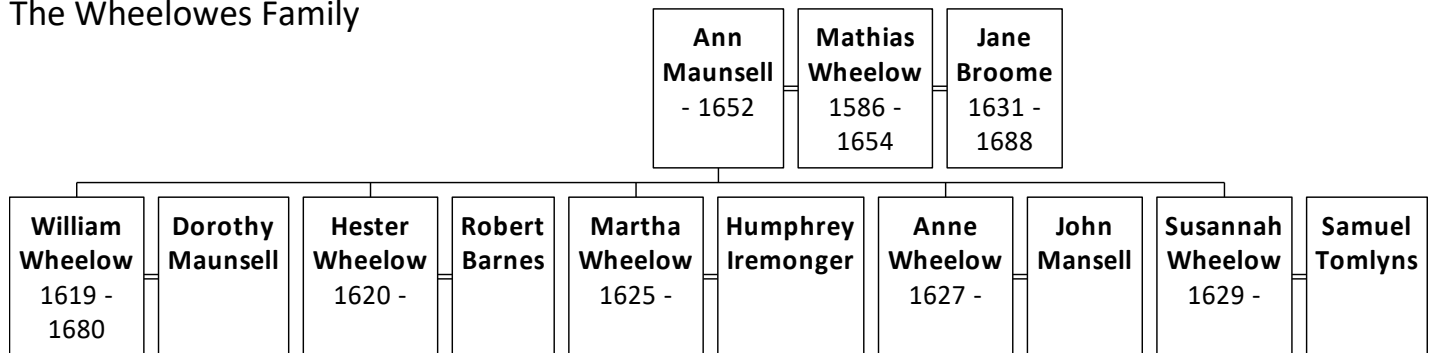


Thank you Astrid for the photos.

## The History of Newe House (Part Two: Nothing Changes!)

Enclosure could make the rich more wealthy, such as Mr Francis Tanfield, but there were losers, too. The Forman Family lost out and Mathias Wheelowes thereby gained, but, at least, he was an honourable man.

### The Wheelowes Family



No doubt through his business as a Northampton Dyer, Mathias Wheelowes knew a young Tanner called William Forman whose father was struggling after the village of Gayton had been Enclosed. In 1615 John Forman mortgaged his Inheritance to Mathias Wheelowes. The agreement was that the Forman family retained 2 acres on which there were two old cottages, one called Forman's House, where John and Ann Forman lived until they both died, when Mathias Wheelowes bought the plot and another in which their daughter Ann lived. Mathias then rebuilt Forman's House, today called Cherry Tree Cottage, giving it on 20 September 1618 as a Marriage Settlement for his wife.

Mathias Wheelowes was a successful Tradesman wanting to raise the status of his family. He, like the Markes family, Richard Kent and James Hawley, liked the look of Gayton, but Mathias was a little more canny and practical.

A Dyer in the important Cloth Industry in Northampton needed technical skills, both to mix the chemicals safely, and to produce lasting, vibrant colours. Water is a vital raw material for a dyer and when Mathias Wheelowes started investing in Northampton property he described it in respect to the proximity of water: next the South Bridge; shooting upon the high river there; near unto a place there called Scarlet Well north. Scarlet Well has a long history of being used by the dyers of Northampton and according to Morton in 1712, it was traditionally said to be where the Londoners sent their cloth to be died scarlet. Perhaps Mathias Wheelowes benefitted from Scarlet Well.

Following Wheelowes purchase of John Forman's inheritance, on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 1631 Robert Tanfield, of Gayton, sold Newe House and its three acre Home Close, John Tarry's cottage plus Wrights Ground of 26 acres, Pillowe Hill of 50 acres and Lippiatts of 20 acres and Gayton Lounde of 20 acres to Mathias Wheelowes. The land was being farmed by George Bland.

Mathias, not only owned land but a Gayton estate and had truly succeeded in raising his family's status. Now he was living in Newe House, a well-appointed Farm House, and had married his four daughters to men who either classed themselves as Gentlemen or were successful tradesmen like the girls' father. Martha married Humphrey Iremonger of Ampthill, Bedfordshire, Gentleman; Anne married John Mansell of Stony Stratford; Susannah married Samuel Tomlyns,

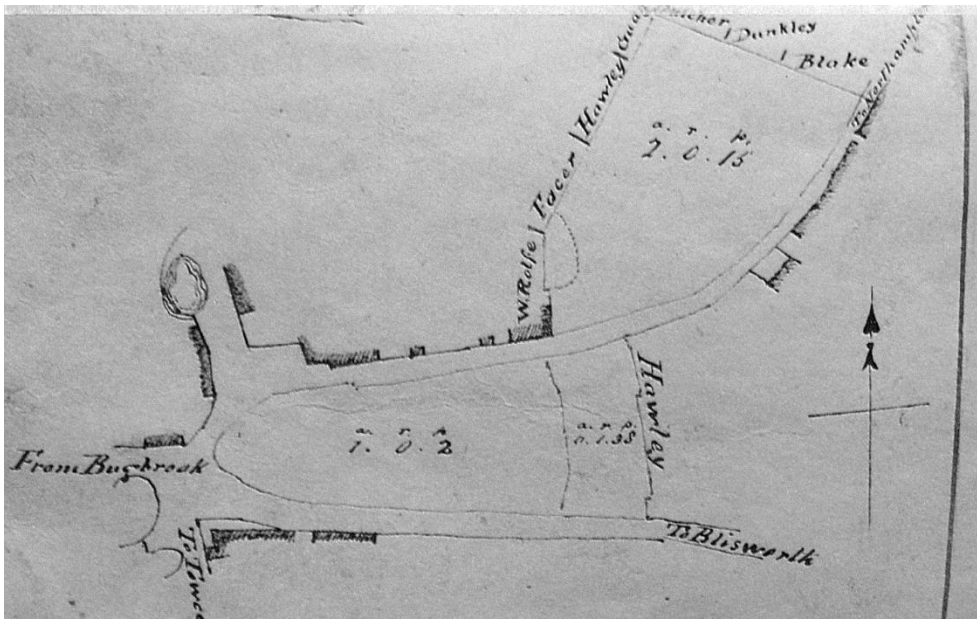


Gentleman of Adstoke, Buckinghamshire; and Hester married Robert Barnes. His son, William, married Dorothy Maunsell daughter of John Maunsell, Lord of the manor of Thorpe Malsor. To make such a prestigious marriage for his son there was a price to pay and the marriage settlement of William Wheelowes and Dorothy Maunsell comprised of the Newe House Estate leaving little over for the rest of the family after he died.

### 23 Sept 1648 Indenture

Between Mathias Wheelowes, John Maunsell, and Humphrey Iremonger settlement of messuages and land for the marriage of William Wheelowes and Dorothy Maunsell Newe House . . . Newe House Close 3a. . Wright's Closes 26a. . Lypiatts. . Pillow Hill 50a Gayton Loundes all purchased of Robert Tanfield Esq

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



Mathias' wife, referred to as Mistress Ann in the village, died on 28 February 1652 and then started the most turbulent part of Mathias' life. All of which was described in a petulant petition in the Court of Chancery from one of Mathias' son-in-laws, Humphrey Iremonger, on behalf of the others.

Courtesy of Northamptonshire Archives: ZA 3441

First Iremonger gave a long harangue of how Mathias' wife, Ann, came into several inheritances during their marriage and had a personal estate worth about £4,000. Then, Martha's husband, states that he was promised more than he was paid, Robert Barnes, Hester's husband was promised £400 down and £400 after Mathias' death, and Anne, the wife of John Maunsell was promised £200, at a time when interest rates were such that Mathias was making 40 shillings a year on the money, Samuel Tomlyn had been promised £500 and £500 after Mathias' death, all felt betrayed.

Next Iremonger launches into a defence of why Mathias' daughters have not looked after him. Explaining that Mathias, even before his wife Ann died, was ill and paralysed down one side and needed help dressing. A task, he maintained, that fell to Mathias' remaining unmarried daughter, Susan, (but was most likely performed by Mathias' man servant). Susan married Samuel Tomlyns on 22 September 1652, six months after her Mother's death.

According to Iremonger, after Susan's marriage Mathias wanted to retire from company and to be left with one man servant and one maid servant, so his children 'in obedience to his pleasure did so part accordingly' to their own families and employments. Locally it was noticed that Mathias was being neglected by his servants. It took a long time for his children to hear of this with their homes being a long way from Gayton, having children, and him telling them he did not want their attentions. Iremonger continues:

Jane Broome (then a poor maid servant to one Richard Samwell of Gayton in the county of Northampton Esquire who for many years before was by the said Mathias taken for one of his greatest enemies first taking knowledge thereof she the said Jane cunningly (on pretence of being sent by the said Mr Samwell and his wife to visit him the said Mathias Wheelowes And that he would be reconciled to the said Mr Samwell) went unto him the said Mathias And procured his good opinion much in that business of reconciliation as aforesaid So that by degrees with often visits and clear opportunities she being a young girl of one twenty years of age or thereabouts and he an old man so inveigled him the said Mathias with protestations of her dutifulness unto him And loving cariage (care-age) to his children And that she would not at all desire any thing out of his estate that should be prejudicial to the said children of his former wife That in the space of a fortnight or thereabouts she prevailed so with him that against the good will and liking of all the friends he had she obtained marriage of him And they were married together about two years fair

The National Archives: Chancery Proceedings C5-19-73 Transcription: Rita Poxon

Unfortunately for Humphrey Iremonger, Mathias knew his daughters better than they knew their father and Mathias had produced a water-tight Marriage Settlement for Jane Broome.

#### 30 September 1652 Marriage Settlement, Jane Broome

This Indenture made the last day of September in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred and fifty-two . . . Between Mathias Wheelowes of Gayton in the county of Northton Gentleman . . . And Jane Broome one of the daughters of John Broome of Small wood in the county of Chester Gentleman of the third part. **Witnesseth** that the said Mathias Wheelowes for and in consideration of the love and affection which he hath and beareth unto the aforesaid . . .

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

Mathias provided Jane with the same Marriage Settlement that he had given his first wife. In addition to Forman's House he left Jane some property in Northampton as well as a tenement in Gayton now in the occupation of Francis Tarry, and one little plot of ground commonly called the Wearehouse (the Weir) and used as a Nursery and Pinfold Close, for her natural life.

#### Mathias Wheelowes' Will: Made 26 April 1653 (edited)

Item I give and bequeath unto Martha Iremonger now the wife of Humphrey Iremonger gentleman Anne Mansell now the wife of John Mansell gentleman Hester Barnes now the wife of Robert Barnes And Susanna Tomlyn now the wife of Samuel Tomlyn gentleman my four daughters and to their heirs and assigns forever All that messuage or tenement situate in Northampton next the South Bridge And all and singular houses. . in the possession of Thomas Brookes . . together with all such goods and chattels of mine and remaining in the said messuage as are particularly set down in a schedule annexed to a lease by me to the said Thomas Brookes And also all that messuage or tenement thereunto next adjoining . . and now in possession of William Haddon and Widow Barloe

And also all that messuage or tenement situate and being in Northampton Late in the possession of John Pye butting upon a certain barn there of Mr George Coles And also one close or inclosure of pasture ground called or known by the name of the Hart Close now in the possession of one Richard Smith

Item I likewise give and bequeath unto the said Martha Anne Hester and Susanna my four daughters after the decease of Jane my now wife if in case she shall have no issue of her body lawfully begotten by me the said Mathias living and to their heirs and assigns forever (here Mathias spells out the marriage settlement again)

Item I give and bequeath unto the said Hester Barnes my daughter and to Mathias Barnes her son All that cottage or tenement with the yard backside homestead situate and being in Gayton aforesaid between the common street east and the close of William Markes west and now in the possession of Martin Fowkes or of his assigns

And also all that cottage or tenement now divided into three parts situate and being in Gayton aforesaid next the tenement of John Tarry north and the tenement of Richard Samwell Esq west and now in the possession of Edward Conn and Widow Conn unto the said Hester Barnes for and during her natural life And from and after her decease then to the use and behoof of the said Mathias Barnes her son and of his heirs and assigns.

Item I give and bequeath unto William Wheelowes my son the sum of 10 shillings of lawful money of England All the rest of my goods cattle chattels household stuff debt bonds bills specialities and personal estate whatsoever my funeral expenses debt and legacies being first paid and discharged. I wholly give and bequeath unto the said Jane my dear and loving wife whom I make and ordain my full Executrix of this my first will and testament And do nominate and appoint Richard Samwell Esq aforesaid and Francis Brittain Esq to be overseers of this my will intreating their best advice in adjoining assisting and directing my said Executrix upon all occasions will shall arise concerning this my will or the performance of the same and to whom I give as a token of my love 40 shillings a piece To be paid by my said executrix to buy each of them a ring.

The National Archives: PROB 11/235 17 May 1654 Transcription: Rita Poxon

Mathias Wheelowes died on 10 February 1654 about eighteen months after his marriage to Jane Broome. Mathias obviously considered Forman's House as a Dower house for his first wife but following her death for his second wife, too, which obviously infuriated his family.

Jane lived there from 1654 until her death on 21 March 1687. She rented Forman's Old House to the Rector, Richard Giffard, and he left the outstanding term, in 1656, to his son Francis in his will.

William Wheelowes and his wife, Dorothy, moved into Newe House.

I know that as a Local historian I should maintain my objectivity but I can't help warming to the cantankerous old Mathias Wheelowes. Humphrey Iremonger's Petition shrieks, "Greed!" whilst Mathias' Will quietly replies, "Gotcha". (With apologies to my History Professor!)

Rita Poxon

Thank you Martin!

Villagers will probably have noticed the repairs to the church wall along Milton Road.



Several months ago, local builder, Martin Church, offered to repoint the wall and replace any loose or missing stone. What we thought was a relatively simple task turned out to be somewhat larger than anticipated.

Many sections of wall were found to be in very poor condition and had to be demolished before being completely rebuilt. There was more missing and damaged stone than was at first thought and nearly all of the old mortar had to be scraped out and replaced. There only remains the replacement of a few missing coping stones before the job is complete.

I am sure everyone will agree that the wall looks splendid and sets off our beautiful parish church to the best advantage.

So, thank you Martin, and your skilled employees, for doing this work at no cost to Gayton PCC. It is very much appreciated.

David Coppock  
On behalf of Gayton PCC

## St Mary the Virgin

We are just about to enter the summer lull in the Church's social activities when folks are away enjoying the sunshine or whatever we do. Its good to have a few special events on the horizon though so please make a note on your calendars for the Harvest Service, supported by Gayton Festival Singers and the Gayton School Children on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, the Harvest Quiz and supper on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October and the Gala Concert with the ever popular and returning tremendous trio of Helen Swift, Jonathan French and Steven Morris on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, you will be bombarded by numerous reminders closer to the times.



Turning the clock back slightly, crikey, weren't we lucky with the Open Gardens event with that tiny break in the wall to wall rain, the gardens may have needed it but we didn't on that particular day. Very many thanks to all those that contributed in whatever capacity as it provided a nice day out for many and in excess of £1300 for the church coffers.

The eagle eyed amongst you may have noticed the now very tidy corner of the graveyard by the gate entrance from the Milton Road. It didn't happen by chance, we have to thank the family of Maurice and Joan Jeffrey who wished to do something special in their memory. Both Maurice and Joan, without making a fuss, played their part, voluntarily, in the upkeep of the church yard and it is certainly right and fitting that they should be remembered in this way. Please let them be a part of your thoughts when in that area in particular.

You can't say we don't strive to keep up with the times, those who have attended one of the services recently will have witnessed Rev Karen addressing the assembled via a wireless microphone and audio system, stand aside Madonna, your days are numbered!

Should you need reminding, the regular services are 9.30am and 11.00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month respectively, periodically additional services are held and shall be publicised beforehand.

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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*Andy Hartley*

## Calendar of events 2019

### June

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Gayton cycling – monthly ride – meet at Five Ways
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Gayton Evergreen Club – Summer outing to Old Dairy Farm
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Benefice Communion

### July

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreen Club – Strawberry tea & Tombola – Vill Hall
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Five Ways
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Family Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gayton cycling – monthly ride – meet at Five Ways

### August

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Gayton Evergreen Club – Coffee morning – Village Hall
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Five Ways
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gayton cycling – monthly ride – meet at Five Ways

### September

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gayton Walkers – monthly walk – meet at Five Ways
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreen Club – Talk by Kevin Varty ‘Sounds Familiar’
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Gayton cycling – monthly ride – meet at Five Ways
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Gayton Evergreen Club – Social afternoon with cream tea & quiz

### October

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church Gayton Harvest Service at Gayton Church
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Gayton Harvest Quiz & Supper – Village Hall

**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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POP UP  
**PUB**



**Friday 2 August**  
**6pm to 10pm**

Cider, lager, wine, soft drinks - bar nibbles also available. If you'd like craft beer please let us know you're coming and we'll get some in.

**Why not drop in for a drink and a chat, darts boards will be up. Everyone welcome, bring your children and friends.**

Proceeds to Gayton Village Hall Maintenance and improvements

## GAYTON WALKERS

We continue to meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month to walk in our lovely Northamptonshire countryside.

In April, we started at Litchborough and went to Upper Stowe. Avoiding a field with cows and calves (which weren't there when I did a recce a week before).

We passed the Birth of Radar Memorial on the Northampton Road out of Litchborough.

It records the work of Robert Watson Watt and Arnold Wilkins, who in February 1935 demonstrated that aircraft could be detected by bouncing radio waves off them.



It was this invention more than anything else that helped save the RAF from defeat in the Battle of Britain in 1940. P.S. RADAR stands for RAdio Detection And Ranging- useful information for pub quizzes! We continued to Grimscote and back to Litchborough for a well-earned drink and lunch at the Old Red Lion.

The May walk was led by Tony and Elaine Footitt and went from Gayton to Rothersthorpe and back.

There was no walk in June as we were busy getting our garden ready for the Open Gardens day. There will hopefully be a walk on 14<sup>th</sup> July, route to be decided. Please come and join us.

ROBIN KELSO



## A Note from the Rectory

As we pray **Thy Kingdom Come** the gospel reading is so powerful that I need to share it. Throughout John's gospel we hear about the prayer life of Jesus, but only on rare occasions are we informed as to what Jesus prayed. However, before Jesus goes to the cross, we get an insight. Jesus prays not only for his disciples, but also for those who will believe in the future – that is to say he prays for the entire church – which includes you and me.

His prayer in John 17 is dominated by the theme of unity among his disciples, but also for the Church. He prays for a unity like that which unites the Trinity: 'that they may be one'. The motive for unity is the great commission of Jesus. He prayed for complete unity so that the world may believe and know unity with God. One of the greatest barriers to belief is disunity in the Church. We have seen that in politics, the moment a political party becomes disunited, they lose popularity. It happens in the secular world and even more so in the church.

Jesus says that he protected his disciples and kept them safe 'so that they may be one' Now he prays, 'protect them from the evil one' who will seek to divide them.

When churches fight each other, people lose interest. Conversely when churches do unite it is so attractive. It is the source of joy, which comes from unity. Disunity is a joy-stealer. Unity is powerful, and is developed through the Holy Spirit.

The *mark* of unity is the love of Jesus and he prays, 'that the love you have for me may be in them' what higher love can you have than the love that God the Father has for Jesus his son? Jesus' prayer for you is that you should have the same love that God the Father has for Jesus in your heart for other Christians, for other parts of the body of Christ.

The *measure* of unity is the visibility of Jesus. Sometimes people speak about 'invisible unity'. But Jesus didn't pray for invisible unity. Nor did he pray that we might be 'almost united'. He prayed that they may 'be brought to *complete* unity to let the world know that you sent me'. He wants the church to be completely visibly united. One day it will be! So why not start praying NOW!

So as we build bridges, work together and come together with other Christians from different parts of the church, as hearts and minds are bonded together in communion with Jesus, and will and can already see visible signs of our invisible unity. Why not pray that as the church comes together in unity – we can be the role model for the whole of humanity – **They Kingdom Come – here in these parishes – NOW.**

Love in Chris,  
Reverend Karen

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## Pimms & Puds

### What could be better?

Holy Cross Church, Pattishall  
Sunday 7 July from 3 – 5pm  
Entry £5 (under 12 FREE)

For tickets call 07711 329664 / or on the door on the day

### **Pattishall Picnic in the Park Family Music Festival and Craft Fair Saturday 13 July 1pm to midnight**

Pattishall's 6th Music Festival and Craft Fair is a family friendly event.

There is even more going on this year, with amazing live music for all, including choir, swing dancers as well as pop covers, rock and more, with great bands. Also craft stalls, a variety of hot food for sale, beer tent. Lots for kids - Party Circus workshop. bouncy castles, secure children's play area, kids disco, kids football, games and kids crafts. This family friendly event is a must for that summer day out with the whole family, whatever age. The area is fully enclosed so kids are safe Bring your gazebo, fold up chair, sun umbrella, chill out and listen to the beat. Professional stage, sound equipment and sound engineers. It's gonna be great! Come and relax in the summer sun.

Tickets are available on line now

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