

GAYTON NEWS

DECEMBER 2019



Gayton Millennium Spinney April 2008 courtesy of Barry Steer

MERRY CHRISTMAS – HAPPY NEW YEAR

GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

The Social Afternoon with Cream Tea and Quiz was well supported. A cryptic quiz based on towns and villages in Northamptonshire got the brain cells working! Homemade scones topped with cream and jam (Devonshire or Cornish arrangement as suited) smoothed furrowed brows.

As usual the Fish and Chip Lunch was very well attended. Members and guests enjoyed freshly cooked fish and chips followed by homemade desserts, and tea or coffee.

Our speaker at the end of October was Derek Blunt. Derek was born in Northamptonshire and has lived and worked in the county all his life. He gave an illustrated talk on 'Spires and Squires' which he described as a "whistle stop tour around some of our picturesque towns and villages". At the end of his talk members agreed with Derek that we live in a very and interesting and varied county with many links to the past.

At the end of November we will welcome 'Between the Frets', a duo who will be entertaining us with live music from the 40's, 50's and 60's. Apparently, we need to leave space in the hall to provide a dance area for 'Strictly Fans' to try out their moves! Guests are welcome to join us at this meeting, please check the Gayton website for details.

We end the year with our Christmas Lunch at Woodward's Restaurant at Stoke Bruerne. This is a members only meeting.

We have a varied programme of meetings arranged for 2020, which include:

Tuesday 14 th January	AGM
Tuesday 28 th January	Entertainment Afternoon with the Jinx Singers
Wednesday 12 th February	Lunch Outing to The Lane Restaurant at Northampton College
Tuesday 25 th February	Speaker: Denise Kemp on 'The Falkland Islands'
Thursday 12 th March	Fish and Chip Lunch
Tuesday 24 th March	Speaker: Melanie Latham 'Chutney and Cheer'. A talk and a demonstration of chutney making.

Guests are always welcome to join our meetings. 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

History of Newe House (Part Four: A sad end!)

Are some houses 'unlucky'? Probably not, and it is not clear either why Newe House was incorporated into Marriage Settlements to marriages that were troubled, but Mr Benjamin Warren, Gentleman of Bugbrooke, son and heir of James Warren, bought the Newe House Estate (created by Dorothy Brooke) for a Marriage Settlement in 1717.

Newe House owned by Henry Cadwallar Adams



Northamptonshire Record Office: ZA 3441, Deeds of Henry Cadwallar Adams of Ansty Hall

28 June 1717 Counterpart of conveyance

of an estate in Gayton: Dorothy Brooke relict of Arthur Brooke to Mr Warren

All that messuage together with barns malting kilne outhouses by the name Newe House formerly in the possession of Wm Wheelowes dec, then Dorothy Wheelowes dec, then Andrew Jones dec, now *-(John) Crosse* and lying over the way there Newe House Close or Kiln Close 2a, two closes of pasture with the little lodge or shepherd's house called Deep Slade or the Lodge Close 24a, Darlescott field on the west, little meadow, two little boggy spinneys or osier beds, lying on a place called Guldman's Hill or Churnwell hill, 2½a, lying next one of said closes called Deep Slade, Tibbes Great Ground 11-12a, Stone Pit Close 1a 4r part of the said close called Tibbes, Highway close 5-6a, deemed to be formerly part of Prescott's Close, 3 close Bissacres 22a and Houghton's Close inclosed in one, one acre and a half. All with chief rent of 4s 8d Enrolled at Court of Common Pleas at Westminster.

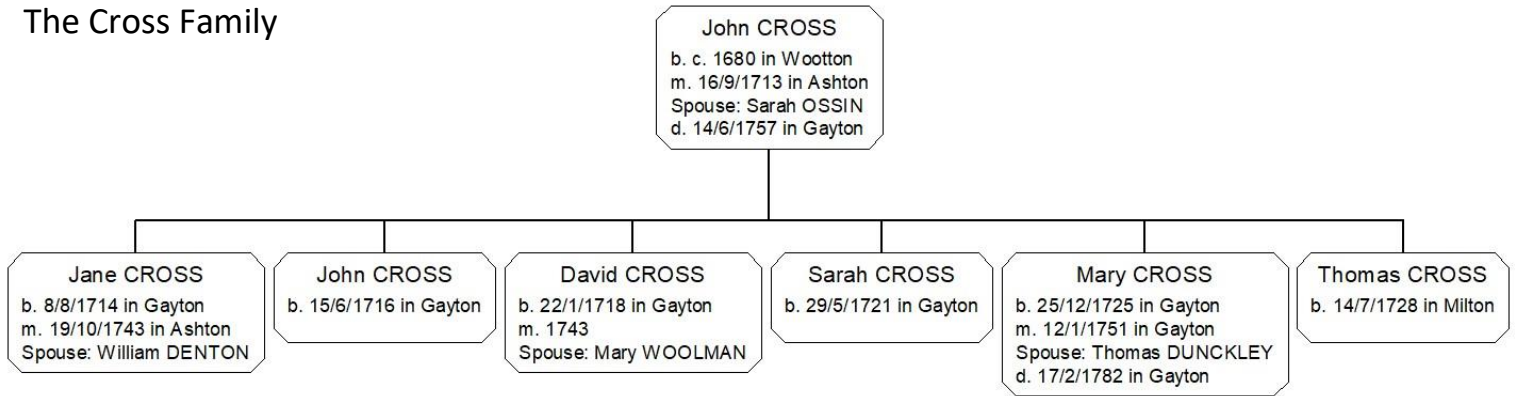
Northamptonshire Record Office: Brooke of Oakley 322/9 Transcription: Rita Poxon

Benjamin Warren's life lived up to the chaotic lifestyle of previous Newe House owners. In 1718 he added to his marriage settlement of 1716 by purchasing the house and land after his marriage had taken place and put it all in trust for the sons and heirs of the marriage of Benjamin Warren and Ann Adams, daughter of Simon Adams of Daventry.

This was probably done as Benjamin Warren had been engaged to be married some years earlier but the marriage had not taken place. A few years later he was married to Elizabeth Mence with the Marriage Settlement being made on the same day in 1713. (It looks as if they divorced soon after the birth of a baby and part of the Dower was made over to the child). Benjamin Warren and Anne Adams married on 6 June 1716 at Fawsley.

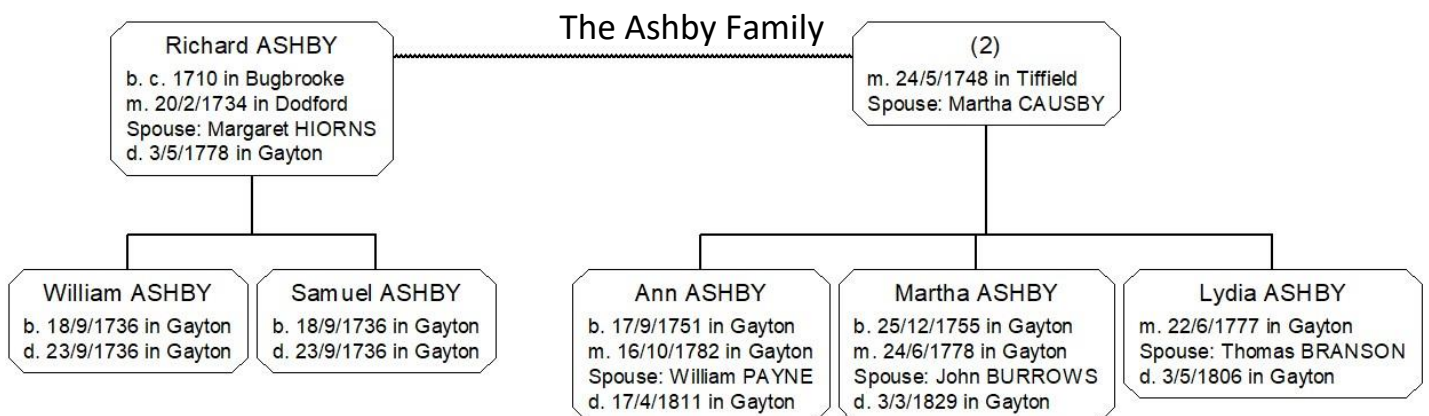
From the 1717 Conveyance it is clear that John Cross was living in and farming the Newe House land soon after Andrew Jones' family had moved out and before Dorothy Brooke had sold it to Benjamin Warren.

The Cross Family



The land that Dorothy Brookes had included in the Newe House Estate does not seem to have been sustainable and the Cross family's fortunes gradually declined. Eventually, John, who came into the category 'poor but worthy' was in receipt of money, paid to the Poor in Gayton Parish from the Almsground rent, and the family moved out of Newe House into a cottage owned by Samwell for his workers.

In about 1735 Richard Ashby became the tenant farmer at Newe House. Ashby had previously been a tenant of Benjamin Warren in Bugbrooke. Richard Ashby married Margaret Hiorns on 24 February 1734 in Bugbrooke and they had twin boys on 18 September 1736 who both died five days later. They had no more children and Margaret died soon afterwards.



Benjamin Warren, the owner of the Newe House Estate died on 2 January 1742 and his wife, Ann, died on 28 August 1747, in Bugbrooke. Benjamin Warren left his eldest son, James, his estate in Gayton for life and then granted it to Simon Adams, Ann's next of kin. James Warren of Bugbrooke Esq in his will made 22 June 1794 and proved 1797 left his land in Gayton, in the tenure of Martha Ashby, to Simon Adams of Ansty Hall, Warwickshire.

Richard Ashby married his second wife Martha Causby in Tiffield on 24 May 1748. Newe House was quite a large complex as it had 15 windows on which Richard Ashby paid tax. Richard and Martha had three children who all achieved good marriages with their eldest daughter marrying the eldest son of William and Charlotte Payne, from Gayton Manor Farm.

Re-enforcing the view that Newe House did not now have enough land; from 1764, (at first with Kingston, but later on his own) Richard Ashby rented Pillow Hill and Lipiates, both fields having previously been part of land that was included in the early Newe House Estate. From 1721-1764 the land was owned, first by Thomas Ekins and then by Thomas Cockman junior.

Thomas Cockman, owner of Pillow Hill, 50 acres, and Lipiates, 20 acres, died in 1760 and Richard Ashby, tenant farmer at Newe House, died in 1778. Both of their widows continued with the businesses, with Mrs Cockman renting the land to Mrs Ashby, until in 1793 when Mrs Cockman sold the land to Thomas Butcher, the younger, of Northampton, Gent. Martha Ashby continued to farm the remaining land until sometime between 1806 and 1829 when John Lamburn took over the deteriorating farmhouse and the land that Dorothy Brooke had combined with Newe House in 1717.

Simon Adams died in 1801 and left Newe House to his son Henry Cadwaller Adams who gave it as a marriage settlement on his marriage to Emma Curtis, daughter of Sir William Curtis, on 18 June 1803. Sir William Curtis is widely known for giving the definition 'the three R's' for 'reading, riting and rithmetic'. The Cadwaller Adams-Curtis marriage floundered in 1829 and the Gayton estate of Newe House had to be sold for the benefit of Emma Adams. When the land was put up for sale Thomas Butcher bought Kiln Close and the Croft (known today as John Allen's field) and Revd George Butler bought the land that was over by Dalscote field (close to the Gayton Glebe land), Barn Close and Visikers (previously Bissacres!).

It is easy to understand why in 1717 Dorothy Brookes wanted to keep Pillowhill and Lipiates for her family as they were good, arable land. But the fate of John Cross and his family is likely to have been compounded by his raw material, barley, being sold to the Northampton Maltsters and therefore not supplying his own malt kiln. Malt has always been sought after, even by the Church for the lucrative Churchales! In 1527 Thomas Smith left in his will to Gayton Church 2 strikes of malt and 10 strikes of Barley making him the earliest Maltster recorded for Gayton.

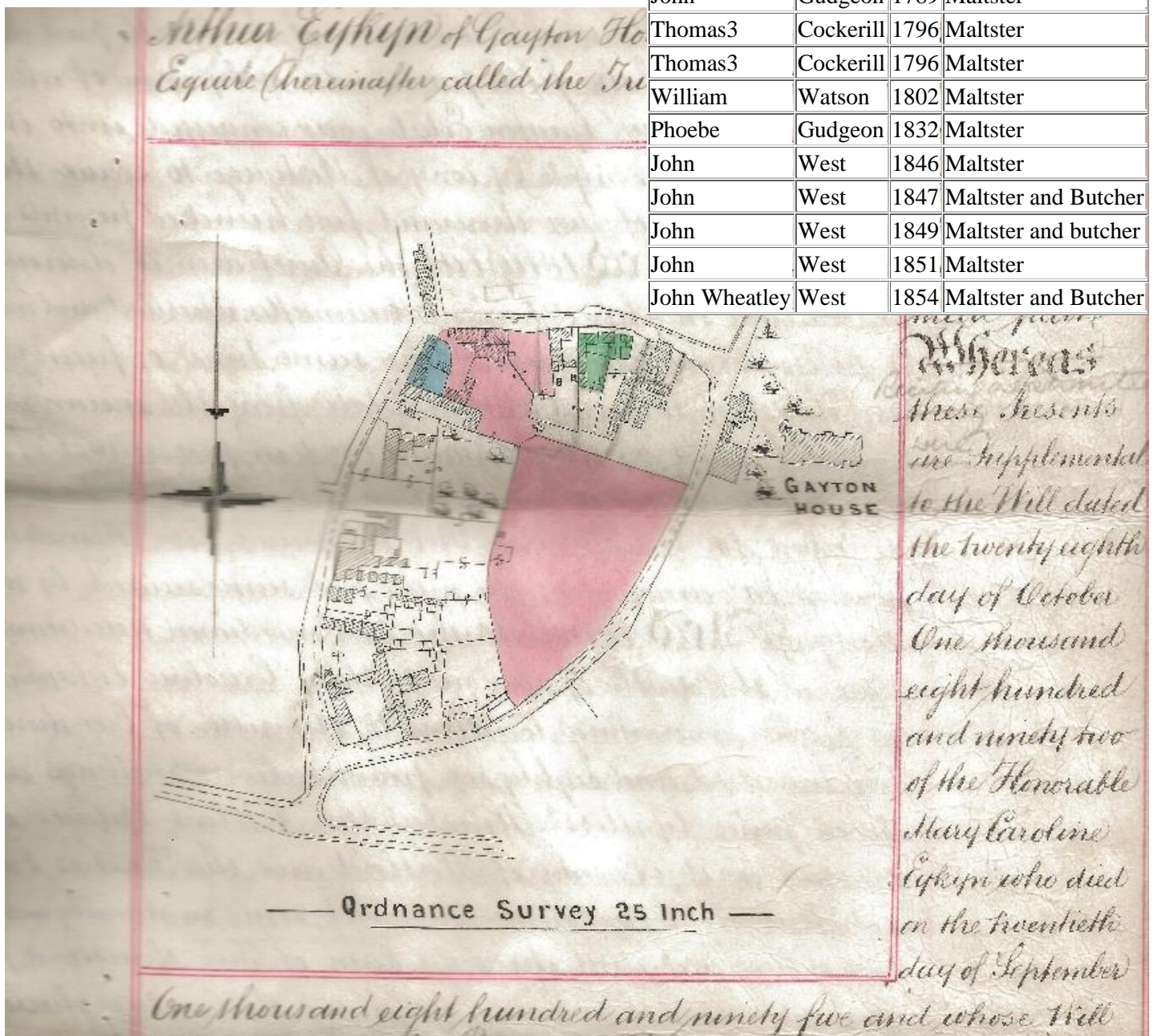
The Home Close for Newe house was called Newe House Close from when Francis and Elizabeth Tanfield owned it in 1603 but by 1718 Newe House was described as having barns, Malting Kiln outhouses and Newe House Close now had an alternative name of Kiln Close.

In 1654 Mathias Wheelowes had left to his daughter Hester, who had married Robert Barnes a Publican of Northampton, and after her to her son Mathias Barnes, two cottages in Gayton, which eventually William Wheelowes bought from them to form part of Dorothy Brookes' Marriage Settlement. In this Settlement of 1681 Mathias Barnes was referred to as Vintner and Citizen of London. Is it possible that it was Mathias Barnes who when he was young and visiting his grandfather built the Malting kiln with his father which gave Newe House Close its new name and provided his father's business in Northampton with its malt? It is probable that the dotted area in Kiln Close on the Cadwaller Adams map of 1829 refers to the Malting Kiln.

In 1729 John Gibson, Northampton Maltster and Baker was supplying Northampton with malt from the barley that was grown on Pillowhill. Many of the later Maltsters lived in the Dower House and the 1902 Eykyn Deed below indicates how convenient that was for them, with both the Dower house and Kiln Close being shown in pink. A kiln can still be seen (just) but by then it backed on to the Queen Victoria.

Maltsters in Gayton

Thomas	Smith	1527	
Humphrey	Coppin	1568	
John	Gibson	1729	Maltster/Baker
Richard	Gudgeon	1759	Maltster
Cornelius	Gudgeon	1763	Shoemaker/Maltster
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Cornelius	Gudgeon	1764	Maltster/shoemaker
John	Gudgeon	1777	Maltster
Richard	Gudgeon	1778	Maltster
John	Gudgeon	1781	Maltster
John	Gudgeon	1789	Maltster
Thomas3	Cockerill	1796	Maltster
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William	Watson	1802	Maltster
Phoebe	Gudgeon	1832	Maltster
John	West	1846	Maltster
John	West	1847	Maltster and Butcher
John	West	1849	Maltster and butcher
John	West	1851	Maltster
John Wheatley	West	1854	Maltster and Butcher





The Eykyn Arms Bingo Night

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS GAYTON VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!
BRING THE
WHOLE
FAMILY**



**FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER
AT THE EYKYN ARMS
EYES DOWN AT 7.30PM**



GAYTON VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING

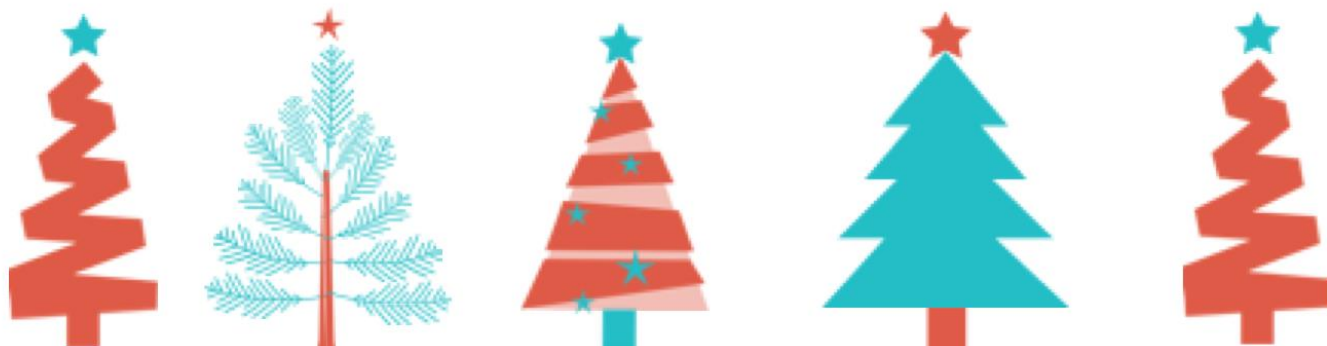
GAYTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Local gift and craft stalls, raffle and real christmas tree raffle (kindly donated by Crossley Landscapes)

Refreshments including mulled wine, mince pies, sausage rolls and soup



**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
1PM - 4PM
GAYTON VILLAGE HALL**



Gayton Primary School

We held a very successful Coffee morning here at Gayton Primary in September and raised a fantastic £213.40. The school received lots of visitors during the morning including two members of staff that worked for Macmillan. They spoke to all visitors and children throughout the morning and thanked everybody for their generous donations.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils across the Federation had a great opportunity to work with a Real PE leader for the day. The Real PE scheme provides fun and simple to follow Schemes of Work and support for practitioners to give them the confidence and skills to deliver outstanding PE. They all thoroughly enjoyed it and can now show other pupils what they learnt.

Our year 5 and 6 pupils will take part in the Cluster Carols service at St Lawrence church in Towcester on Tuesday 3rd December at 5.30pm. The Cluster Carol Service is a lovely service for the children to take part in where we join other local cluster schools.



We would like to invite you to our **Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December from 3.00 – 5.00pm**. The children will open the Fayre with singing. There will be different stalls, raffle and refreshments available.

Children are busy learning their parts for the **Nativity service which will be held on Sunday 8th December at 3.30pm at Gayton Church**. We hope to see you all there.



The children from across the Federation will also be learning their singing and dancing for the Federation show which will be this year held at Whittlebury Hall. This promises to be a fantastic evening for parents and family members to see.

The children have a visit to the pantomime coming up in December at the Deco. This will be an exciting trip for the children before we break up for Christmas. They will also take part in Christmas Jumper day on Friday 13th December which the children love.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2020, please call the school office on 01604 858749 to arrange a visit and to meet with our Headteacher, Mrs Hollis. This will give you an opportunity to look round the school, meet the teachers and other staff and see what the Federation and Gayton school can offer you and your family.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The quiz this year is all about transport, on land, sea and in the air. The answers are all, however loosely, connected with transport.

It can be an ordinary carrier, e.g. car, plane or other means of moving people, e.g. sledge, moving machinery, e.g. truck.

It also includes who work on these modes of transport, and soundalikes.

Answers are mostly simple, although there are one or two testing ones. This is something for the whole family to enjoy over Christmas. And even if you can't quite finish it, do send it in – we never have entries with all correct answers.

As usual, there are three fantastic prizes - £10 for first, £3 for second and £2 for third.

Closing date is Friday January 3rd. Please let me have your answers (on paper, please. Email answers not accepted) at 12 St Marys Court by this date. Enjoy!

Wendy Steer



1. Bear's terminus in London.
2. Isle of Man races for?
3. Whirlybird.
4. Elevator.
5. Transport in Venice.
6. A bet.
7. Flies a plane or guides a ship.
8. Saviour at sea.
9. 1981 film about competing Olympic athletes.
10. There was a murder on this.
11. Cowes races for?
12. Army tracked vehicle.
13. Moving staircase.
14. The unsinkable which sank.
15. Palindromic canoe.
16. English eating apple
17. String of camels carrying goods and people.
18. Insect ridden
19. To the fore, in front
20. Holiday vessel.
21. Flying elephant
22. Glides down the street on rails
23. Dougal, Florence and co. rode on this
24. Agreement.
25. Train to Paris and Brussels

26. Powerful golf club.
27. Little Eva hit, 1962 .
28. Hired from a rank.
29. Chocolate bar named after a bus.
30. New Royal cruise ship
31. Australian airline.
32. Went slowly to China.
33. Gongboat (anag.).
34. Large cat-like spotted animal
35. Protects your drawers.
36. Traveller in space.
37. It hangs on a wire
38. Sport enjoyed at Silverstone
39. 2 hulled boat.
40. Sherry glass.
41. Arab sailing ship.
42. Going up sitting down.
43. Famous steam engine from north of the border.
44. He wanders the country.
45. Ship and plane in one vessel.
46. Seen in a sentry box.
47. Those magnificent men in their ?
48. Tube.
49. Popular TV programme for the sick
50. Shove.
51. It crosses the Mersey.
52. Bovine snoozer.
53. Paint Your ? 1961 musical
54. Opens the conversation.
55. Wagner opera
56. Rubbish.
57. Trainer.
58. Early form of bus for pleasure trips.
59. Station on Victoria Line.
60. Musical Roundabout.
61. Sounds like a good looking vehicle
62. Film preview..
63. ----- made for two.
64. Fast train in Japan.
65. Australian/NZ soldier.
66. Simple flight.
67. TV motoring programme.
68. Operates under water.
69. Firework to the moon.
70. Bicycle made for two.
71. Fire, send off.
72. He stands in front of an orchestra
73. What did Pugh, Pugh and Barney McGrew drive?
74. Former third part of Yorkshire.
75. Where is the Spirit of Ecstasy to be found?

76. What is the train in the Harry Potter film called?
77. Water crossing on a country road.
78. Made of tree trunks lashed together.
79. Winter sport on yoghurts.
80. On a famous Constable painting.
81. German people's car.
82. Napoleon's end?
83. You either avoid or crash into this.
84. E.E.Nesbit book.
85. Transports oil.
86. Invented by Caractacus Potts.
87. Ensnare.
88. Spanish war and trading ship

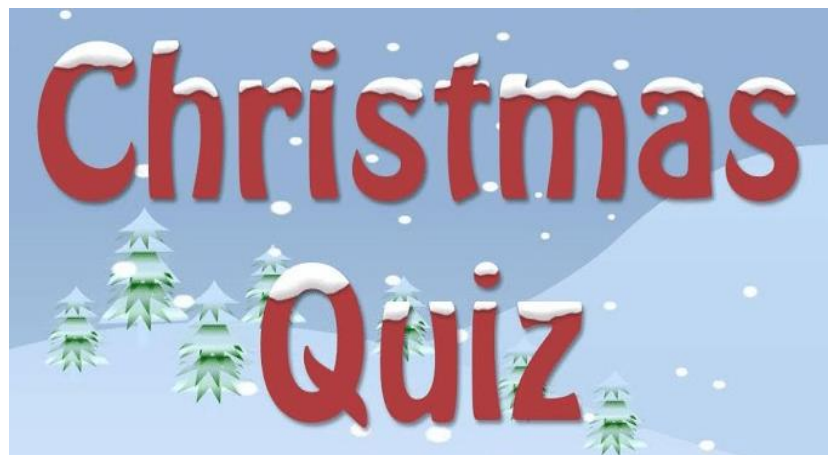
89. Useful when jumping from a plane.
90. Used by farmers in fields.
91. Clang Clang Clang went the ?
92. National daily newspaper.
93. Healthy way to cook vegetables.
94. Naval escort ship, or seabird.
95. Flies smoothly.
96. Cocktail of cognac, orange liqueur and lemon.
97. Heave him.
98. What connects Hawk and Snipe.
99. Violinists do it.
100. Father Christmas always arrives on one

Name

Address

.....

Phone no.



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GOOD LUCK! Wendy Steer

Millennium Spinney

This month, December 2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the planting of Gayton 'Millennium Spinney' by a working party of volunteers.

Walking through the Spinney a few days ago we thought back to that day and the tiny saplings that we planted in neat straight rows and just look how high they are today! It occurred to us that it would be interesting to feature some "then and now" pictures in the Gayton News. So, we trawled through all our photo albums and came up with a selection of pictures showing the Spinney in all seasons and the various stages of growth from the planting to the present. The picture of the actual planting is taken from Rita Poxon's excellent book 'Glimpses of Gayton'.

We also looked through our old copies of the Gayton News, to see what was written about it at the time. Here are a couple of quotes:

Parish Council report December 1999 - "On the subject of the Millennium, we are now in the final stages of completing the agreement for the transfer of the land on the corner of Back Lane and Blisworth Road. By the time you read this, the trees should have been planted..."

Editorial Spring 2000 - "our new spinney is beginning to show signs of life. There are leaves on the young trees and in recent weeks they have had plenty of rain to help them become established."

Some years later, in January 2010, another village working party went into the spinney with saws and pruners and did a good job of thinning and tidying. That was 10 years ago and very little has been done since.

Another major exercise is much overdue – not just thinning and pruning but the removal of several trees. It's looking a bit sad now, overgrown and neglected.

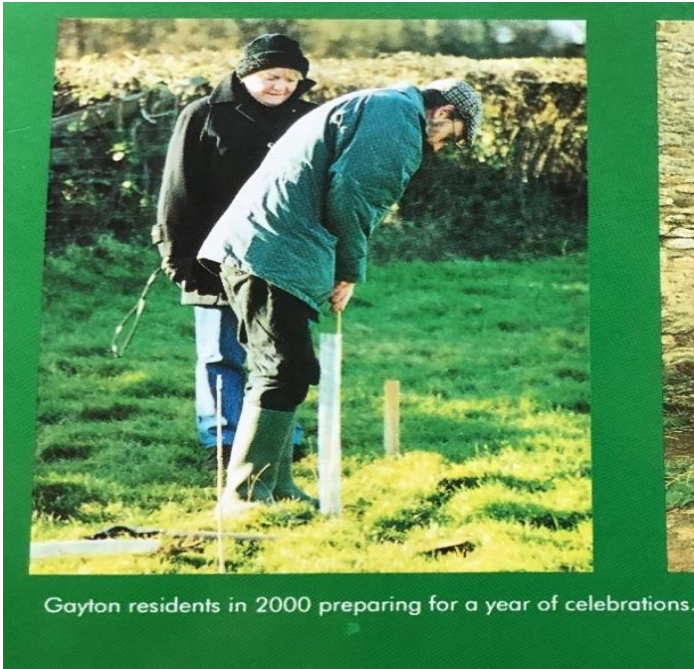
We recently posted some of our pictures on the Gayton Facebook page and were pleased to receive several comments including one who wrote that she did not realize these trees were planted for the Millennium. That is not surprising, because there is nothing to indicate that this anonymous clump of trees on the corner of Blisworth Road and Back Lane is Gayton's Millennium Spinney. We wonder how many other Gayton residents are unaware of its significance. At the very least we should have a name board on the gate and preferably an information board, similar to the one at the entrance to Tiffield's Pocket Park.

The Millennium Spinney is a valuable village asset and after all the work that went into creating it 20 years ago, we really should be doing more to look after it and make it an attractive place for Gaytonians to walk and relax.

Barry Steer

Millennium Spinney December 1999 to October 2019

Tree planting December 1999 - Rita Poxon's 'Glimpses of Gayton'



March 2001



July 2004



April 2006



April 2008



Millennium Spinney Continued February 2009 October 2009



October 2009



January 2010

March 2011



Millennium Spinney Continued

March 2013



November 2017



October 2019



October 2019



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Barry Steer

Thank you very much to Barry Steer for the Millennium Spinney photos

GAYTON WALKERS

We continue to try to walk on the 2nd Sundays of the month but the wet weather has been against us. The October walk was cancelled due to heavy rain but we were able to have a walk on 11th November in sunshine. We started in Greens Norton and did a circular walk via Duncote and Potcote. We remembered to observe a minute's silence at 11am on a very muddy track between Duncote and Astcote Thorns Wood overlooking lovely Northamptonshire countryside. It was very wet underfoot but not as bad as the unfortunate people around the River Don in South Yorkshire.

The next walk is on Sunday 8th December, meet at Fiveways at 10am. Come and try it out.

Stiles & footpaths



The people working on the stiles and footpaths in the Parish have had a rest for a few weeks but I note that the footways of Blisworth Road, Back Lane and outside The Manor are getting overgrown again. I will be asking for volunteers soon as well as doing some tidying up on other paths.

I plan with some technical help to make some of the stiles more dog-friendly. If you have any observations, please let me know so that I can make dog-walking have more variety.

Robin Kelso

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

Please email your articles, adverts, information, pictures etc for the Spring 2020 edition by Friday 27 March 2020 To: karencooper@mortimers.uk.com Tel: 07753 638 180

THE BATTLE IS NOT OVER

**ASHFIELD LAND WILL RE SUBMIT PLANS
FOR THE GIGANTIC WAREHOUSE ESTATE
BETWEEN BLISWORTH AND MILTON MALSOR
DESPITE THE NORTHAMPTON GATEWAY
WAREHOUSE ESTATE BY JUNCTION 15
BEING APPROVED.**

**GAYTON'S QUALITY OF LIFE WILL BE
IREPAIRABLY DAMAGED IF ASHFIELD
LAND'S PROPOSAL IS APPROVED BY**

**INCREASED TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE, LIGHT POLLUTION AND
NOISE POLLUTION.**

PLEASE CONTINUE TO FIGHT THIS MONSTROUS DEVELOPMENT VISIT;

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AND CONTINUE THE FIGHT.

**Marcus Arnold
Gayton**

Speeding in Gayton an ongoing situation

Gayton village residents will be very aware of the daily challenge we face in trying to control reckless and rapid driving through and around the village streets and lanes. Gayton Parish Council discuss the issue at each and every monthly meeting, with actions resulting wherever possible. The most recent progress is the installation of a reversible speed camera device on Blisworth Road a short distance from the turning to Back Lane, hopefully to be completed by the end of December this year.

Several residents have recently voiced increasing concern to the Parish Council that the situation is worsening, with increasingly more frequent near misses and verge damage as a result of evasive action; particularly Eastcote Road, Back Lane, Tiffield Road and Milton Road. The issue is most apparent during morning and evening periods however not limited to these times. We are also working with the Gayton School management on direct communication with parents.



The intention of this notice is to raise awareness of the issue and reassure residents that the Parish Council is managing the communication with Northampton County Council (NCC) on traffic calming options/speed limit reduction etc, with gusto and will continue to lobby County Council officials until definitive and final action is instigated.

I would also like to politely request that village residents remain vigilant and report any incidents that may occur and wherever possible and appropriate raise awareness of the campaign. Please also remain aware of the various speed limits in and around the village as a concerted and cohesive effort will undoubtedly be more meaningful and compelling!

*Thank you
Alastair Anderson*

Gayton and Tiffield Community Minibus

With Christmas fast approaching let us hope that the weather extremes we have been experiencing this year bless us by their absence!

As Christmas day and Boxing day fall on Wednesday and Thursday our regular Tuesday and Friday services on the 24th and 27th will be unaffected as will the Tuesday service on New Year's Eve.

We are again planning to run our annual shopping trip to MK Shopping Centre on Thursday 12th December. The cost is £8 return with collection from Gayton at 10.00am and departing from MK at 2.00pm with collection and drop-off at or near your home. So if you would like to join us, please let me know asap via email, phone or text to reserve a seat as the trip is very popular.

Having accumulated reserves of over £42,000 thanks to excellent financial management by our Treasurer Cate Gardener and our passenger fares and private hire revenue primarily from school runs for Campion and Sponne Schools, we are now able to replace our Minibus which is 10 years old. We will therefore be placing the order very soon and, subject to availability, should have our new minibus early in the new year.

We are still trying to secure 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 with the possibility of 'partnership working' with those who have lost their regular bus services.

At our annual AGM on October 24th we approved our annual accounts, appointed Rae Spencer, Cate Gardner and Chrissy Spencer as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and Geoff Wilkins, Steve Jowers, Phil Leggett and Cate Gardner as our Trustees who to oversee and determine our strategies for next year.

So as always our thanks to our brilliant team of 11 volunteer drivers, to Cate Gardner for her superb work as our Treasurer and to Geoff Wilkins, Steve Jowers and Phil Leggett who have all made significant contributions as our Trustees and driver's during the past year.

It leaves me just to say from 'The Minibus Team' we wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Rae Spencer

Chairman – rae.spencer@btopenworld.com – 01327-353352 – 07784-561268

To 'The Minibus Team', thank you all, everyone involved, very much from everyone in Gayton for your commitment and hard work bringing the minibus to the village to enable people, our community, to get out. You are very much appreciated. THANK YOU ALL

Another Magical Gala Concert in St Mary's Church

Once again Helen Swift, Jonathan French and Stephen Morris came to Gayton and wowed us with their exceptional talent and vibrant personalities as they presented their sixth Gala Concert in September.

This year's event was entitled 'Viva las Divas'. As in previous years, our guests began in classical style, with music from Mozart, Mahler, Liszt and Donizetti before moving on to works from more modern composers. Stephen deserved his standing ovation for his performance of *Clarinet Concerto (3rd Movement)* by Mozart, as did Jonathan for his equally polished delivery of *Rigoletto Paraphrase* by Liszt. To bring the first half to a magical close, Helen had the audience exercising their chuckle muscles with her amusing rendition of *Content to behind me* by Ben Moore.

After the interval, more popular and well known pieces were performed including songs from George Gershwin and Cole Porter and excerpts from the musicals West Side Story and Carmen. Helen brought a tear to more than one eye as she sang *Danny Boy* and all three of our guests joined together to trigger a bit of impromptu audience participation in *I get a kick out of you*.

The concert ended with the audience enthusiastically joining in the singing of *New York, New York*. A really lovely way to end a lovely evening.

A huge thank you as always to the people who helped both before and during the evening. Also, thanks to Gayton Alms Charities for their on-going support. Once again, the event was a sell out and made just over £1200 which will help us to meet the ever increasing costs of running our church for one more year.

David Coppock



Dear Friends in Gayton

We wish all our friends in Gayton a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy and Healthy New Year**. As usual, instead of giving Christmas cards we shall be making a donation to Gayton Church Heritage Trust.

Jens & Manja, 6 Baker Street

St Mary the Virgin

During a recent Parochial Church Council Meeting we were musing over possible social events for the forthcoming 2020, this on the back of favourable reports of the recent happenings and so a very special thanks to all those involved.....

The cyclists and walkers on the annual Northamptonshire Historic Churches 'Ride and Stride'

Sharon Crossley and Jenny Hinds for organising the Harvest Supper with quiz plus the attendees to both that and the ever popular Gala Concert by Helen Swift *et al.*..... The latter two also raising valuable funds to the extent of £355 and £1177 plus, respectively.

At the time of writing, although it is not quite the right weather for being out and about, those hardy souls who are may have noticed there has been a fair bit of cutting back and tidying-up in the church yard, special thanks to the great-grandchildren of one of our Gayton residents for stepping in to help out on a voluntary basis. As a consequence, hopefully the show of spring wild flowers will be all the more impressive.

On a similar theme, the area to the left of the entrance gate from the Milton Road has also received a make-over during the last few months, all the accumulated debris from previous decades has been cleared away and a wildflower area created by the Jeffrey family as a remembrance to dear Maurice and Joan.

Within the church, over the last few months we have had the pleasure of a few visiting bands of bell-ringers to jolly-up the local ambience, we have also witnessed a few baptisms of both young and old and enjoyed the lively Harvest Festival service with children from the school, supported by the Gayton Festival Singers. GFS also contributed to the recent Service of Remembrance, always such a thought provoking occasion.

Looking forward, we eagerly await the Carol Service and School Nativity at 3.30pm on Sunday the 8th of December and for your information, the Christmas Midnight Communion Service for the joint benefice is to be held here in Gayton, the service starting at 11.15pm on Christmas Eve. As a consequence there is no morning service in Gayton on Christmas Day itself, options are available at Tiffield, Pattishall and Cold Higham.

Should you need reminding, the regular services are 9.30am and 11.00am on the 1st and 3rd 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 Rev'd Karen A Jongman. The Rectory, 17 Church Street, Pattishall NN12 8NB
01327 830569 / 07980 881252 karenajongman@gmail.com
Or the Church Wardens David Coppock (859645) / Andy Hartley (858360)

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON

Last winter, around about Christmas time, we suffered from the failure of almost a third of our street lights.

Needless to say, the Parish Council received a lot of criticism for allowing the network to deteriorate so badly and for the length of time it took to have repairs carried out (fair enough!). We decided it was time to plan for an update.

The research work we have done since has been both interesting and informative. We've discovered that new technology has the potential not only to make our street lighting more dependable but also greener and cheaper to run. Of course every silver lining has a cloud and switching technologies comes at a cost. In our case, somewhere between £15K and £20k. We hope to be able to raise the bulk of the money by applying for a grant from South Northants Council, although due to the impending switch to a Unitary Council success is far from certain. If this approach fails we will need to either apply for a loan, and there are companies that specialise in giving preferential deals to villages as part of the governments drive to reduce emissions, or spread the cost over a number of years by tackling lamps in the worst condition first. Negotiations are ongoing!

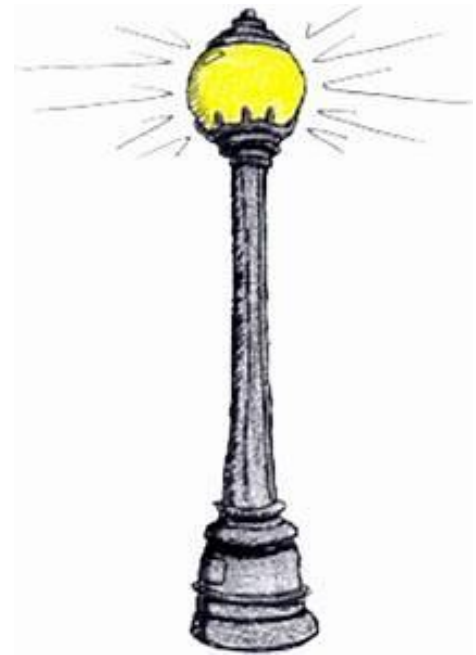
We have been through a competitive tendering process and, although we have chosen a preferred contractor, no contract will be placed until funding has been secured and we have publicised our intentions to the village. The proposal we wish to run with includes the following:

- Replacement of all of our old technology lamps with Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps which use significantly less power - good for the environment and good for our electricity bill.
- Removal of all of the ancient, rusty brackets attached to a dozen or so of our electricity poles and fitting new galvanised brackets.
- Upgrading the junction boxes that provide the interface between the Western Power mains feed and the lamps.
- Replacing the concrete posts on Eascote Road with steel ones and fitting new lamps.
- We also have the option to site some new solar powered lamps in areas of special need.

And, as all this comes with a 10 year warranty, we will not require a maintenance contract for the next decade.

The photographs show an example of two, pole and bracket street lights.

The one on the left is the old style lamp with a junction box hidden beneath the ivy. The one on the right has been refurbished recently and shows the new style lamp with the box positioned underneath it.





Before

and



after!

At 7pm on January 15th, we have an expert joining us from Zeta, the company that gave us the most comprehensive reply to our specification. He will answer questions before the January PC meeting, so if you have any concerns about the proposed changes or think you should have a light near you, please come along and join the debate.

If you have questions but can't make the 15th you can always address them to me at chairmangaytonpc@gmail.com or to Viv, our Parish Clerk, at clerkgaytonpc@gmail.com.

Let me close by wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.
Carl Hamilton

Once again the **Autumn Litter Pick** took place on Sunday 27th October. The "willing" volunteers collected numerous sacks of rubbish chucked in hedgerows by people who have no concept of the environment and what will happen to their waste. Often people stop to thank us for the work but wouldn't it be nice if we didn't have to do this job twice a year.

Robin Kelso

Thank you to everyone who volunteered



Calendar of events

November

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

February 2020

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 9 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Wednesday 12 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 16 th	11.00am	Family Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Gayton Cycling monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

March 2020

Sunday 1 st	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church
Sunday 8 th	10.00am	Gayton Walkers monthly walk – meet at Fiveways
Wednesday 11 th	7.30pm	Gayton Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
Sunday 15 th	11.00am	Family Service at Gayton Church
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Gayton Cycling monthly ride – meet at Fiveways

April 2020

Sunday 5 th	9.30am	CW Family Communion at Gayton Church
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