

GAYTON NEWS - SPRING 2020



The 'new years day' walk down to the canal towpath, along to Anchor Farm and back to Gayton

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South Northants Food and Education Alliance (SNFEA)

The SNFEA has launched **an emergency community larder** for all Parishes in South Northamptonshire. The objective is **to get food out to every Village for the duration of the coronavirus crisis**. A tonne of food will be given to the SNFEA each week, **a portion of which will come to Gayton**.

Each Parish Council has been asked to nominate a volunteer from the community to act as co-ordinator and to collect and arrange distribution of the food. This has already been done in Gayton and I will give more details at the end of the article.

The first allocation of food was due to arrive in Towcester on the 25th March and, assuming all public health issues have been addressed, our co-ordinator will decide if we have a need for our share every Wednesday thereafter.

In the event that the situation in Gayton deteriorates and the food is needed, she will collect it and organise distribution via our existing network of volunteers. **It will be delivered to anyone in need providing they are being shielded because of an existing condition, self-isolating in line with government guidelines, are at increased strain financially due to their income being affected by the coronavirus, or any other reason not covered but could do with just a little extra, they can be added to the register for a food box. We don't want anyone to go without.**

At this point I would like to thank both our co-ordinator and the volunteers who have already contacted us all, for providing a much needed security blanket for the village.

It isn't clear yet whether the food will be in tins, packets or fresh, or indeed how much we will be allocated, but if you think you need some of it then the co-ordinator will be able to assist you. And one of the people listed below may be able to help with a variety of other issues caused by illness or isolation.

Carl Hamilton, MB 07547380907, chairmangaytonpc@gmail.com

Viv Hartley, email clerkgaytonpc@gmail.com

The local volunteer group who's contact details you already have

The Gayton Facebook Page that always has conversations going on between interested villagers.

And, last but certainly not least, our community co-ordinator Sami Johnstone, MB 07753 262676, srjohnstone@outlook.com.

I would like to close by thanking Sami for taking on the role of co-ordinator, a food larder for Gayton could be extremely important if things get difficult over the coming weeks. I would also urge you to call one of us if you find you need support.

Thanks and keep well.

Carl Hamilton, for Gayton Parish Council

Hello! **If you are self-isolating or otherwise confined in your home... and need help with:**

- Picking up shopping
- Urgent supplies
- Posting mail

Or, **if you are willing to help with these things**, call:

Gayton— Sami Johnstone 07753 262676

Tiffield— Paula Chaplin 07736 383802



Pattishall—Ann Addison 01604 858226

Cold Higham— Digby Carter 01327 830521



Or, **if you would just like to speak to Revd Karen**, just give her a call on 07980 881252

And finally, **if you wish to receive our weekly news sheet**, email amelcote.info@gmail.com

Remember, your Church is here for you. Help is only a phone call away... Prayers and warmest wishes from your Church Family

Revd Káren Jongman 07980 881252

Pattishall, Cold Higham, Gayton, Tiffield

We are sorry but for the safety and wellbeing of everyone we have had to suspend normal services in our churches for the time being.

Sadly, due to further Covid-19 restrictions, the Bishop has instructed that all churches must remain closed for the time being. Churchyards remain open and can be used as a place of solace as part of your outdoor exercise routine.

You can leave your prayers in the prayer box near the entrance of your church. Those prayers will be remembered weekly by Revd Káren when she offers prayer on behalf of everyone in your parish whilst public worship is suspended.

You can find copies of this booklet in your church. Please feel free to take a few and pass them on to anyone you think may like one.

If you feel stressed and anxious right now, try turning off the TV, radio, computer, phone, and sit in peace for a while. Close your eyes, breathe out long and slowly, and say the following prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you that you are with me always, you take away my fear, and give me peace, to face this day. Thank you that I am loved, and precious, that you are my Saviour, and I can put all my trust in you to stay close and to comfort me. Amen

Date: 26 March 2020

Bin collections continue, but residents asked to double-bag tissues.

Core waste and recycling services in South Northamptonshire are continuing as scheduled, but bulky waste collections have been suspended and the Farthinghoe Recycling and Reuse Centre is closed. SNC is also highlighting current Government advice to those with Coronavirus symptoms to separate tissues and cleaning cloths, double-bag them in tied plastic bags, and leave them aside for 72 hours before placing the bags in the black bin. Bin and food caddy collections are unaffected, but until further notice, residents will no longer be able to book the paid-for bulky waste service. The operators of the Farthinghoe centre have taken the decision to close, in-line with Government advice to protect their staff and residents.

Northamptonshire County Council has also closed its Household Waste and Recycling Centres, including the centre in Towcester.

Cllr Dermot Bambridge, South Northamptonshire Council's portfolio holder for environmental services, said: "I hope everyone will understand that in these difficult times it is necessary to protect members of staff and the public.

"We would ask people to be patient, it is far from ideal, but please keep hold of any unwanted bulky items until normal service can be resumed and please be mindful of Government advice on how to dispose of personal hygiene items safely."

Gayton & Tiffield Community Minibus

Hi Everyone

With the busy Christmas period now behind us we were all looking forward to the Spring sunshine and an end to the rain, floods, frosts and blustery winds that have been a worry in recent months. But now at the end of March we all find ourselves plunged into the extremely serious Coronavirus pandemic which has resulted in a current emergency lock-down situation that affects us all.

But our year had already started sadly when we had to say a final farewell in Tiffield to Eunice Tomkins who passed away over Christmas. Eunice has been a regular passenger and supporter of the Minibus service since it's outset in 1986 and our drivers and passengers all really miss her happy, cheerful presence on the minibus. We also recently lost two more avid supporters of the minibus in Geoff and Miriam Wilkins who left Tiffield in late February. Geoff had been an excellent driver and Trustee and Miriam had been a regular passenger and helper during their many years in the village.

During the current lockdown period we are operating a limited service on Tuesdays and Fridays in accordance with NCC and CTA (Community Transport Association) directives to provide emergency access for Gayton and Tiffield residents to shopping and medical facilities in Towcester and Blisworth. But this limited service is currently scheduled to only operate until Friday April 3rd pending a review by NCC and CTA of the evolving local emergency community transport situation. As transport providers throughout Northants have been drastically affected by reduced income from concessionary passenger fares, we have now received notification from NCC that they will guarantee funding of our average passenger fare income until June.

Unfortunately, the arrival of our new minibus which was scheduled for mid-march delivery has now been delayed by the current factory closures and emergency manufacturing restrictions. Hopefully the Covid-19

restrictions will ease in the coming months and we can again start the planning for the arrival of our new minibus which will incorporate many useful features, including an electrically operated sliding door, luxury seating, air-conditioning, sat-nav and a rear view camera which will really help manoeuvring in confined areas.

Although we currently have sufficient accumulated reserves to fund the acquisition and initial operation of the new minibus, we are planning to commence activities when the pandemic situation allows, to explore the possibility of extending our service to incorporate nearby villages and communities. This would potentially increase our passenger numbers which are an essential factor in safeguarding the future of our service and to also enhance private hire opportunities and future revenues.

We were planning to again provide a minibus shuttle service for our popular Open Gardens event in Gayton, which has been cancelled. But we are very happy to confirm our support for this great showcase of our beautiful villages and celebration of our community spirit.

So as always, our thanks to our brilliant team of 10 volunteer drivers, to Cate Gardner for her superb work as our Treasurer, to our Parish Councils for their support and to our Trustees and drivers for their unstinting efforts in providing our beautiful villages with a quality community transport service for the past thirty five years.

Rae Spencer
Chairman



More people than ever are turning to the Foodbank to provide them with emergency food in times of crisis, and that number is rising year on year. These numbers include children, with 1 in 5 families now living below the poverty line.

Having experienced hard times in my own life in the past, I felt it was time to do more to support the work of this amazing charity and decided to trial a village donation box to give Gayton and the surrounding villages an alternative donation point. It hadn't been done before and having discussed it with the Foodbank, we had no idea if it would work! But I am thrilled to say that it has worked! In just 3 months, over 120kg of food, toiletries and household items have so far been donated in our little box outside our front door and taken to the Towcester Foodbank – an absolutely incredible achievement for our small village communities. Over 26kg were donated in one day alone at the start of the coronavirus outbreak isolation measures. Thank you!

The current pandemic situation will no doubt have an effect on donations but rest assured that our donation point is here to stay, with all donations taken to the Foodbank as swiftly as possible so that they can be distributed to those most in need. The box can be found at 20 Baker Street on our front porch, and you can place items in at any time of the day as it is emptied and cleaned regularly.

The types of items you can donate are:

All tinned/long life/dry food items (not fresh/frozen) Toiletries, Household items, Small boxes/tins of pet food

Items currently running low at the time of writing are:

Fruit juice, UHT milk, sponge puddings, hand soap, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, spaghetti hoops, rice pudding, and small packets of tea bags.

The 'running low' information changes week to week so I try to make it visible on the Foodbank donation box. Towcester Foodbank also regularly update on Facebook if you have access to this. But **any** donations are always welcome.

Thank you again to all of you who have made donations to the Foodbank, through us or another donation point. You really are making a difference to vulnerable adults and children to ensure they have a meal tonight.

With very best wishes,
Sami Johnstone. Court House, 20 Baker Street
srjohnstone@outlook.com

If you or your family are in need of support, please do contact the Foodbank directly on 07724 832043 or info@towcester.foodbank.org.uk. They will be able to help provide advice on how to access their service.

Message from David Coppock

You are invited to join a live streamed 'church' service from Pattishall Rectory on Sunday mornings. To join the meeting, click the link below. You can join anytime from 9:40 am. The service is expected to take about 30 minutes and includes 2 hymns.

9:40 am Meet for coffee and a chat
10:00 am Service to start

Topic: Amelcote iService #2

Time: April 5th, 2020 09:40 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/665768975?pwd=YURRK1ZOT1B0QXhwakJvckFRZ2hXZz09>

Meeting ID: 665 768 975

Password: 026104

If anyone needs further information on how to join a Zoom meeting, please contact David Coppock - davidcoppock48@btinternet.com

Gayton Village Hall Management Committee

Many will be aware that the village hall is 'closed' during this uncertain time of the CoronaVirus (Covid-19). Nevertheless, we hope that in the near future life will return to 'normal' and the village hall will be used once more for gatherings.

Joan Adams has decided that now is the right time to step down from the position of Village Hall Booking Clerk. Please join with me in expressing our gratitude for the many hours she has dedicated to the running of the Village Hall. My records show that Joan took up the position in November 1996 and has served for more than 23 years in this role.

I believe that our hall had one of the most flexible booking systems – with Joan being available most of the time to provide access to the village hall. In the future we are unlikely to have a booking clerk who is similarly available – but this should not stop people using our community facility.

When Joan declared her wish to relinquish the position I was afraid we would not find another willing person to step into the post. However I have a volunteer for the post and we will share details once this has been confirmed. We are also looking at alternative methods for providing access to the hall – automatic booking systems and alternative means for providing the keys. The new systems might appear strange, with a little loss of the ‘personal touch’ that Joan was able to provide. Please embrace the change as it will provide a solution that will allow Gayton to retain the use of one of the few ‘services’ in these interesting times.

If Covid-19 restrictions are lifted before the May bank holiday then keep a look out for ‘commemorative VE day celebrations’.

In closing I would like to thank the ‘Parish footpaths and paths working party’ for clearing weeds and generally tidying the area around the village hall.

David Ayre

GAYTON WALKERS

We continue to walk most months on the 2nd Sunday, starting at 10am. The weather has not been encouraging and very wet underfoot. The walk on New Year's Day was well supported and we retired to the Eykyn Arms afterwards. See photos attached.

The February walk had to be cancelled due to the weather but replaced by soup and cheese at our home. A much better option! The March walk was local - Gayton Wilds, Tiffield Pocket Park and back via Eastcote Road. We were able to admire the “dog gates” made by Dave Roe to allow dog-walkers to use more of our footpaths.

I have persuaded some of the walkers to help clear the pavements and footways in the village which have been neglected. Thank you to all who have helped with this work without a murmur of dissent, I think!

I regret that due to the rapid change to the advice from HMG, the Gayton Walks are postponed for the present. Please keep walking though, at least 2 metres apart from other people. We can still converse when we meet and compare our experiences.

Keep safe. Robin Kelso

Photos of beforeand after village volunteers cleared around the Village Hall



LITTER PICK

There will be no organised litter pick this Spring but if you would like to do a 'walk with a purpose' I can lend you a picker, tabard and plastic bag. BUT you would need to put the rubbish in your own bin and I would have to ask you to wash\disinfect the tabard and picker before returning it to me.

Thank you.

Joan Wood Tel: 858800

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Gayton News Christmas Quiz 'answers'

1. Bears terminus in London **Paddington**
2. Isle of Man race for? **Motorcycles**
3. Whirlybird **Helicopter**
4. Elevator **Lift**
5. Transport in Venice **Gondola**
6. A bet **Punt**
7. Flies plane or guides a ship **Pilot**
8. Saviour at sea **Lifeboat**
9. 1981 film about competing Olympic athletes **Chariots of Fire**
10. There was a murder on this. **Orient Express**

11. Cowes race for? **Yachts, sailing boats**
12. Army tracked vehicle **Tank**
13. Moving staircase **Elevator**
14. The unsinkable which sank **Titanic**
15. Palindromic canoe **Kayak**
16. English eating apple **Cox**
17. String of camels carrying goods and people **Train**
18. Insect ridden **Buggy**
19. To the for **Van, Vanguard**
20. Holiday vessel **Cruise Ship**
21. Flying elephant **Jumbo Jet**
22. Glides down the street on rails **Tram**
23. Dougal, Florence and co. rode on **Magic Roundabout**

24. Agreement **Concorde**
25. Train to Paris and Brussels **Eurostar**
26. Powerful golf club **Driver**
27. Little Eva hit 1962 **Locomotion**
28. Hired from a rank **Taxi**
29. Chocolate bar named after a bus
Double Decker
30. Australian Airline **Quantas**
31. Not counted due to ambiguity.
32. Went slowly to China **Boat**
33. Gongboat (anag.) **Toboggan**
34. Large cat-like spotted animal **Jaguar**
35. Protects your drawers **Liner(s)**
36. Traveller in space **Astronaut**
37. It hangs on a wire **Cable car**
38. Sport enjoyed at Silverstone
Motor racing
39. 2 hulled boat **Catamaran**
40. Sherry glass **Schooner**
41. Arab sailing ship **Dhow**
42. Going up sitting down **Chairlift**
43. Famous steam engine from north of the border
Flying Scotsman
44. He wanders the country **Landrover**
45. Ship and plane in one vessel
Aircraft Carrier
46. Seen in a sentry box **Guard**
47. Those magnificent men in their.....?
Flying Machines
48. Tube **Underground**
49. Popular TV programme for the sick
Ambulance
50. Shove **Barge**
51. It went across the Mersey **Ferry**
52. Bovine snoozer **Bulldozer**
53. Paint your? **Wagon**
54. Opens the conversation **Icebreaker**
80. On a famous Constable painting.
Haywain
81. German peoples car **Volkswagen**
82. Napoleon's end **Waterloo**
83. You either avoid or crash into these
Dodgems
84. E.E. Nesbit book **Railway Children**
85. Transports oil **Tanker**
86. Invented by Caractacus Potts **Chitty Chitty**
Bang Bang
87. Ensnare **Trap**
88. Spanish war and trading ship **Galleon**
89. Useful when jumping from a plane
Parachute
90. Used by farmers in fields **Tractor**
55. Wagner opera **Flying Dutchman**
56. Rubbish **Junk**
57. Trainer **Coach**
58. Early form of bus for pleasure
Charabanc
59. Station on Victoria Line **Vauxhall**
60. Musical Roundabout **Carousel**
61. Sounds like a good looking vehicle
Hansom cab
62. Film preview **Trailer**
63.made for two **Bicycle**
64. Fast train in Japan **Bullet**
65. Australian/NZ soldier **Digger**
66. Simple flight **Easijet**
67. TV motoring programme **Top Gear**
68. Operates under water **Submarine**
69. Firework to the moon **Rocket**
70. Bicycle made for two **Tandem**
71. Fire, send off **Launch**
72. He stands in front of an orchestra
Conductor
73. What did Pugh, Pugh and Barney McGrew drive? **Fire engine**
74. Former third part of Yorkshire **Riding**
75. Where is the Spirit of Ecstasy to be found?
On the bonnet of s Rolls Royce
76. What is the train in the Harry Potter Film called **Hogwarts Express**
77. Water crossing on a country road
Ford
78. Made from tree trunks lashed together **Raft**
79. Winter sport on yoghurts **Skiing**
91. Clang Clang Clang went the.... **Trolley**
92. National Daily Newspaper **Express**
93. Healthy way to cook vegetables
Steamer
94. Naval escort ship or seabird **Frigate**
95. Flies smoothly **Glider**
96. Cocktail of cognac, orange liqueur and lemon **Sidecar**
97. Heave him **Pullman**
98. What connects Hawk and Snipe
Humber
99. Violinists do it **Boeing**
100. Santa arrives on one **Sleigh**

Christmas Quiz 2019

There was considerable interest in this Quiz on the theme of transport. Most of the questions were very easy, but one or two proved testing and nobody got them all correct.

The result was a tie for first place with Glenyss Woodcock and Sue Simmonds, while Carol Price was third.

Well done to the winners and thanks to all for taking part.

Wendy Steer

SNC Review The Spring edition of the SNC Review magazine has been delivered to each household. You should have received your copy by Thursday, 26 March. If you didn't receive a copy could you please let me know. Thank you.
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**South
Northamptonshire
Council**

Libraries. Northamptonshire Libraries are closed to the public until further notice. Any items due back during this time will be renewed until libraries re-open and no fines will be incurred. Library members can still access a range of e-books, e-audiobooks, e-newspapers and e-magazines from home through the Northamptonshire Libraries online subscription service at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/libraryonline. Residents who are not currently a member of a library can take advantage of the e-resources available by joining as a virtual member at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/libraryonline.



After a week or so into being at home, we all start to crave the fresh air and wide open spaces. Social distancing doesn't have to mean being cooped up inside all day. Let some fresh air into your home every day, open a window and catch some natural sunlight. If you have a garden, get outside into the fresh air.

Whether you want to run, cycle or walk around your neighbourhood, getting outside will do you more good than harm, even during the COVID-19 outbreak. **Get outside.** It is still perfectly safe to be outside and get moving as long as you are well, healthy and not part of the high-risk population. Physical activity helps keep our body and mind well and is proven to boost our immune system. Moderate exercise can enhance immune defence, making us healthier overall. It's simply that important to get outside, exercise and get fresh air.

Keep at least 2m away from others. Going outside isn't a free for all, maintain at least 2m distance between you and others. The best way to prevent COVID-19 from spreading is to put distance between yourself and other people. Choose areas that you know won't be too heavily populated, somewhere that you don't have to drive to. Walk, run, cycle from your home. Seeing other people isn't a bad thing, just maintain at least a 2m radius and keep walking, running or cycling as normal.

Don't wear a mask. Healthy exercise requires plenty of access to oxygen, and wearing a surgical mask makes it much harder to breathe. Evidence shows that masks are not a perfect line of defence and they might even make you more susceptible to infection due to a false sense of security. Leave the mask behind and enjoy the fresh air instead.

The best way to prevent coronavirus after venturing outside is still to obey tried and true public health measures. Avoid touching your face while you are out. Wash your hands as soon as you return home. Although you have all heard this advice many times, it still bears repeating, especially after leaving the home. With the right precautions, exercising outside is one of the best ways to feel better during a stressful time.

All these steps help to manage your mental wellbeing, but being physically fit also contributes to how you feel. Eat healthy, well-balanced meals providing good nutrition for your body and mind. Keep safe – keep well.

Gayton Millennium Spinney

Much has happened to our Millennium Spinney since I wrote in the December issue about how sad, overgrown and neglected it was looking. Take a walk round there and see for yourselves. I'm sure you'll all agree it looks so much better and it's so much easier now to walk around. What has been done since December is only the first stage of a major renovation project which was proposed to the Parish Council by John Upson. Work started in December and most of the pruning and thinning work was done by John himself. Then a series of work parties took place and all the debris was collected and burnt by an enthusiastic group of volunteers. As I write there is still more clearing up to do and once this phase has been completed, a clear path will be established around the edge, more seating will be added and a striking and informative two sided sign board will be erected at the entrance.

We should not forget how the Millennium Spinney came about. It was planted by a large group of Gaytonians on the 4th December 1999. On that cold crisp morning, 630 saplings were planted, a mixture of oak, ash, hazel and maple, plus a mixed hedge of hawthorn, blackthorn, crab apple and dogwood along the boundary fence. The idea of creating a spinney came from the people of Gayton, responding to a questionnaire from the village's Millennium Committee, chaired by Rita Poxon, seeking ideas about how the village should celebrate and commemorate this significant milestone. The project was managed by Rod Poxon and Garry Keal, chair and deputy chair of the Parish Council. The half acre plot was donated by Peggy Hawley to Gayton Parish Council. The trees were sourced at no cost (thanks to a County Council grant), and the layout planned in minute detail.

The saplings were left to establish and in January 2010, another village working party carried out much needed pruning and thinning.

For most of the Spinney's existence, local farmer Clive Wakelin worked tirelessly, mowing the grass and cutting the hedge. Otherwise, after the 2010 pruning, the Spinney was left to its own devices, becoming very overgrown and sadly neglected. Therefore, John's ambitious regeneration project is very timely and should be welcomed by all.

The vision for the Millennium Spinney's future is to make it a place for people and nature. To attract more wildlife, there will be bug hotels, bird boxes, log piles and plantings of wild flowers and spring bulbs. The centre of the Spinney will be left undisturbed to encourage possible fungi, moss and lichen. Thus transformed, the Spinney will be a peaceful haven where Gaytonians of all ages can walk, relax, restore and reconnect with nature.

Barry Steer

Thanks to Barry for the super photos

Planting layout plan

4th December 1999. Planting the saplings.



A large group turned up for the planting.

A well earned coffee break.



February 2020. Clearing up and burning the prunings.



The workers take a break.



March 2020. After all the hard work, the Spinney looks so much better.



There is a clear pathway all around the perimeter.



Still plenty of work to be done – burning prunings and removing timber.



The Eykyn Arms – Community Survey

As previously notified, The Eykyn Arms pub has been offered for sale to the community (in advance of the open market). We (The Eykyn Working Party) need to understand if there is a real appetite within our community to buy it. That's not to say that a private buyer won't buy and invest in making it a great pub, which would be fantastic, but there is a very real risk that it would not continue as a pub.

For most villages a pub is a vital service; it is a meeting place, communication centre and an important lynchpin of village life. Much of the appeal of our village rests on its sense of community and the amenities within it. It is one reason people have moved here and remain here. Making sure that the village retains its pub, would greatly enhance that community spirit. The [Plunkett Foundation](#) reports that community pubs are thriving. Also, in rural areas, property values reflect the presence of a good local pub.

If we assume that we need ~£500k, then that's a lot of money and represents £2500 per property in Gayton, but if we can all manage a bit and enough people have deeper pockets than that, then it is entirely possible. I have even heard of Australians buying shares in a "proper English Pub"!

This questionnaire is an important step. We need to know your views on what is wanted and what would receive your support. Please be as honest and realistic as possible in your answers! Your response will be treated in confidence. It can be anonymous, or add your details at the end (which will NOT be published in the final results).

Once completed, please return the questionnaire to:

4 St Mary's Court by 30th April 2020 at the Latest

The questionnaire is also available to complete online: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F7M82MR>

The results will be published via the various village communications.

Please **submit one survey per person, but only by one means.**

This kind of venture has been successfully achieved in other communities all over the UK. Will our community be the next one?

If you want more information or have longer comments, contact: Colin Simmonds 01604 858933

Email: BuyTheEykyn@gmail.com

Community Pub Survey

1. How often do you currently use The Eykyn?

- Daily
- 2-3 times a week
- Once a week
- Once a fortnight
- Occasionally
- Not at all

Comments:

2. If The Eykyn was community owned, how often would you use it?

- Daily
- 2-3 times a week
- Once a week
- Once a fortnight
- Occasionally
- Not at all

Comments:

3. What "Pub" services would you most like to see The Eykyn offer?

- Family events
- Pub Games
- Quizzes
- Meals
- Live music/Karaoke
- Big-screen sports

Other suggestions: questionnaire

4. What "Community" activities would you participate in if they were available at The Eykyn? E.g. after-school clubs, coffee mornings, book clubs, walking groups, pop-up health services, cinema club. When and how should these be part of the pub's offering?

Suggestions:

What **MOST** affects your decision whether to use The Eykyn?

- a. Why **Do** you **Go** or what do you **Like** about it?
- b. Why **Don't** you **Go** or what do you **Dislike** about it?
- c. How **IMPORTANT TO YOU** is it to have a pub in Gayton?

Please circle your answer.

NOT IMPORTANT 1 2 3 4 5

VERY IMPORTANT 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:
Why?

5. Would you be willing to help the community pub by:

- Helping with fundraising.
- Providing professional advice/services - my profession/skills are.....
- Be involved in running the pub/volunteering by:
- I would not be interested.

Pledge in Principal

The Working Party aims to secure expert advice and financial support from the Plunkett Foundation (www.plunkett.co.uk). We aim to raise the funds to buy the pub for the community through grant funding, loans, donations and **vitality**, the community buying shares.

Community shares will be backed by the value of the asset (the pub) and as finances permit may pay interest and may be redeemable.

We need a **Strong and Genuine** indication of potential shareholder investment in order to develop a detailed and costed proposal.

No Money or Financial Commitment is required at this Stage.

But, realistically, if there's little or no interest, sadly it's likely that we won't continue with the project.

6. So, in theory, once a detailed shares prospectus is available, what value of shares would you potentially be willing to invest in?

- I would not be interested in purchasing shares
- £250 - £1,000
- £1,001 - £2,500
- £2,501 - £5,000
- £5,001 - £10,000
- £10,001 – £20,000
- £20,001 - £30,000
- £30,000+

Comments:

7. Would you make a loan or donation towards the pub purchase?

- Neither
- Loan
- Donation

Please indicate a value:

OPTIONAL: If you indicated that you can offer financial support, please provide your contact info. (Confidential to Working Party only)

Name:

Address:

Phone/email:

Thank you very much for taking the time to submit the Survey

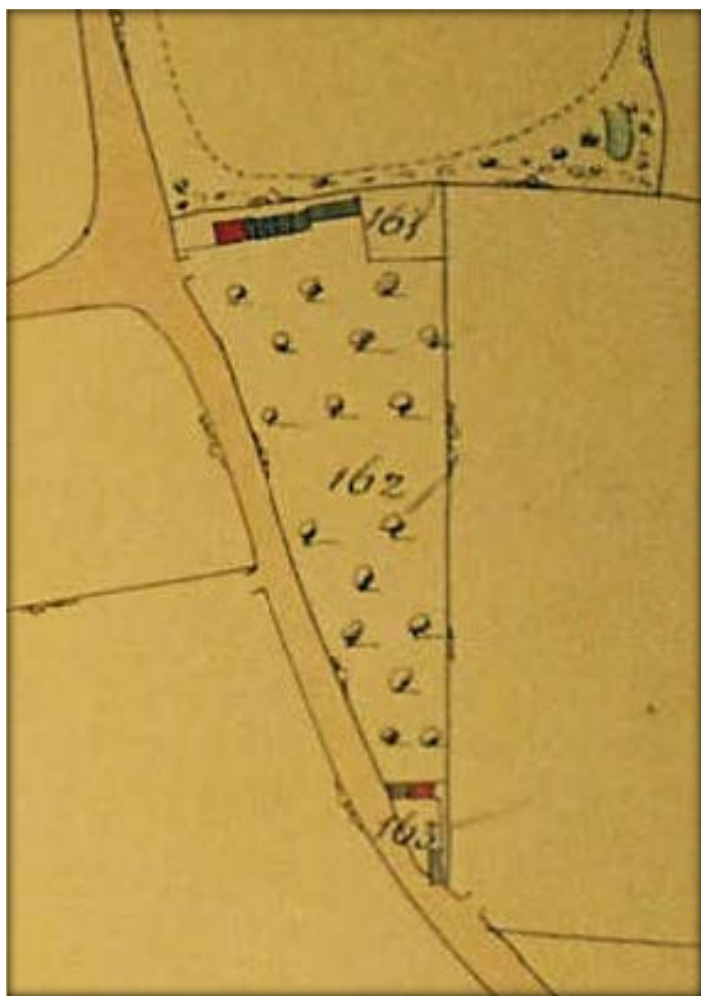
The History of Chain Walk (Part One: For the natural love)

At what point did the Houghton family start living at Chain Walk? And what sort of people were they? Michael de Houghton was Lord of the Manor of Gayton in 1258 and was granted a free Warren by the King. Perhaps John Houghton, who paid a subsidy (tax) of 40 shillings in 1525 and was included in the Musters of Gayton in 1545, was one of his descendants. It is unlikely we will ever be sure as the records are so sketchy.

John Houghton, died in 1562 and was a well off, trusted and respected Churchwarden in Gayton. Thomas Paynter in his Will in 1549 seems to be forestalling trouble when he nominates John Houghton and Thomas Wapul as Overseers of his Will and asks them to divide his sheep, crop and tools between his two sons-in-law. We must assume from this, that John Houghton was also tactful! He was married to Agnes and they had eight children. His son, Thomas, died in 1551 before Parish Records began but he left a Will leaving his best doublet and best hose to his brother Robert and his best coat to his brother William.

In Gayton Church there is brass plaque inscribed to William (ca 1524-1600), on his death:

WILLIAM HOUGHTON
Ne'ere fourscore years have I tarryed
To this mother to be married
one wife I had, and children ten
God bless the living, Amen, Amen,
Deceased the 17 of December, 1600



William's eldest son, Edward (1560-1640), was a signatory to the Gayton Enclosure. He was a husbandman or tenant farmer. It is extremely likely, therefore, that he was one of Francis Tanfield, the Lord of the Manor's tenants, which meant that he was in no position to do anything other than to agree to Enclosure if that is what Francis wanted. And he did!

Gayton Tithe Award Map: Courtesy of Northamptonshire Archives: T15

The Enclosure of Gayton resulted in a plethora of deeds being created to establish ownership of land. One of the many problems was trying to identify the new piece of land when everything around about had changed. A deed of 1605, whilst trying to pinpoint a newly enclosed field called Lippiatts, included the first mention of Edward Houghton's land and home, and its associated Home Close (161 and 162 on the map, T15).

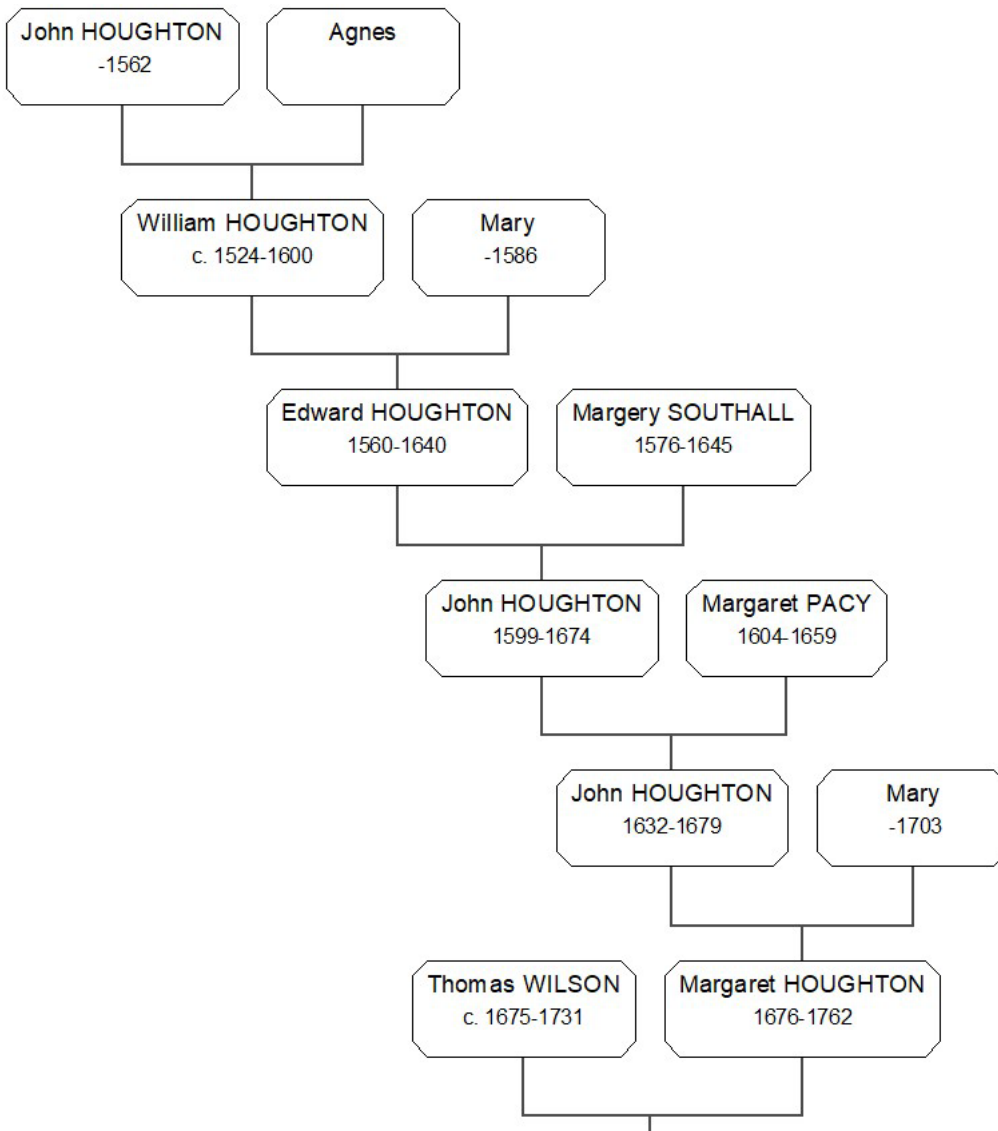
As a Deed stated that Edward Houghton, in 1605, was living next door to the Rectory, we can be reasonably sure of its accuracy.

20 May 1605

And of all or parcel of ground called or known by the name of Lyppiatts containing by estimation twenty acres and now or late in the occupation of Dorothy Tanfield . . . a plot or parcel of ground of Edward Houghton lying on the west part thereof

Northamptonshire Record Office: Brooke of Oakley 325/7

The Houghton Family Tree



The proximity to the church resulted, almost by accident, in Chain Walk being included in the oldest existing Glebe Terrier for Gayton, produced by Theodore Markes in 1635. The Glebe Terrier listed the possessions of Gayton church and the boundaries of its land, the Glebe. One of the boundaries abutted onto Edward Houghton's Close (or field) but because the Home Close was referred to as 'Edward Houghton's Close' by Theodore Markes, a Local man, it does not mean that Edward was actually still living there in 1635! In the same way that we retain the name Wright's Lane in 2020, but it was back in 1603 that Henry Wright used it to access his land on the Rothersthorpe-Gayton boundary.

A further complication came to light. So many of the 40 acres of the Houghton family's fields were called 'Houghton's Close' in the records, that tracing exactly where the land owned by the Houghton family was, is not straightforward. A much later Samwell Rental, made in 1694, refers back to Houghton land, by then owned by Samwell, in the time honoured, but very confusing, way:

Wm Estall for his Homestead, Millfield, Houghton's two Closes, Balls Ground and New Meadow £44 2s 6d
Charles Harris for Houghton's Close £ 9 12s 0d

Frances Samwell in her Will of 1678 traces the ownership of another piece of Houghton land from Francis Tanfield in 1601 to William Major (als Mayo), Husbandman to William Markes and on to John Houghton, Yeoman and finally to Richard Samwell.

However, there was one tiny piece of Houghton land that was the exception, a small plot of land in the middle of a field known as Bissakers, on the left of the present day Bugbrooke Road when leaving the village, near the Banbury Lane. It is not clear why this plot of only 1 acre 1 rood generated so many deeds that survived. It may have been just good luck!

12 July 1605. Indenture/Mortgage

Francis Tanfield of Gayton Kt and his wife Dame Elizabeth Tanfield on the one part
and Richard Marriott of Gayton Husbandman on the other

For consideration of £8. 1a 1r of newly enclosed close in Gayton for 2000 yr

Northamptonshire Record Office: YZ 8869

17 August 1605 Indenture / Assignment

Richard Marryatt of Gayton on the one part

John Gardner of Ascote Tailor on the other

For consideration of £18. 1a 1r in Gayton for remainder of 2000 years

Northamptonshire Record Office: YZ 8870

It looks as if Richard Marriot has made a killing of £10 in one month on Houghton's Close but he was probably responsible for hedging and ditching the land.

2 January 1609 Indenture / Assignment

John Gardner of Ascote on the one part

Edward Houghton of Gayton Husbandman on the other

For consideration of £20. 1a 1r in Gayton for remainder of 2000 years

Northamptonshire Record Office: YZ 8871

The Houghton family were active members of the Community. Edward Houghton and Richard Marriott frequently served as Jurors or worked together as Churchwardens. In 1613 Edward Houghton, like James Markes, became a member of the Trained Band of the Gayton Militia
Edward's son John Houghton (1599-1674) married Margaret Pacy on 26 August 1626 in Gayton. A week earlier Edward had provided John with a Marriage Settlement for Margaret Pacy. Edward and his wife Margery moved to Eastcote and John and Margaret took over the running of the farm.

17 August 1626 Indenture / Assignment

Edward Houghton of Gayton on the one part

John Houghton of Gayton, son and heir of Edward Houghton

For the natural love 1a 1r in Gayton for remainder of 2000 years

Northamptonshire Record Office: YZ 8872

John and Margaret brought up their family at Chain Walk. In 1659 Margaret died and John started making preparations to provide a cash inheritance for his younger sons by selling some of his land and promising to sell his little plot, whilst retaining the use of it for his elder son. He made arrangements with William Wheelowes for him or his heirs to buy his small plot of land at a later date:

13 Oct 1659 Deed concerning Houghton's Close

John Houghton the elder yeoman on one part and Wm Wheelowes gent the other £20

new inclosed meadow and pasture ground 1a 1r now in the occupation of said John Houghton, Wm Leykins land on south and east, the common highway called Banburie Way leading on the west and a common waie leading from Descote Bridge to Gayton on the east

Northamptonshire Record Office: Brooke of Oakley 322/9 (see YZ 8873)

John Houghton and his two younger sons, Samuel and William Houghton, sold Houghton's Barn Close, part of the Deer Park, sometime before their father died in 1674, to John Markes. John Houghton was retiring from farming and Samuel and William inherited money rather than land. In 1662, John Houghton paid Hearth Tax on his home which had two hearths. It was not a large house. John Markes at Evergreen Farm was paying tax on six hearths.

John and Margaret's son and heir, also John (1632-1679), was a Butcher and it may be that the small piece of land on the edge of the Parish and close to the Banbury Way and Houghton's Barn Close was an ideal site for his business. When John Houghton died his widow, Mary, finalised the deal to sell to the Wheelowes/Brookes.

11 April 1682 Indenture

Mary Houghton widow executor of John Houghton Butcher deceased on one part, Arthur Brooke of Great Oakley and Dorothy (nee Wheelowes) his wife on the other
For consideration of £17 1s 1r in Gayton called Houghton's Close
Bond in £40 and memo of payment

Northamptonshire Record Office: YZ 8873

After John's death Mary Houghton, his widow, married Richard Rogers, the Landlord of the Squirrel Inn, which was on the corner of the Blisworth Road and Harris' Lane, opposite the Rectory. In his Will Richard Rogers leaves his wife, Mary, his goods and chattels for life and then leaves them to Margaret Houghton, John and Mary Houghton's younger daughter, whom he terms his daughter-in-law. Following his death Margaret married Thomas Wilson and they continue running the Squirrel Inn together.

Rita Poxon

GAYTON EVERGREEN CLUB

November 2019 seems a long time ago now, but that's when members enjoyed a musical entertainment afternoon with 'Between the Frets', a duo who entertained us with live music from the 40's, 50's and 60's. Jens and Manja kindly decorated the village hall with Christmas decorations and seasonal refreshments were served.

Our annual Christmas Lunch at Woodward's Restaurant at the Boat Inn, Stoke Bruerne was very well attended. Members enjoyed a three course lunch followed by tea/coffee and mince pies. The room was beautifully decorated, the meal was delicious and the service was excellent. Everyone had a very happy time.

The AGM was held at the beginning of January. The minutes from the previous AGM were agreed and signed, our treasurer Manja gave the financial report and Jan reviewed the club activities over the year. The committee stood down and were immediately re-elected!

At the end of January we welcomed the Jinx Singers a group of four singers who performed popular songs in close harmony without musical accompaniment. They were a very talented group and members thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Our lunch at the Lanes Restaurant at Northampton College was a very pleasant outing. We enjoyed a lovely lunch, cooked and served by students of the college, some of whom were in their first year of training.

At the end of February we welcomed Denise Kemp who gave a talk about the Falkland Islands. Denise had the opportunity to work on the islands as a nurse and clearly formed a great attachment to the place and its residents. Her lively and interesting talk was supported by lots of photographs and mementos which she had collected. Denise gave us an insight into how the community lived in harsh and quite spartan surroundings.

At the beginning of March we met for our Fish and Chip Lunch. We enjoyed freshly cooked fish and chips followed by homemade desserts, tea or coffee.

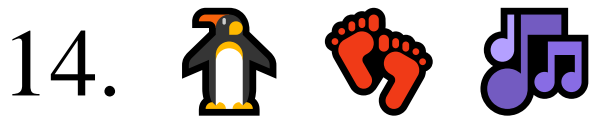
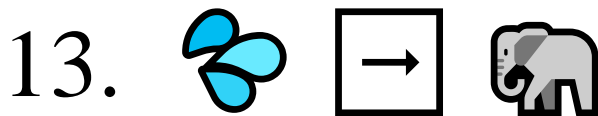
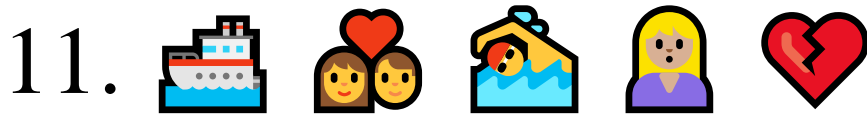
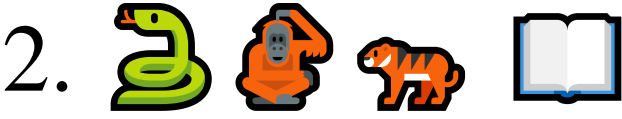
Currently our meetings are suspended, but we will be back! And when we are, there will be a full programme of meetings which includes speakers, lunches, teas, and outings.

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

Name the movie!



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