

# GAYTON NEWS – SPRING 2022



**The Gayton Walkers on the canal towpath on New Year's Day**



**Thank you very much Jens and Manja for your kind donation to the Gayton News**

**The spring litter pick will take place over the week of Saturday 23 April to Sunday 1 May**

If you are able to volunteer please confirm by email, text or give me a call. I have litter pickers, high viz tops and black sacks. Own gloves needed.

Please do support the litter pick and help keep our village litter free. Thank you.

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**Finding it difficult to cope with the rising cost of living?**

Gayton Alms Charities may be able to help.

For information contact David Coppock, Chair of Trustees, on 01604 859545  
All calls and any subsequent applications will be dealt with in strictest confidence.

Please note: Anyone applying for assistance must be resident in the Parish of Gayton.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Unfortunately, we have had no volunteers to be street wardens for the following roads: Back Lane, Bugbrooke Road, Banbury Lane & Flitnells Farm, Blisworth Road & Hillcrest Road. Street wardens are a point of contact, acting as a link between the community and the NHW coordinator.

The NHW helps to keep the village safe with regular updates from the SCT (South Northants Community Team) and regular information from the Police.

Non-emergency incidents or crimes should be reported by telephoning 101, there is also a 'Do It Online' section on the Northamptonshire Police website [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk). Emergencies must be reported by dialling 999.

If you would like to volunteer to be a street warden or would like more information or wish to join the Gayton NHW scheme please contact Richard Akers. [rjakers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rjakers@hotmail.co.uk) or 01604 859813.





This tree has been supporting ivy for a long time at Fiveways.

It needs attention and it would be nice to know how it got there.

Any ideas please?

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## **Gayton Open Gardens is back ..... hold the date!**

Gayton Open Gardens will take place this year on Sunday 12th June 1-5pm. There will be gardens to visit, a Teddy Bear Trail for the younger visitors, homemade teas and an exhibition of work by local artists in the church.

Over the years this has been a very popular fundraising event raising much-needed funds for Gayton Church.

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

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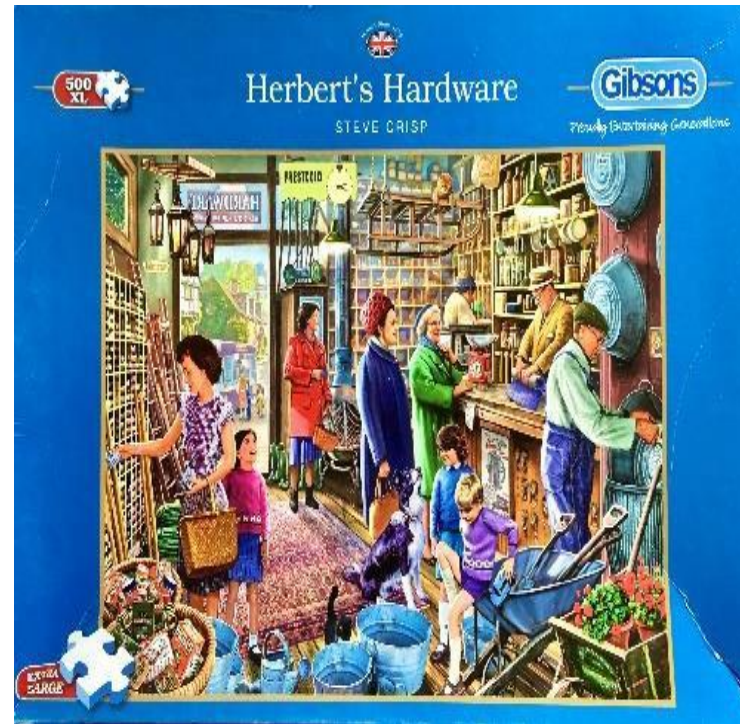
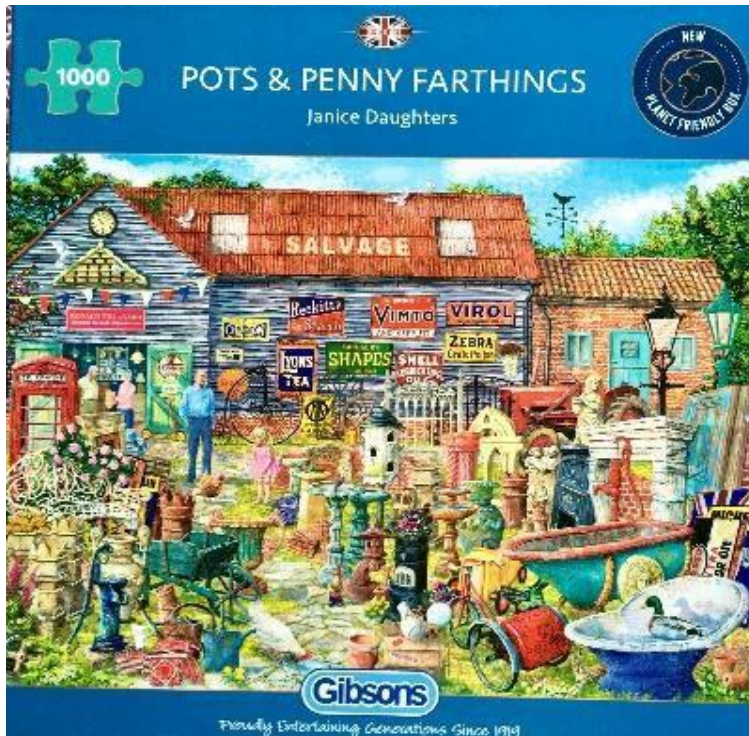


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## Gayton Jigsaw Puzzle exchange

Just a reminder that we are still here, swapping jigsaw puzzles and raising funds for village causes. To date we have collected £400, which has been shared by the Gayton Alms Educational Foundation, the Village Hall and the Church. Thank you, all you puzzlers for your generosity in donating so many wonderful puzzles and for your contributions when borrowing them. We are still regularly receiving new puzzles and currently have over 40 in stock, all sizes and themes, see examples below. We suggest a donation of £1 per 500 pieces.



If you are interested in looking through our collection, get in touch.  
Barry & Wendy. Tel: 01604 858886

**Christmas Quiz answers.** 1. Continue teasing – *Taunton*. 2. Connection between valuable china and a horse race – *Derby*. 3. Bottom of the boat – *Hull*. 4. A dark pond – *Blackpool*. 5. Lady Godiva rode naked here – *Coventry*. 6. Manning a ship – *Crewe*. 7. Home to the Beatles – *Liverpool*. 8. Played at Franklins Gardens – *Rugby*. 9. Ancient bacon – *Oldham*. 10. Street in Northamptonshire – *Roade*. 11. VEND TRAY (anag.) – *Daventry*. 12. Sources of underground water – *Wells*. 13. Tree for every day of the week – *Sevenoaks*. 14. Site of famous battle in 1066 - *Hastings*. 15. People’s rock – *Folkstone*. 16. County town of Devon – *Exeter*. 17. A humourous 5-line - stanza Limerick 18. - - - - - Angus – *Aberdeen*. 19. Crimson vehicle – *Redcar*. 20. Chatty – *Torquay*. 21. - - - - - Cream Sherry – *Bristol*. 22. TRUE HUM BOON (anag.) – *Bournemouth*. 23. Opposite to a northern haven – *Southport*. 24. Headquarters of Tesco - *Welwyn Garden City*. 25. Resistant spills on carpet and clothes – *Staines*. 26. Home to an annual tattoo – *Edinburgh*. 27. Centre for runaway love since 1754 - *Gretna Green*. 28. Known for concrete cows and many roundabouts - *Milton Keynes*. 29. England’s first New Town – *Stevenage*. 30. Peter Cook and - - - - - Moore *Dudley*. 31. \*A leading Building Society - *Halifax (or Coventry)*. 32. Dr Foster went here - *Gloucester*. 33. Charlie - - - - -, 40’s and 50’s comedian – *Chester*. 34. Stopper – *Cork*. 35. Capital of New Zealand - *Wellington*. 36. Door secured – *Bolton*. 37. Creepy Crawlies and a stream – *Bugbrooke*. 38. Location of Turf Moor – *Burnley*. 39. Pirates of *Penzance* 40. He’s in front – *Leeds*. 41. Brand of vans and trucks - *Bedford (or Leyland)*. 42. SLIM TO NORMAL.(anag.) - *Milton Malsor*. 43. - - - - - of Despond! – *Slough*. 44. - - - - - Sauce – *Worcester*. 45. Carry on artist! – *Paignton*. 46. Where girls are so pretty – *Dublin*. 47. The Queen’s official residence - *Buckingham*. 48. Makes a necessary breakfast food – *Towcester*. 49. Milk producers - *Cowes* 50. Tractor-drawn tool to break up clods of soil – *Harrow*. 51. Naval forest - *Fleetwood* 52. Home of cutlery manufacture – *Sheffield*. 53. Light this part of a candle – *Wick*. 54. Mild cheese from South Wales – *Caerphilly*. 55. It’s a long way to here - *Tipperary*. 56. A pastime with books – *Reading*. 57. - - - Fairbanks, actor – *Douglas*. 58. Feed and tend a furnace – *Stoke*. 59. The value of an object - - - - - ing – *Worthing*. 60. The Queen lives here when in London – *Windsor*. 61. He \_\_\_ (makes) a plan – *Devizes*. 62. Famous for marmalade and cake in Scotland – *Dundee*. 63. BOW GRILL ENOUGH (anag.) - *Wellingborough*. 64. Capital of Western Australia – *Perth*. 65. Sausage – *Bangor*. 66. A Vicars Tale of here - *Wakefield*. 67. Have one to be cleaner – *Bath*. 68. Home to the longest pier in the world – *Southend*. 69. River crossing – *Bridgewater*. 70. Share out the cards – *Deal*. 71. Grahame Green’s Rock - *Brighton*. 72. Female servant with a pebble – *Maidstone*. 73. Silver of over 92 ½ % purity – *Stirling*. 74. Home to Edgebaston cricket ground – *Birmingham*. 75. There’s a New one in the USA – *York*. 76. Useful garden implement put in a hot fire - *Barrow-in-Furness*. 77. Small round pastry cake from Lancashire. Filled with currants - *Eccles*. 78. Home of the British shoe industry – *Northampton*. 79. Scenic white cliffs here – *Dover*. 80. 180 degrees opposite no. 78 – *Southampton*. 81. Football Club recently bought by the Saudis – *Newcastle*. 82. Don’t undercook food – *Bakewell*. 83. Location of COP26 – *Glasgow*. 84. Are you going to a Fair here? – *Scarborough*. 85. \_\_\_ Piggott, jockey – *Leicester*. 86. Symbol for Children in Need - *Pudsey*. 87. Inter – *Bury*. 88. A valuable metallic pebble - *Silverstone*. 89. AWANESS (anag.) – *Swansea*. 90. ¼ penny on a rock – *Farthingstone*. 91. Mrs Rod Stewart – *Lancaster*. 92. Mrs Thatcher’s birthplace – *Grantham*. 93. We breathe it – *Ayr*. 94. Thomas - - - - -. C18 – C19, Scottish engineer – *Telford*. 95. Britain’s largest container port – *Felixtowe*. 96. DREADLUNNS (anag.) – *Sunderland*. 97. Gordon’s \_\_ gin – *London*. 98. The road to \_\_ pier – *Wigan*. 99. A hatters community - *Luton* 100. And here we are at home! *Gayton*. \*No 31. Leeds and Woolwich Building Society no longer exist. **The winners : Elaine and Tony Footitt. Runners up- a tie between Joan Wood and Sue and Colin Simmonds.**

## Gayton Walkers ..... ‘guess where!’



## Amelcote Benefice Services for the Easter period

Palm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April    St John's Tiffield 10.00 am  
Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April    Holy Cross Pattishall 10.00 am  
Low Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April    St Mary's Gayton 10.00 am

From May onwards, services will be held as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month    Holy Communion St Luke's Cold Higham 9.30 am  
  Morning Service Holy Cross Pattishall 11.00 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month    Holy Communion St. John's Tiffield 10.00 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month    Holy Communion Holy Cross Pattishall 10.00 am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month    Holy Communion St. Mary's Gayton 10.00 am

For months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, services will be held at Holy Cross Pattishall 10.00 am

## **SOLAR FARM application WNC/2021/1858/EIA**

My last contact with the Planning Officer indicated a request to delay 'hearing' this application because the applicant, Anesco, wished to submit more details. These, probably because of the depth of objection material submitted by Gayton Parish Council.



The Case Officer indicated that any further submissions would require further 'consultations' and therefore it was unlikely the application would be considered by the WNC Strategic Planning Committee before April. (I have recently looked on the website and it appears the 7th April, Strategic Planning Committee meeting has been cancelled), so we await further notice of activities.

The applicant has been told that trenches have to be excavated across both sites before a satisfactory archaeology report can be considered. Both tenant farmers have been advised of this and wondered why these trenches were not done as required by the EIA in the Autumn whilst the land was dry and free of crops. Now the weather conditions will make trenching more difficult, and of course the farmers will require compensation for damaged crops.

The Conservation Officer has submitted a bit of a waffly report but in essence agrees that any development on this land will affect the landscape.

Noise recording is a current issue which of course will give a certain false indication because there is no foliage on hedges and trees. It appears that storage batteries hitherto not mentioned will in fact be installed on the site, and these give off a constant noise. The issue being houses are just the other side of the hedge!

The migration of birds report was only recorded over a period of 40 hours not during a complete season and therefore is inaccurate.

The question of how the two sites will be linked remains an issue with both the rail line and the canal splitting the two sites, and then linking to the sub-station by the University Campus at Midsummer Meadow on the Bedford Road in Northampton

A request has been sent to the Case Officer asking for an update on this application.

Regards

Roger Clarke  
Nominated Gayton Parish Councillor

## Gayton Walkers

Walks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month continue although the February walk had to be cancelled due to high winds and heavy rain. On Jan 9<sup>th</sup> (always 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month), Colin Simmonds organised a walk starting in Bradwell, Milton Keynes. We came across some concrete cows as well as the remains of a Benedictine Priory- yes, in the middle of Milton Keynes.



The March walk was more local, passing Blisworth and Gayton marinas and following the Northampton Arm of the Grand Union Canal. We came back through Rothersthorpe and retired to the Eykyn Arms.

The next walk will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, meeting at 10am at Fiveways – destination unknown at present.

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## Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Northamptonshire [www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants) has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.



John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Northamptonshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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## Ukrainian Disaster

The Northampton and District Rotary clubs met together with the District Council, Northampton Town Council, Goodwill Solutions and journalist from the BBC and the Chronicle & Echo this week to make concerted efforts into directing aid to both Poland and Ukraine to help the refugees. The Group have come up with a blue print with for immediate response. Articulated lorries cost between £1,650.00 to £2,000.00 per vehicle depending on destination. These cost are being met by the *Northampton Support Group* but cannot be expected to continue as funds will not allow.



A Bank account has been set up to receive donations Goodwill Solutions C.I.O., Sort code 20-90-08, account No. 63993264 Any donated funds are passed on without any administration or management charges to the recipients

Items such as field dressings are going to be supplied by HM Forces surplus stock but other vital items such as general pharmaceuticals and treatment drugs, sanitary goods and other domestic items, clothing, books and toys are identified as being essential.

Goodwill Solutions C.I.O.(a charitable incorporated organisation) (charity number **1160466**) have premises in Moulton Park, Northampton. COO of Goodwill Solutions is John Sherriff contacted on [john.sherriff@goodwillsolutions.co.uk](mailto:john.sherriff@goodwillsolutions.co.uk)

Regards, Roger Clarke

## Gayton Church Heritage Trust

The role of the Trust is to maintain and improve the church buildings as an amenity for everyone living in the area. The Trust raises money in a number of ways – grants, appeals and events in the church. It was suggested the we should add “Just Giving” An account has been set up and details can be found on the next issue Gayton News.

The most recent improvements were coming together in February 2020 when the Trust received Faculty Approval for plans to upgrade the heating in the church, including a new boiler, radiators on the North wall, repairs to the parquet flooring and re-arranging the pews.

The cost, excluding the Architects Fees, is estimated to be in the region of £45,000 before VA.

Churches are opening up now but major works cannot begin until next year. This is frustrating but we see it as a time to renew our efforts at fund raising and to be in a position to afford the improvements and begin a new chapter of life in Gayton Church.

Best Wishes to one and all for a better year ahead

Anna Fox  
GCHT Trustee

## Gayton and Tiffield Community Minibus

With Christmas now behind us and the Covid Pandemic situation finally beginning to allow some cautious optimism of a return to something like normality, I am sure we will all welcome the Spring with 'double-jabbed' enthusiasm!

We certainly have some catching up to do as our plans to try and expand our scheduled Tuesday and Friday service to include neighbouring villages such as Eastcote, Astcote and areas within Pattishall have been severely delayed by the Covid situation. We could easily incorporate these areas within slightly modified timetables and from the feedback and requests we have had from residents in these areas, it would be a very welcome and well used service.

So hopefully we will soon be able to initiate contacts with the Parish Councils in these areas to discuss the possibility of providing their residents with a scheduled Community Transport service. Hopefully by extending our service area it will significantly increase our income from both fares and our Private Hire capability to serve more local Schools and Community groups, which will also help us to recruit additional drivers to help ensure the future of our service.

At the recent Tiffield Parish Council meeting a grant of £500 was approved to assist us with the costs of the MIDAS training for our three new drivers and our existing drivers. A similar request has been made to Gayton Parish Council and will be considered at their meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March. So our thanks to Tiffield and Gayton Parish Councils for their support.

In April we will hopefully be scheduling our delayed AGM so that we can elect our officers and Trustees for the forthcoming year, and formally approve our annual accounts.

With our new drivers, which include Pete Baxter and John Rogers from Gayton and John Pearson from Tiffield soon to join our dedicated team, our new state of the art minibus and the potential to increase our service area and obtain extra funding, the future continues to look extremely exciting.

So, as ever, our thanks go to our dedicated team of drivers which include Manja, Jens and David from Gayton and Andy, Steve, Pete Thomas and Cate from Tiffield, and especially to Cate Gardner for her superb work with our finances. So, let us celebrate a return to normality and a much less Covid impacted future.

*Rae Spencer - Chairman*

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**Please send me your articles, photos, updates, information etc by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.  
The next edition of the Gayton News will be distributed between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July.  
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## Gayton C of E Primary School

What a lovely sunny beginning to Spring! The children and staff are certainly enjoying this beautiful weather, with lots of learning taking place outside of the classroom as well as lots of Forest School learning, both in our school's Forest School area and our village's Pocket Park. We have had a very busy and enjoyable term. Our Year 5 and 6 children have been to Towcester Leisure Centre each week to participate in swimming lesson, with our Year 3 and 4 children looking forward to starting theirs after the Easter break.

Our Year 4 children have recently been on a fantastic residential at PGL in Liddington. Our Year 6 children will be going on their residential next week to Suffolk, with five days of fun along with the rest of the Year 6 federation children.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March the children all participated in Race for Life, raising money for Cancer Research, they all did so well especially as it was so warm!

Our Easter Service took place at St Mary's on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, it was so lovely to see the church full of our wonderful children and their families.

Preparations are already underway for our school's Jubilee celebrations, with our Federation will be coming together for celebrations in Gayton. Also, over Jubilee weekend, be sure to keep an eye out for our children's portraits of the Queen which will be being displayed.

## Gayton Evergreen Club

### Urgent help required

Unfortunately club members have not yet had the chance to meet up this year. This is due to the continuing Covid situation and also finding a date when the committee are all well and in Gayton at the same time!

When the meeting is arranged it will be the AGM. It will be an important meeting as two of the committee will be standing down. Naomi Sheehan has moved from the village and Jan Leeding is 'retiring' although hopes to continue as a member of the club.

The Gayton Evergreen Club was first formed at a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1984. Jan was at this meeting and has served on the committee ever since. Also in attendance was Joan Adams who continues as a member of the club.

Clearly this will be a very important AGM as new committee members and helpers are needed. **The reality is, if no new committee members can be found then the club will cease to be.** I'm sure many of the existing members would be very sad and disappointed if this happened. We are looking for people who feel they might be able to help run the club.

Pre 2020 the members met twice a month in the afternoon in the Village Hall. We ran a variety of activities such as lunches, including the legendary Fish and Chip Lunch, and the much anticipated Christmas Lunch. We also organised speakers, musical entertainment and outings. In short, lots of fun, friendship and eating!

If you would be interested in joining the committee or need further information please contact either Carol Coppock 859645 or Manja Ronne 85925