

# GAYTON NEWS – AUTUMN 2023



**The NEW Gayton Village website** is now available at [www.gayton-northants.co.uk](http://www.gayton-northants.co.uk)

Here you can find lots of useful information about our lovely village of Gayton in Northamptonshire. This is only Phase 1 of an update to the village website, so watch out for further updates and please let me know if there is anything else you think should be included in the website. There are pages with information about the village and activities, local services & local businesses in the village. There is the village blog for village events, village messages, Gayton News & more. There is a snapshot of the old Gayton Village website available for reference purposes.

In Phase 2 I intend to include a list of Local Amenities (Doctors, Dentists, Opticians etc), a Gallery of Photos of our beautiful village of Gayton, & the History of Gayton articles by Rita Poxon, our local historian.

The NEW Gayton Village website is all about OUR village and for ALL the villagers of Gayton, so if there is anything you feel would make it better, more useful or more inviting, please let me know and I will do my best to address your requests.

Your questions, comments, feedback & suggestions are welcome at [Contact Us](#).

If there are upcoming events, or information you think should be on the website, please contact me either

Using the [Contact Us](#) form on the website

OR

Email me at [admin@gayton-northants.co.uk](mailto:admin@gayton-northants.co.uk)

## **Gayton Village Hall ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thursday 5 October 2023 7pm at The Eykyn Arms**

AGM Agenda – 65<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Gayton Village Hall Management Committee

1. Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> AGM
2. Chairman's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. To adopt the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
5. To note the appointment of representatives of the undermentioned organisations to serve on the management committee
  - Gayton Evergreens
  - Gayton Parish Council
  - Gayton Parioical Church Council
  - Gayton School and 'Friends of the School'
  - Gayton Table Tennis Clubs
6. To note the appointment of Village Representaties to serve on the management committee
7. To elect a chair and vice-chair
8. General discussion – any business directly connected with the village hall that attendees wish to raise

**Please have your say in the management of YOUR village hall**

## Spinney Hibernaculum



I have now completed the Spinney Hibernaculum project to my satisfaction. I apologise that it has taken longer than I had planned or hoped, and especially if this has caused concern to anyone.

With the sterling assistance of Glenn Hawkins, Dave Roe and Robin Kelso, we completed the construction work on Wednesday 30th August.

Between us we have reviewed the site and are confident that it is both safe and tidy.

Any feedback is welcome, as different eyes may see issues or opportunities that we have missed and will result in my prompt attention. The final appearance of the Hibernaculum will include “greening it”, as we plan to seed and plant wildflowers over the mound in the autumn after the soil settles a bit. I will, of course, monitor the situation and keep it tidy.

Colin Simmonds  
gone4abeer@gmail.com



## Village Hall Fundraiser – Cheese, wine and beer blind tasting evening Saturday 11th November 7 – 10pm - £15 per person

No need for a blindfold ha ha, it's the products that will be covered. A sheet will be provided to guess each product, the person with the most correct answers wins a prize.

All welcome. If you would like to take part please get your tickets at least one week before the event.

The more people who attend the more we raise.  
Thank you.

Tickets from Wendy Woolston Tel: 07715 341813 or  
Leandra Bramham Tel: 07368 227694



## Gayton and Tiffield Community Minibus

Our extended service to cover Eastcote, Dalscote, Pattishall and Astcote is now up and running and we are seeing new faces on the bus. The small extra journey time does not appear to be important as passengers are already on the bus in the warm and dry. I do apologise for two occasions recently where the bus was a little late due to driver mix ups; I am now checking with each one to remind them and ensure they have it in their diaries.

Our current timetable is on the back cover. Please note that both the Tuesday and Friday services are now the same with the bus leaving Gayton as before at 9:30 but then going through the other villages to Towcester, and then on to Northampton (if requested). The bus will then return to collect from Towcester, drop off passengers in the villages and then collect anyone from Northampton. This will allow about an hour each in Towcester and Northampton. If you have any comments to make about the service please contact me.

West Northamptonshire have continued to support us with grant funding at the same level as last year (not inflation linked!) which is an important source of income for us, as well as our fares (both cash and refunded concessionary ones) and private hire.

The grants we gratefully received from both Gayton and Tiffield Parish Councils have now partly been used for training all of our nine volunteer drivers to obtain minibus MiDAS licences (which are a legal requirement).

Our new drivers, Pete Baxter and John Rogers from Gayton, have started driving so with our new state of the art, air conditioned minibus and the increase in our service area to hopefully draw in extra funding, the future at the moment is looking good.

Thanks go to team of nine dedicated drivers which also includes Manja and Jens from Gayton and to our Trustees.

Please remember that we are a charity and it is a community bus, so if you want to hire a 16 seater for trips out, airport runs, sports or social events please contact us to see if we are available. Recent trips have been to local pubs and restaurants, a football match near Telford, a pub crawl around the Black Country and taking mentally impaired people to canal boat trips.

Steve Jowers – Chairman, Gayton and Tiffield Community Transport [stevejowers@gmail.com](mailto:stevejowers@gmail.com)  
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## West Northants Council Road Sweeping the village

I have been contacted about road sweeping the village and asked whether West Northants Council can give us prior notice to allow residents to move their cars from the curb side to assist with the road sweep. Having consulted with colleagues at WNC, they have confirmed they are unable to advise of road sweeping until the actual day it will take place. The next road sweep of the village is scheduled for the second week of December. The Clerk & Chairman of Gayton Parish Council and myself will be notified by email on the day of the next sweep, this doesn't give us much time to get this information out to the village but we will do our best. Gayton is on the schedule to be swept 4 times in a year or once every 3 months.

Cllr Karen Cooper. West Northants Council.

**Gayton Litter Pick** The litter pick will take place between the 21 – 29 October. This is a great opportunity to clear the village verges before winter.

I have litter pickers, high viz tabards and black sacks. You just need your own gloves

Please contact me if you can help. Many hands make light work. Karen karencooper@mortimers.uk.com

Tel: 07753 638180



## **Blocked Gullies**

I have been contacted by residents concerned about blocked gullies in the village. The response from West Northants Council is:

*“West Northants Council confirms that all gullies are cleansed on a routine cleansing cycle. The period in which these are cleansed depends on the area. In Gayton these are cleansed on a 2-yearly basis, with the last cleanse being in 2022. The next cleanse cycle for Gayton will be roughly October 2024. If a particular gully is blocked and it is not an emergency situation, this needs to be reported on our Street Doctor platform. Residents can do this via: [FixMyStreet \(northamptonshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk). You will be able to pin point the particular gully that is causing the issue and will be kept up to date with any actions as the report is updated.*

If you know of a blocked gully please report it to FixMyStreet, as above. If you are unable to report this yourself please contact me with the details/location of the gully and I will report it.

Cllr Karen Cooper. West Northants Council. karen.cooper@westnorthants.gov.uk

## **Gayton Evergreen Club**

Our monthly meetings at the Eykyn Arms are well attended and proving popular. Why not join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.00am.

The dates of future Coffee and Chat Mornings are:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

All starting at 10.00 am.

These meetings are open to anyone who would like to join us.

Further information from:

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Manja Ronne 01604 859243 ManjaRonne@btinternet.com



## Gayton Gardeners and Allotment Society

The growing season is now coming to a close and overall the allotments continue to flourish and produce amazing fruit and veg. We have just celebrated this in style with The Produce Show, which was held today (16<sup>th</sup>) at the Village Hall.

The last Gayton Show was in 1987 so it was with a certain amount of fear and trepidation that we took on the task of resurrecting this wonderful event. As it happens, we need not have worried because we had a very good turnout of entries and punters.

A great deal of tea, coffee and cake was consumed and there was plenty to look at, with numerous fruit, veg, handicraft, domestic and floral entries being on display. Face painting and dog agility class were outside and artwork and pottery stalls were inside.



The giant pumpkin weighed in at just under 18kg and there was a tie for first place.

Everyone was a winner, but as we had trophies from 1987 to give out, the following were worthy recipients:

Heaviest Onion Gill Woolston  
Best potatoes Rose Metcalfe  
Most points in Veg section Gill Woolston  
Most points in Show Barbara Kelso



We hope to repeat this Event on an Annual basis but in the middle of August, when there is more produce around. We may run it in conjunction with our annual BBQ. Meetings will start in the New Year

so if you are interested to help please watch out for dates or contact me

[hilaryglanville6@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryglanville6@gmail.com) The more successful the event becomes the more people will be needed to run it! Finally, if you would like an allotment please contact Carl Hamilton [carlhamiltonat5@gmail.com](mailto:carlhamiltonat5@gmail.com) Hilary Glanville (sec)



# GAYTON GUMBALL

Raising funds for

## A SECOND DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE VILLAGE



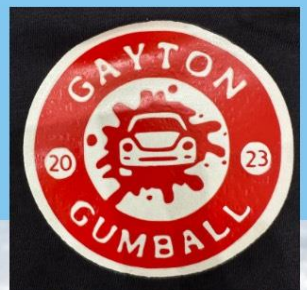
Gayton Gumball are 18 gentlemen from the local area (mostly Gayton) doing a Gumball trip around Europe from 16 September to 22 September. We will be visiting Amsterdam, Cologne, Luxembourg, Strasbourg, Reims, Brussels and then back to Gayton.

We are trying to raise money to add a second defibrillator to the bottom end of the village at The Eykyn Arms.

Any help towards the cost would be greatly appreciated. You can drop a donation into The Eykyn Arms or use the QR code to scan the GoFundMe.



Thank you



## Gayton Walkers

The walkers continue to meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month at 10a.m. at Fiveways. The numbers are quite depleted, not sure why- weather, holidays, walks too long?

Please let me know.

The walks in the last 3 months have been:

Farthingstone across the now closed golf course

Tiffield to Caldecote and back to The George pub

Abthorpe, Slapton, Bradden. This walk was curtailed as it was a very hot day but we retired to The New Inn at Abthorpe to recover. It coincided with the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Ride & Stride Fund-raising Day. I was able to raise £120 thanks to generous sponsorship. Half the sum will be donated to St Mary's church.

The next walk will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October meeting at 10a.m., destination unknown at present.

Robin Kelso

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## Chain Gang

I still have a faithful group who help to keep the stiles and footpaths clear but, at this time of year, it is an uphill task. I would like a few more people to help. At present, we tend to work weekdays but I might get more volunteers at weekends. If you would like to join us, please let me know. No skill required but rake, secateurs and gloves would be helpful.

Robin Kelso

## Churchyard Working Party

John Upson in conjunction with churchwarden Andy Hartley, has been leading a group trying to clear the churchyard wall, gravestones etc and expose graves that have been completely lost due to undergrowth. The group have been meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 10am. It has become apparent that more sessions are needed or the undergrowth will win. Please try to find an hour or so to help restore this historic area which complements our lovely church.

For more information, contact me.

Robin Kelso

**The next edition of the Gayton News will be published in December. Please send me your articles, news, photos etc by Friday 30 November. It will be distributed to the village 8 – 11 December 2023. Thank you, Karen. [karencoper@mortimers.uk.com](mailto:karencoper@mortimers.uk.com) Tel: 07753 638180**