

GAYTON NEWS – SUMMER 2023



Gayton Walkers

We still try to arrange a walk on 2nd Sundays of the month but it has not always been possible due to holidays etc. There is a nucleus of walkers but it seems to be getting less. I would hope that some new residents in the village would like to join us.

Meet at Fiveways at 10am on 2nd Sunday of the month.

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Chain Gang

The Chain Gang continue to try to keep the footpaths, footways and stiles in the Parish passable but at this time of year it gets more difficult. Things grow at such a rapid rate that it is difficult to keep up. I have 12 people to call on and usually get a gang of about 6 at any one time.

We have tackled 3 footpaths (RL 1, 9 & 14) so far but as there are 15 in the Parish, it is a mammoth task, not to mention the stiles and the pavements in the village. The Definitive Map of the Parish shows these footpaths, RL 1-18 but RL 8,11 & 15 don't exist. If you would like a copy, please contact me.

I do get upset when there are complaints on social media about the state of the footpaths. I wish to point out that the District Council have given up all responsibility for footpaths, it seems, so it is up to willing volunteers to take over the role. More people wishing to help would make our job easier.

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Gayton Gardeners and Allotment Society

Many of the allotments are now beginning to fill up with lovely fruit and veg plants which have survived some very cold nights and drought in the last few weeks. The very dry Spring seems to be becoming a pattern which we, as gardeners, will have to get used to, and many of us have already emptied our water butts and we're now struggling to dig the weeds out as our normally lovely iron stone soil has turned to concrete!

We opened the Allotments for the Gayton Gardens Open Day, with Little Ted happily swinging in the shade of a pear tree, and as we packed up to go home we had a very welcome drenching of rain, complete with thunder and lightning.



The Society organise quite a few events throughout the year and membership is automatic for allotment holders.

If any gardeners in the village would like to join, membership only costs five pounds per annum for a family and for that you would be able to take part in all of our events and use the Swop Shop.

Dates for the diary:

July 7th Visit to Coton Manor Gardens 11.30 (members only)

Aug 7th Annual BBQ (members only)

GAYTON SHOW. SEPTEMBER 16TH will be open to the public.

To enter the produce show you have to be an allotmenteer or a Gayton resident.

THERE WILL BE FREE ENTRY TO ALL CLASSES!

The Schedule of Classes has already been sent out via the last Newsletter and Village email and there is a copy on the Allotment noticeboard.



Check to see if there is something you can enter, be it wonky veg, handicraft, baking, best carrots, etc. There are lots of classes for the children to enter, including painting, baking and garden in a seed tray. The person with the most points takes home the Shield which was last awarded in 1987!



Plans for the show are in hand and we have some exciting stalls booked for the day, including jewellery, pottery, art, children's stalls, raffle, guess the weight of the pumpkin, crochet. We are hoping to serve a Ploughman's Lunch and light refreshments. The produce will be on display after it has been judged by our very own Richard and Judy and 2 WI members.

Next Gayton Show meeting is on August 23rd 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There were only 4 people at the last meeting so it would be good to see a few more faces.

Everyone is welcome! Please come and support us and help us make the Show a success and something that could hopefully become an Annual fixture.

On a final gardening note, I am determined to harvest sweetcorn this season and to that end I have begun work on my protective structure (stockade) which I hope will deter the deer and badgers. It is buried into the ground and will eventually have a roof and every cob will be wrapped in a 4 pint milk bottle! We'll see what happens....wish me luck.



If you are interested in an allotment contact Carl Hamilton 07547 380907.

For any other enquiries please contact me hilaryglanville6@gmail.com
Hilary Glanville (Sec. Gayton Gardeners and Allotment Society)

Dog Fouling in our village

I and Gayton Parish Council have written in the Gayton News too many times about people leaving their dogs mess on the pavements and grass verges in our village.

****** THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT ACCEPTABLE ******

WHY DON'T YOU PICK UP YOUR DOGS MESS AND BIN IT ?

Gayton Parish Council have provided dog poo bins at convenient locations all round our village, you can also take your dogs mess home and dispose of it in your black bin.

****** BAG IT AND BIN IT PLEASE ******

We have a beautiful village, it is spoilt with dog mess on Bugbrooke Road, Blisworth Road, High Street, Eastcote Road, Harris's Lane, outside our Church, Park Lane.

Several residents have contacted me as they are very upset to find dog mess right outside their homes, on the pavement, on the grass verge.

Karen Cooper

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR EDITORIAL, NEWS, PHOTOS ETC FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF THE GAYTON NEWS BY FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Thank you and farewell to Canon Káren

As many of you will know, Canon Káren is coming to the end of her ministry with us here in the Amelcote Benefice and, at the end of July, will be taking up her new post in the Culworth Benefice.

There are many fond memories of Káren's time here, from her skill at adapting to 'Zoom' worship during the pandemic, to her enthusiasm for working with the schools at Gayton and Tiffield, her gentle support of those in need, and her deep desire to share her faith.

Thank you Káren for all your hard work and dedicated service over the past five years. We wish you well in your new post.

Canon Káren's last service with us will be at St Mary's, Gayton on Sunday 9th July, to which everyone is welcome.

Gayton Open Gardens and Teddy Bear Trail, Sunday 11th June 2023

Be careful what you wish for.... after rather a dull start to the week the temperatures rose steadily to a very hot Sunday. Sun hats and sun cream were the order of the day for gardeners and visitors alike at this year's Gayton Open Gardens.

There were ten gardens open, five of them new for this year, as well as the allotments. Visitors were also encouraged to stroll around the Spinney and to enjoy the wild flowers in the churchyard. The exhibition of work by our own Gayton artist Judy Hamilton proved popular.

A welcome addition to the day was the free shuttle minibus service around the village kindly driven by Peter Baxter. In total the event raised £757.00 for the church.

Many thanks go to all those (too many to list here, but you know who you are) who made this event so successful. The gardeners, who worked so hard to get their gardens ready for opening, the cake makers, the tea makers, the washers up and the clearers up!

A particular thank you goes to Sharon Crossley who co-ordinated the refreshments in the church.

Thank you also to the residents of Gayton who supported this event by coming to look around the gardens and enjoying some refreshments afterwards.

Joy Ayre, Carol Coppock, Barbara Kelso

Gayton Evergreen Club

Why not join us at the Eykyn Arms at 10.00 am on the second Wednesday of the month for coffee and chat?

The dates of future Coffee and Chat Mornings are:

Wednesday 12th July

Wednesday 9th August

Wednesday 13th September

Wednesday 11th October

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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Coffee & Chat

Gayton and Tiffield Community Minibus

We have finally been successful in obtaining formal approval to extend our service to cover Eastcote, Dalscote, Pattishall and Astcote. This will hopefully be of help to people in those villages and assist us in continuing to run our service with the benefit of more passengers.

A revised timetable has been produced. The main change is that both the Tuesday and Friday services will now be the same with the bus leaving Gayton as before but then going through the other villages to Towcester, and then on to Northampton if needed. 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.

This will add about 10 minutes to the existing journey time but will make the service more efficient to run. 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 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 six of our nine volunteer drivers to obtain minibus MiDAS licences (which are a legal requirement), with the other three due to take their tests soon.

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

Thanks to the team of nine 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.

Steve Jowers – Chairman, Gayton and Tiffield Community Transport
stevejowers@gmail.com Tel: 01327 350 292 – 07890 764 633

Minibus fares:

Bus Passes – FREE.

Villages to Towcester £6 return. To Northampton £7 return.

Please note that timetable may be subject to minor delays depending on unforeseen circumstances.

GAYTON AND TIFFIELD COMMUNITY TRANSPORT Minibus Timetable 1 June 2023

Tuesdays and Fridays. Bus Passes – FREE. Villages to Towcester £6 return. To Northampton £7 return. *Please note that timetable may be subject to minor delays depending on unforeseen circumstances*

ROUTE	Gayton - Start	9.30	Dep	Gayton –Hillcrest Rd, Fiveways, High St, Back Ln
1	Tiffield	9.40		High Street – North and South
	Eastcote	9.50		High Street – Eastcote Arms
	Pattishall	9.55		Pattishshall – Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Road, Pool Close
	Astcote	10.00		Astcote School, High Street
	Towcester - Arrive	10.05	Arr	Towcester – Tesco, Aldi, B&M – Market Square - Waitrose
2	Towcester - Depart	10.10	Dep	Towcester - Waitrose
	Northampton	10.25		Tesco Mereway
	Northampton	10.35		Morrisons
	Northampton - Arrive	10.40	Arr	Northampton - Drapery
3	Northampton - Depart	10.40	Dep	Northampton - Drapery
	Towcester - Arrive	10.55	Arr	Towcester - Waitrose
4	Towcester - Depart	11.00	Dep	Towcester – Waitrose – Market Square
	Towcester	11.05		Towcester – Tesco, Aldi, B&M
	Tiffield	11.10		Tiffield, High Street South and North
	Gayton	11.15		Gayton–Hillcrest Rd, Fiveways, High St, Back Ln
	Eastcote	11.20		High Street, Eastcote Arms
	Astcote	11.25		Astcote – School, High Street
	Pattishall	11.50	Arr	Pattishshall – Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Road, Pool Close
5	Pattishall - Depart	11.30	Dep	Pattishall – Pool Close
	Northampton - Arrive	11.45	Arr	Northampton - Drapery
6	Northampton - Depart	11.45	Dep	Northampton - Drapery
	Northampton	11.50		Northampton – Morrisons
	Northampton	12.00		Northampton – Tesco Mereway
	Gayton	12.15		Gayton–Hillcrest Rd, Fiveways, High St, Back Ln
	Tiffield	12.20		Tiffield – High Street North and South
	Eastcote	12.30		High Street, Eastcote Arms
	Astcote	12.35		Astcote – School, High Street
	Pattishall - Arrive	12.40	Arr	Pattishshall – Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Road, Pool Close
7	Pattishall - Depart	12.40	Dep	Pattishall – Pool Close
	Gayton - Arrive	12.50	Arr	Hillcrest Road - End

Gayton C of E Primary School

King's Coronation. All the children had a fantastic day celebrating our King's Coronation. In order to maximise celebrations, the Federation brought together Reception and Key Stage 1 children at Whittlebury School, whilst Key Stage 2 went to Yardley Gobion. The children took part in a variety of activities linked to the coronation as well as having their own street party lunch, provided from parents/carers from all of the Federation schools.

SATs. May saw it that time of year again, where Year 6 children had to sit their tests. With the inclusion of the Coronation Bank Holiday, tests took place from the Tuesday to the Friday, ending the week with a pizza lunch! As a school, we were really pleased with their maturity and hard work. The children tried their hardest and we are all very proud of them.

Congratulations. Gayton Primary School win the Premier League Primary Stars Cup at Sixfields. Huge Congratulations. We are extremely proud. The sportsmanship, encouragement and kindness shown was second to none and would have made us winners, even without the trophy!



We are looking forward to our sports day at Towcester Rugby Club, it will be great to bring all the children and parents together from all five of our schools and see them participate in all the fun activities we have organised.

We will be sad to see our amazing Year 6 children leave us at the end of this term, they have had such a fantastic journey here with us at Gayton and we feel very privileged to have been on the journey with them. Each and every one of them will be deeply missed but we know that they will continue to grow and exceed at their new secondary schools. Wishing them nothing but the best for their futures.

Finding it difficult to cope with the cost of living crisis?

Gayton Alms Charities may be able to help.

The Gayton Relief in Need Charity is there to help any person who, for whatever reason, find themselves in financial difficulties. Examples of where this charity might be able to help are with the purchase of food, clothing, fuel and transport.

The Gayton Educational Foundation is able to provide help with any additional costs associated with education. Examples are in the provision of books, computer software, IT hardware, musical instruments, music or dance tuition, residential educational experiences or anything else not normally provided, or by an educational institution such as a school, college or university.

For information contact David Coppock, Chair of Trustees on 01604 859645.

All calls and any subsequent applications will be dealt with in strictest confidence.

Please not. Anyone applying for assistance must be a resident in the Parish of Gayton.

Gayton Solar Farm Appeal Inquiry

I, Gayton Parish Council, West Northants Council and the Barrister & Legal Team representing West Northants Council thank everyone who took time to respond objecting to the Solar Farm Appeal.

68 Gayton residents and Rothersthorpe and Blisworth Parish Council's submitted written responses of objection. 21 residents attended the opening morning of the Appeal Inquiry on Tuesday 23 May. I, Members of Gayton Parish Council and 8 residents took the opportunity to raise our objections to the Inspector. I attended the full Inquiry. The Inspector gave me continued opportunity through the Inquiry to put questions to the Landscape and Planning Consultants.

On the final day Conditions were agreed and put in place should the Appeal be allowed, and both Barristers gave their Closing Statements.

The Inspector will now make his written recommendation as to whether this Appeal be dismissed or approved. His decision will then be considered by The Secretary of State to make his final decision. This will take several months to conclude.

Thank you very much to everyone who gave their time and support objecting to this Appeal.
Cllr Karen Cooper. West Northants Council.

The BIG Help Out



The Big Help Out is a national day of volunteering, which took place on the 8 May to mark His Majesty The King's Coronation.

The day is about inspiring people to try volunteering for the first time and for 'already' volunteers to come together to help out in our



local communities.

Huge thanks go to the wonderful group of volunteers working hard to tidy our Church grave yard.



Thank you to Manja for the photos.



The Kings Coronation celebrated in Gayton

A selection of photos kindly provided by Manja



