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Welcome!

...and so the season rolls around to Autumn, and the entries for our cover photo were of an exceptionally high quality and diversity. Well done to Rex for being voted the winner!

Our various clubs and groups have been as active as ever, and I know that the Evergreens very much enjoy their social mornings at The Eykyn, as do we all, for the many and varied other events that John and Karen put on there.

Isn't it amazing that a little pub like ours can attract such outstanding musicians to the Jazz & Blues evenings? I can highly recommend it, as, even if you don't think it's your style of music, I'm sure you will be impressed with the quality of the musicianship!

The Allotment show appears to have been a great success, will it inspire you to grow or make something for next year?

On a personal note, I invited Barry Steer to write a "history" article celebrating and recounting the 50 years since St Mary's Court was built, I am always fascinated to hear the reminiscences' of village people, if you have a story to tell about your neck of the woods, please do! (I can help with editing and presentation).

Also, well done to the "Gumballers", who have achieved so much already and are endeavouring to raise funds for further community benefit!

Our Village Diary page is really filling up; so, if you have a village event that you would like promoting, please contact the "events" email address below, or me.

Regards,

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Monday, 16 September 19:00

Open Mic Night @ Eykyn

Wednesday, 18 September 20:00

Pub Quiz @ Eykyn Arms

Friday, 20 September 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Sunday, 22 September 11:00

CW Family Communion at Gayton Church

Sunday, 22 September 16:00

Live Duo Heart & Soul @ Eykyn Arms

Tuesday, 24 September 17:30

Pizzas by The Wood Oven @Eykyn Arms)

Tuesday, 24 September 18:30

Jazz & Blues Night @ The Eykyn Arms

Friday, 27 September 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Saturday, 28 September 20:30

Live Band Conundrum @Eykyn Arms

Wednesday, 2 October 20:00

Pub Quiz @ Eykyn Arms

Friday, 4 October 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Wednesday, 9 October 10:00

Evergreens @Eykyn Arms for tea & chat

Friday, 11 October 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Sunday, 13 October 10:00

Gayton Walkers Monthly Walk

Sunday, 13 October 16:00

Live Duo J45s @ The Eykyn Arms

Wednesday, 16 October 20:00

Pub Quiz @ Eykyn Arms

Friday, 18 October 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Saturday, 19 October 20:30

Live Band Somewhat Afflicted @Eykyn

Friday, 25 October 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Sunday, 27 October 11:00

CW Family Communion at Gayton Church

Tuesday, 29 October 17:30

Pizzas by The Wood Oven @Eykyn Arms)

Tuesday, 29 October 18:30

Jazz & Blues Night @ The Eykyn Arms

Wednesday, 30 October 20:00

Pub Quiz @ Eykyn Arms

Friday, 1 November 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Friday, 8 November 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Sunday, 10 November 10:00

Gayton Walkers Monthly Walk

Wednesday, 13 November 10:00

Evergreens @Eykyn Arms for tea & chat

Wednesday, 13 November 20:00

Pub Quiz @ Eykyn Arms

Friday, 15 November 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Friday, 22 November 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Sunday, 24 November 11:00

CW Family Communion at Gayton Church

Tuesday, 26 November 18:30

Jazz & Blues Night @ The Eykyn Arms

Wednesday, 27 November 20:00

Pub Quiz @ Eykyn Arms

Friday, 29 November 20:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

Saturday, 30 November 20:30

Live Mr Vegas @ The Eykyn Arms

Allotment News



This has been a challenging year for both gardeners and allotmenters, with a prolonged cold Spring and now very dry conditions. Of course, everything is now growing like mad and there are courgettes and runner beans galore, and weeds of course.

The Allotment site is officially full, which is wonderful, and it's heartening to see the new tenants getting stuck in. Many of the plots look fantastic, with great crops of fruit and vegetables.

Some of us visited **Michael Heseltine's** garden in July and found it to be very impressive, the water features, sculpture and most

importantly, tea with Michael Heseltine himself!

The second **Gayton Produce Show** at the beginning of August was blessed with fine weather and the Judges were kept busy with over 90 entries this year. There were wonky veg, very long runner beans, art work, tomatoes, jams, bread, flowers, the variety was amazing.

The overall prize went to Tom Rathwell, the silver plate for best potatoes went to Rose Metcalfe, Heaviest Onion winner Gill Woolston and Best Floral exhibit went to Roy Leeding.





The refreshments, raffle and stalls were all well supported, the Lego stall was my favourite of course 😊

If you would like to become a Gardening member of GGandAS please contact me and I can send you details.

hilaryglanville6@gmail.com

allotments@gayton-northants.co.uk

It only costs £5 for the year and for that you have access to the site, the swop shop, RHS discount card, garden outing (not free), and hopefully next summer a return of the annual BBQ.

Plots become available fairly regularly so if anyone is interested in renting a bit of growing space please contact our Letting Agent, Carl Hamilton on 07547 380907

Hilary Glanville



Church News from the Rector

Summer has been a busy time at St Mary's. We have had 2 weddings, both local families and 2 baptisms, again involving village families. We pray for God's blessing on Cameron and Meg and Tom and Beth, Emelia and Elodie.



In July we held the school year 6 leaver's service, celebrating all the hard work and achievements of the children and staff. The whole school and year 6 families came together for a service of joy and, yes, emotion. We wish all the children well in their new schools and I look forward to the next academic year taking collective worship and

welcoming the school and families into church.

On 29th September, we are celebrating harvest with a special service at 5pm where we will be joined by the Gayton Singers. Do come along and join us as we thank God for all his goodness to us.

The idea of giving thanks to God for the harvest goes back many millennia. The early Israelites were given instructions through Moses as to how they should give thanks to God for the harvest. Harvest is a time when, especially as we live in a rural, mainly farming area, we have a wonderful opportunity to thank God today for all his goodness to us, not just for the food we eat but ALL of his gifts and we do pray that we can, indeed, be good stewards of the whole of God's wonderful creation.

St Mary's is one of the four churches that make up Amelcote benefice and our regular Sunday service rotates round the benefice at 10am. St Mary's host the service on the 4th Sunday of the month but everyone is welcome at any service and all the events offered at the other churches in the benefice. There is always tea and coffee (and biscuits) after the service, time to chat with friends and make new friends so please do join us any Sunday.

Marion, Rector

Winter Fuel Payment

This **will no longer be paid automatically to all pensioners**, only to those receiving Pension Credit payments. Over 800,000 people are entitled to this payment but do not claim it.

The following websites provide a way of checking whether you are eligible for Pension Credit:

[Gov.uk Pension Credit calculator](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator)

[Turn2us benefits calculator](https://www.turn2us.org.uk/benefits-calculator)

[Entitledto.co.uk](https://www.entitledto.co.uk)

If you are eligible, you need to **apply by 21 December 2024** to receive the winter fuel payment for this winter.

You can apply on line via the government web page: <https://apply-for-pension-credit.service.gov.uk/start>

By telephone to the Pension Credit claim line
Telephone: 0800 99 1234

To apply by post, [print out and fill in the Pension Credit claim form](#) or call the claim line to request a form.

Send the claim form to the Pension Service, or ask someone to do it for you.

Freepost DWP Pensions Service 3

Do not write anything except the freepost address on the envelope. You do not need a postcode or a stamp.

Contact a voluntary organisation like [Citizens Advice](#) or [Age UK](#) if you need help with the form.

Glenyss Woodcock

Gayton CE Primary School

Gayton CE Primary is a small village school with 57 pupils on roll. We are looking for a dedicated, trustworthy and reliable person to join our small team as a lunchtime supervisor. You will be required to work 1.5 hours per day Monday to Friday, term time only over the lunchtime period. The role requires you to help serve dinners and support the children during their playtime.

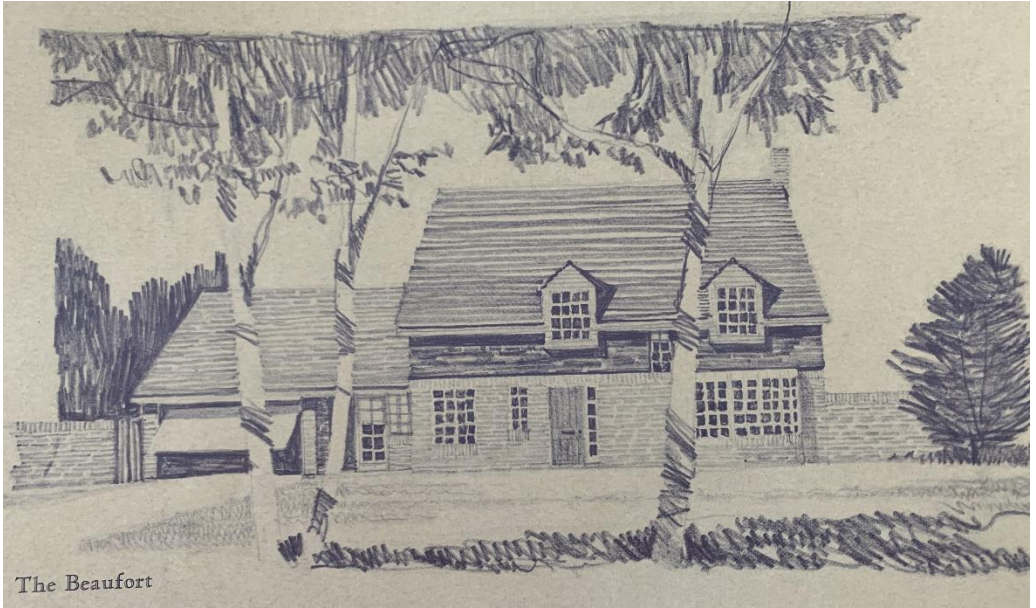
No experience is necessary however; you must be a team player and have a passion to help and support children.

If you are interested in this role, please complete an application form, which can be found on our school website www.forestfederation.co.uk or contact the school bursar for further information - bursar@gayton-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk.

Please be advised that we cannot accept CV's due to safeguarding regulations. Recruitment will also be dependent on a DBS check and suitable references.

We are looking for someone to start ASAP.

A Half Century for Saint Mary's Court



"The Beaufort"

The history of the old Gayton House has been expertly related by Rita Poxon previously here in the Gayton News. It was demolished in the early 1970s and 12 new houses were built in its grounds - Saint Mary's Court (SMC). (*Ed. - Ranging in price from £17,500 to £22,250!*) The developers, Sir John Palmer and Lady Palmer also built a new Gayton House for themselves close to the old site, but separate from SMC.

From 1973 Advert - "The properties... include Three "Campbell" types and nine "Beauforts." The Beaufort, which costs from £20,500, has four bedrooms, two bathrooms – one ensuite,

lounge, dining room, study, cloakroom utility and double garage"



Gayton House Entrance Gates





Just moved in to No. 12

All that remains of the old Gayton House is the grand entrance at the bottom of Baker Street, with its famous Chinese lanterns, designed by Clough Williams-Ellis, (born in Gayton and famous for building Portmeirion). Also; the stone boundary wall that runs along Springs Orchard, Blisworth Road and Harris Lane, plus, a number of very old and large specimen trees planted by the owners of the old Gayton House in the 19th century.

SMC was completed early 1974 so it has notched up a half century and the Gayton News editor, an SMC resident, has suggested this milestone should be marked by an article about its history. He invited me, as one of the few remaining original residents, to pen a few words on the subject.

Wendy and I moved into number 12 in February 1974. We were in our 30's and our children were 4 and 5. Within a few months,

all 12 houses were occupied and many of the families were similar to ourselves in age and some had children of around the same age as ours. So we had much in common. Through the week, we worked hard to pay off the mortgage and at the weekend, we still had bags of energy to play hard and socialise.



Relaxing in number 7's garden



It didn't take long for the young vibrant residents of SMC to gel into a close knit community. We became friends, we helped each other out, we shared transport, and we organised many events - outings to restaurants, concerts etc., and parties within the Court.



Outdoor concert and picnic at Stowe



New Year's Eve Safari Dinner

Particularly memorable were our New Year's Eve celebrations. Because of our young children, we couldn't go out, so every year we organised a Safari Dinner Party. It involved visiting several houses and at each one we played a game and consumed a dish (starter, main course, dessert,) accompanied by a

good choice of drinks. We started early evening and finished in the not so early hours of New Year's Day.



SMC Summer Olympics Slow Bike Race

Also memorable were the SMC Summer Olympic games. Each house was charged with inventing a game, as original and ingenious as possible. The games took place in back gardens or out in the road and involved a wide variety of equipment. They were all very amusing to watch and often very testing to perform.



SMC Summer Olympics Wheelbarrow Race!





50th Anniversary Reunion, February 2024

Earlier this year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our moving here, by hosting a reunion of early residents. A few of them still live here but most have moved away and it was really enjoyable to get them all together, back in SMC and to reminisce about all the good times we shared in our younger days.





Royal Wedding 29-04-11

All the houses, except ours and the Keals at No.11, have changed hands at least once, so inevitably the age range in SMC is now much wider than it used to be and whilst there are fewer children, a new batch have grown up here.

However, in spite of all the changes the SMC community spirit remains strong. We still support and help each other.

We still have social gatherings, sitting together with picnics under the big oak tree on the Keal's front lawn. Nowadays there's no physical activity, just conversation.



2020 VE-Day 75th Anniversary, under the Keal's Oak Tree

Long may it last!

Barry Steer

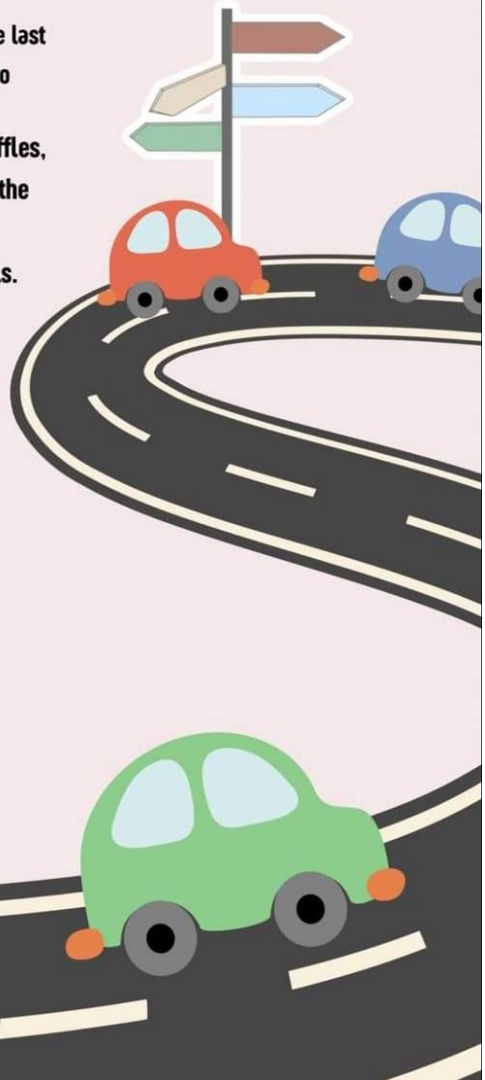
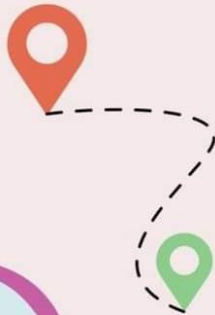
THE GUMBALL IS BACK !

After the generous donations and success of the last Gayton Gumball, from which has provide two defibrillators for the village. We are running fundraisers in the form of raffles, ticket are available from behind the bar in the Eykyn Arms. Please ask behind the bar for more details.

The money which is raised from this years gumball will be going towards the Gayton community, any suggestions are welcome on where this should be spent.

Please follow Gayton villagers or the Eykyn arms Facebook page to find out the gumballers route an adventures

 @ Gayton Villagers
@Eykyn Arms



Gayton and Tiffield Community Minibus

Hi Everyone,

Since the previous newsletter outlining our funding problems, we have kindly received some financial support from both the Gayton Alms Charities (Poor's Estate) and the Tiffield Poor's Allotment Charity for which we are very grateful. This does not make up for the WNC shortfall but does allow us to bid for other funds on a match-funding basis. Since expanding the service to Eastcote, Pattishall and Astcote passenger numbers have increased and these now make up more than half of our regular users. At the moment we are continuing with this service for the foreseeable future. We do realise that it means a slightly longer journey for Gayton residents but we do need the extra fares to keep the service operating.

Most users seem happy with the current timetable but I recently had a request for a longer time to be available for those wishing to go to Towcester or Northampton for social reasons. This is possible with the existing timetable as we can drop you in Towcester at 10:05 and then pick you up after the bus returns to Gayton with a minor detour when en-route to Northampton just before 12 noon. Similarly, if you want to stay longer in Northampton then just discuss this with the driver and the return time can be adjusted to suit you, (as long as it is not too late!). This is a Community Bus Service so we do try to

respond to everyone's wishes but if you would like to comment on the service please contact me.

The government's fare cap for cash customers of £2 per single journey we assume will last until the end of December 2024 but it may be reviewed in the new government's Autumn Statement/Budget. Passengers with bus passes do not have to pay anything.



Thanks again to our team of nine dedicated drivers and to our Trustees who run things behind the scenes.

Please remember that we are a charity and it is a community bus, so if you want to hire a 16 seater (plus driver) 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, airport runs, monthly dining club visits and regular darts team away matches. Donations are always welcome.

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GAYTON AND TIFFIELD COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

MINIBUS TIMETABLE AND FARES - From 1st APRIL 2024

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS ONLY

FARES: BUS PASSES - FREE. ALL OTHER FARES £2 SINGLE.

BUS TO TOWCESTER IS A SCHEDULED SERVICE

BUS TO NORTHAMPTON IS A REQUEST SERVICE ONLY

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



TO TOWCESTER - SCHEDULED SERVICE

Stage	Gayton - Start	9:30	Dep	Gayton - Hillcrest Rd, Five Ways, High St, Back Lane
1	Tiffield	9:40		High Street - North and South
	Eastcote	9:50		High Street - Eastcote Arms
	Pattishall	9:55		Pattishall - Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Rd, Pool Close
	Astcote	10:00		Astcote School, High Street
	Towcester - Arrive	10:05	Arr	Towcester - Tesco, Aldi, B&M - Market Square - Waitrose

TO NORTHAMPTON - BY REQUEST

2	Towcester - Depart	10:10	Dep	Towcester - Waitrose
	Northampton	10:25		Tesco Mereway
	Northampton	10:35		Morrisons
	Northampton - Arrive	10:40	Arr	Northampton - Drapery

RETURN FROM TOWCESTER - SCHEDULED SERVICE

3	Towcester - Depart	11:15	Dep	Towcester - Waitrose - Market Square
	Towcester	11:20		Towcester - Tesco/Aldi/B & M
	Tiffield	11:25		Tiffield, High Street South and North
	Gayton	11:30		Gayton (Hillcrest Rd, Five Ways, High St, Back Lane)
	Eastcote	11:35		High Street, Eastcote Arms
	Astcote	11:40		Astcote - School, High Street
	Pattishall	11:45	Arr	Pattishall - Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Rd, Pool Close

RETURN FROM NORTHAMPTON - BY REQUEST - COLLECTION TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED BY PASSENGERS

4	Northampton - Depart	Approx 12:05	Dep	Northampton - Drapery
	Northampton	12:10		Northampton - Morrisons
	Northampton	12:15		Northampton - Tesco Mereway
	Gayton	12:25		Gayton (Hillcrest Rd, Five Ways, High St, Back Lane)
	Tiffield	12:30		Tiffield - High Street North and South
	Eastcote	12:40		High Street, Eastcote Arms
	Astcote	12:45		Astcote - School, High Street
	Pattishall - Arrive	12:50	Arr	Pattishall - Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Rd, Pool Close

Gayton Evergreen Club



The coffee mornings at the Eykyn Arms are well attended and are open to anyone who would like a coffee (or tea!) and chat with their fellow villagers. Members continue to be warmly welcomed by John and Karen. A good selection of food is available; the all-day breakfast is proving very popular!

Further information from:
Carol Coppock 01604 859645
carol.coppock14@gmail.com
Manja Ronne 01604 859243
ManjaRonne@btinternet.com

The dates of future Coffee and Chat Mornings are:

Wednesday 11th September
Wednesday 9th October
Wednesday 13th November
Wednesday 11th December

All at the Eykyn Arms, starting at 10.00 am.

Footways & Footpaths

If you have been thinking that the grass and plants were growing quickly in your garden this summer, then you will realise what a battle it has been to keep up with the growth on our footways and footpaths! Our apologies if you have encountered an overgrown route! <SMILE>

However, the work does not always fall upon us to do! I am pleased to say that South Northants Council were very responsive to multiple reports of Footpath RL12 behind Westgate care home being very overgrown, mowing it all down for us within 3 weeks from reporting it! So please feel free to report problems direct to them.

In addition, do not forget that our wonderful local farming families do a lot to keep the routes clear and the hedges tidy, sometimes as part of the Gov't schemes, (to which there are restrictions) but often out of the goodness of their hearts, so Thank You very much!

In particular thank you for the invaluable help from Clive in cutting back the Ivy Hedge on Fiveways to assist us in clearing the path, which we discovered was actually twice as wide as we thought!and we even recovered a "lost" set of keys.....!

And many thanks to Cameron for borrowing a "Chopper" (which I presume is a "Big Boys Toy" attachment to his Tractor!) and cutting RL2, leading from Park Lane, making the rest of the job much easier for us!

Also, please note that if you have volunteered for Roger Clarke's excellent "Adopt a Sign" scheme, do not be afraid to ask for assistance for difficult jobs or loan of Hi-Viz vests if you are working near the Highway.

If you think that you could help with the gang, please email your details to me and I promise not to expect you to do every session! <SMILE> You can do as much or as little as you are comfortable with and we even provide refreshments and biccies, when we remember!

Our recent jobs completed:

Date	Job Location
11-Jul-24	Fiveways - Ivy hedge over Footway
18-Jul-24	Fiveways - Ivy hedge over Grit Bin
22-Jul-24	RL12 Eastcote Rd behind Westgate
01-Aug-24	RL9 & RL10 jcn stile clearance
08-Aug-24	RL2 & RL3 clearance
10-Aug-24	Spinney woodchips and Strimming

I am the Parish Paths Warden, so, if you are aware of an issue on a Right of Way in the Parish, you can contact me:

parishpathwarden@gayton-northants.co.uk

or use StreetDoctor:

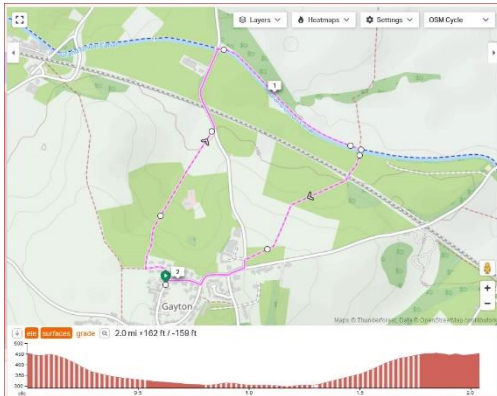
<https://fix.westnorthants.gov.uk/>

Colin Simmonds, Gayton Footways & Footpaths Working Party (aka "Chaingang")
chaingang@gayton-northants.co.uk

Gayton Walkers

A once a month walking group that meet on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at Fiveways for a 4-5 mile gentle walk.

With the clearance of RL2 and RL3, this now forms a very pleasant 2 mile walk (joined by a section of RL18 along the canal) if you fancy trying it. Walking them helps to keep the vegetation down! <SMILE>



Map of the route of RL2 & RL3

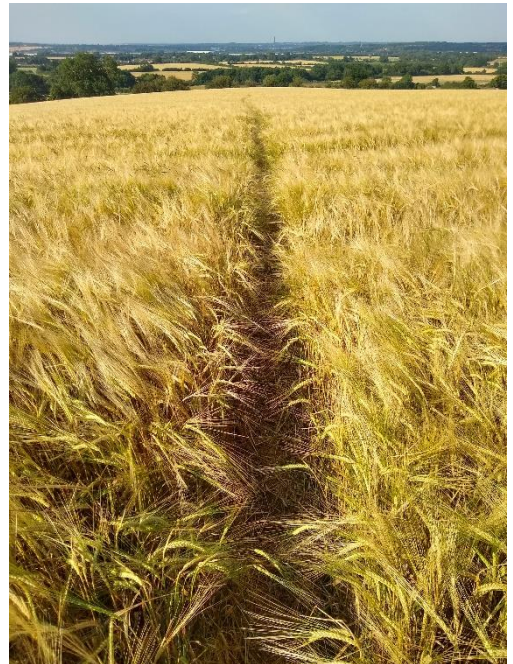
Did you know that “Park Lane” refers to the old Deer Park that it led to?

In July, John & Christine led a walk starting at Gayton Fiveways over the canal to Rotherthorpe and returning to Gayton via the lily ponds and the canal ending at the church with a short walk to the pub.

In August, I led a 4.3-mile mostly flat walk around Bucknell Wood in search of Butterflies. I’m no expert, but we hoped to see: Wood White, Purple Hairstreak, White-

letter Hairstreak, Purple Emperor, White Admiral, Silver-washed Fritillary, but all we saw was a stranded off-Road Motor biker!!

We retired afterwards to The New Inn, Abthorpe for a pint. This lovely pub is the hub of the community, providing excellent beer from Hook Norton brewery and locally produced food. (Currently, Northants CAMRA Rural Pub of the Year 2024!)



The next scheduled walks are:
13th October, 10th November, 8th December.

Contact for more info and to join our email list: **Colin Simmonds 01604 858933**
walks@gayton-northants.co.uk



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