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Welcome!

Hello All!

What a wonderful Festive period we have to look forward to here in our lovely village!

With very short notice by the News, we're kicking things off with the Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall, So I hope you see this in time!

Then we have an extensive number of excellent Live Music Nights at the Eykyn, and don't miss entering a Team in *Rodger's Pub Quiz*, as there will be a special "**Jackpot**" Prize!

Moreover, once again, we will be straining our brain matter, addressing the mind-bending questions in Wendy Steer's Christmas Quiz!

I was delighted to be asked to write an article applauding the wonderful work that The Gumball Rally guys have been doing; If you feel able to support them in their charity work, please do! And Santa's visit to Gayton is sure to be a highlight, not only for the children!

I notice that St John the Baptist, Church Lane Blisworth will be holding a "**Christingle Family Service**" on 24 Dec, 4:30 p.m. for 45 mins.

"A relaxed, family friendly service where everyone is welcome. There will be songs, Christingles and a living nativity all packed into a 45 minute service. Please bring any children who would like to dress up at 4pm - simple costumes are provided."

Round the Spinney, Sue and others have been busy learning the skills of coppicing and we've finally "greened-up" the Hibernaculum!

And don't forget to tour the village, ticking off the Advent windows, They've already started!

Regards,

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7 Dec, Sat 12:00 – 16:00

Christmas Fayre – Village Hall

8 Dec, Sun 10:00 – 13:00

Gayton Walkers Monthly Walk

9 Dec, Mon 19:00 – 23:00

LIVE Open Mic @ The Eykyn

10 Dec, Tue 19:00 – 23:00

LIVE Mark Wright & Friends
@The Eykyn

11 Dec, Wed 10:00 – 11:30

Evergreens @The Eykyn for a tea & chat

11 Dec, Wed 20:00 – 22:00

“Jackpot” Pub Quiz @The Eykyn

13 Dec, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

14 Dec, Sat 21:00 – 23:00

LIVE Rhythm Junction @The Eykyn

17 Dec, Tue 18:30 – 21:30

LIVE Jazz & Blues Night @The Eykyn

20 Dec, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

21 Dec, Sun 18:30

Santa’s Visit to Gayton

22 Dec, Sun 11:00 – 12:00

CW Family Communion, Gayton Church

24 Dec, Tue 21:00 – 23:00

Karaoke with Pravin @ Eykyn Arms

31 Dec, Tue 20:30 – 21:30

LIVE Rental Radio @The Eykyn

3 Jan, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

8 Jan, Wed 10:00 – 11:30

Evergreens @The Eykyn for a tea & chat

8 Jan, Wed 20:00 – 22:00

Pub Quiz @ The Eykyn Arms

10 Jan, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

12 Jan, Sun 10:00 – 13:00

Gayton Walkers Monthly Walk

17 Jan, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

22 Jan, Wed 20:00 – 22:00

Pub Quiz @ The Eykyn Arms

24 Jan, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

26 Jan, Sun 11:00 – 12:00

CW Family Communion, Gayton Church

28 Jan, Tue 18:30 – 21:30

LIVE Jazz & Blues Night @The Eykyn
17:30 Pizzas by Wood Oven @The Eykyn

31 Jan, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

5 Feb, Wed 20:00 – 22:00

Pub Quiz @ The Eykyn Arms

7 Feb, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

9 Feb, Sun 10:00 – 13:00

Gayton Walkers Monthly Walk

12 Feb, Wed 10:00 – 11:30

Evergreens @The Eykyn for a tea & chat

14 Feb, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

19 Feb, Wed 20:00 – 22:00

Pub Quiz @ Eykyn Arms

21 Feb, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

23 Feb, Sun 11:00 – 12:00

CW Family Communion, Gayton Church

25 Feb, Tue 18:30 – 21:30

LIVE Jazz & Blues Night @ The Eykyn
17:30 Pizzas by Wood Oven @The Eykyn

28 Feb, Fri 20:30 – 21:30

Bingo @ The Eykyn Arms

GAYTON CHRISTMAS VILLAGE HALL FAYRE

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024

12 NOON TO 4 PM



MANY STALLS WITH LOVELY PRODUCTS FOR SALE.
REFRESHMENTS ON THE DAY FOR A SMALL COST.
ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL BE USED FOR VILLAGE
HALL IMPROVEMENTS.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Gayton Evergreen Club

Our members continue to enjoy meeting together for coffee and a chat on the second Wednesday of every month at the Eykyn Arms. We are warmly welcomed by Karen and John who provide great hospitality.

No need to book, just come along and enjoy the company!

The dates of future Coffee and Chat Mornings for 2025 are:

- Wednesday 8th January
- Wednesday 12th February
- Wednesday 12th March
- Wednesday 9th April

All at the Eykyn Arms starting at 10.00 am.

Further information from:

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Dear Friends in Gayton



As in previous years, we would like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy and Healthy 2025** through the pages of Gayton News.

Once again, we shall be making a donation to Gayton Church Heritage Trust instead of delivering personal Christmas cards to you.

Jens & Manja, 6 Baker Street

Spinney - Hibernaculum

After an application to, and a very generous donation by, the Gayton Alms Charities, we were able to purchase 8m² of “Woodland Shade Turf” to “green up” the Hibernaculum, which has now been laid.

It incorporates 3 types of Native Grasses and 35 species of Native Wildflowers.



In addition, they have funded the purchase of 120 potted native Wildflowers from “**Blisworth WildFlowers**” which we will be planting in the Spring.

Wildflower planting will not only protect and nurture local wildlife, creating microhabitats to support the ecosystem around the hibernaculum, but also inspire and educate our community. The impact of over 30 species of new native wildflowers into the spinney will act as a kick-start “seed bank” for increased plant diversity and community interest in the spinney.

Spinney Working Group
A Working Group of Gayton Parish Council

A Neighbourhood Development Plan

It is inevitable that there will be many changes to the village over the next decade and, in order for residents to have influence on how these changes develop; the Parish Council has decided to sponsor a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish.

The following two paragraphs (in italics) copied directly from the Government Website, help explain why we think it a good idea;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning>

Neighbourhood planning enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals. This is because unlike the parish, village or town plans that communities may have prepared, a neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan and sits alongside the local plan prepared by the local planning authority. Decisions on planning applications will be made using both the local plan and the neighbourhood plan, and any other material considerations.

Neighbourhood planning provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next 10, 15, 20 years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people. They can put

in place planning policies that will help deliver that vision or grant planning permission for the development they want to see.

There is of course a lot more information on the Government website for those of you who are interested.

In the spring of 2025, we intend to invite all Gayton residents to a meeting to explain in more detail the approach we intend to take and ask for their ideas for the future development of the Village. We will advertise the event well in advance on social media and by letter.

Over the next few months, we will be asking for volunteers from Gayton to join the project in order to establish a working group of village representatives with special skills, knowledge, or interests. The overall scope of the project and its management will be the responsibility of Councillors Clarke and Hamilton but the final makeup of the team will depend on how much support is forthcoming from within the community.

If you have questions about the project or think you may want to contribute to the plan, please contact me at:

carlhamiltonat5@gmail.com

**Councillor Carl Hamilton,
Chair Gayton Parish Council**

carl.hamilton@gaytonparishcouncil.gov.uk



A Nice Week Away.....

So, imagine if you would, you're having a nice quiet break away in Bournemouth with the Missus, when a bunch of boisterous blokes arrive in a motley assortment of clapped out cars, and then proceed down the pub..... You would probably expect them to be a right load of trouble and would steer clear of them, right? On the other hand, when you heard what they were doing, would you put your hand in your pocket and hand them a substantial cash donation? Well, that is what happens when the Gayton Gumball Rally rolls into town!

You might have heard about these guys, but they haven't exactly been trumpeting their achievements and indeed, the good they do, so I want to change that with this article.

It all began, (as all the best things do), over a pint down The Eykyn, when "The Guvn'r", Les and his Chief Henchman, Martyn, came up with the idea of a "Charity Challenge":

1. "Obtain" a cheap Car (Max £1000)
2. It should have 4 seats, so stranded Teams can be recovered and of course, jeered at!
3. Drive said cars around a number of remote places using as little fuel as possible, yet covering a huge mileage!
4. Scrap the car at the end of it!

So, why are they doing this? Well, they felt that they had an opportunity to combine having a jolly good time whilst raising funds for "Good works" in our Community!

And so, back in 2023, they organised the inaugural Gayton Gumball Rally, heading off to "The Continent".....but mysteriously, very few details have survived of this mission!

But, of course, our village was the beneficiary of two Defibrillator units, one at The Eykyn and another at The Church, (adding to the one already at the Village Hall.) These have already proved their worth, but consumables are expensive (~£75), so if you can spare a few quid, please drop it in the Eykyn collection pot.

In 2024, some New Faces joined the “old Hands.”

The Teams were:

“Flying Dutchmen”

Karl, Les, Martyn - Peugeot 307

“One for the Road”

Pete, Tom, Tony - Audi A6

“Sherlock Holmes”

Gary & John - Ford Focus

“Taxidermists”

Aemon & Brian – London Cab

“Billy no Mates”

Adam - BMW Z3

“Sheep Shearers”

Rob & James – Honda CRV

Now, you’ve spotted that one of those isn’t a 4 seater right? Well, there were fines for contravening the many, varied and quite frankly, made up rules!

And I’ve had to Censor Rob & James’ Team name for the sensitive ears of my readers! The fact that they covered their CRV in fake sheep wool shows that care for the future life of the vehicle was not paramount in their thoughts, however, they did win the “Best Dressed Car” award!



They then headed off on a weeklong Rally from Gayton to Barmouth, Wales; and then

Burnham-on-Sea; down to St Austell in Cornwall; across to Boscombe (Bournemouth); Brighton and then Deal before heading back to their “natural habitat” of The Eykyn Arms. Google makes this to be about 1000 Miles, but they claim they did 1500, so I wouldn’t recommend asking them for directions anywhere! <GRIN>



They clearly had an amazing time, enjoying exceptional camaraderie while keeping up a spirited level of friendly banter that, according to them, fostered tremendous male bonding. They even mentioned their faces aching from laughing all of the time!



However, what was the result of all this enjoyment? Well, they have paid for 3 new pre-payment electricity meters for the village Hall, to replace the outdated ones that used old 50p coins, discontinued 27 Years ago!! This will also help to fund the Village Hall.



New Electricity meters for the hall.

They then contacted the Gayton Chain Gang to see if they could support them in their Parish Council Working Party jobs around the village. A shopping list of suggested options was responded to with the outstanding gift of an extensive set of Ryobi cordless power tools!



Members of the Gumball Rally; Les, Martyn Tom and Peter presented the tools to the Chain Gang at The Eykyn Arms, where, also, a contribution of £200 was made to the Friends of Gayton School to put on a Xmas Panto for the children. In addition, behind the scenes, the Gumballers have spread a little joy to a few people going through some tough times, with the gifts of Flower bouquets.



I am completely amazed at the generosity and community spirit of these guys, their next venture is "Santa's visit to Gayton" on December 21st where the children of the village will get to meet Santa with his Elves and will each receive a gift box.

Moreover, for the adults, I believe that there is a raffle for a "Wheelbarrow of Cheer", unfortunately you don't get to keep the wheelbarrow, just the extensive contents!

The Gayton Gumballers are more than just a good cause - they're a vibrant part of our community's heartbeat. By supporting this amazing group, you're helping make our community stronger, more compassionate, and full of possibility.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference in empowering the Gumballers to continue their incredible work. Let's come together to celebrate and support their passion and purpose.

Join us in making a lasting impact—donate today and be part of something truly special with the Gayton Gumball Rally!

Colin Simmonds

Christmas Quiz

A quiz for you to enjoy over the holiday period!

In two parts this year, it's called **LAND & SEA**.

Questions 1 – 50 are about wheeled vehicles, not all motorised, and not all still around.

Questions 51 – 100 include all things related, however loosely, to the sea.

Answers may be general knowledge, cryptic clues, anagrams, and sound-alikes.

Entries should be on paper, either by removing & using this page, or on a separate sheet, & be with me, Wendy Steer, by **Sunday January 5th**.

The enormous(!) prizes of £10, £3 and £2 will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd, and in the event of a tie, there will be a draw by an independent person for the winner. **ENJOY!**

Part One

1. English country dance
2. All in a marathon day
3. Hiker
4. Called to a conflagration.
5. Avoid!

6. A very little car!
7. Front door covering.
8. German creepy crawly.
9. Multipurpose farming vehicle.
10. HIMBUSITIS (anag.)
11. Made from brandy, orange liqueur and lemon juice.
12. Calls in Gayton on Tuesdays
13. Scenic, Clio, Megane
14. Semi-precious cloudy stone
15. made for two.
16. Designed to carry freight.
17. Created by Caractacus Potts.
18. Magnesium.
19. At the forefront.



20. Supermarket helper.
21. River crossing.
22. Bayrische Motorwerk.
23. Yoga position.
24. Before a film
25. Made lightbulbs up to 1945.
26. Member of the panther family.
27. ATOOTY (anag.)
28. In a book I am sure.
29. Chair, ancestral home.
30. Brummy hand guns
31. Deportment.
32. Healey, rugby player.
33. Victory.
34. German people's car.
35. Bridge over the Thames in London.
36. Incombustible.
37. Drama teacher.
38. Seen at Silverstone.
39. One's very first transporter.
40. CATCH ON PENNI (anag.).
41. Phantom, Spectre, Ghost.
42. No.15 plus one.
43. BRACHANAC (anag).
44. Hired to go anywhere.
45. Its in if I ate it.
46. Spanish Virgin Mary
47. Cowboy's greeting.
48. Trainer.
49. Called in an emergency.



Part Two

50. New York skyscraper.

51. Bears planes

52. Cuts the silence.

53. INKLORATE (anag).

54. Captain of the Endeavour.

55. Transit with a hat on.

56. Wager, bet.

57. It drags a net.

58. Sherry glass

59. Chinese rubbish.

60. Ruins things.

61. Heave.

62. INTABORGOW (anag.)

63. Distant planet.

64. Tresses

65. Shove.

66. Coconut chocolate bar.

67. 1st in your bins and drawers

68. Butter.

69. Fleet of warships.

70. Severe part of ship.

71. a ship, a rocket, eg..

72. Turner's masterpiece.

73. Gigantic, colossal.

74. Remove the up and sail away

75. Grey, gloomy, miserable.

76. For healthy cooking.

77. Warning in poor vision.

78. Farm animals



79. '....., cross the Mersey'.

80. Head frame.

81. Case for a ship's compass.

82. A bright home.

83. ANTARCAMA (anag.).

84. Busy crossing for refugees.

85. Gentle transfer boat.

86. Required for a lock.

87. Young lad.

88. Wife of King George V.

89. Pub at Stoke Bruerne.

90. 1941 Pacific battle.

91. 8 pints plus e.

92. Brings in the catch.

93. Saves at sea.

94. Competition for yachts.

95. DABATOPED (anag.).

96. The Beatles had yellow one.

97. ----- Potempkin.

98. Roy Plomley's discs.

99. People's Island.

100. Which word do the colours of the German flag have in common?

Name:

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Address:

.....
Phone/email:

.....
Return to:

Wendy Steer, 12 St Marys Court



Santa's visit to Gayton

This year Santa and his elves will be visiting Gayton on Saturday 21 December, leaving the church at 6.30pm

He will complete his journey outside The Eykyn Arms for photos and a selection box from Santa

Full route will be shared before the day

Please contact Leandra Bramham on 07368227694 if your child requires a "Free From" selection box

Gayton Millennium Spinney

A little bit of history - Where did it all start?

On 4th December 1999 several Gayton villagers gathered on a cold crisp morning to plant out a mixture of oak, ash, hazel & maple with a mixed hedge of hawthorn, blackthorn, crab apple & dogwood in a half-acre of land bequeathed to the Parish Council – and our Gayton Millennium Spinney was created.

The trees were planted at a high density to encourage straight growth and allow for any that did not make it; however, thanks to the hard work of all the villagers the majority of the trees have now made it to 25 years of age. The trees are now quite overcrowded, they are competing for space to grow to their full potential, and the canopy is far too dense. Some thinning is required to encourage healthy tree growth & ensure the trees have sufficient space, light, & nutrients to grow and develop a better shape & are more resilient; thinning will also create openings in the canopy to allow more light in and encourage a greater diversity of plants to grow & flourish.

The Spinney Working Group – Who are we & what do we do?

The Spinney Working Group, recently formed as a Working Party of Gayton Parish Council in order to manage & maintain the Millennium Spinney for future generations of Gayton villagers & Gayton Primary School pupils to continue to visit & enjoy.

Our first project is to introduce a programme to regularly coppice the multi-stemmed Hazels; 29 of the original 30 planted have survived. Hazel thrives as a shrub but if left uncut will grow 10 metres tall and live up to 80 years; however, a coppiced hazel can live for several hundred years.

Our next project will be to remove the dead & dying trees, as unfortunately there are signs of Ash dieback in the Spinney.

COPPICING - What is Coppicing and why are we doing it?

Coppicing is a traditional management technique to rejuvenate a tree to allow it to last for many years and provide crops of timber and wood for the community.



The Hazel coppicing life cycle

Our reasons for coppicing the Hazels in our Spinney is two-fold – firstly, to better manage the multi-stemmed Hazel trees that have not been coppiced since they were originally planted back in in 1999. Secondly, in coppicing the trees we will introduce more light into areas of the woodland and help promote a wider range of habitats for wild plants, animals, & insects.

The Spinney Working Group are very pleased to be working with local charity the Canal and River Trust (CRT) to harvest the Hazel coppice stools that grow around the edges of the Spinney. The wooden stems are ideal for use as stakes and binders for hedge laying and the bean canes for our allotmenters.



We can assist the CRT with the materials they need for their hedge-laying projects along the Northampton Arm of the Grand Union Canal and they can help us maintain and manage our Spinney and provide us with a wealth of knowledge about woodlands, wildlife, & wild flowers. *It's a Win-Win situation.*

The best time to coppice hazels is late winter or early spring when the trees are dormant before they start to grow again. We plan to coppice our hazels in the late winter as by

early spring, the snowdrops, and primroses will start sticking their little heads out of the ground and we don't want to be treading on them, not after all the hard work of the volunteers who planted all the bulbs throughout the Spinney.

The Day of the Coppicing

On Thursday 7th November, Catherine West from the Canal & River Trust turned up at the Millennium Spinney alone.... not with the group of volunteers I was expecting; she may have been alone but she was armed with an array of tools and a bundle of enthusiasm.



The day proved to be a valuable lesson for myself as far as what is actually involved in coppicing our hazel trees; Catherine had explained everything but actually seeing it,

and carrying out much of the process myself was a very enjoyable learning experience, and I still have all my fingers. Between Catherine & I, ably assisted by Colin, we coppiced 1 of the Hazels in the Spinney and built a protective nest around the stool before it got too dark.

Catherine & I started by removing a few of the outside leafy branches so that we could “see” into the tree and decide how best to tackle the job, removing the smaller branches first, setting some aside for use for the hedge-laying and the more leafy branches for the nest building. We slowly worked our way into the tree removing bigger and bigger branches; some of the branches were rather big, requiring a 2-woman approach for their removal. There were also several crossed

branches, where 2 branches had rubbed against each other causing wounds to the tree; these were of no use to the CRT but will make excellent firewood, once allowed to season for a couple of years. The crossing branches did cause some issues as we tried to remove them but as Colin had said *“Beware of 2 determined women with pruning saws!!!”* We were not going to be beaten by a hazel tree and a few crossed and tangled branches!



It wasn't all hard work, we did stop for a drink of squash and some biscuits, the usual Chain Gang incentive, and between Catherine & myself I think we ate a whole packet of Jammy Dodgers, but in all fairness we needed to keep our energy levels up for the coppicing. After a break, it was back to our hazel tree... and the removal of the last few branches.

When we had finished coppicing the tree our next task was to construct a nest around the base, known as the **stool**, to protect it as it starts to regenerate & grow back.

First of all Catherine used a Billhook to point the stakes to ease putting them in the ground. We built a ring of stakes around the stool as a base for weaving the leafy growth around to build the nest.

What seemed like a huge pile of leafy branches soon disappeared as we built the nest, thanks to Jens & Manja, who I think only came along to see what was happening and somehow got roped in to help by Catherine!



Another break, this time with Tea & Coffee, thanks to Colin, (my glamorous assistant), and of course, more biscuits. We have discovered over the years that the Chain Gang work best if they are plied with biscuits!

Tom from the Canal & River Trust arrived to collect the harvested stakes and binders for their hedge-laying project along the Northampton Arm of the Grand Union Canal.

So if you want to see what is happening with our Hazels, go and have a look. We also harvested some thinner sticks, useful for beanpoles and garden supports, for the Gayton allotmenters.

Having never used a pruning saw before, I thoroughly enjoyed my new found skill and I had a real sense of satisfaction & achievement at the end of the day, and real tiredness that required a long wallow in a bath full of bubbles before contemplating cooking dinner.

Check out the Hazel Coppicing album in the Gallery on the Gayton Village Website for all the photos including some of the hedge-laying along the Arm. <https://gayton-northants.co.uk/gayton-gallery-coppicing/>

And What's Next ?

By the time, you read this there will have been another workday (28th Nov) with a few more of the Chain Gang and a couple more hazels coppiced.

The Canal & River trust will be continuing their regular hedge-laying throughout the autumn & winter on the Northampton Arm of the Canal, and at nearby Stoke Bruerne through local volunteering groups.

If you would like to find out more, or are interested in getting involved in this project, please contact catherine.west@canalrivertrust.org.uk

Sue Simmonds
Spinney Working Group
A Working Group of Gayton Parish Council

GAYTON ALMS CHARITIES

**FINDING IT HARD TO COPE WITH THE COST OF
LIVING?**

WE CAN HELP WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE!

GAYTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY AND GAYTON
EDUCATIONAL FUND CAN HELP INDIVIDUALS AND
FAMILIES THAT MAY NEED HELP!!

WE MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO OFFER A WINTER FUEL
ALLOWANCE TO ELIGIBLE GAYTON RESIDENTS.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY,
CONTACT DAVID COPPOCK, CHAIR OF
TRUSTEES, ON 01604 859645**

**ALL CALLS AND ANY SUBSEQUENT APPLICATIONS
WILL BE DEALT WITH IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.**

**APPLICANTS MUST BE RESIDENT IN THE PARISH
OF GAYTON.**

Defibrillators are stationed at: The Village Hall; The Eykyn Arms and at St Mary's Church. You should call 999 if you see someone who is unconscious and not breathing. The operator will be able to tell you how to access the defibrillator. You should stay with the patient and perform CPR while someone else finds the defibrillator and brings it to you.

We appreciate that in some instances, you or someone in your home might not be able to leave the house get to a defibrillator. To cover this gap a list of 'runners' has been put together by the Gumball Team, these can be called rain or shine, 24hrs a day and will bring a defibrillator to you.

Hillcrest Road

- Leandra Bramham - 07368 227694
- Sue Baylis - 01604 879013/07912 883800

Tiffield Road

- Leandra Bramham - 07368 227694

Eastcote Road

- Sue Baylis - 01604 879013/07912 883800

Bugbrooke Road

- Damo Lawlor - 07928 577914
- Rebecca Wheeler - 07927 805257

Church/Blisworth Road/St Mary's Court

- Katrina Donald - 0771 1667855
- Paul Donald - 07495 335893

High Street

- Meg Billing - 07736 768303
- Lisa Gunn - 07703 842606

Deans Row/Park Lane

- Martyn Cheeseman - 079338 45016
- John Gunn - 07756 185577

Baker Street

- John Gunn - 07756 185577
- Meg Billing - 07736 768303

Gayton Wilds

- Louise Furner - 01604 859300/07968 729651

Wrights Lane/Milton Road

- Rachel Billing - 07720 657534

Please also notify one of these people if you spot a problem with one of the devices.

It has been so lovely to welcome all the children back to Gayton Primary School, and also welcome our new reception children and families.



The children have all been very busy since we have been back. We are very lucky to have Gayton Spinney on our doorstep, and we love to take the children for a walk and a mini adventure. All the children had a lovely time being children - exploring the outside, climbing trees, playing with sticks, and finding new friends from the Bug Hotel!



On 27th September our School Council along with our lovely FrOGS held a Macmillan Coffee Morning, we had a great support from our parents and Gayton families and raised a fantastic £173.88 and a further £128.00 on our JustGiving page totaling £301.88.

As a Federation, we were very lucky to be invited to take a few children from each of our schools along with Mrs Hollis our Executive Headteacher, to Peterborough Cathedral for the Annual Service of Dedication and Thanks Giving for Diocesan Schools. We are very proud of our children who represented our schools, the children all said how beautiful the service and the Cathedral both were.



Some of our year 5 & 6 children participated in The ESFA Small Schools Football Competition.



We were so impressed with the conduct and positivity that our Gayton football team showed, they represented our school superbly!

On a footballing note, Gayton finished 12th

out of 95 schools within our district. An awesome achievement!



Our Class 3 children recently competed in the Federation's tag rugby tournament. They competed brilliantly and the sportsmanship was tremendous.

Congratulations on winning the federation shield!

Live Music Nights etc. at The Eykyn Arms

Monday 9th December - 7pm

Open Mic



What great evenings we've been having at the open mics at the Eykyn Arms.....please come and join us again for December's event!

Court Jester

Wednesday 11th December - 8pm

Jackpot Pub Quiz!

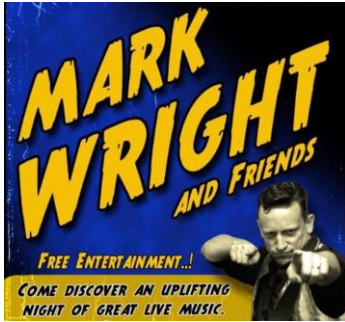
Rodger will be setting the Quiz for the final time of the year with a Jackpot Prize on offer!

So, get your thinking caps on and gather up a team of up to six (£1 per head entry) or just turn up and help out a smaller team.

And don't forget

Bingo every Friday 8:30pm

Tuesday 10th December - 7pm
Mark Wright & Friends



Mark, ex-**Pure Genius** & currently playing lead Guitar and Vocals for **The Rubettes**

presents a brilliant night of 60's, 70's &

80's music, with friends from **Edison Lighthouse & The Tremeloes**.

Their set includes tracks by 10cc, Bryan Adams, Mark Bolan, Eagles, Doobie Brothers, Prince, REM, Squeeze, Queen and many, many more.

Saturday 14th December - 9pm
Rhythm Junction



A female-fronted four-piece band with a diverse set of some of the best-loved songs from the swinging 60's through to modern day, including The Jacksons, Stevie Wonder, Wild Cherry, Tina Turner, Sister Sledge, Bryan Adams, Shania Twain, Abba, Queen, Madonna & Amy Winehouse. They will have you singing & dancing all night long!

Tuesday 17th December – 6:30pm
Last Jazz & Blues night of the Year



Cliff Brown & Friends – With Cliff as the Guitarist bandleader for our monthly jazz, blues, swing & rock 'n' roll music night.

You can expect varied & beautiful sets from exceptional musicians, with guest artist appearances and surprise Jammer sets.

Xmas Eve - 9pm

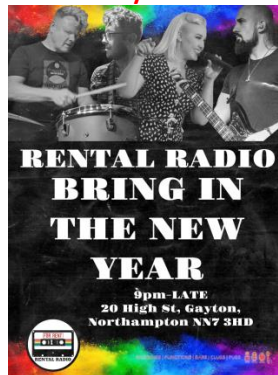
Karaoke with Pravin

Come along and sing your Favourite Song!

New Year's Eve

Rental Radio

"Ticket Only Event" £8 Advance / £10 on Door



Rental Radio are a brilliantly talented line-up of female & male vocals, Guitar, Bass and Drums giving you stunning harmonies and new, masterful renditions of your favourite anthems.

Sure to fill the dance floor, we are

confident our high energy and seamless performance will keep the party going all night to see in The New Year!

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



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