



## Cllr Diane Osborne ~ Parish Council Chair

Finally, it looks like we are coming out of Lockdown and we can look towards a brighter summer.... in the words of Sir Captain Tom, 'Tomorrow will be a good day!'

We've been working hard behind the scenes and launched our new website, so please check it out. We're always looking for news, pictures and local companies to advertise on our pages.

Hopefully, we will have a scorching summer like last year, and we will be free to have a chat on the Green, or even a cheeky drink!

### LOCAL WALKS

We've compiled a guide to some local walks of varying distances, that we hope you'll enjoy. Details are available on our website and will be posted in the Bus Shelter.

### COUNCIL SPRING CLEAN

We've been busy updating our documentation and Website, to ensure we continue to bring you the latest and most relevant information relating to the Parish.

On the website, we've added new **planning pages**, to show the latest applications affecting Gateforth.

We've even set up a Twitter account to help us provide more regular communications.

These changes are part of our commitment to ensure that our communications are fully accessible. See [www.gateforthpc.org.uk](http://www.gateforthpc.org.uk) for more information.

### DON'T GET SCAMMED!

Be alert to the fact that scams exist! The coronavirus pandemic has seen a rise in scams where criminals are looking to exploit financial and health concerns by asking for money for fake services upfront, collecting personal information or bank details, or offering high returns on made-up investments or pension transfers.

Scams succeed because they look like the real thing and catch you off guard when you're not expecting it.

- Know who you're dealing with.
- Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or links in texts/ emails
- Beware of any requests for your details or money
- Look for image inaccuracies
- Spelling and grammar mistakes are often telltale signs that something's not right with the email/text.

### EASTER IS ALMOST UPON US

Where is this year going? Easter is almost here and Spring is in the air. Lets decorate the houses in the village with Easter decorations to bring a smile to everyone when walking through the village. We'll be posting some of the best pictures on Facebook and the Parish Council site.

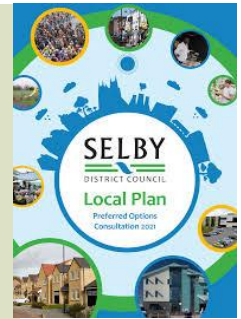
For all the children in the village, we're having an Easter Egg hunt on the Green (socially distanced, of course), with some chocolate surprises! Meet at the Bus Shelter on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 2pm to 3pm.



Selby District Council are preparing a “**New Local Plan**” which is a vision and framework for future growth of our district, identifying where new housing, employment and other development could take place.

There are no direct impacts on Gateforth but there is a large scale development planned at Burn Airfield and also smaller developments in Thorpe Willoughby.

Keep an eye out for more information on our website.



### POST LOCKDOWN EVENTS

Once the latest lockdown restrictions are fully lifted, we’re hoping to arrange a “picnic on the green”. This would be July/August, if possible. Look out for more information.

We also hoping to arrange another successful litter pick around the various lanes in the parish. This would likely be in June/July. More information will be made available once the lifting of lockdown restrictions is confirmed.

### NEW DOG BINS

Dog waste around the village is disappointingly a constant issue. To help combat this, we’ve installed a new bin on the west side of the village, on Hillam Lane, next to the start of the walk to Gateforth Woods.

We’re also continuing to work with Selby District Council to install a second bin on Landing Lane, by the start of the footpath towards Paperhouse Bridge via the fields.

### FLOOD WARNING CHANGE

The Environment Agency have recently created a new flood warning area relating to the River Aire. This change affects 40 properties which currently sit within Flood Zone 2. See our website for more info.

### KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE

Dognapping is on the rise. Don’t leave your dog alone in your front garden. Also keep your dog close by when near roads, as there are reports of cars stopping and grabbing dogs.

## Just for fun!

Can you find all 8 words in our wordsearch?

**Canal  
Farm  
Gateforth  
Green  
Hall  
Parish  
Pheasant  
Village**

G	P	H	E	A	S	A	N	T	A
H	D	R	E	E	N	E	P	F	W
A	V	S	C	P	F	O	T	O	A
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