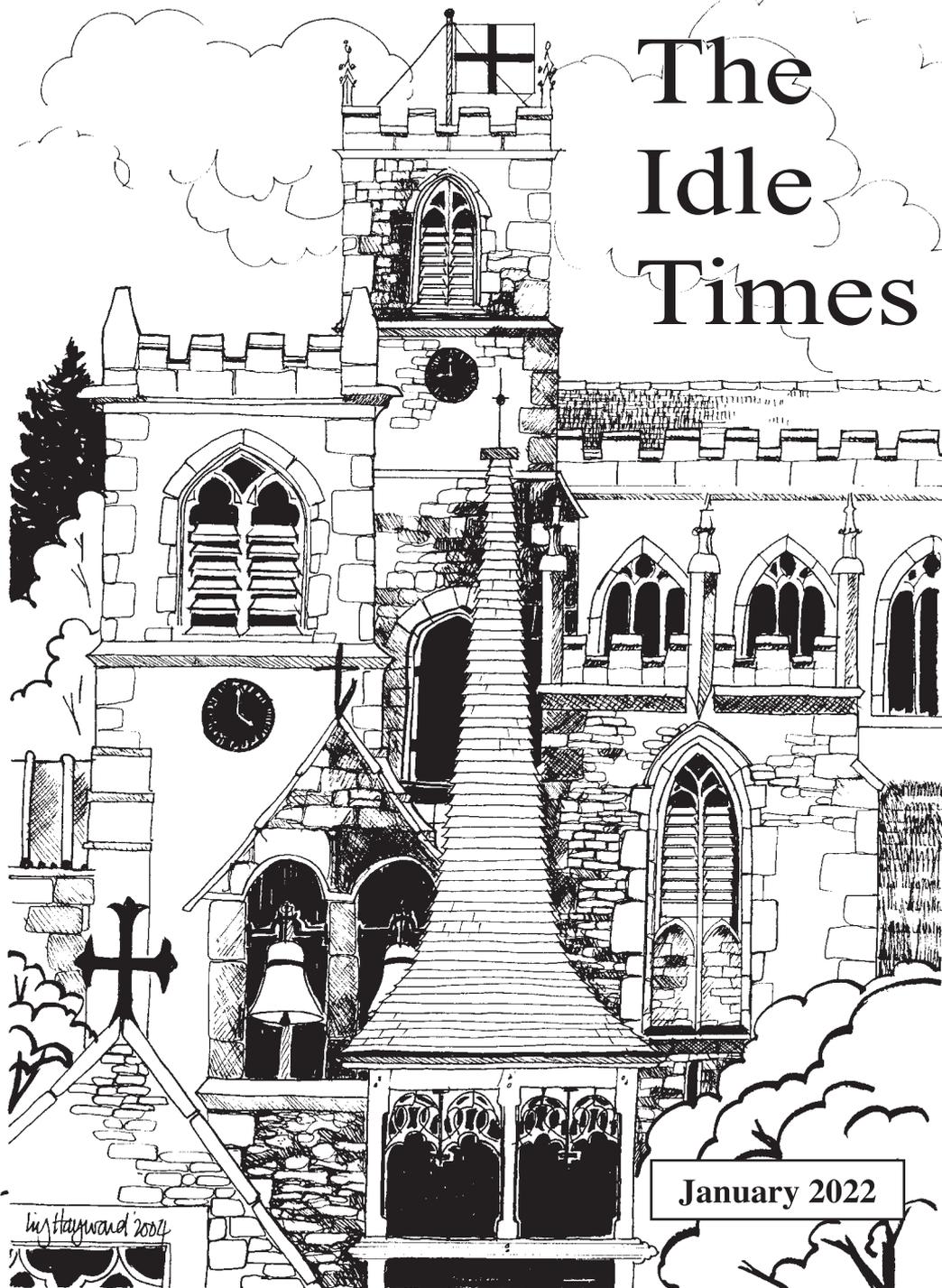


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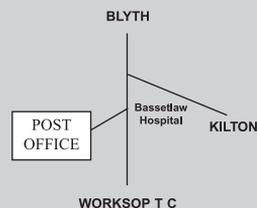
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Church Diary for January

<i>January</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 2	9.00am	Holy Communion	Scofton
	9.30am	Readings and Reflections	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Babworth
Sunday 9	9.15am	Holy Communion	West Drayton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 16	9.30am	Worship for All	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Babworth
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Elkesley
Sunday 23	9.15am	Holy Communion	Bothamsall
	9.15am*	Holy Communion* tbc	Eaton & Gamston
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	10.30am	Morning Worship	West Drayton
Sunday 30	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
	9.5am	Benefice Service	West Drayton

*At the time of going to print, no priests are confirmed to take this service due to vacancies and holidays. Please check with churchwardens or church team members nearer the date.



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Bothamsall Church News

Our Raffle and Christmas events on Sunday 19 December raised a magnificent £1096.29. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets or donated prizes. Thanks too to those who generously supported the event in the hall and for the kind help with catering.

We wish everyone a happy new year.

Bothamsall PCC

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Christmas activities in Eaton

Thank you to everyone who supported Eaton's Christmas activities in December. We were delighted to be joined by the Ordsall Handbell Ringers at our carol service, and also to welcome so many families and staff from Gamston C. of E. Primary School to our Christingle service. Particular thanks to our young readers Savannah, Sophia, Leo and Tommy who read so beautifully.

We were also able to raise another £500 for our project to add a kitchenette and toilet to Eaton church to create a community hub through the raffle, carol singing and the sale of Christmas cards created by our resident artist Meg Glover. We look forward to being able to start the building work in 2022!

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Pews for sale

In preparation for the building work, Eaton church has 3 Victorian pine pews for sale – they are available for immediate collection. Each pew is 3 metres/9 foot long and costs £75. Please contact Lucy (07979 016920) if you are interested.

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Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Regrettably, our last meeting in November had to be cancelled at short notice due to Covid 19 however the Clerk and members of the Parish Council have continued to progress matters outlined at the October meeting.

We would like to wish everyone in the parish a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2022.

Monitoring Commercial Vehicles through Bothamsall

The large Commercial Vehicles that pass through Bothamsall can cause any of us inconvenience and some fear, with the narrow Pavements, narrow parts of Main Street, and vehicles parked on the Pavements obstructing the free access to pedestrians and mobility-aid users.

Over time the offenders have been monitored and reported to the Nottinghamshire County Council with some success, but first a bit of background to the “Order” that restricts these larger vehicles;

In 1980 Nottinghamshire County Council made a “Traffic Order” in line with various “Road Traffic Acts” from 1967 onwards that restricted access to the “C6 Warsop-Thoresby-Bothamsall Road and Forest Lane, Bassetlaw” by banning “Heavy Commercial Vehicles” except for access and, generally, maintenance work. This Order classed “Heavy Commercial Vehicles as exceeding 3 tons! This has been amended over the years to now class such vehicles as being ‘over 7.5 tonnes’.

There are exclusions, some of which are Emergency Vehicles, Horseboxes, Cattle Trucks, and non-commercial vehicles. These include Coaches, Agricultural Traffic and those seeking access to any properties or land within the boundaries of the Traffic Order.

Interestingly, this Traffic Order is controlled by Trading Standards, not the Police!

What can we do about these vehicles?

Nottinghamshire County Council has a website that enables the public to report the offenders. Details required are Name of Street (usually Main Street in this case) Registration Number, direction of travel, date and time, and any details from the vehicle such as Name, telephone number etc. However, this could lead to duplications which would unnecessarily increase the work load at the Trading Standards Office. To avoid this any sightings can be reported to the Clerk to Bothamsall Parish Council, but note that Trading Standards do need to be advised within two weeks of the sighting.

The following is a copy of the website details;

You will need

- *vehicle registration number*
- *date of the sighting*
- *time of sighting*
- *name or number of the road.*

Your contact details are optional.

What will happen next

When we receive your report we will:

- *obtain plate details from the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) to check if the vehicle identified is over the weight restriction mentioned*
- *make a decision as to what action is necessary.*

Please note: All Lorry Watch submissions are followed through to conclusion, but it is not possible to give individual feedback.

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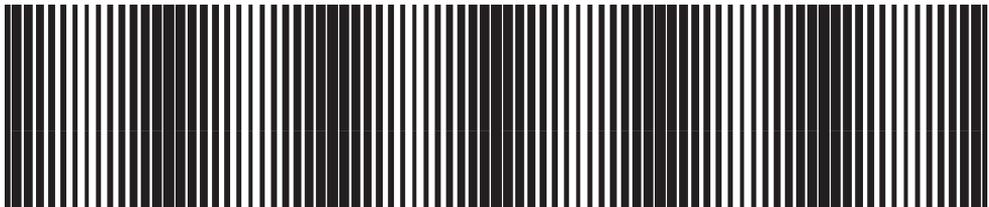
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