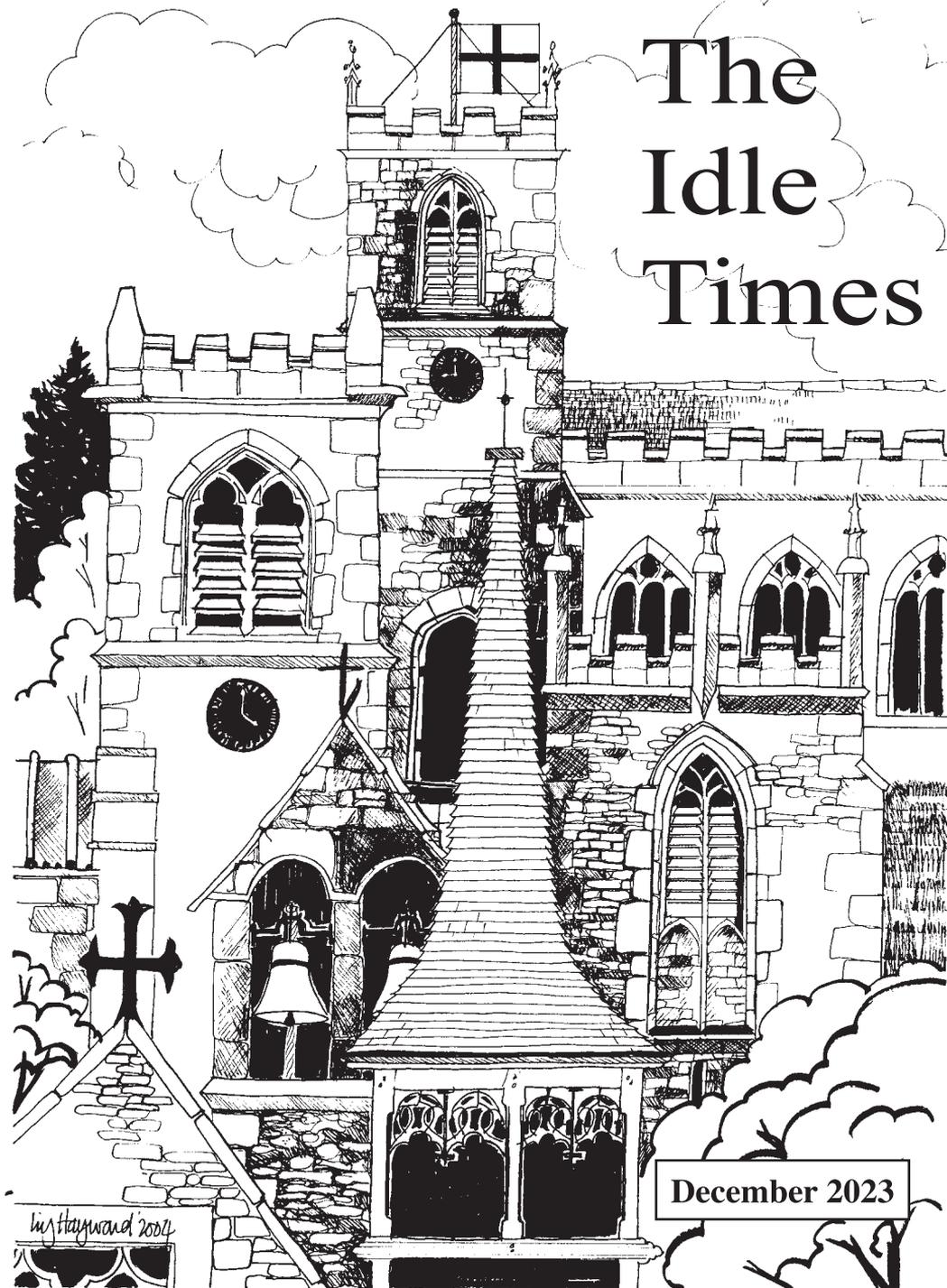


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<i>December</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 3	9.00am	Holy Communion	Scofton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Babworth
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Elkesley
Sunday 10	9.15am	Holy Communion	West Drayton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
	6.30pm	Carol Service	Eaton & Gamston
Saturday 16	6.00pm	Carol Service	Bothamsall
Sunday 17	9.30am	Las Posadas	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Babworth
	11.00am	Family Service	Elkesley
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Osberton
Sunday 24 Christmas Eve	4.00pm	9 Lessons and Carols	Babworth
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Eaton & Gamston
	6.30pm	Blessing of the Crib	Sutton-cum-Lound
	9.00pm	Christmas Communion	Bothamsall
Monday 25 Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound
	9.30am	Christmas Worship	West Drayton
	10.30am	Christmas Worship	Eaton & Gamston
	11.00am	Christmas Worship	Babworth

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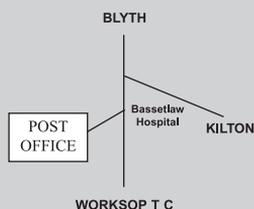
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Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2023 at Gamston School.

The meeting began with the usual formalities and the minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as being correct.

There were three members of the public present who all shared their concerns about the recent flooding, un-repaired damage to roads and planning issues.

District Council matters

District Councillor Dinsdale did not attend the meeting but sent his apologies. The clerk is to request that Councillor Dinsdale provides a written update in the future if unable to attend meetings.

Anti Social behavior in Eaton

We are still awaiting an update from Bassetlaw District Council Anti Social Behaviour Team in order to reach a long-term solution. The Clerk will chase this up again both with BDC and District Councillor Dinsdale.

Any District Council issues (Fly tipping/ broken or missing street nameplates/ dog fouling etc.) should be reported to Bassetlaw District Council at www.bassetlaw.gov.uk

If no action is taken then it should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council for escalation.

County Council and Highways matters

County Councillor John Ogle was not present at the meeting and did not send an update.

Rectory Lane adjacent to Severn Trent Sewage Works, Gamston – overgrown hedges and trees are making the pavement difficult to use.

The overgrown hedges and trees have now been cut back.

Muttonshire Hill, Gamston – Request to extend the 40mph out of the village.

It has now been agreed that the 40 mph speed limits will be extended out to prior to the entrance to Gamston airfield and will include the required repeaters closer to the village. Although there is no time scale for this, it is now on the Schedule of Works.

Interactive Speed Sign

Still awaiting quotes and risk assessments.

Footpath safety

The Parish Council have proposed that the public right of way leading from West Drayton village to the A1 should be closed due to the safety concerns of pedestrians on the A1. This proposal will be forwarded to the Countryside Access Manager.

Church Lane and Old London road near Eel Pie Farm, West Drayton – road repairs

This has been reported on numerous occasions and the recent flooding has exasperated the conditions. Whilst the County Council has previously stated that there are no funds available to carry out this work, the Parish Council believe that this is now a matter of Health and Safety. There is no footpath and residents, dog walkers; elderly and unsteady residents from the care home, rambles and people attending church have to negotiate the deep potholes on Church Lane. The Clerk will send an email to Highways highlighting these concerns.

Streetlight at Woodyard Lane, Eaton

The streetlight has still not been repaired and the Parish Council believes this is a safety issue due to the dark nights and a trip hazard for residents due to the state of the road. The clerk will email both Highways and County Councillor Ogle to progress this.

Bus shelter repair, Eaton

The bus shelter has now been repaired.

At the previous meeting, CC Ogle stated that he is keen to get the white lines repainted at the entrances to the villages as many of them have worn away and some funds are available. The clerk will send a list of relevant locations.

Members of the public are advised to report any new Highways issues (faulty street lights/ overgrown hedges & trees/ pavement, road & drainage issues etc.) in the first instance, through the 'My Notts' app or online at www.Nottinghamshire.gov.uk

If no action is taken then they should then bring it to the attention of the Parish Council for escalation.

Community Speedwatch

PCSO Dale has still not carried out any risk assessments in the villages in our parish to ascertain suitable locations where the speed camera could be used. The Clerk will chase this up again. Due to the cost implications of purchasing the equipment and the lack of investment by the Police, the Parish Council are now considering whether or not this is actually a viable option.

Flooding

The effects in each village were discussed and the predominant question was why did it happen? The clerk is to request information from the relevant agencies regarding what happened and their response to the disaster. Each village had a different experience with the agencies. None of the residents received the Government flood alert. Overall, Councillors felt let down as a community and want to safeguard residents and properties in the future. The Parish Council would like to be involved in helping the agencies make the correct decisions for our area so that we could be more prepared to deal with any future issues. The flood plan that was created a few years ago will be revisited and updated and a flood assist kit will be researched. The Clerk will look into the Flood Warden Scheme.

Finance

Payments were approved and income receipts and bank account balance were agreed.

Planning

Works to trees with a TPO consisting of various trees at Gamston Manor Great North Road Gamston Nottinghamshire Ref. no: 23/01297/TPO | Received: Fri 27 Oct 2023 | Validated: Tues 31 Oct 2023 Status: Awaiting decision

The Parish Council were in favour to this application however it was felt that T6 would still overhang the neighbouring property and wondered whether it could be reduced even more.

The Installation of a New Sharable 25m Lattice Mast Collocated with an Existing Compound Including a Base Station, 2.4m High Palisade Fencing, 6 no Operator Cabinets, 1 no Meter Cabinet, 2 Dishes, 6 no Antennas, and Ancillary Development Thereto.

Mast Glebe Farm Causeway Lane Gamston Nottinghamshire

Ref. No: 23/01344/ABT | Received: Tue 07 Nov 2023 | Validated: Thu 09 Nov 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

No comments.

Installation of External Wooden Cladding Control Tower Gamston Airfield Ollerton Road Gamston Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 23/01343/FUL | Received: Tue 07 Nov 2023 | Validated: Fri 10 Nov 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

No comments.

Lawful Development Certificate for the Creation of Hard Standing Area for the Landing and Take Off of a Personally Owned Helicopter: Apple Barn Great North Road Gamston Nottinghamshire DN22 0PY Ref. No: 23/01313/CTP | Received: Wed 01 Nov 2023 | Validated: Wed 15 Nov 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

The Parish Councillors were unsure of the implications of this application compared with the original, which was withdrawn and so further clarification is required. As a result, it will be discussed during the next meeting.

Street naming and numbering 23/00073. Barn east of Jockey house Cottage, Jockey Lane, Elkesley, Nottinghamshire. New development, allocation of new name 'Jockey Lodge'

No comments.

Please note that all applications, both current and historic can be viewed by accessing the following: <https://publicaccess.bassetlaw.gov.uk/online-applications> where you can also opt to receive automatic notification by email when new plans are uploaded.

West Drayton defibrillator update

Councillor Davies reported that there was now power to the phone box and Councillor Ramsden has sourced a defibrillator through the Community Heartbeat Trust at a cost of £500. This will be funded by West Drayton residents and also an earlier donation made by County Councilor Ogle from available funds. All that remains is for the defibrillator to be installed.

Lengthsman winter work schedule

A discussion took place and the Lengthsman will be set new tasks for the winter months.

As these are notes from the meeting, please visit our website at www.gamstonwestdraytoneatonparishcouncil.co.uk where the minutes of the meeting provide more detail, or alternatively speak to one of the Parish Councillors.

The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 14th December 2023 at Gamston School.

Please contact the Clerk with any matters you wish to raise at

clerk.gamston@outlook.com

**£750 raised for the Children's Air Ambulance**

A massive thank you to the residents of Bothamsall for supporting the coffee morning on Saturday 18th November. A great turn out, lots of fabulous cake and a brilliant £500 raised for The Children's Air Ambulance (which has since been topped up to £750 by Close Brothers Motor Finance.)

For those not familiar with the charity, the Children's Air Ambulance is a patient transfer service for critically ill children and babies. Only a handful of hospitals in the UK have specialist paediatric services, so this flying intensive care unit can move children in life threatening situations in a fraction of the time than it takes by road.

You might have seen the green helicopters flying overhead, as one of the two aircraft is stationed right on our door step at Gamston Airport.

The charity are always looking for ways to create awareness of their service so if you can site a clothing bank or a collecting tin, or would like to join their monthly lottery or kids club – The Crew – visit their website for more information.

<https://theairambulanceservice.org.uk/childrens-air-ambulance/>

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Last week's Elkesley Parish Council meeting was held at the new time of 6pm on Wednesday 15th November 23. It had been decided that our Council meetings will be trialled at the earlier time of 6pm in an effort to maximise work life balance and to try and include more members of the community. The decision has been made during this meeting to continue this new time table which appears to be running well.

Our thoughts are again with Councillor Mick Stronach who remains in a stable condition and has been discharged back home after suddenly falling unwell several weeks ago. We send our best wishes to Cllr Stronach and wish him a speedy recovery.

Once again partnership working has remained key, with issues continually being addressed such as criminality, anti-social behaviour and anti-social driving, PC Steve Pridmore has become the new local Beat Manager; the aim of the Council is to work alongside PC Pridmore in order to maximise public safety and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. A National week of Police action has seen varying departments tackle driving this week locally, and this will continue in order to maximise road safety.

Please report any incidents of Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour, Anti-Social Driving or other illegal activity or incidents to Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800555111**, or report incidents directly to the Police on **101**, or in an emergency or if life or property are at risk call **999**.

Another reminder that the date is set for the Christingle and Christmas lights turn on, Sunday 3rd December 23. The Christingle will commence at 4pm at the Church, followed by the Christmas lights switch on and festivities at the Village Hall at 5pm, where the bar will be open, various stalls, stands and items on sale and display we will in place and food will be served by the amazing "MEAT CASTLES" who serve home made burgers, fries etc, definately one to save for your diaries! See Elkesley Parish Council Facebook page, the Village Hall page or the Village Facebook notice board for further details, it looks to be a great afternoon!

Elkesley Parish Councillors have again donated many hours this month, much of which is spent on administrative duties due to Highways faults, issues around Criminality, Anti-Social Behaviour, Theft and Vandalism over recent months and neighbourhood and event planning. Also the checks on the park and play equipment, checks on our village defibrillators which are in the bus stop near the church and at the shop, and other tasks such as work on the Churchyard and Cemetery.

Now the colder weather has arrived its noticeable that several street lights are out which have been reported, some already repaired. It appears that the bridge over the A1 on Elkesley Bridge Road is also developing a ridge once again and this will be closely monitored and reported for any required remedial works to be decided or conducted.

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If you meet the criteria and could benefit from loft and cavity wall insulation, UPVC upgrades, solar and batteries, air source heating and other areas, then you may be eligible and may be entitled to this assistance.

Get in touch with Bassetlaw District Council if you think you could benefit or if require further information.

Some properties in the village have already benefited and are up and running with Air Source and Solar, so it's worth an enquiry, you too could benefit!

****IMPORTANT ROAD CLOSURE INFO****

Jockey Lane is due to be closed for several days, commencing on 4th December 23, this may be delayed due to other environmental issues or changes to planning, but please bare this in mind when planning your journeys around this date.

Thanks once again to Cllr Nigel Turner from Notts County Council who was in attendance this week, and is always happy to support our Parish Council.

Thanks to members of the village who sit on the neighbourhood planning group who work alongside the Parish Council. Overall the feedback is positive and some funds have now been allocated to the village, so far £10,000. A great result and genuine and sincere thanks to those who have helped secure it for the benefit of Elkesley and our future proofing.

This is a snap shot of our agenda and the main topics discussed at our last meeting. Would you like to attend our next meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 20th December 23?

Better still, would you like to sit on our side of the table and donate a little time to building and developing our community?

Elkesley Parish Council still has vacancies, we only have 5 Parish Councillors at present, and we welcome anyone who has some spare time to assist. Is that person you? Do you have someone you can recommend? If so please contact the Parish Clerk for Elkesley at:
elkesleyclerk@gmail.com

ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a very busy half-term so far but a fantastic one at that!

For Remembrance, the children considered why it is so important that we still remember and showed their respect through the creation of poetry and artwork along with creating a poppy with petals describing reasons to remember and various other masterpieces.

Our Elkesley Innovators raised a whopping £195.49 during our 'SPOTacular' fundraising day for Children In Need. Children dressed up in spots and took part in various activities to raise money. Thank you to everyone who donated toward the fundraiser.

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the maths workshop evening where we discussed how we teach maths within school and had a focus look at our calculation policy; thank you also to the parents who joined us for a Fantatsic maths day!

During anti-bullying week, we wore odd socks to join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination. Alongside this, we completed work to raise awareness of bullying and how can stop it; with a focus on speaking out! The following week we celebrated interfaith week where we considered the different faiths in our community and how we all work together. We had a humanist visitor who was fantastic and taught each class about humanism.

Preparations are underway for our Christmas festivities. Our EYFS and KS1 children have their parts for the nativity and are currently singing festive songs in preparation for the performance. We are holding a grand Christmas Fayre for all children, parents and members of the village. This will include games, the sale of decorations made in school and a bake sale; along with a range of stalls from the local community. We hope you can make it!

We are also looking forward to the Christmas Dinner Day, Christmas Jumper Day, Class parties and our PTA-led Christmas Movie Night.

Christmas at All Saints Eaton

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Christmas Fayre on 19th November. Visitors enjoyed craft and gift stalls as well as a tombola, homemade cakes and refreshments. Thanks to your support we raised £486 towards improvements to the heating and lighting at All Saints.

We would also like to welcome you to our Christmas services:

Carol service, Sunday 10th December at 6.30pm: We're delighted to be joined by the Ordsall Handbell Ringers to help us to ring in Christmas with a selection of carols. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Christingle, Sunday 24th December, 4pm: Our traditional Christingle service will take place on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day Service, Monday 25th December, 10.30am: Join us for our Christmas Day service of readings and carols in Eaton All Saints' church. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School News

We have enjoyed a fabulous November at Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School!

We have supported BBC Children in Need by joining in with The Great SPOTacular! On Friday 17 November 2023, children and staff dressed in spots to raise money for this great cause.

This term has seen several trips (including a residential) take place. Bannister Class (Year 5 & 6) visited The Space Centre as part of their science work, Hillary Class (Early Years) and Nightingale Class (Year 1 & 2) have visited White Post Farm and Tyndale Class (Year 3 & 4) have spent 3-days in the wonderful Derbyshire village of Hathersage. During the 3-day visit, the children enjoyed a plethora of activities and some picturesque countryside hikes!

Christmas at Gamston is well underway! Over the Christmas period, we are looking forward to performing our Nativities, having a visit from Santa and welcoming the community to our Christmas Fayre (Monday 18 December at 3:30).

As always, please do (continue to) follow the school's much-loved and well-followed X/Twitter account @GamstonStPeters to see what is happening within the school.



Bothamsall Carol Service and Christmas Supper Saturday 16 December

The Carol Service will be held at 6.00pm in the church followed by supper at the village hall. There will be a collection in church with half the proceeds towards the Red Cross and half to maintain the church.

The supper will be hot turkey and ham rolls plus mince pies etc : adults £7 and children under 12 £3.50. To help with catering please can you telephone Joan Eaglen 01623 861318 by Sunday 10 with the number attending.

We will be holding a raffle to be drawn on the night and would be grateful for donations of prizes. These are being collected by Joan Eaglen, Teranjo, Main Street or Margaret Sagar, Applegrove, Main Street,

*Merry Christmas from
Bothamsall Church Team*

Find the ten differences between the two pictures.



1: *How does a Snowman get to work?*

By icicle.

2: *What do snowmen wear on their heads?*

Ice caps

3: *What two letters of the alphabet do snowmen prefer?*

I.C.!

And finally:

*To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake
it is necessary to stand out in the cold.*



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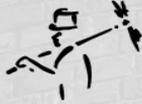
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