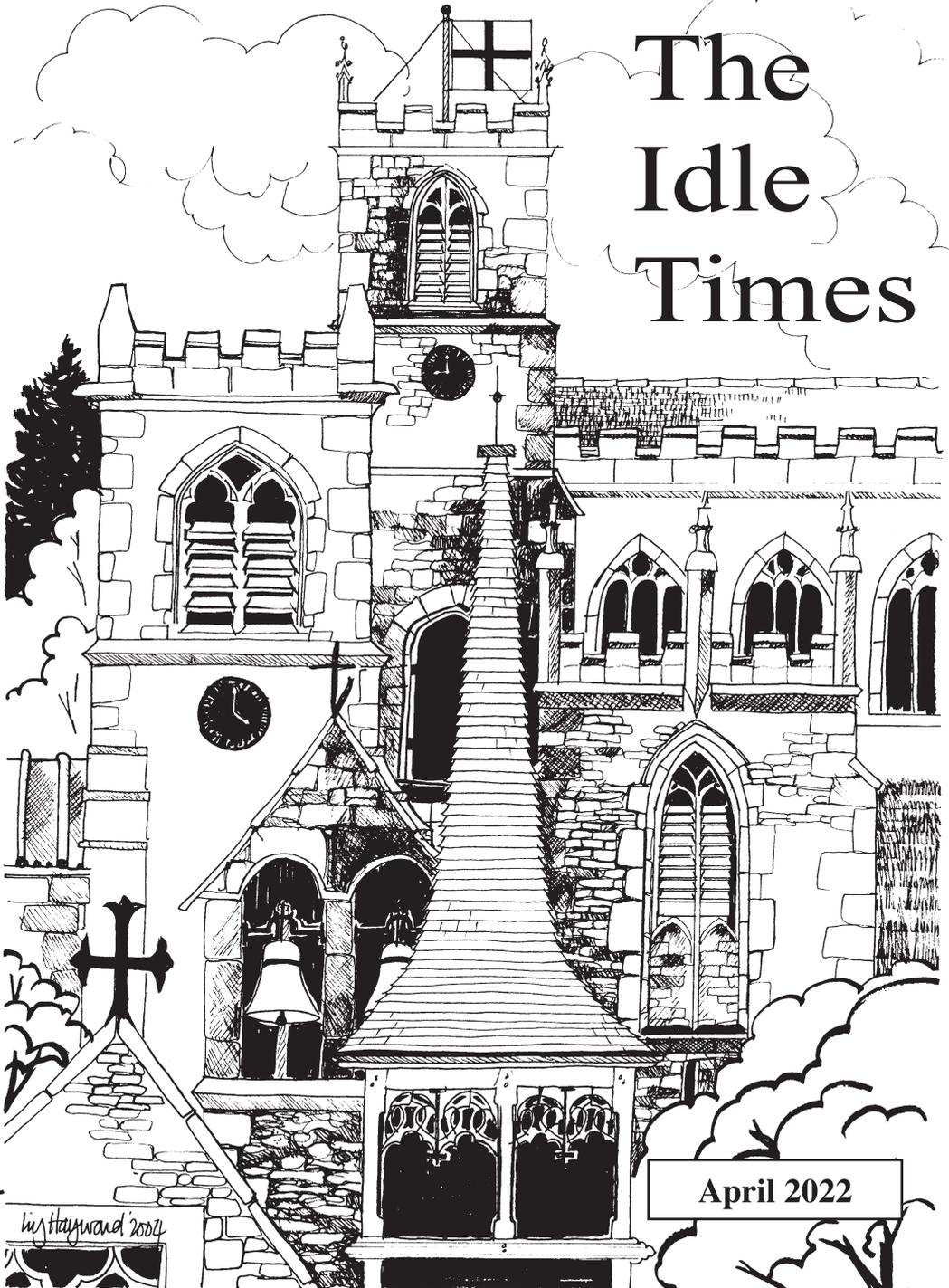


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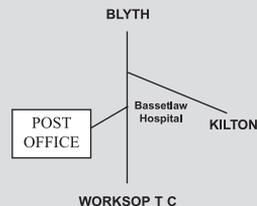
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Church Diary for April

<i>April</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service/Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 3	9.30am 11.00am	Family Service Worship for All	Sutton-cum-Lound Babworth
Sunday 10 Palm Sunday	9.15am 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Worship for All Holy Communion Evening Service	West Drayton Sutton-cum-Lound Ranby Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 17 Easter Sunday	9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship	Scofton Sutton-cum-Lound Babworth Elkesley
Sunday 24	9.15am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion Songs of Praise Morning Worship Morning Worship	Bothamsall Sutton-cum-Lound West Drayton Babworth



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Notes from the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15 March 2022

The meeting was taken by the Chairman, Councillor John Skelton and there were 5 Councillors present and the Clerk, Mrs Wendy Davies.

Apologies were received from Councillor Jan O'Brien.

During the public session, a resident mentioned the problem of moles around the village. This is being looked into. Pot holes on Park Lane were also mentioned, again this had already been reported but will be again,

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record.

Financial details were given and payments due were made.

A planning application to erect single storey front extension at 67 Lawnwood Avenue was discussed and no objections were made.

Details regarding the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee are to be discussed at a meeting tomorrow.

The spring village clean-up is to take place on Sunday 24 April. All meet in the car park at the village hall at 10.30 am. Equipment for litter picking will be provided.

The small BMX track is to be re-surfaced asap. There has been a slight increase in price since the original quote 2 years ago due to materials being more expensive.

The water butt in the Cemetery still has to be filled. This is in hand.

The weekly inspections of the defibrillators showed that they were in working order.

Highway's report – The pot holes on Park land and Jockey Lane are again to be reported.

The Chairman said that local police offices are now checking scrap yards on a regular basis regarding the safety of transport etc.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19 April 2022. Elkesley Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m.

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PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT

This is to take place over the weekend of 4/5 June. It is hoped a disco/dance event will be held on the Saturday evening in the hall. On the Sunday a Fete will take place on the playing field and around the hall. Food, Bar, games, stalls competitions for all ages will be taking place.

There is a meeting on Thursday 7 April at the Memorial Hall at 7.00 p.m. for further discussion of events. All are welcome many volunteers will be needed.

ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone who donated clothes, toys, blankets, toiletries and other essential items for the crisis in the Ukraine. You are amazing - the kindness and generosity of our families and the local village made a difference to the lives of people we have never met. We have seen some incredible generosity this year during all of our fundraising activities and you continue to amaze us – thank you.

As stated in the previous article, we have had an abundance of curriculum (and off-curriculum) days this half term which have all been amazing! We were overwhelmed by the incredible entries into our ‘decorate a potato as a book character’ competition for world Book Day (some examples can be seen on the news section of our website) – Congratulations to all of the winners who received a book voucher! The reading collaboration, maths and science days were a massive success and saw children fully engaged in their learning, applying skills to a new problem and working collaboratively.

It’s fantastic to be back joining interschool competitions more and more as we work with Bassetlaw School Games. This half term, our Chestnuts learnt a range of new skills at a Rugby festival which sparked a new interest in the sport for some of our learners! We have also signed up to take part in handball, a girl’s football festival and a boy’s football festival - whilst exploring further ways in which we can collaborate with other local schools to offer further experiences and competitions for our children.

We are looking forward to the summer term and the opportunities which the warmer weather brings. We have been working with Adventure Unlocked to improve our outdoor learning and are making ongoing improvements to the school grounds to support active and engaging lessons which inspire the young minds of Elkesley Primary and Nursery School.

Please be sure to head over to our website, www.elkesley.notts.sch.uk for regular updates on school life and a more detailed look into what each class is learning.

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Coffee Morning and Plant Fair in Bothamsall Village Hall Saturday 14th May from 10am - 12noon. Proceeds to Bothamsall Church

Morton Nurseries will be bringing a selection of shrubs and perennials for sale in the car park. Everyone is very welcome.

The coffee morning held in March raised a fantastic £280. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the 10th March 2022 Meeting

March saw the second Parish council meeting of the year to be held in Saint Peter's Church Gamston.

1. Open session

Julia Bowness gave a very insightful presentation on how the Defibrillator service works and the effect the national shortage of replacement parts especially the batteries and pads are having on the local Defibrillators. As many of main parts that must be replaced are currently on a lead time of six and twelve months it was decided that a replacement was required for the Gamston one which is now in position and operational and when the parts finally arrive the old one will be re-sited within Gamston. Following funding by Bid for Notts another Defibrillator is to be sited at Markham Moor in the very near future.

Paul Rider brought the Parish Council up to date with the work the EVIAG have been doing over the past two months on both the plans to reduce anti-social behavior around the river area and the forthcoming action day to make drivers aware of desire to reduce the speed to 20mph both within the village and within similar areas in the whole of Nottinghamshire.

2. Meeting

The beginning of this month's meeting two new councillors Mr. V Mee and Mr. R Vernon were welcomed. Sadly the council had accepted resignations from Cllr. Newman who had served the community since March 2010 and the Clerk, Andrea Wilson who had helped navigate the council through some challenging times since September 2018. They were both thanked for their service and involvement in helping improve our community. The Council proceeded to attend to matter raised on the agenda in the normal manner.

3. Planning

There applications to be discussed.

4. Vacancies

In other news the council has received two more applications for the two remaining seats on the Council and it was agreed that they be invited to join the council next month and are looking forward to their contributions in the future.

5. **Highways**

The Council has requested that once the figures are available from the recent traffic surveys in and around Eaton they are made available so they can be shared with the community action group.

There was also disappointment that a number of issues brought to the attention of the Highways department have yet to be addressed despite follow ups made by the council so it was agreed to escalate the matter through District Cllr. Ogle.

6. **Replacement Clerk**

The council discussed an application for the position of clerk in a closed section.

Dates for Your Diary

19.15 on Thursday 14th April 2022 – April Parish Council Meeting (venue to be confirmed)

Contacts & Meeting Minutes

Currently until the 1st April should any resident of the Parish wish to raise matters with the Parish Council please direct these to Andrea Wilson – The Clerk – andreaclarewilson@hotmail.com

Full meeting minutes can be found by visiting:

www.gamstonwestdraytoneatonparishcouncil.co.uk

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St Giles Church - Elkesley

Easter Hunt In Elkesley

Sunday 17th April 2022

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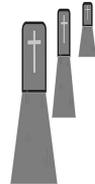
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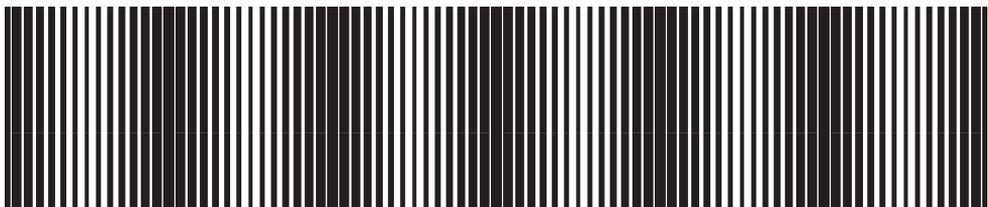
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