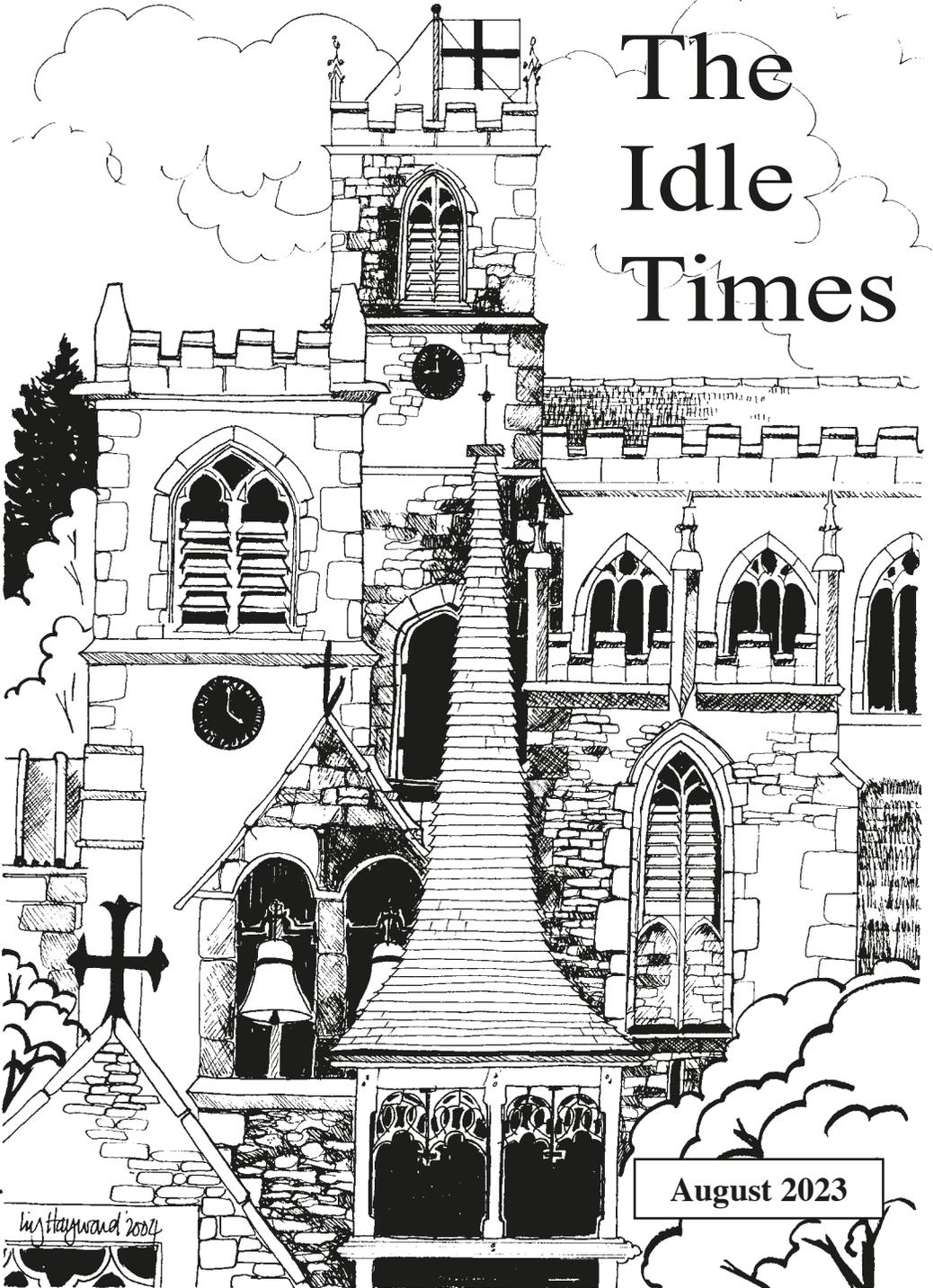


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<i>August</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 6	9.00am	Holy Communion	Scofton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Babworth
Sunday 13	9.15am	Holy Communion	West Drayton
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 20	9.30am	Patronal Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Babworth
	11.00am	Family Service	Elkesley
Sunday 27	9.15am	Holy Communion	Bothamsall
	10.30am	Morning Worship	West Drayton
	11.00am	Songs of Praise	Babworth

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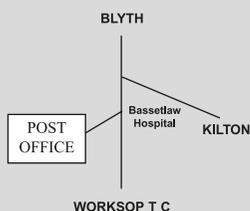
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Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2023 at Gamston School.

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

Antisocial behaviour in Eaton

The Commercial Manager at Bassetlaw District Council is to inspect a second potential site for a CCTV camera and the Anti Social Behaviour Team are trying to arrange a meeting with PC Marsh.

Update on the Community Speedwatch Programme

PCSO Dale is to carry out an assessment on all the villages in our parish to ascertain suitable locations where the speed camera could be used.

Notts bus on demand

A review is to take place in the future regarding new areas the bus could cover. The Clerk is to question when this review is likely and also ask again, why, when the bus already drives through Gamston and Eaton it will not pick up or drop off in either village.

Sharp bins

A reply has been received from the Environmental Services Manager through District Councillor Dinsdale stating that Sharps bins should be collected from the front door within the property boundary and not be left in a public place. Councillor Moakes stated that the online website contradicts this and it is still unclear.

District Council matters

District Councillor Dinsdale did not attend the meeting and there were no outstanding matters to raise.

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

Highways

County Councillor John Ogle was in attendance and the Chairman congratulated him on becoming Chair of Nottinghamshire County Council. County Councillor Ogle stated that Highways Drainage now has a budget of £850,000, but that it will take six years to carry out all the necessary repairs and that the A638 at Eaton is a priority.

The following areas were then discussed:

EATON

Feasibility study and the response from VIA

Whilst some progress has been made, the Parish Council are still not satisfied with the results of the feasibility study and feel that traffic calming in the actual village has not been dealt with and that the response does not give enough detail as to why measures will not be taken. As the study was carried out in 2020 during lockdown, it was agreed that the figures for vehicles speeding through the village are incorrect and in order to reflect reality, a further study should take place.

County Councillor Ogle confirmed that Eaton is now a safety priority and that the entrance to Eaton from the Ordsall side will have the required work carried out when money becomes available. He suggested that the Parish Council email the Highways Officer for our area and ask when the promised work will be delivered.

GAMSTON

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

Work has still not been carried out and there is to be a re-inspection. CC Ogle requested that an email be sent to both himself and Highways to forward the issue.

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

County Councillor Ogle stated that this will not happen, although we have not been informed by Highways. The Clerk will email Highways requesting why this will not be carried out.

ROCKLEY

Overgrown footpaths on the A638 between Rockley and Markham Moor.

Residents have raised the issue that the footpath is very overgrown and un-useable. The Clerk will email Highways asking for it to be cleared.

WEST DRAYTON

Overgrown hedges on Church Lane

As this is private land, the Clerk will write to the owners requesting that the hedges be cut back as they are obscuring the view of the junction.

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.

Finance

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

Planning

Change of Use for the Conversion of an Existing Barn Building to Holiday Accommodation
Gamston Wood Farm Gamston Wood Upton Nottinghamshire DN22 0RB Ref. No: 23/00704/
COU | Received: Mon 05 Jun 2023 | Validated: Wed 21 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Works to Trees in a Conservation Area T1 - Silver Birch - Crown Lift to 2.5m from Ground
Level (currently 1.8m). Reduce in Height by 3m (Current Overall Height is Approx. 9m)
3 Manor Close Gamston Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0RP Ref. No: 23/00778/CAT |
Received: Mon 26 Jun 2023 | Validated: Mon 26 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Variation of Condition 2 on P.A 23/00018/HSE for the Alteration to the Design to Include an
Internal WC with External Entrance Door Replace Drawing No RDS 11694/12H with No
RDS 11694/12(L) Gamston Manor And Land Great North Road Gamston Nottinghamshire
Ref. No: 23/00768/VOC | Received: Thu 22 Jun 2023 | Validated: Wed 05 Jul 2023 | Status:
Awaiting decision

Erect First Floor and Two Storey Side Extension, Single Storey Side Extension and Boundary
Wall and Entrance Gates (Resubmission of 22/01512/HSE) North House Woodyard Lane
Eaton Nottinghamshire DN22 0FY Ref. No: 23/00700/HSE | Received: Fri 02 Jun 2023 |
Validated: Mon 19 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Carry Out Works to Trees Within a Conservation Area - Two Leylandii Trees (T1 and T2)
Reduce Height by 5m Milben Close Church Lane Gamston Retford Nottinghamshire DN22
0QA Ref. No: 23/00807/CAT | Received: Mon 03 Jul 2023 | Validated: Wed 12 Jul 2023
|Status: Awaiting decision

There were no objections to any of these applications.

Construct Private Helicopter Landing Pad

Apple Barn Great North Road Gamston Nottinghamshire DN22 0PY

Ref. No: 23/00754/FUL | Received: Tue 20 Jun 2023 | Validated: Tue 11 Jul 2023

Status: Awaiting decision

This application raised some questions and Councilor Mee will contact the Civil Aviation
Authority for clarification.

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.

Mosquitoes in Gamston

Following two years without a problem, the mosquitoes are back in Gamston. Councillor Worthington read an update from Environmental Health at BDC, which said that whilst they have sprayed again this year, they are unable to access some of the problem area due to overgrown vegetation. They are monitoring the situation and will spray again if necessary. Local residents have arranged a meeting on Sunday 23rd July at St Peters Church, Gamston to discuss this problem.

Village signs

Councillor Ramsden has been approached by residents of Rockley requesting the possibility of village signs being placed at the entrances to the village. Whilst this is very appealing and would be supported by the Parish Council, unfortunately it would be very expensive to erect signs at the entrances to all five villages (requiring 15 signs in total). The cost for even one sign per village would be over £30,000 & this is just not possible from Parish Council funds. It was suggested that the residents could look into fund raising schemes in order to progress with this.

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 September 2023 at Gamston School.

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

clerk.gamston@outlook.com



Retford and District Historical and Archeological Society

The society's lecture programme for 2023-24 starts on Wednesday 13 September with a talk by Sam Millard on The Rufford Poachers. Do come and learn about the circumstances and consequences of a clash in the 1850s between gamekeepers and local workers on the hunt for food. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in Chapelgate Hall situated behind Grove Street Methodist Church. The meeting on 11 October is by Maggy Watkins on Katherine Swynford - The Scandalous Duchess. New members are welcome and can join the Society in September for an annual subscription £10 for 9 lectures. Otherwise visitors are charged £3 per meeting. All meetings are on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School News

The end of another academic year...

This academic year has seen many wonderful events and occasions including; academy conversion, the PFA colour run, a visit from Bishop Paul, the installation of the new early years outdoor area, a return to St Peter's church for festival services, visiting authors, residentials, sports day, summer fayre, and much more! It has been a joy to be part of so many special events and the continued support of our whole-school community is greatly appreciated.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day returned on Wednesday 28 June 2023. Over 100 parents and family members joined us to watch an afternoon of competitive races! From the egg and spoon to the 50m sprint, great fun was had by all!

Summer Fayre

We have also enjoyed our annual Summer Fayre. Although the weather did not permit us to hold it outside, this year, we still had a wonderful time and the event was very well attended. Our wonderful PFA organised the event which included a plethora of food, a variety of games, tombola's, raffles, and much more. Thank you to all who attended. At the time of writing, we do not have an exact figure but we believe that we have raised in excess of £1600, which is incredible!

Year 6 Leavers

It is that time of year, again, when we must say 'goodbye' to a cohort of children. We planned to give them the best send-off possible and we hope we achieved our aim. Children have been on a school trip to Wheelgate, performed their end of year production (Super Stan), had a residential at Kingswood, enjoyed a water fight and formally said goodbye at an end of year graduation event.

Graduating Primary School brings mixed emotions... some will be excited for the next chapter but also sad to be leaving. I've also no doubt that some are nervous about starting a new school. It is a time to remember & reflect and a time to plan and look forwards. As we reflect on their time at Gamston, the one thing that runs through all of our memories is their infectious positive attitudes and kind hearts. They have always displayed themselves as brilliant role models to all of our younger children in school. They represent all that is good, providing hope and joy in our lives. They are amazing and we are incredibly proud of them.

Elkesley School News

We have both sad and exciting news for September as Miss Tennant and Mrs Davies are moving on to new challenges. This does mean, however, that we have new members of staff starting! I am excited to welcome to the team Miss Turton and Mrs MacIntyre.

Miss Turton is a bubbly and enthusiastic teacher with lots of Key stage 1 experience who is excited to be joining the team; Mrs MacIntyre is our new EYFS Teaching Assistant who has a wealth of educational experience in Early Year's settings; she is also going to be our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to the team.

We are excited to be offering two residential to all of our Key Stage 2 children from September 2024. Our lower Key Stage 2 have an opportunity to stay at Rand Farm for 3-days/2-nights where they will begin to learn independence and will gain a better understanding of farm life, why people continue to do it, where their food comes from as well as the effect upon our environment.

Our Upper Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to visit PGL in Caythorpe Court for a 5-day/ 4-night experience. This residential offers 65 acres of space for children to enjoy and is packed full of adventure activities on land and water. From high ropes to the giant swing, each challenge will help pupils reach further and achieve more.

To support the parents of our children, we run a breakfast club each morning from 7.45am. Children are given a nutritious breakfast and have access to activities which include puzzles, drawing, board games and iPads. Some children use the time for daily reading or homework. Our after school club is available five days a week from 3.30pm to 5:30pm – children have access to a range of activities and will receive an afternoon snack. Our breakfast club and afterschool club are offered to all children of the setting, including our nursery cohort – don't forget: you can use your 30-hours code!

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. Find us on Instagram and Facebook for pictures and news about what is happening in school.

ELKESLEY MEMORIAL HALL

The Memorial Hall continues to go from strength to strength and is starting to show a healthier bank balance allowing the committee to organise heavily subsidised events.

Line Dancing on a Thursday evening is well supported helped along by the licensed bar and food being available.

The Chatty Friday club is proving to be popular amongst all age groups with tasty and very competitively priced lunches and homemade cakes available.

Following the success of the bingo evening we have another one with a chocolate theme planned for 26 August, tickets will be available soon at £12 each to include a supper of sausage and mash or macaroni cheese.

The craft club are to hold a Christmas gift fair in the hall on Saturday 28 October and the hall will be offering tea, coffee and cakes. The bar will also be open.

Moving forwards the hall will be joining forces with the crafters of Elkesley looking to raising funds for any worthy causes that need help.

18 November will see the hall hold a music evening with local band Soundbeat in attendance, food and drink will be available come and dance the night away.

The Christmas tree lights switch on will take place at the hall this year on 3 December, there will be mince pies, mulled wine etc. available.

A breakfast with Santa is in the planning for 9 December, watch out for the advertisement.

A Christmas lunch is also planned for the village on 13 December

As always if you have any ideas of what you would like to see at the hall just speak to any committee member and if you would like to become involved we would be so grateful to welcome you.

Neighbourhood Watch Alerts

21 million scam emails reported



Almost 21 million reports have been made to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS), resulting in the removal of over 235,000 malicious websites.

SERS was launched by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the City of London Police in April 2020 to enable the public to forward suspicious emails to an automated system that scans them for malicious links. Since its launch, almost 21 million reports have been made to the service.

Mobile phone providers also offer a service that allows customers to report suspicious text messages, by forwarding them to the number **7726**. The service is free of charge and enables providers to takedown malicious websites and block malicious texts from being sent across their network.

As of 31 May 2023, 54,000 text message scams have been removed as a result of suspicious texts forwarded to the **7726** service.

Commander Nik Adams, from City of London Police, said:

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A crowdfunding page on just giving has raised a whopping £865 and added to the donations from this event and the recent Wedding of Emma and Neil mean we have hit our target of £1,000.



A reminder that **Foodie Friday** is back in August.

Join us on the 11th from 7pm where the theme will be Tapas with a British flavour.

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