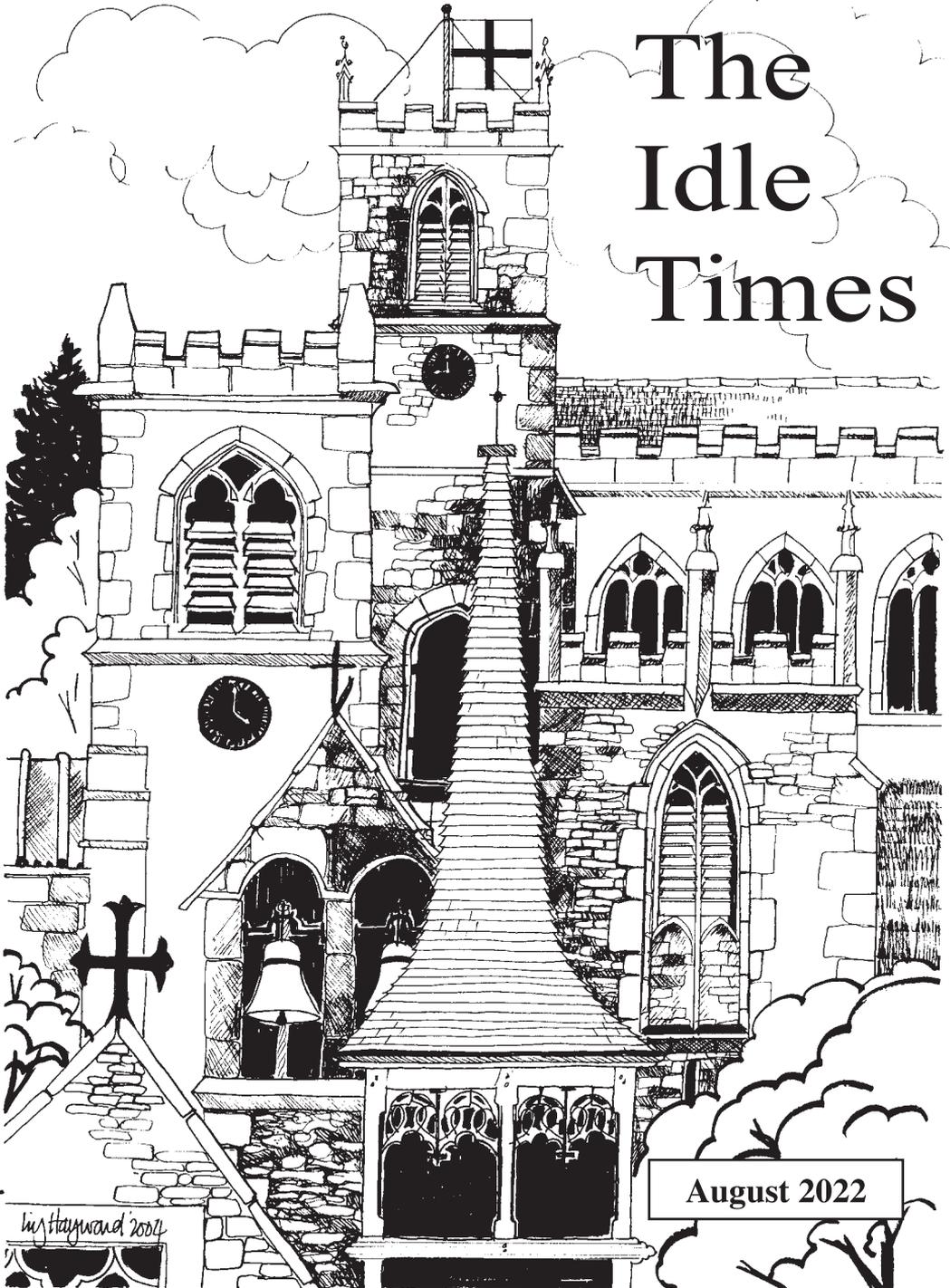


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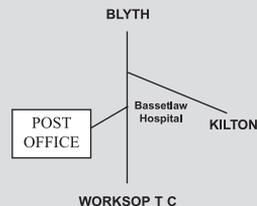
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Church Diary for August

<i>August</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 7	9.00am	Holy Communion	Scofton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Babworth
Sunday 14	9.15am	Holy Communion	West Drayton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 21	9.30am	Worship for All	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Babworth
	11.00am	Family Service	Elkesley
Sunday 28	9.15am	Holy Communion	Bothamsall
	9.30am	Patronal Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound
	10.00am	Outdoor Farm Service	Morton Grange,
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Morton
	11.00am	Songs of Praise	West Drayton Babworth



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Please will you send any articles for the September 2022 edition of *The Idle Times* to **Francis Waite**, preferably by email to fagrouting@tiscali.co.uk by 21st August 2022.

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Hymns & Pimms

A huge thank you to everyone who supported last month's Hymns & Pimms evening to raise funds for Eaton church's project to add kitchen and toilet facilities to our building.

Due to popular demand we will be running another one on Sunday 11th September at 6.30pm. We hope to see you there!

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ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

On the 20th July 2022 we had our fantastic annual sports day and wow what a fantastic Sports Day it was!

This year, in celebration of the Jubilee, we named the teams after Royal Estates. It was incredibly close this year and the final scores are as follows: Buckingham Palace = 108; Balmoral Castle = 113; Windsor Castle = 118 and the winners were Sandringham Palace with 124! Well done to those children in Sandringham Palace; your lap of victory with the trophy was well deserved.

Thank you to Miss Williams who organized this year's Sports day and all of our colleagues who worked tirelessly to accomplish a fantastic day – you are all amazing.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who had to endure the heat at the finish line, handing out stickers to the children at the end of each race.

Thank you to the PTA who did an absolutely fantastic job of organizing the raffle and various stalls – along with providing our children with ice lollies and drink to keep them hydrated in the glorious sunshine. We could not do it without you!

A special Thank you to the following local businesses for donating prizes: Elkesley village store, Starbucks Elkesley, Macdonalds Markham Moor, SB Plumbing and heating service, SEW-lutions by Mandy, The Pretty little Monkey Salon, Little Willows Childcare, Dazzling Cleaning, Nikki Hancock Hairdresser, A W Bacon & Son, Thaymars Ice cream and Tea Rooms, BPL Retford Leisure Centre and Mamma Giusi's Italisian Snack bar and Deli. And also to the parents who donated such amazing gifts for the Raffle and Tombola. With your support we raised around £400 which is invaluable for the school and the children. Thank you to everyone who supported us by buying raffle tickets, having a go at the tombola and shopping at the various stalls.

Thank you to all of the runners in the toddler race and the men's and women's adult races – it was a very difficult men's race this year – and well done to the winners!

And finally, a big thank you to the children who represented the school fantastically – showing our school values. They were happy and enjoyed the day; welcoming to all of the spectators who joined us; compassionate to one another (no sore winners!); resilient when they didn't come first; talented in all of the races, activities and yoga and every one of them was an achiever.

Bothamsall Best Garden Produce Competition and Harvest Auction Saturday 3 September

We are pleased to welcome back our famous competition for the box of best garden produce. All entries can be brought to the village hall on Saturday 3 September from 7pm. After judging these are traditionally auctioned in aid of the church. We would be pleased to receive any gifts of garden produce, flowers, jams, pickles, cakes etc to be included in the auction. Most importantly we welcome everyone to come and join in the fun of the auction, with the bar open to help loosen your bidding arm and wallet! This important building and churchyard are in need of your help to maintain their appearance. There will be light refreshments including sandwiches and cakes.

We are also asking for volunteers to help with some seasonal maintenance of the churchyard and cemetery to remove ivy and weeds on Saturday 24 September 10am – 1pm. We should be very grateful for some help!

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The Friends of St Peter's, Gamston

Following the completion of all but a few final pieces of work, we are now ready to start the process of reopening St. Peter's.

At present we have just over half a dozen volunteers, but we are keen to welcome more.

If you are interested, join us on Saturday 6th August at 10am to meet each other and to find out more about how you can help get this magnificent building used and open again.

What is a Friends Group

The Churches Conservation Trust rely on volunteers to keep our buildings open and accessible to all. A Friends Group is a group of a few people who can share out routine jobs such as key holder duties, cleaning and who can encourage the use of the church building and run some small fund-raising events.

How you can Help

We are keen to hear from people in the village who are interested in being part of this group. There will be a number of different roles and the level of commitment will be gauged by what ever you are able to offer.

If you need more information or wish to confirm your attendance, please feel free to contact Peter Clegg, Local Community Officer at The Churches Conservation Trust
pclegg@theccct.org.uk **07733 108 553**

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 14th July 2022 at Gamston School

1. Meeting

The Council proceeded to attend to matters raised on the agenda in the normal manner.

2. District & County Councillor

Councillor John Ogle recommends Councillors and members of the public to use the Nottinghamshire County Council app “mynotts” for all first-time highways issues from grass cutting, to potholes to streetlights and signs instead or in addition to the online reporting method. For further details go to :

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/news-and-media/mynottsass>

3. Highways

Gamston

The Council were updated on various matters raised with Notts County Council Highways and Bassetlaw District Council which included the news the street sign on Muttonshire Hill which has finally been replaced.

Rockley

The issue with the drains/dykes in Rockley has been inspected and the culverts under Holme Lane and A638 have been cleared out although a further inspection is due in September.

Eaton

The Parish Council have received the data from the speed tubes from VIA and were disappointed that VIA concluded the criteria for a permanent interactive sign was not met. It was agreed, following a lengthy discussion with District Councillor Ogle to further request, a detailed response from VIA clarifying their proposal and recommendations to reduce the issues of vehicles travelling at excessive speed along Main St.

4. Defibrillators

Discussions were held regarding how to assist two residents who are raising funds for defibrillators in both Rockley and West Drayton.

5. Poppy Appeal

The PC agreed unanimously to purchase more lamppost Poppies for this year's Remembrance Memorial as many of the ones previously used have perished.

6. Parish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Cllr Ramsden gave details of the upcoming launch on August 4th at Gamston School and how the scheme covers all five villages within the Parish ensuring any suspicious activities are circulated across all the villages in the Parish.

Following a visit by Bassetlaw District Councils Anti-Social Behaviour Leader he has clarified anyone experiencing any Anti-Social Behaviour should report it on **01909 533253** or online at

www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/community-and-living/anti-social-behaviour/report-ant-social-behaviour

7. Correspondence

Having discussed the correspondence from a member of the public about the land east of 19 Eaton the Parish Council agreed that a final reply would be made, and no further action would be taken on this matter.

Dates For Your Diary

Parish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Launch Event - 18.00 on Thursday 04th August 2022 at Gamston School

Next Parish Council Meeting - 19.00 on Thursday 15th September 2022 at Gamston School.

Contacts & Meeting Minutes

Any resident of the Parish wish to raise matters with the Parish Council please direct these to Mr Knox – The Clerk – clerk.gamston@outlook.com

Full meeting minutes can be found be visiting: www.gamstonwestdraytoneatonparishcouncil.co.uk

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ADULT TABLE TENNIS

We have been running a Table Tennis group in Bothamsall Parish Hall since November 2017 apart from a few breaks when Covid 19 closed the Hall. We could now do with a few new members to help to keep the group going.

We play social table tennis and are really enjoying it, get lots and lots of laughs and the exercise is good too. It costs just £2 for a 2 hour session. Sessions are held each Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. and we also have a session on a Sunday but the time does vary on Sundays.

Please let Chris Moody (**01623 860798** – answerphone on when not in) or Nicky Bennett (**07878 350636**) know if you might be interested in joining our Table Tennis group. We look forward to welcoming new friends to join us. Coaching could be available if you haven't played for a long time. You don't have to live in Bothamsall to join us – all are welcome.

Chris Moody

Gamston CofE (Aided) Primary School News

Commissioning Service

On Sunday 26 June 2022, we formally welcomed our new Headteacher, Mr Edwards, at a commissioning service at All Saints Eaton. We were joined by the Archdeacon of Newark, the Diocesan Director of Education and over 50 members of the school and local community.

Sports Day

Our first Sports Day for two years returned on Tuesday 28 June 2022. 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

Our famous Strawberry Fayre returned, this year, in the form of a Summer Fayre. Our wonderful PFA organised the event which included a BBQ, bouncy castles, tombola's, raffles, Headteacher in the stocks and much more. Thank you to the hundreds of people who attended. We raised an incredible £2138.05!

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 Mablethorpe, performed their end of year production (The Lorax), had a BBQ and sleepover at school, enjoyed a splash day 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.

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Launch Event

Gamston School

Thursday 4th August at 6pm

Refreshments available

Do you want to help make your neighbourhood safer?

The Gamson with West Drayton and Eaton Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is raising the awareness of Neighbourhood Watch throughout the Parish by hosting a Launch event.

The purpose of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Launch event is to sign people up within the Parish who have an interest in keeping the Parish a safer place.

The launch event will also discuss how we can as a group encourage neighbours to cooperate with each other, to look out for each other's properties and to report crime or anti-social behaviour in their residential areas. Everyone who joins NHW plays an important part in making their neighbourhood a safer place to live and to assist households from becoming victims of crime.

The Parish scheme will also provide:

- A community support network
- Whatsapp group to report suspicious behaviour
- Neighbourhood Facebook page
- Street Watch Volunteers
- Village Co-ordinators

These are all the new and exciting ideas that as a member you can be a part of and help protect the Parish, so please come along to the event to find out more, share concerns and interests and register to be part of a community helping to be a deterrent against crime and improve community safety.

If you live in the Gamston, West Drayton, Rockley, Markham Moor and Eaton area and would like more information on Neighbourhood Watch Launch Event, then please contact Donna by email: pc.dramsdan@aol.com otherwise we look forward to meeting you at the event.

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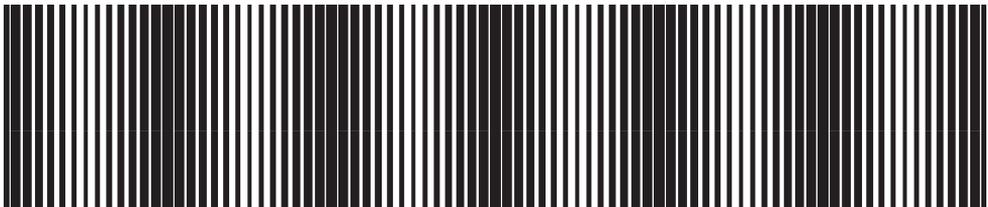
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