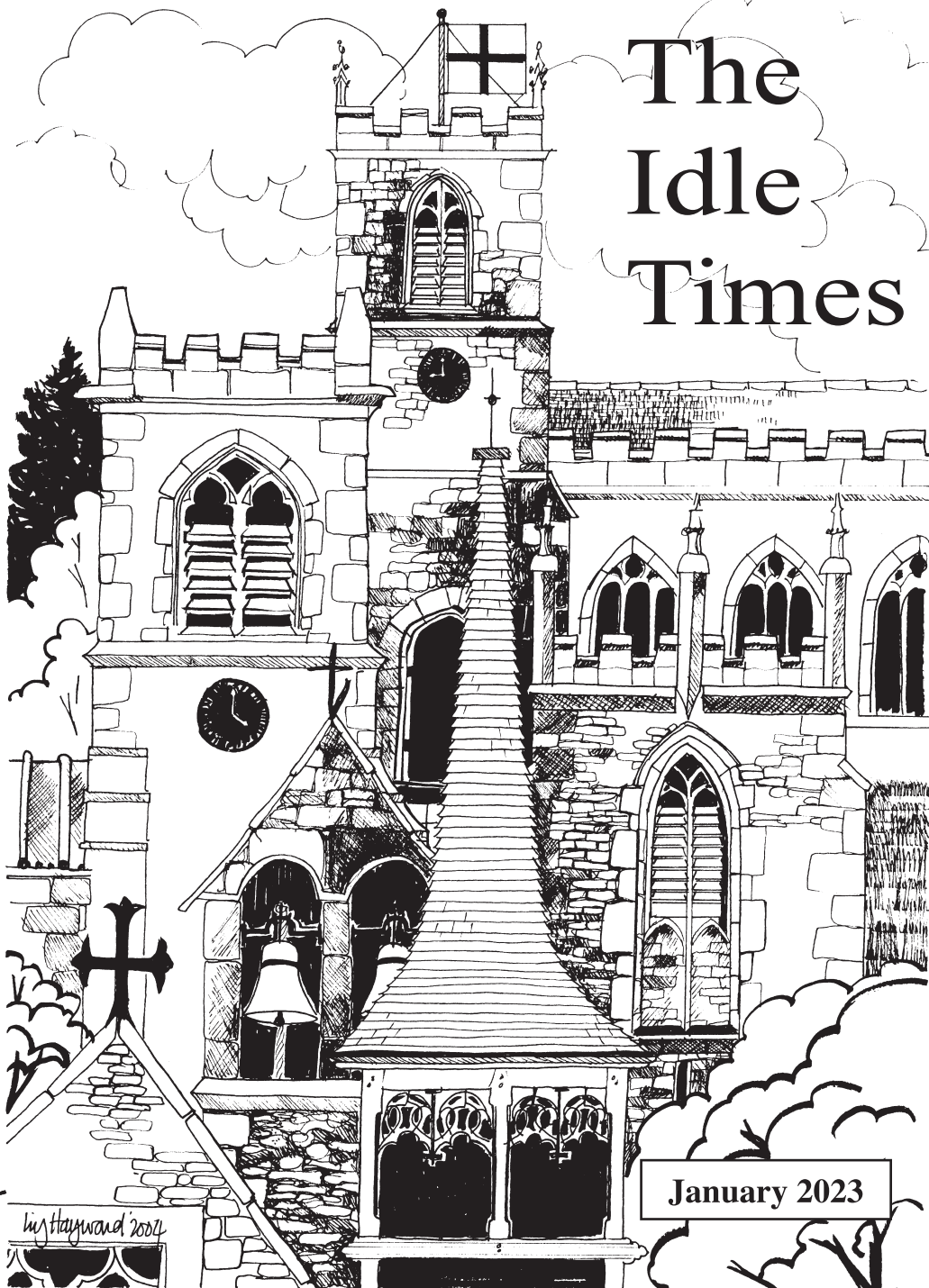


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Church Diary for January

<i>January</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service/Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 1	9.30am 11.00am	Family Service Holy Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound Ranby
Sunday 8	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Matins Evening Prayer	Sutton-cum-Lound Babworth Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 15	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Worship for All Morning Worship Holy Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound Babworth Elkesley
Sunday 22	9.15am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion Songs of Praise Morning Worship Matins	Eaton & Gamston Sutton-cum-Lound West Drayton Babworth
Sunday 29	11.00am	Group Holy Communion	Elkesley

Prospect Hill Post Office Workshop (01909 472033)

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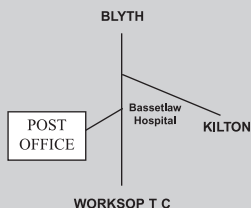
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Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at Gamston School.

The Five Villages Trust

The lease transfer from the Southwell Diocesan Board of Finance to Multi Academy Trust is in the hands of the solicitor and following minor changes should be complete by February. A discussion was held about the remit of The Five Villages Trust and the difference between the Managing Trustees and the Committee of Management.

The Dual Use Agreement was updated and changes were agreed in respect of the role of the Management Committee.

Highways

District and County Councillor Ogle did not attend the meeting and no update was received on matters outstanding.

West Drayton – The grips have now been completed.

The Clerk has chased up the road resurfacing issue but there has been no response from the Highways Manager.

Rockley – The leaning lamp post on the A638 opposite Holme Lane has been inspected and is awaiting repair, however the Inspector has said there is no danger and it is safe in it's current condition. The Clerk will chase up again for a date for repair.

Finance

Payments were approved and a discussion was held regarding a grant request from the Idle Times. The amount will be agreed at the next meeting.

The future provision of Christmas trees in the villages was discussed, as Rockley residents would like a tree. They had offered to purchase and decorate a tree but Nottinghamshire County Council would not allow them to display it, stating that the insurance would be too expensive. In the future, this could be covered by the Parish Council's insurance.

Nottinghamshire County Council also dictate around the planting of trees and so the tree would have to be ornamental only and could not be planted.

Pride in the Parishes

The funding of Pride in the Parishes was discussed and whilst it was decided that this is a very good idea and a way of bringing the community together, it would be very expensive to hold such an event. Bassetlaw District Council have an Achievers Award Ceremony and nominations can be made through them. Alternatively, a more local event could be held in conjunction with another event.

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Parishes in bloom

The donated bulbs obtained by Councillor Vernon have now been planted at the entrances to the villages.

A budget was decided to purchase wild flowers in the spring for each village.

Planning

There were no objections to the application at St Peter's Church, Gamston – Works to the interior east wall of the chancel including removal of the 1930's oak and veneered plywood paneling.

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.

Parish Council land to the east of 19 Eaton

A quote to carry out the preliminary work has now been accepted and this will be completed prior to the next inspection.

Policies

The Emergency Plan has been reviewed and is being updated.

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 12th January 2023 at Gamston School.

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

clerk.gamston@outlook.com

**The Parish Council would like to
take this opportunity to wish everyone**

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2023.

Notes from the Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council

20th December 22

The Chair started the meeting to say that it is with great sadness that the village has lost another great character Geoff Savill. During his time as a Parish Councillor for many years and then a volunteer; Geoff has done so much to shape and build our community; he was no stranger to getting stuck in to help with our projects, repairs and maintenance. A minutes silence then took place.

The Parish Council approved to install two benches for walkers to use; one on Sandy Lane and the other in the Brough Lane area.

The Councillors spent time discussing ideas for the Parish Council working with and supporting other village groups to carry out a variety of events in the village.

The Chair proposed to consider having a purpose built Christmas tree; a resident has offered to fabricate a Christmas tree structure made in sections and easy to assemble. In the long term, this would be a great saving and last for many years. It was agreed to look into the costing for this and report back at the next meeting.

The Council then went through the draft budget figures ready for the setting of the precept in January.

No objections were made against the planning application for application reference 22/01566/HSE - 73 Lawnwood Ave – Proposed porch with WC to be constructed with traditional masonry walls and render finish to match existing.

Bassetlaw District Council has identified Elkesley as a potential area that they would like to engage with on the current and upcoming schemes (funding currently up to 2025) to help with energy efficiency. They are working on domestic energy efficiency retrofit for the private housing sector, particularly focusing on low income and low EPC households. Additionally, there is a portion specifically ring fenced for off-gas properties. Leaflets have been distributed; if you haven't received one then try the internet for *Green Grants Phase 3 Nottinghamshire*. A representative from the District Council will be attending a parish council meeting after Christmas to discuss this further; residents are invited to attend if they wish.

The Mobile Community shop will not be visiting Elkesley after the 19th December. Since it's launch in September, they have just had 7 residents sign up to be members and for the last couple of weeks they have had no one visit the shop. Compared to the other locations they visit these numbers are very small. They have reviewed usage of the facility and have decided to re site the unit to another village in the New Year to see if there is a better up take of the facility.

On the 4th May 2023, the Parish elections will be taking place. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor; the District Council will be producing a guide which will be circulated in the New Year.

Finally, the Parish Council wishes you all a Happy New Year.

Bothamsall Carol Service and Supper

We are delighted to announce that the combined events raised £751, £636 towards the church and a donation of £115 has been sent to the Giving to Ukraine charity. Thank you to everyone that supported the evening, we hope you had an enjoyable evening. Also thanks to all who donated the wonderful array of raffle prizes and mince pies and to all the helpers in the kitchen on the night.

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Bothamsall Table Tennis Carollers & Ukelele Players

The Table Tennis carollers and ukulele players raised a huge £150 which is going to a Ukrainian mother, Olya and her 14-year old son who are being hosted by one of our TT friends. We had the best night ever weather-wise and hope that everyone enjoyed our visit. Sincere thanks to everyone for their very generous support and trust it will be spent wisely to bring a little joy to a family who I guess came to the UK with nothing.

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Gamston CofE (Aided) Primary School News

At the time of writing, we are in full Christmas festivities!

Over the month of December, we have enjoyed; our Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity performances, Christmas Jumper Day, a visit from Santa and his reindeer, our PFA Christmas Fayre, Christmas dinner day and our Christmas service at St. Peter's Church.

Reception, year 1 and year 2 children had a fantastic time at Sundown Adventureland, when they had a very special visit to see Santa. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the park, seeing Santa and getting a Christmas present from him.

Children in year 3 and 4 went on their residential to Castleton, this term. They took part in activities such as shelter building, fire lighting, gem panning, a cavern tour at Treak Cliff Cavern, a 5 mile walk on the 3 Rock Walk, bingo, archery, games of Jumbles and also a film night to end a fantastic few days away. The children were very tired, on their return, but also full of stories and great memories of their time away.

As always, please do (continue to) follow the school's much-loved and well-followed Twitter account [@GamstonCofE](https://twitter.com/GamstonCofE) to see what is happening within the school.

ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

From all of the staff and children at Elkesley Primary and Nursery School – we hope you had a fantastic Christmas! We had an amazing run up to the end of the term: including a wonderful time at the Christingle at St Giles Church – we enjoyed performing our Christingle song and learning about the meaning behind the Christingle and Christmas itself. We look forward to joining the church in the future for more events. We hope you can join us too!

Our amazing PTA have reformed and are supercharged to deliver some fantastic and engaging fundraising events. The Christmas cinema night was magical as the children enjoyed the Polar Express film, along with hot chocolate, popcorn and a special treat - we can't wait to see what events are in store for us this year!

The children in EYFS and KS1 performed their annual nativity. This year they performed 'Baa Baa Bethlehem'. It was a brilliant show full of drama and unintentional comedy. The songs and costumes were fantastic and the acting and effort from the children made us so proud. Another BIG thank you to the children and teachers/TAs for their effort and to the audience for supporting us.

Year 6 hosted their annual Christmas fayre: a yearly enterprising project which they plan and deliver start to finish. They hosted games, created and sold Christmas crafts and invited the whole community along.

All of these events together raised over £400. We are raising money to improve our outdoor space for our Little Acorns. Thank you to everyone who has supported so far.

Our Gymnastics club and computing club were big hit last half term. This half term Key Stage 2 children are invited to attend Street Dance and our EYFS/KS1 children are invited to attend a baking club. Breakfast club is ready to be shaken up as we have some new plans. Remember that all children from Nursery to Year 6 have the option of breakfast (from 7:45) and afterschool club (up to 5:30) daily!

Remember to check out our Instagram: [@elkesleyprimary](https://www.instagram.com/elkesleyprimary) and/or our FaceBook: [facebook.com/ElkesleyPrimary](https://www.facebook.com/ElkesleyPrimary). We currently have a wonderful rendition of 'Walking In The Air' performed by our year 5 and 6 orchestra on there – along with photos and updates!

For everything else, check out the website: <https://www.elkesley.notts.sch.uk/>

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