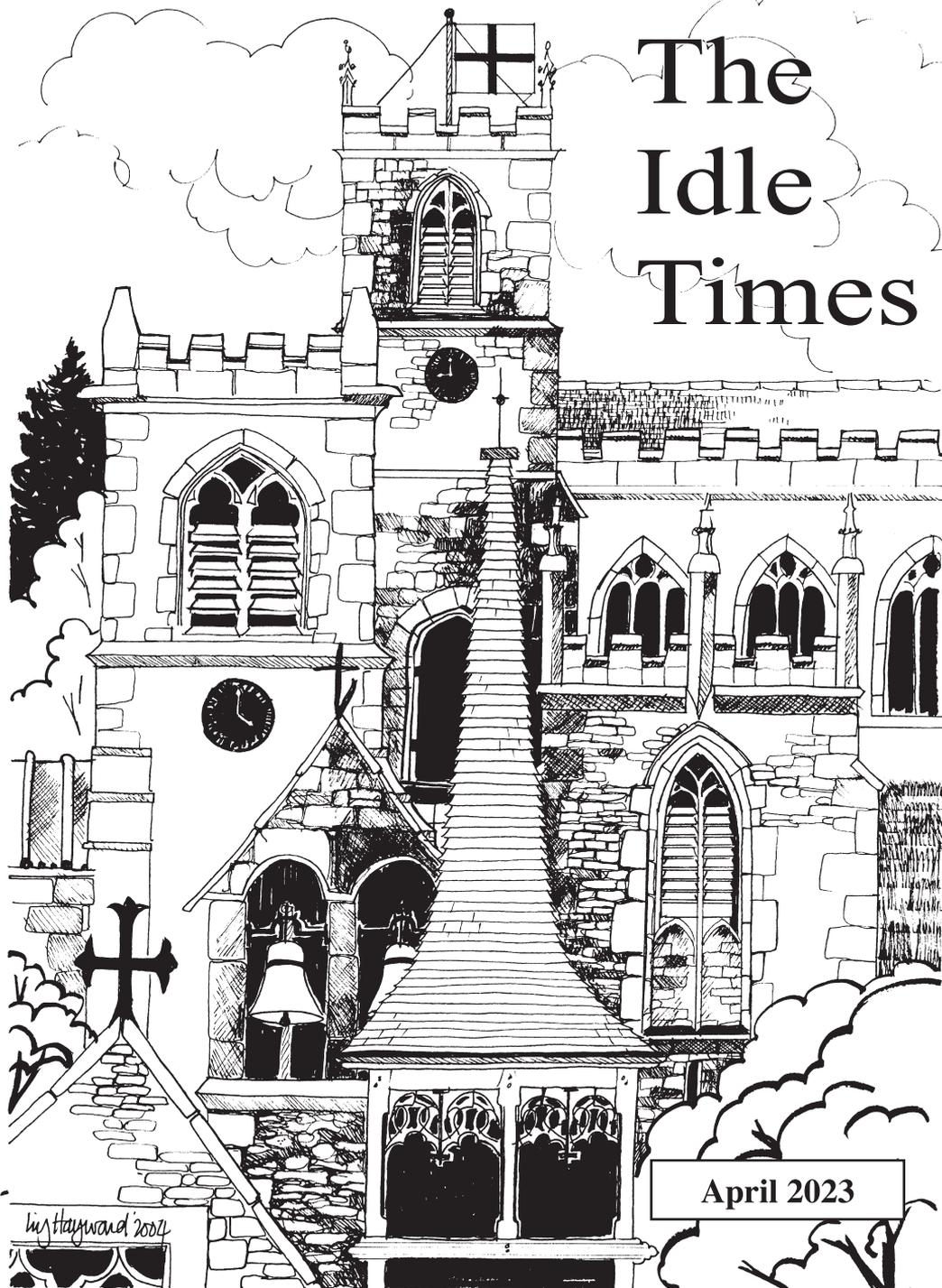


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## Church Diary for April

<i>April</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<b>Sunday 2</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	<b>Scofton</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	9.30am	Palm Sunday Family Worship	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Morning Worship	<b>Babworth</b>
<b>Sunday 9</b>	9.00am	Easter Communion	<b>Scofton</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	9.15am	Easter Communion	<b>West Drayton</b>
	9.30am	Easter Communion	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Matins	<b>Babworth</b>
<b>Sunday 16</b>	9.30am	Worship for All	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Holy Communion	<b>Babworth</b>
	11.00am	Family Service	<b>Elkesley</b>
<b>Sunday 23</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion	<b>Bothamsall</b>
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	10.30am	Morning Worship	<b>West Drayton</b>
	11.00am	Songs of Praise	<b>Babworth</b>
<b>Sunday 30</b>	6.30pm	Benefice Hymns and Pimms	

### Prospect Hill Post Office Workshop (01909 472033)

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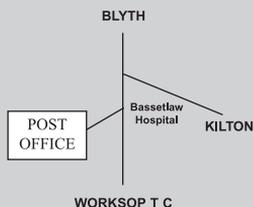
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Please will you send any articles for the May 2023 edition of *The Idle Times* to **Francis Waite**, preferably by email to [fagrouting@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:fagrouting@tiscali.co.uk) by 21st April 2023.

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## **Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council**

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

### **Meeting**

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

### **Highways**

District and County Councillor John Ogle was in attendance and the following areas were discussed:

#### ***EATON - speeding problems***

Still awaiting Nottinghamshire County Council to carry out an assessment via a feasibility study, which should be complete by 31st March. Hopefully then some solutions can be found regarding the problem of vehicles speeding through the village.

The A638 between Eaton and Retford - flooding at the area near to the layby  
The Highways Officer has said that the assets have all been cleaned but the ditch at the rear of the layby still requires clearance. The cleaning should improve the problem with flooding but the Highways Management team were going to contact the riparian owner with a view to clearing the ditch.  
Councillor Ogle stated that he will be speaking with the Highways Officer next week and will chase this up.

#### ***WEST DRAYTON – road resurfacing***

Still awaiting results from the full inspection carried out by Highways.

#### ***ROCKLEY – leaning street light***

The lamppost has been repaired and this item is now closed.

### **GAMSTON**

Muttonshire Hill

The surface renewal work has now been completed and this item is closed.  
A new item has however been raised for the problem with vehicles travelling too fast around the bend and causing damage to the field and boundary fence when they leave the road due to excessive speed. Councillor Howard suggested that the 40 mph speed limit was pushed out before the bend rather than after it to alleviate this. Councillor Ogle agreed, stating that this was also dangerous to any pedestrians as there is no footpath in that location.

A638 at its junction with Stanboard Lane – overgrown hedges.

This area has been assessed by Highways and they state that one years growth is not an issue and that there is no obstruction of the highway or visibility splays when exiting the school.  
The item is now closed.

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Rectory Lane along the river – overgrown hedges and trees

The area around the bridge has now been cut back and this item is closed.

A new item has however been raised, in respect of overgrown trees and hedges in the same location along the footpath bordering the Severn Trent sewage works.

The Chair thanked Councilor Ogle for the contribution from his budget towards a defibrillator for West Drayton.

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](http://www.Nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

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

Likewise, 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](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk)

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

### **Finance**

All payments were approved.

### **Planning**

There were no objections to any of the current applications.

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.

### **The Lengthsman**

Councillor Argent Cook stated that members of the public had praised the work carried out by the lengthsman so far and that his work is clearly already having a visible impact on our villages. All Councillors were in agreement.

As these are notes from the meeting, please visit our website at [www.gamstonwestdraytoneatonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://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 13th April 2023 at Gamston School.

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

[clerk.gamston@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.gamston@outlook.com)

## **Eaton Church Community Hub Events**

With the work on our kitchen and toilet facilities almost completed, we are delighted to welcome you to some upcoming events at Eaton All Saints:

Hymns & Pimms, Sunday 30th April at 6.30pm: all are welcome to join us for a return of this popular event. Come along to sing your favourite hymns followed by Pimms and other refreshments.

Screening of the Coronation, Saturday 6th May: drop in and join us throughout the day to watch the coronation of King Charles on a big screen. Cakes and refreshments will be available.

Check out our Facebook page for more news and updates:

[www.facebook.com/allsaintseatonandgamston](http://www.facebook.com/allsaintseatonandgamston)



## **BOTHAMSALL COFFEE MORNING**

Coffee Morning in Bothamsall Village Hall. Saturday 13th May in aid of the village church. Morton Nursery will be holding a Plant Fair in the car park. 10am - 12noon. All very welcome



## **ELKESLEY VILLAGE HALL EVENTS**

April 22nd - Medium evening 6-6.30.

April 29th - Village litter picking, help needed, meet at the village hall 10 am. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

May 7th - Sunday - Coronation Celebrations. Starting with a B-B-Q at midday & followed by various activities with coffee/tea and cakes at tea time.

Regular activities/ meetings -

Mondays - Post Office - 1- 4.30 pm Brownies - 5pm (term time)

Thursdays - Post Office - 1 – 4.30 pm. Line Dancing 6 for 6-30 start.

Fridays - Chatty coffee/tea and cakes and light lunches 11 - 1-30

Look out for further activities in the future.

## Elkesley School News

This term our younger learners have been enjoying their balance bike training and have been learning to control their movement over and around a range of obstacles! Our Oaks learnt a range of new skills at a dodgeball festival and we have also signed up to take part in a number of other activities with Tuxford Academy.

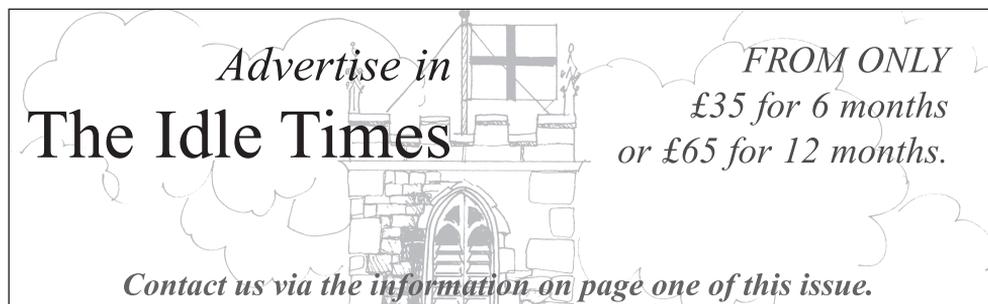
We have loved welcoming the parents in to partake in Maths and English sessions with their children; along with joining our Little Acorns to make fantastic crafts for mother's day.

We are looking forward to the installation of our more exciting change to our outdoor area in Little Acorns. After extending the area and updating our provision, we are now resurfacing part of the playground to create a dedicated messy play area along with improving the area for learning through play. New signage will enhance the provision to enable children to learn through a variety of role play.

Thank you so much to everyone who made and donated cakes, wore non uniform, joined in with the quiz and, more importantly, ate cakes! With your support, we raised a massive £165 for comic relief. With Easter round the corner, we are planning our annual egg rolling competition! Along with a competition for the best cream-egg scene. Pictures of these fantastic creations will be available on Instagram and facebook over half term! We hope that you can join us for the jubilee at the village hall where the children will be performing!

We are looking forward to the summer term and the opportunities which the warmer weather brings. We have been continuing to work with Adventure Unlocked to improve our outdoor learning 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](http://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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The purpose of the Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp Group for our area is to encourage everyone to be neighbourly by looking out for each other and our homes by alerting the group to any crimes in each village.

The WhatsApp is proving to be beneficial for the sharing of suspicious behaviour and cries for help as well as crimes in progress.

If you would like to join the group please contact Cllr Donna Ramsden by email, [pc.dramsdan@aol.com](mailto:pc.dramsdan@aol.com).

Thank you.

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## Gamston CofE (Aided) Primary School News

### Academy Conversion

In the last edition, we informed you that we were hoping to finally join the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham Multi Academy Trust (SNMAT) on 1 March 2023. We are delighted to announce that the conversion to academy status did indeed happen on 1 March 2023 and we are now officially known as Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School.

### Dance Festival

In March, children in year 2 took part in a Dance Festival at Retford Oaks Academy. After practising their dance routine at school for several weeks, they performed their 'Aladdin' routine in front of other schools and parents, putting on a fantastic show. Well done to all the year 2 children who took part and also our parent volunteers who came along to help.

### Lincoln Music and Drama Festival

Also in March, some of our pupils took part in the Lincoln Music & Drama Festival. They had to memorise and recite a piece of poetry to an audience of listeners and a panel of judges; this gave them a great experience of performing in public and allowed them to develop their understanding and appreciation of both classic and contemporary poetry. All the children who took part did a fantastic job, they have all worked really hard and received impressive marks and feedback from the judges.

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.

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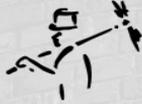
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