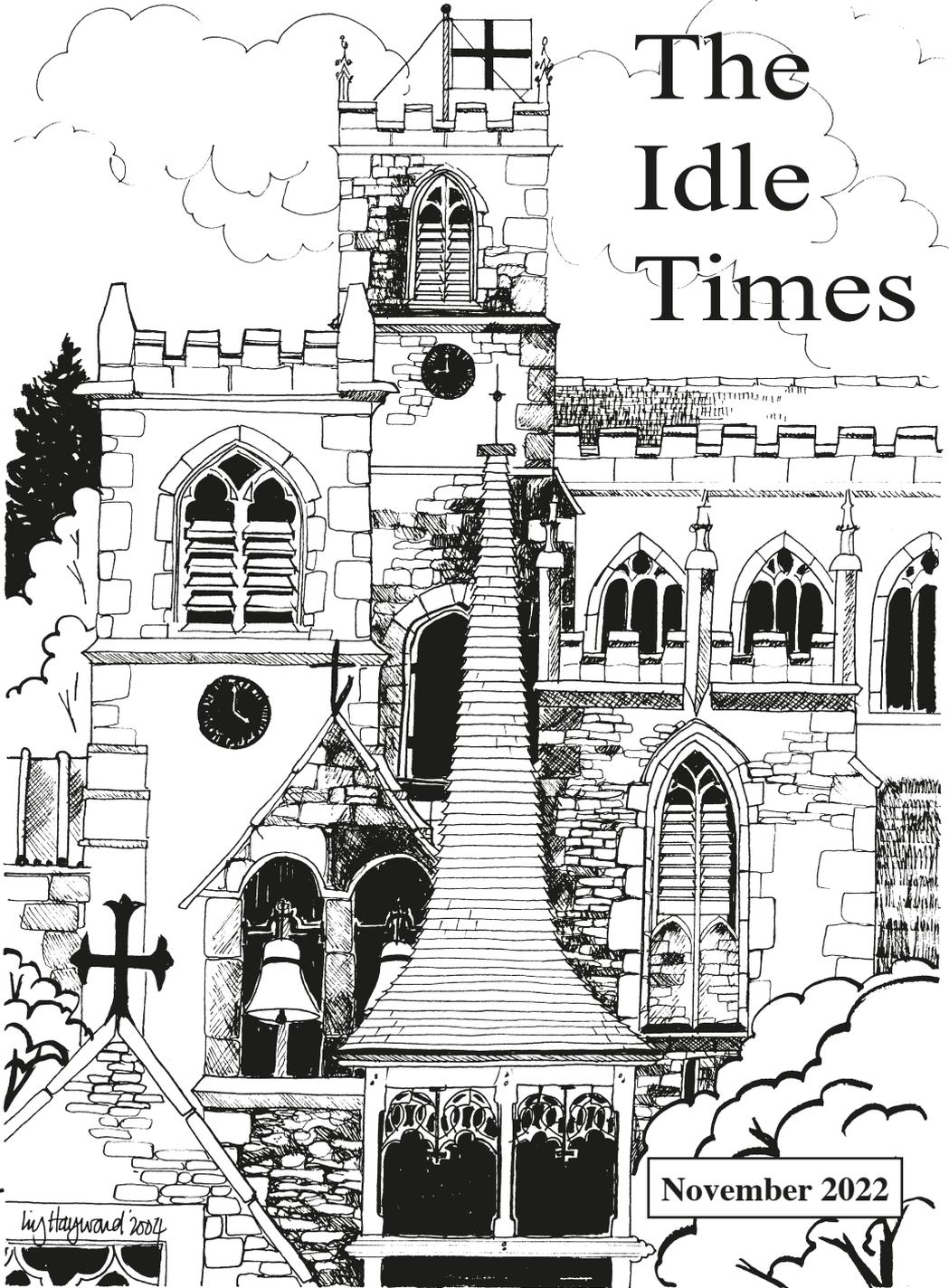


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<i>November</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service/Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 6	9.00am	Morning Worship	Scofton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Ranby
Sunday 13	10.15am	Remembrance Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Elkesley
	11.00am	Remembrance Service	Babworth
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 20	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Babworth
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Elkesley
Sunday 27	9.30am	Christingle Service led by Bishop Paul	Sutton-cum-Lound



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ROCKLEY DEBFIRILLATOR

Residents of Rockley are delighted after the installation of another piece of lifesaving equipment in the area, thanks to the kind donations from residents, customers of the Co-op Tuxford and Heat-Beats DN22.

The latest defibrillator is situated on the main A638 Great North Road (opp Absolute Koi), Rockley.

It has come about after a fundraising campaign by Donna Ramsden and Richard Harding who identified the need for the hamlet to have this life saving piece of equipment.

Donna Ramsden and Richard Harding, fund raisers and residents of Rockley, said: “Public access defibrillators save lives. Please remember that the defibrillator is for public use. So, if you need it, please use it.



In the photo (left to right) Richard Harding, Estelle (Heart-Beats DN22) and Kate Weston, Rockley Resident.

If you would like to support more defibrillators in the area, please visit Heart-Beats DN22 on facebook for more information.



ROAD SAFETY in ELKESLEY

It has been reported that some drivers coming off High St into Yew Tree Rd; are cutting the corner & the first corner on Yew Tree Rd; please keep to your own side & let's stay SAFE.

Elkesley School News

Last half term we focussed on our first, and most important, school value of 'happy'. Being happy, being able to face challenges with a smile and living a positive life is above all what we want our children to be. To celebrate this, teachers chose a child who faced all challenges with a smile/positive attitude and each class chose a classmate who put the biggest smile on everyone's face to receive a special award. The parents of those children were invited in as we celebrated our first values assembly. This half term, we will be focusing on the value of 'welcoming'.

We celebrated 'Black History Month' by inviting a visitor into school who held workshops for the children. These workshops were all role-play based and taught the children about the lives and influences of some of history's most inspiring figures – Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela. They explored the civil rights movement in the United States and the achievements of black history heroes both in the past and more modern times. Children immersed themselves in these workshops and in the linked homework project. Thank you for your amazing efforts as we have already received some excellent entries and children have clearly worked hard on their research!

Thank you for the donations for the Harvest collection and thank you to those parents who took items directly to the church. We will be working more directly with the church this next half term, in the run up to Christmas.

We were excited to welcome Jenny Wallwork, who ranked 5th in the world in Women's and mixed doubles in Badminton, into our school as she led a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils and then hosted an assembly for the children; It was amazing to hear from such a prestigious athlete as she told us about her journey (and hit a shuttlecock 150mph). We were so proud of how well they performed, as they put in maximum effort. The talk from Jenny inspired all of the children to be more physically active and, hopefully, to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life. Thank you to the children and their friends and families for taking part in this event, donating and raising money for school sports and sporting charities.

As always, further information on our topics, learning, school values, dates for your diary and more can be found at our website www.elkesley.notts.sch.uk

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2022 at Gamston School.

During the open session, Councillors were given an update by a representative of Thatcham regarding progress of the site at Gamston airfield.

Members of the public were present and objected to a retrospective planning application at Mill Lane, Rockley.

Meeting

District and County Councillor Ogle was in attendance and gave an update on the STEP nuclear fusion site at West Burton, stating that it will not create any danger and will revitalise the area.

The following Highways matters were also discussed.

Highways

Eaton – A temporary speed sign has been installed and a feasibility study will be carried out before the end of March 2023 to decide what traffic calming measures can be put in place.

Gamston – The high friction road surface at the bend on Muttonshire Hill will be replaced in January 2023.

Rockley – The problem with overflowing dykes is still being looked into by the Drainage Manager with the next site visit due in November.

West Drayton – The road resurfacing and grip issues are still awaiting inspection by Highways, however Councillor Ogle confirmed that they were down for attention.

A request has been made for the footpath to be maintained and extended between Rockley and Markham Moor, similar to that from Gamston to Rockley.

Finance

Payments were approved and a discussion was held regarding making a donation to The North Notts First Responders, which covers the five villages. The team has attended emergency calls in both Eaton and Gamston. The Council resolved to make a donation of £100.

Parishes in Bloom

Councillors Vernon and Ramsden have been looking into obtaining containers however these are very expensive and will cost too much to provide them for all the villages. It was decided that bulbs and wild flowers would provide better value for money. Councillor Vernon to progress this.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Councillor Ramsden launched the scheme in August. There has been some uptake but more members would be welcome. Information regarding local crime is also passed via a group Whats app to make everyone aware of crimes and attempted crimes in the area. Please contact Donna by email for more information. pc.dramsdan@aol.com

Planning

The parish council had no objections to a number of planning applications that were dealt with via the scheme of delegation between meetings. They did however object to the retrospective application on Mill Lane at Rockley for a number of reasons.

Update on defibrillators

Councillors Ramsden and Harding along with Rockley residents, have managed to obtain funding and a defibrillator for Rockley that has now been installed. It was suggested that this is perhaps the best way forward to obtain a defibrillator for West Drayton and Councillor Davies will look to progress this.

Parish Council land to the east of 19 Eaton

A tree inspection has been carried out and some of the required work identified. A further inspection needs to be completed once some intermediary clearing has been done. One quote has so far been obtained.

Telephone box in Gamston

Repairs are now well underway. Thanks to Councillor Chandler and village residents, the broken glass has been replaced and the kiosk is prepared ready to be painted. The paint should arrive soon.

Policies

The parish council agreed to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge and adopt the new NALC Dignity at Work Policy. Other policies were updated.

The meeting was then closed to the public to enable members to discuss staffing matters in private.

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 Councillors.

The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 17th November at Gamston School. clerk.gamston@outlook.com

Notes from Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18 October 2022

The Chairman Councillor John Skelton was unable to be present because of work commitments, so Councillor Jan O'Brian chaired the meeting 3 Councillors present and the Clerk, Mrs Wendy Davies. Plus, members of the public

Although not present, Councillor Skelton had sent his monthly report., He reported that Notts Police were taking a massive effort to tackle ASB. Nuisance drivers, overweight & dangerous loads. Vehicles have been seized and some arrests and fines have been given in the village.

Speeding through the village is still a problem and he urged residents to take down the vehicle number & time when seeing this;

The work on the old pub site is well on the way and maybe residents could be in by Christmas.

He also reported that the Memorial Hall seemed to be doing quite well with various events taking place.

He also sent his personal thanks to the Clerk, Wendy Davies for all the work she does behind the scenes.

During the public session the following items were raised:

- The proposed sand pit for the children's play area was again raised. Because of the Rules & regulations needed & Health & Safety rules such as keeping cats out, vandalism, safety fencing. it was agreed to leave this is obeyance for the time being. Councillor Stronach agreed to go around other villagers looking to see if they have sand pits and see what there criteria is.
- A resident asked if more seats could be put in the village. A suggestion was on Sandy Lane/Cross Lane and at the top of Hilly Field. He had put a seat on Sandy Lane, which has since been removed by Environment services. Councillor O'Brian said she would make enquiries as to why it was removed. More seating has been discussed in the past and the PC will now investigate it further.

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

Financial details were given and payments due were made.

Items for the 2022/23 budget were discussed. No further items were included, and the actual budget is to be looked at in January 2023

A planning application for naming of the properties on the Robin Hood site has been received. Plots 1 – 2 -5 -6 are to be numbered 13-15-17-19 High Street and the 2 bungalows 1 & 2 Robin Hood Grove.

Councillor Savill has been cutting the grass in the Church but is now finding it very difficult and has asked for help. This is to be looked into.

Moles are again appearing on the playing field. These are to be seen to.

There are still vacancies on the Parish Council. Notices have been displayed on the boards, Facebook and the village & PC websites. At present there is one person who may be interest.

The Highways department have cleaning out some of the grips on Jockey Lane, but for some reason not all. They are to be contacted. Some of the glass & rubbish has been removed.

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15 November 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20 September 2022. Elkesley Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m.



Gamston CofE (Aided) Primary School News

Bishop Paul visit

On Thursday 29 September, our Bishop (The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham) The Rt Revd Paul Williams visited our school. It was a real privilege to welcome Bishop Paul, show him around our school and have him lead us in collective worship. He later tweeted to say ‘Absolutely loved visiting @GamstonCofE this morning to share in their collective worship – wonderful school with such friendly and engaging children and staff’.

Harvest Festival – St Peter’s Gamston

Our school Harvest Festival took place at St Peter’s Church Gamston, this month. Our service was led by Rev Kate Bottley and it was delightful to see St Peter’s full of children and families after several years of church closure. Donations were warmly welcomed and taken to Bassetlaw Food Bank.

Trips

Bannister Class enjoyed a fantastic visit to Cadbury World in Birmingham as part of their topic ‘Chocolate’. Tyndale Class visited the Jorvik Centre in York in support of their learning about Vikings. The children had an insight into the lives of the Viking people who lived and settled in Britain. The children had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Vikings.

Coffee morning with the SENDco

It was lovely to welcome parents to a coffee morning to meet Mrs Chambers, our new school SENDCo. We provided an update on our provision for pupils with special educational needs and listened to opinions about how we can continue to improve.

As always, please do (continue to) follow the school’s much-loved and well-followed Twitter account @GamstonCofE to see what is happening within the school.

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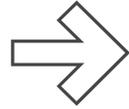
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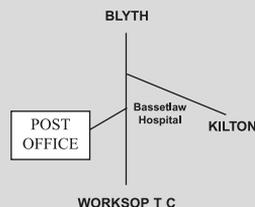
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