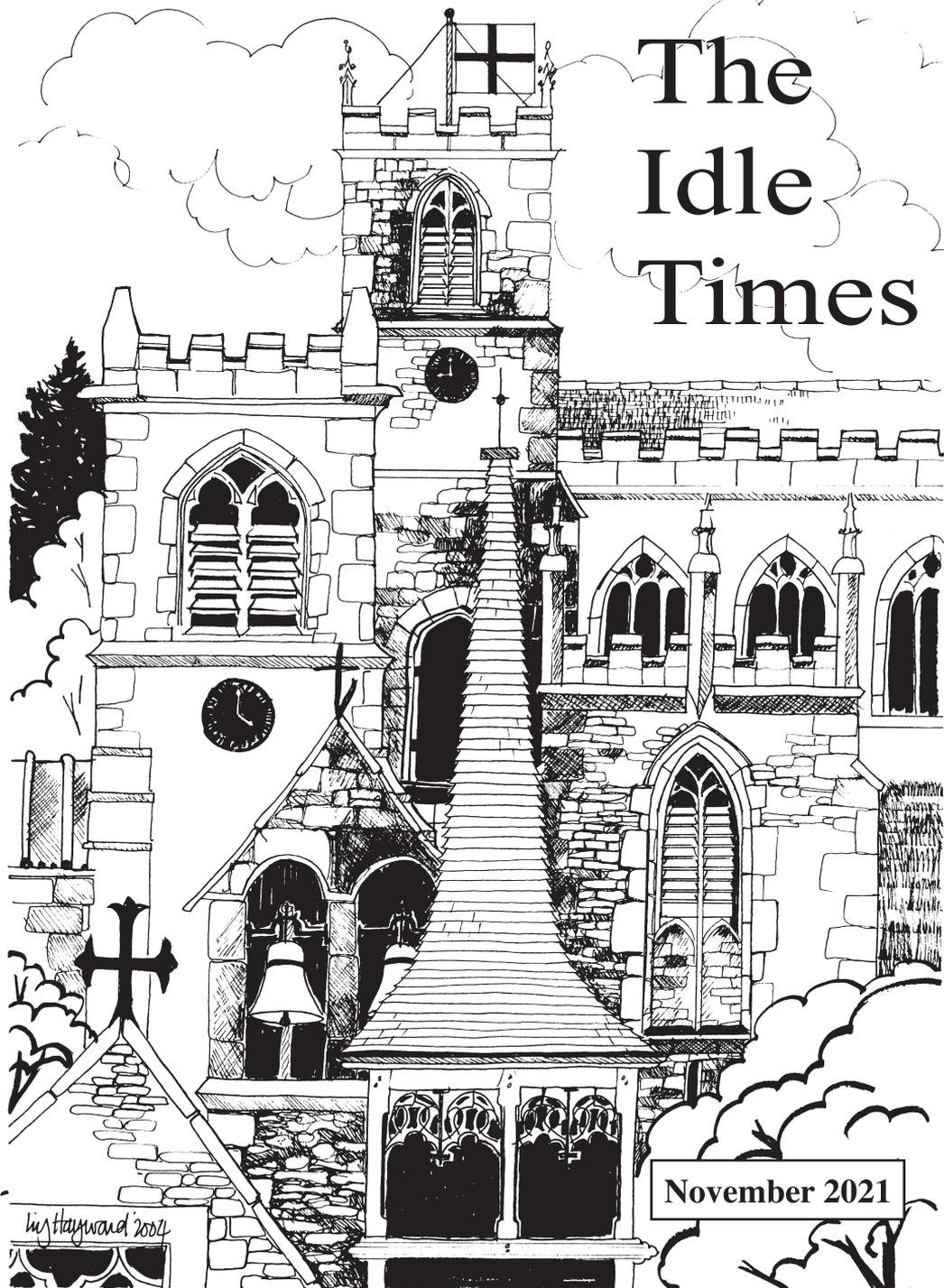


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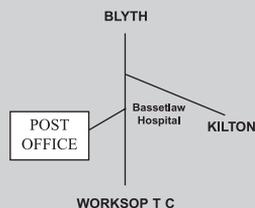
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## Church Diary for November

<i>November</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<b>Sunday 7</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	<b>Scofton</b>
	9.30am	Readings and Reflections	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Matins	<b>Babworth</b>
<b>Sunday 14</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion	<b>West Drayton</b>
	9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Matins	<b>Babworth</b>
	6.30pm	Harvest Festival	<b>Eaton &amp; Gamston</b>
<b>Sunday 21</b>	9.30am	Worship for All	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Holy Communion	<b>Babworth</b>
	11.00am	Holy Communion	<b>Elkesley</b>
	6.30pm	Contemporary Service	<b>Bothamsall Village Hall</b>
<b>Sunday 28</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion	<b>Bothamsall</b>
	9.15am	Holy Communion	<b>Eaton &amp; Gamston</b>
	9.30am	Family Service	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	10.30am	Morning Worship	<b>West Drayton</b>
	11.00am	Matins	<b>Babworth</b>



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## **Elkesley Parish Council**

### **Notes from meeting held on Tuesday 19 October 2021**

Councillor J Skelton chaired the meeting. He reported that all councillors had been working behind the scenes during the month.

During the public session, a parishioner mentioned that motor cycles were being used regularly on the playing field. The Chairman told him to report the matter to the police on 101. If can be done safely, take photographs and make note of registration number.

It was also mentioned about the flyer to be given to new residents. This is to be passed onto all councillors for them to give out when necessary. It is also to be displayed in the notice boards.

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

Financial details were given and the payments due were made.

Budget suggestions for 2022/23 were discussed. Looking into having a budget for HR services was mentioned and also a possible event to take place for the Queen's Platinum anniversary in June 2022 was a possibility.

General & financial risk assessments had been circulated and were agreed.

An outline planning application has been received for residential development on land to the north of The Barn, Twyford Lane. This is the land behind Starbucks. On the original neighbourhood planning regarding housing this area was stated as not being developed because of the access. Highways are now saying this is acceptable. A comment is to be made regarding the possible access problems which may occur.

There were no objections to the planning application for a single storey front extension with amendments to the garage roof at Rivet House, Brough Lane.

It was agreed that the sports field hedge will be trimmed back during the winter months. This is to be done by Nikki May with the help of Councillor May.

Clarification was made about the emptying of the bins around the village. BDC have confirmed that this will be done on a weekly basis.

The offer from Starbucks for use of the premises for holding meetings was discussed and after comments it was agreed not to take up the offer at present. They are to be thanked for the offer.

The sports field & play area inspections had been made. The plate on the Muga had been repaired and the screw on the gate replaced.

Various other items of maintenance on the field were discussed.

- Signs need replacing.
- A post at the bottom of the field is rotten and also needs replacing.
- The bin at the barbecue still has to be placed.
- Three of the concrete bollards at the end of Lime Tree Road have been damaged. It was thought that these may have been put in by Highways. They are to be approached to see if they will replace them.
- Part of chain link fence between the playing field and the grass field is in need of repair.
- The mower requires new blades.
- The pavement from the Memorial Hall onto the field is cracking and requires attention.

All these things are to be looked at and if necessary, dealt with over the winter months.

Certain items are being left on the grave stones in the cemetery. This is not allowed.

An independent annual inspection for the BMX track has been received Most items are low or moderate risk.

The benches that were removed when the football field was turned around have still not been replaced. It was suggested that the councillors think where these may be re-sited and report at the next meeting.

The Remembrance Day poppies are to be displayed around the village as in the past.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16 November 2021. Elkesley Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m.

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## **Retford and District Historical and Archaeological Society (RADHAS)**

Are you interested to learn more about local history? This year the Society is offering free membership and also all meetings are free to visitors so this is an ideal opportunity to see what the society has to offer. It has a strong membership and a varied programme. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Chapelgate Hall situated behind Grove Street Methodist Church. Upcoming topics are:

- 10 November: A-Z of Bassetlaw Heritage by Malcom Dolby
- 8 December: A Tudor Christmas by Sam Glasswell  
(mince pies and refreshments served)
- 12 January: Essential Skills for an Ice-Age Journey by Daryl Garton

No need to book – please just attend at the Hall and you will be given a warm welcome.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16 November 2021. Elkesley Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m.

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

### **Notes from the 14th October 2021 Meeting**

#### **1. Traffic Calming**

With Government restrictions now being lifted the Council agreed to order several Speed Watch signs for use on key highways across the Parish in conjunction with the Parish Councils Speed Gun.

The Parish Council continues to make representations to Notts County Council Highways regarding clarification on the designs for the traffic calming measures NCC Highways are proposing to implement in **Eaton**.

#### **2. Highways Matters**

Following a request by the residents of **Eaton** for the Parish Council to investigate possible solutions to stop people jumping off the bridge at Eaton into the River Idle. The Senior Bridge Manager for Via East Midlands response has ruled out the installation of a fence being erected on the bridge. The Parish Council will continue to explore other options to assist the residents with addressing this concern.

Damage to the sign at the top of Muttonshire Hill, **Gamston** was brought to the attention of the Parish Council and an action noted to report this to NCC Highways.

Rockley dykes and water standing on Mill Lane continue to be on the Parish agenda. Highways are aware of the situation as is the district councillor, no further actions to note at present.

#### **3. Defibrillators**

The Parish Council have been asked by a resident of **Rockley** to look at the viability of adding to the current network of defibrillators throughout the Parish by having one in Rockley. Defibrillators can currently be found in Eaton & Gamston

#### **4. Red Telephone Boxes**

Unfortunately, damage has been caused to the phone box in **West Drayton**, someone has removed a significant number of panes of glass and the frames. The Parish Council would welcome suggestions from residents as to what they would like to see the old telephone box being used for please put these forward for consideration. Examples of alternative uses across other telephone boxes across the Parish include, a library, bug hotel, defibrillator.

*Please send your suggestions to the Clerk for discussion at our November meeting.*

### **5. Community Groups**

Mr P Rider from the Eaton Village Independent Action Group (EVIAG) read a statement on behalf of the representatives of this group which outlined a number of areas that they would like to work with the Parish Council in addressing with their aim being *'to improve the life of residents and visitors in Eaton'* An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was called for Wednesday 20th October 2021 to enable the council to discuss and respond to a number of matters raised within their email of 10th October 2021.

### **6. Planning**

No objections were raised by the Parish Council to the planning application

### **7. Vacancies**

There are currently 3 vacancies on the Parish Council.

These vacancies cover:-

2 Councillors to represent Gamston

1 Councillor to represent Eaton

*For full details on the roles and how to apply please contact the Clerk*

### **Dates For Your Diary**

19:00 on Thursday 11th November 2021 – November Parish Council Meeting to be held at Gamston School.

### **Contacts & Meeting Minutes**

Should any resident of the Parish wish to raise matters with the Parish Council please direct these to Andrea Wilson – The Clerk – [andreaclarewilson@hotmail.com](mailto:andreaclarewilson@hotmail.com)

Full meeting minutes can be found by visiting:

[www.gamstonwestdraytoneatonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.gamstonwestdraytoneatonparishcouncil.co.uk)

## Bothamsall Church News

The coffee morning held in October raised a magnificent £301 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event so generously, and to the marvellous home bakers for the cakes.

Please make a note that we will be holding a Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday 19 December, followed by Festive food in the Village Hall. We hope you will be able to join us. We will again be running a raffle to be drawn on the night and will be very happy to receive donations for raffle prizes. These can be given to any member of the church team or to Joan Eaglen at Teranjo, Main Street.

Does anybody have a three section ladder that could be borrowed for a couple of hours? Transport can be arranged for collection and return of the ladder. A rain water down pipe has become blocked and consequently rainwater is entering the church and causing damage.

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## ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

What a wonderful start to the year we have had! Our fantastic readers managed to get so many certificates that they earned a whole school non-uniform day! We are absolutely fanatic about books at Elkesley and we love to share our passion for reading – we were so proud to see our children sharing these same values.

We recently had an inspirational visitor in for assembly. Mr. Moss, one of our amazing children's parents, ran two marathons (Berlin and London) across two weekends and he joined the whole school to share his story and inspire us! The children were absolutely fascinated from start to finish and every child got to hold a medal which was incredible. We are so lucky to have other inspirational visitors booked in for assembly and welcome all visitors who can share amazing life experiences to motivate our young minds.

Thank you to all of the children and their families who donated to our Harvest food collection. The collection of food and other products have been donated to Elkesley Church who are collecting for the Bassetlaw Food Bank to help those in need. All of your donations really do make a difference.

And finally, a big thank you to our outstanding Governors and PTA who organised and hosted the Halloween disco. It was incredible to see the children enjoying something that has not been possible for such a long time.

From next half term we are welcoming Nursery aged children to attend breakfast and after school club. 30 hour codes can be used. If you are interested or wish to know more information, please contact the school office on: **01777 838615**.

Remember to find us at: [www.elkesley.notts.sch.uk](http://www.elkesley.notts.sch.uk)

## **Eaton Community Fundraising**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Eaton's garden party on 25th September. The event raised an amazing £918, and two car boot sales the following week and some individual donations boosted the total to £1070.

If you would like to know more about our plans to create a community hub by adding a kitchenette and toilet to Eaton church or make a donation towards the £50,000 cost of the project, please visit [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/eatonallsaints](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/eatonallsaints). Contact Lucy Vernon ([lucyvernon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lucyvernon@hotmail.co.uk) / **07979 016920**) for details of how to add gift aid to your donation by giving by cash or cheque.

We're very grateful too to everyone who sponsored Lucy for her 'Ride & Stride' in September. She managed a 5k run then a 30 mile bike ride followed by a swim in the Idle, and raised £400 to be split between Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust and our community project.

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## **Mosquitoes in Gamston, Elkesley, Rockley, Eaton and West Drayton A Facebook group of concerned residents**

Not to pre-empt the end of the summer, but reports from our villages is that this year has seen a massive reduction in the number of Mosquitoes plaguing our homes and gardens. Is it due to the silicone film placed over the body of water along Dover Bottom? Is it as a consequence of more static water levels this summer? Or a mixture of both?

Whatever the reason it has been possible to spend time in outdoors and leave our doors and windows open! A quote from a member of the Facebook group says...

"As its coming to the end of summer and into autumn and we have many complaints over the years how bad the mosquito problem has been in Gamston and surrounding areas maybe we should also say if there has been an improvement?"

Another member says...

"Whatever has been done to control the mosquitoes this year has worked. We have been able to use our garden and have friends round without too many problems. So thank you for doing something and I hope it continues next year".

So, what next?

It might be worth dropping a short email to Bassetlaw District Council to say how good it has been. As the comment above say we should also shout up about the improvements to keep our voices heard and the momentum for a permanent reduction.

We are led to understand that the Officer with responsibility for our plight has left the council. But emails can be sent to:

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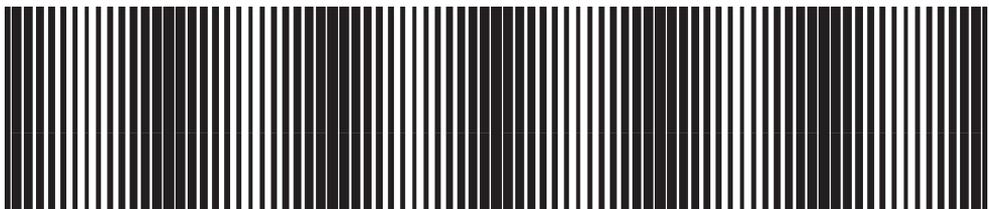
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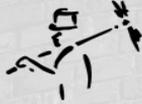
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