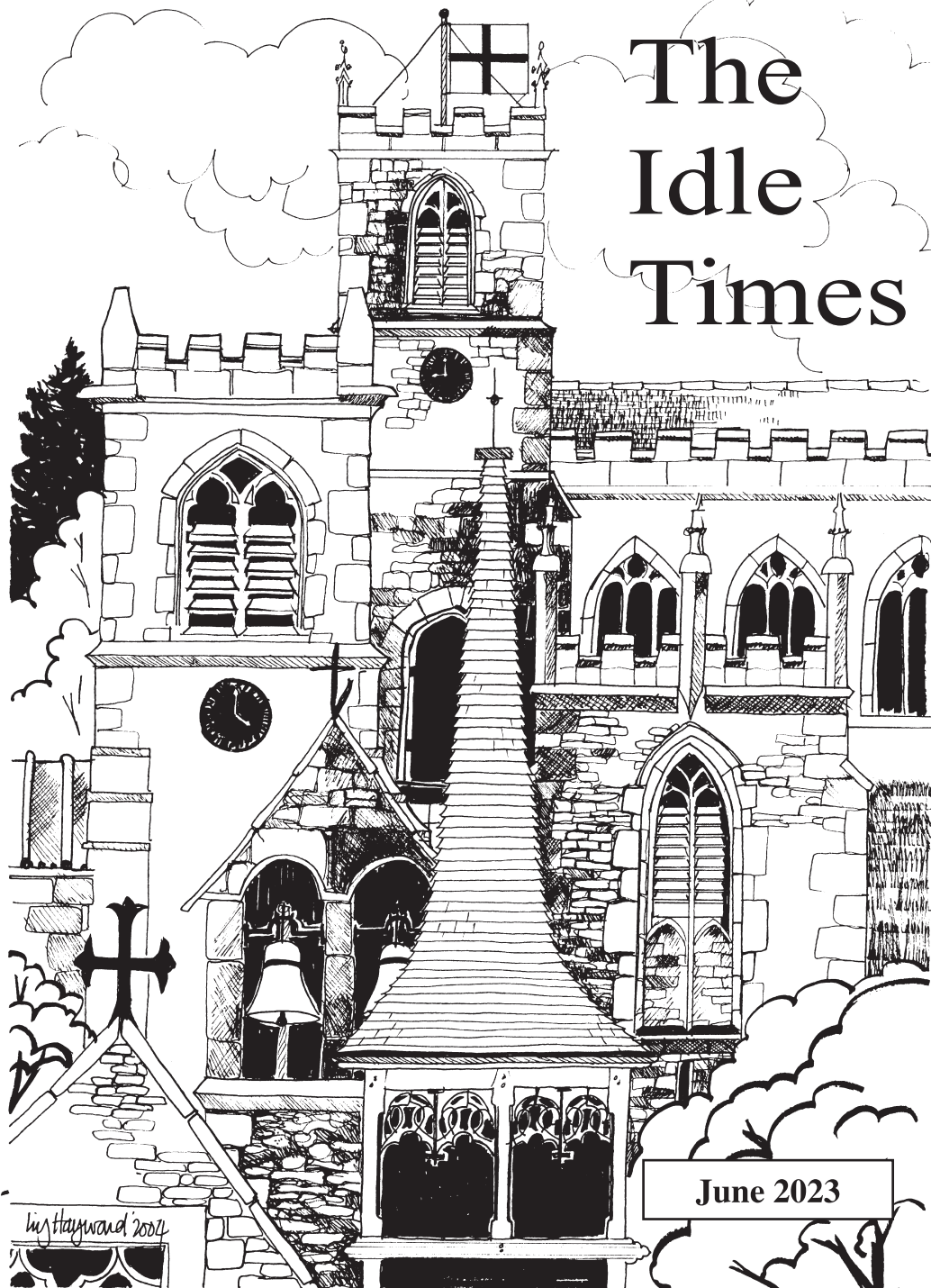


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| <i>June</i>      | <i>Time</i> | <i>Service</i>  | <i>Venue</i>               |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 4</b>  | 9.00am      | Holy Communion  | <b>Scofton</b>             |
|                  | 9.30am      | Family Service  | <b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>    |
|                  | 11.00am     | Morning Worship | <b>Babworth</b>            |
| <b>Sunday 11</b> | 9.15am      | Holy Communion  | <b>West Drayton</b>        |
|                  | 9.30am      | Songs of Praise | <b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>    |
|                  | 11.00am     | Matins          | <b>Babworth</b>            |
|                  | 6.30pm      | Evening Service | <b>Eaton &amp; Gamston</b> |
| <b>Sunday 18</b> | 9.30am      | Worship for All | <b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>    |
|                  | 11.00am     | Holy Communion  | <b>Babworth</b>            |
|                  | 11.00am     | Family Service  | <b>Elkesity</b>            |
| <b>Sunday 25</b> | 9.15am      | Holy Communion  | <b>Bothamsall</b>          |
|                  | 10.30am     | Morning Worship | <b>West Drayton</b>        |
|                  | 11.00am     | Songs of Praise | <b>Babworth</b>            |

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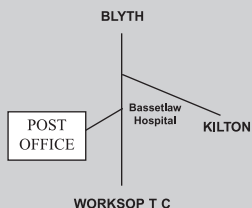
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## **Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council**

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at Gamston School.

### **Meeting**

The first item on the agenda was to elect a Chair and Councillor Chandler was re elected. The meeting then continued with the usual formalities and the minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as being correct.

The new District Councillor, Gary Dinsdale was in attendance and introduced himself to the group later in the meeting.

### **Highways**

County Councillor John Ogle did not attend the meeting and there were no updates from him. The following areas were discussed:

#### ***EATON*** - Speeding issues

The feasibility study has now been received, the content of which was extremely disappointing to the Parish Council:

A 20mph speed limit through the village cannot be proposed at present due to the ongoing review of Nottinghamshire County Councils policy on such limits.

Several options involving moving the 30mph speed restriction signs when entering the village from the West were considered, however, it was deemed that this would not create any benefit.

Some positive options have however been recommended and these are improvements to the signing and markings on the approach to the 30mph speed signs at the West of the village and to install 'pedestrians in carriageway' signs.

The council agreed that further clarification was needed from VIA as to which recommendations they will be adopting and within what time scale will these be carried out. In the meantime, the local villages have access to an interactive speed sign which is shared between them and It was decided that a request would again be made for this to return to Eaton.

#### ***WEST DRAYTON*** – Road resurfacing

No update.

Councillor Adam also said that the surfacing on Church Lane was appalling and that he had reported numerous potholes at that location. He said that as soon as they are repaired they appear again immediately and vehicles are getting damaged.

***GAMSTON*** – Rectory Lane adjacent to Severn Trent Sewage Works – overgrown hedges and trees are making the pavement difficult to use.

Work has still not been carried out.

Muttonshire Hill - The bad bend at the entrance to the village, which is a 40 mph limit and vehicles are approaching too fast and leaving the road causing damage.

There is also a risk of injury to drivers and any pedestrians due to the lack of a footpath in this location. A request has been made to extend the 40mph speed limits out to before the bend rather than after it. The Highways Manager has now advised that they have had the accident

data back for almost a mile of the road there and there have been no accidents reported since at least January 2019 and that they can only go on the data they have. Because of this, they will not reduce the speed limit but will look into the possibility of other improvements on the approach to the bend to ensure driver safety is considered. Further discussions are to take place between the Highways Manager and Nottinghamshire County Council.

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 attention of the Parish Council for escalation.

### **District Council matters**

District Councillor Dinsdale introduced himself to the group.

It was reported that a sharps bin is regularly left in a public place on Rectory Lane at Gamston and that this has been reported at least three times to the Environmental Health Department at Bassetlaw District Council but is still occurring. District Councillor Dinsdale said that he would look into this.

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 be brought to the attention of the Parish Council for escalation.

### **Police and speed cameras in the area**

Following crimes being reported in the area when imagery had been obtained and handed to the police, questions were sent to the local policing team to enquire why there were no detections when there were so many cameras that could have provided further evidence. The response was quite contradictory and so following a discussion, it was decided to invite the Inspector to the next meeting.

### **Update on the Community Speedwatch Programme**

The way this operates has now changed. The police are no longer offering the loan of their equipment for Speedwatch groups. Their current policy will provide the training for use of the equipment but it is now down to the local groups to purchase the equipment at a cost of approximately £450. It was decided to invite the PCSO who is involved in the training to a future meeting.

### **CCTV at Eaton bridge**

Councillor Chandler had contacted the Bassetlaw District Council Commercial Manager regarding possible ways of dealing with the usual pattern of anti social behavior in the summer months. Following a site visit, it was seen that the landowner has worked to improve the public footpath and blocked off the private areas by installing a gate to deter access. The Commercial Manager is currently looking into options to monitor this area using CCTV by consulting with all parties concerned in order to achieve a suitable solution both short and long term and will report back in due course.

### **Annual Governance Statement**

The Annual Governance Statement and accounting statements were approved and signed.

### **Finance**

Payments were approved and there was no new income received.

### **Planning**

23/00446/HSE Church Farm House, Rectory Lane, Gamston.

This was dealt with via the scheme of delegation and the Parish Council had no objections and supported the application.

Councillor Ramsden has created a planning log and it was agreed to adopt the use of this in the future to monitor the progress of 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.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman thanked the Clerk, Ed Knox for his hard work over the past twelve months following his decision to resign from Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council at the end of May.

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 15th June 2023 at Gamston School.

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

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## **Elkesley Neighbourhood Plan Review**

on Friday 23rd June  
12md to 7pm

at Elkesley Memorial Hall combined with Chatty Friday which serves hot food,  
drink and cake from 11.30 to 2.30. The bar will open at 6pm

Come along and have your say about future development in the Parish.

Many thanks to the organiser & helpers at the recent village litter picking day, about ten bags of litter plus larger items were collected & taken away by Bassetlaw cleansing dept;

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## **Elkesley School News**

We are very proud of all of our year 6 children for the commitment demonstrated during the Key Stage 2 SATS and our KS1 children during their Secret Agent Tests (SATs). They displayed true resilience as they have faced each paper and tried their best from start to finish. They are all superstars!

This year's Sports day was a fun day for all – with a range of track and athletics events; we were proud of the effort and enthusiasm shown by all. Thank you to Miss Williams who organized it and all of our colleagues who worked tirelessly to accomplish a fantastic day – you are all amazing. Thank you to the parent volunteers at the finish line, handing out stickers to the children at the end of each race - We could not do it without you!

We ended last half term with some other amazing activities and extra-curricular days including an outdoor learning session for our Key Stage 2 children; a visit from JungleJo for EYFS and KS1 to see and learn about a range of minibeasts; a trip to Bosworth for LKS2 where Roman History was brought to life.

Children's safety and welfare is our number one priority. If you ever have any concerns about children whom attend the school, or children who do not, please know that anyone is welcome to contact the school to talk to the designated safeguarding lead, C Marsh. If you believe a child is at risk of harm, contact the MASH, Multi Academy Safeguarding Hub, on 0300 500 80 90 or visit: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/safeguarding/childrens-mash/report-a-new-concern-about-a-child>.

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. Find us on Instagram and Facebook for pictures and news about what is happening in school.

## **Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School News**

### **Handball Festival**

Well done to some of our Y3 and Y4 children who took part in a Handball Festival at Retford Oaks Academy this month. The children took part in different activities, learning the skills needed to play handball, including throwing, dribbling, passing the ball, scoring and defending. The session finished with a mini handball tournament against other primary schools taking part. The children took part very enthusiastically throughout the festival and enjoyed learning the new skills.

### **Gamston Girls Football Team**

Gamston girls played against Thrumpton Primary in the league, earlier this month. It was the first game for the girls, and they were all brilliant. The girls started the game very well and it wasn't long until both Bessie and Laila had scored. Any attacks at the other end were quickly stopped by a strong defence in front of Louisa. Anytime the keeper was called on she made good saves. Laila carried on scoring and it wasn't long until she had scored 4. In the second half, the team carried the high energy game and Lola was also soon on the scoresheet. Gamston eventually ran out 7 nil winners. Well done to all of the girls who took part!

### **Coronation Celebrations**

Gamston St Peter's celebrated the coronation of King Charles III on Friday, 5 May. Children dressed in red, white and blue and Kim served a special Coronation buffet. The school hall was decorated and music was played throughout the day. The children all ate together and they played games outside, after lunch. In class, children participated in a variety of coronation themed activities. The children had a fantastic time celebrating.

### **Colour Dash**

The PFA decided to spread a little colour in May. At the time of writing, preparations are in full swing with The Colour Dash taking place during the afternoon of Friday, 26th May. The Colour Dash is a run around the school field - the aim being to cover white t-shirts in as much colour as possible! All proceeds from the event will go towards PFA funds to help enhance all children's experience at Gamston.

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

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### **Elkesley Parish Council**

Unfortunately the May meeting was inquorate & hence did not go ahead.

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### **Bothamsall Church News**

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning on May 13th. A further £223 was raised towards a new noticeboard for the church.



## BOTHAMSALL TOWER CLUB

Bothamsall Tower Club is still running after over 40 years and has raised much needed funds to help to keep our Parish Church in reasonable condition and open as a place of Worship and has also given out lots of cash in prizes to members too.

This is a reminder that subscriptions are now due for the next year which runs from June 2023 to the following May 2024. Payment can be made by cash, bank transfer or cheque payable to: Bothamsall PCC please. It costs £ 1 per number per month, so £ 12 per number for the year. You can have as many numbers as you would like. For most of this year we had 152 numbers resulting in 1st Prize: £30.00, 2nd Prize: £20.00, 3rd Prize: £15.00 and 4th Prize: £10.00. As membership increases or decreases, the value of the prizes is amended accordingly.

The draw takes place on the last Saturday of each month in the Parish Hall. So please can you let me have your subs which I am happy to collect from you if you let me know.

If you would like to support your Parish Church by either joining the Tower Club or having an extra number just ask Chris Moody at Talamanca – 01623 860798 – answer phone on if not at home and she will be happy to offer you a number(s) and include you in the future draws. Numbers that have become available during last year are: 27, 74, 77, 118, 121 and 128. If you would like one or more of these spare numbers, please ask me.

Good luck to everyone in next year's monthly prize draws. Many thanks.

*Christine Moody  
Tower Club Organiser*

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## The Sound of Musings

You are invited to a themed book launch: 'The Sound of Musings Live!' at All Saints Church, Eaton on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm.

Join us to be entertained and encouraged as author Bryony Wood reads from her book and shares stories from her own life. Be inspired by the adventures of the flibbertigibbet, nun-turned-governess as she discovers the life she was born to live. Make a moment to muse upon questions of life, love and faith.

This will be a fun evening where you can hear the story behind the book and enjoy Sound of Music themed refreshments. To reserve your free ticket, email [eatonallsaints@outlook.com](mailto:eatonallsaints@outlook.com) or call **07979 016920**. You can find out more at [www.bryonywood.co.uk](http://www.bryonywood.co.uk)



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