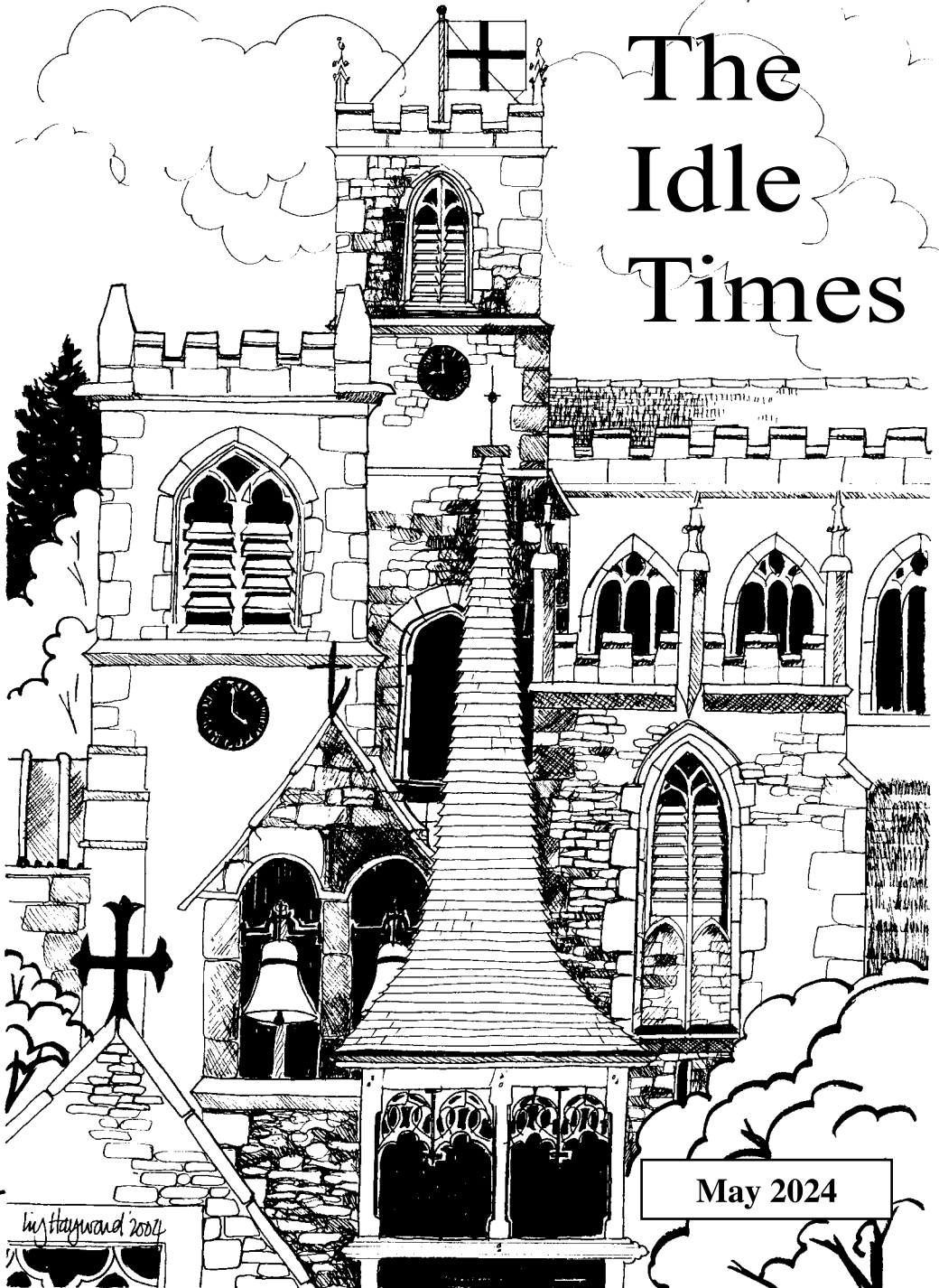


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Sunday 5	9.00am	Morning Worship	Scofton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
Sunday 12	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 19	9.30am	Worship for All	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Babworth
Sunday 26	9.15am	Holy Communion	Eaton & Gamston
	10.30am	Morning Worship	West Drayton
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth

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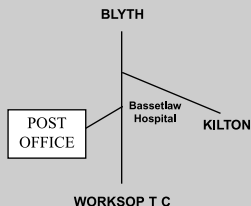
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Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2024 at Gamston School.

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

Matters arising from the minutes

Parish Council Vacancy for Gamston

There is still a vacancy for Gamston and anyone who is interested should contact the Clerk for more details.

Flooding on the B6387 near to Dover Lodge

This actually comes under Elkesley Parish, but affects many of our residents. Councillor Chandler has liaised with Elkesley Parish Council regarding the dangerous conditions, which keep occurring following heavy rain. Also see below in County Council and Highways matters.

Fly tipping

This seems to be a constant problem on Brickyard Road near Eaton. It has been reported to both the District Council and the Police.

District Council matters

District Councillor Gary Dinsdale attended the meeting.

Councillor Worthington asked if he knew what the intention is regarding dealing with the mosquitoes in Gamston this summer and whether Environmental Health have begun any treatment yet. DC Dinsdale said he would look into it.

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

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

County Council and Highways matters

County Councillor John Ogle attended the meeting. The Parish Council requested that if he is unable to attend in the future could he please send an update in the form of an email. Various points were raised with him including the following:

Flooding on the B6387 near to Dover Lodge

CC Ogle stated that the dyke was dug out approximately 12 months ago, which helped at the time but still awaiting a new drain that will run underneath the road. It is on the schedule for the Highways Drainage Officer but as yet there is no timescale for the work to be completed.

Muttonshire Hill, Gamston & Eaton, West entrance

Request to extend the 30 & 40mph speed limits further out of the village. Both remain on the Schedule of Works.

CC Ogle stated that the work should be carried out in Eaton sometime between July and October this year, however there is still no timescale yet for Muttonshire Hill.

Footpath between Rockley and West Drayton

Closed for bridge repairs. Initially there was a notice displayed stating that the bridge would be closed until April 2024, however that date has now been extended by 12 months to April 2025. This is a cause for concern as the footpath is used regularly. The Public Rights of Way Officer has said that they are still awaiting an Engineer to assess the damage and this visit has not taken place due to poor weather conditions deeming this unsafe. County Councillor Ogle requested that the Clerk send him an email with more details again and he will then chase it up.

Road safety within the Parish

There is still no update on the request to be on the rota for access to the temporary interactive speed sign. The Clerk will chase this up on an email to CC Ogle.

Church Lane, West Drayton

Road repairs. A further email will be sent to CC Ogle to remind him to chase this up again.

Footpath between Rockley and Markham Moor

This is very overgrown and has become extremely narrow. Highways are aware of this and it remains on CC Ogles list of works to chase. The Lengthsman will start some work in the meantime.

Church Lane, Eaton

Adoption of the road. This is ongoing and the Clerk is still awaiting a response.

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

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

Flooding

Public Drop in for Residents and Businesses Affected by Flooding

This was held at Retford Town Hall and run by the Environment Agency in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council. Councillors Mee and Adam attended and obtained the answers to questions. One of which was "Following the severe flooding in October during Storm Babet, were sluice gates opened further upstream from Retford to prevent further flooding in the Mansfield area?" Representatives from the Environment Agency gave assurance that this would never happen and actually said that there are no sluice gates operated by the Environment Agency upstream or in the area in question that could have caused the flooding. The flooding was caused by the excessive amount of rainwater at the time, which was 150mm during three days when the normal level is 50mm for the whole of October.

Community Flood Signage Scheme

A document has now been produced and a site visit carried out. Training for the Flood Wardens will take place in the future.

Environment Agency update – Storm Babet

We have now received an update from the Environment Agency, which confirms what was said at the drop in session.

Culvert / drainage ditches

Cllr Adam has received confirmation from Nottinghamshire County Council that no action will be taken in making improvements to the culvert on Church Lane at West Drayton.

Resolving issues caused by the A1 closure due to flooding

The Environment Agency are well aware of this problem however have no plans for any improvements to remedy the situation. They allocate resources depending on how many residents and how much farmland is affected directly by flooding. Those numbers are low and not much farmland has flooded in the area of Twyford Bridge. They see the responsibility lying with Highways England due to it being a major route.

Bassetlaw District Council is also aware of the problem and the impact on local roads and communities. The planned diversion via Ollerton and the A614 is also unfortunately prone to flooding bringing excessive traffic through our villages. A diversion from an A road can only be placed on other A roads, hence the distance and the route, also causing further traffic trying to find a shorter journey.

Sandbags / pumps and flood defences

The Parish is entitled to free sand bags from the council, however in order to obtain them, need to have a resilience store, which we do not have. Councillor Davies is looking into this.

We are also still searching for funding to purchase some pumps for our parish. Councillor Argent Cook is to approach local businesses to see whether they would be interested in sponsoring this. We are aware that some residents may already own a pump and wondered whether they would be willing to share them between other residents in need? Do you own a pump that you would be happy to lend out on occasions when you were not using it? If so, please contact the Clerk with your details in order that a list can be created for any future emergencies.

Finance

Payments were approved and income receipts and bank account balance were agreed.

Planning

There were no new planning 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.

Correspondence received

Following discussion and having read documents sent out prior to the meeting, the Parish Council agreed to sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant. This is a formal recognition and offers support to serving and ex members of the Armed Forces and their families, within our community.

Lengthsman

The Lengthsman has inspected the noticeboard in Eaton and advised repair or replacement. A quote for £100 has been received to repair it and all agreed to go ahead with this.

Eaton Anti Social Behaviour

The Clerk has been in touch with the Eaton Village Action Group, however a reply was not received prior to the meeting so this will remain on the Agenda for discussion next month.

Mosquitoes in Gamston

The Clerk has emailed the Environmental Health Department at BDC to enquire what will be done this year to try and alleviate the problem. So far, unfortunately they have not replied. The Clerk will also email the Environment Agency to find out whether they intend to take any action this year.

As stated previously, District Councillor Dinsdale will now try and progress matters through BDC. He has been sent information regarding the issue.

It has been proven that the problem we have in Gamston is due to a specific breed, an inland floodwater mosquito the Aedes vexans, as identified by Public Health England a few years ago. This is a particularly nasty breed known to spread diseases. If you have any swarms or lots of bites please contact the Environmental Health Department at Bassetlaw District Council who will be keen to hear from you. They have been involved in the treatment of flood land in Gamston for a number of years now and are fully aware of the problem along with the Environment Agency who you could also contact.

Many of the residents in Gamston have purchased mosquito traps that are gas and electric operated machines and contain an attractant. Whilst these are expensive to purchase and operate, it is amazing how many of the insects they catch and eliminate. It is this method that has been used to identify the breed with samples being sent to Public Health England. The more of these machines we have in the area, the more mosquitoes will be caught and killed.

People living in Gamston have had summers where they are unable to use their gardens due to the problem but have to remain indoors with doors and windows firmly closed even during a heat wave.

Whilst predominantly our problem is the Aedes vexans, there are still measures you can take to alleviate similar problems with other breeds. Please see the information sheet from Public Health England (both here in the Idle Times and also on the Parish Council website www.gamstonwestdraytoneatonparishcouncil.co.uk) on how you can help to improve our community.

Matters of concern raised by residents

The playing field at Gamston school was closed during the school holidays and local children were disappointed that they could not use the facilities. Enquiries will be made as to why.

Some of the residents in West Drayton are keen to stop Old London Road being used as a rat run to access the A1 due to the danger of joining the A1 at that location. They have suggested that the road becomes one way only from the A1.

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 9th May 2024 at Gamston School.

This will be preceded by an Annual Meeting of the Five Villages Trust at 6.15pm.

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Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School News

**Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School celebrate as
Ofsted report finds them Good in all areas!**

Pupils strive to be the 'best they can be', say inspectors

Gamston St Peter's Church of England Primary School in Retford has been found to be Good in all areas following their recent Ofsted inspection.

The school was praised by inspectors who said, 'Pupils strive to be the 'best they can be' at this small village school. Everyone works together in harmony.'

The report highlighted the experiences of families saying, 'Parents and carers are unwavering in their praise for the school. As one parent, typical of many, commented: 'We love this school. It focuses on children's celebrations and successes and not just the academic.'

Chris Edwards (Headteacher) said he was pleased to share the positive report with families. "This achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our incredible staff, children, governors and supportive parent community. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making our school a place of excellence."

Pupils at Gamston St Peter's are described in the report as well behaved, welcoming and polite, and that they '...pay attention in lessons and enjoy their social times together.' Inspectors said that children '...look forward to receiving 'kindness awards' during celebration worship. They relish the opportunity of seeing their name written in the 'Gold Book'. It means they have gone the extra mile to live out the school's values.'

The school is recognised for promoting a love of reading amongst children and teaching core subjects well, with additional support readily available for any child who requires it. In its personal development programme, inspectors say that pupils are taught how to manage finances and budgets and how they can contribute towards their community or improve their school, commenting, 'They make decisions about how fundraising will be shared among local charities or to improve their school. For example, pupils raised funds for a 'friendship bench' for the school's playground. Pupils enjoy learning about different communities in modern society' and that, 'Pupils fulfil their roles and responsibilities in school with pride. They lead their peers in mindfulness activities. Some are sports leaders. Others are democratically elected to be school councillors.

Pupils benefit from attending a range of extra-curricular clubs. They enjoy taking part in sports events and competitions. Careful adaptations mean that pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) can participate fully in all school events.'

The school's leadership culture, and family engagement are found to a strength at the school with the report stating, 'The school endeavours to establish strong, positive relationships with all. Staff are proud to work at this school. Parents enjoy attending the 'Coffee, Cake and Conversation' gatherings. This helps them to understand how the school is helping their child to learn.'

Chris Moodie is CEO of the Diocese of Southwell & Nottinghamshire Multi-Academy Trust (SNMAT) of which Gamston St Peter's C of E Primary School is a member.

He said, "Gamston St Peter's is a great village school, with fantastic children and supportive families. Its staff team are rightly recognised by inspectors for their commitment to providing the best education possible for children, and it demonstrates their hard work is effective and meaningful. I am delighted the report reflects the school's caring environment, which champions every child to succeed and thrive in their education."

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Craft fair at Elkesley Memorial Hall

Sunday 30th June

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Spring Fayre at Eaton

All Saints church in Eaton will be holding a Spring Fayre on Saturday 18th May. The event will take place from 10am to 2pm and will feature craft, plant and preserves stalls as well as refreshments, homemade cakes, tombola and children's lucky dip. All proceeds will go towards improving the church's heating and lighting. To find out more about this and other events, please visit www.facebook.com/allsaintseatonandgamston

Notes from the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held 25th April 2024

District Cllr Charles Adams gave his District Council update and reported on a meeting which took place at the Brough Lane site, and other anti-social behaviour incidents around the village.

County Cllr Nigel Turner gave his County update; plus, information on his community fund for projects – the Chair suggested applying for funds towards an automatic speed sign for the village.

Several issues were raised by members of the public regarding highways, grass cutting, flood waters which Cllr Turner will investigate and arrange to meet with councillors to walk around the village with the Highways Manager to consider actions that could take place to resolve the issues raised at the meeting.

A representative from the Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group gave an update on the meetings held and the work that has taken place. The consultant is writing the current draft plan; this should be ready to review in a months' time. Further consultations with residents will then take place on the draft plan, and it will be for the residents to view and agree if they would like it to be adopted; this will have to be a majority decision determined by the amount of people that attended and voted.

Application reference 24/00384/FUL - A planning consultation has taken place in the Memorial Hall to discuss with the developers their proposal for the installation and operation of a solar farm and battery energy storage system (output up to 40 MVA), with associated works, equipment, infrastructure, and landscaping on land adjacent to A614 Worksop. The Parish Council will ask for an extension to the deadline for comments on the 2nd May before submitting its response.

A discussion took place regarding the future of the large BMX track; the Councillors will look for any ideas to bring back to the next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16th May at 6pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall.



Bothamsall Church

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning last month. We are delighted to report the event raised £255.

ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

This half term, we have some exciting new learning! Our Little Acorns will be learning all about the deep dark woods, with their focus text being 'The Gruffalo'. Enhancements within the classroom will be based on this wonderful, rhyming book about a big bad mouse and his adventures. Our Oak children are going to learn about how holidays have changed over time, computer presentations, properties of materials and important religious stories! Our Chestnut children who will be learning about how crime and punishment has changed over time, coding, the wonders of light and tinting and shading when painting. And finally, our Sycamore children are going to be exploring the art work of Hannah Hoch, investigating the distribution of natural resources and developing volleyball skills.

We have a range of book focusses across school linked to our key texts and topics, including: Katie In London, A Walk in London, My Name is not Refugee and the lost bear.

We have a range of exciting days to look forward to including: Adventure unlocked (Outdoor learning), Sports day, and a number of days at Tuxford Academy which include multi sports, cricket and rounders.

We have a fantastic nursery provision and take children from the first term after they turn 3. We can offer mornings or full days along with the option of breakfast and after school clubs. 15-hour and 30-hour codes can be used. You can put a child's name down for future places at any age which we recommend doing so to ensure a place is secure. If you are interested, please feel free to phone 01777838615 or email office@elkesley.notts.sch.uk for more information. Our Early Year's lead is Mrs Griffiths who would love to show you around our setting!

To support the parents of our children, we run a breakfast club each morning from 7.45am. Children are given a nutritious breakfast and have access to activities. Some children use the time for daily reading or homework. Our after school club is available five days a week from 3.30pm to 5:30pm – children have access to a range of activities and will receive an afternoon snack. Our breakfast club and afterschool club are offered to all children of the setting, including our nursery cohort – don't forget: you can use your 30-hours code!

Please be sure to head over to our website, 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.

Bothamsall Tower Club

Bothamsall Tower Club is still running after over 45 years and has raised much needed funds to help to keep our Parish Church open as a place of Worship, in reasonable condition and has also given out lots of cash in prizes to members too. I have been running it since September 1996 and this is notice to everyone that this is the last year that I will be running the Tower Club. If anyone else would like to take this over for the Church, please let me know or perhaps someone might like to run something similar for a different village organisation and again please let me know and I will help in any way I can.

This is a reminder that subscriptions are now due for next year which runs from June 2024 to the following May 2025. 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 (for my final year) 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 all future draws. Numbers that have become available during last year are: 64 and 101. If you would like to have either or both of these spare numbers, please just ask me.

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

Christine Moody
Tower Club Organiser



Bothamsall Help Requested Please

Are you able to spare a couple of hours on Saturday 18 May to help tidy the churchyard? We should be grateful for help to cut back ivy, uproot unwanted saplings and general weeding. If you are able to help, please join us at 10.00am. If possible, please bring secateurs and forks/spades. Thank you!



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