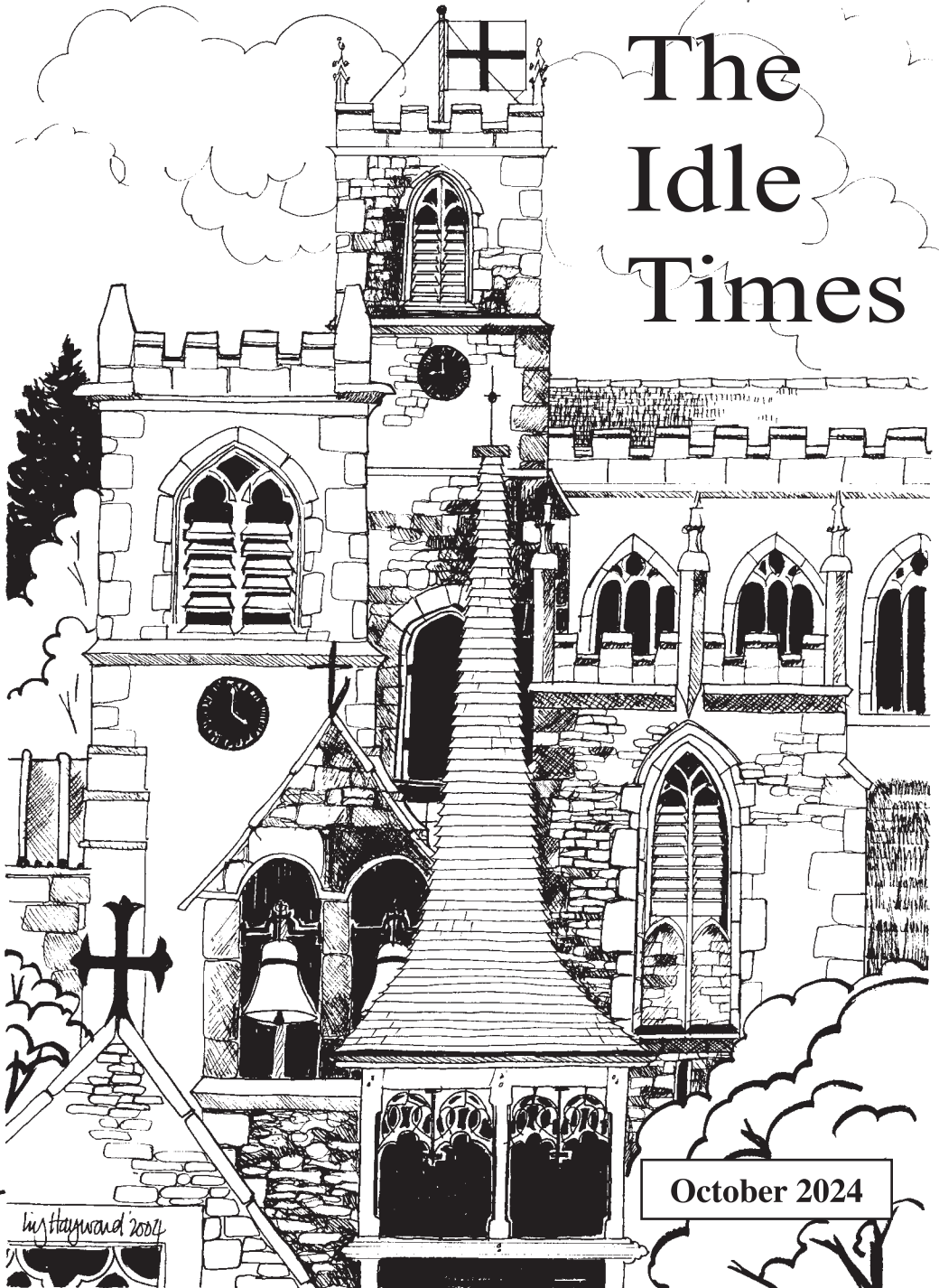


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<i>October</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 6	9.00am	Holy Communion	Scofton
	10.00am	Harvest Festival	Sutton-cum-Lound
Sunday 13	9.15am	Holy Communion	West Drayton
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Family Service	Babworth
	6.30pm	Harvest Festival	Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 20	9.30am	Worship for All	Sutton-cum-Lound
	10.45am	Family Service	Elkesley
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Babworth
Sunday 27	9.15am	Holy Communion	Bothamsall
	9.30am	Rural Praise	Sutton-cum-Lound
	10.30am	Morning Worship	West Drayton

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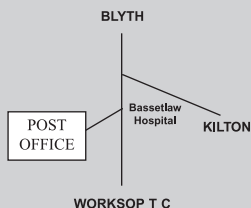
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Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2024 at Gamston School.

Prior to the meeting there had been an opportunity to “Meet Your Councillors” where a large number of residents from Rockley attended hoping there would be a member of the planning team in attendance and their local District Councillor to answer questions on planning procedure and protocol.

After both an apology and an explanation by the chair the meeting began with the usual formalities and the minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as being correct and the Action Log was updated.

District Council matters

District Councillor Gary Dinsdale sent his apologies.

Eaton Anti Social Behaviour

County Councillor Ogle explained he had attended a site meeting to discuss the feasibility of siting a camera on the South West Side of the bridge to identify both anti-social behaviour and bad parking. If all the criteria are met a camera could be mounted for a period of three months this would need to be agreed upon in due course.

Mosquitoes Environmental Health

It was agreed to send a note of thanks for all the help and assistance throughout the year to help reduce the situation.

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.

Footpath Rockley to Markham Moor

Cllr Ogle was made aware of the increase of usage of this path following the continued closure of the bridge at Jacket Mill and indicate he would assist in resolving the ongoing problem.

Old London Road, West Drayton

It was reported that while pot holes have been filled, however they are now raised and cause drivers to use the other side of the road which is an issue to the increased pedestrians using this stretch of the road where there is no footpath. Highways will be asked to inspect and report back.

Eel Pie Bridge

Following a notification from a resident that there is an increased use of the bridge by HGV's and following an inspection the signage appears to be insufficient and the clerk will inform the Highways department.

Winter Salt

Cllr Adams has agreed to hold the salt bags supplied by BDC for use within the Parish.

Muttonshire Hill, Gamston & West Entrance, Eaton

Both remain on the Schedule of Works and there is no update on start times.

Eaton Bridge

Following the recent damage to the bridge, Highways have inspected it and will be adding this to their schedule of works. It was also agreed by the Council to monitor the bridge until this work is completed and report any further movement to the clerk immediately.

Footpath between Rockley and West Drayton

No update has been forthcoming on this issue following the more detailed inspection.

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***Community Flood Signage Scheme***

There are now two qualified Flood Warden in West Drayton following Cllr Davis completing the training required. Cllr Vernon informed the council he will be completing the training shortly.

Sandbags / pumps and flood defences

The Parish has now resilience stores in West Drayton and Rockley.

Finance

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

The Insurance renewal quote was agreed.

Planning

The following application was considered:

Habitat Creation and Enhanced Project Including a series of ponds on the East side of the River Idle near Rectory Lane. Gamston. Awaiting decision.

Alleged Breach, Mill Lane. Rockley. The Enforcement Team at Bassetlaw District Council have been informed.

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.

Lengthsman

All members of the PC were saddened by the receipt of the Parish Lengthsman notice. It was acknowledged by all what a fantastic contribution Glen and his wife have made to improving the appearance of the whole Parish and they will sadly be missed. This position will be now advertised locally and in the Retford area as the council wants to maintain continuity as soon as possible.

Five Villages Trust (FVT)

It was agreed that an initial meeting of the FVT should take place in November and invitations will be forwarded to those parties involved.

Post Box at Rockley

Following the removal of the Post Box in Rockley for safety issues by the Royal Mail they have confirmed that currently there are no plans to replace it due to the proximity of the one at Markham Moor and the reduction of use. The PC agreed to write to Royal Mail to ask them to reconsider their decision.

Correspondence

Request to use Eaton Church as a Polling Station

All members were in agreement with this proposal and the site will be put forward when the next review takes place

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 10th October 2024 at Gamston School.

Please contact the Clerk with any matters you wish to raise at clerk.gamston@outlook.com

Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School News

'Be the best you can be!'

Kindness – Resilience - Hope

This month, we had the privilege of welcoming all of our new families and children to Gamston, as well as welcoming back those who were already/previously part of our school community.

During the summer holidays, we have made several exciting enhancements to our school. The hall now features a brand-new floor, providing a fresh and welcoming space for our school events and activities. We have installed new blinds throughout the school, improving both aesthetics and functionality in our learning environments. To enhance our outdoor space, we have added three new arbours on the field, creating shaded areas for pupils to enjoy during breaks and outdoor learning. We are also thrilled to introduce a new outdoor classroom, which will provide an engaging space for hands-on learning and exploration.

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Miss Wilson and Miss Havenhand to Gamston. As our Early Years Teacher, Miss Wilson will work alongside Miss Palmer and Mrs Morris in Hillary Class. Miss Havenhand is a Trainee Teacher who will be working alongside Mr Woodsford in Nightingale Class.

This year, our whole-school theme is 'Playing the Barcelona Way', inspired by Damian Hughes' insightful book. This concept emphasises the significance of teamwork, creativity, and a shared vision in achieving excellence. Just as FC Barcelona has consistently demonstrated, success comes from a collective effort where every member understands their role and contributes to a common goal. By fostering an environment of collaboration and innovation, we can inspire our pupils to not only aim for success but to enjoy the journey of learning together. Embracing this philosophy will empower our school community to thrive and reach new heights.

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

St. Peter's Church Gamston
Autumn Craft Fayre
Saturday 12th October 2024
10am ~ 3pm

Free Entry
 Come and support our local makers
 Tombola, refreshments & homemade cakes to eat in or takeaway

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Harvest at All Saints church, Eaton
Sunday 13th October

The community of Eaton and Gamston will be giving thanks for the harvest at a family Harvest Festival on Sunday 13th October at 6.30pm - all are welcome to join us. Our service will again be followed by a 'bring and share' supper so everyone is invited to bring along something sweet or savoury to share with others if you are able (drinks will be provided). Any donations of non-perishable items for the Bassetlaw Foodbank would also be appreciated.

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Coffee & Cake at Eaton
Saturday 19th October
10am ~ 12pm

Our regular coffee mornings on the third Saturday of the month are continuing to prove popular, with our next one taking place on Saturday 19th October. Everyone is welcome to come along between 10am and noon to enjoy hot or cold drinks, scones and cake. Toys and activities will be available for children, and dogs are welcome too. October's event will also have a harvest theme and we will be selling jams, chutneys and other preserves to raise funds for improving our church's heating and lighting. To find out more about this and other events and activities, visit www.facebook.com/allsaintseatonandgamston

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Kids Half-term Autumn Craft Club
23rd October and 30th October
Eaton church

Following the success of its summer club, a kids craft club will be running again on both Wednesdays in October half-term from 10am to noon. The club is open to children aged 4 and above and is run by experienced DBS checked staff. Sessions cost £10 each which includes drinks and all crafting equipment. Places at each session are limited so please contact Angela to book: **07528 169488**.

ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

What a fantastic start to the year! Our children have returned living and breathing our school values and we are already seeing happy, welcoming, compassionate, resilient, talented achievers ready to learn and face the challenges ahead. Our new Little Acorns have settled in fantastically and are exploring the wonders of Early Years.

As we look to the year ahead, we have some fantastic trips planned; starting with KS2 visiting Eurika. Along with this, this half term we have: outdoor learning from Adventure Unlocked for all classes, balance bike training for Reception and Year 1 and Ballet for EYFS and KS1!

We currently have a vacancy for a school governor. If education is something that you are passionate about and you would like to support our school, please contact the school office via email: office@elkesley.notts.sch.uk or via phone: **01777 838615**. We will be able to provide you with more information about the role. You would be responsible for ensuring that the school provides a good quality education for all pupils. However, you are not required to have knowledge or experience of working in/with a school as governing bodies require people from all backgrounds who can bring their professional knowledge to the school.

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 **01777 838615** 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!

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 Church News

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Auction and Quiz. We had amazing donations of fruit and vegetables from all our wonderful gardeners and very generous bids for the auction lots which included home-made jams and cakes. Congratulations to Peter Eaglen for winning the cup for the best box of garden produce. The evening raised £385.50

Elkesley Parish Council meeting 17 September 2024

With apologies from only Cllr O'Brien, all other parish councillors attended, along with District Councillor Charles Adams and County Councillor Nigel Turner, and five members of the public.

The Chair reported on a quiet couple of months, with no meeting held in August due to being holiday season.

Members of the public in attendance raised the issues of the Brough Lane planning application, and the state of some of the footpaths in the area.

Reports from Cllrs Adams and Turner covered issues including the status of the Brough Lane planning application, the recent fire at A1 Metals, the Parish Boundary changes consultation, and a new industrial development planned near Apleyhead for 2026. The issue of gritting all along the bus routes will be looked into.

Neil Oldbury presented an update on the Neighbourhood Plan update, and the parish council endorsed the statement prepared for them needed to proceed. These documents will be uploaded to the website in due course.

The minutes of the meeting in July were approved, as were the payments made in August and September. The parish council now uses internet banking which has improved efficiency. The External Auditor (PKF Littlejohn) have approved the council's accounts for 2023-24, and copies of the statement are displayed online and the noticeboards.

A new Safeguarding policy has been adopted by Elkesley Parish Council. There will be a parish councillor in attendance at the Remembrance Sunday ceremony, laying a wreath on behalf of the parish council.

Reports were received on the sports field and play area, cemetery and the defibrillators. Minor repairs were required, but thanks were given to Stuart Booth who had very kindly repaired the zip wire. The defibrillator outside the shop appeared to have been vandalised, with repairs planned as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is planned for Thursday 17 October at 6pm in Elkesley Memorial Hall.



**Elkesley Village Hall will be Having a
Christmas Lunch
on Friday December 13th 2024**

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