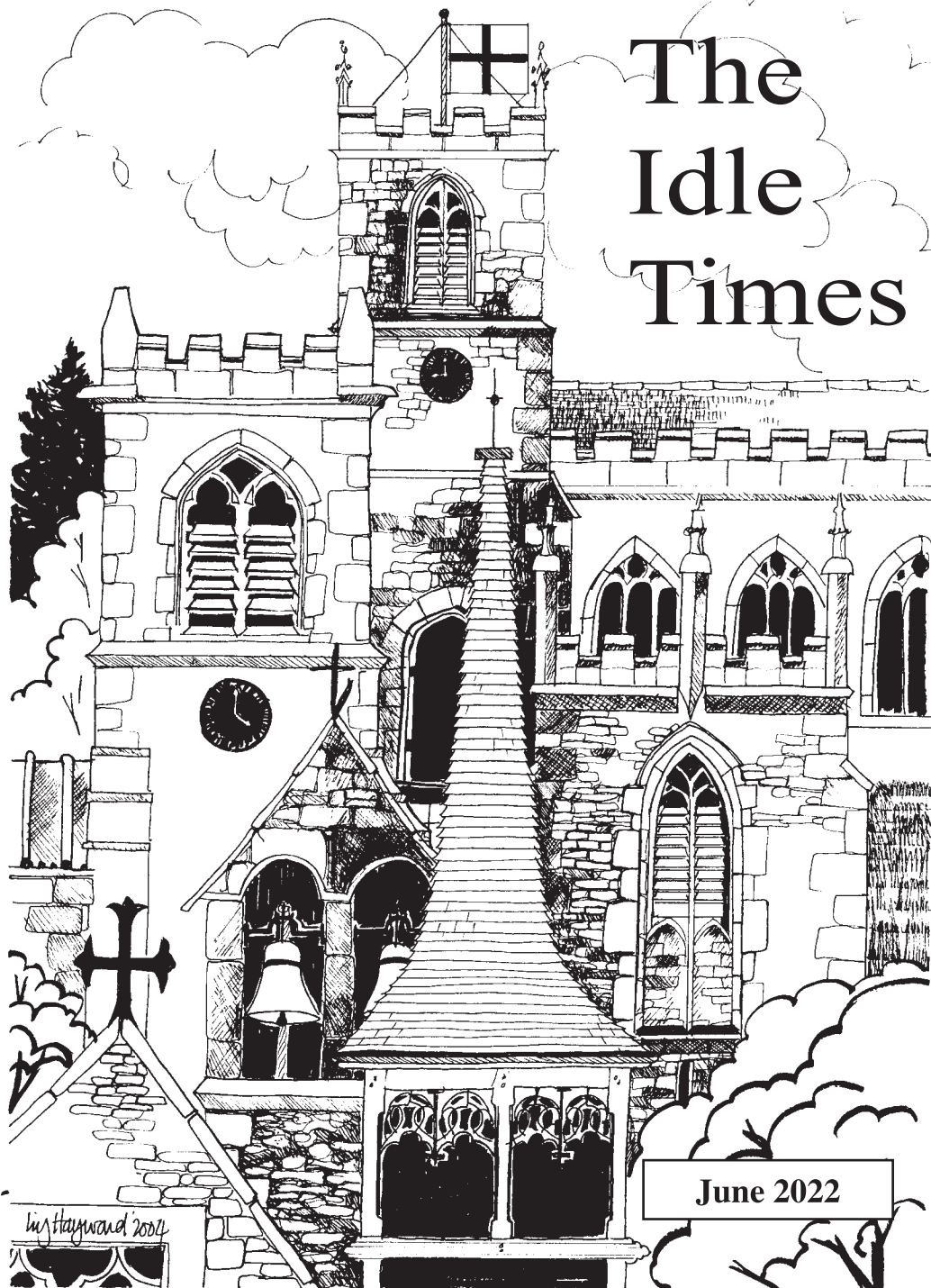


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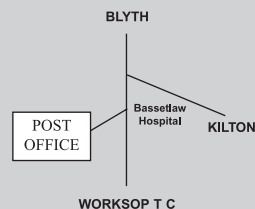
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Church Diary for June

<i>June</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 5	9.00am	Holy Communion	Scofton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Babworth
Sunday 12	9.15am	Holy Communion	West Drayton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 19	9.30am	Worship for All	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Babworth
	11.00am	Family Service	Elkesley
Sunday 26	9.15am	Holy Communion	Bothamsall
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	Sutton-cum-Lound
	10.30am	Welcome service for new Head of Gamston School	Eaton
	10.30am	Morning Worship	West Drayton
	11.00am	Songs of Praise	Babworth



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Please will you send any articles for the July 2022 edition of *The Idle Times* to **Francis Waite**, preferably by email to fagrouting@tiscali.co.uk by 21st June 2022.

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21st May 15th October

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All are welcome and we hope to provide refreshments!

Notes from the Annual Meeting of the Elkesley Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.00pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall, High Street, Elkesley.

The election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022-23 took place - Cllr Skelton was elected as Chair; Cllr O'Brien was elected as Vice-Chair for 2022-23.

The Chair sent his report which noted that the new Elkesley Memorial Hall Committed has been elected; the Chair wishes to work closely with the new committee to build a good relationship for the benefit of both the Memorial Hall and Parish Council. It was also noted the difference that the recent grass cuttings has made to the village entrances and verges. As well as looking tidier, the pedestrians and road users are far more safer as visibility has greatly increased.

The Robin Hood has finally been demolished; as much as it may sadden many residents of the village that we have lost such a once well attended asset; the building was looking very tired and suffered irreparable damage. The Chair hopes that any new development will be in keeping with the rest of the area and looks forward to the space being utilised.

Finally, the Chair gave his thanks to all the Parish Councillors for their voluntary hours they have selflessly donated to the village; a minimum of 76 hours have been completed this month.

A resident suggested having a small sand pit in the play area; this will considered at the next meeting.

The Council approved the financial reports for the year ending 31st March 2022. The Annual Governance and Accounting Statement for the 2021-22 were also approved. The annual review of policies took place which was approved.

The Parish Council resolved not to move the large BMX track and Cllr Grounsell will continue to monitor the track.

The Independent Memorial Inspection took place on the 22nd April 2022; several memorials failed their safety test. Please check if you are the owner of a memorial stone whether there is a safety sticker on the memorial; if so, please arrange for your stone mason to carry out repairs. Following the previous inspection some years ago, the Parish Council records did not have any contact details for owners of the older memorial stones. If you are the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial Deed and the memorial stone; please email the Parish Council your contact details in case we need to contact you – email is elkesleyclerk@gmail.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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The next Parish Council meeting will take place on the 21st June 2022 at 7pm in the Elkesley Memorial Hall.

Please contact Nottinghamshire County Council on **0300 500 8080** if you have any highway issues such as pot holes, condition of road or overhanging bushes/tree/vegetation which is affecting your right of way on the pavements.

Please contact the District Council on **01909 533533** for any fly tipping or street cleaning matters.

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ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

It has been another fantastic half term at Elkesley Primary and Nursery school!

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 have tried their best from start to finish. Their effort and dedication shown in some of the toughest years this country has faced has been outstanding. We have been blown away by their perseverance and how far they have come in just one school year. They are all superstars!

We got to meet Derek the Dolphin when we were visited by Retford Leisure Centre who taught the children about water safety and how to stay SAFE: Spot dangers, Take advice, go with a Friend and know what to do in an Emergency!

We hope that you can join us at the village celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee! There will be lots of activities for children to partake in and, more importantly, a cake competition! Our children have a slot on the stage for live performers so please come and see our children perform some of their young voices songs, along with a song learnt especially for the Queen's Jubilee!

We cannot wait for the next half term and hope that parents will be able to join us for our summer events, such as sports day (and the most anticipated event of the year: the parent race).

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the Annual meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2022

at St Peter's Church, Gamston.

During the open session, the new Head Teacher from Gamston Church of England School, Mr Chris Edwards, introduced himself to those present. There were also two members of the Eaton Independent Action Group in attendance.

Meeting

Councillor Chandler was re-elected as Chairman.

A letter of resignation was received from Councillor Blagg following 21 years of hard work as a Parish Councillor and also previously, as Chairman. This means there is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, should anyone wish to join the Parish Council.

The Responsibilities and Appointment of Representatives of Other Bodies List was reviewed and updated with Councillors accepting responsibilities for the various roles.

The Annual Governance and Accounting Statements were approved.

Following the recent closure of the Nat West Bank in Retford, It was agreed to change the bank account to Unity Trust Bank in order to simplify finances and payments.

Highways

District and County Councillor Ogle was unfortunately not present so there was no update on previous matters raised.

There was still no update on the missing bins in the Parish however the Clerk is communicating with Bassetlaw District Council in relation to this.

The blocked gullies at Rockley had been visited and marked out by Nottinghamshire County Council earlier in the week so hopefully, this issue will be resolved soon.

A resident in West Drayton had complained about vehicles parking opposite the Farthings, which was causing an obstruction at the junction. The Clerk will send an email to the care home with photographs attached to evidence this.

The entry and 40 speed sign at Muttonshire Hill in Gamston has finally been replaced having been down for many months. The road name sign is still missing though and this will be followed up yet again.

Highways have now installed the traffic speed tubes at Eaton to continue their assessment on traffic flow and speed of vehicles using Main Street.

Update on defibrillators

The defibrillator in the phone box at Gamston is now fully operational again.

The pads and batteries have arrived for the second defibrillator in Gamston and that should hopefully soon be sited at the opposite end of the village.

The defibrillator in Eaton is still awaiting new pads and batteries, however these should be arriving imminently. Once the defibrillator in Eaton is operational, Councillor Mee will be arranging defibrillator training through the Retford Lions for anyone requiring it. Dates will be published in future publications of the idle Times.

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Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Councillor Ramsden is progressing with the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The Parish has been registered and we are awaiting approval.

Councillors Ramsden and Vernon are looking to progress ideas for the Parishes in Bloom displays for each village.

Planning

There were no objections to planning applications.

As these are notes from the meeting, please visit our website where the minutes of the meeting provide more detail or alternatively, speak to one of the Councillors.

www.gamstonwestdraytoneatonparishcouncil.co.uk

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 16th June at Gamston School.

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

clerk.gamston@outlook.com

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Gamston CofE (Aided) Primary School News

As primary schools 'return to normal' following 2-years of COVID restrictions, we are beginning to enjoy aspects of school life that have been absent from our school during the global pandemic. We are now able to welcome families back into school for Friday Celebration Worship, football tournaments are in full flow, Queens Jubilee Celebrations (at the time of writing) are just around the corner and our PFA are busy planning our Summer Fayre. We shared with you last month that – as a school – we are reflecting on the importance of community. We are incredibly grateful that our whole-school community can once again meet and gather together in so many different ways.

This year has also seen the return of statutory assessments and our Year 6 children (along with all Year 6 children nationally) have taken their end of key stage 2 statutory tests. They have all shown incredible determination and effort and we are immensely proud of each and every one of them.

Finally, we are delighted that, through Bibles for Children, we have been able to present all children from Year 1 to Year 6 with a hard back copy of The Children's Bible. Since its establishment, the charity has provided Bibles to well over half a million children in over 2,300 schools throughout the United Kingdom.

Please follow our adventures on Twitter - @GamstonCofE – and on our school website – *www.gamstonschool.co.uk*

Gamston Defibrillator – Village Update

As of the start of June 2022, Gamston now has two defibrillators.

The new replacement defibrillator is in the phone box on Rectory lane, in Gamston village. Due to pad and battery supply issues with the manufacturer, it was agreed by some villagers, that we would purchase a new one; so full coverage was still in place. This happened back in February.

Now that our original defibrillator has been recommissioned, equipped with a new battery and pads, it is now housed in a fully insulated cabinet on the wall outside Manor Farm, DN22 0PY. Both defibrillators should give a good coverage to the village.

The defibs life span is 8 years. All funding has now been exhausted from the fundraising that happened 4 years ago. We have a community account for the defibrillators. Should any households who did not contribute last time to the defibrillator or those that wish to make a further contribution, to help fund this essential equipment in the future, your donations would be most welcome.

No further actions should need to be taken for 4 years now – when at that time, it will depend on funds as to whether the second defibrillator can be replaced, as it comes to the end of its warranty.

Account Name - Gamston Community
Sort Code – 60-17-28
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Both defibrillators are registered with the Ambulance service and on The Circuit. Both have the same access code to avoid any confusion. The ambulance service will give you the code and direct you to your nearest defibrillator in an emergency. Thank you. Julia Bowness

Defibrillator Training

There are a number of Defibrillators located around the Villages of Gamston, Eaton & West Drayton and it is proposed to hold a training session for villagers to familiarise themselves on how to use this equipment.

The session is to be run by the Retford Lions and will be held at Gamston School at 7PM on Wednesday 27 July 2022. It will last for about 90 minutes and will include practical training. There are up to 24 places available and anyone interested should email Vince Mee at vincemee@gmail.com by Friday 22 July 2022.

BOTHAMSALL TOWER CLUB

Bothamsall Tower Club has been running for approx. 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.

This is a reminder that subscriptions are now due for the next year which runs from June 2022 to the following May 2023. 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. In April 2022 we had 143 numbers resulting in 1st Prize: £26.00, 2nd Prize: £20.00, 3rd Prize: £15.00 and 4th Prize: £10.00. So £ 71.00 paid out in prizes and £ 72.00 for the Church. As membership increases or decreases, the value of the prizes is amended accordingly.

The draw is now back to being done 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 by prior arrangement and we would obviously follow safe distancing guidelines.

If you would like to support your Parish Church by 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 draws.

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

Christine Moody
Tower Club Organiser

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Eaton church events

On Sunday 26th June at 10.30am the Archdeacon of Newark, Tors Ramsey, will be coming to All Saints Eaton to lead a service to welcome Chris Edwards as head of Gamston CofE Primary School. Please join us for this special occasion and for tea/coffee and cake afterwards.

On Sunday 10th July at 6.30pm Eaton church will be hosting an evening of "Hymns and Pimms". All are welcome to join us to sing your favourite hymns, followed by Pimms (or soft drinks) and nibbles. All donations will go towards our project to add a toilet and kitchenette to our church to create a community hub.

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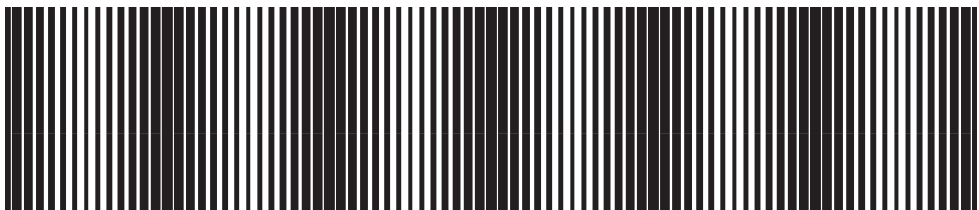
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