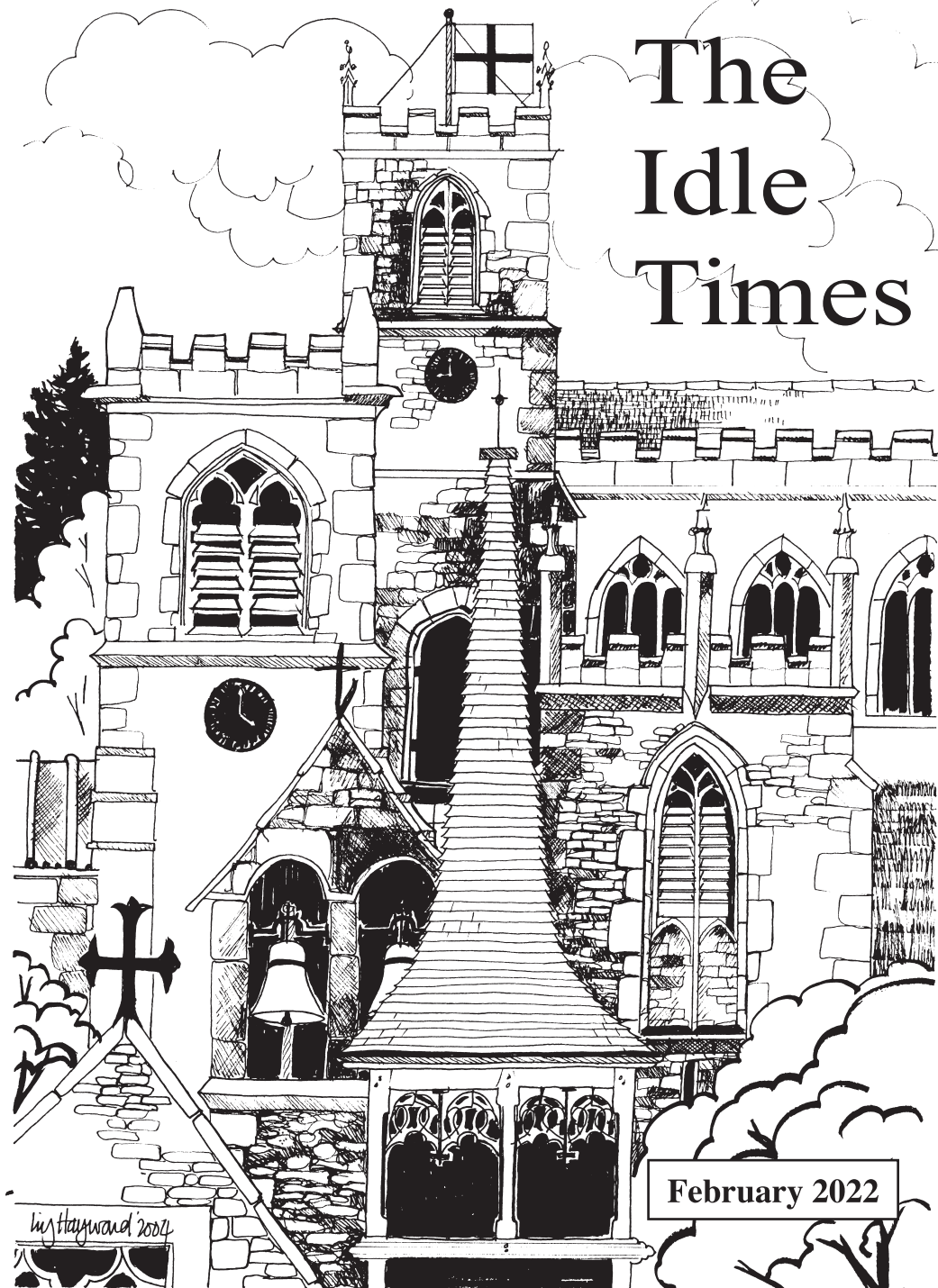


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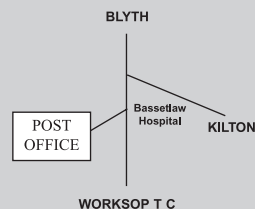
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## **Notes from the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held on 18th Jan 2022**

Councillor O'Brien chaired the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Skelton.

During the public session, a villager asked about what can be done about all the moles on the verges of Lawnwood and Headland Avenue. NCC has been responsible for these areas for several years. The Parish Council are happy to let them know as the resident was at the meeting however, if residents see issues with grass and verges in the village, other than on the playing field, churchyard or cemetery, then please report it to VIA on 0300 500 80 80.

Bassetlaw District Councillor, Kevin Dukes, asked that everyone look at the local plan and the addendum regarding the Traveller site and make comments where necessary as this will affect the village. Planning enforcement consultation is now open and can be seen on the council website, please have your say on how the enforcement team deal with unauthorised developments and much more.

BDC also has money available to create Neighbourhood plans, although it's unsure if this funding is for existing plans, new plans or just for trialling the new procedure for neighbourhood plans.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

Financial details were given and the payments due were made.

Safety inspections for the field have been carried out by Councillor Jefferson and all was ok with the equipment. The only thing brought up was moles again. Councillor May agreed to arrange for these to be dealt with. It was also suggested by Councillor Stronach that the adjacent fields around the playing field could be the cause of the moles. The council asked Councillor May if he could liaise with the owners to see if there was anything that could be done with any moles found on their property.

A long discussion took place regarding the Bassetlaw District Plan and the Travellers site. The survey, which was sent to every house in the village was discussed. Approximately 350 questionnaires were delivered and as of 18th Jan 118 had been returned, and it was envisaged that more would be coming in over the next few days. All questionnaires had been anonymised prior to the meeting and this will be done to all future returns received.

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The majority disagreed with having a traveller's site in the village, mainly because of the issues with dogs from the site and the inability to use Brough Lane safely. Vehicles used by underage drivers travelling at speed and the anti social behaviour was also identified along with various other issues.

As part of the collection of information Cllr O'Brien advised the meeting that all previous planning applications for Brough Lane have been rejected over the years and although some didn't have a reason on the planning portal because of how old the application was, several including caravan sites and Caravans for security had been rejected. Whilst there were varying reasons for the rejections all of them highlighted the area in question was not appropriate for development and that Brough Lane was too narrow for the continual use of vehicles. The evidence collected will now be used by the Parish Council to object to the sites inclusion in the Bassetlaw District Local Plan.

It was agreed that a planning consultant be asked to look at putting the objection together and present it to the Parish Council prior to it being forwarded to BDC.

Councillor Stronach asked if there was any external funding to pay for the consultant. The chair advised the meeting she was not aware of any but asked Councillor Stronagh if he would like to look for alternative funding.

Objections have to be submitted by 17th February 2022 and all villagers can enter an objection either by post, email or on BDC website <http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/bassetlawplan>

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Items to be included on the next agenda include:

Budget

Precept

Internal Control Document

Quotes for the external safety inspection in the Cemetery

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15 February 2022. At Elkesley Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m.

We would like to wish everyone in the parish a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2022.

## **Happy new year from all of us at Elkesley Primary and Nursery School!**

Before the end of last term, our fantastic Sycamore class organised and ran our annual Christmas Fayre and, with the incredible support of our families, raised funds toward our brand new reading books. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came out to support them - as always, we couldn't do it without you. Before Christmas, we worked with the church and our amazing children had the opportunity to perform in the Christingle service; we also joined the village Christmas Light Switch-on whereby our children were able to decorate the tree with baubles that they had created. We are looking forward to working with the church and parish council further and we hope to see you at future events!

We have had a wonderful first few weeks back at school and the children are all working hard and enjoying their new class topics. Across school we have been learning everything from how to blow down the 3 little pig's stick house (with a giant piston pump taller than some of the children) to German, French and Tamil in the younger years! In Key Stage 2 children have been learning about the world and its equator and how it impacts our lives to investigating why the Vikings choose to raid and settle in Britain.

Our Year 5 and 6 children have been excited to attend Worksop college for an orienteering event recently. We are excited to be able to join other schools in competitive events and look forward to multisport, basketball and tennis over the following term!

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.

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### **The Cowboy who Conquered the Sky**

'The Cowboy who Conquered the Sky' is about the life of Samuel Franklin Cody who was born in Iowa, USA in 1867. A larger than life, colourful character who, due to the similar way he dressed, was often mistaken for Buffalo Bill as he toured England and Europe with his Wild West Shows. However, he found a passion in aviation, and using his practical skills started building man-lifting kites, and progressed, through gliders and airships, to producing powered aircraft. In 1908, S F Cody became famous for making the first sustained flight in the UK of a heavier than air powered aeroplane. He also became a British citizen at the first Aviation Meeting which took place at Doncaster Racecourse in 1909. S F Cody then went on to build a series of aircraft, including one with floats, which he successfully flew at various events up and down the country winning nominal amounts of prize money. In 1912 he won the military trials and his Cody No. Va aircraft was purchased for the Army and handed over to the RFC. In the same year he was awarded the Royal Aero Club Gold Medal, its highest honour for his continued services to aeronautics. In August 1913, the machine S F Cody was flying with a passenger near Farnborough broke up in the air, and they were both killed. The popularity of this "kind, considerate, indomitable and courageous man" was demonstrated by the fact that his funeral procession was half a mile long, and drew an estimated crowd of 100,000 people.

## LIFE at BOTHAMSALL CONTINUES

Now that Christmas has come & gone and hopefully Covid restrictions are behind us, the village of Bothamsall has emerged into the New Year with fresh hope & renewed vigour.

Pilates classes have restarted at the village hall on Tuesday evenings between 6.00pm & 7.00pm. The cost is £30 a month or £8 per week. For further details please contact Jill on 07974 955150.

The table tennis club meet on Sundays, 2pm. – 4pm. & on Thursdays, 7pm. – 9pm. For further details please contact Chris on 01623 860798. Chris also runs the Church Tower club and she has some spare numbers if you are interested in participating in the monthly draw for prizes.

The Social Club continues to open on Monday, Friday & Saturday evenings and over the next few weekends will be showing live, on a large screen, all the England rugby 6 nations matches. Non -members are welcome but there will be a 50p signing in fee. Also on Saturday March 5th there will be an illustrated talk by Adrian Sumner entitled “The Cowboy who Conquered the Sky” The talk will start at 8.30pm. See separate flyer on page 4. The entry fee is £2. The bar will be open. Bring your own nibbles (if you like).

Adrian has already given two excellent illustrated talks at the village hall. One was on the history of Gamston Aerodrome & the other on his R.A.F. career, flying the infamous Vulcan bomber. Do come along and be informed & entertained at the same time.

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## Bothamsall Pensioners Luncheon Club

There are quite a few of us in Bothamsall who have entered our golden years. Partly to celebrate this, and partly to form a supportive social group, Ellen and I thought it would be nice to hold a monthly luncheon club in the Village Hall if there were enough residents in the in the 65+ years age group who would like to attend. We would be looking at holding it on a Monday.

There would also be the possibility of guest speakers sharing interesting talks after lunch. Our church in Langold has been successfully providing this service to the community for over 20 years and we would love to replicate this in our village.

If you think you would like to be involved in such a group, whether helping out or just enjoying the lunch and the company, please let me know by email at [lawsonfmain@gmail.com](mailto:lawsonfmain@gmail.com) or call or text me on **07530044913**.

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Contemporary Church Service - Sunday March 13th in Village Hall at 6.30pm.

# Watercourses

## on or next to your property



Watercourses help manage surface water, prevent flooding and improve habitats for wildlife so it's important to keep them clear and well maintained.

Rivers, brooks, streams, culverts and roadside ditches are all watercourses even if they don't contain water all year round. If you have any of these **running through, underneath or next to your property** it's your responsibility to look after them. The legal term for this is Riparian Ownership.

### What are your rights and responsibilities as a riparian owner?

As a riparian owner you must:

- keep structures that you own, such as culverts and trash screen weirs, clear from debris
- maintain the bed and banks of the watercourse, including shrubs and trees
- clear away debris, even if it did not originate from your land
- allow water to run through your section of the watercourse without any obstruction, pollution or diversion
- not impact the rights of your downstream neighbour which in turn means that you will not be impacted by your upstream neighbour

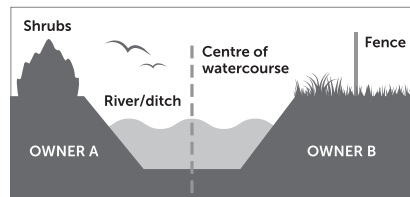


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### What are the common problems that can affect a watercourse?

- Installing culverts/pipes that are too small and create a blockage
- Not keeping culverts/pipes/trash screens clear
- Allowing silt to build up, which can reduce the capacity and block the watercourse
- Failing to keep vegetation under control
- Disposal of garden waste and domestic rubbish, either on the bank or within the watercourse

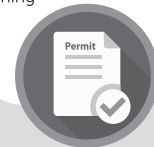


### What happens if I don't undertake my riparian responsibilities?

Nottinghamshire County Council will give you the opportunity to carry out any necessary work in a timely manner. If the work is not carried out, you could face legal action under the Land Drainage Act 1991. If a road floods because of an obstruction in a ditch, then the Highway Authority may take legal action requiring you to clear it.

### Can I make changes to a watercourse?

Yes, however you must obtain the correct **CONSENTS** and/or **PERMITS** from the relevant authorities (see below) before carrying out changes to a watercourse. More information on how to submit an application can be found online at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/flooding-help-and-advice/waterway-changes](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/flooding-help-and-advice/waterway-changes)



### Further information and contacts

There are a number of authorities and organisations that have statutory powers over the condition of, and work on, watercourses in Nottinghamshire.

**Nottinghamshire County Council** is responsible for the management of Flood Risk from surface water run-off from groundwater and smaller watercourses (known as Ordinary Watercourses). As Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), the County Council has permissive powers and statutory duties to manage and co-ordinate local flood risk management activities in Nottinghamshire.

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**The Environment Agency** manages the risk of flooding from main rivers, reservoirs, estuaries and the sea.

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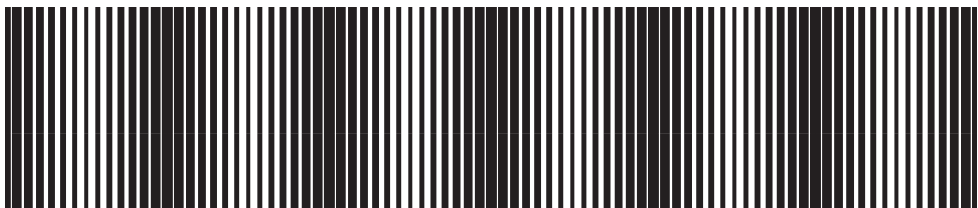
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