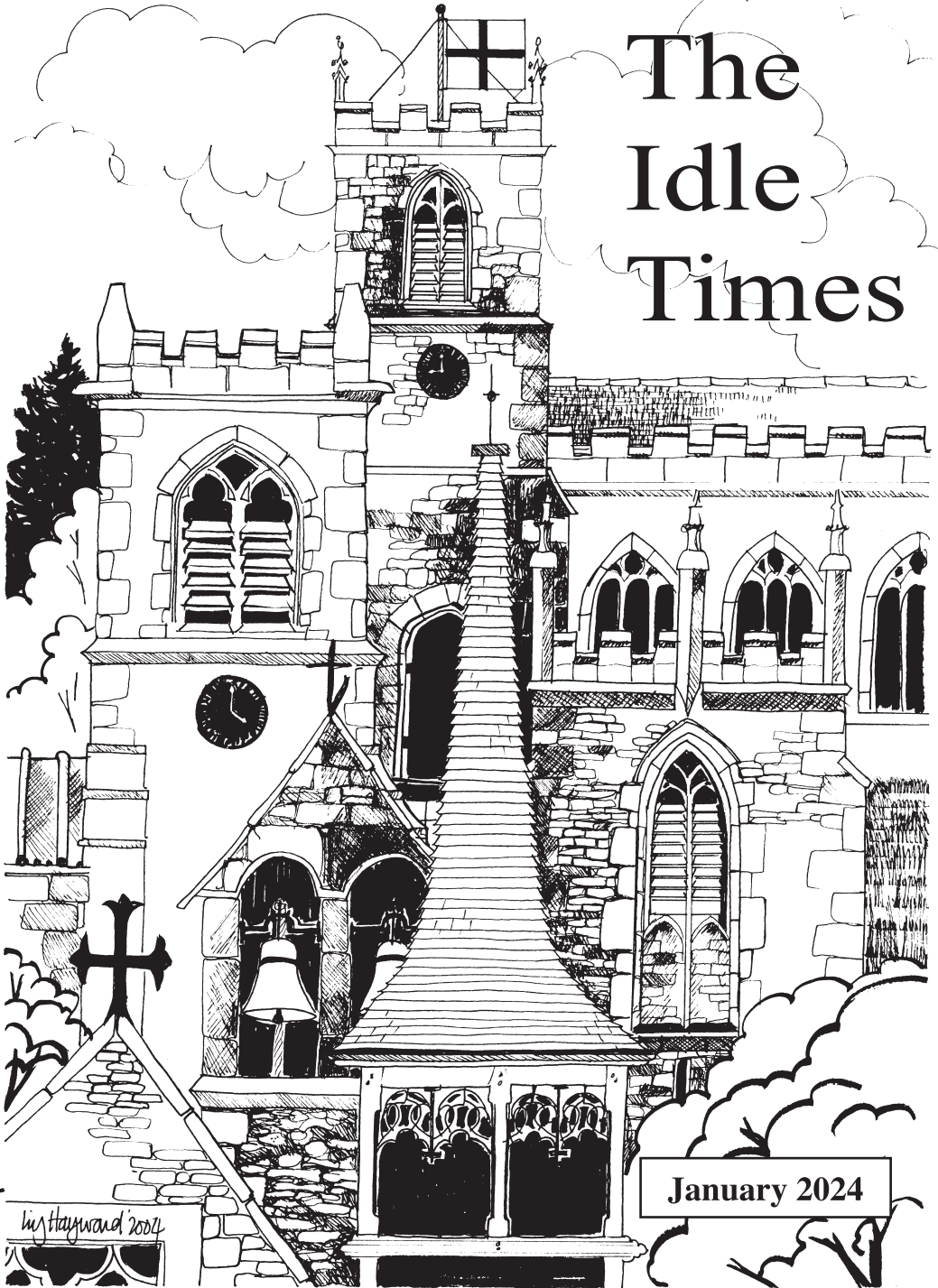


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| <i>January</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Service/Event</i> | <i>Venue</i> |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday 7 | 9.00am | Morning Worship | Scofton |
| | 9.30am | Family Service | Sutton-cum-Lound |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Ranby |
| Sunday 14 | 9.30am | Holy Communion | Sutton-cum-Lound |
| | 11.00am | Matins | Babworth |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Prayer | Eaton & Gamston |
| Sunday 21 | 9.30am | Worship for All | Sutton-cum-Lound |
| | 11.00am | Morning Worship | Babworth |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Elkesley |
| Sunday 28 | 9.15am | Holy Communion | Eaton & Gamston |
| | 10.30am | Morning Worship | West Drayton |
| | 11.00am | Matins | Babworth |

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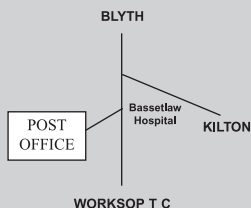
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Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2023 at Gamston School.

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

There were two members of the public present.

Matters arising from the minutes

Community speed watch

Hopefully this can now progress. As a result of further enquiries by the Parish Council, Police Constable James Martin has now requested a list of possible locations within our villages where this could be carried out. A number of locations will be forwarded in order for a risk assessment to be done.

District Council matters

District Councillor Dinsdale did not attend the meeting but sent a brief general report.

Anti Social behavior in Eaton

Parish Councillors were disappointed that there was still no update from Bassetlaw District Council Anti Social Behaviour Team, in order to reach a long-term solution. The Clerk will chase this up again both with BDC and District Councillor Dinsdale.

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 was not present at the meeting and no correspondence has been received from him.

Muttonshire Hill, Gamston – Request to extend the 40mph out of the village.

This remains on the Schedule of Works.

Streetlight at Woodyard Lane, Eaton

Local members of the Council were frustrated that this has still not been repaired. The overgrown trees have now been trimmed back and the lamp is now accessible. The clerk will email both Highways and County Councillor Ogle again in order to hopefully progress this.

Church Lane, West Drayton – road repairs

This has been reported on numerous occasions and the recent flooding has exasperated the conditions. The Clerk has received an email from the Highways Department stating that this work has now been carried out. The Parish Council does not believe that sufficient work has been done and that which has been done is of a poor standard. There are still numerous potholes some of which are dangerously deep. The Clerk will inform Notts County Council.

Public Right of Way from West Drayton to A1

The Countryside Access Team have now agreed to erect 'No Through Road' signs at this location to deter people from using this dangerous public right of way, leading direct to the A1. They are looking to apply to extinguish the footpath and this will involve a public consultation in due course.

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***

The Parish Council is calling for volunteers!

Would you like to help your community? Why not sign up to be a Flood Warden? Full training will be given and safety equipment provided. Please see the information sheet in this month's edition of the Idle Times or contact the Clerk for more details.

Environment Agency update – Storm Babet

Following an email sent by the Clerk after the last meeting, the Environment Agency have responded, stating that the enquiries will be looked into in due course, but at present they are extremely busy dealing with the after effects of the storm.

Rockley

Riparian work at Rockley has been carried out and this has reduced the water levels. Dykes at Holme Lane, Mill Lane and the A638 however, are still in need of being dug out. The Clerk will contact Highways.

Finance

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

Budget and Precept

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to raise the precept by 3% for next years budget. This is still well below the level of inflation.

Planning

Variation of Condition 1 on P.A 23/00069/VOC Amendment to Drawing Numbers to Allow for a Uniformed Height Restriction and Changes to Landscaping

Ballards Removals Holdings Limited Land South Of Meadow View Ref. No: 23/01385/ VOC | Received: Mon 20 Nov 2023| Status: Awaiting decision

Carry out works to trees within a conservation area – Ash tree, Remove broken and dead overhanging branches back to boundary

The Old Rectory Church Lane Gamston Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0QB Ref. No: 23/01403/CAT | Received: Wed 22 Nov 2023 | Validated: Wed 22 Nov 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

There were no comments on either application.

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.

West Drayton defibrillator update

Thanks to Councillors Davies and Ramsden, this has now been installed in the telephone kiosk.

Lengthsman winter work schedule

Praise was given for the work already undertaken and it was agreed that the Lengthsmans work is now clearly visible within our villages. New tasks have been set for the winter months.

Parish Council Vacancy for Gamston

There is currently a vacancy on our Parish Council to cover the village of Gamston. We look forward to hearing from any member of the community interested in joining our team. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Matters raised by residents

Eaton and Gamston residents have again questioned why the Notts bus does not actually stop in our villages even though it travels through. The Clerk will send another email requesting a service.

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 1st February 2023 at Gamston School.

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

clerk.gamston@outlook.com

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council
would like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents
best wishes for a happy and healthy 2024.

ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

From all of the staff and children at Elkesley Primary and Nursery School – we hope you had a fantastic Christmas!

We had an amazing run up to the end of the term:

Our Christmas Fayre was bigger than ever this year: Year 6 hosted their yearly enterprising project which they planned and delivered a range of games, created and sold Christmas crafts and invited the whole community along. Our PTA sold hotdogs, teas/coffees and mulled wine; we had games and activities for the grownups too! Thank you to all of the local sellers who came along and sold your wares for the evening. It was fantastic to open the event to the Elkesley Community. We hope to see you all at this year’s Christmas Fayre which will, once again, be opened to the whole village.

Our amazing PTA are supercharged and have delivered some fantastic and engaging fundraising events this term. The Christmas cinema night was magical as the children enjoyed the film, along with hotdogs, popcorn and a special treat.

The children in EYFS and KS1 performed their annual nativity. This year they performed ‘Everyone Loves a Baby’. It was a brilliant show full of drama and unintentional comedy. The songs and costumes were fantastic and the acting and effort from the children made us so proud. Another BIG thank you to the children and teachers/TAs for their effort and to the audience for supporting us.

Remember to check out our Instagram: [@elkesleyprimary](#) and/or our FaceBook: [facebook.com/ElkesleyPrimary](#). For everything else, check out the website: <https://www.elkesley.notts.sch.uk/>



ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday 20th December was inquorate. The Parish Council still has vacancies, we only have 5 Parish Councillors at present, and we welcome anyone who has some spare time to assist. Is that person you? Do you have someone you can recommend? If so please contact the Parish Clerk for Elkesley at: elkesleyclerk@gmail.com



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Please will you send any articles for the February 2024 edition of *The Idle Times* to **Francis Waite**, preferably by email to fagrouting@tiscali.co.uk by 21st January 2024.

The postal address for Francis and Alison Waite is: **6 Main Street, Bothamsall, Retford, DN22 8DT**
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What is the Community Flood Signage Scheme (CFSS)?

The Community Flood Signage Scheme (CFSS) allows trained members of the community to close roads during times of flooding. The scheme promotes road safety, but also aims to stop vehicles creating bow waves which can cause further damage to property and distress to residents. The scheme is led by Nottinghamshire County Council and currently has over 180 Flood Signage Wardens active in 15 areas across Nottinghamshire.

How you can help your community during a flood

By volunteering as a Flood Signage Warden, you can:

- safely close roads susceptible to flooding, preventing potentially devastating accidents
- prevent vehicles driving through flood water
- work with likeminded people to protect the most vulnerable members of your community
- mitigate damage to property
- help your community be more flood resilient.

Do I need any special skills?

To become a volunteer Flood Signage Warden you don't need any previous experience. You only need to attend an initial one-day training session and a refresher course every three years. This will cover water safety, risk control, road safety and sign set up. When flooding occurs, there may be some unsociable hours of working and you will be required to move road closure signs.

How do I get involved?

If you would like to become a Flood Signage Warden please email flood.team@nottscc.gov.uk to express your interest. As a Flood Signage Warden you will work directly with the Flood Risk Management team at Nottinghamshire County Council and will receive a quarterly newsletter to keep you up to date on the scheme.

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Bothamsall Church News

It was lovely to see the church full for our Carol Service and thank you to the children who brought the Christingles they had made at the Children's Party. £100 has been donated to the British Red Cross from the collection. Thank you for your generosity.

It was fantastic to welcome a big crowd to the village hall after the service. We made £342 from the sale of refreshments. A big thank you to everyone who supported us at the event and to those who made cakes for the refreshments and to the Social Club for running the bar. Thanks to everyone in the village who supported our Christmas Raffle by buying tickets and gifting prizes. This raised £494 making a grand total for the combined event of £836 for the church.



Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School News

At the time of writing, we are in full Christmas festivities!

Over the month of December, we have enjoyed; our Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity performances, Christmas Jumper Day, a visit from Santa, our PFA Christmas Fayre, Christmas dinner day and our Christmas service at St. Peter's Church.

Reception, year 1 and year 2 children had a fantastic time at White Post Farm, when they had a very special visit to see Santa. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the farm, seeing Santa and getting a Christmas present from him.

Children in year 3 and 4 went on their residential to Hathersage, this term. They took part in a number of activities and went on multiple long, country walks. The children were very tired, on their return, but also full of stories and great memories of their time away.

Children in Bannister Class (years 5 & 6) had a fantastic day at the National Space Centre. They were able to visit the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, journey through the solar system, learn about the planets and see what it would be like to be an astronaut.

As always, please do (continue to) follow the school's much-loved and well-followed X (Twitter) account @GamstonStPeters to see what is happening within the school.



SNOWDROPS IN SPRINGTIME

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