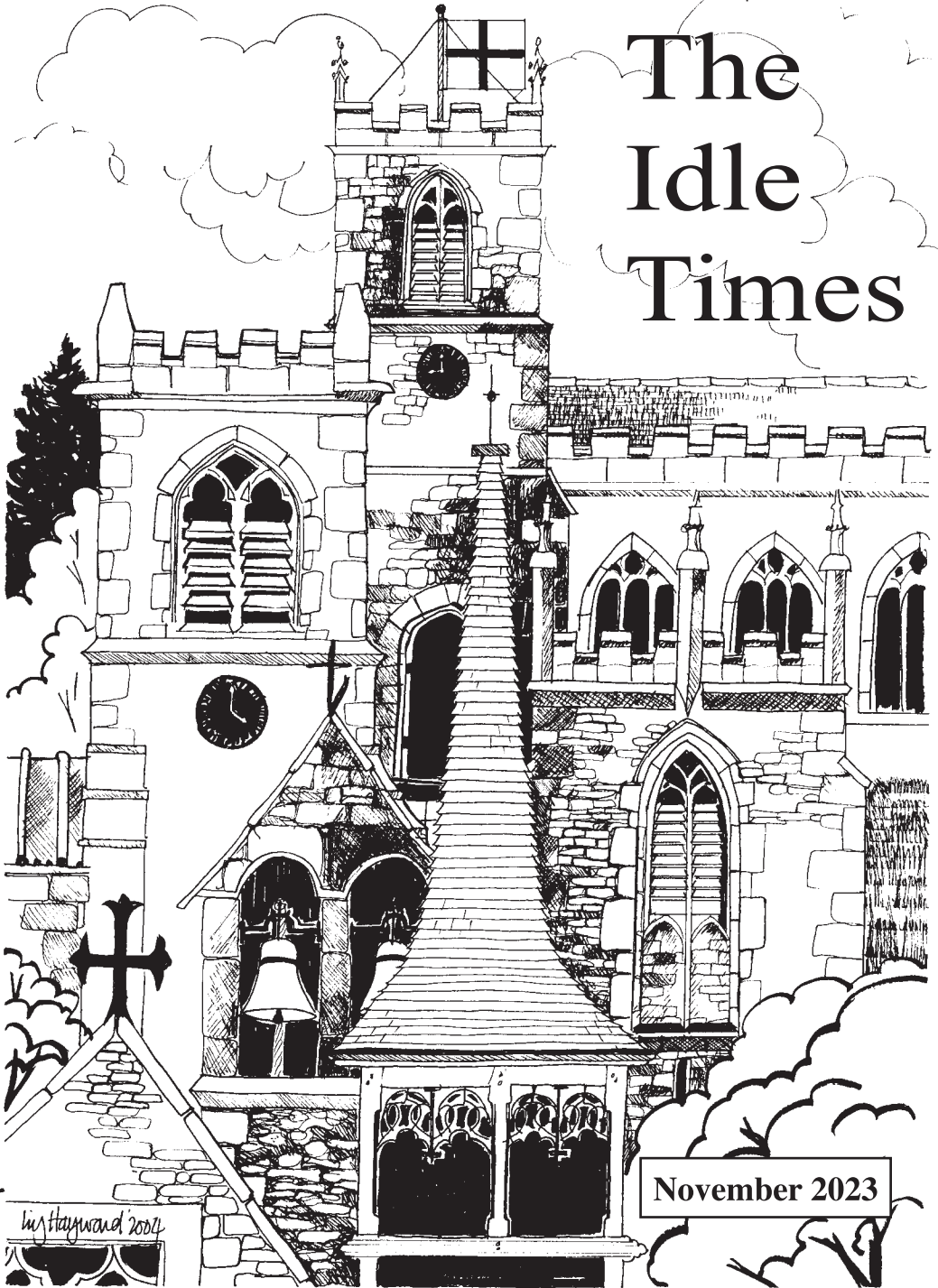


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<i>November</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service/Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 5	9.00am	Morning Worship	Scofton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Ranby
Sunday 12	10.15am	Remembrance Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Elkesley
	11.00am	Remembrance Service	Babworth
	6.30pm	Remembrance Service	Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 19	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Babworth
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Elkesley
Sunday 26	9.15am	Holy Communion	Eaton & Gamston
	10.30am	Morning Worship	West Drayton
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth

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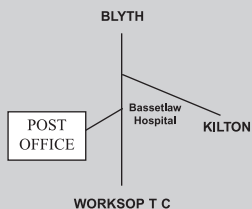
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Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2023 at Gamston School.

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

There was one member of the public present.

District Council matters

District Councillor Dinsdale did not attend the meeting and did not send an apology.

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.

Highways

County Councillor John Ogle was in attendance and the Chair, Councillor Chandler, thanked him for the progress made on outstanding issues. CC Ogle stated that he is keen to get the white lines repainted at the entrances to the villages as many of them have worn away and some funds are available. He asked that all Councillors were to report back where this was needed.

The following areas were then discussed:

Rectory Lane adjacent to Severn Trent Sewage Works, Gamston – overgrown hedges and trees are making the pavement difficult to use.

Progress has now been made with this and the work should be completed by the end of the month.

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

A report has now been received from the Senior District Highways Manager and the Highways Department is looking at the feasibility of extending the speed limits out of the village. Rather than moving them past the bend however, they are considering moving them out to beyond the airfield and have asked for the opinion of the Parish Council in respect of this. A discussion was held and Councillor Worthington had concerns that if the 40 speed limit started at the entrance to the airfield, then due to the distance, some drivers may have forgotten by the time they reached the bend and suggested that a repeater or 40 painted on the road would be necessary to alleviate this. Councillor Vernon suggested that if the 40 speed limit was pushed out to the airfield, then maybe the 30's could be pushed out to before the bend rather than at the bridge.

Overall, it was agreed that the 40 speed limit should be extended out to before the entrance to the airfield but the concerns would also be put forward.

Interactive Speed Sign

Councillor Adams is still investigating the possibility of the purchase of an interactive speed sign to be shared by the villages. The prices range between £3000 to £6000 and they can be powered either by mains, battery or solar dependent upon where they will be positioned. The next quote to be obtained is for servicing costs, calibration, cost of batteries etc. Potential positions have now been identified within each of the villages but we are still awaiting a risk assessment to be carried out by the Highways Department to determine whether these locations are suitable.

Community Speedwatch

PCSO Dale has still not been able to carry out risk assessments in the villages in our parish to ascertain suitable locations where the speed camera could be used but has said that he will do it as soon as he can. The Clerk will chase this up again.

Footpath safety

An email has been received from the Rights of Way Manager regarding the concerns around the public footpath in West Drayton that leads directly to the A1. This is actually a bridleway rather than public footpath and so Highways are restricted as to what can be done. They have made the Countryside Access Manager aware, as it would be they who could act regarding closure.

The Clerk is to chase up a timescale for the proposed clearing work to be carried out on the footpath on the A638 between Rockley and Markham Moor.

Streetlight at Woodyard Lane, Eaton

Councillor Vernon reported that the streetlight had not yet been repaired. He has been in discussion with the National Grid and a further 2 trees on Woodyard Lane have been identified as causing potential interference with power lines. County Councillor Ogle agreed that this was taking too long to repair and requested that the Clerk sends him an email so that he can chase it up.

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.

Finance

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

Anti Social behavior in Eaton

We are still awaiting an update from Bassetlaw District Council Anti Social Behaviour Team in order to reach a long term solution. The Clerk will chase this up again.

Planning

Construct Private Helicopter Landing Pad & Removal of Existing Stable Block and Replace with a Temporary Building to Store Private Helicopter (Permission Sought for 24 Months, Existing Stable Base to be Re-Used for Storage Building Apple Barn, Great North Road. 23/00854/FUL & 23/00754/FUL. Status: Awaiting decision

The Parish Council has already objected to both of these applications. The helicopter landing pad is set to go to a Planning Committee due to the large number of objections but the initial date was deferred and a new date has not yet been published. Both items are now back on the planning portal following amendments and the hangar application is open for comments until 1st November. The Parish Council believe that both items should be looked at together by the Planning Committee and are trying to get District Councillor Dinsdale to push for this rather than both plans being treated separately. Unfortunately, DC Dinsdale is not responding to communication.

Proposed Stable Building (to replace unauthorised storage container) Land Off Mill Lane Rockley Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 23/01127/FUL | Received: Tue 12 Sep 2023 | Validated: Tue 12 Sep 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

The Parish Council object to this application. The storage container remains at this location even though retrospective planning has previously been sought for the storage container and was refused.

The PC support the comments made by both the Heritage and Highways Departments, in that this application would be unsuitable for the village for the reasons highlighted.

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.

Defibrillator Grant Funding

Councillor Davies has requested funding for a defibrillator at West Drayton by way of a Government grant and awaits a response.

Email address update

Councillor Ramsden is looking into the cost of unifying the email addresses of the Parish Councillors in accordance with current guidelines.

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South East Forum update

Councillor Argent-Cook gave an update on the meeting.

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 16th November 2023 at Gamston School.

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

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ELESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

This week's Elkesley Parish Council meeting was held at the new time of 6pm on Wednesday 18th October 23. It has been decided that our Council meetings will be trialed at the earlier time of 6pm in an effort to maximise work life balance and to try and include more members of the community.

The Chair first spoke of Councillor Mick Stronach who remains in a serious but stable condition after he became unwell several weeks ago. Our thoughts and well wishes remain with Cllr Stronach and his family at this time.

The Chair also reported that partnership working remained key, with issues continually being addressed such as criminality, antisocial behaviour and antisocial driving, PC Steve Pridmore has become the new local Beat Manager; the aim of the Council is to work alongside PC Pridmore in order to maximise public safety and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

Please report any incidents of Crime, Antisocial Behaviour, Antisocial Driving or other illegal activity or incidents to Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800555111**, or report incidents directly to the Police on **101**, or in an emergency or if life or property are at risk call **999**.

Another reminder that the date is set for the Christingle and Christmas lights turn on, Sunday 3rd December 23. The Christingle will commence at 4pm at the Church, followed by the Christmas lights switch on and festivities at the Village Hall at 5pm, where the bar will be open, various stalls, stands and items on sale and display we will in place and food will be served by the amazing "MEAT CASTLES" who serve homemade burgers, fries etc, definately one to save for your diaries.

The Chair gave his report that stated Elkesley Parish Councillors had donated in excess of 51 hours this month, many hours spent on administrative duties due to Highways faults, issues around Criminality, Antisocial Behaviour, Theft and Vandalism over recent months. Also the checks on the park and play equipment, checks on our village defibrillators which are in the bus stop near the church and at the shop, and other tasks such as work on the Churchyard and Cemetery.

Now the colder weather has arrived its noticeable that several street lights are out which have been reported. Do you know there is a "MY NOTTS APP" which is available on Android and Apple devices and allows you to report faults directly and quickly to Notts County Council? Download the app and get reporting faults today!

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HUG2 still remains the focus of Bassetlaw Council who aim to support as many as possible with green energy grants for Air Source Heating, Solar Panels, Cavity Wall Insulation, UPVC upgrades and much more! The requirements are that the property does not currently benefit from gas central heating and has an EPG of 4 or below.

If you meet the criteria and could benefit from loft and cavity wall insulation, UPVC upgrades, solar and batteries, air source heating and other areas, then you may be eligible and may be entitled to this assistance.

Get in touch with Bassetlaw District Council if you think you could benefit or if require further information.

****IMPORTANT ROAD CLOSURE INFO****

Jockey Lane is due to be closed for several days, commencing on 24th October 23, this may be delayed due to flooding and other environmental issues, please bare this in mind when planning your journeys.

Thanks to members of the village who sit on the neighbourhood planning group who work alongside the Parish Council. Overall the feedback is positive and some funds have now been allocated to the village, so far £10,000. A great result and genuine and sincere thanks to those who have helped secure it for the benefit of Elkesley and our future proofing.

This is a snap shot of our agenda and the main topics discussed at our last meeting. Would you like to attend our next meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 15th November?

Better still, would you like to sit on our side of the table and donate a little time to building and developing our community?

Elkesley Parish Council still have 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

ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

Wow! What an exciting year so far! Oak Class have been learning about local heroes and had an inspirational visitor in from the local police who also conducted a whole-school assembly. The children had a fantastic time! All of our children enjoyed a Fit4Kids visit where they learnt about healthy eating and the importance of exercise. Our Key Stage 2 children experienced the wonders of Magna as part of their science learning and recalled new knowledge after their workshops! Tuxford academy has hosted a number of sporting events for our children who engaged fantastically.

Thank you to all of the children and their families who donated to our Harvest food collection. The collection of food and other products have been donated to the Bassetlaw Food Bank. All of your donations really do make a difference.

And, a big thank you to our outstanding Governors and PTA who organised and hosted the Halloween disco. It was fantastic to see the children enjoying the event. Over half term, they will be hosting a pumpkin carving competition and after the holidays, a bingo night for parents!

This half term we have focused on our first, and most important, school value of 'happy'. Being happy, being able to face challenges with a smile and living a positive life is above all what we want our children to be. To celebrate this, teachers chose a child who faced all challenges with a smile/positive attitude and each class chose a classmate who put the biggest smile on everyone's face to receive a special award. The parents of those children were invited in as we celebrated our first values assembly. Next half term, we will be focusing on the value of 'welcoming'.

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.



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Harvest Festival – St Peter's Gamston

As I write this, on a very wet October morning, we should be preparing to walk to St Peter's Church for our school Harvest Festival. Last year, our service was led by Rev Kate Bottley and it was wonderful to see St Peter's full of children and families after several years of church closure. This year, we are delighted to be joined by Rev Craig Hunt. However, due to the weather, it is looking likely that our service will be held at school. As always, we warmly welcome donations for Bassetlaw Food Bank.

After winning the league and the cup, last year, our school football team were back in action this month. Our first game was against Haggonfields. The weather was absolutely terrible but the boys stayed focused. They started really well and were rewarded early on with a first goal from Rowan. From then on, there was a steady stream of goals from different members of the team including Lucas, Harley, Jenson and George. The boys eventually ran out winners 11- 0. A massive well done to all the boys and those that braved the weather to support us.

We would like to thank the whole community for all of your efforts in helping the PFA with the fundraising events during the last academic year. Whether it be attending the events or helping setup and run them, everyone's efforts are much appreciated. Last year, Gamston PFA, with your help and support, raised over £5000 for our school. We are currently fundraising for an outdoor classroom and Forest School area!

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



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