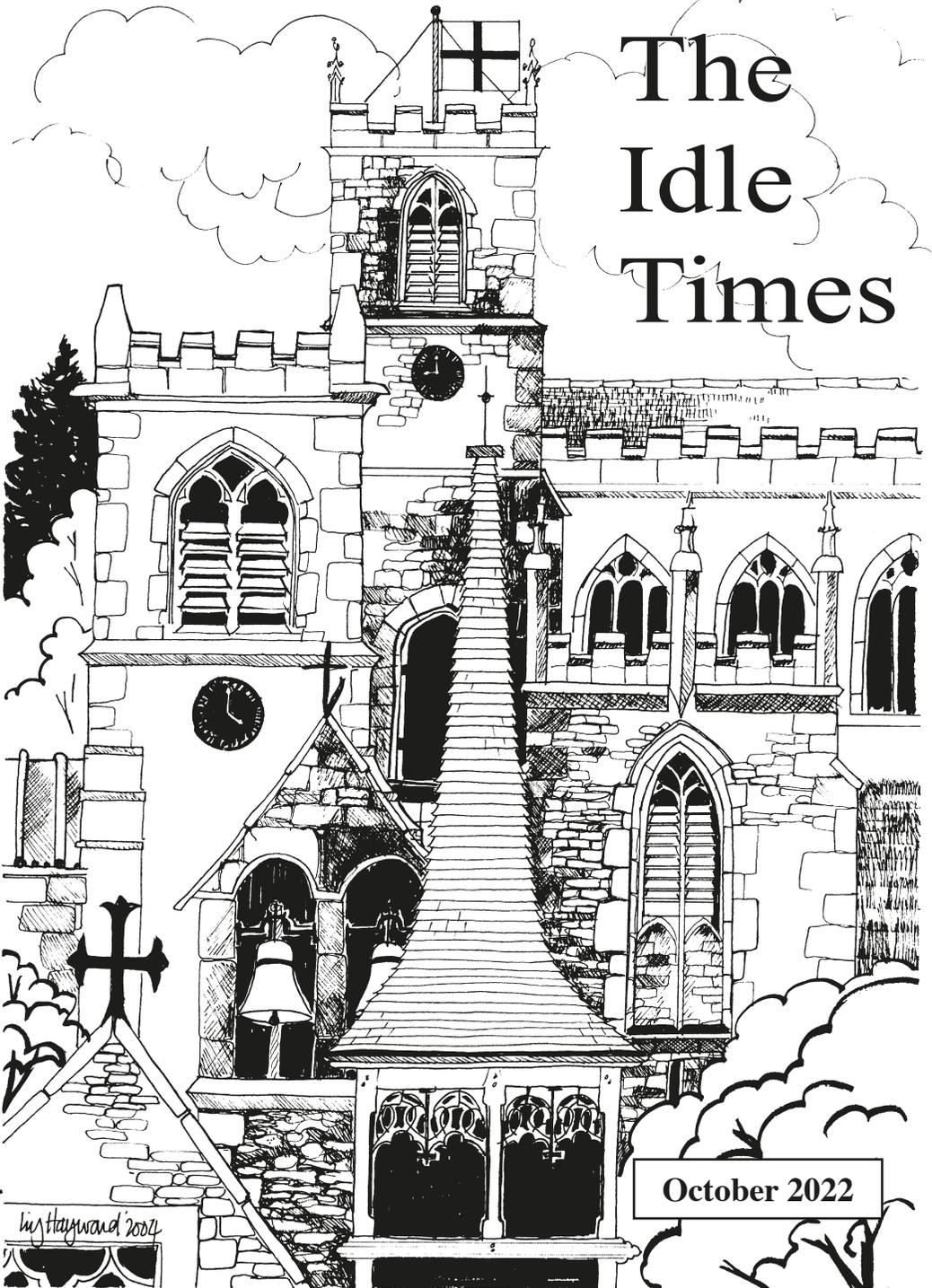


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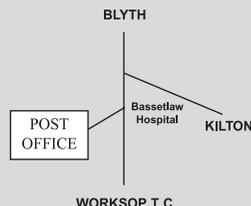
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<i>October</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<b>Sunday 2</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	<b>Scofton</b>
	9.30am	Family Service	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Morning Worship	<b>Babworth</b>
<b>Sunday 9</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion	<b>West Drayton</b>
	9.30am	Family Service	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Matins	<b>Babworth</b>
	6.30pm	Harvest Evening Prayer	<b>Eaton &amp; Gamston</b>
<b>Sunday 16</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion	<b>Bothamsall</b>
	9.30am	Worship for All	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Holy Communion	<b>Babworth</b>
	11.00am	Harvest Service	<b>Elkesley</b>
<b>Sunday 23</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion	<b>Bothamsall</b>
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	<b>Babworth</b>
	11.00am	Harvest Morning Worship	<b>West Drayton</b>
<b>Sunday 30</b>	9.15am	Group Holy Communion	<b>Eaton &amp; Gamston</b>



# Idle Times Copy Date

Please will you send any articles for the November 2022 edition of *The Idle Times* to **Francis Waite**, preferably by email to [fagrouting@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:fagrouting@tiscali.co.uk) by 21st October 2022.

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## **Gamston CofE (Aided) Primary School News**

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 school holidays, we have had a considerable amount of premises work undertaken. A new 'kitchenette' has been built in our community hall (available for lettings!), Mr Stacey, our caretaker, has decorated the library and Mrs Morris and Miss Palmer (our Early Years teaching team) have decorated our EYFS classroom. The Early Years outdoor 'refresh' is underway and we have made a considerable investment in the development of this area. The instillation of new equipment – including a large, age-appropriate clamber stack – will commence this term.

In other news, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Chambers to Gamston as our new school SENCo.

As a school community, we join with the wider community, the country and indeed the world to mourn the death of our sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. During the time of national mourning, we have reflected on the life and service of Her Majesty the Queen; in particular, her unwavering Christian faith and remarkable lifetime of service.

'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.' Queen Elizabeth II

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

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### **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 Monday 31 October 2022. It will last for about 90 minutes, will include practical training and is free of charge.

There are up to 24 places available and anyone interested should contact Vince Mee at [vincemee@gmail.com](mailto:vincemee@gmail.com) by Friday 28 October 2022.

## **Elkesley School News**

We have had a busy start to the new school year but as always our wonderful children are taking every day in their stride and displaying our school values through and through. The start of the year was understandably focused on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, our new King and the changes this may bring as our children grow. The children all showed great empathy, understanding and asked lots of thought provoking questions.

We celebrated 'Black History Month' by inviting a visitor into school who held workshops for children in Oaks, Chestnuts and Sycamore with Little Acorns doing their own work around this subject in class with their Teacher.

We were honoured to, again, be invited to take part in the village Harvest festival, collecting much needed food and supplies for the local food bank.

Our children are very aware of the world around them and the challenges faced by many as the cost of living increases this year, and more than ever they wanted to play their part. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderfully supportive families who donated in their bags and box fulls to make this years collection a truly special one.

As always, further information on our topics, learning, school values, dates for your diary and more can be found at our wesbite [www.elkesley.notts.sch.uk](http://www.elkesley.notts.sch.uk)



## **Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council**

We express our extreme sadness at the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and pass on our heartfelt condolences to King Charles III and the Royal family.

Out of respect and in line with national guidance for the period of mourning, the Parish Council meeting in September has been cancelled and the next meeting will now be held at 7pm on Thursday 13th October 2022 at Gamston School.

## Update on mosquitoes in Gamston

The following has been received from Julian Proudman at the Environmental Health Department, Bassetlaw District Council:

*“We have been monitoring the sites on both sides of the river, at Dover Bottom since the spring. When we have found evidence of larvae in substantial numbers, we have carried out treatments. The treatments are proving effective in killing the larvae, but with such a large area of potential wetland we cannot guarantee that we will have treated all areas.*

*We are continuing to monitor and will carry out further treatments if further larvae emerge. I have sent off adult specimens (and some larvae) to the Health Security Agency for identification.*

*There are also a number of traps around Gamston, I hope to send off samples from these for identification.*

*Interestingly, previous samples have come back as Culex pipiens rather than aedes vexans. Please let me know if there are any further resurgences.”*



## Bothamsall Church

### Harvest Auction

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Auction with donations and or bids. We made a total of £236.50. Congratulations to Nigel Barnes who won the competition for the best box of garden produce.

### Can you help tidy up the Churchyard?

We are asking for volunteers to help with some seasonal maintenance of the churchyard and cemetery to remove ivy, weeds and saplings on Saturday 22 October 10am – 1pm. We should be very grateful if you could give us some of your time. If you have garden tools please bring secateurs and small or large garden forks.

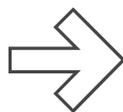


## ELKESLEY VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Just want to remind people that the memorial hall has a quiz night on 22/10. Tickets are £7.00 including food and more details can be found on their Facebook page and notice boards in the village.

The next event is a Christmas lunch at the memorial hall on Friday 16/12 more details to follow.

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