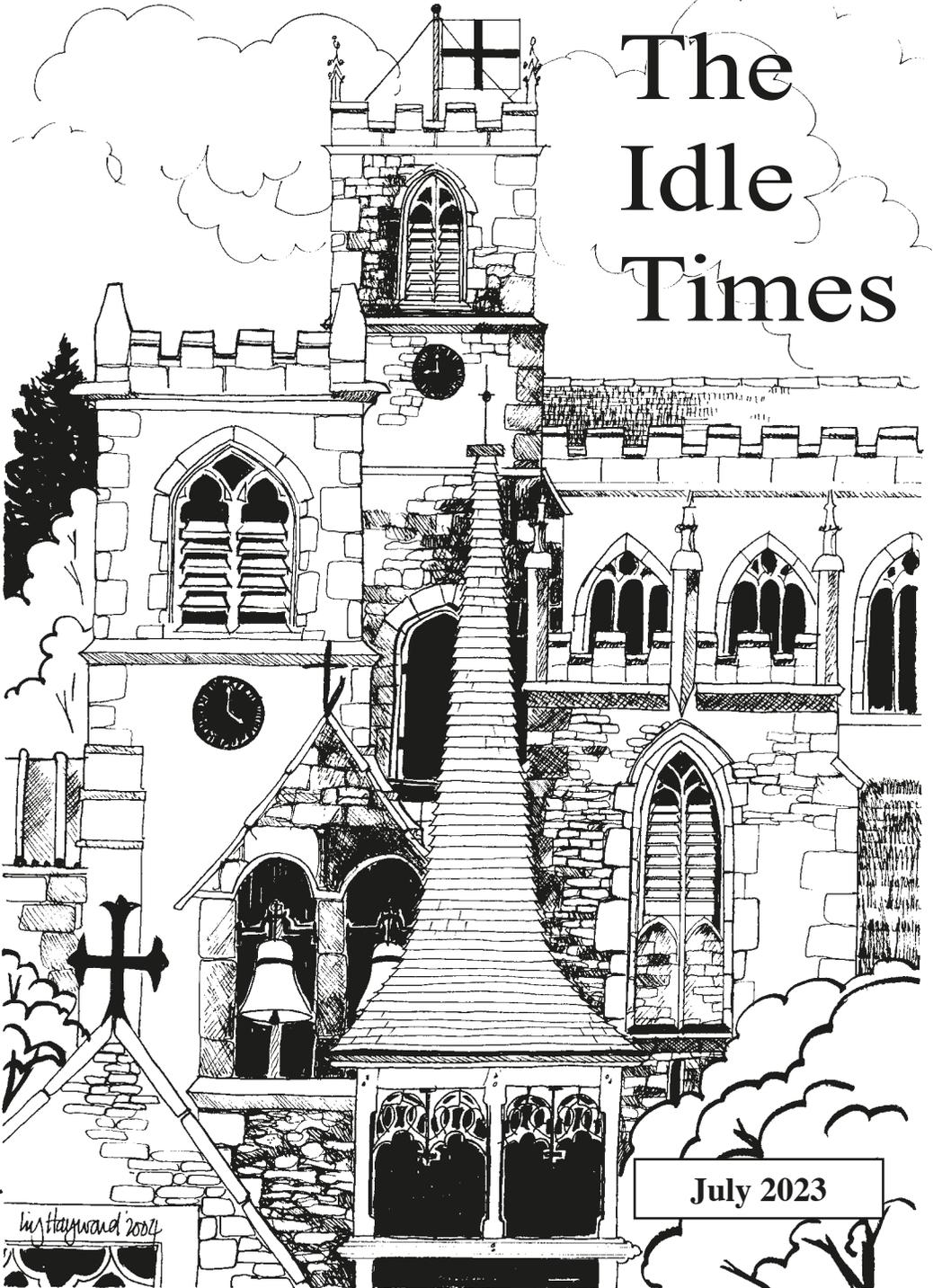


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Church Diary for July

<i>July</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service/Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 2	9.00am	Morning Worship	Scofton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Ranby
Sunday 9	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 16	9.30am	Worship for All	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Babworth
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Elkesley
Sunday 23	9.15am	Holy Communion	Eaton & Gamston
	10.30am	Morning Worship	West Drayton
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
Sunday 30	9.30am	Benefice Songs of Praise	Sutton-cum-Lound

Prospect Hill Post Office Workshop (01909 472033)

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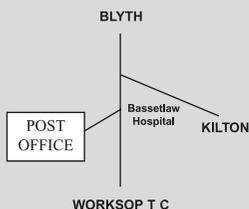
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Please will you send any articles for the August 2023 edition of *The Idle Times* to **Francis Waite**, preferably by email to **fagrouting@tiscali.co.uk** by 21st July 2023.

The postal address for Francis and Alison Waite is:
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Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 15th June 2023 at Gamston School.

Meeting

The meeting began with the Chair, Councillor Chandler welcoming Julie Tisi in her role as the new Clerk. It then continued with the usual formalities and the minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as being correct.

Following last months meeting, an invitation had been sent out to Nottinghamshire Police for an officer to attend this meeting in order to clarify some previous issues raised. PC Holly Marsh attended and informed us that she was replacing PC Gareth Mitchell on the Neighbourhood Watch Team. She answered a number of questions about cameras in the area and why, when CCTV images had been provided there were still no detections. The Councillors stated that it was felt that in our rural areas we did not get the same service compared to other busier areas. A request was made for more marked vehicles to be seen in our villages, which would hopefully act as a deterrent to criminals and those carrying out anti social behaviour. PC Marsh said that following further recent problems at Eaton around the area of the bridge, a dispersal order had been put in place. She also suggested a static speed camera in the village to reduce speeding offences and agreed to put this in writing so that it can be forwarded on to Highways.

CCTV at Eaton bridge

The initial suggestion of a position for a camera at this location has been deemed unsuitable by Highways however further enquiries are still ongoing.

It was decided to write again to the Commercial Manager at Bassetlaw District Council and the Anti Social Behaviour Team to enquire what actions they intend to take regarding the anti social behaviour and also suggest a coordinated approach with the Police and Fire Service.

Update on the Community Speedwatch Programme

Following discussion, it was agreed to request that a risk assessment be carried out in all the villages to determine suitable locations for operation of a speed gun. Once done, this will then enable a decision to be made as to the purchase of one at a cost of £420. A further discussion was held about the possibility and practicalities of sharing the purchase with surrounding parishes in order to reduce the cost.

Highways

County Councillor John Ogle did not attend the meeting but sent apologies.

The following areas were discussed:

EATON

Speeding issues

Although questions were submitted to Highways following the last meeting, there is no update following the conclusion of the feasibility study and the suggested options. The Clerk will chase this up.

PETITION REGARDING THE POOR STATE OF LOCAL ROADS

Councillor Moakes brought to the attention of everyone that there is an online petition on social media regarding the poor state of our local roads and the accountability of Nottinghamshire County Council.

WEST DRAYTON

Road resurfacing

No update. It was decided that as this was on Highways list of things to do but not urgent and as the pot holes are still being repaired, this would be chased up in due course.

GAMSTON

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

Work has still not been carried out and the Clerk will chase this up.

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

There is no update on this and the Clerk will chase it up.

NOTTS BUS ON DEMAND

This is a request service that operates within our area. Councillor Argent-Cook has been approached by residents stating that although this service operates through our villages, it will not actually stop in either Gamston or Eaton, in order for residents to use it.

A request is to be made for them to extend the service to cover our villages.

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.

District Council matters

District Councillor Gary Dinsdale attended the meeting.

Following a request last month regarding policies around the disposal of Sharps bins, he has emailed the Head of Neighbourhood Services but so far has not had any reply but will chase this up.

Councillor Dinsdale stated that glass re-cycling bins are being removed in our area and there seem to be a lot less than previously.

BDC are considering adding glass to the blue bins.

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.

Finance

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

Planning

3, Yew Tree Close, Gamston, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0PZ Ref. No: 23/00622/CAT
Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Consisting of (T1) Apple - Reduce Over-Hanging
Limb Back to Property Boundary (T2) Hawthorn - Reduce by approx. 2m (T3) Holly - Fell
No objections

Starbucks, A1 Markham Moor, Retford. DN22 0QU Ref. No: 23/00620/FUL
Install Two Rapid Electric Vehicle Charging Stations with Associated Equipment.
No objections

Development Site To The North Of Brick Yard Road Gamston Retford Ref No: 23/00656/
FUL Installation of a Solar Farm with an Output of Approximately 45.4MW and Ancillary
Works
No objections

Brewery House, 36 Muttonshire Hill, Gamston, Retford Ref No: 23/00521/LBA
Replace Existing Windows and Door to the Front Elevation Property
No objections

Land To The South Of Ordsall Ollerton Road Retford Ref No: 22/01633/OUT
Outline Application With Some Matters Reserved (Approval Being Sought for Access)
For Residential Development, a Local Centre, School, Community Hub, Sports Pitches,
Extra Care Facility, Community Park, Landscaping, Supporting Infrastructure and Means
of Access
*Although this is not actually within our parish, due to the exacerbating effect that this will
cause with additional traffic through Eaton, the Parish Council object to this 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.

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 13th July 2023 at Gamston School.

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

clerk.gamston@outlook.com

Elkesley School News

What a fantastic end to the year! And with a successful transition week, we are already looking forward to the year ahead.

We have had some amazing events this half term with some final events to look forward to... Elkesley's Got Talent will see the talents of our children being enjoyed by an audience whilst facing our judging panel – We have amazing singers, dancers, gymnasts, comedians and more who wish to showcase their skills and represent our school value of talented.

We are hosting an Art exhibition with an RE theme where we are going to display the work of our children across school, presenting their artistic skills.

Our Key Stage 2 children are busy practicing for their play Pirates of the Currybean which is going to be a showcase of their acting skills and signing talents!

We have had a recent visit from Retford Leisure Centre helping us to understand how to stay safe in the water and what to do when we find ourselves in trouble – thank you for a fantastic and informative session. We also have the TACS demonstration where the children will learn about how to stay safe on the roads and how to be responsible when playing out.

Our list of future Little Acorns, in both Nursery and Reception, is filling up fast so if you have a little one you would like to join our fun-filled, lively foundation unit please contact the school office to arrange a visit or to book an appointment with Mrs Griffiths to find out more about what we do. We are passionate about outdoor learning and, along with planned topics, we follow the children's interests to ensure they learn the way they want to and about the things that interest them. If this sounds like something you would like to find more out about, please contact the school office on **01777 838615**.

We are sad to say goodbye and good luck to our amazing year 6 children. All of the teachers in school are going to really miss you but know that you are going to be incredible and successful as you take your next step.

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.

Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School News

Visiting Authors

This month, thanks to Wonderland bookshop in Retford, school has been visited by two amazing children's authors.

Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a visit from children's author Marie Basting (author of Princess BMX and My Family and Other Romans). Copies of her new book are available at Wonderland bookshop in Retford.

Nightingale and Tyndale classes were lucky to be visited by author, Mark Bradley. He came to talk to them about the latest instalment in his Waterstones Prize shortlisted comic book series. Mark's books can also be purchased from the Wonderland Bookshop in Retford.

PFA Fundraising, Forest School & an Outdoor Classroom

Throughout the year, our wonderful PFA have organised numerous fundraising events with many (including the Summer Fayre) still to come. We wanted to share with you our vision for the use of PFA fundraising moving forwards. Our dream is to develop the forest area at the far end of the field into a Forest School with an outdoor classroom. We appreciate that this is a big project but hopefully one that the whole school community can be very excited about!

Bannister Class Residential

Our Bannister Class children had a fantastic time on their Residential at Kingswood, last month. Time and time again they demonstrated their resilience, teamwork and outstanding behaviour. They took part in a wide range of activities including the zip wire, climbing wall and laser tag.

Retford Fire Service

We were very lucky to have had a visit from Retford Fire Service last month too. The children learnt fire safety tips and had a full tour of the fire engine.

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

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Celebrations at All Saints Eaton: Saturday 22nd July

The community in Eaton started raising funds in 2015 to improve the facilities in our church building. The churchwardens and church council agreed that the provision of a kitchenette and accessible toilet would not only benefit worshippers, but also the wider community given that we have no village hall or other indoor community space.

It has been a long journey towards raising the £55,000 needed to complete the project. This has included:

- Seven successful grant applications: £10,000 from the National Churches Trust, £7,500 from the Garfield Weston Foundation, £2,500 from the Beatrice Laing Trust, £2,000 from Benefact Group, £1,100 from Nottinghamshire County Council, £1000 from Reford Rotary Club/The Percy Laws Memorial Fund and £500 from the Jessie Spencer Trust.
- Several sponsored events such as a New Year's Day dip in the Idle, a headshave, a 10k run and "Ride & Stride".
- Community events such as open gardens, harvest suppers and garden parties.
- Car boots sales.
- Joyce Smithson's plant & produce sales and cream teas.
- Christmas activities such as carol singing, "sponsor a star" and the sale of Meg Glover's Christmas cards.
- The 100 club.
- The sale of pews removed from the church.
- Lots of individual donations, including from the Jamia Al-Karam College at Eaton Hall and £2485 from our Justgiving crowdfunding page.

We are hugely grateful for all this support to help us achieve our target.

With our fundraising target largely met, we signed a contract for the work to start in 2021, but unfortunately delays due to obtaining all of the necessary permissions and the availability of materials and contractors meant that the building work wasn't able to be completed until April 2023.

We are now delighted to be able to use our facilities for faith and community activities. We would therefore like to welcome you all to an event to say thank you and to celebrate all that we have achieved at All Saints on Saturday 22nd July from 2-4pm. We do hope you can join us. Please check our facebook page for updates: www.facebook.com/allsaintseatonandgamston

Notes from the Elkesley Parish Council meeting held 20th June 2023

Following the uncontested Elkesley election in May; the Parish Councillors remain the same:

Cllr John Skelton as Chair
Cllr Jan O'Brien as Vice-Chair
Cllr Michael Stronach
Cllr Debbie Savill
Cllr Robbie May

There are still 4 vacancies on the council – if you are interested in joining; please email the Parish Clerk on elkesleyclerk@gmail.com

The Parish Council needs more councillor's to be able to carry out any projects, events and services.

The Annual governance and accounting statements were approved for the year ending 2022-23. Information will be put on the website to view.

Elkesley's new District Councillor, Charlie Adams, attended the meeting and introduced himself. We are looking forward to working with Councillor Adams and his contact details are:

Email: Charles.adams@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk Tel: **07725 768 387**

A request was made to Cllr Adams for a donation towards the CCTV project for the Crookford wood area. If anyone is interested in helping to tidy up the Crookford area, please see the face book page of the 'Friend of Elkesley Wood'

The contact details remain the same for your County Councillor Nigel Turner on **07811 512 763** or via email on cllr.nigel.turner@nottscc.gov.uk

An update on the review of the Elkesley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was received from a member of the group. The Neighbourhood Plan is very much a community led initiative and requires the participation of not only the Parish Council, Bassetlaw District Council, the Elkesley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group but the whole community. The first consultation with the parish will take place on Friday 23rd June at the Memorial Hall; if you miss this event then please keep a lookout for any future events and please go along and help shape the parish for future generations.

The Parish Council approved the proposal to join Notts County Council's Lengthsman Scheme; a small grant is given for carrying out some minor highways work.

Grass cutting work at the Church yard will start on the 5th July and around the BMX area on 10th July.

The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance – delivering life-saving treatment, day and night



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LNAA operates a 24/7 service with the helicopter able to take to the skies from 7am until 2am the following morning. After 2am, the critical care car takes over, ensuring that the equivalent of an A&E department can be brought to an incident whatever the time of day.

But this amazing service comes at a price. For each mission costs on average £4,000. As a charity, the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance receives no direct government funding and is not part of the National Health Service. It relies solely on the generosity of the hundreds of volunteers, supporters and public donations to keep its helicopters flying and Critical Care Cars on the roads.

For more information on the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance and to discover how you can play your part in helping keep this treasured emergency service operational, why not take a look at their website: ambucopter.org.uk

Elkesley Memorial Hall

The Hall has had a very busy few weeks with a really successful medium night and closely followed by the Elkesley Coronation celebration. The recent Bingo evening attracted over 40 people. It was great to see so many of the village enjoying themselves.

We have also hosted a football Presentation evening for Tuxford and we opened the kitchen and bar on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon for villagers.

Line Dancing on Thursday evenings and Chatty Friday have become a firm fixture but would be great to see a few more people support these.

We plan to open the bar on a selected Friday evenings during the summer and are looking into having a fish and chip van, a pizza van and a burger van attend. We would like to look at holding a BBQ on one summer evening so keep watching our advertising.

During the summer holidays Mandy Elliot of craft club fame will be running a number of sewing workshops for children during Chatty Fridays. Please keep your eyes open for further details.

We are also planning another Quiz night and a live music night with local band Sound Beat.

Plans are afoot for a number of events in December for the Christmas season including hosting the Christmas light switch on, a breakfast with Santa and a Christmas lunch.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with planning and running events. If you are interested please drop us an email (elkesleymemhall@outlook.com)

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Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School Summer Fayre Friday 14th July from 5pm

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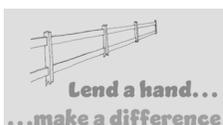
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We look forward to seeing you there, everyone welcome

The Parish of All Saints Eaton and Gamston

Replacement Fence in St. Peter's Churchyard

The PCC and Churchwardens would like to thank all who came along to The Big Help Out on Sunday 14th May.



Over 20 people from both villages turned up and the area along Church Lane has been transformed!

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