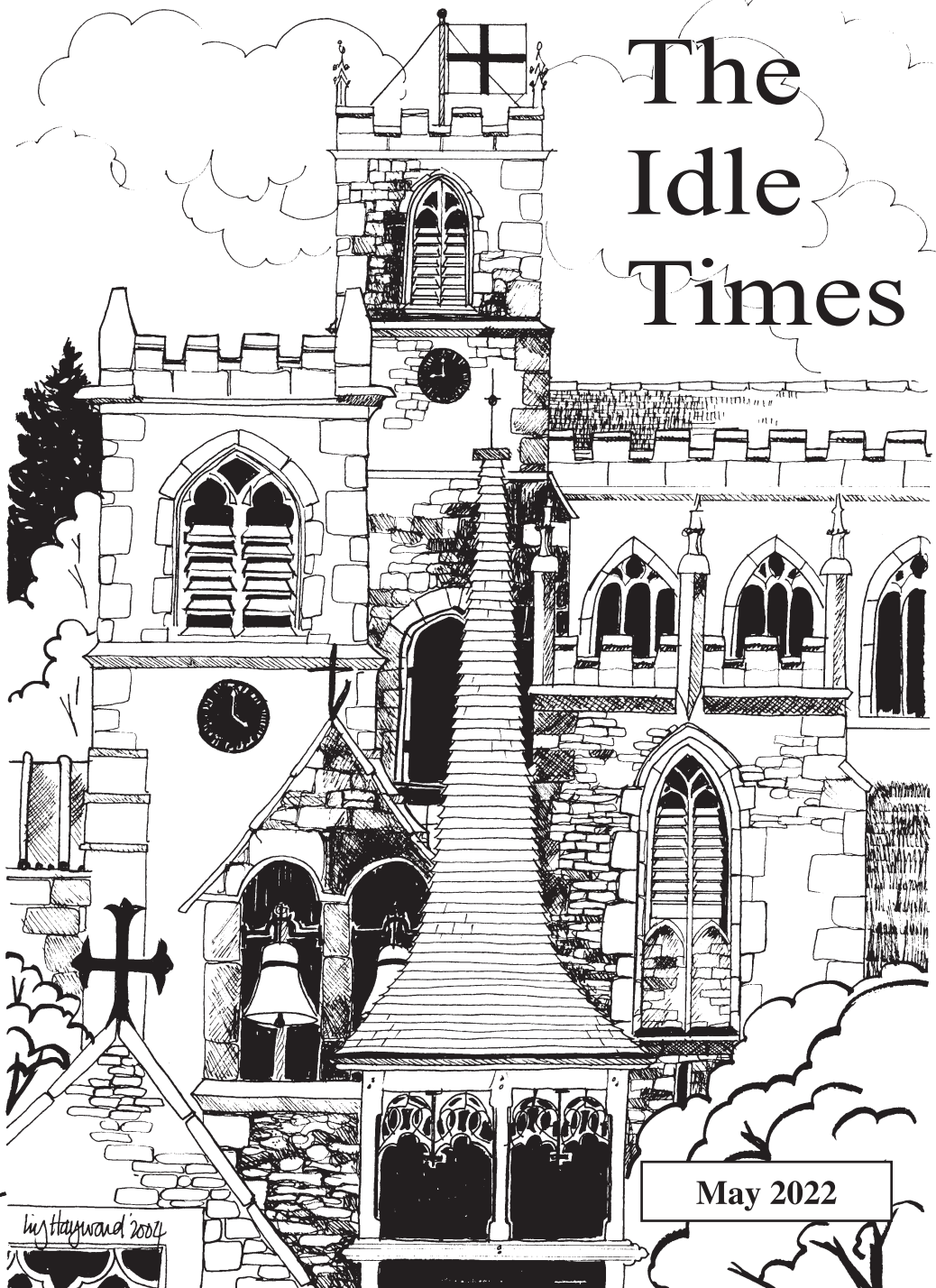


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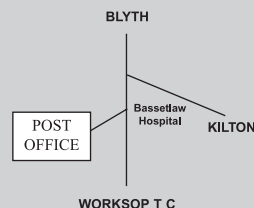
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<i>May</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service/Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<b>Sunday 1</b>	9.30am 11.00am	Family Service Holy Communion	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound Ranby</b>
<b>Sunday 8</b>	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Matins Evening Prayer	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound Babworth Eaton &amp; Gamston</b>
<b>Sunday 15</b>	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Worship for All Morning Worship Holy Communion	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound Babworth Elkesley</b>
<b>Sunday 22</b>	9.15am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion Songs of Praise Morning Worship Matins	<b>Eaton &amp; Gamston Sutton-cum-Lound West Drayton Babworth</b>
<b>Sunday 27</b>	11.00am tbc	Group Holy Communion tbc	<b>Babworth</b>

Please contact your local church team regarding the group service on Sunday 27 May. At going to press no member of the clergy is confirmed to conduct the service



## Idle Times Copy Date

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

The postal address for Francis and Alison Waite is:

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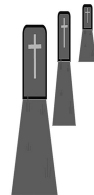
So join us on: 19<sup>th</sup> February 16<sup>th</sup> July

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**All are welcome and we hope to provide refreshments!**

## **Notes from the Elkesley Parish**

### **Notes from meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2022**

Councillor Skelton chaired the meeting and there were 4 Councillors present plus Mrs Davies the Clerk, and members of the public

Apologies were received from Councillors May and Grounsell.

In the report from the Chair, it was highlighted that Parish councillors had spent approx. 45 hours on Parish council business during the month. He had also reported the pot holes on Park Lane to NCC through VIA who deal with the roads.

During the public session the following items were raised:

- It was mentioned there were also pot holes on Yew Tree Road. The chairman will report these.
- A resident suggested that a sand pit be constructed in the children's play area. He was willing to do this and provide the sand etc. at no cost to the village. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.
- It was also reported that when Open Reach have been working on the boxes on High Street at the end of Yew Tree Road, they always leave rubbish behind. Despite this being reported and being told the matter has been dealt with and now closed, it is still happening. Councillor O'Brien will contact them again.

The Chair noted the contribution Mr Headland had made when he swapped his field for one the Parish owned, that is now the lovely field in Trust that is used for all sorts of activities. A minutes' silence was then held for Mr Headland, who recently passed away.

Bassetlaw District Councillor Kevin Dukes reported that the Garden Village proposed for Five Lane End has been withdrawn from the local plan. The travellers' site is also being withdrawn from the plan. Planning permission is required if they wish to stay. Kevin Dukes then mentioned the Food Banks in Retford & Worksop. They are extremely busy at present and now deliver, using unmarked vehicles. If anyone knows of anyone who is struggling and may need help please let Councillor Duke know or contact a Parish Councillor who can the contact Councillor Duke.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed, and Financial details were given and payments due were made.

It was agreed to use a payroll provider, to manage the staff wages payments.

Quotes are to be sought for a notice board at the cemetery, in order to display the statutory rules and regulations

A planning application to erect rear ground floor extension, front bay window porch & canopy at 43 Headland Avenue was discussed and no objections were made.

Further details regarding the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee event were discussed. Games etc are to held on the field. Food and stalls in the village hall. As more events and entertainments are confirmed they will be displayed in village notice boards and on social media.

It was reported that quad bikes are racing through the village. The police are aware of this and are patrolling the village on a regular basis.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17 May 2022. Elkesley Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m.  
THIS IS THE ANNUAL MEETING of the COUNCIL.

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## ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

We were so happy to open our doors to parents for the last day last half term where they were invited to join our world-famous Elkesley Egg Rolling before a series of incredible musical performances and a celebration assembly; we cannot wait for the options the future brings now that we are able to join together once again.

On April 21st, we had an incredible opportunity: to perform in the Sheffield Utilita Arena in front of a crowd of thousands. We were joined by the street dance specialists, Urban Strides, who performed along to each song and our children learnt choreographed moves to perform along with them; the beatbox collective, world team champions, taught us how to beatbox and gave us the opportunity to sing along to one of their performances; we sung along with strictly come dancing's Nick Shirm; We performed alongside the signer-songwriter, Twinnie and alongside CBeebies' incredible saxophonist YolanDa Brown. The children formed part of the young vices choir and, along with thousands of children from other schools, harmonised to perform eleven songs. Thank you so much to all of the children who put in an amazing effort and represented the school – displaying all of our Elkesley Values. Thank you also to all of the parents and other friends and family who joined us from the crowd to witness the spectacular event: your beatboxing, dancing and singing was fantastic!

This half term, we have some exciting new learning! Our little acorns will be learning about lifecycles. With both live tadpoles and caterpillars in class, they are going to be watching closely as they metamorphose into their adult forms and learn all about why and how these changes happen. Our Oak children are going to learn about holidays through history and how things change over time. This links to the learning of our Chestnut children who will be learning about the coasts and learning about the geography of coastlines. And finally, our Sycamore children are going to be learning about natural resource distribution around the world and how this affects the geography and economy of various countries.

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.

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

### **Notes from the 14th April 2022 Meeting**

April saw the first Parish council meeting of the year to be held back at Gamston School.

#### **1. Open session**

Mr. Rider informed the Parish Council that the EVIAG were piloting a new App called Speed Cam Anywhere enabling the user to share data with the police to help reduce speeding. He also gave an update on the progress they were making on 20's Plenty with NCC and other bodies.

#### **2. Meeting**

The Chair welcomed the new Clerk, Mr. Knox to the Parish Council along with two new Councillor's who were co-opted during the meeting, Mr. R Harding and Mr. G Davis. Which means the Parish Council now has a full contingent of Councillors.

The Council proceeded to attend to matter raised on the Agenda in the normal manor.

#### **3. Planning**

Two applications were discussed with no objections to either.

#### **4. Highways**

The Council were updated on various matters raised with Notts County Council Highways and Bassetlaw and it was agreed that these will now be escalated through County Cllr Ogle who unfortunately was unable to attend this meeting.

In other matters the Council were informed that the recent speed tubes on Main St had not been put there by the County Council as part of the ongoing efforts to address speed through the village, although they did receive confirmation that Via were intending to their speed tubes down after the Easter Holidays as part of their traffic survey.

#### **5. Defibrillators**

Replacement parts for the defibrillators in Eaton and Gamston are on order, and the current estimated delivery date is the end of May. Once these parts have been received and fitted and the defibrillators are back in service the council will contact a training provider to arrange a refresher course on how to use one for anyone in the parish who wants training. The Parish Council will give further updates on this nearer the time.

#### **6. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

The council agreed to register as a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme covering the five villages within the parish. A number of residents have already shown an interest in joining so if you would like to please contact the scheme coordinator at pc.dramsdan

**Dates For Your Diary**

19.15 on Thursday 12th May 2022 – May Parish Council Meeting at St Peters Church, Gamston

**Contacts & Meeting Minutes**

Any resident of the Parish wish to raise matters with the Parish Council please direct these to Mr Knox – The Clerk – [clerk.gamston@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.gamston@outlook.com)

Full meeting minutes can be found be visiting:  
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**Gamston Church of England School News**

This month, Gamston Church of England Primary School welcomed two new members of staff. Chris Edwards joined the school as Headteacher and Zoe Palmer joined the school as Class Teacher. Chris lives locally with his family and joins us after working for many years in school leadership roles across Lincolnshire. Zoe will be teaching Nightingale Class (year 1 and 2). Zoe, who is an experienced teacher and who also lives locally, joins us after a number of years teaching in Mansfield.

Summer term in schools is always a busy one! This term, we look forward to a plethora of events including; our annual PFA Strawberry Fair, sports days, graduation events (including Year 6 Celebration!) and – of course – end-of-year statutory assessments (including SATs!).

Across the school year, we are focusing on 6 core values (Generosity, Trust, Perseverance, Justice, Friendship and Truthfulness). This term, we are focusing on ‘Friendship’. However, as a school, we will also be reflecting on the meaning and importance of ‘community’. Simon Sinek says ‘A community is a group of people who agree to grow together’. The idea of community comes from the sense of responsibility we have for each other. In the Bible, God encourages us to take care of our brothers and sisters.

*Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:9-19*

In the coming months, we look forward to sharing all of our learning and experiences with you. In the meantime, you can follow our adventures on Twitter - [@GamstonCofE](https://twitter.com/GamstonCofE) – and on our school website – [www.gamstonschool.co.uk](http://www.gamstonschool.co.uk)

## ‘Under new management’



## MEMORIAL HALL

A new board of trustees for managing the Memorial Hall was formed at the AGM on 20th April.

The Memorial Hall, dedicated to those from the village that fell in the wars for their country, is a registered charity for the benefit of the residents of Elkesley and is the only secular community building in the village. New Chairman, Mike Rowley said “Our mission will be to breathe new life into the hall by encouraging and promoting its use as a valuable community asset”. The hall is available to hire by the hour by residents and non-residents with residents benefiting from discounted rates.

There are now six trustees on the management committee with three representative positions still vacant. The trustees are allowed to co-opt two, so if you feel you could contribute to the hall’s success as a community asset, please get in touch. Anyone who lives in Elkesley who is over 18 and fulfils the legal requirements to be a trustee is eligible.

The new board of trustees are Mike Rowley (Chairman); Mandy Elliott (Secretary); Norman Roper (Treasurer); Karen Goode (Booking Secretary); Neil Jefferson; Carrie Jennings.

If you would like to make a booking enquiry or help manage the hall, please contact us at: [elkesleymemhall@outlook.com](mailto:elkesleymemhall@outlook.com)

## **BOTHAMSALL TOWER CLUB SPECIAL PRIZE DRAW 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year and my having run the Tower Club for 25 years, there will be a Special Tower Club draw for May 2022. This is normally drawn on the last Saturday of May in the Parish Hall but this year will now take place at the Parish Jubilee celebrations on Saturday 4th June 2022. Prizes will be as follows:

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4<sup>th</sup> Prize - £ 15 • 5<sup>th</sup> Prize - £ 10 • 6<sup>th</sup> Prize - £ 5**

This Special Draw is also to thank everyone who supports the Tower Club and many people have been members since it first started approx. 40 years ago. Your support has been very much appreciated and has raised thousands of pounds to support our Parish Church. So many, many thanks to you all and good luck in this Special Draw.

***Chris Moody***  
Tower Club Organiser

P.S. There will be a reminder in next month's Idle Times that subs for the year 2022-23 are now due.

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## **Coffee Morning and Plant Fair in Bothamsall Village Hall Saturday 14th May from 10am - 12noon Proceeds to Bothamsall Church**

Morton Nurseries will be bringing a selection of shrubs and perennials for sale in the car park. Everyone is very welcome.  
The coffee morning held in March raised a fantastic £280. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

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## **Ukraine Charity Quiz Evening**

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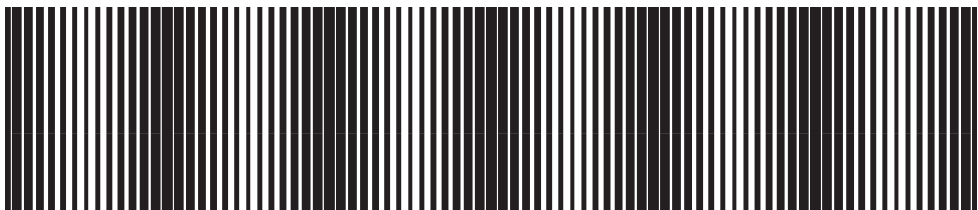
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