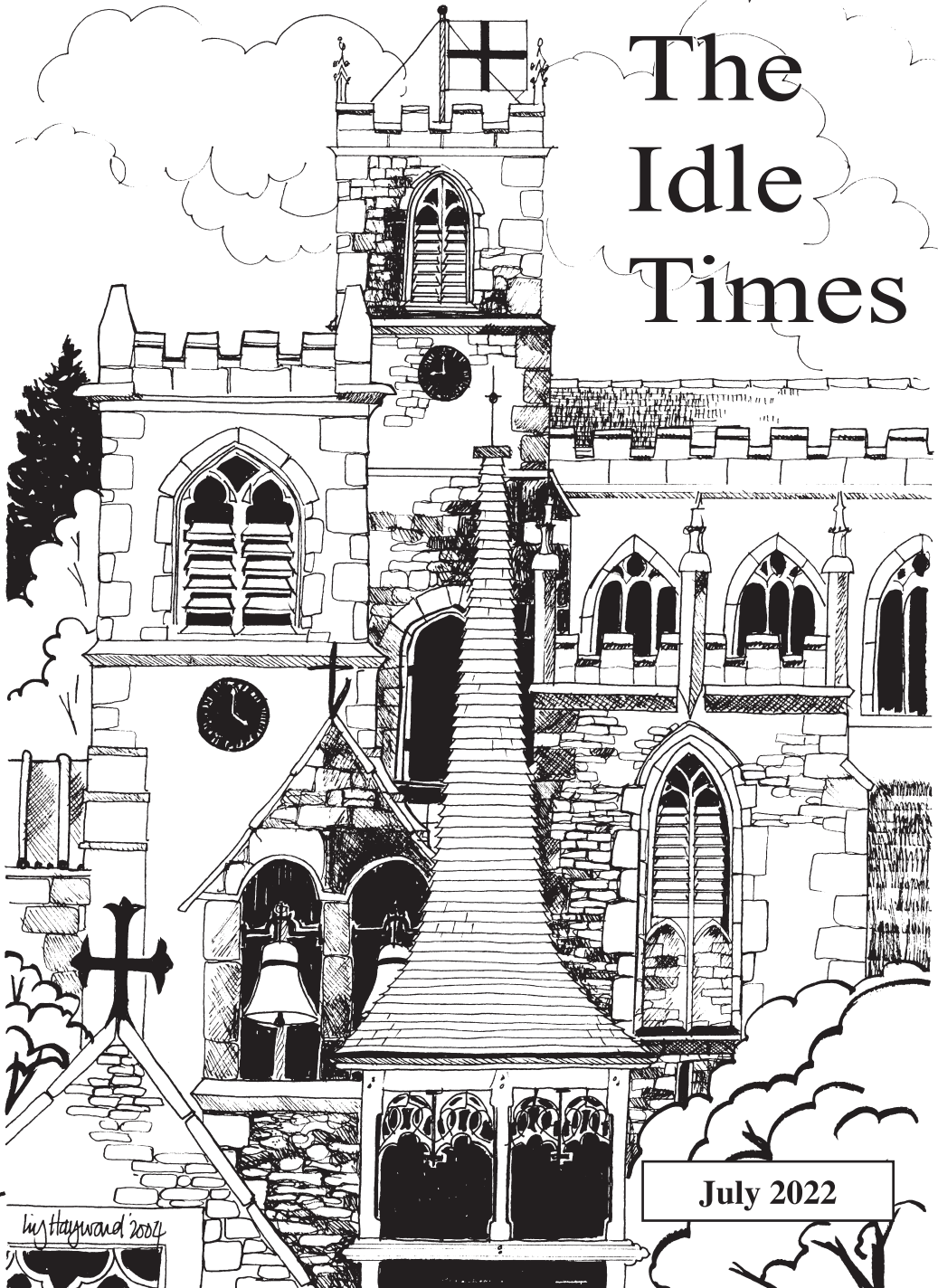


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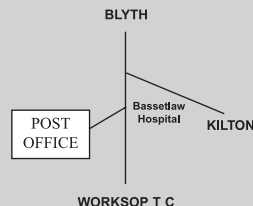
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Church Diary for July

<i>July</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service/Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 3	9.15am	Holy Communion	Bothamsall
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Ranby
Sunday 10	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Eaton & Gamston
Sunday 17	9.30am	Worship for All	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Babworth
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Elkesley
Sunday 24	9.15am	Holy Communion	Eaton & Gamston
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	Sutton-cum-Lound
	10.30am	Morning Worship	West Drayton
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
Sunday 31	9.15am	Group Holy Communion	Bothamsall



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The postal address for Francis and Alison Waite is:

**6 Main Street, Bothamsall, Retford,
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Telephone: **01623 861579**

Eaton Church Event

On Sunday 10th July at 6.30pm Eaton church will be hosting an evening of "Hymns and Pimms". All are welcome to join us to sing your favourite hymns, followed by Pimms (or soft drinks) and nibbles. All donations will go towards our project to add a toilet and kitchenette to our church to create a community hub.

ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

What a fantastic end to the year! We have had some amazing events this half term with some final events to look forward to... Elkesley's Got Talent saw the talents of our children being enjoyed by an audience whilst facing our judging panel - What amazing, singers, dancers, gymnasts, comedians and more we have at our school! The Art exhibition displayed the work of our children across school, presenting their artistic skills; Sports day was a fun day for all – with a range of track and athletics events; we were proud of the effort and enthusiasm shown by all.

To support the parents of our pupils, we run a breakfast club each morning from 7.45am. Children are given a nutritious breakfast and have access to activities which include puzzles, drawing, board games and iPads. Some children use the time for daily reading or homework. Our after school club is available five days a week from 3.30pm to 5:30pm – children have access to a range of activities and will receive an afternoon snack. Our breakfast club and afterschool club are offered to all children of the setting, including our nursery cohort – don't forget: you can use your 30-hours code!

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!

With a successful transition week, we are already looking forward to the year ahead!

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Elkesley Litter Picking

A thank you to the organizers & helpers at the recent Elkesley litter picking day. Twenty-five bags of rubbish were cleared away along with concrete posts, wooden fencing & broken HGV parts etc. The next day's picking will be in the Autumn. Perhaps you could give a hand, watch for the date in the IDLE TIMES.

Elkesley Memorial Hall

A very positive open meeting was held at the hall on 26th May and some great ideas for community initiatives were put forward. Andrew Hancock was amongst those that attended – he's setting up a mobile fish & chip business and wants to trade from the Memorial Hall car park once per week. Following on from his proposal it was suggested that the Memorial Hall could re-open the bar to coincide with his visit and make it a weekly fish supper and drinks evening. Further to that, the suggestion of an indoor games league was added too. We understand the fish & chip service will commence on Wednesday 22nd June 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. but the bar would be dependent on licencing and having extra people/person on the committee to help manage it.

Amongst many other great ideas, Christmas activities were discussed with suggestions of a Seniors' Lunch and a Christmas party for the children.

Rain didn't dampen enthusiasm on Platinum Jubilee Sunday – there was a great turnout for the Memorial Hall's Family Fun Day when strawberry cream teas, scones and every sort of cake were served in abundance. Committee members and volunteers came together to turn the hall out beautifully and decorate it in patriotic colours. There was a crown-making competition for the children, a jubilee-cake competition and craft stalls. It was a very successful and enjoyable day, and the proceeds have helped revive the hall's covid-depleted finances.

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer, please get in touch:
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Art Workshop at Bothamsall Village Hall

Derrick Spence, a local artist, will be running an art workshop at Bothamsall Village Hall on Saturday 16th July starting at 8pm. FREE ENTRY, the bar will be open but bring your own nibbles.

Derrick will demonstrate his drawing skills in various media and will bring materials so you can try your hand at sketching. Human & animal portraits are his speciality and he will bring examples of his work to the event.

Derrick has shown his work at several local exhibitions and last year had a solo exhibition at Bassetlaw Museum. Do come along for an entertaining free night out, well, apart from your drinks.

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2022 at Gamston School

District & County Councillor John Ogle was in attendance and gave a brief update on various matters within the District.

An Officer from the Anti Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Department at Bassetlaw District Council attended the meeting and explained their purpose and the kinds of issues that the department can deal with. They work alongside the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and can deal with issues such as groups of nuisance youths, off road vehicles, drug related aspects, unreasonable conduct and basically anything that has a negative impact on the community. These can be reported directly to the department either by telephone 01909 533253 or online by using the following link.

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/community-and-living/anti-social-behaviour/report-anti-social-behaviour/>

The team is planning to hold drop in clinics a couple of times per year where people can call in for advice and to meet them.

Highways

The street name sign that has been missing for Muttonshire Hill at Gamston is now in production and should be installed soon.

There will unfortunately be no replacement bins issued for those missing in the laybys and no additional emptying will be carried out by Bassetlaw District Council.

The blocked drains at Rockley are now being dealt with by the Drainage Officer who will be carrying out an investigation during the next few weeks to try and identify the cause of the problem. It is possible that there are a number of issues to be rectified.

Councillor Davies has been liaising with Nottinghamshire Police regarding training in the use of a speed gun. This will take place for members of the public who are interested in becoming involved. If so, please complete the following details and e-mail PC Mitchell at Gareth.Mitchell@notts.police.uk with the subject ***“Community Speedwatch Interest”***

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- * D.O.B -
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- * Tel -
- * Email -
- * Parish -
- * Interested in being a Co-ordinator? Y / N

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Councillor Ramsden has registered the Parish for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and this has now been approved. Expect more information soon.

Councillors Ramsden and Vernon continue to progress ideas and cost for the Parishes in Bloom displays for the villages.

Planning

There were no objections to planning applications.

Update on mosquitoes in Gamston.

Councillor Worthington has spoken with Julian Proudman at Environmental Health and following the work with Public Health England last year the Council continues to work with local landowners. The larval flushes are being monitored with regular samples of larvae being taken from the river banks and sent to Public Health England along with mosquitoes caught in the live trap at Dover Bottom. Treatment will be carried out if necessary and so far this year, both the East and South banks of the river have already been treated.

Long-term solutions are still being sought, but in the meantime, anyone seeing large plumes of mosquitoes or experiencing a large number of bites should contact Julian direct at the Environmental Health Department, Bassetlaw District Council on 01909 533533 as soon as possible.

Other business

Councillor Davies has almost completed the refurbishment of the phone box at West Drayton.

A member of the public has suggested that the land owned by the Parish Council at Eaton should be sold to raise funds. This was discussed and agreed that the land should be retained.

As these are notes from the meeting, please visit our website where the minutes of the meeting provide more detail or alternatively, speak to one of the Councillors.

www.gamstonwestdraytoneatonparishcouncil.co.uk

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 14th July 2022 at Gamston School.

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

clerk.gamston@outlook.com

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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 Wednesday 27 July 2022. It will last for about 90 minutes and will include practical training. There are up to 24 places available and anyone interested should email Vince Mee at vincemee@gmail.com by Friday 22 July 2022.

Dog Fouling in Gamston

There is a persistent problem with dog fouling in Gamston village and on the public footpaths surrounding it. Please could dog owners remember that they have a responsibility to clean up after their dogs. Your attention should be drawn to the

DOG CONTROL ORDER 2021 (The Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014)
Public Spaces Protection (Dog Control) Order 2021

which states:

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a. he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so;

or

b. the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.'

The 'Designated Area' is Bassetlaw and so covers the whole of our area.

Don't forget that public footpaths are for everyone to use and enjoy!

Anyone wishing to report dog fouling should do so through Bassetlaw District Council. Please see link below:

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/environmental-health/animal-welfare/dog-fouling/what-can-be-done/>

Gamston CofE (Aided) Primary School News

A Visit from our MP

This term, we had the privilege of welcoming our local MP – Rt. Hon Robert Jenrick MP – to our school. Mr Jenrick met with staff, governors and children before being given a guided tour of our school by our head boy and head girl.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

On Friday 27 May 2022, Gamston CofE Primary School – along with many other schools up and down the country – celebrated the Queen's Jubilee. Children participated in a number of classroom activities before joining together for a special lunch. In the afternoon, the whole-school joined together for traditional games. Outside, children enjoyed games of cricket, giant Jenga, skipping, hopscotch and many more. The day culminated with whole-school worship; children, parents and staff gathered together for readings, prayers, poems and the singing of the National Anthem! A wonderful time was had by all.

Eaton Hall

Staff and children have visited Eaton Hall on two separate occasions, this term. Mr Edwards and Mr Woodsfoot were delighted to attend the ceremony for the unveiling of the Platinum Jubilee benches. A few days later, Eaton Hall kindly welcomed our year 3 and 4 children who have been learning about Islam in R.E. We are very grateful to Eaton Hall for their kind welcome, gracious hospitality and willingness to share their invaluable knowledge.

Please follow our adventures on Twitter - *@GamstonCofE* – and on our school website – *www.gamstonschool.co.uk*

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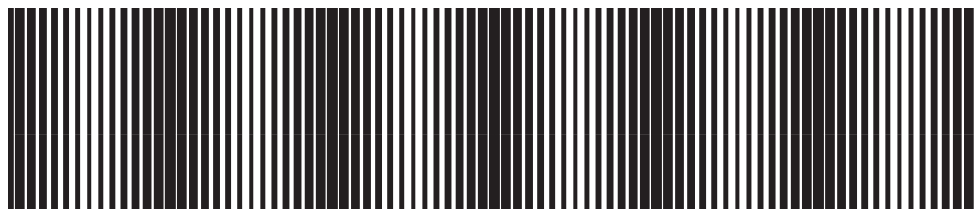
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