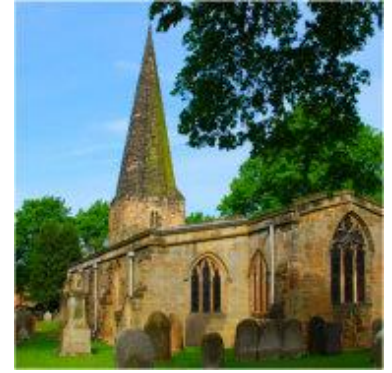


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BREASTON AND DRAYCOTT

CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



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Breaston Churches

Thought for the month

Many people have been shopping for weeks for Christmas presents. This will continue up to and including Christmas Day when a huge amount is spent on the internet. I don't buy many presents but I do enjoy thinking about what I can buy people. I have however learned not to buy clothes for family members because they always end up being returned. When I was younger I used to buy presents for many people and it did end up being stressful and I am sure resulted in many presents that weren't really wanted. Christmas is the biggest commercial season of the year and retailers are intent on us buying as many presents as possible.

In the midst of all of this activity do you stop and think about what gift you could give to God? There are many ways we could give to God including inviting somebody on their own into our homes or giving to charity because there are countless people around the world who may not even get a meal on Christmas Day. However the greatest gift that we can give to God this Christmas-time is the love of our hearts. This is true worship! Jesus said 'the Father seeks those who will worship him in spirit and truth' (John 4 v 23).

The word 'worship' really means 'worthship'. When we worship God we are effectively declaring that he is 'worthy' of the love of our hearts. When two people are in love they will make time to be together because they consider the other person is worthy of their time. Such people will go to great effort simply to be together and to let the other person know how much they love them. Do we make the same effort to let God know how wonderful he is?

I believe that worshipping with other Christians is essential to keep our love for God alive. We can worship God at any time, in any place

but our love for him will wane if we don't do this with others. Today it seems to me, that even to the most committed Christians can treat worshipping with others as a fairly low priority. People will worship God if there aren't other things that crop up such as a family outing or a job that needs doing or something similar. I am not advocating that people shouldn't sometimes do other things but the problem is that worship can soon become low down in our priorities. The bottom line is that worship is for God and needs to come from the heart but our love for God will wane if we allow ourselves to be distracted and neglect worshipping with others.

Christmas is about God demonstrating his love for us by coming into this world. The sacrifice of God was amazing. Christians believe that Jesus is alive and that he's so good and kind and compassionate and that he wants a relationship with us.

Faith has to come from the heart and this is why the greatest gift we can give God is the love of our hearts. Love is costly but it's worth it! If we give God his rightful place in our lives, we will find ourselves energised with his peace and love and joy.

St Augustine said 'our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God'. Let the adoration of your heart (words not necessarily needed) be your gift to God this Christmas-time.

Rev'd Chris Smedley.

St. Michael's Church Calendar

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Church Services for December 2015

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| Sunday 6 th | 8.45am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.15am | Celebration Service with Holy Communion |
| Sunday 13 th | 6.30pm | Evensong. St. Mary's, Draycott |
| | 8.45am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.15am | Nativity |
| | 6.30pm | Advent Carols |
| Monday 14 th | 7.00pm | Community Carols |
| Sunday 20 th | 8.45am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.15am | Celebration Service with Holy Communion |
| | 6.30pm | 9 Lessons and Carols |
| Christmas Eve | 4.00pm | Crib Service |
| | 11.15pm | Holy Communion |
| Christmas Day | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 27 th | 10.00am | Holy Communion, - United Service |

Creche, Young Church, and Frenz Groups – See Children's Pages for details

Weekday Opening Times: Wednesday: 2.30pm – 3.30pm;
Saturday: 10.00am – Noon

Diary:

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| Every Thursday 9.30 | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Tuesday December 1 st | JULIAN MEETING |
| Wednesday December 16 th | WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP |

Methodist Church News

The annual exhibition by the Breaston Art Group was held in our hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 5th, 6th and 7th November and the exhibits displayed the amazing amount of talent shared by the artists. It was surprising to learn that the Group has been in existence for 20 years and goes from strength to strength with a waiting list of folk wanting to join. The sum of £550.00 collected in donations during the exhibition was sent to the Air Ambulance to help with their running costs. A big thank you to all who gave.

By the time this issue is published, our Craft Fair will have come and gone, once again displaying a truly wonderful amount of resourcefulness and talent in evidence in hand made goods for sale.

The United Remembrance Service in our church was well attended full to overflowing and the preceding wreath laying ceremony and Last Post at the Memorial Garden drew a good gathering of village folk.

The Wesley Guild

Our Wesley Guild programme for December is as follows:

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| 3 rd | The Organist entertains | Ann Spooner |
| 10 th | The Air Ambulance | Chris Elkin |
| 17 th | Our Favourite Carols | Guild Members |
| Jan 2016 | | |
| 7 th | All Year Coloured Borders | John Hawkins |

Methodist Church Services

All Sunday services start at 10.30am unless stated otherwise

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|--------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| December 6 th | 10.30am | Gift Service | Deacon Terry Street |
| | 6.00pm | Prayers | Jonathon Stanyon |
| 13 th | 10.30am | Sacrament | Rev Arnold Dixon |
| 20 th | 10.30am | Worship | Mr Davies |
| | 6.00pm | Carol Service | Rev Dixon |
| 25 th | 10.30am | Christ is Born | Caroline Dobinson |
| 27 th | 10.30am | Informal Worship | |
| | | | Jonathan Stanyon |
| 2016 January | | | |
| 3 rd | 10.30am | Worship | Rev Anthony Oakley |
| | 6.00pm | Prayers | Jonathan Stanyon |

Breaston Churches Together Lunch Club

Date for the Lunch Club during December is the 11th. This will be the final meeting for 2015. Lunch Club will restart on 8th January 2016

Anyone with a car and a little time to spare would be appreciated to convey participants to and from the Lunch Club held in the Methodist Hall. Lunch Club is held on alternate Fridays. Please contact Thelma on 01332 873312 if you can help.

Brownies and Rainbows

Brownies hold their meetings on our premises on Mondays from 6.00pm until 7.30pm. Contact Louisa Theyers, Brown Owl on 01332 232366 for more information.

Rainbows also meet in our hall on Tuesdays from 5.00pm. Anyone needing more information should contact Melanie Arden on 01332 875059.



Breaston Children and Youth

Young Church Newsletter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Together

Children and Youth – December 2015 Newsletter

Sun 6th Dec Creche available. KK and KE children's nativity activities.

Frenz will meet at 10.15am

Sun 13th Dec **Nativity Show Service 10.15am**

No separate children's and youth activities.

Sun 20th Dec No separate Children's and Youth Activities

Sun 27th Dec No separate Children's and Youth Activities



Crèche, Young Church and Frenz Group

Our groups – (all volunteers are DBS checked and references received)

Creche(birth-2yrs) is where babies and toddlers can play and be cared for in a friendly environment and where Christian principles and stories can first be introduced.

Kool Kidz(3-7yrs) the children can explore their faith and develop their knowledge with fun activities such as singing, stories, role-play and craft.

Kidz Extreme(7-11yrs) understanding and knowledge of the Christian Faith is developed to a deeper level, whilst keeping the activities fun and stimulating.

Frenz(11yrs+) where young people explore through faith-orientated activities with the help of our Youth Worker.

Other activities – **Youth Café** on Friday evenings at 7.30pm at St Michaels' Church Hall, which is led by the Youth Worker and volunteers. **Sunbeams** – on a Wednesday at 10.30am at St Mary's Church Hall, Draycott, which is led by Ruth (0115 9726321) **Messy Church** usually the 4th Monday of each month at 3.30-5.30pm in Breaston Methodist Church, led by Jan Wilkinson.

For more information or if you have any suggestions/comments, please contact Dawn, our Young Church Coordinator on 07746213482 or dawnsycamore0@gmail.com

St Michael's Young Church

Light Party

On Sunday 1st November 2015, St Michael's Church hall opened its doors to all children and their families for a Light Party Extravaganza.

In excess of 20 children and their parents joined us for a fun-filled afternoon. There was a wonderful disco with funky disco lights, balloons, illuminated bracelets and foam spray!!! Fun story-telling, biscuit decorating (popular!) a crisp tasting competition (very, very popular), apple bobbing as well as playdough, colouring, word searches, craft activities and crêche.

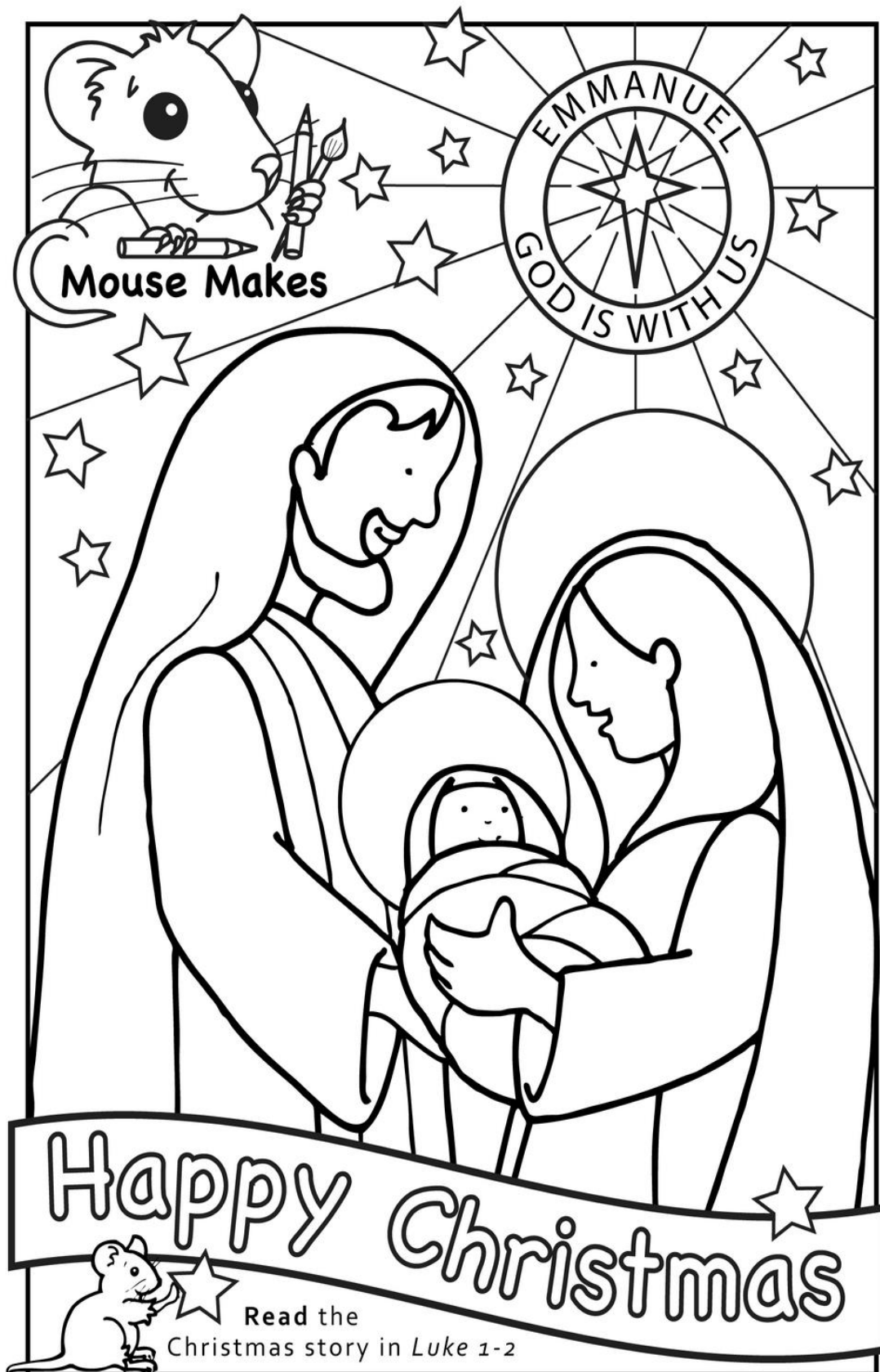
The children went away happy and looking forward to the next party. Each family was given a Scripture Union 'Darkness' booklet, which describes the darkness of the world and the light that Jesus brings into our world.

Thank you to all the adults and youth that came along during the afternoon and evening to help set up, tidy away and help during the party itself. A lot of hard work was put in by all involved in order that the party was the success that it was.

Thank You!

Dawn Sycamore





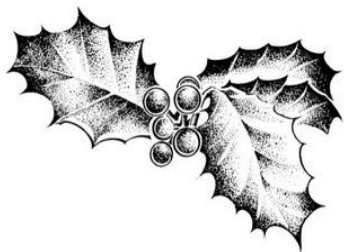


HOLLY

We sing about the 'Holly and the Ivy' and prickly green leaves and red berries are everywhere in Christmas decorations.

In Scandinavian countries the holly is even known as the 'Christ-thorn' and it seems that the name of the holly actually came from the word 'holy'.

The holly reminds us of the death of Jesus – the sharp prickles on the leaves are like the crown on thorns that Jesus was forced to wear on the cross. The red berries remind us of the drops of blood that came where the thorns hurt his head.



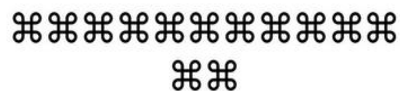
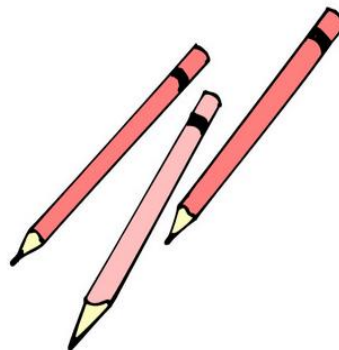
Holly is an evergreen, which means that it does not lose its leaves in the autumn, but keeps them all year round. And because its leaves are always green it is a symbol of eternal life.

SHARP PRESENTS

A quick way to make little presents for all your class and friends.

You will need nice pencils, glue (spray glue is best) and Christmas wrapping paper with a small pattern on it. Choose round pencils rather than the hexagonal type.

Cut a strip of wrapping paper wide enough to wrap around the pencil and as long as the pencil. Put glue on the back of the paper and wrap it around the pencil. When the glue has dried; trim away any excess paper with small scissors.



What did the werewolf write on his Christmas cards?

Best vicious of the season.

What do elves sing to Santa?

Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow!





BREASTON

The theme for our November meeting was 'Lighting up the World when we looked at Jesus as the Light of the World. We made stained glass angels, star biscuits and Jesus candles among our craft activities and our worship also reflected the theme.

We have no meeting in December but all are invited to the Crib Service at St Michael's Church at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

Our next Messy Church is on Monday 25th January 2016 from 3.30 - 5.30pm in Breaston Methodist Church

For more information please contact Jan Wilkinson
01332 872753 or 07549026042

Breaston Village News

Breaston Flower Circle

Breaston Flower Circle welcomed Sandra Meakin from Melton Mowbray to their October meeting.

Sandra's title was "Have you booked it yet" which referred to her bucket list.

This included having a beautiful garden, a visit to Ireland, a Round the world cruise, a tribute to Richard III, Afternoon Tea at the Ritz and a visit to Barbados for the World Show. Some these she had achieved. These titles were depicted in flowers starting with an arrangement in pink in a wheelbarrow for the garden. Orchids and anthuriums represented the round the world trip.

Ireland was depicted with beautiful green chrysanthemums and white carnations. Sandra visited Leicester Cathedral just after the reburial of Richard III and naturally used white avalanche roses with longiflorum lilies. She would like to take tea at the Ritz and used yellow orchids and single yellow chrysanthemums with lemon carnations to represent this. Her finale was a visit to Barbados to see The World Show and here of course she used beautiful palms with pink gerbera and pink lilies.

A lovely evening of flowers.

Our next meeting is our Open demonstration on 24th November which will be held at The Chilwell School theatre when Derek Armstrong will interpret "Let the Festivities Begin". Tickets are available on 01159174016. The first demonstration in the New Year will be Linda Smith back at Breaston Methodist Centre on 26th January commencing at 7.25p.m.



Photograph - Sandra Meakin with her beautiful display

MEN'S DANGER CLUB.

A prize-winning micro-brewery, champions of Nottinghamshire and surrounding counties and the 'best in England'. Where else should Danger Men go? How far would they need to go? Surely no distance would deter them but thankfully just a few miles down the road to Derby and the Dancing Duck brewery. On our arrival we were invited to sample (this is the first time I've known a pint to be allocated the word 'sample'!) their new brew 'Quack Addict' or a light ale 'DCUK', just a couple of the 14 brews they now produce.

Rachel, the owner, and her husband Ian, working in the industrial side of brewing, made us extremely welcome. Rachel started the brewery 5 years ago after a short apprentice with Blue Monkey in Nottingham and with their blessing started up her own brewery. Any new venture requires many hours of devoted input and Rachel was determined for hers to succeed. and it has, and with her husband Ian, 'grown the business' on a solid basis.

There are four ingredients needed to produce the beers. Malt, water, hops and yeast.

The malts and hops come in many varieties each bringing with them their own particular flavours and degree of sweetness or bitterness but it is the brewer who must decide on the quantity to add to provide that individual taste for each beer. The yeast from each brew is retained to be used again in order to give consistency to its own particular taste.

Added to all that the timing of how long a process should last, the temperatures at each stage, the yeast to do its work, controlled cooling, are closely monitored and recorded because this differs with each beer and is needed consistency to each one is needed to ensure that it maintains its taste and quality. Now producing 14 different beers strict recording is very important.

On one wall there are the hieroglyphics of each brew informing the brewers of the genealogy and development of their beers but a mystery to anyone else.

Each brew produces 15,000 pints which is finally put into kegs and distributed to many pubs not only in our area but throughout the country, including Scotland, Wales etc.

The relationship between the 1,500 micro-breweries is extremely supportive. The Dancing Duck owns 2 pubs in Derby, the Exeter and the New Zealand which are free to sell Real Ales. So a brewery somewhere in the UK sends a quantity of kegs to the Dancing Duck to sell its beer in the Dancing Duck pubs as a Guest ale. When the kegs are empty they are cleaned and filled with a Dancing Duck brew and returned to be sold through the other brewery's outlets.

Taking in so much information required, at the encouragement of our hosts, the refilling of our glasses during the evening and we also enjoyed the nourishment of chip cobs.

Rachel and Ian are very focussed and positive about the quality of their beers and it is no wonder that they have produced quality and that their business continues to grow. At present another company bottles some of their beers but they are looking to take on this side of their business for themselves as they realise that the present trend is for people to purchase bottles and drink them in the comfort of their own home.

The trophy I mentioned earlier is on proud display after winning a Real Ales competition in Nottingham. They took third place in the National competition, a Welsh brewery won it, a Scottish brewery took second place so they could claim that they have the best real ales in England!

It was an exceptional evening learning about the specialist art of brewing and the equipment involved. No wonder they call them Master Brewers.

The kegs had to be emptied so we graciously helped them by taking home a couple of pints each in special cartons.

Our thanks to Rachel and Ian for a superb night out and we wish them all success in the future.



BREASTON COMMUNITY FORUM

Second Pumpkin Party a Success

Pumpkin Party Poem

The Pumpkin Party came to bring
Some light into a darker thing.
We like to dress up and look a bit daft
But we were really there to show off our craft.

It was great for us all to join together
We were even blessed by pleasant weather.
The pumpkin soup was such a joy
Enough for every girl and boy.

Duffield Close was a blaze of light
Wasn't it just a magnificent sight?
Then came the time the judging was done,
Everyone hoped it was they who'd won.

The evening ended with laughter and fun
Even for those who had not won.
The Pumpkin Party brought plenty of cheer,
So let's all do it again next year!

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Pumpkin Party Success continued

The Breaston Community Forum's second Pumpkin party was a great success again this year. We had worried that we wouldn't be able to hold it this year due to lack of people willing to help, but thanks to a great effort from some of the forum's supporters very late in the day, it went ahead and was even better than last year. Held on Duffield close on Halloween night it was very well attended and we had over 90 pumpkins entered for the carving competition. The paths were lit with decorated milk bottle candles, free and delicious pumpkin soup was handed out to everyone courtesy of the ladies from Cresswells, children received sweet bags and the coffee man was there selling hot drinks. What a difficult job the 3 judges had, as there was every carving imaginable, from simple scary faces to elaborate works of art. There was a VW campervan, witches, James Bond's 007 logo, spiders, Minions, skeleton faces, & pumpkin families - to name but a few. We were very impressed with the talent of our community and the effort everyone made. We hope that this will be an annual event that grows even bigger and better, so if you want to get involved next year please contact us. Finally a **big** thank you to all who helped get the event off the ground again this year.

Breaston WI News

Our October meeting was overshadowed by the sadness of losing our dear friend Doreen Williams. But it was also a time of looking back, being glad that we had known her and feeling so very grateful that she had been instrumental in restarting Breaston W.I. ten years ago.

So many people said that it had been Doreen who had encouraged them to join and it brought a lump to my throat to see the never ending line of people, queuing up to sign the memorial book and show their love and respect.

Doreen was Breaston's very own Mary Berry (an expert on the Victoria Sandwich) and it is rumoured that she once reprimanded Paul Hollywood for calling it a Victoria Sponge!

A dedicated committee member and multi-tasking superwoman, Doreen's memory will always live on, especially when a Victoria Sandwich has the dreaded soggy bottom!

There will always be a chorus of "Ooh don't tell Doreen!"



RIP Doreen, you are sadly missed.

Finally a big, big thank you to all the helpers, donators and customers, who braved the truly awful weather on Saturday morning, in order to support our WI coffee morning and sale of scarves and jewellery. We had donations of nearly 300 scarves and tables full of necklaces, brooches, bracelets and earrings. Despite a slowish start, it picked up and we were extremely pleased with the amount raised. At the time of going to print, the exact total is not known but it will be announced in the next issue. So THANK YOU BREASTON for supporting your local WI once again. Kay

BREASTON AND DRAYCOTT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

This year the Fellowship has had a busy and varied programme once again, with nine meetings, a Garden Party afternoon in Mrs. Wilson's lovely garden and an early Christmas shopping outing to Mason Mills. We should have held our Annual Garden Party in George and Audrey's garden but the weather put paid to an outdoor event and we managed to have a super table-top sale in the Church Hall instead.

As I write now in November, we still have events to complete 2015. On 25th November there will be a Quiz with a Difference and a Christmas Table-top sale. On 1st December Janet Gasior, Val Wilson and I will be having 2 stalls at the Draycott Dickensian Christmas Fayre. We have gathered quite a lot of items and crafts for our Christmas stalls and Mrs. Ray from the Mayfield Homes Park has offered to donate a Christmas Hamper for our Big Raffle Prize. All the funds we raise will be donated to our Churches in Breaston and Draycott when the Committee meets next time. We have been able to raise approximately **£1000** for distribution and we aim to support local Charities as far as possible. During 2015 we have supported our PDSA in Long Eaton with all sorts of things which we have been given for recycling. The PDSA let us know how much our Gift Aided contributions have made, to date it is just over £250. Thank you everyone from Breaston, Draycott, Borrowash, Ockbrook, Stapleford and Sandiacre who has left lots of bags and boxes at 103 Longmoor Lane during the year. It all goes to good homes or in the case of metal and Car Batteries to Wards Recycling at Ilkeston.

Our final event for 2015 will be our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Cleve Lodge, Elm Avenue on 16th December. The actual cost of our Lunch would be over £20 but we have been able to subsidise this to a rate of £10 per member and £12 for guests. Everyone is welcome to come and join us, members, relatives, friends and new acquaintances too. We have some places left so if you would like to come please inform me immediately and I will provide you with a menu to choose from. The latest date for menus to be handed in is the 4th December. We will be having a grand Christmas Raffle after our meal and entertainment by the Village Singers to really get us in a truly festive mood

That is all for now, so have a Wonderful Christmas everyone, and very Best Wishes to our Communities from the Women's Fellowship Committee for 2016.

Margaret Gregory – Chairperson Breaston and Draycott Women's Fellowship. Tel. 01332 872143 or mobile 07957827902.

****Our first meeting in 2016 will be on Wednesday 27th January at 2.00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall Breaston.***

NB. For **RECYCLING** please leave items at the gate at 103 LONG-MOOR LANE BREASTON - ring me if you need a collection service. We can take BIKES, TOYS, CLOTHES, SHOES, CLEAN BEDDING, MOST METAL INCLUDING COOKERS MICROWAVES WASHING MACHINES (working or not) EGGBOXES, JAMJARS, TOOLS ELECTRICAL ITEMS AND WIRING, POTS PANS, CROCKERY and anything else you would like to donate.

Draycott Church News

Wilne with Draycott Church Calendar for December 2015

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| Tues 1 st | Dickensian Evening & Switching on of the Christmas Lights - from 5pm – 7.30pm | | |
| Wed 2 nd | Sunbeams | Church Hall | 10.30am |
| Sat 5 th | Coffee Morning | Church Hall | 10.00am |
| Sun 6 th | Advent 2 All Age Worship & Family Gift Service | Methodist Church | 10.30am |
| | Matins | St Chad's | 11.00am |
| | MMA Service at Sandiacre | St Giles | 6.30pm |
| Mon 7 th | Messy Church | Methodist Church | 3.30pm |
| Wed 9 th | Sunbeams | Church Hall | 10.30am |
| Sat 12 th | Friends of St Chads - Christmas Concert 'Greasley Singers' | St Chad's | 7.30pm |
| Sun 13 th | Advent 3 Family Communion Advent Carols | St Mary's St Michael's | 10.30am 6.30pm |
| Wed 16 th | Sunbeams <u>Community Carol Service with The Bethlehem Light</u> | Church Hall St Mary's | 10.30am 7.00pm |
| Sat 19 th | Rotary Club of Church Wilne Lessons & Carol Service | St Chad's | 6.00pm |
| Sun 20 th | Advent 4 All Age Worship - Nativity Festival of Lessons & Carols | St Mary's St Chad's | 10.30am 4.30pm |
| Thurs 24 th | Family Carols Midnight Communion | St Chads St Mary's | 6.00pm 11.30pm |
| Fri 25 th | Christmas Day - Crib Service | St Mary's | 11.00am |
| Sun 27 th | 1st Sunday of Christmas United Holy Communion | St Michael's | 10.00am |

Friends of St Chad's Membership

If you are interested in joining the 'Friends' and supporting the commitment to preserve this lovely ancient building then please call the Membership Secretary Jackie Enever 01332 873140

You could also call in at Gary Dundas at Draycott to obtain a membership application form.

Only £8 each or £12 for a family

Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church Hall

Saturday 5th December 10am – 11.30am

Please do come along, Coffee, Biscuits and a chat just 50p

Thanks

Our sincere thanks to Kathleen and Carolyn, who make and serve the coffee etc. every month for the Coffee Mornings, to the stallholders – Pat, Toni, Sarah and Freda, to Betty & Christine who organise the raffle and sell the tickets. To those who make the cakes & produce to sell and give raffle prizes & donations and support us in any way thank you. The Coffee Mornings raise £1,000 over the year, please do continue, your help is very much appreciated.

B Carter

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Day services at St Mary's and at the War Memorial were very well attended. During the service a World War 1 Memorial Cross was dedicated to the memory of Private Aubrey Charles Tarlton Frith who was from Draycott. Private Frith laid down his life for King and country and was killed on the 18th September 1918. The cross was originally placed in the old St Mary's Church on Garfield Avenue and was lost during the move to Victoria Road in 1963/4, having been found recently it was renovated and mounted on an Oak Cross by Mr Terry Bird, from Breaston.

It was a great pleasure to see the Scouts, Brownies, Cubs and Beavers attend both services. The Parish Council and the President members of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne attended the services too and the Councillors were a great help marshalling at the War Memorial as the traffic began to build up. Many uniformed officers stood proudly for the two minutes silence which came to an end with some brilliant bugle playing. A mention of appreciation must be given to the Parish Clerk Val Lewis who always manages to arrange the event at the War Memorial so well – thank you.

As part of the service, at St Mary's Church, the collection was given from the congregation to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Real Advent Calendars

**Are still available! With free Advent storybook
for each day Price £3.99**

50p will go towards Traidcraft and the Funzi Baby Clinic Kenya

Available at Draycott from - Gary or Ruth

In memoriam

Mike Tudbury aged 72

Looking back at Mike's life gave his family and very many friends time to appreciate what a contribution he had made to the local community and beyond. Mike had lived in Draycott for many years and he and his wife Jenny had recently 'downsized' to a property in Breaston.

After a private Funeral Service and Committal at Bramcote Crematorium, a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for his life was held at St Mary's Church Draycott. The church hadn't seen so many people inside, well over 220, for very many years. Although sadness was of course present, the congregation, which was full of those who were connected to his many activities, were able to reflect with music, song and tributes.

We send our deepest sympathy to Jenny, Mike's children Dave, Gary and Paula and their families. Mike was very close to his grandchildren, they will have some very special memories of their loving and devoted grandad.

Carols for Christmas

St Mary's Draycott

Wednesday 16th December

with the Bethlehem Light

Community Carol Singing in the Hall afterwards

Sherry & Mince Pies Served

Collection in the Hall for Treetops Hospice Care

Rotary Club of Church Wilne Carol Service

St Chad's Church Saturday 19th December at 6pm

St Mary's Nativity Play

Sunday 20th December at 10.30am

St Chad's Festival of Lessons and Carols

at St Chads Wilne Sunday 20th December at 4.30pm

Christmas Eve

Family Carols at St Chad's Wilne at 6pm

Midnight Communion at St Mary's, Victoria Road, at
11.30pm

St Mary's Church Memorial Service

On Sunday the 15th November the congregation and members of St Mary's Church were honoured by the attendance of many family and friends who have lost loved ones recently and years past. The Service was a very moving occasion when families came together to share their grief. During the service those attending took the opportunity to light a candle and remember a loved one. Those who came along expressed their thanks to the Church for inviting them to this special time and commented on how lovely the hymns and readings were.

New Family Communion Service

At St Mary's Draycott, on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

This is an excellent opportunity to teach the children about the sharing of the bread & wine (Holy Communion)

If you would like to know more about this

Service and Holy Communion then please talk to Gary or Ruth.

All are welcome.

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Draycott Methodist Church

Services for December

- December 6th. 10-30am. United All Age Worship,
GIFT SERVICE George Seabury
6-00pm. Rev'd Susan McIvor
- December 13th. 10-30am. Cafe Style Worship Holy Communion
Rev'd Colin Emerson
6-00pm. Matthew Cadden-Hyde
- December 20th. 10-30am. United All Age Worship St. Mary's
6-00pm. Carol Service Rev'd Colin Emerson
- December 24th. 11-15 pm. Christmas Eve Holy Communion
Rev'd Colin Emerson
- December 25th. 11-00am. United Service St. Mary's
- December 27th. 10-30am. Paul Wood
6-00pm. NO SERVICE



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come the birth of the Christ child.**

The Draycott Guild

(Meeting at the Methodist Church, corner of Derwent St & Market Street)

DECEMBER 2015

Just come along and you will receive a warm welcome

The Draycott Guild welcomes new members; it is for men and women and we meet fortnightly on Wednesday evenings in the Methodist Church Hall (Market Street) 7.30pm to approximately 9.30pm. The objectives of the Guild are as follows:-

- To increase the opportunity for fellowship and friendship within the Church.
- To provide outreach to, and involvement with the local and worldwide communities.
- To have a programme which is attractive to people who are not regular church attenders.

To provide a socialising opportunity for people.

Draycott Village News

Draycott Village Fund

This Service was an addition to the village activities, and was supported by many people from the community and surrounding areas. Following on from the Remembrance Day services, it was only right that this Armistice Day Service should happen at this very special place in the village. Our thanks must be expressed to the Village Fund for organising the occasion. Both the Ministers from the Methodist Church and the Anglican Church attended along with many uniformed and war service medal holders. The service concluded with children from Draycott School laying stones, painted like poppies, onto the edge of the garden, a very touching end to a lovely event.

1st Draycott Brownies

Thursdays 6 - 7:15pm St Mary's (Term time)

Spaces available now!

Contact Caroline on 07871 103 861 or by email on draycottbrownowl@gmail.com or

look at www.girlguiding.co.uk to register online.

Rotary Club of Church Wilne

Remembrance Sunday at Borrowwash and Ockbrook started in Borrowwash when service personnel, along with cubs, scouts, beavers, guides, family and friends followed the marching band to the war memorial in Ockbrook. During the service of Remembrance the names of all the fallen during the wars were read out by four speakers.

A service was led by Revd Gary Dundas at St Mary's Church in Draycott and was attended by around 160 which included Parish Councillors, scouts, beavers, brownies, Rotarians and members of the Draycott and Wilne WI. Methodist Colin Emmerson gave the sermon and also led the service at midday at the Draycott War Memorial.



Church Wilne Presentation evening at Trent Lock Golf Club on Monday 2nd November

President Tony Beenham, on behalf of the members of the Club, welcomed all our 46 guests and visitors joining the 43 Club members, following it's very successful annual Horse Ride Event held on 13th September at which raised just over £9,000.

This included many sponsors, the land owners and farmers who allow the use of their land for this event, and other guests and visitors who have played an important role in the Horse Ride this year.

Firstly he welcomed Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Willie Tucker and his wife Jill. "Willie is a great supporter of our Club and in fact he was a member many years ago before his retirement from work.

Tony continued by saying "Before welcoming our Sponsors who are here this evening I would just like to publicly thank Andrew Evans and Manor Pharmacy for being our Main Sponsors in 2015. Manor Pharmacy treats your pets as part of the family and promotes animal health with low price veterinary medicines"

After Dinner I am going to ask Richard Hollis to present a cheque for £1620 to the Air Ambulance most of which was raised by us at the exit collection and at the Dice Game at the County Show

After enjoying a meal Tony made the presentations to this year's chosen charities

Collette who is the local fund raising Coordinator for the Air Ambulance Service gave a brief overview of the Air Ambulance and said that each mission currently costs £1,700 and in 2014 they completed 100 more missions than in 2013. She also spoke about their new rapid response vehicle and said this is now often used in the night. Tony presented Collette with a cheque for £4,602 along with a cheque for £1,620 from Derbyshire County Show.

Mary Rose is the local Community and Events Fundraiser for Treetops and she spoke about the recent changes and improvements of Treetops Hospice Care before receiving a cheque for £4,602 and £848 following Tony's Denmark to Paris sponsored bike ride in July.

Photograph: left to right – PP Roger Graham, DG Roger Summers, President Tony Beenham (kneeling) Mary Rose, Collette Richardson, Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire Willie Tucker and Richard Hollis.



Cheque presentation to Ashbrook Junior School

Mell Julian Head teacher of the Ashbrook Junior School along with Lucy of representative of the PFA gave a short presentation to the members of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne at their recent meeting. Mell spoke about the "Fitness Circuit" they hope to build and thanked the club for its donation of £1,000 which goes towards the fund required to complete the project which should be finished next Spring.



Geoff Smith, Mell Julian and Lucy from the PFA

Members of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne were given two lively presentations by Steen Elgaard from the Hinnerup Rotary Klub who are twinned with Church Wilne and its own member Adrian Perkins who gave an update following his trip to build a Sand Dam in Kenya.

Steen gave background to both Denmark and his Club saying they were formed in 1984 and currently have 44 members.

He gave an overview of some of the club's activities which included a visit to the operating theatre in Aarhus, a summer grill and their Christmas lunch which starts at 4.00pm and finishes around 11pm. The club is involved each year with an Exchange student both in and out and this lasts for 12 months and recent links have been with Australia, Canada and the UK. More recently they have given an award for "Entrepreneur of the Year" for a local company for something rather unique.

Church Wilne Rotary President Tony Beenham joined Steen last July in the annual Denmark to Paris charity bike ride known as "Team Rotary Favrskov 2015" which took 8 days to complete. They raised £52k this year of which £39k was donated to the Children's Heart Foundation.

Adrian then continued by updating the members on his July Sand Dam expedition under the heading of "Give a Dam" The rainfall in Kenya is usually just for 2 weeks a year and without a Sand Dam or a form of terracing it is lost almost immediately.

A completed Sand Dam contains from 2 to 10 million litres of drinkable water and serves 1,200 citizens for the year. It is a permanent solution and creates a micro climate and the villages can set up tree nurseries which helps prevent soil erosion, make bricks, establish a fish farm which they can sell to supplement their income. Adrian covered much of the work they completed along with the help of many locals during their week stay and several short films highlighted the difference the Sand Dam makes to the community and the surrounding areas.



St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326

The Church remembers St. Nicholas each year on 6th December. Although Nicholas may be described as one of the more famous saints, very little is actually known about him and there are various accounts of his life which seem to be based more on legend than historical fact.

It is known, however, that he was Bishop of Myra, (Lycia in modern Turkey) at the beginning of the fourth century. Like many Christians of the time, he is thought to have been imprisoned during the persecutions of Diocletian, 303-4 AD, and was present at the Council of Nicea, in 325 AD, at the request of the Emperor Constantine.

There are many legends surrounding the life of Nicholas. One story involves a poor man who had three daughters but could not afford a proper dowry for them so they were unable to get married. To save them from having to turn to prostitution, as they had no other means of support, Nicholas went secretly to their house one night and threw three purses of gold coins through the window.

Other stories tell of him raising three drowned boys back to life and saving three unjustly convicted sailors from death. For some reason, Nicholas always seemed to perform good works in triplicate!!!.

When he died he was buried outside his city, facing towards the sea. His tomb became a place of pilgrimage soon after his death and in 1087 his remains were moved to Bari.

Nicholas is particularly popular in some European countries and children in Poland, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands can expect a gift from him on December 6th.

The legends surrounding the life of St. Nicholas eventually gave rise to the figure we know as Santa Claus. Santa Claus seems to have originated in 19th century, in the folklore of Dutch settlers in North America, and his fame has since spread throughout the western world. To this day, children still expect a visit from Santa Claus on Christmas Eve when hopefully he will deliver the gifts they eagerly await.

Calling all knitters: Greenfields Africa

Hello, my name is Brenda Priest, and I moved to Breaston about 1 year ago. I came from Lincolnshire, where I organised a group who originally knitted vests for the “Fish and Chip Babies” in Uganda. I believe that many of you also supported this initiative. The good news is that thanks to the efforts of dedicated teams, babies there have a much better life expectancy and the little vests are no longer required. However Greenfields Africa still works in the region. This charity built a clinic in one of the poorest regions of Uganda and provide anti-natal care for expectant mothers in the community. When the babies are born, each mother is given a Mama Bag with all the things necessary to give the tiny child the best start in life, including a little knitted cardigan, hat, blanket and teddy. I was recently given two huge sacks of beautiful wool; far too much for me to use, so I am hoping that I can encourage the knitters of Breaston and Draycott to join me in supporting this charity.

If you would like to learn to knit, there are experienced knitters who are only too happy to teach you. The patterns are very easy to follow and, as I said, I have plenty of wool, so what are you waiting for?

To get in touch with me please email at mbpriet@btinternet.com or text me on 07980073298. I am quite hard of hearing so phoning me is not advisable. However you can call my daughter Diane on 07914504229. Alternatively if you leave your contact details at either St Michaels, Breaston or St Mary's Draycott I will get in touch with you.

To find out more about Greenfields Africa, please go to their website at www.gfafrica.com You will see that it is not a big organization, and all the staff are volunteers. They ensure that everything goes to those who need it most. You will also see that they collect shoes to help control Jiggers (a nasty worm that attacks bare feet) and old hand tools, which they use to train young men in a skill that makes them employable. Diane and I try to go over to Market Drayton at least once a year, and we are very happy to take any donations with us.

I have met many lovely people since moving to Breaston, and I am looking forward to meeting even more. So, please get in touch, any contributions will be gratefully received.

Listening in Breaston

You might remember a flyer which was distributed to all houses in the village asking if Breaston could be an even better place to live. The flyer was promoting a training day for a listening process which has been used all over the UK for the past 15 years and was recently used to train David Cameron's 5,000 Community Animators.

Articles

The process has its roots in the townships of Brazil and South America where it has helped communities to develop since 1970. The basic premise is that “every community is unique and it has to take responsibility for itself within the structural and institutional framework within which it is situated”. This means first of all understanding what is going on around you and building an accurate picture of how the community wants to move forward. So you build the picture through listening to as many people as possible by simply holding a conversation with them. The listener asks what is good about living in Breaston, what is not so good and asks for ideas to build the community and initiate new projects. The exciting thing is that no one knows what will come out at the other end because the listening is open and has no hidden agenda.

23 people attended the day and of those 11 have come together as a listening team. They have begun listening to residents all across the village community. It is hoped to showcase the outcome of all this at the May Day Gala this coming Spring.

For this to work it is vital that people of all age groups and from all parts of the village are given the opportunity to have their say. If we can listen to 1,000 people between now and the May Day Gala, just imagine the variety and wealth of ideas we would have. So, if you would like to be listened to or you are brave enough to become a listener yourself, then please contact Tony Prior by email at tan-deprior@aol.com or call 872195.

Christmas Parable

Once upon a time there was a man who looked upon Christmas as a lot of humbug. He wasn't a scrooge. He was a decent person, generous to his family. Upright in all his dealings with other men. But he didn't believe all that stuff about incarnation which churches proclaim at Christmas. And he was too honest to pretend that he did. "I am sorry" he told his wife, who was a faithful Christian and attended church regularly, "but I simply cannot understand this claim that God becomes man. It doesn't make any sense to me". On Christmas eve his wife and children went to church to the midnight service. He decline to accompany them. "I'd feel a hypocrite," he explained. "I'd rather stay at home. But I'll wait up for you.

Shortly after his family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window and watched the flurries getting heavier and heavier. "If we must have Christmas" he thought, "its nice to have a white one." He went back to his chair by the fireside and began to read his newspaper. A few minutes later he was startled by a thudding sound. It was quickly followed by another, then another. He thought that someone must be throwing snowballs at hi living room window. When he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the storm. They had been caught in the storm and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through his window. "I can't let these poor creatures lie there and freeze," he thought. "But how can I help them?" Then he remembered the barn where the children's pony was stabled. It would provide a warm shelter.

He put on his coat and tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the door wide and turned on the light. But the birds didn't come in. "Food will lure them in," he thought. So he

hurried back to the house for bread crumbs, which he sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn. To his dismay the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow, He tried shooping them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction - except into the warm lighted barn.

“They find me a strange and terrifying creature” he said to himself, “and I can’t seem to think of any way to let them know to trust me. If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety...”

Just at that moment the church bells began to ring. He stood silent for while listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. Then he sank to his knees in the snow. “Now I do understand,” he whispered. “Now I see why you had to do it.”

Written by Louis Cassels

10 Ways to Love

Here are ten ways that you can communicate love and avoid the need for conflict resolution in all of your relationships. This is a very powerful list, so make sure to take time and consider your heart position in these 10 areas. There is always room for growth!

1. Listen without interrupting — Proverbs 18:13
2. Speak without accusing — James 1:19
3. Give without sparing — Provers 21:26
4. Pray without ceasing — 1 Thessalonians 5:17

5. Answer without arguing — Proverbs 17:1
6. Share without pretending — Ephesians 4:15
7. Enjoy without complaint — Philippians 2:14
8. Trust without wavering — 1 Corinthians 13:7
9. Forgive without punishing — Colossians 3:13
10. Promise without forgetting — Proverbs 13:12

Thanks

Telling People

How much you

Appreciate the

Number of acts of

Kindness and

Service they do

The collection for magazine subscriptions, 40p per month, saving 30p over the year will take place during January.

Breaston Art Group

Thanking you very much to everyone, who visited our 20th Annual Art Exhibition

Your generous contributions have helped us to raise £550. A cheque for this amount is being sent to East Midlands Air Ambulance

Thank you all

Copy Day

Copy Day for the JANUARY issue of the magazine will be **TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER**. All copy to be submitted to Breaston Church Office by email please (magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com).

Draycott news can be passed to Rev'd Gary Dundas 872893 or Bernard Carter 874974 **by the 10th of the month** to be forwarded to the Church Office. We regret that late copy will have to be held Over.



Christmas

with

The Village Singers

Sawley Baptist Church
12th December
7.30 pm

Tickets £6
from: Jan Wilkinson
Choir Members
or pay at the door

Long Eaton Natural History Society

Wildlife Report Continued

Long Eaton Natural History Society



Wildlife Report 03 August 2015

Just outside the boundary is a mature sycamore tree.

Suggestions

St Chad is a patron saint of healing and astronomy, it might be a good idea to replace the colourful bed of annuals with a herb garden, mint, basil, balm and marjoram will attract many different invertebrates, moving any perennials to the herbaceous border by the church where rosebay willowherb is currently flowering. The local astronomy society might be invited on St Chad's day, March 2nd to run an open evening in the car park. Native daffodils could be planted to flower for this day.

The trees in the churchyard could be marked on a plan of the churchyard and a veteran tree survey form filled in for each tree. It would be interesting to know if church wardens have any photographs or information which could give a clue to the age of the trees. It seems they are old but not ancient, but it has taken very many years for them to mature and they are not easily replaced. Each tree is a city and provides a diversity of microhabitats for a wide range of invertebrates. It is important that the trees are checked regularly and management is carried out only if it is strictly necessary. There is a lot of shading by the trees but they provide a moist tranquil atmosphere which adds a spiritual element.



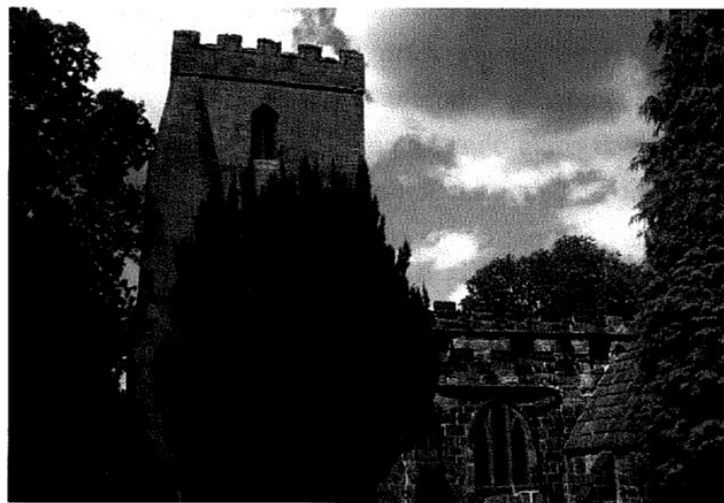
Lime Tree Canopy at St Chad's 30 July
Photo credit Marion Bryce

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The lime trees may have been planted in the early twentieth century, possibly after 1918, and traditionally would have regular removal of the lower brush and the trees would be pollarded. They give a pleasant dappled shade allowing growth of other plants beneath. It may be a good idea to take advice from a trained arboriculturist and undertake some management although it is known that the lower brush is very attractive to insects. This would give the ancient church more street presence and allow more light into the area.



St Chad's Churchyard looking North showing Irish yew and Cypress
Photo credit Marlon Bryce 30 July 2015

Yew trees are regarded as sacred. The 15 trees could be measured (girth at 5') and registered with the ancient tree forum, setting a baseline for future years, it is possible they could be hundreds of years old and are capable of living for thousands of years. The cypresses and Irish yews would possibly not survive management. The question is whether to keep them? The cypresses could be some of the oldest in England.

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Horsechestnut Tree St Chad's 30 July 2015
Photo credit Marion Bryce

The maiden horse chestnut is mature, possibly 100 years old. The oldest known horse chestnuts are 400 years old so this specimen is approaching veteran tree status and needs to be treated with utmost respect. It is not usual practice to cut back a horse chestnut tree.

Ring barking the sycamore tree at the South-western boundary and leaving it as standing deadwood will save many hours removing sycamore seedlings.

One of the holly trees may qualify as a veteran. Hollies do usually respond well to management.

The hawthorn and holly hedges are part of

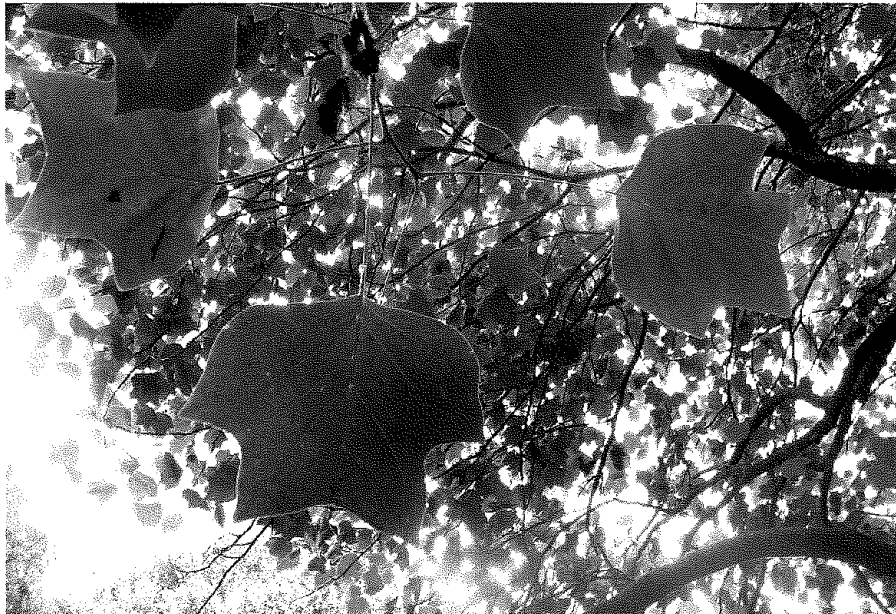
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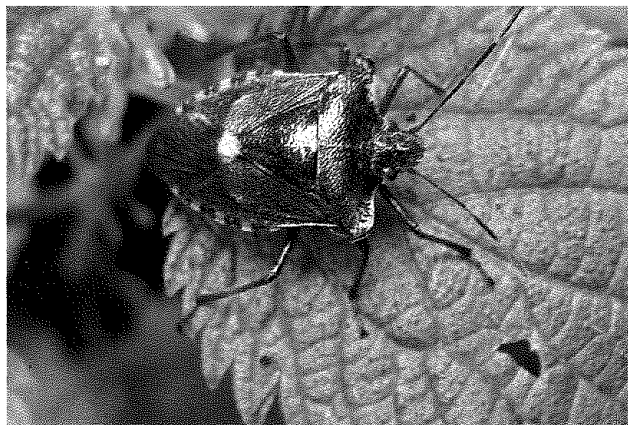
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ongoing management and are valuable corridors and havens for wildlife. Bumble bees winter in the root base, bank voles and shrews live there.

A path could be cleared to the tulip tree so it can be enjoyed by all, it is a fine specimen, there are not many this size in Derbyshire.



Tulip Tree Canopy at St Chad's 30 July 2015
Photo credit Marion Bryce



Oak or Red Legged Shieldbug at St Chad's 30 July 2015
Photo credit Marion Bryce

The two oak trees appear to be about 50 years old and it is anticipated these will be allowed to reach their natural size.

Piles of rubble provide homes for many

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Wildlife Report To be Continued

Recipe for December



Lentil soup with mushrooms

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Cooking time: 30 minutes

Serves: 4

Difficulty: easy

Approx cost: £4.50

Ingredients

- 15 ml olive oil
- 1 large onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 250g smoked pork rashers or bacon slices
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
- Small handful parsley, chopped
- 150g button mushrooms, quartered
- 250g soup lentils of your choice, rinsed
- 1 celery stick, sliced
- Stock or water
- Lemon, to taste
- Mint leaves, to taste

Directions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large heavy-based pot over a medium heat and tip in the onions, celery, pork or bacon rashers, garlic and parsley.
2. Sauté gently for 5 minutes before adding the mushrooms. Then sauté for a further 5 minutes.
3. Add the lentils and cover with water or stock. Allow them to simmer for about 30 minutes.
4. Season the soup and add a squeeze of lemon juice and mint to taste.
5. Serve with bread and strong cheddar cheese for a hearty dinner.

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Sunday 10th January, 4pm at St. Michael's Church

'Why Church?'

An opportunity to sample what 'Church' in Breaston has to offer to people of all ages and tastes, and to hear the stories of some of our members.

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall afterwards where there will also be activities for children.

Friday 15th January, 7.30 pm at Anderson's 'Why Belief?'

An informal evening with stories and music

Monday 25th January, Breaston Methodist Church

'Why Messy Church?' (Or just 'Why Messy'?) Come along and experience this monthly family event

Wednesday 27th January 7.30pm Breaston Methodist Church '

Why God?'

We invite you to come along and view the popular film 'God is not Dead' and join us for discussion and refreshments afterwards.

Why Wear a Poppy?



“Please wear a Poppy”, the lady said,
and held one forth, but I shook my head,
then I stopped and watched as she offered them there,
and her face was old and lined with care;
But beneath the scars the years had made
there remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street,
bouncing along on carefree feet,
his smile was full of joy and fun;
“Lady said he, “may I have one”
when she pinned it on he turned to say,
“why do we wear a poppy today?”

The lady smiled in her wistful way,
and answered, "this is Remembrance Day,
and the poppy is a symbol for
the gallant ones who died in war,
and because they did, you and I are free,
that's why we wear the poppy, you see.

I had a boy about your size,
with golden hair and big blue eyes.
he loved to play and jump and shout,
free as a bird he would race about.
As the years went by he learned and grew,
and became a man as - as you will, too.

But the war went on and he had to stay,
and all I could do was wait and pray.
his letters told of the dreadful plight
(I can see it still in my dreams at night)
with the tanks and the guns and cruel barbed wire,
and the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

Till at last, the war was won -
and that's why we wear a poppy, son"
the small boy turned as if to go.
Then said, "thanks lady, I'm glad to know,
that sure did sound like an awful fight,
but your son - did he come back all right?

A tear rolled down each faded cheek:
she shook her head but didn't speak.

I slunk away in a sort of shame,
and if you were me you'd have done the same:
for our thanks, in giving, is oft delayed
though our freedom was bought
and thousands paid.

And so when we see a poppy worn,
let us reflect on the burden borne,
by those who gave their very all,
when asked to answer their country's call.
That we at home in peace might live.

Then wear a poppy
Remember
And give

By Don Crawford.

Fellow Canadian and friend of Dr John McRae (Author of *Flanders Fields*), Don Crawford turned this poem, handwritten in pencil and on two sheets of foolscap, in to *The Perth Courier* one morning in the 1960's, in which it was printed a few days later. Since then, "Why wear a Poppy?" has appeared in a multitude of weekly newspapers and magazines, including *Legion Magazine* in Canada, and foreign publications like *Anzac*

Appeal and Scotland's *Claymore* magazine. Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion has produced the poem on slides and tape for television and radio. And schools have used "Why wear a Poppy?" extensively for their Remembrance Day programmes. Donald J Crawford died in hospital in Perth, Ontario, on October 7, 2000.

This article was a late entry for the November Magazine

Long Eaton United Reformed Church

The Green, Long Eaton

The Long Eaton United Reformed Church Choir are busy practising for their forthcoming event, which is:

- Excerpts from Handel's Messiah – this will be performed on **Sunday 6th December** at 2.30pm in the Church. Tickets are free of charge but are necessary for seating purposes; these are also available from the same two contacts detailed above. A collection will be taken in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

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