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## Thought for the month

### Dear Friends

As is often the case with pastoral letters for church magazines, I am writing this in the run up to a major celebration knowing that you are likely to be reading it after the event. On this occasion I am writing in the weeks prior to Easter and my thoughts are focused on the events of Holy Week culminating with Good Friday and, of course, the great celebration of Easter. By the time you read this letter Easter will have passed, the eggs consumed and the bonnets put back in their boxes.

This disconnect, though, helps us to remember that there are two sides to Easter, indeed you could argue (and some do) that the events of the first Good Friday and Easter Sunday split history in two. Before Jesus' death on the cross and mighty resurrection three days later, the world was living in a hopeless lost state, with no possibility of redemption and no possibility of a living relationship with their God and our God. But the crucifixion and resurrection changed all this. Upon the cross Jesus bore the sins of the world and sacrificed himself that we might be clean and pure in the sight of his and our heavenly Father. In his resurrection we see the forgiveness of God for our wrongs. We see no longer a world of hopelessness but a world of hope and promise.

We are Easter people. We live in this promise that Jesus won for us. We can know ourselves loved by our Father. We can know ourselves forgiven of our sins. We can know the gift of eternal life - a lifelong relationship with God. All we have to do in order to be able to celebrate Easter every day of the year is repent, or turn, from our old life and accept God, through Jesus, into our life. This is the season of new life and a perfect time to begin our own new life with God.

I wish you all a, belated, Happy Easter. With every blessing,

*Colin Emerson, Methodist Minister, Draycott*

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## Editorial

We've changed the sequence a bit this month – after Thought for the Month comes the news from the villages, then the church and children's news. The articles are still in the same place.

We've also added a new section – Events – to bring together all the major events happening in the next month or two. This section is then followed by Letters to the editor, and then the pages of Contacts.

And we've changed the title to “Breaston and Draycott Village News” to reflect the broad spread of content, encompassing much of life in the two villages.

What do you think? Let us know by writing a letter to the Magazine Editor, c/o St. Michael's Church Hall, Main Street, Breaston, DERBY DE72 3DX or by email to [magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com](mailto:magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com).

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## Copy Day

Copy Day for the next issue of the magazine will be

**TUESDAY 19th April**

All copy to be submitted to Breaston Church Office by email please ([magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com](mailto:magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com)). **Draycott news** can be passed to Rev'd Gary Dundas 872893 or Bernard Carter 874974 **by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month** to be forwarded to the Church Office by the copy day. We regret that late copy will have to be held over.

## Age has its problems...

Two elderly couples were chatting together. One of the men asked the other, "Fred, how was the visit to the memory clinic last month?"

"Outstanding. They taught us some of the latest techniques for remembering things. It was great."

"What was the name of this clinic?" asked the other man.

Fred's mind went blank. Then he smiled and asked, "What do you call that flower with the long stem and thorns?"

"A rose?"

"Yes!"

He turned to his wife: "Rose, what was the name of that memory clinic?"



# Breaston Village News

## **MEN'S DANGER CLUB**

The Men's Danger Club started five years ago to provide activities specifically designed for men to participate in and enjoy an evening from determined rivalry at boules to discussing the qualities of wines. Our events have ranged from the super active, Dragon Boat racing, Laser Quest, to archery, canoeing to the cunning game of croquet and an evening with birds of prey, experiencing them as they landed on our gloved hand.

The Men's Danger Club's first event was a Games Evening at St. Mary's Church Hall in February 2011, so it seemed very appropriate to celebrate the five years of our many daring activities with a challenging Games Evening in St. Mary's Church Hall once again. There was a great variety of activities to test the mind, physical skills, cunning and determination, from dominoes, jenga, table tennis to backgammon and chess, and many others.

Birthday cake? Not for MDC! Hot dogs, beans, onions, cheese and sauces with a pint of your favourite brew. Our thanks to Gary Dundas who supplied and cooked the delicious sausages, provided the rolls, and guided us with all the other cooking then helped serve them.

The Men's Danger Club is open to all men. Uniquely there is no membership or registration fee! We contact those interested by e-mail or post, they choose the event to which they would like to come and pay the appropriate cost for the evening. So far we have been able to keep the cost to £10 or less for each evening.

Contact names and numbers are on page 45.

We hope to see you soon,

*John, David and Steve*

## Breaston Flower Circle

Our new Chairman, Kay Lees, welcomed us to our Annual Dinner held at the Erewash Golf Club on the 1st March. The event was well attended and a 2 course meal was followed by a flower demonstration by local florist Isobel, of Breaston. Isobel entertained us with her tales of setting up the business and everyday life in a florist's shop and showed us how she put together arrangements to sell to her customers using lovely spring flowers and plant material. The arrangements were then raffled along with the table arrangements donated by several of our members. Our next meeting is a practice on the 22nd March 2016 which is for members only and our next flower demonstration is on Tuesday 26th April 2016 by Shirley Henderson entitled "Out of Africa" and this is at Breaston Methodist Hall, Blind Lane and starts at 7.25 pm.



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# Breaston and Draycott Women's Fellowship

This year has been quite busy, the Fellowship members have elected our new Committee which has already made £1,250 in donations to our selected Charities. These included St. Michael's and St. Mary's Church, the Rainbow's Hospice, Air Ambulance, Ark Ministries and the Alzheimer's Society. We make frequent donations of blankets, duvets and other clean bedding to the Ark Ministries which people in Breaston, Draycott and other areas give to us for recycling. We received a lovely letter from the Ark thanking us for the bedding and saying that a number of very needy people have slept warmly this winter as a result of our gifts.

At each meeting we have a Table Top sale and a raffle which keeps our Charity fund topped up, and in May we will be having a Tabletop and a Bottle Tombola at Draycott Yard Sale. All the items we sell are donated but we do have lots left over and all the extra books, toys, clothes and bric-a-brac are given to our local PDSA on a gift aid basis for their shop sales. This year our donations to them have raised £420 for Animal Welfare and medical care.

At our February meeting we were fortunate to have Dr. John Dornan to give us an illustrated talk entitled 'A funny thing happened on the way to the Surgery...'. John is an extremely entertaining speaker, with lots of stories about unlikely situations he encountered both on sea and land during his career as a Navy and Army Doctor. He was so good that we can't wait to get him back for the next set of adventures and gripping anecdotes!

At the Fellowship meeting on Wednesday 30th March in St. Michael's Church Hall starting at 2.00pm prompt we will be hearing all about the work of The Ark Ministries from Nicola and Tony. They are both Outreach workers from Derby Cathedral and meet with countless people in Derby who are homeless, just leaving prison and in need of every type of support – material and spiritual. It will be a special opportunity to

hear about the work of the Ark from the inside and everyone is welcome to come along and share our meeting with us.

In April (on the 27th) we will have an illustrated talk on 'Our Cathedral Heritage' and a Picture Quiz at our May meeting.

So, our year is progressing nicely and I would like to express sincere gratitude and thanks to all those who support us with goods for sale and recycling. If you have any things to give please either leave them inside the gates at 103 Longmoor Lane, or ring me if you would like them collected.

*Margaret Gregory, Chairperson - Breaston and Draycott Women's Fellowship*



***There is a crisp five pound note waiting for anyone who can identify this location. Answers in an envelope please to The Women's Fellowship, 103 Longmoor Lane, Breaston, Derbys DE72 3BD by 12th April.***

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## **Breaston Community Forum Update**

### **Breaston Community Forum on Facebook**

Do you have access to Facebook? Have you seen our Facebook page? Have you liked it? If you 'Like it', then when we update it, it'll come up in your Newsfeed! So our Facebook page is a really good way of keeping up to date with what's going on and also publicising community events that you might be involved in! There's also news about our meetings, requests for help and support for exciting events community members are involved in. If you don't have access to the Facebook page however, keep an eye out on the village notice boards, information in the village newsletters and updates here in the magazine! Remember everybody is part of the Forum, and with an audience of nearly 500 people (so far), your community group can benefit from it too!

## **Queen's Birthday Celebrations – Duffield Close – 12th June**

Save the date! You may remember an event in the village 4 years ago to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This year, the Queen turns 90, and to celebrate this birthday milestone the Queen is hosting various events in London. Breaston would like to celebrate too, so bring the whole family and friends to Duffield Close on Sunday 12th June! Breaston Churches Together will be holding a joint Outdoor Service in the morning, followed by a bring-your-own picnic and music from the fantastic Long Eaton Silver Prize Band (sponsored by Breaston Parish Council). Come to the service first and then the picnic and music, or just come to one or the other! More details to follow in the magazine next month, or contact Breaston Community Forum for more info.

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## **WI Meeting**

### **“Spinster of no Occupation”**

After news of a very busy year ahead at the WI, we were pleased to welcome our speaker Dr Rowena Edlin-White who spoke to us about Mary Ellen Shaw.

She was described on her death certificate as “a spinster of no occupation”. Nothing, but nothing could have been further from the truth. True, she was not married, but she had spent all her adult life, working. Her father was a registrar in Nottingham and they lived on Mansfield Road. From there she started doing unpaid social work in St Anne's. She progressed: at 16 she devoted her life to teaching and the classes were much larger than today's. In fact, she taught in more than one place and travelled about quite an area: Bramcote, Beeston and South Nottingham. And at various types of school from Dagfa House to the Ragged Boys School, where she became Principal. She walked to her work in the beginning but progressed to a bicycle wearing “strong navy blue knickers”.

Rowena was approached to write a biography of Mary Ellen by a relative and used Mary's diaries as her basis. The support for her work was her

religious faith which kept her going. Her hard work did not improve her health, but nothing could stop her determination.

Besides her teaching, she started the Girl's Evening Home Movement (a club), Mother and Baby Guilds, Sunday Schools and, during the war years, Bible Classes for Men. This work was supported by the Duchess of Portland whose name alone would have been helpful. The Duchess and the 6<sup>th</sup> Duke invited every man in the Bible Classes to Welbeck Abbey each year for presentations and a full day out (this totalled 100s of men).

Perhaps more suitable words used to describe her were:

“Her name liveth for evermore” and, “Her life was service. Her service was love”.

Once you hear about this woman. You cannot but admire her.

Refreshments were by Mrs Chamberlain and Mrs Smith.



### **Thank You!**

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Breaston W.I. coffee morning such a success. Special thanks to Will (at the farm shop), Anderson's and Frox for donating such lovely raffle prizes. We raised an amazing £438 towards our 2016 charities which are Happy Vale, The Laura Centre and Erewash Valley Gymnastics Club – all worthy local charities. Our next event will be the May Day Gala, when there will be a fantastic cake stall and an improved pirate treasure stall (with bigger and better prizes !)

Unfortunately, (due to family commitments) auctioneer and TV star, Charles Hanson, will not be able to attend our next coffee morning in November but we are hoping to rearrange a date in 2017.



# Draycott Village News

## Draycott Good Neighbour Scheme

Your village needs you



The Good Neighbour Scheme is coming to Draycott!!!

A number of towns and villages across the country, including Breaston, have started Good Neighbour Scheme with great success. Each scheme raises a team of volunteers who are willing to help others in their community in a number of ways. These include

- lifts to doctors' and hospital appointments
- collecting prescriptions
- help with form filling
- help with shopping, help with pets
- minor household repairs like checking smoke alarms
- social visits

This scheme, which aims to help make life easier for people in the community, cannot be successful without a team of local volunteers. Volunteers can choose in which way or ways they would like to help. All volunteers are subject to DBS checks so that we can build confidence in the scheme.

Further information on how to become a volunteer or how to use the scheme will be coming through your letterbox shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, or would like to be involved in the early set up of the scheme please contact

- Donna Scott on 07738 401 357 [donna.scott@outlook.com](mailto:donna.scott@outlook.com), or
- Allison Hill on 07766 063 030 [alli.hill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alli.hill@hotmail.co.uk)

*Donna Scott*

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## Rotary Club of Church Wilne

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February the members were given by PP Greg Maskalick a moving and informative talk following his recent 7 days in India. This was to support the National Immunisation Day in India by travelling to the most at risk areas in the country to immunise thousands of children against polio.

Greg was part of District 1220 team of 5 and from the RIBI (Rotary in GB and Ireland) there were 105 in all. They were welcomed at the Royal Hotel in Delhi and were given details on how the next few days would proceed.

Back in 1985, along with its partners the WHO, Rotary were committed to the eradication of polio but the group were informed that back in 1979 polio eradication started in the Philippines. In 1960 there were around 10 million worldwide polio cases and in the first 2 months of this year there has only been 1 worldwide which compares with just 17 in the same period last year.

The aim of this year's National Immunisation Day was to vaccinate 172 million children under the age of 5. This involved teams at 709,000 booths throughout the country. Greg and the UK team were hosted by the Rotary Club of Bhiwandi and on the day Greg immunised between 300 and 400 children. The people really wanted it and came out in droves and this was followed up the next day by house to house visits to complete the task. Greg played three videos to the members which showed the crowds wanting their children to be vaccinated, the sewage flowing through the streets, trash as they are no collections and the poor condition of many animals.

It has been a very powerful week in one of the poorest parts of India for the UK team and everyone involved were doing it at their own expense. At the end of the week the Bhiwandi Rotary Club put on a wonderful festival of thanks and presented Greg with several souvenirs for the club and Greg presented them with 250 US dollars for the running of their Poor School which covers a month's running costs.

Bhiwandi Rotary Club has 106 members and has a wide variety of projects including running the Poor School for Children, the local hospital and crematorium. They believe in the looking after the community from “Cradle to Grave”.

Greg summed the experience up as “the most worthwhile thing I have done in my life” .

The vote of thanks was given by Pat Bevan who said he had been to India on many occasions where is so much poverty but they always smile despite more than 50% having no sanitation. It was so good to see the local Rotary Club supporting their community and finally he said “Hats off to Greg and thanks for sharing it with us”

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## Draycott in Bloom

Draycott's entry to East Midlands in Bloom 2016 is already taking shape and the DiB members are as enthusiastic as ever. Our first entry in 2014 gained a silver-gilt award with 154 points and last year, to our delight, we were awarded another silver-gilt with an improved score of 168 points, only 2 points off a gold award, so this year we really are Going For Gold!

This year's planting colour scheme is purple, orange and white. Hanging baskets in these colours can be purchased, as in previous years, from Collyer's Nurseries, Borrowash and Lanes Garden Centre, Breaston, prices are £12 for a refill and £15 for a new basket. Don't forget to say it's a Draycott basket.

We will continue with our award winning wellie planters, and planted and painted bicycles (especially with a basket for planting) will replace teapots in 2016. Judging day will be sometime during the fortnight of 4th-15th July 2016. It would be great if everyone in the village could do their bit to help by keeping the village as litter free as possible and caring for the area immediately outside their property.



## Church news

### **Breaston Methodist Church News**

Our Mothering Sunday service was conducted by Rev Melanie Stoodley; her theme was 'Love and Forgiveness'. She used the reading of the story of the Prodigal Son to illustrate these two powerful forces in our lives. During the service, daffodils were distributed to all ladies in the congregation. The many daffodils we see around now are true harbingers of Spring – not long now!

We extend our sympathy to, and include in our prayers, the family of Mrs Marjorie Arden who passed away recently. She served the village as Post Lady for many years. Her funeral was held in our church on 17th March.

### **St. Michael's Breaston**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Tuesday 12th April, starting at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be served, with a display of the church's activities during 2015. There will be elections of wardens and up to four PCC members, together with the formal presentation of the annual report and accounts. All on the electoral roll are entitled to vote.

### **Wilne with Draycott**

#### **St George's Day Traditional English Roast Dinner**

Saturday 23rd April 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church Hall

Tickets £10.00 are available from Dundas Butchers; Kathleen Poyser and Pat Fessey. Book early!

#### **Annual church meeting**

Tuesday 26th April: 7.30pm. For the election of Church Wardens and Church Council. All on the Church Electoral Roll are asked to attend.

# Church Calendars

April	Breaston		Draycott	
	St. Michael's	Methodist Church	St. Chad's	St. Mary's
Sun 3rd	8:45am Holy Communion 10:15am Celebration & Holy Communion	10:30am Holy Communion (Rev Arnold Dixon)	11:00am Matins  6:30pm Evensong	10:30am At Methodist Church  6:00pm Paul Wood
Sun 10th	8:45am Holy Communion 10:15am All-Age Worship 6:30pm Evensong	10:30am Worship (Andrew Holmes)		10:30am Cafe Style Worship & HC (Rev'd Colin Emerson) 6:00pm Peter Nelson
Sun 17th	8:45am Holy Communion 10:15am Celebration & Holy Communion	10:30am Worship (Gary Long)		10:30am United All-Age Worship  6:00pm No service
Sun 24th	8:45am Holy Communion 10:15am Family Communion 6:30pm Evensong	10:30am Worship (Stephen Travis)	6:30pm Evensong 11:00am Family Communion	10:30am Caroline Dobinson  6:00pm Holy Communion (Rev'd Colin Emerson)

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## Regular events

### St. Michaels, Breaston

Every Wednesday 2.30pm – 3.30pm Church open

Every Saturday 10.00am – Noon Church open

Every Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion

First Sunday 7.30pm Breaston Churches Together Prayer and Praise at the Methodist Church

1st & 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm Julian Meeting

Last Wednesday 2.00pm Women's Fellowship

### St. Mary's, Draycott

First Saturday 10am – 11.30am Coffee Morning in the Hall. The March Coffee Morning raised £109. Kathleen Poyser would like to thank all who helped or gave in any way.

Second Sunday 10.30am Family Communion - an excellent opportunity to teach the children about the sharing of the bread & wine. All welcome.

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## Breaston Churches Together Lunch Club

Date for the Lunch Club during April are 1st, 15th and 29th.

If you know of anyone elderly and infirm, living alone in Breaston who would benefit from social interaction and a good, cooked three course dinner, then please contact the telephone number below.

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.

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## News of Steven

Sunday, 6th March was the 11th anniversary of the horrific road accident in Australia which left Steven Mortimer severely brain-damaged and on a life support machine for three weeks. Many prayers have been offered up for his recovery and it seems as though he has recovered as far as can be. In the accident, his right leg was damaged and broken above the knee and was set in a plaster cast. As this was not the priority at the time, maybe the leg could have received more attention and since the accident, Steven hasn't walked normally on his right foot which is still painful. Specialists have now assessed the situation and an operation is to be performed in rebuilding the leg and muscles. The family awaits a date for this to take place so your continuing prayers are requested for Steven, for his Mum, Dad, Brother Matthew and stepsister Laura and her new husband.

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## Prayer for Patience

Dear Father. Waiting is so difficult, and we seem to have to do it so often, and in so many situations. Waiting for news, waiting for opportunities, even waiting for you, Lord, when we so long for you to do something.

Please give us patience. Ripen in us that 'patience' part of the fruit of your Holy Spirit, so that we can wait without anger, without frustration, without stress, knowing that you are Sovereign, that your timing is perfect.

Help us to recognise that, in the end, simply trusting you can take the weight out of the wait. So help us to trust you, Father, and to relax in your care as we wait. In the name of Jesus.  
Amen

*This prayer was taken from a church leaflet from another part of the country.*

*Thelma Mortimer*

## Friends of St Chad's 2016 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

## The Breaston Guild

Our Wesley Guild programme for April is as follows:

7th	7.30pm	The Elderly Brothers
14th	7.30pm	Annual General Meeting
21th	7.30pm	Annual Dinner

This concludes the season's Guild meetings which will recommence in September.

A group of 40 attended the Methodist Wesley Guild the last weekend of February at Willersley Castle near Cromford. Arriving on Friday afternoon everyone was in need of a welcome cuppa whilst our cases were dispatched to the rooms. Unfortunately, the lift broke down so some hasty re-arrangement took place but nevertheless didn't mar the weekend.



Friday evening was a games night and Saturday a trip to Bakewell followed by lunch at a Church in Darley Dale and returning for tea and biscuits via Tissington. On Saturday the entertainment was The Elderly Brothers sing some old and trusted favourites.

Sunday was Church in the morning and Songs of Praise chosen by guests in the evening.

Monday morning prayers wishing us all a safe journey home and hoping to see us all next year. A good time was had by one and all.



*Thelma Mortimer*

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## The Draycott Guild

The Draycott Guild meets every other Wednesday  
in the Methodist Church on the corner of Derwent St & Market St

A social meeting for men and women of all ages

**Just come along and you will receive a warm welcome**

13th	7.30pm	Long Eaton Silver Prize Band
27th	7.30pm	Gardening expert John Hawkins with ideas on all-year colour borders

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## From our records

### Service of Holy Matrimony in St. Chad's Church

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March

“Those who God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.”

**Matthew Frost and Rebecca Sarah Stuart** (formerly of this Parish)

Our congratulations and very best wishes to Matthew and Rebecca,  
May God's blessing be always with them.

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## 1st Draycott Brownies

Thursdays 6 - 7:15pm St Mary's (Term time). Spaces available now!

Contact – Caroline, [draycottbrownowl@gmail.com](mailto:draycottbrownowl@gmail.com)

07871 103861 or look at [www](http://www.draycottbrownies.co.uk).

The Brownies would like to thank all of you who attended the Tea and Cake After School Meeting for 'Red Friday'

There was a very good turnout from everyone and the occasion was enjoyed by all. The total money raised for the British Heart Foundation was £180.00. Many thanks.

*Carolyn Bassett, Tawny Owl.*

## Women's World Day of Prayer

Thank you to all who attended this year's Women's World Day of Prayer service, which had been prepared by the women of Cuba. The service was held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March in Draycott Methodist Church and was greatly enjoyed by all those who attended. The collection raised came to £109. Once again thank you.

*Jennifer Cameron Co-ordinator*

### April Showers

April comes in with a bit of a bang  
But we're sure it will exit like a lamb  
The rain will fall and the flowers will grow  
Let's hope there won't be any more snow.

Spring's the time for joy and laughter  
It's sun and fun and games we're after  
Getting together to share each day  
Not missing the time for us kids to play.

Watch out! It's coming – the rain is here.  
We run for cover, but there's nothing to fear  
It passes over as fast as it came  
Just in time for us to finish our game.

*Daisy May, Breaston*



## Children and Youth

### Breaston Brownies and Rainbows

Again the Brownies have been having a fun term.

We have completed the Environment Badge as a pack with all the girls gaining the badge. We saw how the land filters water, and made our own filters with soil and stones. We tasted foods grown in other countries. We made sweets and boxes for Mothers' Day, had a talk from Guide Dogs for the Blind, sang new songs and played lots of fun new games. On 19th March, we joined other Rainbows and Guides from the District for an Easter Eggstravagansa.

We have a pack of 24 at the moment with our youngest Brownie making her promise on 29th February. Four of the Brownies will be leaving us after our weekend camping in April and we will be welcoming four new Rainbows.

*Sally King, Brown Owl*

For more information contact Brown Owl, Louisa Theyers on 01332 232366.

Rainbows meet in the Methodist Church Hall on Tuesdays from 5.00pm. Anyone needing more information should contact Melanie Arden on 01332 875059.

### 1st Breaston Scout Group

The Group meets on Monday nights in the Scout Hall on Blind Lane. **Helpers are urgently needed**, as they have no leaders as from Easter. Contact Angela on 07812 726 988.

### Guides

Risley Guides have moved to St Mary's, Tuesdays 6.30 – 7.45 pm (term time). Spaces are available now. Contact Lynn on 07528 426 961 or [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to register.

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## Breaston Youth Café

Breaston Youth Café currently meets every Friday night 7:00pm - 8:30pm during term time for school years 7+ in St Michael's Church Hall. We play games, eat food and chill out. Everyone is welcome.

If you think you may be able to help, even if it's just one evening a month, please email me at [simonpbentley@hotmail.com](mailto:simonpbentley@hotmail.com) or leave a message at the church hall office.



For all the young people out there, make sure you check out the church's website regularly for updates or look for the banners that will be going up outside the church hall shortly to know which nights you can attend.

*Simon Bentley, Youth & Community Worker at St. Michael's*

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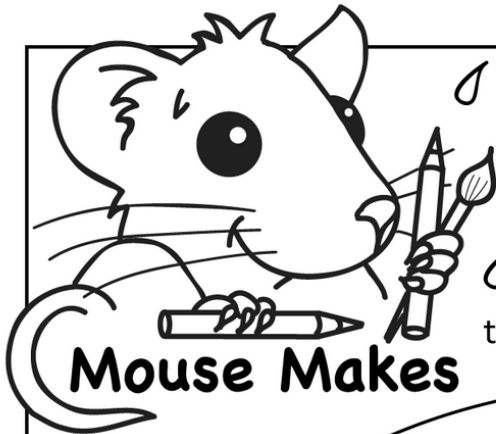
## Sunbeams Breaston

After the overwhelming success of Sunbeams Draycott, we have expanded and introduced Sunbeams Breaston on Monday mornings during term time. This is a group for bumps, babies and tots (and their big people, of course).

Our aim is to offer friendship and support for mums, dads and carers whilst offering a stimulating environment for the little people through song, sensory play activities and a Bible story each week. There will, obviously, be coffee, tea (juice for little people and cake too!

Please join our Facebook page (search for Sunbeams Breaston) or look at the Parish Council Notice Boards for more information in the coming weeks.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us on a rota based system- please contact via Facebook page or leave a message at the St Michael's Church office.



It rained and it rained, for forty days it rained until a great flood covered the earth. Only Noah and his family and two of every living creature were still alive, safe in the great ark that God had instructed Noah to build.

When the flood went down Noah came out of the ark, praised God and built an altar to the Lord.

READ Genesis 6 - 9

Why did God save Noah?

What did God promise Noah?



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 R K I A H U R M R O G  
 W O Y N R A I D O L O R D  
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 FORTY DAYS • WATER • FLOOD • WORLD • MOUNTAINS • ARARAT • DRY • GROUND  
 RAVEN • DOVE • OLIVE LEAF • ALTAR • SACRIFICE • LORD • COVENANT • RAINBOW





## COLOURS IN CHURCH

Have you noticed that, from time to time, the colour of things in church changes? No, I don't mean the minister goes a funny colour or someone paints the walls, but the special robes that the priest wears, and the front of altar among other things, change from time to time. Each season of the Church's year has its own distinctive colour and these are called liturgical colours.

**GREEN** is the colour we have more than others. Green, the ordinary colour of nature, is used during the seasons of Epiphany (after Christmas) and Trinity (between Whitsun or Pentecost and Advent). Trinity lasts for about half the year so green is the colour we see most.

The next change of colour is to **PURPLE**. Purple, the colour of penitence and preparation, is used for Lent (the 40 days before Easter) and Advent (the 4 weeks before Christmas).

Then comes **WHITE** and **GOLD**, which are used for all the joyful

festivals - Easter, Ascension and Christmas.

**RED**, the colour of fire and blood, is used at Pentecost to remind us of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples like tongues of flame (Acts 2:11). It is also used on the festivals of martyrs to remind us of their sacrifice.

## COLOUR QUIZ

Complete each of these with a colour, for example ..... cordial would be LIME cordial. Each colour is only used once.

1. .... admiral
2. .... Christmas
3. .... marmalade
4. quick .....
5. sky .....
6. Royal .....
7. .... ribbons
8. .... glass
9. .... submarine
- 10..... elephants

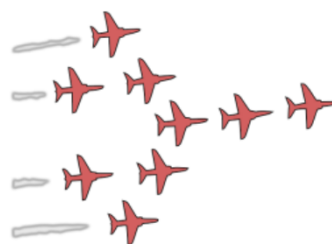


**What is yellow and black and has red spots?**

A leopard with the measles.

**Define the word 'information'.**

How the Red Arrows fly.



ANSWERS:

- 1.red 2.white  
3.orange 4.silver 5.blue 6.Navy  
7.scarlet 8.wine 9.yellow 10.pink

# Crèche, Young Church and Frenz

## St Michael's, Breaston

- Sun 3rd 10.15 The children are starting their study of Mark's Gospel. Youth will be meeting at 10.15am and Creche will be available.
- Sun 10th 10.15 All-age Worship. No separate children's/Youth activities but everyone will be involved in the service and activity bags are available.
- Sun 17th 10.15 Creche available at 10.15am. Youth and Children will be meeting during this service and the children will be continuing to look at Mark's Gospel.
- Sun 24th 10.15 Fun Sunday activity session for the children. Youth will be meeting up with Simon and Creche will be available, too.
- Mon 25th 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church at Methodist Church, Breaston

## Our groups

(all volunteers are DBS checked and references received)

**Crèche (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** – in Draycott on Wednesdays at 10.30am in St Mary's Church Hall, Draycott, which is led by Ruth (0115 972 6321) and in

Breaston on Mondays at 10.30am in the Methodist Church. **Messy Church** is 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 07746 213 482 or [dawnsycamore@gmail.com](mailto:dawnsycamore@gmail.com)

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### **Who for?**

Everyone! Children must come with an adult.

Come and join us for crafts, fun, food and worship.

### **Breaston**

Normally on the 4th Monday of the month (the 25th) from 11.00am to 1.00pm in Breaston Methodist Church. For more information, please contact Jan Wilkinson 01332 872753 or 07549 026 042

### **Draycott**

Organised by Draycott Churches Together, we normally meet on the 2nd Monday each month from 3.30 – 5.30 p.m. at Draycott Methodist Church, on the Corner of Market Street & Derwent Street. This month it's on 11th April.

Further information, speak to Pat Stevenson (07582 819 345) or Mary Murden (01332 873388)



# Articles



## St. George, Martyr, Patron of England

This month our spotlight falls on St. George, patron saint of England. Strangely, George does not appear to have had any connections with this country during his lifetime and it is very unlikely that he ever set foot on these shores.

Very little is actually known about him. He is thought to have been born into a noble Christian family in the late third century in Cappadocia, an area which is now in Turkey. He became a soldier and served under the Emperor Diocletian. When the emperor ordered the systematic persecution of Christians, George refused to take part, and in 303 AD, he himself was tortured and suffered a martyr's death at Lydda in Palestine. He was canonised, or declared a saint, by Pope Gelasius in 494 AD and 23rd April was named as Saint George's day in 1222.

The more popular stories of the life and death of George can be traced back to the eighth century. The slaying of the dragon is not connected with his name until the twelfth century. It was during the Crusades that he became the patron saint of soldiers as George was considered to be the ideal knight. Richard I called upon him for protection before the third Crusade in 1187. A red cross on a white background became the 'uniform' of his crusaders and, in time, England's national flag.

Edward III, who reigned from 1327 to 1377, was influenced by the stories of returning crusaders telling of St George's bravery, so when Edward founded the Order of the Garter, England's order of knights, he made George its patron.

By the 14th century Saint George was viewed as a special protector and patron of England. Shakespeare, himself, refers to George in the play Henry V in the king's speech before the battle of Agincourt:

Follow your spirit; and upon this charge,

Cry, 'God for Harry, England and Saint George!'

*Rev'd Maria Przeslawski*

## The Story of a Local Hero



*Flight Lieutenant Keith Hall, MBE, 1942*

It has been my joy and pleasure to meet in person Mr Hall who is at present living in a care home in our area. If I mention the name 'Keith Hall' it will more than likely bring to mind a chain of hairdressing salons scattered across the region which are named after him. But please allow me to tell you about the amazing life Mr Hall has led and how we should be indebted to him for his bravery and determination on behalf of his country in the Second World War.

Flight Lieutenant Hall was a pilot in Bomber Command and flew Lancasters with his close-knit crew of seven who remained intact throughout the war, the eldest being just 28 years old. Both my parents were in the RAF and worked on the Lancasters; my mother was qualified to ground test them so it was wonderful for me to meet Mr Hall and hear about his experiences first hand.

Mr Hall holds an MBE for rescuing a pilot from a burning aircraft and his experiences seem to have come from the pages of a 1950's boys adventure comic. Thankfully, they have been published in the book *Fear in The Sky* by Pat Cunningham, with ten other accounts of aircrew from Bomber Command.

Lieutenant Keith Hall MBE's story opens the book with a harrowing account of narrowly escaping being bombed by friendly aircraft directly above him, of missing a target and having to fly back through a huge formation of bombers flying towards him, of landing on runways lit only by pools of blazing petrol and of flights that lasted up to ten hours.

So next time you walk past a Keith Hall Salon, give thanks for the lives of those who fought to save our country in the Second World War.

*Jean Lupton*

## In memoriam

On 6th March a bench jointly funded by Angela Night and Breaston Parish Council was dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs Margaret Orchard OBE, ex-Mayor of Erewash.



*Front row: MP Maggie Throup, Councillor Derek Orchard and former MP of Erewash Angela Night.*

## What is a retreat?

The word 'retreat' means to go back. On a Retreat, you step back from the busyness of life, not in order to get away but to move towards God.

The idea of giving time to allow ourselves to be restored in this way is not a new one. Jesus himself often did it (see Luke 6 v 12, 9 v 18) and he clearly expected his disciples to do the same. In Mark 6, he did not even give them a choice; he told them to do it.

The purpose wasn't to escape from the busyness, even though that would, no doubt, have been very welcome. The purpose was to withdraw from the things that prevented them from focusing their attention on him. These days, we often hear talk of 'me-time' that isn't what Retreats are about. They are about 'God-time' – giving time to engage with the Lord in ways that our busy lives don't normally allow, and taking the time to allow him to refresh us. To be truly alone with the Lord, even for a moment, will leave us changed for ever, and while this can feel unsettling, it is above all wonderfully liberating.

*(Taken from a leaflet given to Thelma Mortimer)*

## Let's Celebrate Her Majesty's 90th Birthday

Elizabeth is the name of our Queen,  
One of the best monarchs Britain has seen.  
When she ascended to the throne,  
perhaps she felt she'd be all alone,  
But there were advisors, loyal and true  
and respect from her subjects like me and like you,  
Yet best of all is her beloved consort,  
Prince Philip, who is her constant support.

So much has happened during her reign,  
joys, successes, sometimes pain.  
She has visited our colonies across the sea  
and enhanced our repute wherever she's been,  
Our Queen has ruled for sixty-four years,  
devoting herself to a lifelong career.

She has brought us so much in her own regal way,  
God Bless Her Majesty, we always will pray.

*Jay © 2016*

*Have you written a poem that we could publish?  
Send it in the Editor!*

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## A Bit of Fun

What dries as it gets wetter?

*A towel!*

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## Historic events in April

Among many other events, April saw English naval explorer James Cook arrive in Botany Bay, Australia, the first European to do so.

- 1st 1662 British King Charles II grants royal patronage to a group of scientists and academics founding the Royal Society of London.
- 2nd 1801 Admiral Horatio Nelson, aboard HMS Elephant, defiantly ignores orders from his commander-in-chief to withdraw his forces and proceeds to sink the pro French Danish fleet off its home port of Copenhagen.
- 3rd 1721 Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister of Britain.
- 4th 1964 The Beatles fill the first five places in the US singles chart with "Please Please Me", "I Want to Hold Your Hand", "She Loves You", "Twist and Shout" and "Can't Buy Me Love".
- 5th 1649 Death of Englishman John Winthrop, first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company.
- 6th 1199 Richard I (the Lion-Heart) of England dies from an infected wound while besieging Chalus Castle.
- 7th 1739 Travellers throughout England breathe a sigh of relief, safe in the knowledge that the most notorious of highwaymen Dick Turpin, was hanged today in York.
- 8th 1838 Brunel's new steamship Great Western left Bristol today on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic to Boston.
- 9th 1806 Birthday of English engineer and inventor Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Perhaps the greatest of the 19th-century engineers, he designed railways, bridges, tunnels, viaducts and ships.
- 10th 1633 Bananas, never seen before in England, went on sale in a London shop.

- 11th 1689 The joint coronation of William III, Prince of Orange and champion of Protestantism, and his wife Mary II took place in London.
- 12th 1606 The Union Jack becomes the official flag of Britain.
- 13th 1919 British troops fired into a crowd of 10,000 Sikhs that had gathered to protest at the arrest of two Indian Congress Party leaders, 379 people were killed and 1,200 wounded in the Holy City of Amritsar, India.
- 14th 1983 The first cordless telephone went on sale in Britain.
- 15th 1755 English lexicographer Dr Samuel Johnson published his Dictionary; he had taken nine years to compile it.
- 16th 1746 Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) was defeated at the Battle of Culloden Moor in Scotland by an English Army under the the command of William, Duke of Cumberland. Stuart fled the battlefield.
- 17th 1969 The age at which a person is eligible to vote in Britain was lowered from 21 to 18.
- 18th 1775 At the start of the War of American Independence, US patriot Paul Revere rode from Charleston to Lexington, warning people that British troops were advancing.
- 19th 1775 The first battle in the War of American Independence took place at Lexington, Massachusetts (Britain1 - Colonists 0).
- 20th 1912 The Irish-born writer Bram Stoker, author of Count Dracula, died at his London home. He was 65.
- 21st 1509 Henry VIII becomes King of England, following the death of his father Henry VII.
- 22nd 1838 The first steamship to cross the Atlantic, the British ship Sirius, arrived at New York; it made the crossing in 18 days.
- 23rd 1616 Death of William Shakespeare, playwright and poet, aged 52. He leaves behind a wife, Anne, two daughters, Judith and Susanna as well as a wealth of literary treasures.

Feast day of St George, Patron Saint of England.

- 24th 1858 At the second attempt, the biggest bell in the world, Big Ben, is finally ready for hanging in the clock tower of Westminster Palace, London.
- 25th 1915 In World War I, over 70,000 Australian, New Zealand and British troops met fierce resistance from Turkish forces as they landed at Gallipoli.
- 26th 1923 The Duke of York and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, were married in Westminster Abbey, London.
- 27th 1828 The Zoological Society of London opened a zoological gardens in Regent's Park. Lady visitors were politely requested to refrain from poking the beasts through the bars of the cages.
- 28th 1770 English naval explorer James Cook arrived in Botany Bay, Australia, the first European to do so.
- 29th 1884 Oxford University agreed to admit female students to examinations. However, woman are not to be awarded degrees.
- 30th 1945 In his hideaway bunker in Berlin, Adolf Hitler shoots himself. His wife of 48 hours and former mistress, Eva Braun, took a cyanide capsule. In accordance with Hitler's instructions both bodies were then burnt.

*Ben Johnson – taken from the internet*

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## Recipe for April



### **White Chocolate and Ginger Cheesecake**

Preparation time less than 30 mins

Cooking time 30 mins to 1 hour

Serves 8

## Ingredients

### For the base

- 50g/1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>oz butter, plus extra for greasing
- 25g/1oz plain chocolate
- 150g/5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>oz digestive biscuits, crushed

### For the filling

- 300g/10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>oz white chocolate buttons, or a bar chopped into pieces
- 400g/14oz full-fat cream cheese
- 150ml/5fl oz soured cream
- 2 free-range eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 4 pieces stem ginger (from a jar), finely chopped

### For the decoration

- 150g/5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>oz plain chocolate, melted
- few drops red food colouring
- 25g/1oz marzipan
- icing sugar, for dusting
- 300ml/10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>fl oz double cream

If you want to make life a little easier for yourself, you can simply grate chocolate on top of the cheesecake instead of making the decorations.

## Method

Preheat the oven to 170C/150C Fan/Gas 3. Grease the base of a 20cm/8in springform cake tin with butter, then line with a circle of baking parchment.

For the base, melt the butter and chocolate in small saucepan over a low heat. Stir in the crushed biscuits. Transfer the base mixture to the cake tin and, using your fingers, press down until it completely covers the bottom of the cake tin in an even layer. Chill in the fridge until needed.

For the filling, suspend a heatproof bowl over a pan of gently simmering water (do not allow the base of the bowl to touch the water). Add the white chocolate to the bowl and melt until runny and smooth, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon.

In a large bowl, whisk the cream cheese and soured cream together until smooth and well combined. Whisk in the eggs and vanilla extract until completely smooth, then stir in the melted white chocolate until well combined. Fold in the chopped ginger.

Pour the filling mixture on top of the chilled base and level the top using a palette knife. Bake in the oven for 40-45 minutes, or until firm around the edge and just set in the middle.

Remove the cheesecake from the oven and rest for 10 minutes, then run a small blunt knife around the inside edge of the cake tin. Set aside until the cheesecake has completely cooled in the tin, then chill in the fridge.

For the decoration, lay two strips of baking parchment on a work surface. Spoon the melted chocolate into a small piping bag fitted with a size-two writing nozzle and pipe eleven small chocolate holly leaf shapes onto the baking parchment strips (five on one, six on the other).

Lay the strips of baking parchment paper over two rolling pins or similar slightly curved surfaces. Secure the strips at each end with elastic bands. Place the rolling pins onto the bases of two empty egg boxes to prevent them rolling away, then allow the chocolate leaves to cool and set.

Meanwhile, add a few drops of red food colouring to the marzipan and knead until the marzipan is a uniform bright red. Dust your hands with icing sugar, then roll the marzipan into 27 small balls (these will be berries for the chocolate holly leaves).

Remove the cake-tin ring from the cheesecake and place the cheesecake, still on its base, onto a serving plate.

Whip the cream until soft peaks form when the whisk is removed, then spoon into a piping bag fitted with a star nozzle. Pipe eight rosettes or swirls around the edge of the top of the cheesecake and one rosette or swirl in the middle.

*By Mary Berry from The Great British Bake Off*



## WHY

Wisdom is not knowing all the answers  
to all the problems of each day  
Not knowing why this has happened to me  
and not to someone else.

Not soaking up all the knowledge  
this world can offer, but knowing that  
behind the whole of life, for now and evermore

God is sovereign and,  
though I may not understand,  
He is working to make us  
each according to His plan.

If we ask, there is an answer to each problem,  
though it may not be the one we want to hear.  
Believe your God will take your hand if you allow.

Let Him guide your every step  
and when you feel unsure  
believe that He knows best

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## To make you smile...

### Laws of Computing

- When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
- When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
- The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.
- When the going gets tough, upgrade.
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.

- To err is human... to blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, it is downright natural.
- If at first you do not succeed, blame your computer.
- A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked perfectly.
- The number one cause of computer problems? Computer solutions offered by family members.
- The best explanation to new computer users of why something is happening that you don't understand is: "The problem is between the chair and the keyboard."

### **Vacuum Manure**

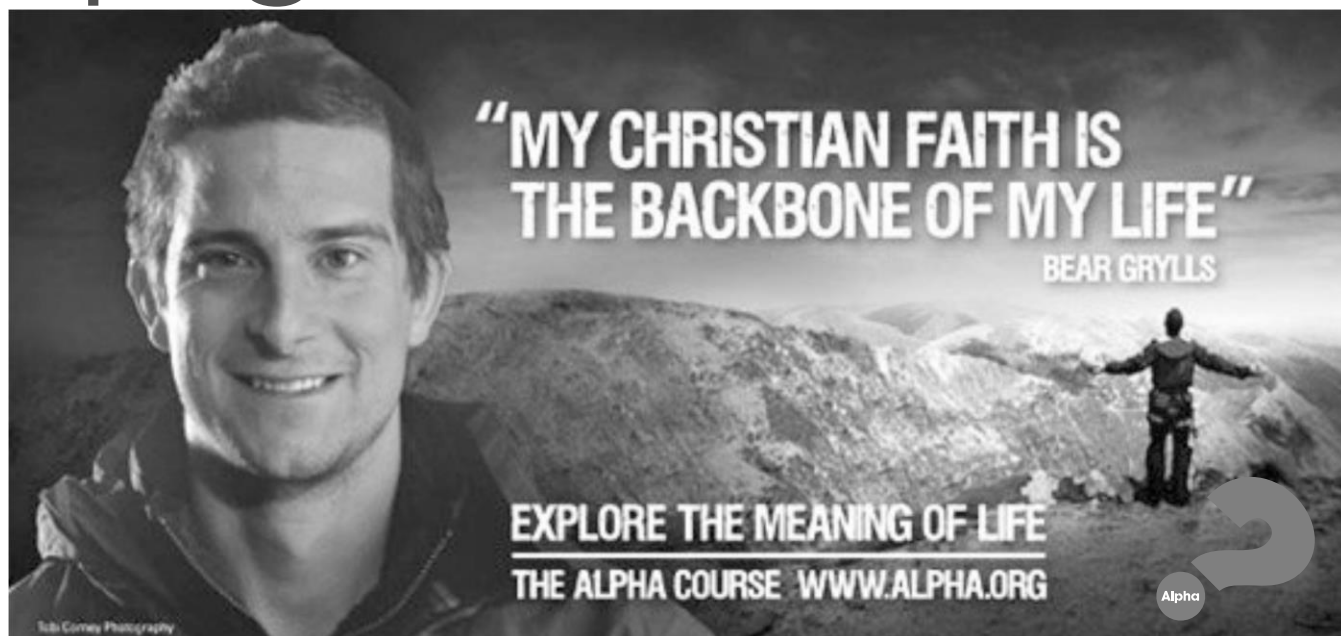
A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, only to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner. "Good morning," said the young man. "If I could take a couple of minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners." "Go away!" said the old lady. "I haven't got any money!" and she proceeded to close the door. Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open. "Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration." And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet. "If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder." "Well," she said, "I hope you've got a good appetite, because the electricity was cut off this morning."

*<http://www.cybersalt.org/entertainment>*



## Events

### Alpha @ ANDERSON'S



Alpha is a practical introduction to the Christian faith.

Course starts on **Wednesday 13th April** from 7pm to 9pm

Food – Talk – Relax and enjoy an informal evening



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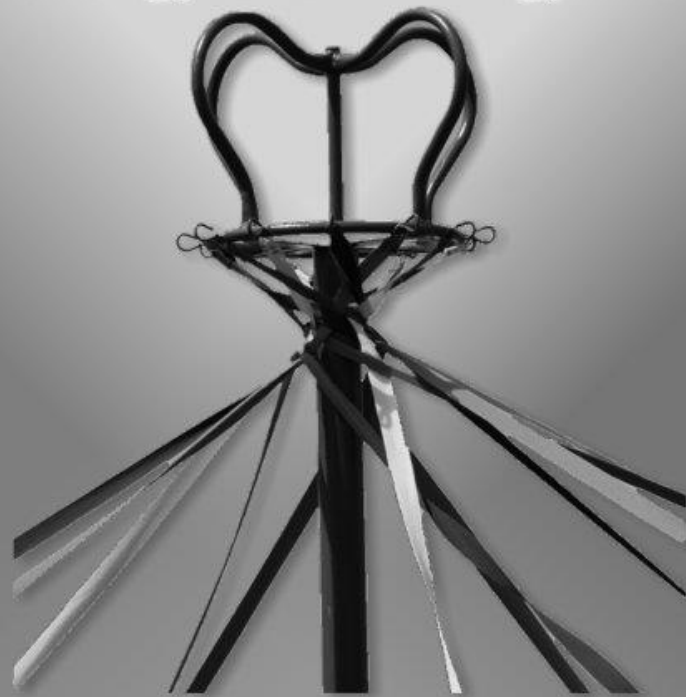


# Breaston



# May Day Gala

**Monday 2nd May 2016**



**11am to 4pm**  
**Duffield Close**

Free entry

Programmes £1 from local shops

£100 cash 1st prize

[www.breastongala.org.uk](http://www.breastongala.org.uk)



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## Saturday 9th April

### Draycott flags

St. George's Cross flags go up, to be replaced with the Union flag on Saturday 14th May, for HM the Queen's 90th birthday.

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## Saturday 23rd April 7.30pm

### Tribute Concert in St Stephens Church Borrowash

The parish Churches of Ockbrook and Borrowash invite you to a tribute concert in memory of Michael Rayner. Professional singers will entertain you with a variety of songs. Refreshments of wine and nibbles are included in the ticket price.

Tickets £10 Adults, age 12 and under free. Proceeds to the Church Buildings' Fund. Contact Hilary Seeley on 01332 673392

or [www.ststephens.borrowash.com](http://www.ststephens.borrowash.com) or [www.allsaints.ockbrook.com](http://www.allsaints.ockbrook.com)

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## Sunday 8th May 10am – 4pm

### The Third Draycott Yard Sale.

If you'd like to join in, this is how it works: write down your contact details and take them, with your £3.00 entry fee to Di at Scarecrows Gift Shop or Gary at Dundas The Butchers. Registering will make sure your Yard Sale address is marked on the map so people will find you and your £3.00 contributes towards advertising the event and getting the map printed. The DVF will raise money for the village by selling the maps, any money you take on the day is all yours to keep.



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## Sunday 12th June – HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

**Duffield Close, Breaston 10.30am onwards**

Breaston Churches Together united service, Long Eaton Silver Prize Band, bring your picnic lunch. See the article on page 10 for more details.

### Draycott Picnic in the Park

A "Vintage and Royal" village picnic is planned – further details eagerly awaited! If you'd like to help with the organisation of this or have any ideas for things we could do, please email us at [draycottvillagefund@hotmail.com](mailto:draycottvillagefund@hotmail.com).

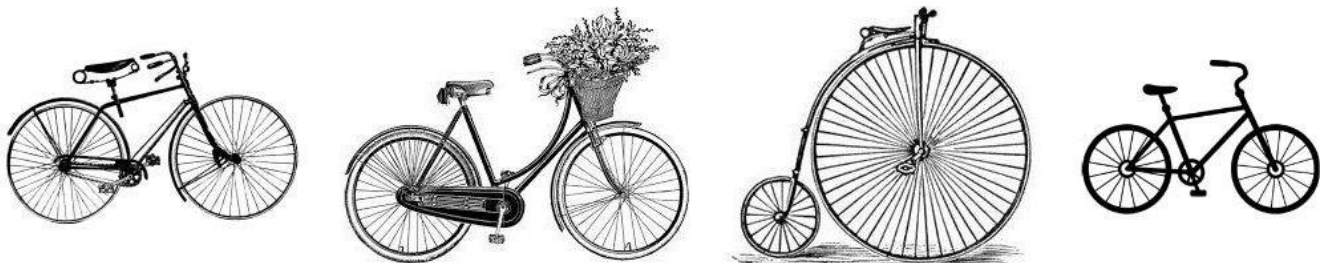



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## Weekend of 25th–26th June

### Draycott Open Gardens

Last year was another really successful weekend and this year we hope even more of you will take the opportunity of opening up your lovely gardens for others to enjoy. Ideally being open for both days, but it doesn't matter whether you want to just open for one day, or even just display your front garden. People are always interested to see what others have done and often get ideas to take home with them. Even our new residents, with a garden that may still be a 'work in progress', have something to offer. So please consider taking part. If you are interested, or want more information, then please email Will & Teresa at [draycottopengardens@mybtinternet.com](mailto:draycottopengardens@mybtinternet.com), or telephone Maureen & Aubrey on 01332 873937. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Letters to the editor

### Dear editor...

I moved to Draycott 42 years ago and have always tried to support local villages' businesses.

A couple of weeks ago I went to Darling's, the opticians, on Main Street, Breaston, so, of course I needed a convenient car parking space. First of all I went to the car park at the Green, but, as usual, all the spaces had been filled. As my search had proved fruitless I proceeded along Wilsthorpe Road, until I found a suitable parking spot. That meant I had to walk back to the opticians.

Before I crossed Risley Lane I checked if there was any traffic coming in any direction. This is difficult because basically it is a blind spot, but as the road seemed clear I began to cross. I was in the middle of the road when a fast car sped round the corner from Main Street. The driver did an emergency stop, so I remained physically unscathed.

For some years the pedestrian crossing was situated at the eastern end of Main Street, which possibly ensured that drivers from either direction would slow down as they approached that spot.

Has anyone any suggestions on how to prevent "an accident waiting to happen" here?

My own idea is perhaps one or two "rumble strips" between the current pedestrian crossing and the junction with Risley Lane would slow down the traffic. Or perhaps a strategically placed mirror so that drivers travelling in an eastward direction have a clear view of Risley Lane.

I am sure both pedestrians and responsible drivers would appreciate some help in these matters.

*D.G.E.*

### Got something to say?

Preferably about our villages? Then write to *The Magazine Editor*, c/o *St. Michael's Church Hall, Breaston, DERBY DE72 3DX*, or email [magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com](mailto:magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com)

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