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Thought for the month

November is a month to pause, remember and give thanks. On 11 November known as Remembrance or Armistice Day we commemorate the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of civilians in times of war. It is observed on 11 November to recall the end of World War I in 1918.

It is also a time to reflect on the horror of war in our day. There is conflict all around the world, none it would seem more brutal than that being fought in Syria. We also live with the threat of acts of terror on mainland Europe. It is good to remember and give thanks but also to make a stand against the violence in many parts of our world today.

The big question that many people ask is how can there be a God with so much suffering in the world? I think that to begin to answer this question we need to look honestly within ourselves. When I was younger I used to enjoy watching Disney films because of the 'feel good' factor that they gave. I remember on one occasion thinking 'wouldn't it be wonderful if life could be like a Disney film?' However, after a few minutes of thinking this and reflecting on my life, I realised that I was incapable of living that idealised, perfect life. I was aware of the grey and dark areas within me. The former bishop of Derby described the human condition as being like a crown green bowl. The bowls are biased and cannot roll in a straight line. He said that even with all the best intentions in the world, there is something within us that prevents us from living the loving and good life that we know we should.

God has chosen to give us freewill. This is the cause of much of the suffering in the world. Maybe God made a mistake! But without freewill we cannot be fully human with the capacity to love, create, imagine and explore. We would be robots under the control of an authoritarian God.

It is probably impossible to answer all the intellectual arguments about suffering. The Archbishop of Canterbury was recently asked about this question. He quoted Job, who suffered endlessly in the bible. When God appeared to him, He did not answer Job's questions. However, Job said 'now I see' and the questions were ended.

Christians believe in a God who became human in Jesus Christ and who was hated and rejected and killed upon the cross. He is the suffering God. He continues to suffer at our pain and the pain in the world.

In my darkest times I have found God to be the one who is lovingly beside me. On many occasions I believe he has strengthened me and provide the help that I've needed. In the parable of the prodigal son, the rebellious son returns expecting to be punished but finds himself embraced in the father's arms.

I believe that much of the suffering in the world starts in the human heart. I pray that each of us will be peacemakers with our friends, families and the 'difficult' people we may encounter. This too starts in the human heart. I have found only one solution to human nature, which is the love of God. Allow God's love to change your heart and you will become part of the solution in bringing light and hope to those around you.

Rev'd Chris Smedley.

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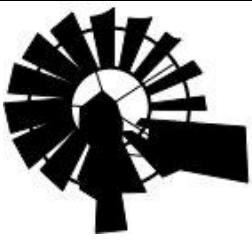
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Breaston Village News



Breaston Community Forum

September Open Meeting

On Tuesday 13th September the Forum held its first Open meeting since we changed to having more dedicated committee meetings throughout the year.

We wanted to ensure that all Breaston residents were aware of what the Forum has been doing because the Forum was set up to purely to provide community events, support and information for Breaston residents. We also wanted the meeting to be light-hearted and social rather than the sort of meeting where you sit in rows and listen to an agenda, so we decided to hold the meeting in a pub. The Chequers kindly offered their function room for free and we printed leaflets, put up posters and advertised as much as we could in the hopes that we would run out of room! On the night the notice boards showing our activities were up, we put out nibbles on the tables and had greeters at the door. A short introduction was planned followed by a relaxed session where the committee members would talk individually to residents and find out their ideas for future Forum activities. I took a deep breath and greeted the first few to venture through the door.

How disappointing it was therefore when only 10 residents in total attended the meeting. We had tried so hard.

We would really like to know the reasons why this night was not better attended, so if you have any comments, good or bad, I would love to hear from you. Contact me at: jools.r@tiscali.co.uk or on 01332 875156. And do come along to our AGM on Tuesday 8th November at 7:30pm upstairs in the Chequers.

Julie Rowlinson

Breaston & Draycott Women's Fellowship

I can confirm that our Christmas Luncheon at Cleve Lodge is on Wednesday December 14th at 12.00 noon for 12.30pm. Cost of meal is £10 for members and £12.50 for guests. Friends, relatives and everyone whom you would like to invite are all VERY WELCOME. The Limit for numbers is 70

Margaret Gregory – Chairperson Women's Fellowship. 01332872143 or 07957827902

Men's Danger Club

Flying High Report.

Up, up and away! It was a warm day as we gathered on the fields of Sawley Plain. The runways were perfect for take-off, the skies clear and any clouds that drifted through were high so it was an ideal day for aircraft to fly.

We watched helicopters circling overhead followed by a variety of monoplanes looping the loop, turning and twisting in victory rolls and autogyros performing their own spectacular acrobatics. The Dart with one propeller at the front and another at the back flew fast and high over the fields. Planes were getting higher and faster and we were treated to watching the speed and height of the jet as it streaked a few feet above the surface travelling at 200mph (so I was told) before it soared becoming a speck high in the air, then diving to earth again.

All the aircraft belong to the Long Eaton Model Aero Club and it was our privilege to join them for a special display. They also agreed that we could make it a "Dads and Lads" event so that youngsters could enjoy it as well. There was the opportunity to fly an aircraft ourselves using a "Buddy Lead" system which is similar when learning to drive where the instructor/owner can take over if necessary. With aircraft costing £1,000 upwards the "Buddy Box" is a safe way to learn.

The Model Aero Club also provided hand gliders for the youngsters to decorate and fly. It took some skill in balancing the fuselage and

trimming the ailerons to ensure a perfect flight but I think that most achieved it. Prizes were given by the MDC for the best and every youngster received something tasty and chocolaty for their efforts.

When aircraft were not flying we walked round and talked to the LEMAC members who are very friendly and willing to chat about their planes, most members have 3 or 4 at least!

It was a great morning out and our thanks to the members of the Long Eaton Model Aero Club in making it a very exciting and interesting event.

John Skinner

Breaston Flower Circle

'Colourful Creations', Sandra Snell,

Sandra Snell's demonstration entitled 'Colourful Creations' was highly entertaining.

She told numerous hilarious anecdotes about her daily life. She wandered through fields of mushrooms whilst arranging her 'Mushroom pot' using mixed foliage to compliment green flowers.

Then, brightly coloured exotic, 'Birds of Paradise' dominated the mini Gerbera in her next arrangement whilst she told of her experience of the lifts of the dizzy heights of the Shard in London.

Next, in sharp contrast, a combination of the delicate pinks of Limonium, Anastasia Chrysanthemums, Flocks, Maritime Roses and Hypericum cascaded in a flowing design from a metal podium.

She moved onto seasonal Autumn colours, cleverly mixing for example, Chinese Lanterns, Camarilla Carnations, Tiger Lilies and Moonwalk Roses with dried seed pods of the Shoo-Fly plant with dried Aspidistra leaves.

Sandra introduced the lovely hues of so many new varieties of flowers, many of which are never seen in supermarket bouquets. We were left anticipating the delightful prospect of a future return visit!

Next demonstrations; -

25th October, 7.30pm 'Anything goes', Wendy Pitkin, Methodist Centre, Breaston

22nd November, 7.30pm Most Magical Time of the Year', June Borrowdale, Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton

Visitors are welcome.

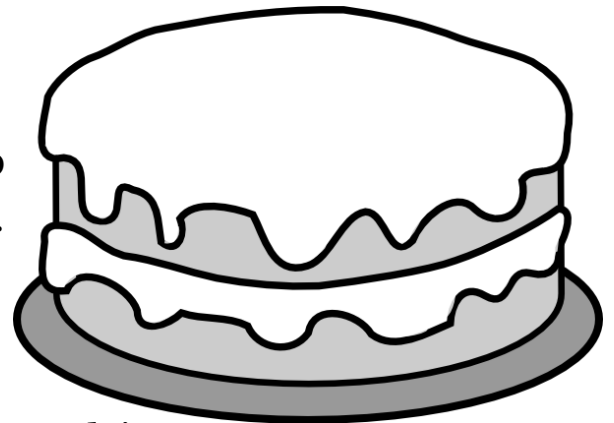


Breaston W.I.

Calorie free WI cakes!

Well that was how we enticed people to our cake stall at the Navigation Fun Day. Of course, they only remained calorie-free whilst on the table! Once you ate them, they were no longer calorie-free.

But it created a laugh, attracted people's attention and brought them into our cake tent.



My offer to be official W.I. taste tester was sadly declined; however, I can confirm that the 4 pieces of chocolate cake, 2 apple scones and 2 ginger crunch biscuits that I purchased were absolutely delicious. If only they had been calorie-free!

The stall raised approx. £105 towards our 2016 charities which are The Laura Centre, Happivale and Erewash Valley Gymnastics Club.

A big thank-you to all our customers, particularly those people relaxing in the pub and in the garden who thought they were safe from cake

temptation! As we wandered round and round with our tray of cakes, there were cries of, “I can't eat any more cake!” but people still donated cheerfully and generously.

Whilst the others were cashing up at the end, I took round a few leftover cakes to hand out for free. Many people (including a family of passing cyclists) insisted on making a donation and I returned with another £7 to add to the total. Special thanks to our marvellous W.I. bakers and to the Navigation Inn for letting us have the stall.

Our first meeting after the summer break was a very interesting talk from Ella Tonge of Dogs Trust (formerly the National Canine Defence League). The league first campaigned in 1913 against cruelty to dogs in circuses and music halls and in WW2 opened the first air raid shelter to let dogs in.



Their motto, “Dogs Trust never puts a healthy dog down”, encapsulates the whole ethos of the charity and you will all have seen their other thought provoking slogan on many car stickers: *A dog is for life, not just for Christmas!*



Ella showed us slides of the futuristic ECO Dogs Trust centre in Loughborough complete with rainwater recycling, solar panels and under floor heating. After seeing the inside and outside areas of the individual kennels, the impressive hydrotherapy/physio therapy areas and the mental and physical activities, some of us joked that we would be quite happy spending our final years in such luxury! It was very impressive especially when you bear in mind that the charity is funded by donations, legacies and sponsor-a-dog schemes. It also has a vast army of volunteers.

Breaston Art Group

It is with great sadness that we mourn the death, on September 22nd, of Sheila Kelsey who was the founding member of the group in 1995.

Sheila started with a small band of like-minded people who all enjoyed painting and sketching. The meetings started in the members own homes, but soon interest and membership grew and the Thursday morning meetings in the Methodist Church Hall had to be started.

The enthusiasm and improving ability in the group then prompted the arrangement of demonstrations by visiting artists and quickly the organisation of the now annual and popular exhibition.

Sheila coped with this increasing administration throughout the twenty years with both flair and accomplishment but, importantly, very good grace and humour. She was both a very good friend and an inspiration to many who have attended the group during this time.

Sheila coped with her illness with determination, she was admired and now will be greatly missed.

Stuart Graham

Community Spirit

We are all very privileged to live in villages that have such a strong sense of community. In this world of dog-eat-dog and selfish ambition, it is so refreshing to know that people are there for each other and that there is pride in where we live. The sense of belonging and wanting to make a difference can be life-changing.

It is a fact that the value of houses in Draycott has increased because people want to live in a community that cares and is vibrant. We can all help to make our villages even better places to live by being good neighbours, by smiling and speaking to each other, by picking up litter and by making an effort to improve our surroundings. There is a feel-good factor in being part of a community that cares and shares.

We are blessed by having organisations in each village that work hard to enhance our communities. Why don't **you** get involved and make a difference? Contact Draycott Village Fund (Will Batchelor at draycottvillagefund@hotmail.com) or Breaston Community Forum (Julie Rowlinson chairman@breastongala.org.uk or 875156).

Jean Lupton

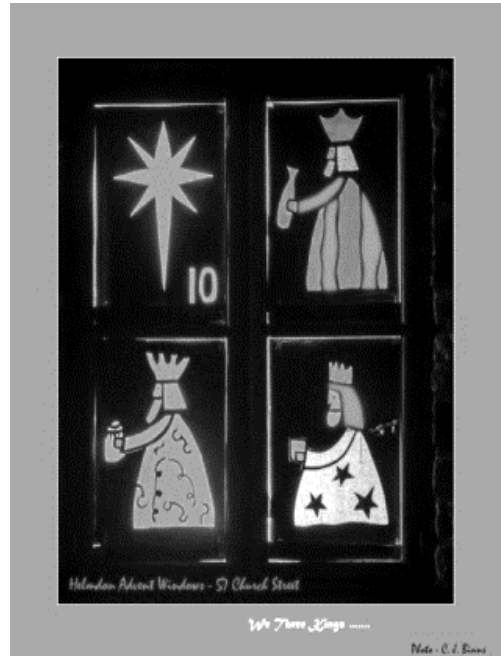
Draycott Village News

Advent Windows

Last December saw our first Advent Windows event – each evening throughout December different houses unveiled a decorated window and a festive scene was revealed so by Christmas Eve Draycott had 24 stunning windows for visitors to enjoy, I will repost the album on our Facebook page showing all the windows, or you can find them all on the Draycott website.

It was well received, so we are hoping to do the same again this year, but perhaps with more windows opening each day.

If anyone is interested in taking part please contact me (Katie Russell) through Facebook (either the DVF page or my own page) or fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter and hand it in to Gary at Dundas the Butchers or Mark at the Coach and Horses and I will get in touch; there is no entry fee and there is no voting, it is just a fun way to build up the festive feel within Draycott as we approach Christmas.



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I would like to take part in the Draycott Advent Windows 2016

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Update on



We reported last

month on the amazing news that the village was rewarded for all the effort put in by the Dibbers with a Gold Award in at the **East Midlands in Bloom Awards**. There were also some other achievements recognised by the Judges, including a Judges' Award for the Community allotment at the Coach & Horses, The Frank Constable Best Residential Front Garden Award to Mr & Mrs P. Elliott, Walk Close (Silver-gilt), The Best Pub Garden, Mark Gilliver at the Coach & Horses (Silver-gilt), The Best School Garden to Draycott Community Primary School (Silver) and the Best Commercial Premises, The Courtyard/Pumpkinz (Certificate of Achievement).

Furthermore, the South Street Communal Area won joint 3rd place in the **Erewash in Bloom** "best street or communal area" category.

The DiB team would like to thank the sponsors for their generous donations and all the residents of Draycott who did their bit to make the village look so special on judging day and throughout the summer.

To maintain the high standards required for a gold award for next year DiB are looking for more volunteers; no gardening knowledge is required, any amount of time that you can volunteer would be welcomed. If you are interested, please contact Kaye on 07817 019990 (kayethurgood@gmail.com) or turn up at the next meeting at The Coach and Horses at 7:30 on Wednesday 2nd November.

Church Wilne Rotary Club

The members of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne welcomed District 1220 Governor Colin Gell on Monday evening 19th September to their regular meeting place at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook. DG Colin's talk included the "Four Way Test" which is – Is it the Truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it bring goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

This year it the centenary of Rotary's own charity the Rotary Foundation which has had many successes including a wide variety of water projects, Sand Dams, educational, medical and many more. Colin spoke about Rotary's Polio eradication which commenced in 1985 and there have been just 26 cases worldwide this year and it is hoped that by the end of the year we will have seen the last cases of polio. Membership was also highlighted and Colin spoke about the opportunities that now exist with Satellite Clubs being formed in other districts. Colin concluded by quoting the Rotary International President's thought which was "Work hard, have fun, good balance which means good Rotary and we can build a stronger future this year."

The members then had a presentation by John Barrett on whisky and during the evening, those wishing enjoyed some whisky tasting. John spoke about the history of the product going back to the 1300s, including the Irish and Scottish early manufacturing processes. In manufacture the members heard in detail how the single malt is manufactured and they tasted a 12-year-old plus Bruichladdich which was 50% proof and for some was enjoyable and others not to their taste.

Following the talks Rotarian Geoff Brown thanked both District Governor Colin for a most informative talk and said we had all learned much from John about Whisky.

Church Wilne Rotary Club's 2016 Charity Horse Ride

The Rotary Club of Church Wilne again held for the eleventh year running its Charity Horse Ride which provided a unique opportunity to ride through scenic Locko Park, Dale Abbey, Ockbrook and Spondon. The course consisted of bridleways, tracks and farmland not normally available to the public through beautiful countryside and was approximately 10 miles long. There were 248 registered riders with 232 turning out on the day. The route



was marshalled throughout which ensured all had a great ride. At the riders received a rosette and a soft or wine drink.

The Club thanks its many business sponsors all of whom are listed on the Club's website along with lots of photographs. All entry fees, business sponsors and rider's sponsorship are to be donated equally to the Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance and the Treetops Hospice Care and will be presented at a special evening at the Trent Lock Golf and Country Club on Monday 14th November and this is expected to total over £9,000.

The club has received many emails and messages congratulating the organisation and marshalling of the ride and many congratulatory messages from riders on the Club's Facebook page. There was a common theme of very friendly helpful marshals and the following are just a few of the riders' comments.

"Fabulous ride today. Well organised. Lovely people stewarding"

"The ride was the best organised ride I have ever been on. The marking was superb, the marshals were helpful, efficient and friendly, the food delicious and rosettes much appreciated"

"Thank you for another fantastic rise. Brilliantly organised and marshalled and the sun shone too. Role on next year"

"Absolutely fab day much be our 9th year, still the best ride around! Well organised, well marshalled, brill gallops and jumps and even wine on completion. Thanks"

To see the many photographs of the day just go to www.churchwilnerotary.org.uk.

Church Wilne Rotary Club's Christmas Float

Once again Church Wilne Rotary Club will be visiting many local venues in the lead up to Christmas with their eye-catching Christmas Float along with Santa.

The December dates and venues are as follows:

Tuesday 6th	Borrowash East
Wednesday 7th	Borrowash South East

Thursday 8th	Borrowash South West
Saturday 10th	Co-op Oakwood – static
Sunday 11th	Tesco Long Eaton – static
Wednesday 14th	Ockbrook
Thursday 15th	Draycott East
Friday 16th	Draycott West
Saturday 17th	Co-op Borrowash - static

The roving Christmas float will be moving from just after 6.00pm until 8.30/9.00pm. The float will be at the Borrowash Lights switch-on at 6.30pm and the Ockbrook Royal Oak Lights switch-on at 7.30pm on Friday 18th November. The float will also be at the evening switching on of the Draycott Christmas lights on Tuesday 29th November.



Draycott & Wilne Women's Institute

Meetings on 3rd Thursday of month at Draycott Methodist Church Hall, Market Street, 7.30pm. Come and meet new friends and enjoy our Speakers. Visitors pay £1.50 for the evening, includes refreshments (available 3 times only).

More information? Contact Kris Bingham (President) 01332 874176
krisbingham@hotmail.co.uk

Church News

Church Calendars

November	Breaston		Draycott	
	St. Michael's	Methodist Church	St. Chad's	St. Mary's
Sun 6th	8:45am Holy Communion			Methodist Church
	10:15am All-Age Worship	10:30am Holy Communion (Rev'd Arnold Dixon)		10:30am United All-Age Worship at the Methodist Church
	7:30pm Churches Together (in Methodist Church)	7:30pm Churches Together	6:30pm Evensong	10:30am United All-Age Worship (Rev'd Colin Emerson) 6:00pm Rev'd Helen White
Sun 13th	8:45am Holy Communion			
	11:00am	United Remembrance Service in St. Michael's Church		10:30am United Remembrance Service at St. Mary's
	6:30pm Evensong			6:00pm Terry Root
Sun 20th	8:45am Holy Communion			
	10:15am Healing Service, with Holy Communion	10:30am Worship (Gillian Watts)		10:30am All Age Worship
				10:30am United All Age Worship at St. Mary's 6:00pm Jean Parton
Sun 27th	8:45am Holy Communion			
	10:15am Celebration Service	10:30am Worship (Sarah Butcher)		10:30am Holy Communion 10:30am John McCartney
	6:30pm Advent Service at All Saints, Sawley			6:00pm Church Anniversary (Roger Johnson)

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 Tuesday	7.30pm	Julian Meeting
3rd Tuesday	2.15pm	Julian Meeting
Last Wednesday	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship

St. Mary's, Draycott

Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday 4th October 10am – 11.30am. Please do come along, Coffee, Biscuits and a chat just 50p

The October Coffee Morning raised £110.00

Kathleen thanks all who support the monthly coffee Mornings and give donations

Breaston Methodist Church

Dates for your Diary

November 19th		Christmas Fayre, Crafts and Refreshments as usual Why not take this opportunity to start your Christmas shopping?
December 4th	10:30am	Gift Sunday – this year, the cause is Action for Children
December 18th	6:00pm	Carol Service at 6.00pm to include the Brownies
December 25 th		Christ is Born – Hallelujah!

Breaston Methodist Church News

We held a Harvest Faith Supper on 24th September and it was a most enjoyable event. The food was good and the entertainment which

followed was funny, witty and very amusing. Live entertainment beats TV every time. The evening had been put together by Angela and Jonathan Stanyon who had done an excellent job! The Wesley Guild continued its Anniversary celebrations with a concert by the Salvation Army Band which included a buffet at the interval. It was held on Saturday, 7th October in our church.

All members of our church send condolences to the family of Sheila Kelsey who passed away recently after a long fight with cancer. She was a lovely person, quiet and private and was a founder member of the Art Group which she loved. Sheila helped raise a tidy sum of money for the Air Ambulance.

The Wesley Guild, Breaston

The Guild takes place every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall and everyone is welcome. The programme for November is as follows:

November 3 rd	Mr and Mrs Dean Anderson
10 th	“Refusing to Ignore People in Crisis” The Red Cross
17 th	“Guide Dogs” Susan Cox
24 th	Greenwood Ensemble

Breaston Churches Together Lunch Club

Dates for the Lunch Club are, November 11th.

25th

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.

The Draycott Guild

We meet in the Methodist Church Schoolroom, Market Street Draycott at 7:30pm. Membership is £7 for sessions September to December (first visit free).

Wednesday 2nd November 'Remembrance' Rev Colin Emerson looks at various aspects of Remembrance familiar at this time of year

Wednesday 16th November 'Antique items from the kitchen'

A fun evening with Gay Evans

Wednesday 30th November 'Draycott Sounds' A first visit to guild of our own village choir

Wednesday 14th December Guild Christmas Party Food, fun and entertainment

Please come and join us You will receive a warm welcome

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

Draycott Methodist Church

Thank you for all your Harvest Gifts

We celebrated our Harvest Festival on September 18th this year. As usual, the church looked wonderful, decorated beautifully with flowers, greenery and lots of evidence of God's great gifts to us all.

In the morning, we had had a very lively United All Age Worship service, led by Anna Forey. The children made themselves shelters from cardboard boxes and branches of shrubs. This not only reminded us all of the Jewish Festival of shelters (the original Harvest celebration), but also of how many people today sleep in shelters like that on our streets.

Nearly all the donated produce was taken to the Padley Centre in Derby, where they care for the homeless of the area. Some of the fresh produce was bought by members of our congregation and so we were also able to send £60 as a cash donation to the Centre. We have received a letter of

thanks and appreciation of these gifts. So, a very big thank you to everyone who helped.

Harvest Supper

45 people enjoyed an excellent supper of steak pie, chips, peas and a choice of sweet, prepared and served by the church caterers. The Vicar thanked all who had helped to make the evening a success. Kris Bingham organised a Raffle with a good selection of prizes. Gary was the M.C. and organised a quiz. He also announced that the Christmas Dinner would be held on Saturday 3rd December at 7:30pm in St Mary's Hall.

Tickets will be available towards the end of October from Gary, Kathleen Poyser or Pat Fessey.

Remembrance Sunday

November 13th, United Service *at Draycott Methodist Church on Market Street*, 10.45am

Act of Remembrance *at the War Memorial, Station Road* 12 noon
Laying of wreaths and Poppies

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them

Response: We will remember them.

St Mary's Church Annual Christmas Dinner

Saturday 3rd December, 7.30pm in the hall. Tickets £13.00

Available from - Gary Dundas, Pat Fessey, Kathleen Poyser

Children and Youth

Scouts, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows

Breaston Brownies and Rainbows began their Autumn/Winter programme with the start of the new school term and a report of their activities will appear in due course. Contact Brown Owl, Louisa Theyers on 01332 232366.

Rainbows also meet in the Breaston Methodist Church Hall on Tuesdays from 5.00pm. Contact Melanie Arden on 01332 875059.

1st Draycott Brownies meet on Thursdays 6–7:15pm in St Mary's during term time. Spaces available now! Contact Caroline on 07871 103861 or draycottbrownowl@gmail.com or look at www.girlguiding.co.uk to register online.

Breaston Scout Group meets on Monday nights in the Scout Hall on Blind Lane. **Helpers are urgently needed.** Contact Angela on 07812 726 988.

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

Youth Café news



Tuesdays: School year 7 (Year 6 will be invited to join in the summer term of 2017)

Fridays: School years 8-11

Thank you to all the support from everyone involved and for our awesome young people from in and around Breaston. We now have almost 50 young people a week coming to Youth Café.

*Simon Bentley St Michaels Youth and Community Worker
simonpbentley@hotmail.com*

St. Michael's Children's Activities

YOUNG CHURCH

'Taking the words of Jesus seriously'

Children aged 3 - 12
In St. Michael's Church
Sundays 10:15am

AAW

Led by the children, young people and leaders

All Age Worship
In St. Michael's Church
2nd Sunday of the month

Praise Party

Celebrate, eat and have fun with the family

In the Church Hall
1st Sunday of the month
4:00-5:30pm

EXPLORERS

Games, crafts, Bible stories and competitions

School years 3 - 6
In the Church Hall
Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm
(Term time)

SunBeams

Baby and Toddler Group

In the Methodist Church
Mondays (Term time)
10:30-11:30am

Explorers is St. Michael's new afterschool club. It takes place in the church hall every Tuesday during term time from 3:30-4:30pm.

The club is for any children in school years 3, 4, 5 or 6. It is a lot of fun, with games, competitions, crafts and a Bible story. All children are

placed into 1 of 4 teams and the team at the end of each half term with the most points, win prizes for all its members.

To help parents, Simon and the team go over to Firfield School at 3:25pm and collect any children attending the club and then walk them back to the church hall. This means parents simply have to come to the church hall at 4:30pm to pick up their children.

If you have children or know of children who attend Firfield school who would like to come, please email Simon at simonpbentley@hotmail.com for a consent form.



Who For? Everyone! Children must come with an adult. Come and join us for crafts, fun, food and worship. Organised by Draycott Churches Together, we meet in Draycott Methodist Church, on the corner of Market Street & Derwent Street, on the 2nd Monday each month. 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

At our October session we talked about how Jesus said we must be like salt and light – things that make a difference in our world. We had lots of fun with salt experiments, secret messages with UV pens, paper planes that flew to a lit runway etc.

In November we shall be looking at Psalm 23 – and thinking about Trusting God. We have lots of activities planned for you. Come and join in!

Further information, speak to Pat Stevenson (07582 819345) or Mary Murden (01332 873388)

Articles

The following was handed to Chris Smedley after the Sunday morning service 16th October. During his sermon Chris spoke about the Beatitudes which included (*Blessed are the Peacemakers*)

Blessed are the Peacemakers...

Yes indeed, but never forget that making peace with manifest evil or abuses is cowardice. Jesus confronted the money changers, this made no friends. Wilberforce confronted slavery and brought action down on his head. Shaftsbury did likewise over child labour. Christian warriors both. And never forget that we pray “the church militant here on earth.” History has other lessons for us. In the 1930’s Churchill and a handful of others saw Nazism as a manifestation of incarnate evil. He was ostracised as a war monger by those remembering the horrors of the Somme and Passchendaele, preferred peace at any price. “The cost of not confronting Hitler when he re-militarised the Rhineland was paid by the blood of 60 million others between 1939 and 1945.

Similarly, it could be argued that remembering the shambles of Iraq and Afghanistan caused us to “walk by on the other side” of the genocide in Syria: the city of Aleppo are paying the price of that act of cowardice.

John Hay-Heddle

Guy Fawkes



Guy Fawkes was born in April 1570 in York. Although his immediate family were all Protestants, in keeping with the accepted religious practice in England at the time, his maternal grandparents were 'recusant' Catholics, who refused to attend Protestant services. When Guy was eight, his father died and his widowed mother married a Catholic, Dionis Baynbrigge. It was these early influences that were to forge Fawkes' convictions as an adult.



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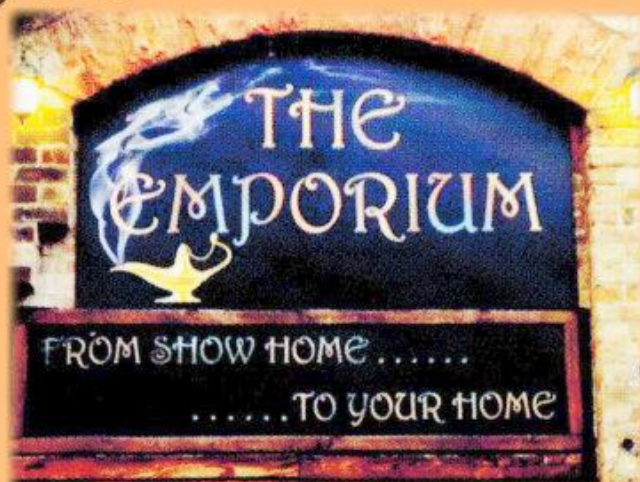


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Fawkes and Spain

By the time he was 21 he had sold the estate his father had left him and gone to Europe to fight for Catholic Spain against the Protestant Dutch republic in the Eighty Years War. His military career went well and by 1603 he had been recommended for a captaincy. He had also adopted the Italian variant of his name, becoming known as 'Guido'.

In the same year, he travelled to Spain to petition the king, Philip III, for support in fomenting a rebellion in England against the 'heretic' James I. Despite the fact that Spain and Britain were still, technically, at war, Philip refused.

"A man highly skilled in matters of war"

Personally, Fawkes was an imposing man. His former school friend Oswald Tesimond, who had become a Jesuit Catholic priest, described him" as "pleasant of approach and cheerful of manner, opposed to quarrels and strife ... loyal to his friends".

Tesimond also claimed Fawkes was "a man highly skilled in matters of war", while the historian Antonia Fraser described him as "a tall, powerfully built man, with thick reddish-brown hair, a flowing moustache in the tradition of the time, and a bushy reddish-brown beard... a man of action ... capable of intelligent argument as well as physical endurance, somewhat to the surprise of his enemies."

Fawkes is drawn into the plot

It was while on campaign fighting for Spain in Flanders that Fawkes was approached by Thomas Wintour, one of the plotters, and asked to join what would become known as the Gunpowder Plot, under the leadership of Robert Catesby.

His expertise with gunpowder gave him a key - and very perilous - role in the conspiracy, to source and ignite the explosive. But 18 months of careful planning was foiled with just hours to go, when he was arrested at midnight on 4 November 1605 beneath the House of Lords. Thirty-six barrels of gunpowder were found stacked in the cellar directly below where the king would have been sitting for the opening of parliament the next day.

The foiling of the plot had been expertly engineered by James I's spymaster, Robert Cecil. Fawkes was subjected to various tortures, including the rack. Torture was technically illegal, and James I was personally required to give a licence for Fawkes to endure its ravages.

While just the threat of torture was enough to break the resolve of many, Fawkes withstood two days of the most terrible pain before he confessed all. Famously, his signature on his confession was that of a shattered and broken man, the ill-formed letters telling the story of a someone who was barely able to hold a quill. His fortitude throughout had impressed James I, who said he admired Fawkes' "Roman resolution".

Fawkes was sentenced to the traditional traitors' death - to be 'hanged, drawn and quartered'. In the event, he jumped from the gallows, breaking his own neck and thereby avoiding the horror of being cut down while still alive, having his testicles cut off and his stomach opened and his guts spilled before his eyes. His lifeless body was hacked into quarters and his remains sent to "the four corners of the kingdom" as a warning to others.

The burning of the 'guy'

Guy Fawkes instantly became a national bogeyman and the embodiment of Catholic extremism. It was a propaganda coup for the Protestant English and served as a pretext for further repression of Catholics that would not be completely lifted for another 200 years.

It is perhaps surprising that Fawkes and not the charismatic ring-leader Robert Catesby is remembered, but it was Fawkes who was caught red-handed under the Houses of Parliament, Fawkes who refused to speak under torture, and Fawkes who was publicly executed. Catesby, by contrast, was killed evading capture and was never tried.

Through the centuries the Guy Fawkes legend has become ever-more entrenched, and by the 19th Century it was his effigy that was being placed on the bonfires that were lit annually to commemorate the failure of the plot.



*Taken from the BBC
Web Site*

The Good Samaritans

The bible story of the Good Samaritan is a lovely story of a traveller who was attacked and robbed on his journey. His plight was ignored by some people, but he was helped by a good man whose tribe were not well thought of.

Here in Breaston we have many good people who show kindness and care in abundance. Earlier this month my husband Peter had a nasty fall on Wards Lane early on a Sunday morning.

He was immediately helped, comforted and cared for by several people until an ambulance arrived. I will not embarrass them by giving names, but you know who you are and we thank you so much for your prompt action.

After spending the night in the Royal Derby and receiving excellent care from the hard-working staff he's here to tell the tale. We are blessed in this village and thank God for that.

Pat Baker

Recipe for November

Hearty Chicken and Chorizo Broth

Preparation time: less than 30 mins

Cooking time: 10 to 30 mins

Serves 6

This spicy chicken soup is cheap, flavourful and quick to prepare using items from your larder.



Ingredients

- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 125g/4½oz chorizo 'picante', outer membrane removed, finely chopped
- 6 boneless skinless chicken thighs, roughly chopped

- ½ tsp smoked hot paprika
- 5 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves finely chopped
- 2 x 400g cans flageolet beans, drained and rinsed
- 800ml/1pt 8fl oz chicken stock
- 150ml/5fl oz double cream
- 50g/2oz butter
- 1 small bunch fresh flatleaf parsley, leaves roughly chopped
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 500g/1lb 2oz wheat and rye bread, sliced, to serve

Method

1. Heat half of the oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat. When the pan is hot, add the onion and chorizo and fry for 2-3 minutes, stirring well.
2. Add the chicken and fry for a further 2-3 minutes, then add the smoked paprika, garlic and rosemary and stir in the beans until well combined.
3. Pour in the stock and cream, add the butter and stir until melted, then bring the mixture to the boil. Reduce the heat until the mixture is simmering and simmer for 4-5 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through.
4. Stir in the parsley and season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
5. Heat a griddle pan over a medium heat until hot. Drizzle the remaining oil on each side of the bread slices. Toast the bread for 1-2 minutes on each side, until brown chargrill marks appear.
6. Ladle the broth into bowls and serve with the toast.

Historic Events in November



Among many other events, November saw one of London's best-loved landmarks, the Crystal Palace (see picture to the left) burn down.

- 1st 1858 Following the bloody events of the Indian Mutiny Queen Victoria is proclaimed ruler of India.
- 2nd 1936 The world's first regular TV service was started by the BBC, an estimated 100 TV owners tuned in.
- 3rd 1942 Field Marshall Montgomery's troops break through the front line of Rommel's Afrika Corps capturing 9000 prisoners.
- 4th 1843 The 5.5 metre statue of Lord Nelson was hauled to the top of its 60-metre column in Trafalgar Square, London.
- 5th 1605 Guy Fawkes is arrested beneath the House of Parliament as a plot to blow up England's King James I is uncovered.
- 6th 1429 Henry VI is crowned King of England.
- 7th 1917 Bolshevik Red Guards seize control of the Winter Palace and confirm Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov (Lenin) as leader of Russia.
- 8th 1656 Birth of Edmond Halley, English astronomer and mathematician, best known for the comet named after him.
- 9th 1953 Death of the flamboyant Welsh bard Dylan Thomas aged 39.
- 10th 1871 Henry Stanley tracks down "missing" Scottish explorer and missionary David Livingstone to the shores of Lake Tanganyika.
- 11th 1918 After four years and 97 days the guns finally fell silent as the Great War ended. Around 9 million lives were lost.
- 12th 1035 Death of Canute, Danish King of England.
- 13th 1850 Birth of Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson whose tales include Treasure Island and Kidnapped.

- 14th 1940 In one raid 449 German Luftwaffe bombers dropped 503 tons of bombs and 881 incendiaries onto the English City of Coventry.
- 15th 1968 The largest passenger liner in the world, Cunard's flagship Queen Elizabeth, docked in Southampton at the end of her last transatlantic voyage.
- 16th 1724 Highwayman Jack Sheppard is hanged at Tyburn, London in front of an estimated crowd of 200,000.
- 17th 1558 Death of England's first ruling Queen, Mary Tudor. Unpopular daughter of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon.
- 18th 1852 A massive state funeral for the Duke of Wellington is held in London.
- 19th 1620 The 180-ton wine ship Mayflower arrives at Cape Cod, America, with 87 members of a Protestant sect - The Pilgrim Fathers.
- 20th 1947 Princess Elizabeth (Queen Elizabeth II) married her cousin Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten (Duke of Edinburgh) at Westminster Abbey.
- 21st 1695 Death of Henry Purcell, English composer and organist.
- 22nd 1963 The world mourns at the news that President John F. Kennedy had been shot and killed in Dallas, Texas.
- 23rd 1910 American-born Dr Hawley Harvey Crippen was hanged at Pentonville Prison in London after poisoning his wife and dismembering her body.
- 24th 1859 Charles Darwin publishes his book *Origin of the Species*
- 25th 1984 Band Aid rock stars gather at Sarm Studios in London to record "Do They Know It's Christmas".
- 26th 1922 Archaeologist Howard Carter and his sponsor the Earl of Caernavon gaze into the tomb of Tutankhamun.
- 27th 1875 Britain buys shares worth £4 million (\$7 million) in the Suez Canal Company.

- 28th 1919 Nancy Astor is elected Member of Parliament for Plymouth, Devon, becoming Britain's first woman MP.
- 29th 1641 England's first newspaper is published.
- 30th 1936 The Crystal Palace burned down. The huge glass building originally housed the Great Exhibition of 1851.

By Ben Johnson

Premium Bonds

Launched 60 years ago this month

The first British Premium Bond was sold 60 years ago, on 5 Nov 1956 – to the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd. On Budget Day the previous April, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan had announced the launch of the Bonds, which he said were intended to reduce inflation and offer an alternative way to save. They were immensely popular: by the end of that first day £5 million worth had been sold. However, there was opposition from the churches.

Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher was against them, and Hemsworth MP Horace Holmes said hundreds of thousands of churchmen had communicated with him and were “utterly opposed” to the Government’s policy. He added: “I am of the opinion that they have started on a scheme now which will have its repercussions upon the nation's moral standards and conduct.” Many, however, regarded the Bonds as in a different category from gambling, as you could not lose the money you invested. Others pointed out that you were gambling with the interest.

Winning numbers were (and are) chosen by Ernie – which stands for Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment. The original was invented by one of the Bletchley Park codebreakers. It is now in its fourth incarnation. The prize fund in September this year was over £65 million, with £2 million given away in prizes. Meanwhile, the nation has taken to gambling in a much bigger way with the National Lottery and its offshoots.

Poetry Pages

May God Extend His Grace

May the ones who've died
Laid down their lives in
battle bloodied fields,

And the ones who've fought
Back home are brought
Their lives a hollow shell

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And life and hope
May life make sense again.

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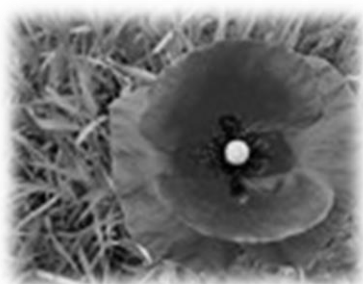
My protectors

My Marigolds!

(Now my hands that wash dishes are as soft as my face...)

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The Inquisitive Mind of a Child



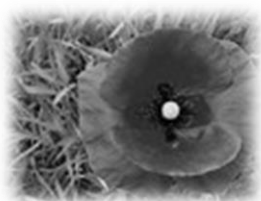
Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, my child, are poppies of love
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because, my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppy grows.

But why are the poppies so red Mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child,
The blood our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black Mummy
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief
For the men who never came back.

But why Mummy, are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are my fears for you my child
For the world is forgetting again.



Events

Draycott Christmas Lights Switch-On

Tuesday 29th November

Lights on at 7.00pm
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Are you able to help out for just an hour or so at our Dickensian Christmas Fayre?

You will just need to wander around wearing a high-vis jacket, ready to point people in the right direction if they are lost or need help. This is a hugely successful and popular event in our village calendar but it can only go ahead if we have enough volunteers so if you are willing to consider helping out please come along to an information evening on Tuesday, November 1st at 6.30 in St Mary's Church.
Thank you.

Acoustic Union in concert

Saturday 19th November 7:30pm in St. Michael's Church

Acoustic Union are a well-known local four-piece band. Formed in 2010 by musicians who each have around 30 years' experience in the music business, their programme will comprise acoustic arrangements of a diverse medley of light pop classics from the 50's onwards to country gospel music – something for everyone!



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“Suddenly at Home” written by Francis Durbridge, the master of suspense and creator of “Paul Temple”, will keep you on the edge of your seats guessing the outcome.

This is certainly going to be a sell out so we recommend that you purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are priced from £6 and are available to purchase online at www.arcadeplayers.co.uk or www.duchess-theatre.com. They can also be purchased at the Duchess Theatre Saturday coffee mornings 10am – 12, or reserved by ringing 01332 875350.

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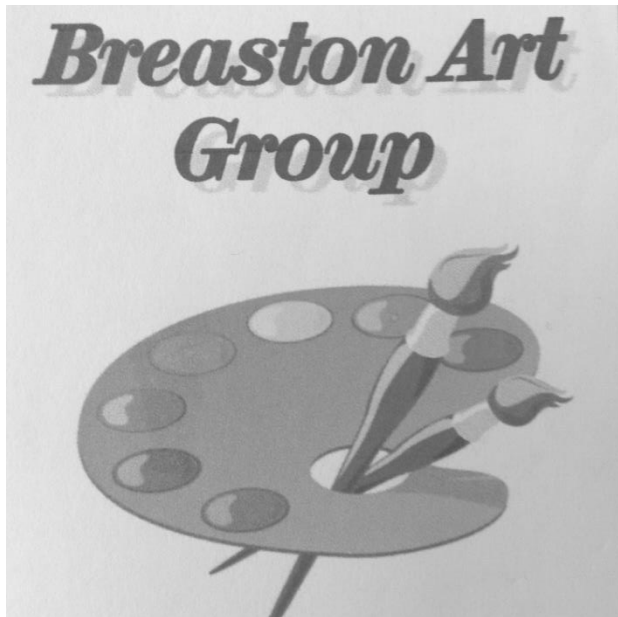
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- Primary school teaches discover that writing with a broken pencil is pointless.
- When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

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