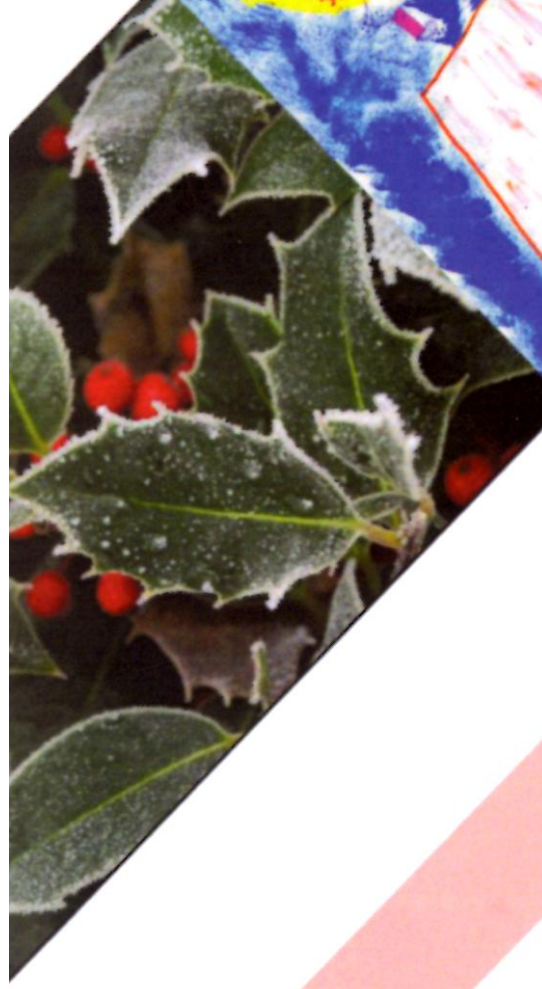


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Thought for the month

Dear friends

2016 has proved to be an interesting year and one that has left many people and our nation, as a whole, facing an uncertain future. We don't know what the United Kingdom will look like once our Government has negotiated a settlement with the European Union. On the wider stage, we are waiting for Donald Trump's term of office to begin. Again, we don't know what impact this will have on the world at large. In short, the next few years will be uncertain as we continue to live in this state of flux.

However, the Christian faith provides those who will accept it a message with certainties that are more amazing than we can ever truly comprehend. There is the certainty of a God who loves us so much that he calls us his children and encourages us to call him our father. There is the certainty of a sure direction in an uncertain world; a compass based on our God's commandments. There is a certainty of a future in his kingdom under his good and perfect will.

These certainties and so many more are revealed to us through God's Son and our Saviour, Jesus Christ, whose birth we will be celebrating over the next few weeks. It is good to have something that remains steadfast and unchanging in this fast and ever changing time.

So, in this season let us celebrate the birth of the one who provides certainty. Let us rejoice in his faithfulness day in day out. Let us honour the one who was born to be king of our lives and our world.

May you have a happy and holy Christmas and may you walk into the New Year guided by the light of faith and assurance.

Your friend and minister

Colin Emerson

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New Distributor

A new distributor is required for Maylands Ave. It would be very much appreciated if anyone would be able to take on this task.

Breaston Village News

Men's Danger Club

The Men's Danger Club "travelled" from Derby via Matlock to Rowsley learning all about the development and the reasons for the railway and how it developed due to the changing needs of each era.

The main reason for building the railway was the growing popularity of the spa town of Matlock and its healing spring waters. During the planning stage routes were often changed sometimes deciding not to cross a river but go alongside or the whim of the landowner or planner!

The North Midland Railway built the line from Derby to Ambergate which opened in 1839. Passengers then had to continue their journey to Matlock by coach, coach and horses that is. In 1849 the railway was extended to Matlock and on to Rowsley. Matlock Bath became known as "Little Switzerland" which must have greatly improved its popularity.

We "met" those most influential in its development including the Arkwrights, we heard about the reasons, trials and tribulations of connecting it to Manchester and Nottingham. Ambergate became a very important junction and marshalling place. Of course being Derbyshire there were many tunnels and one stretch of the line has more tunnel than open air! We saw the picturesque stations designed in the Swiss style, some of which have not only survived to this day but have been restored and brought back into use. The entrances to the tunnels and even the restraining walls in the cuts showed the Victorian desire to make everything a pleasure to look at.

The first carriages were drawn by horses, then came the very early steam engines. Numbers increased as rail travel became popular but eventually there came the sweeping axe of Dr. Beeching.

Matlock and Matlock Bath were still very popular with tourists. This was seen as an opportunity by the Peak Rail Preservation Trust to restore the route between Matlock and Rowsley and it is a popular attraction today. Rail Companies have seen the value of its popularity as the Derwent

Valley is now a World Heritage Site and invested in the railway showing an increase of 94% of passenger travel. Some are commuters but most are tourists. But that's the reason why the railway was built in the first place! It's come full circle.

Our thanks to Trevor Griffin for his excellent and fascinating talk.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas-Chilli-Chill-Out evening. Meet us at the Bull's Head on Friday 30th. December at 7.00p.m.

For further information contact John, David or Steve.

Breaston Flower Circle

Demonstration , 'Anything Goes' by Wendy Pitkin

October 2016



'Anything Goes' by Wendy Pitkin was a demonstration with a difference.

Although Wendy carefully explained to us the philosophy behind each design, there was one common thread; i.e. that we can make use of everything, no matter what time of year, in order to create quiet areas in

each arrangement which contrasted and counterbalanced with busier areas.

Her predominantly green and white designs cleverly made a connection with the lines and forms of the containers. These were mostly inexpensively made at home using anything at hand, from shredded card to twigs to copper rings to creatively moulded wax pots. Here and there were splashes of colours of freesias or lilies or roses dotted in amongst dried hydrangea heads. The arrangements were all-round designs, which created rhythm and pattern. She sometimes left spaces formed by pinning back phormium leaves which also served to add volume to the overall shape.



The inventiveness and simplicity of the arrangements formed a drama in their own right and proved to all who were watching, how effective recyclable materials can be



Breaston Community Forum

Pumpkin Party Lights up Village

The 3rd Annual Pumpkin Party was held on Duffield Close Breaston on 29th October and yet again it was a great success. The event is getting bigger every year, and with 120 pumpkins on display it was a really fantastic turnout!



The carved creations looked amazing and illuminated the heart of Breaston; from the more traditional to the works of art, every pumpkin entered had obviously been a well-thought-out project.

This year the winners were decided by the public vote and placed as follows

- 1st place Molly & Ella Geary
- 2nd place Hayden Saxton
- 3rd place Katie Murtagh

Well done!

The event was enhanced by the addition of music and lots of children and adults got into the swing of things by dressing up in their best scary outfits.

As always we have to thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to plan and stage the event: without you it would not happen. Special thanks to FC Cartons for sponsorship, Cresswells the Caterers for the Pumpkin soup which was divine, and to Andy the DJ.

The event raised just over £130 which will go to the Breaston Community Forum for future village projects or events.

Emma Thomas

Poppies

As I wander about our village, I, like everyone else, have been struck by the wonderful displays of knitted poppies that have appeared to mark Remembrance Day this year. I was particularly struck by the display at the top of Sawley Lane. I wondered who put the bicycle there and why, and if it had any significance for them.



In 1915 my Grandfather and two friends joined the Cycle Corps (there are pictures of the Corps in Long Eaton). I have a cap badge (sadly not Grandad's) and his cavalry bandolier that was issued to the Cycle Corps. Grandad always said that he and his

friends enjoyed cycling so this seemed a good unit to join. I am glad he did. It was a Territorial unit and this is what probably saved all three of them. Grandad said that they cycled as far as Dover and that was the last they saw of the bicycles. As they were Territorials the promise that "those who joined together served together" did not apply and the friends were spilt up. Grandad ended up in the 1st battalion of the 5th King's (Liverpool) Regiment, which was another Territorial unit.

Because of this he missed the disastrous first day on the Somme, but fought there later.

During the course of the war he was wounded three times, and hung on the enemy wire for a while as well. He may have missed the fighting on July 1st, but he was in the hell known as 'Bourlon Wood' when the Germans counter attacked after the great tank attack at Cambrai. It has to be said that he never talked about these things and I only found out about them after he had died, but just occasionally he would mention 'Festubert and Givenchy'. When he did it was in the hushed and respectful kind of tones that someone who had fought at Agincourt might have used. Many people know about the German attacks in Spring 1918 and how for a while the war hung in the balance. It was at the villages of Festubert and Givenchy that the attack was stopped. I have a copy of the letters sent by Prime Ministers, Presidents and the Crowned Heads of the free countries praising and congratulating the regiment on its achievements there, and King Albert of the Belgians wanted his unit to have the privilege of leading the allies into the capital and so Grandad finished his war with a gruelling thirty mile march to liberate Brussels. And what of Grandad's friends? Three lads joined up together, and, praise God, all three came home again. So you see, the display at the top of Sawley lane, seems to be for Grandad, and for all those who joined a little known unit called 'The Cycle Corps'. To whoever had the idea of incorporating a bicycle into the display, thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Jonathan Stanyon

(The bike is, I believe, the brain-child of Jean Davis. Ed.)

Breaston W.I.

When I tell people that I belong to the WI, I sometimes get a funny look! They think I now spend all my time making preserves, baking cakes and knitting - (these are things I still don't do!) It is true that some of our ladies do make excellent cakes and tasty preserves but the WI is so much more than that.

We are about fun, friendship, support and education: we care about our community, local charities and the world in which we live. We care about our young people and their future.

This was particularly evident when Breaston WI hosted the Harrington group meeting at Friesland School. The theme was “An Evening of Inspiring Young Talent” and Hayley York organized a group of young performers from Friesland School.

We were entertained by Friesland pupils performing both their own songs and songs from Les Mis and Matilda. The finale was a performance by Josh Kemp, a local up and coming singer/songwriter/guitarist who sang familiar songs and his own compositions.

The modern WI may have its roots firmly planted in the past but we are very much in touch with the present and also looking to the future. It was an excellent showcase of talent to come and a truly enjoyable evening.

Well done Hayley, the Friesland children, Josh Kemp and last but not least Julie Phillips for coordinating the event.

At our October meeting, Richard from the Nottingham Street Pastors



came to talk to us about the inspiring and admirable work that the pastors do. Their aim is to promote night time safety in the city by engaging with, caring for, loving and protecting the people who are out and about at night.

It is run by a consortium of churches and is run from the

Malt Cross, a licensed pub and cafe on St. James St. where they promote responsible drinking in a safe environment.

They do an amazing and inspiring job when you and I are safe at home watching television or snuggled up in bed. If you Google "Street Pastors Nottingham", you will find out their history and the amazing job they do in our city centres.

And finally, our fund raising events: We raised £175 at our quiz and raffle, so a big big thank-you to The Chequers, The Navigation and the Farm Shop who donated some fabulous prizes. And at our coffee morning (including handbag stall and tombola), we made an impressive £470. Money raised goes towards our 2016 charities.

Kay Armitage

Glorious Grosvenor

I have lived in the village of Breaston for 60 years and the past 33 of those have been in Grosvenor Avenue.

Unfortunately, in February 2014 I had a stroke and was in a coma for 3 months and was left completely paralysed and house bound with no family close by.

However, my neighbours have been so amazing; they have been there to help with all my needs. My next-door neighbour, Sybil, has been brilliant, she phones me every morning and through the day to check that I am OK. Bob, who is a full time carer for his wife, comes regularly to see if he can help in any way. The new neighbours across the road, Kath and Jackie, had a spare mobile phone, put £10 on it and gave it to me to keep! Vernon and Ennith shop for me and Jennifer and another neighbour Joyce visit regularly and have helped me to find a gardener, who happens to be Jennifer's son-in-law. A lovely young man called Andrew calls in to see me three times a week for a chat.

The Good Neighbour Scheme has been there for me when I have needed lifts to the doctors, hospital, dentist etc. Two of the volunteers, Cliff and Sally (who also live on Grosvenor Avenue) have given me their home phone number so that I can ring them direct if I need help with anything.

I feel so looked after and cared for and never lonely, I can honestly say that life, even in my condition, has never been so good. My walking has improved, with having a wheeler and the neighbours have always been there to cheer me on with their kind words of encouragement.

I am so thankful that I live in Glorious Grosvenor with such amazing neighbours, I just want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart.

Chris Tewson

News from the Parish Council

Breaston Playground Consultation

Breaston Community Forum and Breaston Parish Council are exploring the possibility of improving the playground facilities in Perks Park (off Longmoor Lane). We would appreciate it if you would complete a short on-line questionnaire to let us know your views - point your browser at www.breastonparish.co.uk/page56.html.

Carols on Duffield Close

This annual event takes place on Friday 9th December, starting at 7pm. There will be mince pies and mulled wine provided free of charge by the council. The Salvation Army band will lead us as usual, and there might just be an appearance of Santa!

Damage to verges

Breaston Parish Council has been implementing a bulb planting scheme since 2014 as an attempt to improve the condition of grass verges in the village which are often damaged by motorists driving over and parking on them. You will be aware that a scheme of bulb planting has been undertaken along Wilsthorpe and Draycott Roads and more recently Longmoor Lane. A great deal of time, resources and effort has been put into the scheme by the Parish Council and residents over the past 2 years. We are extremely concerned about the current works taking place throughout the village and have written to both National Grid and Severn Trent. The Clerk of the Council has spoken to representatives of Laing O'Rourke who are carrying out the Severn Trent Works and awaits further contact regarding the issues raised. We are asking for assurance that the verges will be returned to their former state and that any damage will be rectified.

Nicala O'Leary, Clerk/RFO, Breaston Parish Council

Draycott Village News

Church Wilne Rotary Club

Polio Eradication Day – 24th October 2016

The Rotary Club of Church Wilne celebrated “End Polio Now Day” in style with 4 events in quick succession.

On Sunday 23rd around 4,000 purple Crocus corms were planted by members and partners of the club at the square on Victoria Avenue Borrowash, the Gordon Lacy Centre and the 2 flag poles at both ends of Ockbrook.

1,000 or so Crocus corms have also been given to schools in the area.

The bulbs are Ruby Giant and represent the purple colour that is painted onto children’s fingers on millions of children on Polio eradication days as this ensures none are missed on the day.

At the Club’s weekly meeting at the Royal Oak on Monday 24th Rotarian Andy Cartwright gave a brief update on Rotary’s involvement since 1985 with the eradication of Polio linked to its partners.

Then something completely different was shown to a captivated audience in the form of a futurist video of a major development called “Edinburgh St James”

This is a 1.7 million sq ft development on 4 floors in Edinburgh of prime retail, luxury hotels, 30 restaurants, food outlets and 250 new homes.

The architecture will be striking with breath taking views and will be a world renowned retail experience.



Edinburgh St. James

Andy will be very much involved with the development of the John Lewis' flagship store for Scotland and the North of England.

The cost is estimated to be £980 million and work has just commenced and is projected to be completed by September 2020.

On the same evening Rotarian Greg Maskalick organised a "End Polio Now" Concert at the Ockbrook Moravian Church when an audience of family, friends and Church Wilne Rotarians enjoyed music and songs provided by the Settlement singers, Arioso, Viva Voce with guests vocalists and instrumentalist.

£460 was raised at the concert which will be tripled by the Bill Gates Foundation.

Over the week four local hostelries will be serving Draycott Brewing Company special beer and the club has arranged for members, friends to visit and enjoy this quality beer. There will be a donation to the club's Polio fund for every pint sold.

Polio is on its way out and Rotary International with its partners is showing it the door. There have been some small setbacks along the way but this has made all the partners more determined than ever to succeed in the task to "End Polio Now"

Monday 31st October

Emma Fogg and Rick Burton gave a talk on the Art of Resuscitation, giving basic instructions on CPR. Everyone had the opportunity to have hands on experience to possibly save a life in the future.

The symptoms of a heart attack and cardiac arrest were explained which were for a heart attack pains across the chest, arms and hands tingling, dry mouth and sweating. For a cardiac arrest there was little warning other than a slight pain down the arm. A heart attack can lead to a cardiac arrest.

The first 3 minutes after an attack is vital and this is where both the first responders and paramedics are most needed. Emma said never be afraid to phone 999 and then if safe start resuscitation which she went on to demonstrate.

First tilt the head back to clear the airway and check for breathing for 10 seconds. Then start by doing 30 compressions with two fists together pressing on the chest to the tune of Nelly the Elephant.

A demonstration was given on the defibrillator and upon opening up the lid full instructions are verbally given by the defibrillator and it talks through the actions required including stand clear before the electrical shock is given.



Upon recovery the members were shown how best to get the patient into the recovery position.

Everyone present was then given the opportunity to apply the chest compressions on the 4 dummies provided by Emma and Rick.

For more information on Rotary, our speaker evenings and the main activities organised by the Church Wilne Rotary Club contact Nigel Roberts at rcce1220@gmail.com

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Day services at the Methodist Church and at the War Memorial on Station Road were extremely well attended this year. Approximately 220 people attended at the Church with about another 50 joining at the War Memorial. Ruth Pechey spoke to the congregation, her words were very well received. It was a great pleasure to have the Army Cadets, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Beavers involved in both services. The Parish Council and members of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne attended both services with the Parish Councillors being a great help marshalling at the War Memorial as the traffic began to build up. Many uniformed officers stood proudly for the two minutes silence which came to an end with some wonderful bugle playing. A word of appreciation must be given to the Parish Clerk Mrs Val Lewis who always manages to arrange the event at the War Memorial so well.

Draycott Churches Together would like to thank everybody who attended the Remembrance Day service at the Methodist Church. It was lovely to see the church full to overflowing with people of all ages as they paid their respects to those who have given their lives for their country.

The collection from the congregation at the Methodist Church came to £231 and has been given to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Draycott Village Fund Memorial Garden Armistice Day Service

This Service is becoming an annual addition to the village activities. It was supported by many people from the community and surrounding areas. Our thanks must be expressed to the Village Fund for organising the occasion. Gary Dundas and Ruth Pechey led the service with many uniformed and war service medal holders. The service concluded with children from Draycott School each laying a piece of painted slate with the image of a poppy on in memory of the 56 men from Draycott who died during World War 1.

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

Christmas is Coming demonstration by Nancy Hawksworth

After singing Jerusalem, a cappella, due to the absence of our pianist, we moved through the general business. We had received a lovely "thank you" card from the local infant school for our support in this past year. There were lots of dates for the future diary, from the fabric brick to our Christmas Party It was agreed what a good time was had by everyone at the Federation Meeting. It was also emphasised the importance of passing on information re sick members, so that support of some kind can be offered.

We settled down to listen to Nancy Hawksworth, a regular visitor. Its worrying that Christmas is so near, especially if you intend to make your gifts. But Nancy gave us great confidence, that we still had time to make some great looking presents.

She gave us a delightful demonstration of edible Christmas gifts.

Stollen was the highlight for me. What had seemed complicated Nancy showed was very possible, whilst also running a commentary. Truffles too and we were left to approach red onion marmalade by ourselves! We could also try flavoured oils and vinegars!

Very enjoyable

This was followed by tea and cakes (thanks to Sarah Sissons and Glynis Stafford), and the odd piece of stolen on the side. Well worth the effort. Jean Smith won first prize in the raffle. A good time had by all. Yes Nancy, "Christmas is Coming"! And thanks to you we are a little more prepared.

Draycott Parish Council

Draycott Millennium Green

Draycott Millennium Green Trust has been invited by the Big Lottery! To enter the People's projects. This is a competition which could result in the Trust being awarded £50,000. The Draycott Millennium Green Trust has decided to enter the competition with a proposed project providing more play equipment on the play area for older children, a Teqball table and a low level cycle track on the Teenage area. We have been invited to give a detailed proposal and will know by the 9 December if we have been shortlisted for the public vote!! If we are selected we will then start consulting with the village in more detail.

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
Sun 27th	8:45am Holy Communion			6:30pm Evensong
	10:15am Celebration Service	10:30am Worship (Sarah Butcher)		10:30am Holy Communion
	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 November Coffee Morning raised £106.00

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

Christmas at St. Michael's

Sunday 18th December at 6:30pm

Nine Lessons and Carols

Traditional nine lessons and carols, with special carols sung by the choir.

Monday 19th December at 7pm

Community carol Service – see page 39 for more details

Christmas Eve at 4pm and 5:30pm

Crib Service: a Christmas eve service especially for families with young children. Why not come dressed as your favourite nativity character – this includes children, of course! This was so popular last year that we are running the service twice this year – come to whichever one suits you best.

Christmas Eve at 11:15pm

Midnight Christmas Communion

Christmas Day at 10am

Holy Communion

Sunday 8th January 2017 at 10:15am

Christingle Service – an all-age service, featuring the story of the Christingle. This service is particularly suitable for families. Do join us for coffee afterwards.

Breaston Methodist Church**Dates for your Diary**

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!

Christmas at St. Mary's**Annual Christmas Dinner**

Saturday 3rd December, 7pm in the Church Hall. Tickets £13 available from Gary Dundas, Pat Fessey, Kathleen Poyser. Draycott Sounds will be singing to us this year.

St. Mary's Nativity Play

Sunday 18th December at 10:30am

Christmas Eve

Midnight Communion at 11:30pm

Christmas Day

Crib Service at 11am ALL WELCOME

Christmas at St. Chad's

Rotary Carol Service

Saturday 1th December at 6pm

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday 18th December at 6pm

Christmas Eve

Family Carols at 6pm

Breaston Methodist Church News

Most of you readers will be well on the way with your Christmas preparations by now. It is noticeable again how few Christmas cards are displaying the Christmas story this year which seems to have been the trend in the past few years. It's very sad that so few children really know about the nativity, even if they do school plays, it is becoming very superficial.

The Alpha 'Away Day' was held at St John's College, Bramcote, on 12th November. This was the culmination of the series of 'Alpha' sessions that have been held in the village. It was attended by approximately 90 people and was an exhilarating experience. Plenty of discussion time and God was in our midst throughout the day. An appetising cooked lunch was included and much appreciated. The Day was organised and managed by Jean and John Lupton who surely went home feeling blessed – a job well done!

It's good that so many folk turned out for the Remembrance service in the memorial garden which is as it should be and we pray that such horrors and lives lost that we remember on this day may never be repeated and never involve our country again.

We're very pleased to learn that Margaret Stone is on the way to recovery after a serious illness. We send our very best wishes to Margaret, John and their family and we continually remember them in our prayers.

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 December is as follows:

1 st	Mr Martin Weir	
8 th	“Wright of Derby” A Personal View	Mr David Parry
15 th	Mr David Brown	
22 nd	“It's Christmas!!”	Mrs Irene Starkie
January		
5 th	“Israel” (Illustrated)	Mrs Elaine Liquorish

Breaston Churches Together Lunch Club

Date for the Lunch Club in December: 9th Lunch Club will recommence January 2017

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.

Bishop's Badge Award

Congratulations to Derek Orchard who has received the Bishop's Award for service to the Church and Community over many years – very well deserved.

The Badge was presented by the Bishop of Derby at a special service in Derby Cathedral. Derek began his church service as a boy chorister at St Chad's Wilne, then Altar Server, Church Warden, Church Treasurer and many other duties, much appreciated Derek and thank you.

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). *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 Churches Together Gift Service

Sunday 4th December at 10.30 a.m. at Draycott Methodist Church, market Street.

Come and bring a gift for a needy child and put it under our Christmas tree. This year our gifts will be distributed among deprived families in Derby by Derby City Mission. They are particularly requesting gifts suitable for 0-3 year olds and for teenagers.

Christmas Carols Mis-heard...

Deck the halls with Buddy Holly...

We three kings of porridge and tar...

On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me...

Noel, Noel, Barney's the king of Israel...

Will the jelly toast proclaim (from *hark the Gerald angels sing!*)

Sleep in heavenly peas...

O, what fun it is to ride with one horse, soap and hay...

Children and Youth



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.

12th December 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

THEME; 'CHRISTMAS' – A SPECIAL MESSAGE

COME AND JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, FUN, FOOD AND WORSHIP.

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

Scouts, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows Breaston Brownies and Rainbows.

The Brownies have been really busy throughout this term. We have been doing lots of crafts and even made Hedgehogs using books, and Squirrels from clay. We all went to visit 'Pets at Home' in Chilwell and the girls had a most enjoyable time stroking some of the pets. We were told how to look after them.

We finished last term with our annual chips outdoor evening. This half term, we have someone from 'Blue Cross' coming to give us a talk and we are also planning for Christmas.

Brownies meet in the Hall on Mondays - For more information 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.

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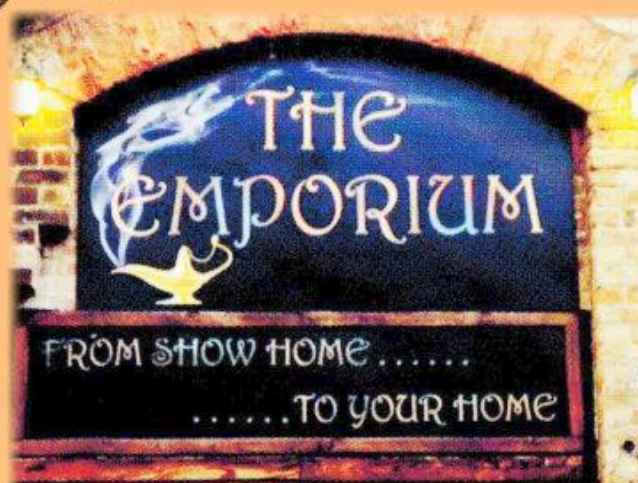
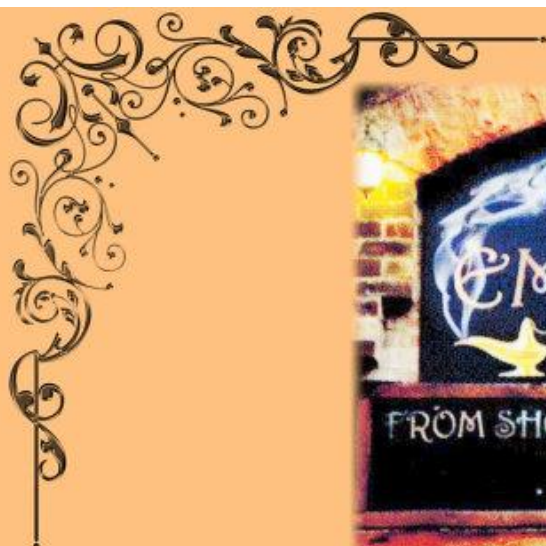


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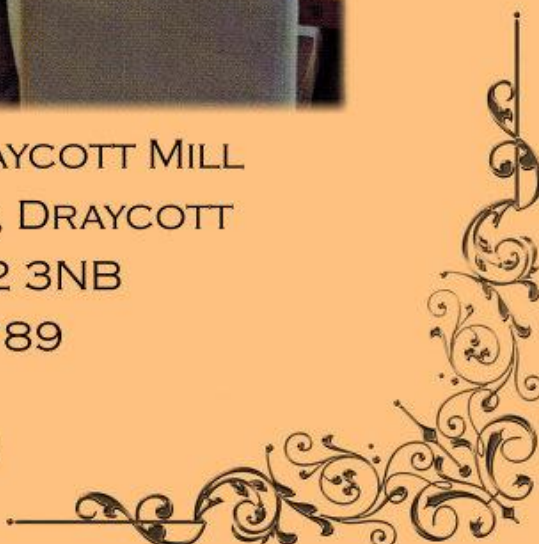


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Explorers

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.

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
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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

Articles

Rainbows

Do you want to find a magical pot of gold? Some people say there's a pot of gold at the end of every rainbow but I've never found one because the rainbow just travels away every time I try to get near it.

What is a rainbow? I've been asking myself this question for weeks, if not months, but now I know. A rainbow appears where any form of water droplets get hit by white light, which comes from the sun. The white light travels through the droplets, and splits into different colours that are always in the same order.

Do you know a rainbow isn't just found in rain? You can also find them in mist, waterfalls, fog, spray and dew - not the Mountain Dew drink, just dew. If you don't know what real dew is I'll tell you - it's tiny drops of water that form during cold nights on surfaces outside.

You can see mini rainbows in dew drops - isn't that amazing!

Did you know In Latin, rainbow means rainy arch. People have been staring up at rainbows for thousands of years and wondering about them. Did you know rainbows appear in famous stories around the world? Here's one you might have heard of - the Irish leprechaun who will take you to a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Personally, that's my favourite rainbow story and I'll tell you more about it. Irish people share an awesome story about a tiny man in green clothes with shamrocks. It is also said you can only find this leprechaun at the end of a rainbow. If you solve the leprechaun's riddle he will show you his pot of gold and you'll be rich.

The Norse people from Scandinavia believed there was a rainbow bridge leading from Earth to the land of the gods called Asgard. Walking on the rainbow bridge was how Norse people and gods could travel between their worlds.

Now here comes an amazing fact about moon-bows, probably the rarest kind of rainbow and also the coolest. The moon-bow can be seen

sometimes as a full circle around the moon. The moon-bow is made by the moon projecting its light through clouds in the night creating the awesome moon-bow.

Have you ever wondered if rainbows have history? Because, in fact, they do. Rainbows have a rich and long history dating back in time to Noah's Ark which is a story in the Bible. According to the Bible, rainbows are a promise from God to never flood the earth again.

If you are wondering how long an average rainbow lasts, they stay in the sky from 2 to 5 minutes. The longest lasting rainbow ever was over Sheffield Forest, in England. It was made out of a waterfall and white light from the sun. No one knows just exactly how long it lasted but it was hours.

I've always been fascinated by rainbows. I love their colours because they are beautiful and make me happy.

But there's one sad thing about them. You can never touch a rainbow in the sky because they are not solid.

They are just a trick of the light that is there for a short time and then disappears. I wish I could slide down a glowing rainbow or have a house made out of them. Then my world would be so colourful and always cheerful.

by Josh 10 years old

Recipe for December



**Turkey, stuffing
and cranberry**

Chelsea buns

Preparation time
over 2 hours

Cooking time
10 to 30 mins

Serves

Makes 10-12 buns

Like a self-contained Boxing Day sandwich, this sweet and savoury bun combines classic Christmas flavours in a soft white dough.

By Paul Hollywood From The Great British Bake Off

Ingredients

500g/1lb 2oz strong white flour, plus extra for dusting

50g/2oz caster sugar

10g/1/4oz salt

40g/1 1/2oz unsalted butter cut into small pieces, plus extra for greasing the tin

2 free-range eggs

2 x 7g sachets fast-acting dried yeast

150ml/5fl oz lukewarm milk



90ml/6 tbsp lukewarm water

280g/10oz cranberry sauce

300g/10 1/2oz leftover turkey, shredded

200g/7oz leftover sage and onion stuffing

Method

- Place the flour, caster sugar and salt into a large mixing bowl and stir to combine. Add the butter, eggs, yeast, milk and warm water.
- Mix the ingredients with your hands until a rough dough is formed.
- Tip the dough onto a well-floured surface and knead well for ten minutes, or until the dough is smooth and elastic.
- Place the dough into a clean, oiled bowl, cover with a damp tea towel and leave to rise for one hour.
- Tip the dough out onto a very lightly floured surface.
- Roll out the dough into a rectangle about 50x28cm/20x11in. Turn the dough so that the longer edge is closest to you and “tack” the dough to the work surface by pressing it down firmly with your finger.
- Spread cranberry sauce onto the surface of the dough with the back of a spoon. Sprinkle the shredded turkey and stuffing on top.

- Roll the long side of the dough towards you quite tightly, forming a spiral inside. When rolled up, release the tacked edge and place it onto a floured part of the surface. With a sharp knife cut the sausage shape into 5cm/2in rounds.
 - Place all spiral rounds, swirly side up, into a large, deep roasting tin or baking tray greased thoroughly with butter, leaving a 1cm/1/2in space between each one. You want them to be close enough so that they will bake with their sides touching.
 - Cover with a damp tea towel and set aside in a warm place to rise for an hour. They should have expanded and be touching each other.
 - Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
 - When the buns are ready, put them in the oven and bake for 15-20 minutes.
 - After removing the buns from the oven, let them cool slightly before removing them from the tin and placing on a cooling rack.
 - When ready to eat, pull the buns apart to reveal the soft edges
- Form

Historic Events in December

By Ben Johnson Among many other events, December saw the birth of John Milton, the abdication of Edward VIII and the Boston Tea Party...

1	1135	England's King Henry I died. He had fallen ill seven days earlier after eating too many lampreys. He was 66, and had ruled for 35 years.
2	1697	Sir Christopher Wren's St Paul's Cathedral is opened in London.
3	1989	The Cold War ended after 52 years of superpower rivalry. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George Bush ended their shipboard summit meeting off Malta.
4	1872	Crew from the British brigantine Die Gratia boarded a deserted ship drifting mid Atlantic. The captain's table was set for a meal aboard the US ship Marie Celeste but the Captain, crew and passengers were all missing.

5	1905	The roof of Charing Cross Railway Station in London collapsed, killing five people .
6	1921	Ireland's 26 southern states were granted independence from Britain, becoming the Irish Free State. Ulster in the north remains part of the UK.
7	1783	William Pitt became British Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer at the tender age of 24.
8	1980	Forty-year-old ex-Beatle John Lennon was murdered in New York.
9	1608	Birthday of John Milton, English poet whose works included Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained and Samson Agonistes.
10	1901	The first Nobel Peace Prizes were awarded worth \$30,000 each. Nobel, a Swedish chemist, had died five years earlier leaving the fortune he had amassed from his invention dynamite, to the awarding foundation.
11	1936	Britain's King Edward VIII renounces the throne in a radio broadcast to the nation. After the broadcast he boards a ship to join the twice-divorced Mrs Wallis Simpson in France.
12	1955	British engineer Christopher Cockerell patented a new kind of vehicle. Half-ship and half-aircraft, his "hovercraft" floats on an air cushion.
13	1989	In South Africa, ANC leader Nelson Mandela meets President F. W. de Klerk for the first time.
14	1895	Birthday of King George VI, who succeeded to the throne when his brother, Edward VIII, abdicated.
15	1791	The Bill of Rights becomes part of the United States Constitution providing protection for the basic rights of the individual to free expression and justice.
16	1773	Unruly American colonists boarded three ships in Boston harbour and emptied 342 chests of tea into the sea.
17	1778	Birthday of Sir Humphrey Davy, English inventor of the safety lamp for miners, who also discovered sodium, magnesium, calcium, barium and strontium

18	1946	Clement Atlee's Labour government won the vote on state ownership which lead to the nationalizing of the railways, ports, mines, etc.
19	1848	Emily Bronte, English author of Wuthering Heights, dies of tuberculosis at the tender age of 30.
20	1803	The United States doubles in size when it acquires 831,321 square miles of land from France for \$15 million - The Louisiana Purchase.
21	1988	A Pan American jumbo jet bound for New York is blown out of the sky by a terrorist bomb and crashes onto the Scottish town of Lockerbie killing all 259 passengers and 11 people on the ground.
22	1715	James Edward Stuart, son of James II, the deposed Catholic King of England, lands in north-east Scotland to lead a Jacobite rebellion.
23	1922	The world's first regular entertainment radio broadcasts are transmitted by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).
24	1508	London houses receive piped water again, for the first time in over a thousand years, since the Romans left town!
25	440	Church leaders agree to fix the date of the birth of Christ. Previously some people had celebrated it in May, others in January.
26	1943	In World War II, a Royal Navy convoy including the battleship Duke of York and cruiser Jamaica attack and sink the mighty German battlecruiser Scharnhorst.
27	1831	The Royal Navy vessel HMS Beagle sets sail from Devonport, the official naturalist onboard is recent BA graduate Charles Darwin.
28	1918	The results of the first General Election in Britain in which women have been allowed to vote, confirmed David Lloyd George as Prime Minister.
29	1170	Four of King Henry II's knights murdered the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas a Becket, in Canterbury Cathedral.

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| 30 | 1879 | First performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera <i>The Pirates of Penzance</i> , at the Royal Bijou Theatre, Paignton, Devon. |
| 31 | 1720 | Birthday of Charles Edward Stuart, Scottish royal better known as Bonnie Prince Charlie or the Young Pretender, son of James, the Old Pretender. |

Poetry Pages

Don't quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
 Life is queer with its twists and turns,
 As every one of us sometimes learns,
 And many a failure turns about
 When he might have won had he stuck it out;
 Don't give up, though the pace seems slow -
 You may succeed with another blow,
 Success is failure turned inside out -
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems so far;
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--
 It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Edgar A. Guest

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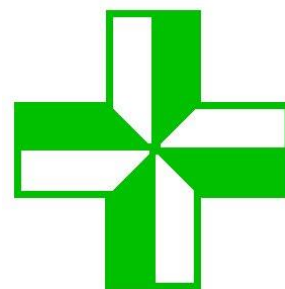
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