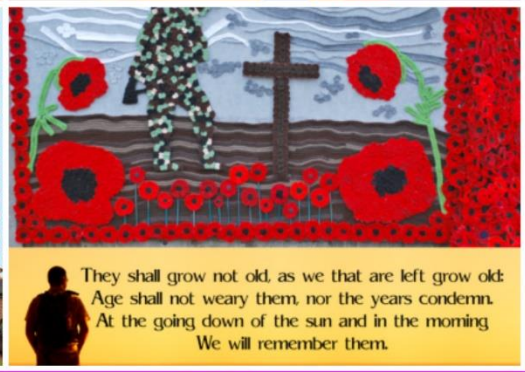


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## Picture of the month

## Thought for the month

All over the world, people will have been welcoming in the New Year with all manner of celebrations, parties and fireworks. In my days as a bellringer, we often rang in the New Year and delighted in making more noise than anyone else on that special night – you could hear the bells for miles, and then in the early hours, we'd all troop out into the night air where the cold and dark would suddenly hit us – a sharp contrast to our cosy, brightly lit belfry

The New Year is often a time of contrasts. As we look back over the past year, there will be for most people, good times of light but also times of great darkness in our lives. We look to the year ahead with anticipation, but also anxiety over many issues. We wish each other a happy and prosperous New Year, knowing that for some it will not be so, and yet we still go forward in that hope.

The birth of Jesus Christ was told to the shepherds, surrounded by light and glory, while the light of a star brought the Wise men to worship the infant Jesus. So what happens to the message of Christmas when the Christmas lights have been packed away for another year and the fireworks all spent?

For Christians this is just the beginning, for the light of Christ in our lives can never be put out. His light shines upon all who will receive it—not just the good, and worthy, but all mankind no matter who or what we are.

The New Year is a time for making a new start; a time for New Year Resolutions perhaps, all too often a list of great ideas that won't last until February, or really see us through uncertain times and our anxieties.

But there is one thought we can carry with us into the New Year no matter who we are or how our lives are lived, both in prosperity and adversity. It comes in the form of this piece by Minnie Haskins which may be familiar to some. I have quoted it before, but make no excuse for using it again:

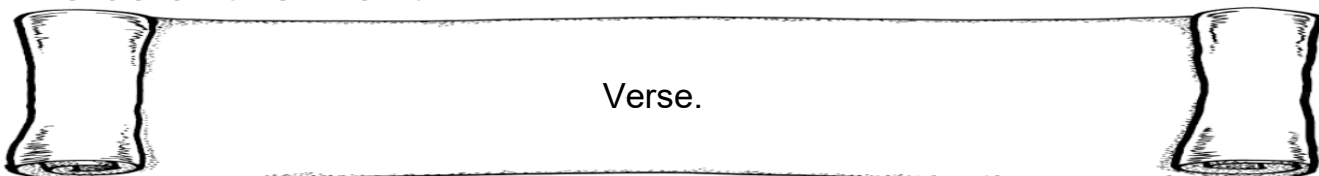
I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year  
 "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown"  
 And he replied  
 "Go out boldly into the darkness  
 Put your hand into the hand of God.  
 That shall be to you better than any light  
 And safer than any known way."

A very happy New Year

*Ruth Pechey*

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## Verse of the month



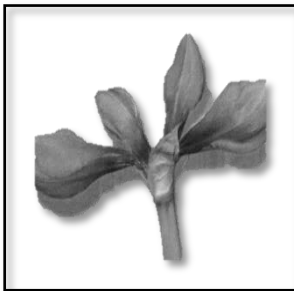
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## Still Space

*Thoughts and reflections to help us find peace in our busy lives*

### Amaryllis



It was autumn when I ordered some unusual amaryllis bulbs from a plant catalogue. I'm sure you'll be familiar with those tall, showy flowers that are grown indoors around Christmas. I thought it would be a good idea to pot them up and get them started so I could use them as gifts for friends. I planted four different bulbs and three began to grow almost immediately. By Christmas they'd reached a good size with strong stems and sturdy buds.

Success!

But the fourth bulb sat in its pot and did nothing. Weeks went by. No sign of growth. Anxiously, I checked the soil and poked around with my finger. Still nothing. Should I throw it away? Write to the bulb company? I waited. Then, in mid-January, when the other amaryllis flowers had bloomed and faded, a green tip appeared. That new shoot seemed to leap upwards in its eagerness to grow.

Well, this got me thinking, because so often our lives seem just like this. We look at those around us and see so much growth and progress, impressive achievements, beautiful results. But when we look at ourselves, nothing seems to be happening. Perhaps it feels as if we are in the dark, hurting or afraid. Throughout the centuries, people of faith have cried out in times of distress, "How long must we wait? Where is God? Has he heard? Does he care?"

If you feel anything like this as we begin a new year, let my amaryllis give you hope because God does care. He is a God for life, not just for Christmas, and he is listening to the cries of our hearts. Even now, things may be stirring deep down in hidden places. We can anxiously prod our circumstances and curse the inactivity, or we can pour out our concerns to the God who loves us, the God who is with us, even when we can't see or hear him. Wait and trust - and watch for that first glimpse of green.

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles... (Isaiah 40:31)*

*April McIntyre, St. Michael's Church, Breaston*

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## Copy Day

For the next issue of the magazine is the **17th of the month**.

All copy to be submitted to Breaston Church Office by email please ([magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com](mailto:magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com) or give us a ring on 872094). Draycott news can be passed to Rev'd Gary Dundas 872893 by the 15th of the month to be forwarded to the Church Office by the copy day. We regret that late copy will have to be held over.

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## From the editor

*Jonathan Lupton*

# Breaston Village News



## Breaston Community Forum

### Open Meeting

An Open Meeting will be held on Monday 28th January at 7.30 pm in the St Michael's Church Hall. We are delighted to have a guest speaker; there will also be free refreshments!

Everyone is invited to join us and have an opportunity to bring along ideas and suggestions of how we can make Breaston an even better place to live and develop an even stronger community spirit.

We are inviting all the clubs and societies to send a representative to show us what is already happening in the village and display their information on the tables provided.

There will be a short AGM during the evening to elect the committee members so if you are interested in being on the committee, we would love you to join us.

We are looking forward to an amazing evening.

*Jean Lupton, Treasurer*

*For info, contact Julie Rowlinson 07900 241 886, [chairman@breaston.info](mailto:chairman@breaston.info)*

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## Breaston Parish Council

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## Breaston W.I. News



Our speaker in November was Joy Lewandowska . Joy provided fascinating overview into creative design and theatrical costumes. Her talk also gave us a magical glimpse into the world of theatre “backstage”, some wonderful fabrics and a hint of gossip too.

Judging took place of our annual baking competition “Doreens” Star Baker. This years 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, in a field of some outstanding entries, was awarded to Sharon Derrick for her magnificent Tea Loaf. Get the kettle on!



Nancy Hawksworth presented the award.

Our Christmas preparations are underway. Dabble Day saw many of us learning new crafts and having some fun in the process

We are out and about in the village too with our Christmas Carols on Monday 10 December. There may be time for a

merry meet up as we end our evening in the Chequers.

We wish everyone a Happy Holiday and good wishes for 2019

### **Meetings resume on Monday 21 January 2019**

*Shirley Walker – on behalf of Breaston WI*

Date for your Diary:

Sat 2nd March 2019 – DFWI Spring Council Meeting – Chesterfield

## **Breaston Flower Circle**

### **Open Demonstration 'All that glitters' by Lee Berrill**



The Flower Circle's Open Demonstration at the Duchess Theatre in Long Eaton showcased the traditional flowers and foliage of Christmas. The arrangements were accompanied by all of the bling and sparkle which creeps in each year into the season's festivities.

The varied structures and mechanisms of each of Lee's arrangement combined natural fibres with shimmering gauze and baubles, which brought the designs to life and allowed the beauty of the flowers to shine through.

Each arrangement had its own colour scheme. The evening began with flamingo coloured Anthuriums set amongst vivid red Carnations, Roses, Gerbera and berries. Next came gilded Palms and canes accompanied by fir cones and variegated foliage serving to highlight the bronze and copper coloured Chrysanthemums, Roses and golden Orchids which cascaded down from a central point.

Nativity and winter themes ensued.

Finally, gilded woven Phormiums and fir cones helped to create musical instruments providing a masterpiece of rich red Amaryllis, Roses, Carnations and Gerbera, a magnificent finale to the evening with a musical flourish.

*Date and time of next meeting; -*



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, 7.30pm Breaston Methodist Centre

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## Padley Centre Collection

A big thank you to everyone who made donations to the Padley Centre collection on Sunday 25 November. We collected 436 non-perishable items, 10 bags of clothes, along with two suitcases filled with shoes and blankets. Our cash donations also allowed us to pick up 20 loaves of bread and 300 frozen sausages to add to our delivery! We will be collecting again in the spring; follow us on Facebook *DK Property Maintenance* for further announcements.



*Thanks, Dean & family*

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## Clubs and Societies

### Men's Danger Club

Our final event of the year was to indulge our taste buds to a treat of spice before the traditional tastes of the Christmas dinner. Mild, medium or hot. Balti, Madras or Jalfrezi. We met for a curry evening at the Bull's Head. It was an easy evening to end the year with time to enjoy a delicious meal, relax and chat with friends and others in the MDC.

The Men's Danger Club organises a variety of events specifically designed for men. This year we have enjoyed a guided tour of "Circle NHS", Nottingham, an evening with Greg Maskalick talking about his Tap House in Draycott and sampling his brews, a talk about "Quirky Derbyshire" - where to find the lion with five legs, where owners employed soldiers to protect their factories and the church in Spondon where the archers sharpened their arrow heads on the stones of the building, skittles, a sausage tasting barbeque, a guided tour of East Midlands Aero Park and a fascinating talk linking with the remembrances of WW1 about "Bill" Colton a stretcher bearer in WW1 who was awarded the VC and became the most decorated non-commissioned soldier ever.

There is no "signing on" fee and no annual membership fee. Those who come to an event share the cost for that event which is £10 or less. We contact mainly by e-mail but also by meeting you personally or by post or telephone. We usually meet on the fourth Friday of the month but this may vary as to the venue, activities or speaker's availability.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 18th January: we will be sampling Naked Wines – wines from newly developed vineyards throughout the world and hearing the amazing stories of how they started.

On Thursday 21st February we have a fascinating talk by a forensic scientist, "There will never be another you" informing us how unique we are.

On Friday 22nd March we are planning to visit the Roundhouse in Derby, the first one ever built by a railway with its unique history and how Derby University rescued it and uses it today.

On Friday 26th April it will be an evening of sword dancing – we're not called a Danger Club for nothing! Come and enjoy the demonstration and a chance to try it.

We wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and hope to meet you in the New Year.

Please contact John (874417 or 07887 389 779, [john.judy184@btinternet.com](mailto:john.judy184@btinternet.com)) or Adrian ([adrianyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:adrianyoung@hotmail.com)) for details of the programme for the Danger Club.

### **Trent & Erewash Embroiderers' Guild**

The January meeting of the local Embroiderers' guild will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 1.45pm in St. Michael's Church hall Breaston. The speaker will be Sandra Jenkins speaking about Felting. There will also be an opportunity to buy from our monthly sales table which will be having a Clearance Sale of fabrics. Time to stock up for your 2019 projects?

New members and visitors are always welcome. Call 0115 9723203 for further information or just come along.

The Guild meets on the third Saturday of the month in St. Michael's Church Hall, Breaston.

### **The Falls Clinic**

Mondays 11:00 am for about one hour in the Breaston Methodist Church Hall. The cost is £3.50 per week. Contact Jo on 07794 157 766 for more information

### **Breaston Evergreen Club**

Tuesdays 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the Breaston Methodist Church Hall for the over 60s held, Blind Lane. Call club secretary Malcolm on 0115 946 1430 or 07754 409 443 for further information.

### **Breaston Churches Together Lunch Club**

Lunch Club is held on alternate Fridays in the Breaston Methodist Church Hall.

the next date in January 11th

The Lunch Club is looking for more volunteers to cook and serve lunches.

Can you help to convey participants to and from the Lunch Club? Please contact Nancy on 01332 873619 if you can help.

### **Singing at the Chequers**

I run a singing group for adults who loved to sing but didn't think they could sing!! My aim was to have a friendly group and a sing-along, and this is what we have. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:15pm

upstairs in the Chequers pub, the cost is £3. Examples of songs we sing are, Oh You Beautiful Doll, Both Sides Now, Fly Me To The Moon, Tainted Love, Is This The Way To Amarillo and our anthem which we always sing to end the session, Bring Me Sunshine. Whatever kind of day we have had we always seem to leave with a smile on our face, our posture is better as is our breathing.

Our group is made up of all ages, male and female, you are MOST welcome to join us in 2019, our first meeting is **Tuesday January 8th**.

MAKE IT YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION TO SING AND BE HAPPY! See you there!

*Julie Phillips*

# Draycott Village News

## Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council News

Happy New Year to all our residents and visitors to Draycott and Church Wilne!

### Dickensian Fayre

Congratulations and thanks to Draycott Village Fund and all the volunteers for organising the Dickensian Fayre on the 14th December. We apologise that the Christmas Light Switch on didn't go quite as planned; the contractor fixed the lights early the next morning (we were assured they tested them on installation and the day before!) We presented the winning children with a certificate and gift voucher as an alternative prize to the switching on of the lights – well done Joey and Freya!

### Fly tipping

We have noticed an increase in Fly Tipping at St Chad's Water, the Playing Fields and the Cycle Track area off Hopwell Road – the council have to pay to have any materials removed and therefore this costs you as residents money. Please report any Fly Tipping so that Erewash Borough Council can take action against the people doing this. <https://www.erewash.gov.uk/household-rubbish-and-recycling/refuse-flytipping.html>.

### Burial records

We are still looking for volunteers to help us transfer the burial records for Draycott Cemetery. You must be aged over 16, able to use Microsoft Excel and willing to sign a confidentiality agreement. This would suit someone with an interest in the village history or a 6th former requiring local work experience. This work must be done at the Parish Offices. For more information please contact Sheena Butcher (the clerk) on 01332 875278 or email [draycottpc@gmail.com](mailto:draycottpc@gmail.com)

### Parish Council meetings

Upcoming meeting dates:

- |             |        |                                                       |
|-------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 8 January   | 10am   | Planning Committee (if any applications are received) |
|             | 7:30pm | Full Council Meeting                                  |
| 12 February | 10am   | Planning Committee (if any applications are received) |
|             | 7.30pm | Full Council Meeting                                  |

All are welcome to attend; the first 15 minutes of the Full Council Meeting are set aside for residents' comments.

### Tea with Friends

'Tea with friends' meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at the Methodist Church Hall, Draycott, 2–4 pm for tea, coffee, cakes, presentations,

quizzes and of course, bingo. All are welcome. Just £2 per person. Please note the change of week and venue. The first meeting in January is on the 7th.

For enquiries, contact Jane Brown via phone (01332875445) or email to [janebrown1911@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janebrown1911@yahoo.co.uk).

## **Church Wilne Rotary Club**

### **Charity Presentation Evening**

The Rotary Club of Church Wilne recently held a presentation evening at Trent Lock Golf Club. After dinner, cheques totalling over £10,000 were awarded to representatives from Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance (DLRAA), Derby Mountain Rescue and Treetops Hospice Care.

The clubs Annual Charity Horse Ride event raised £9,159.94. This amount was split equally between the 3 nominated charities mentioned above, together with an additional £1,176.25 for the DLRAA taken during a collection at the Derbyshire County Show. A grand total of £10,336.19.

During the evening, Club Presidents, Chris Tew and Andy Cartwright gave special thanks to the Horse Ride sponsors and supporters. Alongside business and individual sponsors, the riders, in addition to their registration fees, raised over £1,000 in sponsorship.

John Astell, Chair of the Horse Ride Committee, will be standing down after 3 years in the role and a new Chair will be taking over for 2019. Chris Tew said, "We want to thank John for making such a success of the event and ensuring that supporting the event was such a pleasure. The attendance of nearly 200 riders is a testimony to the popularity of this annual event and the esteem in which these local charities are held within the community."

One of the main attractions of the event is that the route covers off bridleway rides kindly made available through the goodwill of local farmers and the Locko Park Estate.

To ensure the success of the event over a 100 Church Wilne Rotary Club and Inner Wheel members, family and friends, volunteered 1,388 hours.

During his thank you, John Bown from the DLRAA highlighted that Church Wilne Rotary Club over the years had donated over £35,000 to the charity.

Laura McWha, a fundraiser at Treetops Hospice Care, said, "Thank you so much for the kind donation of £3,053.32. The support you have given us, has been incredible, raising, to date, £21,648.51. With local support, we have been able to grow our services year on year and last year we delivered: 41,898 hours of hospice care in people's home, 3,466 visits to our Day Care Unit, 5,737 Counselling and Emotional Support sessions for people dealing with life-limiting illness, and 339 Support and Information sessions. We simply could not do this without your support."

President Andy Cartwright said, "Thank you to everyone involved and we look forward to organising the Horse Ride next year."

*Report by Rtn Dr John A Cook*



Front row l to r President Chris Tew, John Bown from DLRAA, Laura McWha from Treetops Hospice Care, President Andy Cartwright

Back row: Paul Barlow from Derby Mountain Rescue and Keith Murfin from DLRAA

*Church Wilne Rotary Club is keen to attract new members through various initiatives, associate membership, satellite clubs and Friends of Rotary, where people can help with running some of our events to get a taste of what it would be like to join the club. For more information on Rotary please visit our website <http://churchwilnerotary.org.uk>.*

## Groups and societies

### **Draycott Writers' Group**

The Draycott Writers' Group is a small group set up by local author Angela Garry. The group meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm – we've recently moved from our previous venue and are based in the Coach and Horses pub in Draycott for the autumn and winter.

We are an informal group, no rules, no regulations, no age restrictions, no fees for being a member – we meet to share and discuss our writing and set each other "homework" tasks to do between meets. Topics for discussion include favourite books or whatever we're currently reading or inspired by, books from the past, film and book tie-ins, poetry, prose, children's stories, adult stories, memoirs and reminiscences – anything really to do with writing and reading. Bring a notebook and a pen, and any of your previous writings, or something written by someone else which inspires you. All new members will be very welcome: we promise to be gentle with you, and we don't bite. When you arrive at the Coach and Horses, just look for the woman with the pink hair!

### **Draycott and Wilne Women's Institute**

The new officers were elected for 2019 after which a welcome cup of tea and cakes – what else! – was served.

Our WI is part of the Harrington Group and we were delighted to host the Group Carol Concert this year. Everyone was in fine voice, helped fantastically by Jonathan Lupton on the piano. All of the WIs contributed an entertainment slot, and very funny they were too.

As a reminder, we will start our 2019 programme with a Well-Being session, through the staff of the Elephant Rooms in Draycott.

If you would like to join us, please do so on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Methodist Church Hall, Market St, Draycott at 7.30pm.

*Contact us at [draycottandwilnewi@hotmail.com](mailto:draycottandwilnewi@hotmail.com)*

# Church News

## Regular events

See page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** for details of Christmas events

### St. Michael's, Breaston

Every Sunday	8:45 am Holy Communion 10:15 am Celebration Service (2nd Sunday: All-Age)
2nd & 4th Sundays	6:30 pm Evensong
Every Wednesday	10:00 am Prayer Meeting 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm Church open
Every Saturday	10:30 am–Noon Church open
Every Thursday	9:30 am Holy Communion
1st Sunday	7:00 pm Churches Together Prayer Focus (see below)
1st Tuesday	7:30 pm Julian Meeting
3rd Tuesday	2:15 pm Julian Meeting in The Well at Anderson's, Blind Lane.

### St. Mary's, Draycott & St. Chad's, Church Wilne

1st Sunday	10:30 am United Service at Draycott Methodists
2nd Sunday	10:30 am Family Communion
3rd Sunday	10:30 am All-Age Worship
4th Sunday	10:30 am Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays	6:30 pm Evensong (at Wilne during summer time)
1st Saturday	10–11:30 am Coffee Morning in the Church Hall

### Breaston Methodist Church

6 Jan	10:30 am Worship (Deacon Terry Street) 7:00 pm Churches Together Prayer Focus (see below)
9 Dec	10:30 am Gift Service (Paula Dawson)
16 Dec	10:30 am Worship (Gary Long)
23 Dec	10:30 am Sacrament (Rev'd Arnold Dixon) 6:00 pm Carols (Jonathan Stanyon)
25 Dec	10:30 am Christmas Morning (Jonathan Stanyon)
30 Dec	10:30 am Worship (Emmanuel Ofori)

### Draycott Methodist Church

1st Sunday	10:30 United Service
2nd Sunday	10:30 Café Service (see below)
3rd Sunday	10:30 All-Age Worship at St. Mary's
4th Sunday	10:30 Morning Service
5th Sunday	10:30 Café Service (see below)
Every Sunday	<b>4:00</b> Evening Service (not 30 Dec)
2nd Monday	3:30–5:30 pm Messy Church



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## Breaston Prayer Focus

A "Churches Together" time of informal worship and prayer with a specific theme. These meetings take place on the first Sunday of the month alternating between St. Michael's Church Hall and Breaston Methodist church. January's focus will be in St. Michael's Church Hall.

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## From Breaston Methodist Church

A wish for a Happy New Year to all readers of the magazine from the Methodist Church. This is an opportunity to make a fresh start. Snowdrops are showing their shoots with buds of new life.

### Table Talk

On the fourth Thursday afternoon of the month, a small number of our members have been meeting to 'play' Table Talk. This is similar to Trivial Pursuits in that a card is taken from the top of a pack. However, it is not an intelligence test! On the card is a statement which is then discussed, and each person expresses his or her opinion – for or against and reasons for their view(s). It is most enjoyable and produces a considerable amount of laughter! Next meeting is **January 24<sup>th</sup>**.

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## Methodist Guilds

### The Wesley Guild, Breaston

We hold our meetings in the Methodist Church Hall, Blind Lane, on a Thursday evening each week. We begin at 7:30 pm and end around 9:15– 9:30 pm. This year's sessions run until 25th April 2019 (our annual dinner).

January 3rd	Catherine Crompton's Diary (Stephen Flinders)
January 10th	All about tours (Martin Laver)
January 17th	Life of a Churchwarden (Margaret Gregory)
January 24th	Hope Nottingham (Paul Ward)
January 31st	Amazing Friendships (Paul Barass)

The Guild meetings are not just for church members, we welcome anyone from the local community that would like to join us. We have a varied selection of speakers, musicians, illustrated talks, quizzes etc., and always end the evening with tea/coffee and biscuits. Do come along and join us and spend an interesting time each week and, maybe, make new friendships.

*Nancy Plummer, Guild General Secretary*

### The Draycott Guild

We meet in the Methodist Church Schoolroom, Market Street Draycott at 7.30pm. Membership is £8 for sessions from January to May inclusive.

Give us a try! Speakers for January are:

**Wednesday 16th January**  
**'Animals at War'**

A presentation by Claire Lyons

**Wednesday 30th January**  
**' My Voluntary Work Abroad with the Rotary'**

Talk by Adrian Perkins

Please come and join us. You will receive a warm welcome

**Draycott Churches Together Praying for Draycott**

Our monthly meeting for prayer is going well and encouraging us all. If you have a concern for all the people who live or work in Draycott then you are welcome to join us at any time between 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. We know that some people attend churches beyond the village, but please join us as we pray.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday November 28th** at St Mary's Church. Join us if you can!

**Draycott Methodist Chapel**

**Draycott Methodist Café Service**

Church – but not as you know it! On the second Sunday morning of each month, we have a different sort of 'Church' in Draycott. Informal, sitting with friends around tables.

- Tea & coffee on the go the whole time.
- A chance to interact with the subject and the service leader.
- A chance to share thoughts & ideas with others and to make new friends.

Why not come and give it a try?

Next Café Churches:

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January with Mr Peter Nelson**

**Service Times – Important change**

It has been decided that during the winter months of December, January and February the Evening Service at the Methodist church in Draycott will be at 4:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm. This is a trial for this year to see if it suits people better. Please let Rev'd Colin Emerson or one of the stewards know how you feel.

## 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 of each month from 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

Next meeting is December 10th from 3.30 – 5.30 P.M.

Activities on the theme 'What is Christmas all about?'

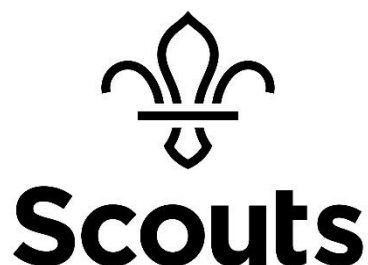
For further information speak to Pat Hopgood (01332 928412) or Mary Murden (01332 873388)

### Scouts, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows

**Brownies** meet in Breaston Methodist Church 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.

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



## 1<sup>st</sup> Breaston Scout Group, Scout Hut on Blind Lane

1st Breaston Scout Group had a small gathering at our Blind Lane HQ to celebrate their 90th Birthday. Past and current leaders celebrated their achievements over the last 90 years, looking at old photos and remembering fond memories. Alan Wood (former Scout Leader) and James Stafford (Derbyshire County Commissioner) talked about their time in the Group. Rev'd Chris Smedley rededicated the building for community use. They also had a surprise visit from Cllr Robert Parkinson (Derbyshire CC) who presented Wendy Redfearn (Committee Chair) with a cheque for £1644. This donation will be used to purchased PVC windows for the Scout HQ.



*Cllr Parkinson presents the cheque to committee chair Wendy Redfearn*

Beavers, aged 6 and 7, meet on a Thursday; Cubs, aged 8 to 10½, meet on a Wednesday; Scouts, aged 10½ to 14, meet on a Monday. Helpers are always welcome – Contact Angela Clarke on 07812 726988.

## Youth Café



**Tuesdays:** School year 7 (Year 6 are invited to join in the summer term)

**Fridays:** School years 8-11

Both sessions run from 7–8:30 pm.

*Simon Bentley, St Michaels Youth and Community Worker*

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## Alive!



At St. Michaels Church we recognise that sometimes with different ages come different styles and preferences of church. We hope that in whatever way you like to worship God, St. Michaels has a service or prayer meeting that you feel welcome and comfortable in.

Our work with young people has shown they are no different. After taking our young people away to a Christian Festival called Soul Survivor in the summer of 2017, we came to the decision that as a youth group we would like to organise our own service which had a similar style of worship

to what we experienced while at Soul Survivor; so the following October we started our 'Alive' services.

Alive has the premise of being run by young people, for young people. We don't wish to exclude anyone or any age, but want to prioritise the young people's needs. This means that we think about topics and themes which relate to them. We have testimonies (how someone became a Christian) by young people and we have young people leading and speaking (as well as getting involved in the band).

A typical 'Alive' service looks like this:

- 7pm - Doors open, (drinks and snacks available) 'social' time
- 7:30pm - Sung worship begins
- 8pm - Young person's Testimony
- 8:10pm - Talk ('sermon')
- 8:45pm - Prayer Ministry (a time to pray for each other)
- 9pm - Finish

We currently meet on the first Saturday of every month, in the church hall. If you know of any young people who you think would be interested in coming along, please let them know.

As the first time can often be daunting for such a situation, I suggest they could also get in contact with me, through one of our many groups (Youth Cafe, Youth Home Group & Sunday Mornings), I'd love to talk to them.

Blessings.

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

## Young Church

Young Church at St. Michael's starts in the Church Hall at 10:15 so that the children can get straight into their activities. They then join the adults in the church itself at 11:15. Contact Simon Bentley ([simonpbentley@hotmail.com](mailto:simonpbentley@hotmail.com)).

## Explorers

**Explorers** is St. Michael's afterschool club. It takes place in the church hall every Tuesday during term time from 3:30-5:00 pm for children in school years 3, 4, 5 or 6. It is a lot of fun, with games, crafts, competitions 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 3:25 pm and collect the children and then walk them back to the church hall. Parents simply come to the church hall at 5:00 pm to pick up their children.

If you know of children who attend Firfield school who would like to come, please email Simon at [simonpbentley@hotmail.com](mailto:simonpbentley@hotmail.com) for a consent form.



**Breaston Sunbeams Baby and Toddler Group** meets on Mondays in term time 10:30-11:30 am in Breaston Methodist Church. Contact Annie Noble on 07595 351 582.

Why not come and join **Draycott Sunbeams** on Wednesday mornings 10:30-11:30 am (term time) at St Mary's Hall, Draycott, sensory play, songs and stories, refreshments, free play, time to chat. For more information contact Ruth Pechey: 0115 972 6321

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## St. Michael's Youth Residential

### Half Term February 2019

Each year, St. Michael's Church plans and organises a youth residential during the February half term (this year 18th-22nd Feb). This year is no different and I would like to take the opportunity to invite any young people between the ages of 11-18 along.



*The Peak Centre in Edale*

Our residential takes place at The Peak Centre, in Edale (Peak District). We have a number of exciting activities lined up this year including 'The Great British Residential Bake Off', Trampoline park, 'Escape room', Climbing wall and a walk over Mam Tor.



*Thinking about faith*

The residential is also a fantastic time in which we get to think a little bit more about our faith, which I'm pleased to say is done in such a way that is encouraging to those who do believe in God, but also relevant to those who do not.

Last year, we had 33 of us attending (including leaders... from both Youth Cafe, the community and St. Michael's Church). This year I'd like to fill the centre to its capacity of 43.

If you would like more information and a consent form, please get in contact with me at [simonpbentley@hotmail.com](mailto:simonpbentley@hotmail.com).

The entire cost of the residential will be £150 per young person, though I hope those who are attending can fund-raise some money to help subsidise their costs.

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

## **Draycott Sunbeams – Sunshine News**

A full church of Parents, Grandparents and friends, saw the telling of the Christmas story in St Mary's church on December 5th, by Draycott Sunbeams group. It was a warm, happy occasion, blessed with the type of entertainment which only very young children can provide. Joseph was none too keen on escorting Mary to Bethlehem, preferring to watch the proceedings from the sidelines, but Gabriel proved a very reliable angel, giving a very polished demonstration of how an angel should behave.

The shepherds and lambs appeared exactly on cue, guided into the fields by several helpful Mums. There were sounds of "Ahhh" from the congregation, as the diminutive angels gathered, the youngest ones being held aloft, to sail through the sky, with their good news.

Perhaps one of the most joyful moments was provided by baby Rian as the star. Not in the least put out by his glittering costume, or the occasion, he smiled delightedly on the entire congregation, and seemed to think it was one of the most exciting things he had ever done, as he led the Wise men to the stable in the arms of his Gran!!!

The play ended in the usual way with all the cast gathered around the manger, while there was much clicking of cameras and mobile phones, from proud relatives and friends.

Everyone then returned to the church hall, for mince pies, drinks and cakes, provided by Margaret and Sylvia –The perfect end to a very happy morning.





# Articles

## Wing Commander Michael Clulow

My wonderful Grandad passed away on Saturday 1st December 2018. It's hard to put into a few short words everything we want to say, but here is a brief account of the extraordinary life he led.

Michael Anthony Clulow was born on 20th August 1939 to Irene and Leslie Clulow, the oldest of their three children. He was educated at West Bridgford Grammar School. He joined the Royal Air Force at the age of 16, stationed at RAF Halton as a craft apprentice. Deciding that it was not for him after a couple of years, he moved to the RAF Police.

In 1957, he was posted to Habbaniya, Iraq where he met Margaret. Due to the Revolution they had to marry quickly and leave Iraq. A big decision to make at the age of 19, but it was the right one! They had a very loving and happy 59 years of marriage. They lived in Newmarket, Sleaford and Wantage. They had a daughter, Beth and then later a son, Nigel. In 1964, Mike was posted to RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus for two years – he thoroughly enjoyed it.

For a time he was stationed at Brackley, Northants. After joining the RAF Transport Command as Warrant Officer, Air Loadmaster for their VIP flight, he



trained and lived at Brize Norton. Mike was then posted to Cyprus for a second tour (1969 – 71). He was recommended for officer training course at Henlow, passing at top of the course and was subsequently promoted to Flying Officer.

He joined RAF Fighter Command as a fighter controller and had a number of postings mainly in the North East of

England (RAF Boulmer) culminating in a position at Fylingdales Early Warning Centre with a rank of Squadron Leader.

From 1983 to '85 he was given an exchange posting to the USA based with NORAD in Colorado Springs. Most of the family visited and enjoyed the posting as much as he and Margaret did! Mike later returned to UK and almost



*Compering at  
the 2008  
Breaston May  
Day Gala*

immediately took up a position as part of the RAF team in NATO, based in Naples – now promoted to the rank of Wing Commander.

On returning from Italy, he retired from the Royal Air Force after a long and very successful career. Whilst retired he took up a position in the control room of the Nottinghamshire police in Hucknall.

Mike had a busy retirement helping those around him. He was Branch President of the Erewash Royal Air Force Association. He was on the Breaston Parish Council for a number of years and was instrumental in the creation and organisation of the Breaston May Day Gala. He freely offered his guidance and support for anyone who needed him. He was never short of time for his family and had many wonderful holidays with Margaret. He has given us fantastic memories that we will treasure whilst we will miss him terribly, we are all so grateful and so proud of our father, grandfather and friend, Wing Commander Michael Clulow.

*Molly Windsor*

## Events



Following the resounding success of 'Being of Sound Mind' in November, The Arcade Players return to the stage in their 81st season this February with a play which captures a familiar style among their ever-loyal following. The farce, whether political, domestic, situational or unusual, is a style of comedy as old as ancient Greece and was especially celebrated by Shakespeare. People and places are not where they should be and some poor soul has to weave an ever-winding labyrinth of lies, in order that the truth remains hidden.

Following this age-old tradition, Ray Cooney, recognised publicly as "The Master of Farce", has

written a great many plays. Having famously penned 'Funny Money' and 'Run for Your Wife', Cooney wrote 'Out of Order' in the late 80's.

No doubt inspired by the many tabloid sex scandals in which even the highest ranking of politician was embroiled at the time, 'Out of Order' tells the story of a Junior Government Minister's amorous approaches towards the secretary to the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Willey should be at a late-night debate which is raging on in Parliament, one he must attend in order to ensure the vote goes the Prime Minister's way. However, Mr Willey would rather spend the evening at the Westminster Hotel across the road with the lovely Miss Worthington.

Upon arriving at the hotel, Richard Willey MP and Jane Worthington discover a dead body trapped by the dodgy sash window in their hotel room. They then have the delicate job of extricating themselves from this embarrassing situation with their reputations still intact. Calling upon his ever-faithful Personal Private Secretary, George Pigden, Richard delegates the resolving of the matter to him, even offering to put him up for the night in the adjoining hotel room (if his mother will let him!).


Devoted servant Mr Pigden tries to prevent the Hotel Manager and Mr Willey's wife from discovering the truth, with the assistance of an unscrupulous waiter.

As more people become involved, Pigden resorts to seduction in a vain attempt to distract curious parties, despite his inexperience with women.

Following the familiar style of a bawdy 70's sitcom, 'Out of Order' is a fast-paced, laugh-a-minute farce with witty lines, hilarious situations and ridiculous excuses.

Out of Order opens on Wednesday 13th February at the Duchess Theatre in Long Eaton and runs until Saturday 16th February.

Tickets cost £7 for standard and £6 concessions and are available by calling 01332 875350 or in person every Saturday prior to the show from the Duchess Theatre box office, between 10am and 12pm. You can also purchase tickets online by visiting <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/derbyshire/duchess-theatre/out-of-order-arcade-players>



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young girls waiting to showcase their talents to the judges.

Young Tracy Turnblad follows the TV show with great interest, dreaming of the day when she might win one such competition. However, there is one big problem, she is extremely overweight! Tracy, although not over-confident, feels that she should, at least, give it a try.

Surprisingly, she is an overnight success, is recognized wherever she goes, boys declare their love for her whilst girls become intensely jealous of her.

To say anymore would be giving too much away, so please come along to the Duchess Theatre in Long Eaton and see for yourselves how this story unfolds.

Tickets are on sale now priced £9 & £8 (concessions Saturday Matinee only) and are available from: [www.duchess-theatre.com](http://www.duchess-theatre.com) (booking fee applies)

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