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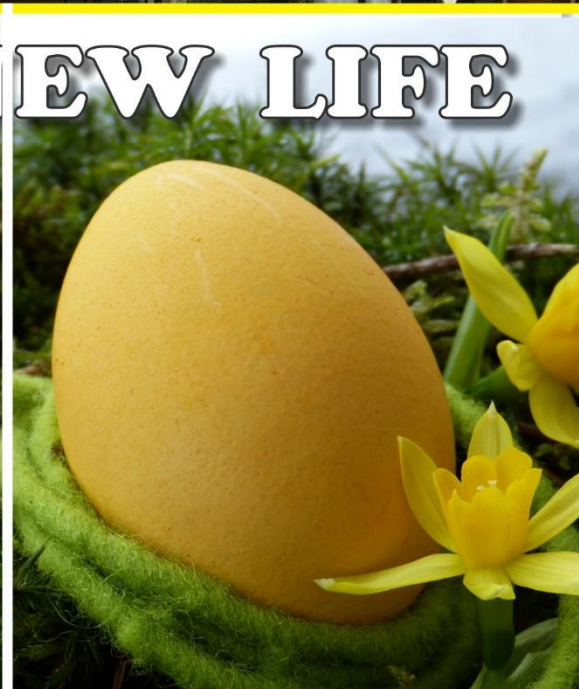
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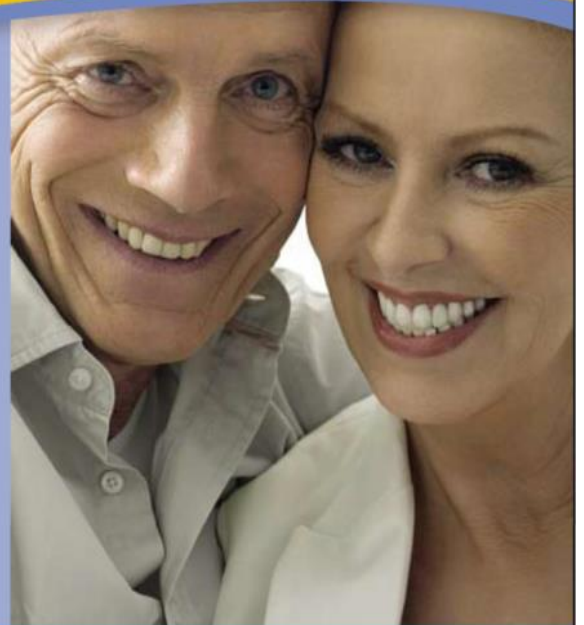
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Thought for the month

What a wonderful part of God's creation is the cycle of nature as we see the benefit this spring from the fallen leaves last autumn. They fell to feed and nourish the ground to help the new growth come through.

Sometimes, when we have a harsh winter, we can find it difficult to imagine anything growing through the hard frosty ground and the flooded water sodden fields and gardens.

The week leading up to Mothering Sunday in March 2020 was the start of something that none of us could have imagined would happen. It was on the 16th March 2020 that the first lockdown of the Covid 19 pandemic began and our lives were changed for what seems to have been forever. Maybe they have changed forever?

So many extraordinary and tragic events have happened since then as many people will have felt that their lives have fallen apart, either by illness to themselves or the loss of their loved ones. Allowing oneself to be in physical contact with our family or friends has also been denied to us for quite a while.

On Easter Sunday, Christians in Draycott and Breaston and around the world will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is important for us all to understand that Easter Sunday is not the end of a journey – it is the beginning.

It celebrates Christians' belief in the divine power of Jesus and the hope that loss leads to something new.

As we look around in our gardens and on the walks around our villages, that many of us are doing at the moment, we can't help but see the signs of new growth with the early daffodils and buds appearing on the bushes and hedgerows.

Yes, new life and new beginnings are witnessed by us all.

I believe that a life with Jesus is a restored and protected one; I still have had my vaccine and recommend all who haven't to do so.

I pray that as we move through the Easter season into a new life, Covid 19 will be behind us and that you will feel restored and blessed by the presence of God in your lives.

May God bless you this Easter and always.

Rev'd Gary Dundas.

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From the editor

Cover picture

If you've been past the Breaston Co-op lately you'll know that something is going on! Manager Andy Fearn tells us about what's in store for us (literally!) on page 13.

Easter Joy

Easter eggs are, as we all know, a traditional part of Easter. They weren't always chocolate, though. In the olden days (which I can remember from my childhood!) they were real chicken's eggs, painted in all manner of fancy patterns and colours. But why eggs at all? They are a symbol of new life, of life emerging from inside a sealed environment. And that should ring a bell, as the association of Jesus' rising from the sealed tomb is clear. The tomb on the front cover was part of Breaston's "Easter journey" in 2016. It is a full-scale replica of the "garden tomb" in Jerusalem. You might not believe His resurrection is real, but the testimony of countless Christians in Breaston, Britain and beyond is that Jesus really *is* alive and active (through his followers) in the world today. Be careful, though – if you investigate seriously, as many sceptics have done, you may end up being convinced by the evidence and putting your trust in the One who came to save us from the consequences of our wrongdoings!

Your stories

Do you have a story for us? We want your news and views. Let us know what is happening in your neighbourhood - about clubs, businesses, charity organisations, events and individuals.

Is there an organization, business or individual doing something to help others in the community during this unprecedented crisis?

Is there a project you want to launch and need volunteers to get it off the ground? Has your business won an award or contract, launched a new product or service?

You can also send us your birth announcements, engagement notices, wedding and obituaries. Include a photo if appropriate.

And if you have an opinion or advice about anything you think would be of interest to your fellow readers, please send us a letter. This should be no more than about 400 words and may include a photo (no less than 700kB and no more than 4MB).

Whatever is going on in the area we want to know about it, so do get in touch!

Send your information, editorial contributions and letters to magazine@stmichaelsbreaston.org.uk, or contact us by telephone on 01332 872094.

Jonathan Lupton, Editor

Verses of the month

'He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."'

Luke 24:6-7

Rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation; be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

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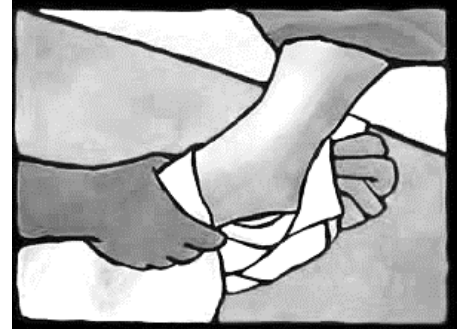
Still Space

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

Feet

*I have set you an example
that you should do as I have done for you.*

John 13:15 (NIV)



What is it about feet? Feet anointed with perfumed oil; dusty feet, ritually washed before a meal; feet transfixed with a metal spike to a Roman cross?

I was kneeling on the floor holding a long, green stocking. A few days before, my husband had undergone knee-replacement surgery and it was my task to change the special compression stockings recommended by the hospital. We both found this quite an ordeal! The socks were non-stretchy, difficult to manoeuvre over the heel and, as we discovered much later, a size too small. I was afraid my clumsy attempts would cause him even more pain. Yet, somehow, we found ourselves laughing at the absurdity of it all as we pulled and smoothed and sweated, feeling so helpless yet brought so close.

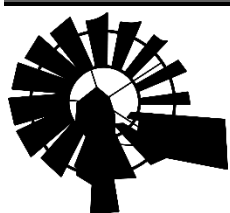
I had a strange sense of Jesus kneeling beside me, cradling the vulnerable foot, manoeuvring that rigid sock gently upwards. 'This is love,' he seemed to say. 'Love lavished on things that are hurting, soiled, or lost. This is my love for you to share.'

As I felt my husband's trust in me, I realised how vulnerable this love makes us, exposing our embarrassment and awkwardness, yet giving a real insight into the self-sacrificial love of God.

Perhaps this Easter time, Jesus is asking us to do as he did – not in washing feet, or even changing stockings, but in humbly and patiently caring for each other. It's not easy, particularly as we make our first tentative steps out of lockdown, yet we can all find ways to encourage others and show that we care, even if we have to do it remotely. I believe this kind of love lies at the heart of following Jesus - through pain and struggle and into life and joy.

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Breaston Village News



Breaston Community Forum

Our committee has met on Zoom for the first time this year and we discussed the year ahead. Unfortunately, due to the continued uncertainty over coming out of Covid 19 lockdown and the year ahead, we decided not to start planning any new events until at least reaching June. Hopefully, by then we can start planning again and resurrect our Pumpkin party and Yard sale etc.

However, what we do want to stress is that we are STILL HERE FOR YOU! The Covid street leaders and helpers are still in action so if you need help please continue to contact them. I am always happy to take your call if you need some help (see details below) and your Parish Council clerk and Councillors are also there to help. Our local shops and chemist are also always ready to help.

One thing we have planned is another Foodbank collection (date to be announced). We know that a lot of people are still struggling and may do for a while so Food banks will be well supported by us. We have received a grant from DCC to help us run these collections and are grateful to Cllrs Parkinson & Miller for applying on our behalf.

We are looking forward to a happier Summer - keeping our fingers crossed!

Julie Rowlinson

Breaston Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Zoom on the 8th of March and was attended by a good number of parish organisations who reported on the last few months and their plans going forward. Minutes of the meeting can be seen on the Parish Website at www.breastonparish.co.uk/page51.html.

Trees

Residents will have noticed the annual tree work being undertaken around the green spaces in the last few weeks. Tree maintenance and, sadly, some felling of diseased trees was necessary. You will be pleased to hear that new trees are planned to replace those felled. We were also delighted to



Cllr Wrigglesworth with the newly planted trees

plant new trees on the land at the crossroads of the Sustrans path and Holmes Road last week (photo). Cllr Wrigglesworth is also currently tending to some smaller whips provided by the Woodland Trust, and it is hoped to plant them at the site in the autumn.

MUGA

Work is in progress to fix well-worn sections of the Multi-Use Games Area on Perks Recreation Ground we hope that the replacement panels and repairs will allow the court to be used for many years to come.

Cemetery

Work to replace the elderly soil pile structure at the cemetery is also underway. The old concrete sectional structure had to be removed as it had become unsafe. Memorial-sinking, which was due to be commenced this month, has had to be delayed because the ground is still too wet to carry out the work. Families who own memorials that are marked for sinking in the cemetery should contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

Sculpture

After a long process of investigations and applications for permission, the In Bloom group and Parish Council have finally bottomed all of the necessary paperwork and the sculpture which was first proposed in April 2018 will hopefully be installed in the coming weeks! Look out for this beautiful work in the Jubilee Garden.

Gala

Sadly it looks like the Gala event we had hoped to resurrect from last year will have to be postponed again until 2022 – a final decision is yet to be made on when we will be able to plan the event but as the road map to recovery unfolds hopefully we'll be able to start to make plans.

Litter picking

We were delighted to be able to donate litter-picking equipment to the In Bloom Litter Pickers who have been carrying out sterling work over the lockdown, clearing up litter and fly-tipped rubbish around the parish.



Meetings

As the restrictions are lifted we are closely monitoring the Government guidance and will open up Parish Council buildings in line with the regulations when it is safe to do so. We are waiting to hear if we can continue with the online meetings in the meantime and you can always attend any Parish Council meeting on Zoom. Contact the Clerk for further details.

Facebook page

Please follow us on www.facebook.com/Breaston-Parish-Council-100893088372240.

Nicala O'Leary, for Breaston Parish Council

Breaston Co-op

So what's going on at Breaston Co-op? It's undergoing a major refit, as described by manager Andy Fearn.

The store will be closing on Tuesday 6th April at 8 pm (earlier than the usual 10 pm). Work will begin slightly before we fully close to minimise the length of that closure. This will mainly be re-wiring and changes to the back warehouse and our delivery yard. By doing these bits earlier we can get the store back open as soon as possible. The store will re-open on Thursday, 29th April at the usual time of 6 am. There would usually be a "grand opening" around 9 am and we are still hoping to do this, albeit socially distanced and maybe a little restricted. But there will be goodie bags and other little treats for customers on opening day too!

Unfortunately due to current circumstances which have impacted areas outside of our control, we are now unable to have our proposed pop-up shop. I truly am disappointed, as a lot of work went into this and I know our customers would have been grateful for the service. Customers can take this opportunity to use other Co-ops in the area, like Borrowash, Grasmere Road (on the Petersham Estate) or Sawley (Draycott Road). But that being said, I would personally encourage people to support local shops in the village that have potentially struggled in recent times. We have such a diverse collection of small businesses on our doorstep, (farm shops, sandwich bars, cafés and Bistros) that can provide excellent products and services. I appreciate they may not have a large range of products, but for those unable to travel far, it could be a useful lifeline to items to keep them going until we can open our doors once again.

Big changes

The changes will certainly be big! Literally everything from the shop floor is being taken out and replaced. The layout of the store will also change and customers will notice that their experience will flow much better. Our current layout expects customers to go back and forth, especially around the fruit and veg and chilled sections, which are spread across the first aisle and two separate "islands" at the front of the store. This will be adapted to keep all these sections together, with all of our fridges and freezers also being replaced with nice shiny new ones. Our current units are very old and certainly while I've been the Store Manager here, they have caused lots of headaches! So I am very excited about these. They will be taller, deeper and have doors on to help manage temperature control. There will be the same number of aisles, but some may be shorter and some sections will



move from where they are currently located to accommodate the new additions.

New additions to the store

Tills

ASTs (Assisted Service Tills), or what everybody else calls self-checkouts! This is something that we get asked for a lot on our customer feedback service "Your Store, Your Say". We will always have someone on our main tills, but these are an alternative payment option for those in a rush for the bus or late for work etc. We will get three of these in-store as well as our two "normal" tills. I would really encourage people to try these out, they are great and really user friendly. Our colleagues will be making a conscious effort for the first few weeks to help anyone who is a little nervous using them. We are there to guide you through the process and help you become more confident with the new toys!

Hot Food

Hot food will also be new to the store. It will be a relatively small unit near the front of the store which will carry a small variety of to-go food items. Again, this is something that we get asked for a lot, usually from those looking for an easy lunch or a snack with their Coffee. Items will range from Sausage and bacon cobs, hash browns and even hot dogs!

Chilled and frozen

- Most sections will see similar ranges of products with a sprinkle of new items, however, our chilled and frozen sections will see a considerable enhancement. The Frozen section, in particular, will have a wide variety of new lines that again, have all been asked for by our customers.

Still Covid-secure

With regards to current regulations and being Covid secure, our store will continue, as always, to do all it can to keep our customers and colleagues safe. We do however need everyone's help and cooperation to make this happen. We have learned over the past 12 months that there is no flawless system, and we must be fluid in our approach. We will look to implement one-way guidance and manage the location of our queues when we re-open. People may also not be aware, but with Covid regulations, we do have a maximum capacity allowed in the building at any time and must constantly assess this during busy periods so we can continue to keep people safe. I hope this is an issue we will not have to face for much longer, but until then, please trust that we are doing the right thing for you and our colleagues.

Andy Fearn, Manager

Neighbourhood Watch



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Clubs and Societies

Breaston Belles W.I. News

Elizabeth Gowing visited again this month to explain the process of making honey. Having kept a small hive of bees near her home in Kosovo, she was able to describe the process from flower to jar. Members also learnt how the different type of flower determines the flavour and how bees are affected by the use of insecticides.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The craft group has continued with bi-monthly meetings, using materials that, where possible, can be found at home. Butterflies and doves were folded and made into cards. Several members dressed for a summer cruise and headed off to solve a murder mystery aboard an Edwardian liner, whilst others worked together to plan their escape from a locked room. Book club, coffee and chat and quizzes also keep members in touch. With the relaxing of restrictions, we are beginning to plan small group meetings outdoors, maybe with blankets and hot water bottles to begin with!

Next month's meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday, 8th April at 2 pm via Zoom, speaker to be confirmed.

For more information, please contact Chris Barker, membership secretary, on 01332 873115 or breastonbelleswi@talktalk.net.

Suzanne Tate on behalf of Breaston Belles WI
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Draycott Village News

Draycott Village Fund and In Bloom

Draycott looks to the future with hope

Now we have the Spring to look forward to and the better weather that brings, the increased safety we feel from the amazing work of the NHS and the vaccination programme, and the imminent removal of some of the lockdown restrictions, many of us are tentatively looking to the future with a degree of hope at last.

That sense of hope is why Draycott is erecting a 'Tree of Hope' in the centre of the village to celebrate the future and enable the villagers to share their feelings, not just their hopes for the future, but also to reflect on their own experiences of the pandemic and some of the life-changing events that have occurred throughout this time and which they would like to share with others.

Earlier in the year, the village displayed a 'Memory Tree' to remember loved ones now lost. This was a huge success and very much appreciated by the residents, and so it is anticipated the 'Tree of Hope' will be similarly welcomed.

The brick planter on Market Street, the usual location for the Christmas tree, will hold the 'Tree of Hope', being a prominent location for all to enjoy. The brick base is being decorated with artwork to complement the 'Tree of Hope' within it. Work is well on the way to have it all in place in time for Easter.

Initially, children from the local school are being invited to create pieces to display on the tree, probably with an Easter theme, and then once the Easter celebrations are over, villagers generally will be invited to come forward with messages they wish to display and share with others. So please keep a lookout on the Draycott website and Facebook for updates.

Although Draycott will not be entering East Midlands in Bloom this year, the Dibbers are still hard at work planning the planting schemes which will be displayed throughout the village again this summer. The Dibbers feel the most important thing they can do this year is to make the village bright and colourful to reflect hope for the future. We all know the healing power of nature, and that continues to be a great comfort to many people at this time. The Dibbers themselves have found the friendships formed through the Group have helped many of them during the last year. If their work on the planting displays throughout the village can help others to feel more

optimism for the future, then that achievement will be as welcome to them as winning any competition.

It is hoped that more 'Pop Up Shops' can be organised once lock-down restrictions allow, but in the meantime do keep checking out the Facebook page for items for sale. In particular, there are Easter wreaths and decorations currently available and an Easter hamper is also being put together, so do keep checking out the page to ensure you don't miss out!

Teresa Bachelor

Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council News

CCTV at the Leisure Green

The project was completed in mid-March and we now have 8 CCTV cameras covering the Leisure Green. Within the first week, the Council was asked to supply pictures of a group of 8 underage youths not adhering to the Covid guidelines, drinking alcohol, and running away from the police. The images will enable the police to identify the youths to talk to their parents or carers.

St Chad's Local Nature Reserve

Work on the new picket fence and stock netting is going to be completed by mid-April. Whilst we did have a couple of trees come down in the recent storms, they were dealt with quickly so that there was no impact on the public visiting St Chad's. We have made some repairs to some of the new potholes that were created on the paths by the floods but remind users that it is a nature reserve and nature prevails down there!

Annual meeting of the Parish – Save the date!

The Annual Meeting of the Parish (of which all residents are invited) will take place via Zoom on Thursday 29th April 2021 from 7-8 pm. The Zoom information will be available via our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/draycottandchurchwilnepc and our website www.draycott-pc.gov.uk/agendas/.

We have asked all community groups to supply a written report so that we can once again collate a Community Booklet for you all to view at your leisure (will be available from 30th April on our Website) and if they are willing and able to produce a short video which we can use in the meeting. **The deadline for submissions is [or was] 31st March 2021.**

Residents can send questions to the Council in advance – just email clerk@draycott-pc.gov.uk and there will be an opportunity to ask questions or give feedback on the night at the meeting.

Draycott Litter Pickers

The Council has funded 50 Hi-Vis Vests for Draycott Litter Pickers to use. We have purchased a small number of children's vests as well as various sizes for adults. We are very grateful to Julie Pleas who is co-ordinating the Litter Pickers including handing out the equipment and the Hi-Vis



Vests – please contact Julie to arrange to collect your vest. Our Parish is looking so clean and tidy, a big thank you to each and everyone of you that is doing your bit to make it a lovely place to live. If you want to join this group, simply search for Draycott Litter Pickers on Facebook - www.facebook.com/Draycott-Litter-Pickers-121385633155328.

Parish Rooms

The parish rooms remain closed to the public and Councillors for meetings. We are still conducting our meetings using Zoom conferencing, all members of the public and press are welcome to join us, the Zoom meeting details are always published on our agendas which are on our website and noticeboards.

We remind all residents to continue to adhere to all government guidelines regarding Covid-19 so that we can all be safe and well; we hope to see you in the future when it is safe to do so.

In these uncertain times, the best way to contact the council is via phone on 01332 875278 or email draycottpc@gmail.com. Our website is www.draycottparishcouncil.org.

Draycott and Wilne Women's Institute

Draycott & Wilne members still cannot now meet due to the latest Covid rules. However, the Covid rules appear to be changing in our favour, so maybe a belated Christmas celebration is called for! If the Rule of Six is our next opportunity to meet, we are hoping that the spring weather will be fine as we will need to be outside. It will also be our first chance to actually share our Goodie Bag crafts. Our committee and members are sharing ideas for some activities moving forwards as planning a 2021 programme wasn't possible. Needless to say, some exciting 'stuff' is on the cards.

Draycott & Wilne WI usually meets on the 3rd Thursday in the month at the Methodist Church Hall, Market Street at 7:30 pm. We would love to see any ladies join us, once we get the go-ahead.

Further information through draycottandwilnewi@hotmail.com

Kris Bingham

Church Wilne Rotary Club

A Journey through Chichester

On Monday 22nd February, the Rotary Club of Church Wilne welcomed Doug Price from the Rotary Club of Chichester to provide us with a virtual journey around the lovely city of Chichester in West Sussex where he lives close by.



Doug gave us a lovely picture of ten special attractions in the area including the beautiful Cathedral which has had a somewhat chequered history of refurbishments due to originally having been built on unsuitable foundations that have, however, survived and it still is a beautiful building.

Fishbourne Royal palace still stands and there is a lovely Festival Theatre along with the Dean gardens. Bosham Quay and West Wittering beach are some of the other attractions that make this such a lovely place to visit.

Lockdown, like everywhere else, has had a devastating effect on the Chichester shops but Doug included a town walk by way of YouTube to show us what it was like on a normal day before Covid took its toll.

There have been several civilisations that have left their mark on the area, the Roman rule in 843 AD, then the Anglo Saxons under King Arthur and The Normans who built the Cathedral on unstable ground. In 1635 the North Tower collapsed and in the 19th century, the landmark spire collapsed too. All have been replaced with more substantial foundations!!

The city has four gates, North, East, West and South-and the roads are all built around those four gates in a square formation.

The club felt that Doug has aspirations of being a comedian as he filled in some of the gaps with clips and funnies making the talk a very pleasant and easy one to watch. Doug was thanked by the Club for delivering a very interesting presentation.

Paul Fleming, for the Rotary Club of Church Wilne

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Dates & times

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| Good Friday | 2 nd April | Borrowash | 9.00am – 12 noon |
| Easter Saturday | 3 rd April | Spondon | 9.00am – 12 noon |
| Easter Sunday | 4 th April | Draycott | 9.00am – 12 noon |
| Easter Monday | 5 th April | Breaston | 9.00am – 12 noon |

(Subject to government restrictions & weather conditions at the time)

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Christian Aid Week: 10 – 16 May

Last year, because of Covid, for the first time in many years Draycott did not deliver Christian Aid Week envelopes around the village. We hope that this year we will be able to resume our village support for this very important charity. All that is needed is for the envelopes to be slipped through the letterboxes of each house in Draycott. There is no need to call back to collect them – we have willing shops in the village who have supported in the past by acting as collecting points where you can leave your envelope. In previous years we have raised about £700 each year from these envelopes and a stall at the Village Yard Sale. Sadly, there will

be no Yard Sale this year but we hope we can still raise a good amount of money to help provide important resources to those in desperate need.

At Christmas, we were pleased to have lots of help delivering Christmas cards from the church to each house. We hope that we will have a similar or greater response to help with delivering these Christian Aid Envelopes. If you can help by delivering to your own street, or to a few streets in Draycott, then please let me know and I will get the envelopes to you at the beginning of May. Thank you so much for your support.

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In Memory Of Barbara Wood

Friends will be sorry to hear of the death of our friend, Barbara Wood, widow of John, Mother to Robin, Kathleen and Margaret. Barbara passed away on January 31st at The Yews Care Home where she had been living for the last few years. Barbara had lived in Draycott for over forty years, a faithful member of Draycott Methodist Church and other village organisations. Although 96, partially sighted and with several medical problems, Barbara was a determined lady and until she left Draycott could be seen taking her daily walk, with her Zimmer frame, around the local streets. She was a very enthusiastic gardener and friends from the church have many happy memories of Garden Parties in Thoresby Crescent. Her family held a quiet, family funeral for her and it is hoped that, in the summer, friends of Barbara will be able to meet with the family when her ashes will be laid to rest with John's in Draycott Cemetery. Barbara had a strong Christian faith and is now at peace with her Lord. We thank God for her life.

In Memory Of Peter Woolhouse

We were saddened to hear the news that Peter Woolhouse passed away at the end of January. Peter lived in Draycott (McNeil Grove) during his early retirement years and threw himself enthusiastically into village life. He played an active part in all the activities of the Methodist Church and Guild. Many will remember him as the agent for 'Happy Hens' eggs which were delivered to him and sold on behalf of this local charity. He was also a great collector of the old 78 records; he had a massive collection and could entertain groups bringing back memories of past times. Peter came to Draycott to live near his elder brother, Gordon and wife Joan, but when his health deteriorated he moved into sheltered accommodation nearer his son, first in Ely, then Bristol. Peter was a kind and gentle man and it was a privilege to have known him.

Zoom Groups - by Phone, Computer or Tablet

Thinking about God (a bible-study house group) meets through Zoom fortnightly on Thursdays from 2 pm -3.30 pm on April 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27, June 10, 24, July 8, 22

Tabletalk, (a mixture of lighthearted and challenging discussion, where you can listen or take a turn to comment) occurs once every four weeks through Zoom on Thursdays 2 pm -3 pm on April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15.

These are both on Zoom at us02web.zoom.us/j/85457482187

Meeting ID: 854 5748 2187 Phone number to dial in 0203 051 2874

Special Maundy Thursday Reflection 1 April at 2:00 pm.

Rev'd Arnold Dixon will be leading a Maundy Thursday Reflection on 1 April at 2:00 pm. As Lent will be ending, this quiet reflection will allow us to consider the events which led up to the brutal crucifixion of an innocent man. Not just any innocent man, but Jesus Christ the son of God. In the past, some of us have found that reminding ourselves of the magnitude of the sacrifice Jesus made for us heightens our delight on Easter Sunday when we celebrate the resurrection. Everyone is most welcome to join us on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 854 5748 2187; Phone number to dial in 0203 051 2874

If you have any questions about joining any zoom meeting please phone Paul on 07722 317 617 who will do his best to help.

Easter At Draycott Methodist Church

Sadly it has been agreed that although allowed to hold services, to protect everyone, we should wait a little longer before we re-open our church. This means we will not be meeting in person to celebrate Easter for the second year!

We hope that as many people as possible will join us on our Easter Sunday morning Zoom service at 10:30 am. (Joining code: 827 0960 1674 Passcode: 248724). Please, also, look in your TV/Radio guide as there will be several services that you can access to ensure that you celebrate the miracle of that first Easter morning and what it means to have the living Jesus in our lives today.

For Everyone to Share

Palm Crosses - traditionally distributed on Palm Sunday, they will be delivered to regular members of our Fellowship. Also, as we did last year, a basket of Palm Crosses will be left on the Church steps. If you would like one, please help yourself. We hope it will be a reminder of Easter Hope.

Last year over 60 were taken by visitors who came. They will be left there through Holy Week, until Easter Day.

Easter Floral Cross

Usually, on Easter Sunday morning, we adorn our large Lent Cross with flowers as a symbol of the New Life and Joy that Christ's Resurrection brings us. This year the bare cross will stand outside from Easter Sunday and we invite everyone and anyone to add their own flowers to it whenever you wish during the next few days. We hope that it will be ablaze with colour and will be a blessing to all those who give and to those who see it as they pass.

We pray for God's blessing to be on everyone as they celebrate Easter this year and hope that it won't be too long before we can worship together safely in person.



Ordinary things

Let us come alive
To the splendour around us,
And see the beauty
In ordinary things.



*Thomas Merton
1915–1968, Monk, poet, mystic*

Articles

A miraculous story

In 1996 I was asked to speak at the annual Christian Praise concert in the De Montfort Hall in Leicester. I had spoken there a few times in previous years, but this time the concert was going out on ITV's Sunday Morning Worship programme. However, this time, instead of just speaking to 2,500 people it was to be viewed by well over a million people nationwide. It sounded very daunting, but I agreed to do it.



The organisers asked me to tell the story of how I had been saved from death, and not only that, but how my right leg, which was going to be amputated, astounded the doctors by healing miraculously. All went well and I managed to keep to time (ten minutes) and thankfully the producer of the programme was pleased.

Six months later I received a phone call from David Hind who was the worship leader at a church in Nottingham. He told me that he had just come over to his parents', Peter and Brenda's, home in Breaston for Sunday lunch and told them the story

his church leader had told the congregation that morning at the service. Apparently, the minister had been at a wedding in Kent the day before and had sat next to a lady who asked him what he did for a living and he told her he was a Christian minister. She said that he may be interested in what had happened to her recently. She started to tell him how she had been suffering from a very bad heart condition and was unable to go with her family to church, as she could hardly walk. So she had decided to watch Morning Worship on the TV and had heard the story of a lady being miraculously healed. She said she shouted to God, 'if you can heal her, you can heal me.' Immediately, she felt an amazing feeling go through her body. She stood up walked around the room, then walked upstairs, and ran downstairs, and was vacuuming when her family arrived home. They were astounded when she said that God had healed her.

She had an appointment the next day at the hospital where she told the doctor that she did not need the operation, as she had been healed. The doctor looked at her in disbelief as he re-examined her. He said: 'You haven't been healed – you have got brand new arteries, there isn't even any scarring.'

Brenda turned to her son David and said: "That was Jean who that lady saw on the TV", so that is why he rang me up to tell me. I then got in touch with the organisers of Christian Praise to tell them, and they contacted the church minister to ask if they could have the lady's contact details. When they spoke to her, they invited if her to come to Leicester in September to tell her story at Christian Praise. Unfortunately, she was going to be on holiday on that date but wrote the story and sent it to them so it could be included in the programme, which I have a copy of.

I am still totally amazed that I got to hear about this lady's healing, how many millions to one was that! How many more people, who watched the programme, have been healed that we haven't heard about!

(If you would like to see the actual talk I gave, then just go on to YouTube and search for Jean Lupton De Montfort Hall).

Jean Lupton

Breaston Post Office – A bit of history

Saturday 18th April 2020... Covid

Saturday is a day I don't usually work in the post office at Breaston but with staff depleted due to the pandemic, it's all hands on deck! The post office is very busy with people posting cards and presents to loved ones, buying online and returning items. Some customers make a living selling items on e-Bay: one lady brought in around 50 parcels all needing to be processed. We felt sorry for the postman, a key worker, who didn't have enough room in his van!!!

Filling the shelves is another job as the shelves quickly became empty when customers started to panic buy. Jazz managed to get most items customers wanted, especially flour which was like gold dust; we didn't even have time to place it on the shelf!

Rhonda my colleague is working as well today while Jazz goes off yet again to the cash and carry. A very busy shift.

We are wearing face visors (a bit like a welding mask) and surgical-like gloves. It can be quite frightening, as you wonder if today will be the day you catch the virus, but the shop is vital to the village at these VERY strange times.

After your shift has finished, you go home wash your clothes and shower. There's time



for a cup of tea, something to eat and a relaxing afternoon in the garden with a good book (which I have never normally had time to do). The weather is brilliant, thank goodness, which helps to keep spirits up.

A worrying time but a chance to reflect and relax.

Monday 15th March 2021

The covid pandemic is still with us and we are in our third lockdown. The shop is still busy with customers posting birthday and easter gifts to loved ones, lots of returning of items bought on the internet, people sending cakes and brownies just to cheer their loved ones up. It's nice to have a little chat as you know that for some people you might be the only person they speak to that day.

We are stocking different items and our hardware section and cards, balloons and gift bags have been very popular.

It is such a pleasure to work as a key worker in our wonderful community in which I am proud to live. Well done, Breaston... we're nearly there...

Julie Phillips

Gardening tips



Welcome to April's gardening! I hope you have all been enjoying your Spring displays, whether it be in your own gardens or on your daily walk around your local park. It is now mid-spring and April is a busy month in the garden and with Easter just around the corner, it's always the time you venture out and start to do

some gardening over the holidays and them pesky weeds will be making an appearance, I'm sure!

Jobs in the garden this month

- Lift and divide perennial plants now to improve their health and create new plants for your garden.
- Divide Hostas before they come into leaf.
- Plant summer-flowering bulbs such as Lilies, Gladiolus and Crocosmia into borders or containers.

- Apply a high nitrogen lawn fertiliser, mow the grass regular but keep the blades fairly high for the first few cuts
- Mulch your beds and borders with a layer of well-rotted manure or garden compost to prepare for the growing season. You can also work in a general-purpose fertiliser such as pelleted chicken manure.



Gardener Steve's Plant of the Month

Erysimum 'Bowle's Mauve' (Perennial wallflower)



Erysimum is a genus of flowering plants in the botanical family Brassicaceae that includes about 180 species, both popular garden plants and many wild forms. They can be annuals, biennials or woody-based perennials with narrow leaves and dense racemes of flowers. Long-lasting and often sweetly scented, the *Erysimum* can brighten your garden, bridging the months from Spring through to Summer.

'Bowles's Mauve' is a bushy evergreen perennial, with narrow, dark grey-green leaves and erect racemes of rich mauve flowers 2cm in width. This wallflower blooms over a long season, sometimes all winter in warm coastal areas. Evergreen, they are drought tolerant once established, and attractive to butterflies. This must be one of the best perennials available not only for its long flowering season but also for its attractive foliage and flowers.

- Flowering period: Spring onwards
- Height and Spread: 45cm x 50cm
- Position: Full sun
- Soil: Well-drained, fertile
- Hardiness: Hardy perennial
- Propagation: Take semi-ripe cuttings from May to July
- Pruning: Remove damaged foliage and deadhead after flowering
- Pest and Diseases: Prone to slugs, snails and flea beetles and downy mildew and club root

Message from Blue Skies the Limit Events & Adventure

Due to Covid-19, it has now been a year since we last hit the road with Gardener Steve and his garden day trips.

Our last trip took us to Derbyshire where our first port of call was the Carsington Water plant fair, where local nurseries were in attendance selling a wide range of seasonal plants. It was then on to Matlock Bath where we had a few hours for lunch, and I think fish and chips were on the menu! The last stop of the day was at a garden called Cascades, also named the Wellbeing Garden, where we were treated to lots of early spring delights such as hellebore, snowdrops, flowering bulbs and shrubs. Throughout the garden, there were many streams, pools and waterfalls and there was no shortage of places to sit relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings, owing to its name the wellbeing and meditation garden. A great day had by all.

Over the past three years, we have travelled miles. from Surrey to North Yorkshire and visited gardens of all shapes, sizes and variety such as Westonbirt Arboretum, RHS Harlow Carr & Wisley, Ness & Cambridge Botanic Gardens, Biddulph Grange, Hardwick Hall and Hidcote just to name a few.

We are so looking forward to getting our garden day trips up and running again and we have missed welcoming our lovely guests and visiting beautiful gardens.

For our trips, we have the pleasure of hiring Harpurs Coaches, Derby With local pick up points. We have a designated driver, Colin, who is now part of our Blue Skies family.

If you enjoy visiting gardens, flower shows, botanical gardens, stately homes and garden centres and would like to meet new friends plus wanting a great day out, why not get in touch with us?

During the pandemic, we have kept in touch with our guests on our mailing list with a newsletter from the Blue Skies team plus gardening advice, a quiz, fun fact and a terrible garden joke from Gardener Steve!

If you would like to be added to our mailing list and receive our free newsletter then please get in touch with Michelle at Blue Skies The Limit on 07413 408751 or email infoblueskiesthelimit@gmail.com.

Finally...

Remember please keep getting in touch with your stories, photos, events, general gardening advice and help with plant identification. Email me at gardenersteve24@live.co.uk.

Steve Walto



I've gone and won the lottery

I've gone and won the lottery
And I'm feeling really great.
I've waited for so long
That I'm now in quite a state.

First I got a text
So I knew that it was true.
I went online to register
And got told what I must do.

I had to go into town
To a building gleaming and new
Lots of security people
Dressed in white and blue.

I expected a celebration
But extravagance sadly lacked!
No celebration champers
No trays of coquilles St. Jacques

I waited at the entrance
And they checked my ticket number.
Then they checked my name and age
So they didn't make a blunder.

And then the moment arrived!
I was excited and also tense.
I held out my arm to receive it -
It was a moment of great suspense!

I rolled up my right sleeve ready
To receive my special win
The nurse said, "Just relax Kay!"
And the COVID jab went in.

There wasn't any money
But it was a special prize to me,
When I received my appointment text
From the COVID lottery!

*Facebook@Kay the Yorkshire Poet
(but lived in Derbyshire for over 30 years)*

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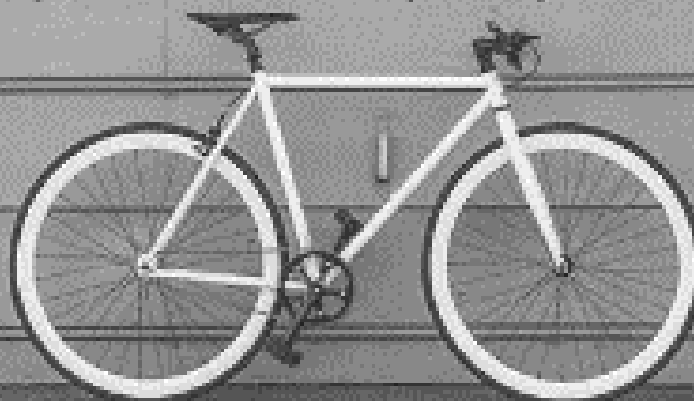
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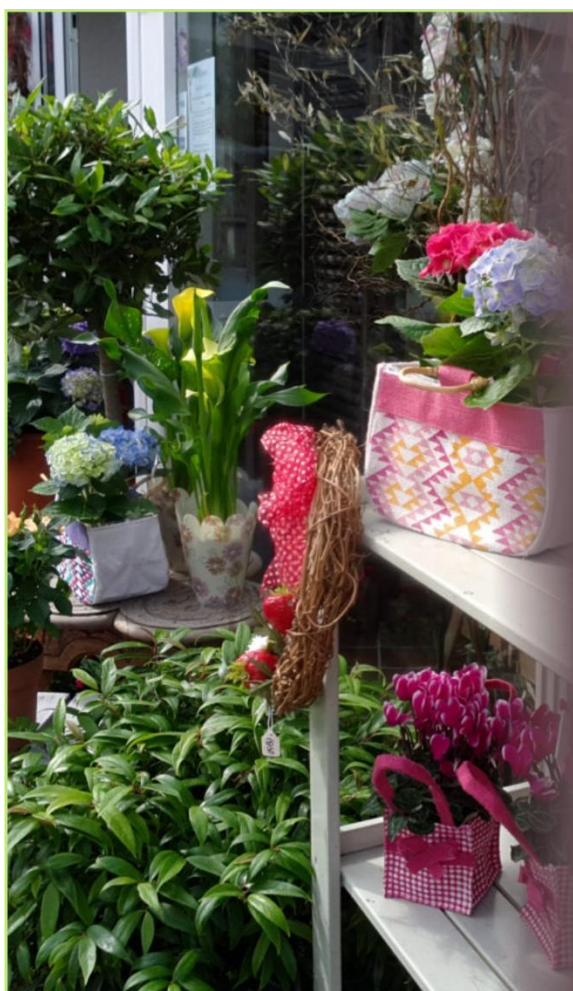
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