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Thought for the month

The past 18 months have been difficult and challenging for all of us. As we hope eventually to come out of lockdown restrictions later this month, there are things we are all looking forward to doing once more, but for many of us, there are issues that we are struggling with from the events of the past year or so.

Many of us have suffered losses and trauma, whether on a human level with bereavement or through loss of jobs or income. Our young people have suffered the loss of many of their hopes and dreams and are unsure what the future may hold for them.

As we step into a life that offers more freedom again, we are aware that many people will be struggling with mental health issues exacerbated by the lockdown measures, and many have lost the confidence they once had in engaging with the wider world.

Perhaps we need to take things slowly and learn to enjoy and appreciate the simple things to begin with: the chance to be with family and loved ones again, the opportunity to meet friends face to face and enjoy a coffee or a meal, and the opportunity to share our deepest feelings with someone who cares for us, as well as providing a sympathetic listening ear for them.

Rather than rush to get away to far off places, we should take the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the natural world around us, and glory in the wonder of creation.

The following passage from Luke's gospel is a recipe for contentment and peace of mind:

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving

for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12:22-31

Jesus taught that we are all unconditionally beloved of God and his message was simple. It was all about love; love for God and love for others.

So as we step out into freedom once more, be gentle with one another and with yourselves. Don't expect too much too soon, but take one step at a time and marvel at the wonder of the world around you, and find joy in God's gift of fellowship and companionship with Himself and with our families and loved ones.

I pray that you will all find greater meaning and fulfilment in what lies ahead.

Rev'd Maria Przeslawski

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From the editor

Cover stories

Our cover this month shows Draycott Fish bar, newly refurbished. Our correspondent Peter Lindahl tells us all about it on page 21.

Spring Valley School is a new venture that is moving into the Old Rectory on Risley Lane. Jean Lupton visited them to find out what was going on and had a very warm and friendly reception. The building is being transformed inside to cater for boarding and day pupils. Leigh Irvine from Raze Murals in Borrowash has created some very engaging murals to decorate the building – as you can see from our front cover!

More inside

We have an item about the newly formed Breaston Neighbourhood Watch group on page 13. It seems that the need for this is increasing, as anti-social behaviour is on the rise. The report from Breaston Parish Council (page 10) highlights the increasing problem. And similar problems seem to be happening in Draycott according to their Parish Clerk – see page 18.

Your stories and photos

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.

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

Verse of the month

Jesus says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27

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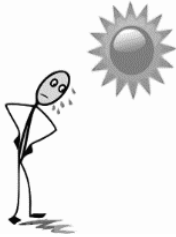
For the next issue of the magazine is the 17th of the month.

All copy to be submitted to Breaston Church Office by email please (magazine@stmichaelsbreaston.org.uk or give us a ring on 872094). Draycott news can be passed to Rev'd Gary Dundas 872893 by the 15th of the month.

Still Space

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

Too hot to move



*Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

(Psalm 91:1)

Too hot to move as sunshine blazes
from a picture-postcard sky;
too hot to mow the too-long lawn,
pull up invading grasses,
tackle wilted weeds.
Bees tumble through the lavender
and thyme, forgetting to buzz,
heavy legs weary of busyness.
A sentinel sparrow chirps staccato updates
as washing stiffens on the line.
Suddenly, a great tit darts from cover,
steals a seed and is gone.
Hiding beneath a too-big, floppy hat
and glasses, sheltering
within the umbrella's welcome shade,
clutching an ice-crammed drink -
too hot to think.
Too hot to count the emails
massing on a silent screen.
Only the daisy flowers of *Argyranthemum*
gaze gladly heavenwards, receptive
in their worship, as the sun blasts down.
Yet I am grateful for this still space,
content in the presence of Creator God,
until the unrelenting sun and shrinking shade
move me, slowly, back in-doors.



Breaston Village News

Breaston Parish Council

Anti-Social Behaviour

The Parish Council is sorry to have to report that Anti-Social Behaviour continues to be reported around the village, with Perks Park being a particular hotspot. Yet again we urge residents to call the police if they witness any ASB activity anywhere in the village. We continue to work with the local beat team and the Erewash Community Safety Team on how to prevent these problems. If you have teenagers of your own, do you know where they are going or what they are doing when they leave the house? This group of youngsters have regularly got a supply of alcohol and cannabis – where are they getting it from? Any information would be gladly received by the Police Beat Team.

Perks Park Plans

On a happier note, the first steps are now being taken to investigate costs and the possibility of the plans for the park. When we have some firm information it will be circulated to residents via Facebook and our website.

Climbing Wall

We are pleased to announce that the climbing wall is returning this summer – there will be 4 sessions on Wednesdays 28th of July, and 4th, 18th and 25th of August from 9:30 – 3:30 pm on Perks Park.

Firfield School's Eco-Greenhouse

We were delighted to be able to contribute £100 from the Chair's Allowance to the Church Wilne Rotary's project with Firfield Primary School to build an eco-greenhouse out of used plastic bottles. Can't wait to see the finished results!

Memorial Safety Project

Thankfully at long last, the memorial safety project has been completed at the Cemetery and the next official check will be carried out in 2023! A total of 40 headstones were sunk to make them safe, ensuring the safety of families visiting the site for the foreseeable future.

Overhanging Vegetation

We regularly receive complaints about hedges, shrubs and trees overhanging pavements. Do you have a hedge that has overgrown your ground and is taking over the pavement? Please arrange for any overhanging branches and hedges to be cut back so that pedestrians can move about the village in safety!

Tree Planting

The oak tree that was planted by a well-meaning member of the public on Duffield Close has been removed to safety. Cllr Wrigglesworth is currently tending an arboretum of saplings ready to be planted during the autumn on the plot of land at the crossroads on the Sustrans Path. It is hoped that we will eventually have a mini woodland at the site, as an



application for further whips from the Woodland Trust has just been confirmed.

Johnson's Meadow

The football pitch at Johnson's Meadow will have the goal mouth holes filled shortly ready for Breaston Park FC to take up some practice there. It is hoped that the field can be used by more people so that we can assure its future as a green space.

Summer band concert

We hope that we will be able to run the summer band concert again this year on Sunday the 8th of August at 2.:30 pm Duffield Close. Sadly, last year's concert



was cancelled due to the pandemic. At the moment the band are still planning to attend and after consideration and the recent extension of the restrictions we have decided that it won't be possible to provide refreshments – we are asking

people to bring their own picnics instead! There is plenty of space on Duffield Close for everyone to enjoy the concert in a socially distanced style! Look out for more information closer to the date on our Noticeboards, Facebook page and Website. We just have to hope for a sunny day now!

Facebook page

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

Nicala O'Leary, for Breaston Parish Council



The Bloom plant swap stall at the end of May raised almost £300 through donations and a raffle so many thanks to all who supported this.

Meanwhile, there has been lots of activity over the last few weeks with Bloomers busy in the various work teams. It has been great to see some new recruits this year.

Nearly all of the summer planting is now complete with the beds and planters making a real difference to the Village. To keep the beds and planters looking good over the summer regular watering will be required. If you could help with just one evening per week on any one of the displays, please contact Julie on the number below.

Team compost

Team Compost have generated a superior product for the summer planting. Thank you to all those who take their fruit and veg. waste to the collection points (Duffield Close and Jubilee Garden). This project helps to save both money and the environment.

Bird boxes

And yet another Bloom spin-off - permission has been gained to place some bird boxes in the Jubilee Garden. Hopefully, there will be lots of viewings from prospective residents before next spring!

New volunteers always very welcome whether for bloomin', paintin' or litter-seekin'



– physical or admin; please contact Julie on 07900 241886 or see the Facebook page.

Litter Seekers

The Litter Seekers carry on with amazing enthusiasm and have seen a small reduction in the amount they are collecting. Unfortunately, Perks Park never fails to deliver a daily bagful (as below). Our litter seekers will be enjoying a well-deserved social event very soon.

On a positive note for Perks Park, the repainting of the metalwork is nearing completion courtesy of **Team Railings**.

Neighbourhood Watch

The newly formed Neighbour Watch group held their first face-to-face meeting on 21st June. Chairman Kevin Miller invited Karen Hill from Risley Neighbourhood Watch (and manager of the Ilkeston branch of the Nationwide Building Society) to speak to the ten or so members who attended.



Fraud

Karen gave a very interesting and informative talk about the various types of fraud that scammers are perpetrating. Most of us have had phone calls purporting to be from HMRC, BT Internet or a bank that try to trick us into divulging personal details – or even transfer money to a “safe” account because (they say) your account has been compromised. “Safe”, that is, for the scammers, but definitely not for you!

Always be on your guard when you receive unexpected phone calls or emails. Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you’ll let your guard down for just a moment. Stop and think. It could protect you and your money.

STOP - Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

CHALLENGE - Could it be fake? It’s ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

PROTECT - Contact your bank immediately if you think you’ve fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

Getting started

The group are actively working on a plan to launch a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village. Posters, stickers and leaflets will be available in due course, and the whole village will be leafleted in due course. If you would like to get involved, contact Kevin Miller at anchor44@live.co.uk.

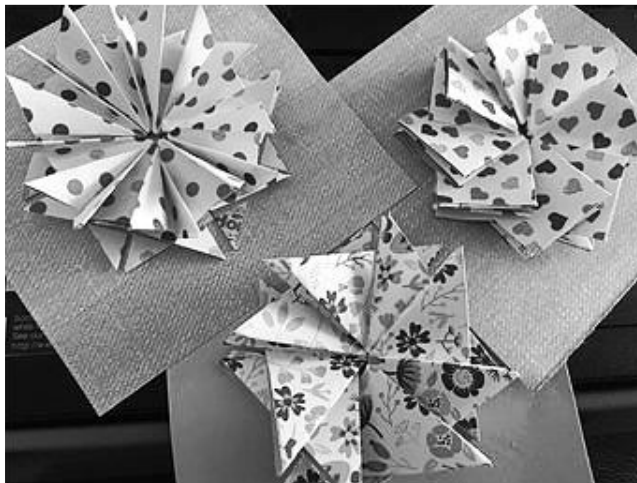
Clubs and Societies

Breaston Belles W.I. News

The change of covid rules and the roll-out of vaccinations allowed for an outdoor meeting of 30 members, so members have been able to meet with so many others for the first time in many months. It's been great, but roll on being able to meet inside in small groups, as some of our outdoor meetings have been rather cold and damp!

June's meeting was a talk by Paul McLaughlin from Long Eaton Camera Club, who explained the technicalities of making adjustments to a camera's functions and then showed how these affected a range of pictures he had taken. Members were surprised to learn that some mobile phones have these adjustments too – we foresee a huge influx of entries in the next competition!

Members were able to meet in person on Duffield Close for an afternoon picnic and at the Bull's Head for the return of the lunch club. The craft club continued on zoom. Teabag folding, to make card toppers, was this week's craft. After a large donation of



yarn, members are busy making comforter squares for guide dog puppies to take with them (with their mother's smell) as they move to their puppy training homes.

Members' meetings are 2nd Thursday of the month at 2 pm, currently on zoom. 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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Lunch Club

The Friday Lunch Club continues to operate, but on a “meals on wheels” basis until we get to Step 4. They hope to be able to meet in person from the end of July if Boris announces the removal of restrictions. If you know anyone who would benefit from a fortnightly cooked meal (costing £3), please get in touch.

And if you could help to drive meals to the recipients or, when restrictions are removed, drive guests to and from the Methodist Church Hall on Blind Lane, please do get in touch – we need more drivers!

For Nancy Plummer 01332 873619

Easter Bunnies

Church Wilne Rotary Satellite Group helped the Easter Bunnies distribute Eggs around the streets of Breaston. Thanks to Breaston Parish Council who funded the cost of the eggs with extra eggs donated by Breaston Co-op. It is intended to be an annual event.



Martin Mould, Jo Wells and bunnies

Adrian Perkins Chair of the Satellite group said “The Bunnies hope to see even more children next year”.

Adrian Perkins, Church Wilne Rotary Satellite Group

Spring Valley School

It was such a pleasure to visit Spring Valley School and meet with Rob Krzysica (the Residential Manager) and Matt Wilson (Headteacher). The school is situated in the Old Rectory (which used to be a Care Home) in Risley Lane in Breaston.

Rob showed me around the amazingly revamped building with its many classrooms, library, school hall, dining areas and kitchen. There are at least seven bedrooms and bathrooms to accommodate the residential pupils, plus a lounge and play areas. The interior has been extensively decorated with murals by Leigh Irvine of Raze Murals in Borrowash. The building work is still in progress, and they hope to be fully open by September.

The school will accommodate seven residential children plus 24 day pupils between the ages of 5/6 and 12 years.

The registered company is Parallel Parents, a nationwide foster agency that has been in operation for over 30 years. Care Today is a sister company that specialises in child educational care and therapy. It is also a Foster Resource Centre helping children to find foster parents. Rob will be hosting an open day on August the 11th for anyone interested in becoming a foster parent.

The school will be looking to recruit teachers, teaching assistants and a school secretary to work at Spring Valley School from the local area and is asking anyone interested to get in touch by email – robdev@caretodayparallelpayers.net.

Rob is very keen to be involved with the community of Breaston and looks forward to working together with the young people's organisations.

It was a real blessing to meet Rob and seeing what his team will be doing to helping bring hope and a future to many young children in our area.



Headteacher Matt Wilson

Walking Football Tournament

Long Eaton Conservative branch is organising a walking football tournament. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a football hero and participate in the beautiful game, as Breaston Conservative Branch is fielding a team.

- Venue, Long Eaton Stadium of light.
- Date, Friday 9th July 1900 hours
- Team consists of six players.
- Required, coach, trainer, captain, goalkeeper, team of six, reserves, medic, water boy, cheerleaders, supporters, mascot, perhaps a lama?
- Refreshments will be available, and cash bar in the club, and most likely a raffle.
- A small charge will be made to enter a team, split between players, **Sponsorship opportunity still available**
- No specialist kit required, just trainers etc, we may get a sponsor to provide T-shirts, with their name on!

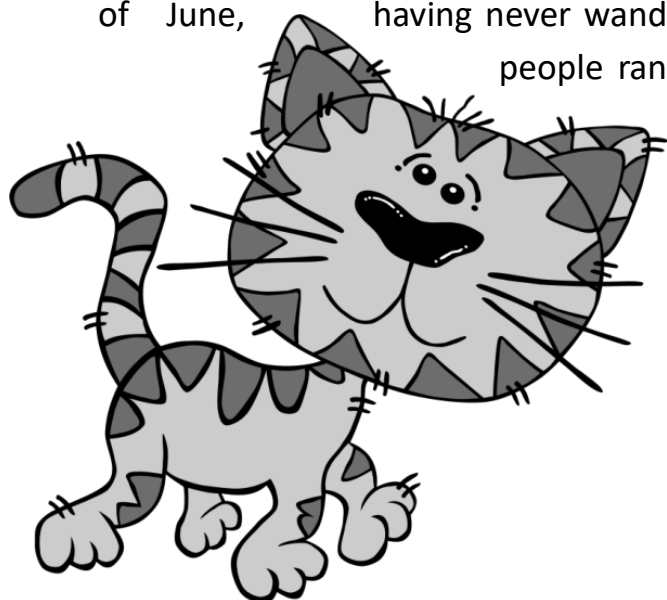
Cllr Kevin Miller says “Football? I did once have a trial, but not for a football team. I know as much about football as Mrs Collen Rooney, or Mr Rooney come to think about it.”

So please step up to the plate and have a fun evening. how can you resist?

Cllr Kevin Miller

Millie – Lost and found!

I would like to say a big thank you to the caring people of Breaston who looked out for my cat Millie. She was missing near the Farm Shop from the 8th to 18th of June,



having never wandered more than two doors away. Several people rang me to say they had seen her; she had been spotted near the cemetery, on Longmoor Lane, on Poplar Road and on Breaston Park from where she eventually found her way home. I walked miles looking for her!

Carol, Millie's owner

Draycott Village News

Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council News

Draycott Summer Playscheme is back!!

The summer playscheme ran by A M Sports Coaching, for which the Parish Council provides the majority of funding, will be taking place over the summer to help parents with affordable, fun childcare over a 4-week period. This is for all children attending Draycott Primary School. We are extremely pleased that this scheme can run this year and look forward to hearing feedback from parents and children.

War Memorial

We are still looking for a volunteer to help with the general upkeep and maintenance of the War Memorial. The role involves a bit of weeding, picking up of petals, sweeping the small path etc. This could perhaps be done by a group or an association. Please contact the clerk if you are interested (details below).

Making Draycott Playing Fields Accessible for all

The new accessible gate on Gertrude Road has been installed and we have supplied a key to one local resident so far. If you require a wider access point onto the playing fields and live in Draycott and Church Wilne, please contact the clerk for the application form. We require a £10 refundable deposit (when you no longer require the key, we will return your £10).

Anti-Social Behaviour

Please report any anti-social behaviour issues that you see. We are experiencing a very high rate of broken glass, litter, and youths smoking cannabis. We are working with the police but need every instance to be reported so that they can establish a picture of the amount of Anti-Social Behaviour taking place. There are various ways to report this:

- Call 101
- Go online and report the issue via Derbyshire Police Online Reporting www.derbyshire.police.uk using the report-it function or chat
- Through direct messages on Twitter using the handle @derPolContact

Free Parking at the Leisure Green

As lockdown measures are eased, we would encourage all residents and visitors to support our local businesses (where you can) and remind you all that to ease congestion around Market Street to please use the free parking facilities a very

short walk away at the Leisure Green (in between the Chip Shop and the Long Eaton Table Tennis Club)

Office still closed...

The office is still closed to the public and the next Parish Council meeting is due to take place on Tuesday, September 14th – the clerk is still working from home (with visits to the office and facilities owned by the Council). Annual Leave is being taken over this period, so please be patient if your call or email is not answered immediately.

Can we remind all residents to continue to adhere to all government guidelines regarding COVID-19 so that we can all be safe and well and 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 maintained their outdoors Rule of Six meetings in



May. Once again, the weather was kind as we displayed and discussed our various hats and the stories attached to them. It was amazing to note the variety over the two meetings. Needless to say, the tea, cake and conversation were greatly appreciated.



Looking forwards further, we still hope the lockdown easing will allow a full WI meeting in June – but we are obviously watching the news.

Assuming all goes to plan, our meeting will be on the 24th (a week late due to the proposal of easing not happening until the 21st). We will be back at 7:30 pm in the Hall and the subject will be the History of Scones. And we will no doubt have a tasting session – shame!

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

Guest Speaker Evening

World Vision by Sue Tinney

On the 17th of May 2021 members of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne were treated to an informative and interesting presentation from Sue Tinney of World Vision on how the organisation is combating climate change and is helping the young and vulnerable to combat it and give them a voice to make their views known.

Sue informed the members the benchmark was set out in the 2015 Paris Climate Summit. One of its objectives was to give children a chance to be heard and introduced a project to encourage youngsters to participate, make a difference and take part in the next summit scheduled for later this year. The summit also acknowledged an increase in global hunger and highlighted that more must be done to help the poorest become resilient to climate catastrophes.

Climate change has caused natural disasters such as floods, drought and famine with consequences such as migration and homelessness through people fleeing their homes. Two countries show contrasting causes of problems caused by climate change. Mali in West Africa has suffered significant loss in food production caused by drought. World Vision established projects and employed agricultural engineers to train farmers to use different farming methods to increase farm yields. It showed them tree management techniques, new methods of planting and the use of drought-resistant seeds to help them combat the drought and become self-sufficient. Over the last four years, the lives and livelihoods of the people in Mali have been rebuilt.

In contrast, The Philippines have been severely affected by hurricanes, typhoons and flooding. World Vision has worked with the populous and the authorities to give training for disaster mitigation such as evacuating schools and other public buildings and clean up initiatives following flooding. They were trained in disaster reduction strategies and shown how to build better houses with stronger structures to withstand these adverse events.

The policy of world vision is that it is committed to ensuring vulnerable people have a future and can adapt to the problems caused by climate change. It is keen to give the younger generation a voice and seeks to encourage them to use it.

The vote of thanks was given by Rotarian Mick White who said we had learnt a lot and agreed children must be engaged in combating this problem. It was

heartening to see that climate change was being confronted and positive action taken.

Paul Fleming - Club Editor

Christian Aid Collection in Draycott

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way during Christian Aid Week this year. To those who counted out the envelopes and bundled them up, those who delivered them to each house, The One Stop Shop, The Chemist and Dundas' Butchers who received filled envelopes for our cause and, of course, to everyone who gave so generously. Draycott has this year raised £750.00 which is our best effort ever. Well done everyone. This will help to change the lives of many people.

The Perfect Plaice for Fish and Chips

An extensive refurbishment of the Draycott Fish Bar has not only transformed the premises but also enabled a gluten-free option to be added to the menu.

In the past, the chip shop has been unable to respond to numerous requests for gluten-free food options from people with coeliac disease.

"It is only with the installation of new kitchen equipment – larger capacity fryers – that we are now able to provide gluten-free food to customers," explained Jack Serghi, who runs the business, along with wife Marina and son Lee.

In addition to the improvements to the kitchen, the refurbishment, which was completed by June 16th, has created an enlarged, gleaming modern customer serving area that impresses.



Open four days a week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm), the popular chippy on the Derby Road offers click and collect on draycottfishbarderby.co.uk, in addition to the usual counter service.

In the two years that Jack has been running the fish bar, he has established it as one of the best fish and chip shops in the area. With 27 years' experience in the trade, it's no wonder that he knows how to please his customers, serving delicious food and providing a friendly service.

Having sampled the food, I now fully understand why people travel from miles around to his fish bar and how it has accumulated so many accolades on Tripadvisor and Facebook. I was pleased to discover my chips were cooked to perfection, crispy and tasty, not soggy and the fresh cod tasted lovely in a succulent batter.



One reviewer wrote on Tripadvisor: "Good sized and tasty cod - well cooked with a nice (non-greasy) batter. Chips are very nice - soft inside with a nice slightly crispy coating. Just about the best around here. Everything is well prepared and never less than hot, with homemade tartare sauce, well-balanced curry sauce and moist mushy peas - what else can you ask for? Price is reasonable too."

Another commented: "Amazing food, we had fish and chips and also mixed kebab and chips. The best we have tasted for a very long time!"

It's obvious I am not the only person who thinks the Draycott Fish Bar is the ideal place (sorry, couldn't resist the pun), to pick up that great British takeaway, fish and chips!

Peter Lindahl

Church News

Church of England Services

St. Michael's, Breaston

Sundays 9:00 am Holy Communion
 10:30 am Celebration service (also live-streamed on YouTube)
 Wednesdays 10:30 am Holy Communion
 Saturdays 10-12 Church open for private prayer.

To find our YouTube channel, search for *St. Michael's Breaston* on YouTube.

St. Mary's, Draycott

Sundays 10:30 am Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

Normal Covid rules apply, which means numbers will be restricted, masks must be worn, we should not mingle with people outside our bubble inside the building and there will be no singing (other than by the band at the 10:30 service in St. Michael's). We hope to be back to normal, with the choir singing, in August.

Our website (covering both churches) is www.wdbchurches.org.uk.

Facebook

Keep in touch with what's happening at St. Michael's and St. Mary's by looking at our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stmarysdraycottandstmichaelsbreaston/

Do join us for daily prayer at 9:30 am on weekdays on our Facebook page.

Youth Worker

Simon Bentley, who has been Youth Worker at St. Michael's for six years, is stepping down from this role to pursue further studies. We are delighted to announce that Steve Lacey will be taking over, leading the youth work at St. Michael's and overseeing the children's work. Steve will take up the full role from September, but during July and August will be working alongside Simon to effect a smooth transition. We thank Simon for his tremendous contribution to the work of the church in Breaston and wish him every success with his two-year part-time course doing a master's degree in Theology.

Methodist Church Services

Draycott Methodist Church

We are now open for worship
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July 4th	10:30 am	Mr Neil Clarke
July 11th	10:30 am	Mrs Judith Neal
July 18th	10:30 am	Rev. Colin Emerson Holy Communion
July 25th	10:30 am	Mrs Sarah Butcher

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

How Lovely to Be Back In Church!

Did you know that the Methodist Church in Draycott has been holding services each Sunday morning since the beginning of May? It has been so lovely to be back meeting together to worship God, share fellowship and friendship and almost feel 'normal' again. Of course, things are not quite the same – we have to wear our masks, sit at a distance from each other and, as yet, are not permitted to sing (there may be some quiet humming and crooning behind our masks!). BUT we can listen to the Bible being read, join in with prayers, hear a message from the day's leader of worship, sit quietly and feel at peace and at the same time feel part of the 'Body of Christ' that is the Church Fellowship. Although our space is limited we have not yet had to turn anyone away and we hope that never happens (we can always open up the partition between the church and the hall for extra room if needed). It has been good to see that despite such a long absence people still feel the need to come together. We know that the building isn't really important but I find it does provide a meeting point and gives us a time and place to be quiet with our thoughts before God and always makes a good start to a new week. Why don't you come and join us, you would be very welcome and you might find it a help.

Breaston Methodist Church

Our services continue in our building at 10:30 am every Sunday morning with Covid guidelines in place.

Our fortnightly bible study group, 'Thinking about God', and 4-weekly conversation game 'Tabletalk' continue by Zoom until we can meet in person and revert to indoor meetings. Further information nearer the time can be had from Paul on 07722 317 617.

Articles

George Cheshire BEM

23 Sept 1928 – 10 May 2021

George Benjamin Cheshire BEM was born on the 23rd September 1928 in Basford, Nottingham before at the age of 2 moving with his parents Ernest and Edith, brother Ernest and sister Rose, to 132 Derby Road, Draycott. He had a happy childhood attending the local school in Draycott. Upon leaving he started work as a market gardener, still in Draycott. Then in 1969, he began working as a gardener at Trent College Long Eaton where he remained for the rest of his working life.

In 1952 George began his long association with amateur theatre, joining Derby Opera Company where he formed lifelong friendships.

George played many tenor leads in Gilbert & Sullivan, and he played St Brioche for the 1960 Derby Opera Company production of *The Merry Widow*. So when he directed this show twice for LEOS he knew exactly what he was going to make the men do in the “Women” number – I can still see him now putting some of the younger men to shame in the early rehearsals, high kicking his legs out, in the kick line of men hand on hip!

It was during these years at Derby Opera Company that he met the lady that would become his wife, Barb. They married on 30th April 1955 at The Methodist Church, Rose Hill in Derby. Purchasing some land in Draycott, they had their home built at 51 Derby Road Draycott that was to be their home for the whole of their married life – 65 years.

George and Barb were invited to attend the inaugural meeting for Long Eaton High St. Schools (with Grange) Old Scholars Gilbert & Sullivan (Amateur) Operatic Society in 1955 – and what an association that was to be, with the creation of the now know LEOS Musical theatre Company. George was the last of the founder members: it really is the end of an era.

He produced the next 63 shows for LEOS in a continuous run from 1968 (*The Yeoman of the Guard*) to 2000 (*The Music Man*). It was an eclectic mix of musicals too from *Die Fledermaus* to *Cabaret*, *Kismet* to *42nd Street*.

When George finally decided that he had finished directing after *Hello Dolly* in 2005. He didn't take it totally easy and decided that he would use his years of experience and take on the make-up role, dealing with moustaches, bruised

faces, haunted looks not only for the main society but for LEOS Youth Group too. Even then he encouraged other members to have a go and guided them through the make-up process. I know Geoff Woolley appreciated George's patience.

He was chairman of the social committee organising Christmas parties, Annual dinners, bonfire night parties. He even set off all the fireworks in one go once when he dropped the taper in the box containing the fireworks! He was banished into the kitchen after that to supervise the mushy peas!

He organised day trips out to York, Scarborough, Bath and the like and (with John Wyld's guidance) Easter walks in all weathers. It didn't matter that the show might only be eight days away: you all went, come rain, snow, hail or shine. He arranged the teas for after the matinees and organised the buffet for the after-show party – he was non-stop.



George and Barb

Of course, if George wasn't out rehearsing, you could guarantee that there would be a cake that needed icing, a skill that George could quite easily have taken up professionally. In fact, when John and I got married, the chef at The Friary Hotel asked him if he wanted a commission to make the wedding/birthday cakes for them.

They were joint recipients of the Derby Eagle Award in 2015 – receiving the Eagle statue for “The Ken & Barbara Pipes Award for Exceptional Contribution to Amateur Theatre”. What a wonderful evening that was.

It was on the 15th of November 1990 that George received a letter from 10 Downing Street informing him that HM The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the Prime Ministers recommendation that the British Empire Medal (BEM) be awarded to him. The award was announced in the 1991 New Year’s Honours List in recognition of his contribution to amateur theatre. What a New Year’s Eve celebration that was, as they hosted their customary party at home for many LEOS friends.

George was presented with the medal at a ceremony by Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire– Col Peter Hilton – on 27th March 1991 – it was a Wednesday and he missed rehearsal, something unheard of at that time.

Well, Georgie, I know how much you loved Barb; seeing how you cared for her when she was in hospital following a fall and cutting her head badly a few years ago, and now you are both reunited forever.

You could say that you have “closed your book and gone home”.

Liz Woolley

Taking time to stand and stare

We don’t have a great variety of birds coming into our garden but we enjoy watching those which do and their variety of behaviours.

The robin, finds the highest perch, often on the highest tree, singing loud and clear, proclaiming to other robins, “This is my patch for me, my wife and chicks. The worms, bugs, beetles and caterpillars which lie in my territory are my larder. They are not yours.”

Yet to me his song is one of beauty and I love to hear it.

The chirruping sparrow is a very sociable bird, who likes gathering together, hiding with friends and family in hedges and trees.

How do they fly so easily into a close-knit hedge?

They are ceaselessly chattering, always eager to exchange the latest gossip.

No mobiles but they manage it much better.

The blue-tit balances on the telephone wire with juicy morsels,

watching, weighing up the safety of returning to feed its young,
then a quick flight and nimbly leaps through the twigs and leaves to feed its
chicks.

The blackbird sings a short tune and having enjoyed what he has created,
repeats it before creating another.

Time for work as it lands on the lawn cocking its head from side to side,
as it eyes the lawn to find a worm.

No luck here so a quick run across the grass to search elsewhere.

Success,

A tug-of war- ensues,

A matter of life or death.

Life for the brood or death for the worm.

I hope that sometimes the worm wins.

The bullfinch, a newcomer, he finds the highest perch,
often on the aerials singing to proclaim his presence.

The sparrow comes to the bird feeder.

and throws out at least 5 seeds to every one it eats.

I never knew that it was so choosy!

The pigeon is too large to place both feet on the perch
but struts the ground below,
grateful to the sparrow for the fallen seeds.

How wonderful for a quick, refreshing shower!

Robins, sparrows, blackbirds and even pigeons love the birdbath,

spending ages enjoying that refreshing, invigorating time,

spraying water everywhere, heedless of how little they may leave for the next
bird.

But this is also their drinking bowl!

Their refreshment.

But they don't care as it slakes their thirst. Does each bath have a different
flavour?

Are they connoisseurs, the wine tasters of the birdbath world?

Have they their preferred birdbaths from which to drink?

Washing up and watching through our kitchen window
or sitting in the garden with a cup of tea or a glass of wine,
all this wonderful world is free.

Free for me, free for you, free for us all to relax and enjoy.

“A poor life this, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?” (*W.H. Davies*)

John Skinner

Gardening tips

Welcome to July in the garden. I do hope you are all having a great summer and your gardens are flourishing. I have started to return to visit local projects and gardens and last month I headed down to the Breaston plant swap. It was lovely to see a nice array of plants and there was plenty of swapping taking place, so well done to the 'Breaston Bloomers' for organising a great event – I look forward to the next one!



Jobs in the garden this month

- Clear weeds regularly around your vegetable plots, as they compete with your crops for nutrients and water
- Cut back hardy Geraniums after the first flush of flowers to encourage new growth and further flowers
- Dead-head and pick sweet peas regularly this will encourage more blooms Water daily in dry weather
- Pinch out tomato side shoots each week. Cut off any leaves growing below the lowest ripening fruit trusses to improve air circulation and prevent diseases
- Dead-head bedding plants and perennial plants to stop them self-seeding and to encourage further flowering
- Divide clumps of Bearded Iris now so they have time to form roots and flowers buds for next year before the cold weather arrives
- If your lawn is infested by ants, brush out the nests on a dry day. Always brush them away before mowing



Sweet peas

- Keep an eye out for powdery mildew on plants, this dusty white substance is usual at this time of year. Remove any affected parts and spray with a fungicide
- Warm moist weather encourages rapid weed growth - apply specific lawn weed killer to keep them in check
- Feed summer bedding plants hanging baskets, containers etc with a high potash feed such as tomato food as this will encourage flowering.

Gardener Steve On Erewash Sound

Every other Saturday I Join Tanya on her lunchtime show on Erewash Sound 96.8FM and 103.6FM or you can listen via the app, smart speaker or online. We discuss all things gardening, giving helpful tips and advice for that month. If you would like to send a question in to be read out on air, then email steve.walton@erewashsound.com and you can catch us from 12 pm till 2 pm for all your weekend gardening!

Broomfield College plant centre is NOW OPEN...

Some good news - the plant centre is now open at Broomfield Hall to the public again. 10-4 every day. Sorry, but they can only take payments by card.

Other covid restrictions are in place: Please wear a mask, keep 2m apart and follow the one-way system. They are looking forward to seeing you.

With very competitively priced plants grown by the students, Broomfield's Plant Centre offers a haven for plant lovers. The range includes seasonal bedding, vegetable and herb plants, alpines, and border perennials.



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

Look forward to hearing from you and see you all in August!

Gardener Steve Walton

Water and the Holy Spirit

Many people have discovered or re-discovered the joy of nature and plant care during this last year. It has been proven that just looking at greenery and caring

for plants improves our mental health and well-being. We have had more time to appreciate the beauty of our own gardens and the world around us.

The one thing plants and flowers need to thrive and grow is water and it is wonderful to see just how quickly they pick up once they have been watered – particularly when the gardens have had long periods of dry weather. Good for us but not always the gardens!

The Holy Spirit in our lives is a little bit like water. He has many important functions and just as plants flourish when they are watered and fed, so the Holy Spirit helps us to be healthy and live well-balanced lives.

Jesus is the Gardener, and we are the true vine and for us to thrive and grow he will cut off any branches that do not bear fruit just as we attend to our plants and cut off anything that prevents them from growing and being the best they can be.

Lauren Twells

Road open, path closed

Wilne Road

At long last Wilne Road is open to traffic to make it possible to get to St. Chad's Water Local Nature Reserve without having to go via Beachy Head (or so it seemed!). What has Severn Trent been up to? Their sign says "We're investing in our region's rivers to protect our wonderful wildlife. We are investing £15M to protect water wildlife by installing new and improved screens at our water intakes. The screens will be located at the point where water is taken from the river to be treated and cleaned. This project will ensure that the eels and any other aquatic wildlife living in the river won't be harmed and can continue to thrive in their natural habitat."

Canal path

The towpath from the Hopwell Road cottages to the Derby Road railway bridge is closed while they dig out the canal. The work is being funded largely by monies from Network Rail. Chairman Chris Madge says "We have been exploring water vole burrows with our ecologists and I'm pleased to say it looks as if numbers are not as high as feared and we will therefore be able to manage them in the area available. Hopefully, by the end of July we will have a section of canal ready and fenced to take the voles in the autumn."

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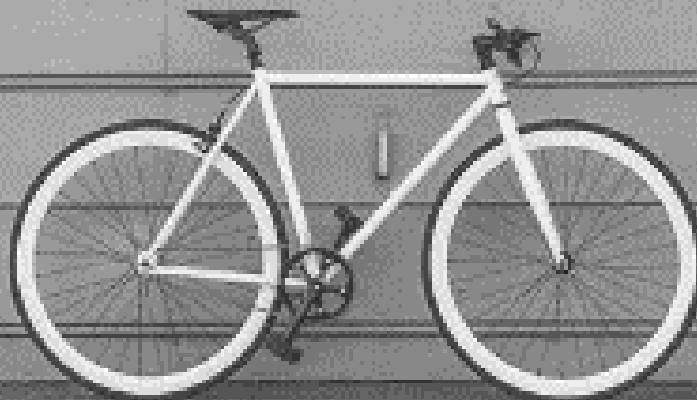
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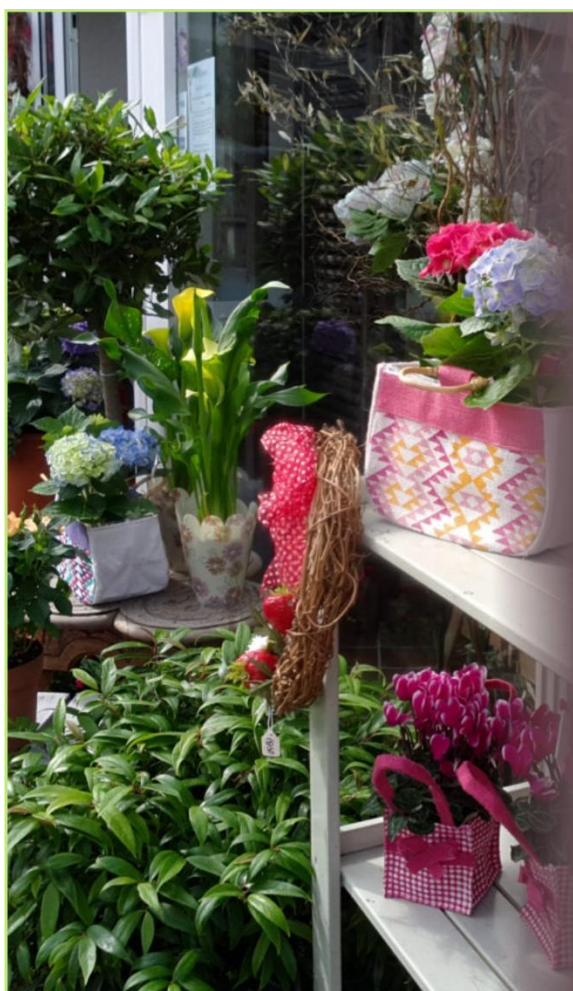
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