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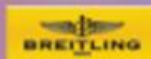
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Thought for the month

Dear Friends,

It seems that we are beset by storms of one kind or another: hailstorms, ice storms, snowstorms, thunderstorms, windstorms, hurricanes, and tornados. Here in Britain, we have experienced Storm Dudley and Storm Eunice. Storms bring fear, destruction and sometimes death. We are also beset by our own emotional storms i.e. storms of the head and storms of the heart, full of turmoil, and sometimes confusion. Even so, where do we go to escape them, run away from them, or even try and overcome them?

One way of escaping the storms of life is to do what the Bible encourages you to do, and that is to verbally "Leave all your worries with Jesus because He cares for you" (*1 Peter 5:7*). In the bible, it also says the words "fear not" 365 times – one scripture for each day of the year. God does not want us to be afraid, but to put our trust in Him when we become fearful so that He can give us His Peace. "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 verse 27*).

I remember several years ago having to go to hospital for a procedure and being overwhelmed with fear to the point where I could not think straight. The only thing that I remember saying to God was "I feel afraid, Lord, please help me." All at once, I felt the presence of God's Peace in me and about me; it dispelled the fear and it filled me and stayed with me throughout my time I was there. If Jesus can do this for me, I know He can do it for you too.

You know Jesus has other names that describe Him: Comforter, Wonderful Counsellor, Everlasting Father, Mighty God, and Prince of Peace. In the eye of or centre of any storm, there is a place of complete stillness and calm, a place of peace. If you let Him into the centre of your turmoil, your fear, then He can bring Peace. Ask Him today to bring the rest that you so long for and the Peace that you need because He is the Prince of Peace who can calm any storm.

(Take a look at *Jesus Calms the Storm* on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/ovUZDQJ69DI> by Justine Knowles)

Rev'd Arnold Dixon, Breaston Methodist Church

From the editor

Well, it seems that my departure as editor has been called off! Changes in other areas of life mean that I can continue to put the magazine together for the foreseeable future. Thank you to those of you who have sent messages of appreciation!

There's quite a bit to read in this issue of the magazine. Featuring on the cover is Mothering Sunday (as it is officially known) which falls this month on the 27th, and we have for you a poem written by Mick Hickley (see page 27). More prominent so that you can't miss it is the Draycott village clock on the tower at Parry's Mill. It needs a considerable sum of money spending on it. It seems that the chimes are working at the moment, but this is only a temporary fix. There is a JustGiving page set up if you feel you can help raise the money needed – see page 21.

Congratulations to Draycott in Bloom for being selected to enter the RHS "Britain in Bloom" competition – page 20 has the details. We announced recently that Sarah Warburton has been appointed as the Communications Administrator at St. Michael's and St. Mary's Churches (see page 24). I'm sure she has been wistfully thinking of her days Down Under whilst we've been enduring the stormy weather here!

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

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Verse of the month

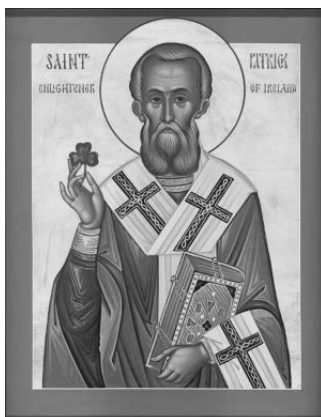
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid

(John 14:27)

Still Space

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

St. Patrick



This month, on 17th March, we remember St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who was born in the northwest of England towards the end of the 4th century AD. He came from a privileged Romano-Christian family at the time when Roman organisation was falling apart and Britain sliding back into pagan ways.

At sixteen, Patrick was seized by raiders, taken to Ireland and sold as a slave. As he tended the sheep, out on the hillsides in all weathers, Patrick's nominal Christian beliefs underwent a dramatic change. In his Confessions he writes:

‘as I prayed, I felt God’s love fill my heart and strengthen my faith. Soon I was saying up to a hundred prayers each day, and almost as many at night...I felt no fear, nor did I feel sleepy, because the Spirit was so fervent with me.’

After six years, Patrick escaped and returned home, but Ireland had captured his heart. Patrick studied to become a priest and eventually returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop. This was dangerous work and he encountered much opposition yet, through him, thousands became Christians. Churches & monasteries began to flourish and great centres of learning & creativity were established.

St. Patrick’s secret weapon was prayer. The famous Breastplate prayer, attributed to Patrick, reminds us that those who follow Christ can be assured of his protection and his presence with them:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me.
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



Why not reflect on these powerful words, phrase by phrase, over Lent. You might even want to memorize them so you can recall them at any time. ‘Christ behind me, Christ before me’ as you drive the car; ‘Christ to comfort and restore me’ when you feel ‘down’; ‘Christ in mouth of friend and stranger’ when you are out shopping or at work...

We live in times no less troubled than St. Patrick’s so we too need the presence of Christ to shine in us and through us each day. We may not be able to say a hundred prayers day and night but we can ask the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with God’s love and strengthen our faith so that we can be courageous 21st Century saints, keeping the light of the gospel aflame in our own world.

April McIntyre, Lay Minister, St. Michael’s Church, Breaston

Breaston Village News

Breaston Parish Council

Gala Day

Plans for the Royal Celebration on the 2nd of May are coming along nicely, there will be entertainment, games, rides and refreshments. Flyers with more information will be circulated very soon.

Eco-friendly buildings

The Parish Council are working hard to ensure that our buildings are climate-change friendly. The three parish buildings were inspected and an energy audit was provided; since then we have added extra insulation to the Parish Rooms and work is underway to provide double glazing in the inner porch door. The storage heaters are old and it is hoped that newer, more efficient heating can be installed in the coming months. Investigations are underway into the suitability of the buildings for solar panels. We have also asked Derbyshire County Council what their plans are in relation to the installation of electric charging points for the parishes: as soon as we know what is planned we will let you know.

Flood issues

We continue to closely monitor problem areas for signs of any blockage that could cause flood risk and to contact the relevant landowners and authorities to ensure that any blockage is removed. The ditches on Johnson's Meadow remain clear and we have contacted Peveril Securities to flag up a possible issue on the old school site. We continue to lobby Derbyshire County Council regarding issues on Longmoor Lane near the cemetery. Erewash Borough Council is in the process of a programme of ditch clearance on their cemetery site and adjacent landowners have been written to by the Flood Alleviation Team about clearing ditches and watercourses on their land. Residents will be aware that the Environment Agency has installed a flood warning system on the Golden Brook which residents will be able to sign up to in due course, as soon as details are available we will circulate them. It is hoped that the joint efforts of the various organisations will help to prevent any further flooding in the Parish. A huge thank you goes out to the Sustrans team for their splendid efforts clearing the culvert on the path between Breaston and Draycott, they attended in dry suits and braved the icy waters at the end of January – I think we can all agree this was above and beyond the call of duty!

Meetings

Following the December and January meetings being held on Zoom because of the increase in numbers of Omicron cases, the Parish Council are now back to face to face meetings in the Methodist Church Hall on Blind Lane. Papers for meetings can be viewed the week before the meeting on the website and main noticeboard; should you require a hard copy please contact the Clerk (details below). Some of the smaller committee meetings are possible in the Parish Rooms but it is considered a wise precaution to continue in the Methodist Hall for the time being. March meetings will be as follows:

Wed 9th March 8:45 am Methodist Church Hall

Highway and Lighting, Finance, General Purposes and Parks & Cemeteries Committees

Mon 14th March 9 am Parish Rooms

Environment Committee

Mon 14th March 7:15 pm Methodist Church Hall

Full Council Meeting

During December and January each year we are tasked with setting our budget for the next financial year. Looking at the finance reports for the end of December and estimating the expenditure and income for the final quarter based on previous years information, it is expected that we will have a balanced budget again this year. We can only ever estimate the income expected in any financial year but looking at the figures for the 5 years to March 2020, an average of £8,093 could be expected in the last quarter of this financial year. Moving onto the new financial year the budget needed to cover cost centres looks set to increase by approximately £8,000 due to the rate of inflation and the increase in costs on grounds maintenance, wages, and utilities. Thankfully, we fixed our electricity contracts just before the large price rises seen in recent months. We have several large projects that look set to require considerable expenditure and we have been able to set aside funds for works at Perks Park and the Chapel and it is hoped to secure additional external funding to progress these important projects.

After careful consideration, the Parish Council's current financial situation was deemed stable. With the national fiscal situation looking quite volatile, Councillors were pleased to be able to retain the precept at the same level to ensure that no unnecessary extra pressure is put on residents in the financially difficult times that lie ahead.

Wildflower meadow

Investigations are underway into the provision of a wildflower meadow in the unused section of Breaston New Cemetery. We are all aware of the need to create a habitat for the insects and particularly bees, who really need our help. We have talked to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust who are going to give us advice on how to proceed. Planting wildflowers is not as easy as it would seem and can look messy until the plants become established – signs will be installed to explain progress and hopefully in the next couple of years we should see some beautiful results.

Cemetery

One of the most common topics the Clerk receives calls to the office about is the cemetery – families with loved ones interred in the site regularly call to make enquiries and for information about plots etc. The fact that the site is adjacent to the Erewash Longmoor Cemetery leads to much confusion and a large number of the calls are forwarded to the team at Erewash who run the Longmoor Cemetery. The Clerk is working on a map of the cemetery to explain which areas are which and who runs what! It is hoped that a copy of the map will be displayed on site to help people find their way around more easily. Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

Trees

Following the annual tree inspection work will be undertaken in the coming weeks to several trees on Parish Council land – the first phase will be in the old cemetery on Longmoor Lane, with further work at Perks Park and St Michael's Church in April.

Dementia-friendly parish

As you will already know the Parish Council is keen to make Breaston a Dementia Friendly Parish. We are hoping to organise a Dementia Friends Training session at St Michael's in the coming weeks, if you are interested in getting involved contact the Clerk on 01332 870119.

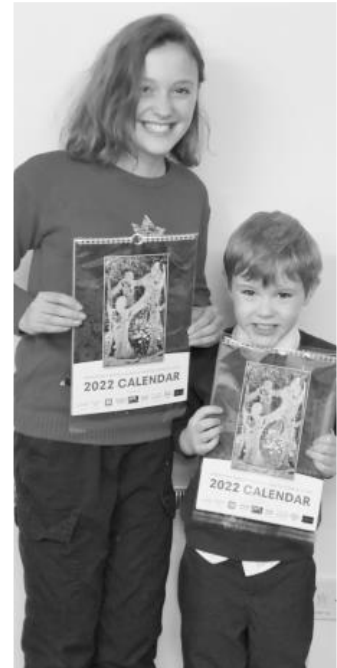
Poo bags

Of course, it wouldn't be right not to mention dog poo bags! Since April 2021 the Parish Council has provided 160,000 free bags to residents, over ten months that's a staggering 520+ bags per day. Quite clearly with just over 2,200 houses in the Parish and not everyone having a dog, the scheme has been taken advantage of; we cannot continue to outlay such a significant sum. After investigation and much discussion, we are going to start a trial with a bag

dispenser at the Parish Rooms in April. The dispenser will only give one bag at a time and we hope that responsible residents will use the bags when they are on the green spaces in Breaston and only take a bag when they need it. Obviously, some inconsiderate pet owners will still continue to leave the mess. If you see anyone not picking up after their pet please message the Erewash Text Line 07792 701583.

Photo competition

And finally, the Photo competition for this year's calendar was once again successful and a profit of £183 will be donated to the mother and toddler groups in the village – sadly, we were unable to sell all of the calendars so the remainder will be given to the children to help them learn about time, days, months and if all else fails they can colour on them! (pictured winning entrants Eddison & Tabatha Izzard).



*Winning entrants
Eddison & Tabatha
Izzard*

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Nicala O'Leary, Parish Clerk

Breaston W.I. News

We have begun the new year with a very interesting talk entitled "Le Marathon des Sables" (Marathon of the Sand). This was by Chris Vespar who has completed two of these events. He illustrated his talk with photographs and videos.

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The gruelling event itself was not just a run but walking and climbing over sand dunes and the hilly terrain. He also showed us clips from the organisation itself.

Our first meeting began with great enthusiasm, with notice boards being signed for future events taking place. Lorraine our president also presented Julie with her Star Baker award (see picture).

All our events such as walking netball and doodle bags have restarted. We hope to have some outings to go on as the better weather approaches.



Jenny Lord

Village Singers Concert

On Wednesday afternoon 16th February, the Village Singers of Breaston were welcomed by David Skettle at St Helen's Church Stapleford when 21 members entertained many members of the Church social club.



Accompanist Abi Parker

The musical director, Stuart Graham when introducing the variety of songs gave a brief update of each of them. Stuart also introduced Village singers pianist Abi Parker.

After the performance, David Skettle said everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the performance and it was a great selection of songs.

The Village Singers meet in Breaston each Thursday at 7:30 pm and are now starting on a new set of songs to carry them through Spring and onto Summer. For more information contact Jan Wilkinson at 01332 872753 or email janw105w@btinternet.com.

Ray Terry, for the Village Singers



The Forum committee met recently to plan our events for the year ahead.

Bunting

Get your bunting out for St. George's Day (23rd April)! We are encouraging residents to leave the bunting up until the Jubilee weekend at the beginning of

June. Bunting will be on sale outside the Co-op as in previous years, and we hope to be able to run a bunting workshop – get in touch if you would like to help with this.

Bake-off competition

The first of these is a Breaston Bake-Off competition to be held on May 2nd at the Royal Celebration on Duffield Close. We have 3 sections to enter for different ages: a Victoria sandwich baked to a given recipe, three decorated cupcakes in a royal theme, and a decorated biscuit.



See our village notice boards and newsletter for full details.

We know there are lots of brilliant bakers out there so why not give it a go? There will be a prize and/or a rosette for the winner in each section.

Yard sale

We have moved the date to Sunday 15th May in the hopes of better weather and also to give you lots of time to sort out your items. It is only £3 to enter and you get to keep all of the takings on the day. We publicise widely and it is always well attended, so get your entry in soon. Forms *will be* available from March 1st.

Contact

For more information, or to offer help, contact Julie Rowlinson on 07900 241 886 or jools.r@outlook.com.



Just as the daffodils and snowdrops are coming up our thoughts are turning to ordering the Summer planting for the year ahead. Last Summer everything looked spectacular, I'm sure you will agree, and we hope to do just as well this year, however our funds are low due to the effect of Covid 19 on fundraising so we are keeping our fingers crossed. If you can donate to us we would be very grateful – every pound helps. We buy about 1,500 plants each Summer so our money soon goes. If you can help, please get in touch.

You may remember we have a plan to plant several trees in the verges along Longmoor lane. Despite our very best efforts, Derbyshire County Council who

are the landowners are presently refusing permission. We are fighting hard to overturn this decision as trees are vital for our environment. We will keep you informed of our progress.



With the new season comes a need for more helpers. If you would like to help in any way – planting, watering, putting up posters, helping with minutes etc PLEASE get in touch. There is no commitment to any amount of time, you just dip in when you can. We are a very friendly bunch and helping to Bloom our community is very good for the body and mind.

Looking forward to seeing you in the village – please stop and say hello if you see us out and about.

Julie Rowlinson 07900 241886 jools.r@outlook.com

Men's Danger Club

"I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by."

For our January event, the Men's Danger Club saw the dangers and exciting experiences of climbing the rigging and steering a tall ship in stormy seas. Kevin Miller has been supporting the Tall Ships Youth Trust for forty years both in raising awareness and finance and being a member of one of the crews.

There are several ships including one brig and six round the world yachts. Ages from 15 to 80 all are welcome to join them as crew for a voyage. It's a voyage, not a cruise!

Each member of the crew must take their share of all the duties and tasks on board ship from hoisting the sails, climbing the rigging to peeling the potatoes as the ship's cook's assistant and cleaning the toilets. On board, the ships everyone has to do every job. Harnesses must be worn, especially when climbing the rigging and clipped onto horizontal ropes – not much use if they are clipped to a vertical one! All the time they are instructed, teaching them all they need to know, closely supervised and trusted. This encourages and builds character and confidence. There are free times to enjoy games, swimming, lazing, watching dolphins and getting to know all on board.

On board the 'Stavros' tall ship, there will be 48 Voyage Crew divided into 3 watches of 16 people as the ship needs to be manned night and day including someone at the helm in all weathers. There are six salaried, permanent crew members, The Captain, Chief Officer, 2nd Officer, Chief Engineer, Boatswain (bo'sun) and Cook. Volunteer members of the crew will be 3rd Officer, First Aid Purser, Assistant Engineer, three Watch Leaders, two or three Deck Hands, 2nd Cook, Cook's Assistant and two Youth Mentors. Some of those who have been on the voyages return as volunteers.

Although they welcome all ages on board, the Trust will sponsor those in the 15-25 age group. Many young people find difficulty in growing up and can find learning to live with life not very easy. When on the Tall Ship they learn skills they never thought they could master, make friends with a variety of people and develop confidence and a positive attitude within themselves, supported by the Youth Mentors. On the Tall Ships they learn that their lives depend on each other so there is the need to build bridges, develop strong self-discipline, realise that precision is needed in all tasks and above all the dynamics of teamwork.

A report about their time on the Tall Ship is given to them and the team ensures that everything said is positive. With those seeking jobs and especially the younger people this is an invaluable asset to their CV and has helped many obtain permanent jobs.

No wonder that their patron was the Duke of Edinburgh; some Voyagers have achieved his gold award. No surprise either that Robin Knox-Johnson is their President. Worthy names in a worthy cause.

March meeting

Our next event will be on Friday March 25th at 7:30 pm in St. Michael's Church Hall, Breaston. Glyn Stenson will be talking about the Lock Keeper's Cottage in Sandiacre. The two cottages were built in 1779 for the lock keeper and the lengthsman. They and their families lived in cramped conditions yet in a very cosy home. It is a very fascinating story and at one time threatened with demolition.

If you have never been before you are welcome to join us.

The cost is £5 which includes your first pint or non-alcoholic drink and the donation to support the group who maintain the building for posterity.

The cottage is open every third Sunday of the month where tea/coffee and delicious homemade cakes are served. We hope that you will join us.

John, Colin, Adrian and John

Draycott Village News

Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council News

St Chad's Local Nature Reserve

In 2020, we started to look at funding for St Chad's LNR but due to COVID, most funders re-distributed their grants towards COVID related activities (and rightly so). Now that (fingers crossed) we are learning to live with COVID, we are starting the process again - to look at potential sources of funding to further develop the (already fantastic) nature reserve. We are committed to keeping it a peaceful place to visit and see the wildlife and natural habitats, and we only want to enhance this. Some of our aims are to:

- replace some of the (flood damaged) pathways with concrete (as we have other parts of the paths)
- design and create a new user area to the left of the car park
- create a nature trail
- install more information boards with QR codes
- undertake a habitat/wildlife survey
- have a 10-year management plan for St Chad's
- install a pond dipping platform

Part of any funding bid will be to consult with the public about your thoughts and ideas so we will be conducting a survey soon – if you can, please fill it in. When we did the original survey (2 years ago) several people said they were interested in supporting us, if you have any ideas or fundraising suggestions or wish to join us on this project, please contact Sheena (contact details at the end).

Annual Meeting of the Parish

Thursday 26th May at St Mary's Hall from 7-9 pm

The meeting last year took place online and our thanks to those groups that contributed via a report and video (you can still view them on our website under the news section).

This year's meeting will take place on Thursday 26th May at St Mary's Hall from 7-9 pm so please start writing your reports; I will contact the groups to provide more information. The idea of the meeting is for residents to come together to see all of the wonderful groups and activities that take place within the parish and to give their thoughts and valued input into the Parish Council-owned

facilities and services such as St Chad's LNR, the Leisure Green, the Cemetery, the Playing Fields and the Parish Rooms.

Congratulations to Draycott In Bloom

We are so thankful for the time, work and brilliant displays that Draycott in Bloom create around the Parish and wish to congratulate them on their selection to enter the RHS 'Britain in Bloom' 2022 competition in the large village category for the East Midlands. Well done DIBBERS – go for GOLD!!!!

Friendly request for respect for our neighbours

(letter sent to the Parish Council with a request for us to publish this on their behalf)

"Our homes are our safety net and security blanket and are now even more so. Can you become a considerate neighbour? Noise causes anxiety and aids mental health – we can all do our part by being considerate.

- Place televisions on non-adjoining walls, away from adjoining walls and if you have speakers, think about where you place them.
- If you like loud music, do not assume the same applies to others. Can you wear headphones? So, you can enjoy.
- When completing DIY, inform your neighbours of the job, the timescale so that they are aware and may discuss concerns.

Let's all enjoy our community by being a considerate caring neighbour and think about all our wellbeing"

Meetings

The next meetings will be held on 8th March at the Parish Rooms; Planning and Transport Committee meeting at 6:45 pm and Full Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

We are following all current COVID guidelines which will change as required. The room will be ventilated so wrap up warm and please wear a mask where possible

Office

The office is open to the public on the following days and hours

- Tuesdays from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
- Wednesdays from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

I might be out and about around the Parish, so it's always best to call or email to check I'm in or to make an appointment.

Tel: 01332 875278

Email: clerk@draycott-pc.gov.uk Website: www.draycott-pc.gov.uk

Sheena Butcher, Draycott Parish Clerk

Road Closure

Wilne Road will be closed from 28th February to 11th March for a short (125 yard) stretch from Derwent Street (just past the Methodist Church). To get to St.Chad's Water you will have to go down Sawley Road and turn right just before the M1 bridge. The reason is that a sluice valve is being installed *[No, I don't understand that either! Ed.]*

Draycott and Wilne Women's Institute

Draycott & Wilne members held the January meeting to highlight *the Show the Love* initiative to highlight climate change. Members discussed alternative goals which are more environmentally friendly, crafted heart-shaped items (find them in and around our village) and enjoyed a themed cake – well, it is the WI!



The March meeting (17th) will be a cookery event – still a surprise theme – so come and join the excitement.

Draycott & Wilne WI 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.

Further information through draycottandwilnewi@hotmail.com.

Kris Bingham

Church Wilne Rotary

The Rotary Club of Church Wilne welcomed Colleen Hempson, East Midlands Airport's Community Engagement Manager, to its recent speaker evening. She gave an extensive talk about our local airport which is part of the largest UK-owned airport group incorporating Manchester (MAN), East Midlands (EMA) and London Stansted (STN) airports, contributing £7.8bn to the UK economy and supporting around 121,500 jobs.



Colleen Hempson with President Gary Abbott

9000 people work in 90 businesses across the airport site. A wide range of topics was discussed, the growth of the airport over the years, the Covid pandemic,

increasing cargo flights, investments by DHL and UPS, the East Apron Expansion and the new Arrivals Hall & Rolls Royce Hanger.

EMA intends to be at the heart of the East Midlands Freeport, one of the eight areas granted tax breaks to goods passing through the UK.

Collen focused on sustainable development at the airport, giving an insight into the next generation of electric-powered planes and plans for the future.

Noise from the airport was also discussed and the steps taken to address these concerns: www.eastmidlandsairport.com/about-us/development-plan/.

For more information on Rotary, our speaker evenings, events and the main activities organised by our club please contact our Secretary, David Hewitt at: rccw1220@gmail.com.

Dr John A Cook for Church Wilne Rotary

Draycott in Bloom



Draycott in Bloom is very proud to announce that our village has been selected to enter the RHS 'Britain in Bloom' 2022 competition.

The group will be representing the East Midlands in the large village category. We have lots of plans and hope that with everyone's help we may achieve another GOLD award at national level.

Fundraising

With February having arrived, it may be time to start spring cleaning in our houses!

If you have unwanted new and used items and gifts, please consider donating them to the Draycott Village Fund for our upcoming tombolas or raffles. Please pop them round to our wonderful volunteers at 35 Derby Road (opposite the architect's building).

These items will help us raise much-needed funds to run future events and complete projects throughout the village



Village Clock



The time is ticking (no pun intended) to get our village clock working again. It's part of Draycott's heritage and something which is well known in our community. Unfortunately, it's not good news and the quote to get it fixed is large.

Since the building was re-developed back in 2006 when the first residents moved in, the cost of maintaining the clock has been divided between the apartments. The recent issues with the clock over the last year have highlighted some major work that needs completing. It was last repaired in September 2021, but the chimes were stopped as this section was overheating and causing the full trip out of the system. A temporary fix has since been completed over the last few days - but more work is needed.

So we're coming cap in hand to ask for the support of the village with this particular bill. It was suggested by a villager to set up a crowdfunding page to raise some funds which may secure a future for the clock, and it appears this idea has some support from others too. Given Covid & Christmas, this was delayed until a better time... NOW! (Don't worry the repairs couldn't be done by the company before now anyway). Times are hard, but if you don't ask you don't get, eh?

There are only two companies in the UK that deal with this type of clock and the Cumbria Clock Company is the one we have used for many years. They have always been very honest and reasonable in our dealings with them, therefore we're happy with the quote (before anyone suggests a guy down the pub that fixes watches...). We need to raise £4,165. Obviously, we don't expect to raise the full amount, but any help and support would be appreciated – we've set a target of £2,000, and we're already a quarter of the way there! Find our JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/victoria-mill-clock.

Thank you, you wonderful Draycott villagers!



Church News

Church of England Services

St. Michael's, Breaston

Sundays	8:45 am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Celebration service (also live-streamed on YouTube)
2nd Sunday	10:30 am	All Age Worship (Café style service)
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.

Seating is almost back to pre-Covid normal. The seats on the north (left) side of the church are further apart for those who still wish to be socially distanced.

St. Mary's, Draycott

Sundays	10:30 am	2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays (Holy Communion)
1st Sunday	4:00 pm	Sunday FunDay

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 Monday to Thursday on our Facebook page.

Draycott Methodist Church

Market Street Draycott DE72 3NB

Service times

Social distancing (your choice) but face masks required

March 6th	10:30 am	Mrs Hilary Lamont	Cafe Church
March 13th	10:30 am	Rev. Colin Emerson	Holy Communion
March 20th	10:30 am	Mr Adam McLoughlin	All Age Worship
March 27th	10:30 am	Mrs Jo Howie	Mothering Sunday

Please come and join us – you will receive a warm welcome

A Big Thank You From Derby Refugees

We want to say a big thank you to everyone who responded to our request for clothing for the young male refugees that are being helped in Derby. Especially for the wonderful response from members of Breaston W.I. The clothing was taken to Susannah Wesley House in Derby, which is the Methodist Mission Centre on the Castleward Housing Estate. The refugees being temporarily housed in hotels in Derby use this centre as a drop-in place where they can talk to others and find help. Upstairs in the house, the clothes available there are for them to select what they need and they are very grateful.

If you would like to know more, Jo Howie, our Methodist Mission worker who lives and works at Susannah Wesley House is coming to Draycott Methodist Church on Sunday 27th March to lead our Sunday morning service at 10.30 a.m. We are sure that, included in the service, will be an update on all the work that is happening there in Derby. Anyone is welcome to come along to that service, join in our worship and learn more about practical ways we can share our Christian faith. We look forward to seeing you.

Breaston Methodist Church

Covenant Service

A few weeks ago we held our annual Covenant Service at the Methodist Church. At this service, Methodists rededicate themselves to God. This is a powerful service where we make some serious promises. At first sight, this may appear to be one-sided, however, perhaps we should look at what God has done for us and continues to do for us before we count the cost of what we can do for him. Many of us can testify to the things God has done in our lives. Can you look back at your life and see the times you have been blessed by God, would now be a good time to come to church and give thanks?

Sunday Services

6 March	Rev'd Arnold Dixon	Includes Holy Communion
13 March	Helen Newham	
20 March	Colin Firbank	
27 March	Margaret Barker	Mothering Sunday
3 April	Peter Gray	

All services start at 10:30 am. Breaston Methodist Church now has a new Hearing Loop system that helps hearing aid users hear the sermon, readings and other items.



Lunch Club

Would you enjoy a three-course lunch and enjoyable conversation with friends? If so, the Lunch Club is for you. This is a good opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old friends. The next meetings are on 4 and 18 March each meal costs £4. For more information please speak to Nancy (873619).

Tea and Teacake @ Breaston Methodist Church

We are pleased to announce that the popular 'Tea and Teacake' mornings are restarting. Everyone is most welcome to come and join us on 2nd March in the Breaston Methodist Church foyer between 10:30 am and 12 noon. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a teacake and have a relaxing chat with old friends and the opportunity to make new ones.

World Day of Prayer

This year's service will be on Friday 4th March at 2 pm in St. Michael's Church. The service, which has been prepared by the Christian Women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, is entitled "I know the plans I have for you". Everyone is welcome to attend, and refreshments will be available after the service.

Renew Café at Breaston

Every Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm in St. Michael's Church, the church becomes a community space for a variety of hobbies and activities. These are run by the community for the community. You are welcome to come and relax and chat, enjoy the peace in our quiet area, share a hobby or skill, or join a workshop or activity. They are all free. Simple refreshments are available or bring along a takeaway drink and cake from one of our great local cafés. Renew Café Breaston is hosted by St. Michael's Church - all are welcome.



For more info ring (01332) 872094 or email renew@wdbchurches.org.uk.

Communications role at St. Michael's

As was recently reported, St. Michael's and St. Mary's have appointed Sarah Warburton to the new role of Communications Administrator. We thought it would be helpful for Sarah to say a few words about herself...

“I have been asked to write a little something about myself regarding the Communications Role that I will be doing for the Benefice of Wilne, Draycott and Breaston.

“I have lived in Breaston for 4 years and feel incredibly blessed to be living in such a community-oriented village. I have enjoyed getting involved with Breaston life and am a member of the Breaston Community Forum. I have 2 small children, Anna (nearly 3) and George (10 months). We attend the local toddler groups in Breaston and Draycott and Anna also attends the local preschool.

“My faith has strengthened since having children and it’s been great to establish such strong friendships with so many at St. Michael’s Church. I have a passion to help encourage more families into the church as St. Michael’s has been a great support network for our family.



*Sarah with husband
Richard, and Anna and
George*

“My career to date has been quite varied and I have been fortunate to work in some great locations such as Monaco and Sydney. After graduating from Loughborough University, I pursued a career in the yachting industry and by sheer luck worked on Theo Paphitis’ private yacht. I was then offered a junior PA role working for him in Wimbledon at his Head Office which kickstarted my career as a PA. After working in Wimbledon for just over a year, I accepted a role in Monaco as a Senior PA to a naval architect who designed luxury yachts and 2 years later was offered a similar PA role in Sydney.

“Whilst I was in Sydney, I was messaging a gentleman called Richard Warburton over Facebook for a year. We had met at my sister’s wedding and our conversations were usually based around photos that I had posted online after surfing on Manly Beach. Richard came over to Sydney and we hit it off straight away. I later returned to the UK and 2 years later we married, during this time I worked as a PA up until starting a family.

“I like to pride myself on being organised and going the extra mile. I’m really excited about what I can bring to this role and look forward to working with Rev’d Chris Smedley.”



Happy Mothers' Day

Always be thankful for your mother

Because there is only one
Think of all the advice she gave
And all the things she's done

She gladly brought you into this world
To give you a chance to live
Nursing, nurturing, and raising you
Giving the best that she could give;

Not to mention the sleepless nights
Up in the early hours of day
Tending to your every need
While keeping her tiredness at bay


Who would hold you to her bosom
When you weren't feeling very well
Comforting you in your illness
No matter how worn out she felt.

She fought your battles for you
Whilst you were at the growing stage
Calming you down when things went wrong
Preventing your anger and your rage.


We mustn't forget the ironing
That she did during the day
The clothes so neat and tidy
Before she put them away.

Regardless of the weather
She would walk you to your school
And pick you up at home time
She wasn't anybody's fool.






She would often slave over the cooker
To put the meal on the table.
Then wash the dishes afterwards
Even if she didn't feel able.




A bit of TV in the evening
Once the housework was done
A time for rest and relaxing
Just before the day was gone.

After watching her favourite soaps
It would be storytime then bed
A kiss and final goodnight check
As the pillow comforts the head.

Off to bed mother herself would go
A good night's sleep for her I assume
Knowing that tomorrow when she awakes
It's back to square one and resume.



So be generous and kind to your mother
This day is given just for her
Love and cherish every moment with her
And the memories will recur.



Michael Hickley

Articles

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Derbyshire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/derbyshire has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the

walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said “There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Derbyshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.”

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

Gardening Steve

It's not been too bad a winter, and I have been able to get out into gardens and find something to be getting on with – it makes such a difference and keeps them looking good.

In this month's issue, I've put your spring gardening jobs for March to be getting on with and Gardener Steve's Plant of the Month

Happy gardening to you all

Jobs in the garden this month

- Look around the garden checking for frost damage. Cut back any affected stems
- Cut back shrubs grown for their colourful winter stems such as Cornus and Salix cultivars. Cut them back to their bases, This will encourage vibrant new stems.
- If your lawn needs mowing choose a dry day to complete this. Ensure the blades are set higher than usual at this time of year
- Feed trees, shrubs and hedges with a slow-release fertiliser by lightly forking it into the soil surface
- Plant out any forced flower bulbs in the garden, such as hyacinths and daffodils which have finished flowering indoors

Gardener Steve's plant of the month

Ribes Sanguineum (Flowering ornamental currant)

Ribes is a deciduous, spring-flowering, ornamental shrub with pendant clusters of rose pink, tubular flowers which cover the bush. This popular form of flowering currant is compact and upright in habit making it ideal for where border space is limited or for growing as an informal, flowering hedge. To prevent the plant from becoming congested in late summer remove any dead or diseased branches and reduce the flowered shoots to a strong, lower bud.



The flowering currant is a great performer for any spring garden, blooming every year without any special care needed to be given. They have a pungent scent that is stronger when the foliage is rubbed or brushed against. *Ribes sanguineum* originates from dry open woods and rocky slopes in western North America as far south as California. It was introduced in Britain in 1817.

Flowering period: Early spring

Height and Spread: 7ft x 5ft

Position: Full sun

Soil: Fertile, Well-drained soil

Hardiness: Hardy

Propagation: By hardwood cuttings in the winter

Pruning: In late summer remove any dead, diseased or crossing branches to maintain a nice framework and cut back shoots that have flowered

Pest and Diseases: Aphids can cause problems and can be affected by a leaf spot, powdery mildews, honey fungus and coral spot

Garden Day Trips 2022

This year will see the return of our garden day trips organised by Blue Skies The Limit Events and Adventure, we last hit the road in March 2020, and we are so excited to get them coach wheels turning once again.

If you enjoy visiting gardens, flower shows, botanical gardens, stately homes, garden centres and meeting new friends and wanting a great day out why not join us on our next day trip which will hopefully commence in April

Here at Blue Skies the Limit we are starting to put a provisional list together of garden visits for this year, pencilling in gardens such as RHS Bridgewater & Harlow Carr, Blenheim Flower Show and Dorothy Clive.

There will be local pick-up points and a breakfast roll and hot drink to set you up for the day will be served before departure. Also available for sale are our gift vouchers and can be used towards or against our up-and-coming day trips.

If you would like more information about our garden day trips, to purchase gift vouchers or to be added to our mailing list, you can call the booking line on 07413 408751 or email infoblueskiesthelimit@gmail.com and the team will be more than happy to help.

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.

Looking forward to hearing from you and see you all in April.

Gardener Steve

Dining Out

During lockdown several restaurants and eateries 'came across' and provided food requirements and beverages, for collection and delivery. Many people tried and tested different offerings. For me – from the ones I tried – high on the 'leader board' came No.58 at Long Eaton. Other providers, of takeaways and deliveries, were very good, too.

Customers require different foods and some like a great, tasty pizza, whilst others have a favourite of traditional Sunday lunch and a memorable dessert – probably, in my case (at different times), both! A good number of restaurants and eateries continue to provide collections and/or deliveries, as part of their services, as well as inside and outside dining now, as well.



No.58, on the Green in Long Eaton, provides excellent foods, including very impressive breakfasts, plus snacks, main courses and Sunday lunches. Weekday collections and deliveries are available, also and online ordering is easy. The Sunday lunches are extremely popular and sell out, regularly.

Whether Chicken, Gammon or other preference is a favourite, No.58 does not

disappoint. Vegetables and Yorkshire Pudding etc, accompany the various dishes.

Quality produce, freshly prepared, cooked and presented to perfection, has numerous, very satisfied customers. Hot and cold finger and fork buffets are perfect for office and business lunches, as well as for anyone's lunch and dinner. An excellent range of quality salads is available. Avocado, Chicken Breast & Bacon is a popular and regular choice for many, being presented on a bed of watercress, with rocket and tomatoes, complemented by mustard and red wine vinaigrette.



Catering advice is also available, to suggest menus that are suitable for every occasion. Grant, Nichola and the team have extensive knowledge of cuisine and continue to gain new clients, as well as retaining many regulars. If going for a visit, inside or outside, be it for a casual coffee, snack, sweet treat or a substantial meal, No.58 certainly has a lot to offer. Perhaps the Sunday lunch delivery appeals? Recommended.

For more information, Tel: 0115 946 8736 E-mail: grant@no58.shop and visit: www.no58.shop

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As always, enjoy!

Trevor Langley



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- Please let Jan (above) know if Vegetarian Option required, by 26/2

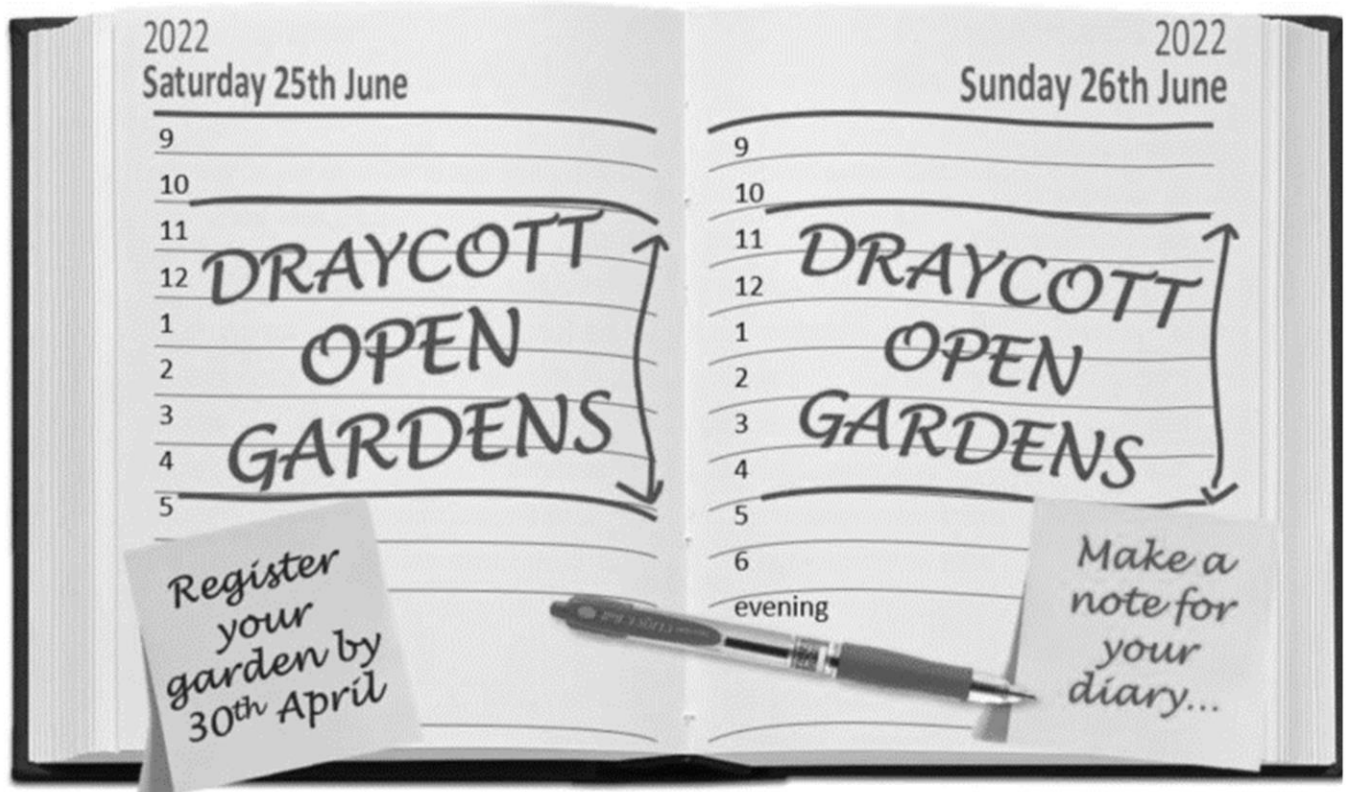


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Would you like your group's contact details here? Do let us know (contact details on page 6)

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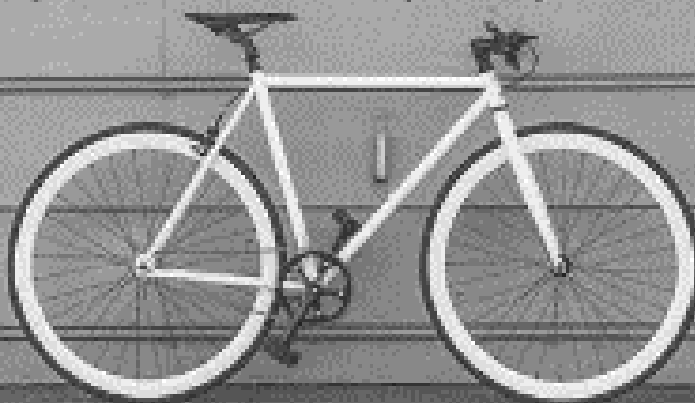
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