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Thought for the month

I was recently struck by the following quote by Ignatius of Loyola, who was the founder of the Jesuits. 'Sin is an unwillingness to trust that God wants for me only my deepest happiness'. The core questions of trust are, is God good and can I trust Him with my life? This does not mean that life will be easy or that we won't face challenges or carry huge pain. It does mean that through all we undergo, we know deep within that God is a loving Father who will help, guide, and love us unconditionally.

Jesus chose to trust his Father knowing that it would lead to death on the cross. He had had a tough journey with much rejection, especially from the Jewish leaders who wanted to kill him. He also got frustrated and angry, particularly at the hypocrisy he encountered from those in authority. However, Jesus' overriding quality was joy. This came from his conviction that God was good and that he could trust him with his life. Jesus was the most amazing person to be around. Children do not flock around miserable people but are drawn to those who are happy. Wherever Jesus went children crowded around him.

Jesus said to his followers 'I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete' (John 15 v 11). Jesus' desire is your deepest happiness, your deepest joy. This comes from believing that God is good and knows what's best for us and trusting him with our lives. Trust doesn't come naturally because we tend to feel that we know what is best.

We are human and will struggle at times. It is easy to say we trust God but live with constant anxiety. I struggle with this at times because I want to sort out everything now. The key to a joyful life is to focus on the goodness of God and his love and provision for us, rather than the problems that beset us all.

Christ is risen! This isn't just an acknowledgement of a biblical truth but an acknowledgement that he's alive and longs for us to be close to him.

My prayer for you is for 'the God of hope to fill you with all peace and joy as you trust in him' (Romans 15 v 13).

Rev'd Chris Smedley.

From the editor

Feedback

I love to hear your feedback on what you think of the magazine and its content. Vince the Vane was particularly delighted to receive this from a correspondent:

I would like to say how much I enjoyed the light-hearted article from “Vine the Vane”. It really made me smile! I envy his insight into all that’s going on and can relate to many things he said. And the view from the top is amazing! It’s a pity he can’t “cock-a-doodle-doo” just before the clock chimes – now that really would be fun! Keep blowing, Vince.

You can read Vince’s musings on page 31 – including a comment on those lorries (see the front cover – talking of which, as a counterweight to the lorries, we’ve included a little touch of spring from Duffield Close in Breaston).

Happy Easter!

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 874170.

Jonathan Lupton, Editor

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Verse of the month

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

(Luke 24: 6-7)

Still Space

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

Where's Jesus

by April McIntyre



Crowds clamour,
 Anguished voices cry for healing.
 Where's Jesus?
 Off on his own in the cool, morning hills.
 Why is he still praying?
 Can't he see we need him?
 Why doesn't he do something?

Clouds gather,
 Lightning torments troubled waters.
 Where's Jesus?
 Sleeping on a cushion in a sinking boat.
 Can't he see we're drowning?
 Why doesn't he wake up?
 Why doesn't he do something?

Pilgrims wave,
 Flinging palms and cloaks and praises.
 Where's Jesus?
 Plodding on a donkey towards Jerusalem.
 Is this our conquering hero?
 Messiah, liberator?
 Why doesn't he do something?

Sky blackens;
 Up-turned faces frozen, mocking.
 Where's Jesus?
 Hanging helpless on a cross.
 They say he's come to save us.
 Why doesn't he leap down?
 Why doesn't he do something?



Hope dies,
 Limp body lovingly lowered.
 Where's Jesus?
 Linen-wrapped, still, on a slab.
 How can this be?
 Why doesn't he come to life?
 Why doesn't he do something?



Garden tomb,
 explodes with early God-light.
 Where's Jesus?
 Gone.

Whispers of earthquakes,
 bloodied grave clothes flung aside.
 Perhaps Jesus has done something.

He is not here, He has risen! (Luke 24:6)

Breaston Village News

Breaston Parish Council

Hopefully, you will all have seen the Parish Council Newsletter they have been kindly delivered by the Community Forum Team – Massive thanks go to them for their help with this.

We have now thankfully filled the two vacancies on the Parish Council and welcome Cllrs Lisa Patrick & Paul Wells and wish them well in their new roles.

As you all know there is a local election on the 4th of May – check out the Parish and Borough websites to find out more about the need for photo identification when you go to the polling station.

Solar panels

The solar panels have been installed and are already showing great promise, even though the weather hasn't been that brilliant since they were installed – the panels are topping up a battery and we can already see the power being provided, we're looking forward to seeing a difference to the next bills that come through the door!

Vandalism

We have yet again been plagued by acts of mindless vandalism on both Perks Park and Johnson's Meadow – all of the damage has a cost to the ratepayer not only the cost of the repairs but the time of the Clerk and Caretaker too. If anyone sees the goal post socket covers, please contact the Clerk on 01332 870119.

Dementia Friendly Village

The Dementia Information session was a great success those who attended were given lots of useful advice and information and it is hoped that we will organise another session in the autumn, watch this space.

Village Improvements

We have at very long last received the go-ahead from all the necessary organisations; Derbyshire County Council, Openreach, Cadent and National Grid for the In Bloom Tree Group to plant the trees along Longmoor Lane, there were very many hoops to jump through but very well done to all concerned and we look forward to seeing the trees blossom and berry in the coming months.

Cllrs Mills & Rowlinson continue to monitor the wildflower meadow site at the Cemetery, and we will be looking for volunteers in the coming weeks to help set the seeds – Contact the Clerk if you would like to be involved.



Thanks to Cllrs Wrigglesworth, Elliott & Rowlinson who along with the Clerk & Caretaker went along to the field of dreams and helped the Preschool to plant whips and saplings provided by the Woodland Trust, as you can see everyone had a marvellous time – again we look

forward to the plants maturing and providing another valuable mini woodland.

Defibrillators

The latest defibrillator has now been installed in the cabinet on the front wall at Overdale Medical Practice at Bridgefield. Thanks to the team at the surgery and Cllr Parkinson.

You may have heard about the Borough Council's sad decision that they can no longer maintain the public conveniences in the parishes, we await the information from the Borough so that a decision can be made on whether the Parish Council can take over the running of the Blind Lane facilities.

Security

Finally, we are delighted to report that we have been successful with two grant applications, one for £1,500.00 towards the cost of the installation of CCTV on Perks Park – which I'm sure we can all agree is needed! The second is a grant for £20,000 from the Vernon Bowmer Trust towards the cost of the walking path on Perks Park, this is the very best news and I think we can organise the contractor's start date very soon!

May Day Gala

Plans for the gala are coming along nicely. We have some great entertainment in the main arena, competitions and rides and games for all the family lined up. Get baking for the Great Breaston Bake Off (see page 39) and get into training for Breaston's strongest man and woman competition! The dog show is back but with a new twist so bring along your furry friends and get involved! The fun starts at 11 am on Monday 1st of May on Duffield Close and we look forward to seeing you all there!

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Nicala O'Leary, Parish Clerk

Breaston Belles W.I. News



For our last meeting, Jo Golby talked on the topic of The History of Cosmetics. This was thoroughly entertaining and rather horrifying in part! There were plenty of gory details of the dangers of many of the concoctions used in the past. We were all greatly relieved that we don't have to put our lives at risk just to "put our face on " today.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Helen Percival was the winner of our Valentine cookery competition, well done.

A large group of us enjoyed an excellent Afternoon Tea at Hoggs. Lovely food, beautifully presented and served. Our many thanks to Sally and flowers were sent to show our appreciation.



At our next meeting, our speaker will be telling us about the life of American socialite Wallis Simpson who became the Duchess of Windsor.

We are all looking forward to Calendar Girls at the Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton in a few days' time.

Earlier this year there was an appeal put out for groups to make blankets for anyone who needed help keeping warm. The 100 target was quickly exceeded and raised to 250. However, it was announced at the crochet-athon that more than 2000 had already been sent in and given out. Several of our members attended the Guinness World Record attempt at Derby Arena where the previous record of 604 people crocheting in a room for 15 minutes was smashed by our figure of 960! Well done to Suzanne, Helen Percival and Helen Stafford who attended.

For further information contact our Communications Secretary Georgina Walker on 0115 9724290 or email breastonbelleswi@talktalk.net

Anne Hunt



Breaston Community Forum

On Sunday 12th March the Forum held our annual Fund Raiser Quiz. Held at the Chequers Inn, 82 people signed up in teams to play a brilliant quiz set by Matt, the Chequers regular quiz master. We were served tasty nibbles to keep the brain cells working, lots of alcohol was consumed (not sure if that helps the brain!) and we all sighed together when the Jeopardy round



answers were announced! We held a raffle with prizes donated by Forum members and raised over £450 for the Forum. This much-needed money will pay for the next newsletter and help us to hold future events such as the Yard Sale and Pumpkin Party.

Our next activities are:

Put Your Bunting Up!

We invite you to once again 'Put your Bunting Up' from St Georges Day 23rd April until after the King's Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday, May 7th. We will also be selling Bunting outside the Co-op on the 2 previous Saturdays 15th & 22nd between 10 & 12.

Breaston Bake Off 2023

We invite you to enter your Lemon drizzle cake, 3 decorated cupcakes (Over 12s) or 3 decorated biscuits (Under 12s – can be shop-bought biscuits) in our Bake Off competition at the May Day Gala on May 1st. There is no charge to enter, just bring your entry along to Duffield Close for judging between 10-11 in the morning.

If you would like to get involved with the Community Forum we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch.

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BREASTON IN BLOOM

7 Years On

When Emma Thomas and I first became enthused about the idea of entering the RHS in Bloom competition in 2016 we could have never imagined how much impact it would have on the village and the people who got involved. Seven years later we have come a long way and the village is looking so beautiful, especially at the moment with all the daffodils planted by the Parish Council in full bloom.



The Parish Council has supported Breaston in Bloom throughout our seven years. It all started with their faith in us by letting us dig a flower bed in the Centenary garden so we could enter the RHS It's your Neighbourhood competition. They have helped to fund our work and just this year they have helped us to obtain permission to plant some trees on Longmoor Lane. I hope you remember the first bed – a red, white & blue Union flag representation with a magnificent crown in the centre. We were so thrilled we invited the mayor to come along to open it. Our small

group of helpers began to grow and we took the plunge and entered East Midlands in Bloom the following year. I set to designing a logo, ordering Hi-Viz jackets and signs etc. Then along came a telephone call out of the blue asking me if we would like to take part in a television programme featuring Bloom groups around the country. They wanted us because we were new & knew nothing! They were right! You might have seen the programme – it is shown each year on BBC in early Spring. Taking part was great fun, but it was also very stressful. As Chair of the group, I was their main point of contact and I spent many hours and sleepless nights trying to plan things so it would work for the TV crew. We were also in the competition of course - much more than just a bit of planting – there were tick lists to achieve, the village had to look immaculate, the planting perfect and the community involved. What a baptism of fire! Of course, we didn't win Gold, but Silver - that only spurred us on for future years. We had a great celebration in the Chequers Inn – they have supported us every

year, allowing us to hold meetings there, letting us take over the pub for quizzes and they accept our entries for events. We are so grateful for their support.

Helen Elcock took on the role of Chair and I became Vice Chair – we now had proper committee meetings and allocated roles with Anita as treasurer and as the competition became harder we did more and more planting and community involvement. We were keen to improve, the number of planting areas increased and even the planting order took Helen & me many hours of planning together and of course we were doing the physical work too. Our group was enthusiastic and much bigger, we had food treats at work parties and a summer gathering for all the families involved (as part of being a 'Bloomer' means your family tends to get involved!) Everyone was feeling the benefit of working and planting together and the appearance of the village went from strength to strength.

In 2019 we finally won the coveted Gold award that we had been hoping for. Not only that but we achieved a special award for the Western Gateway to the village. Everyone had put so much into the planning and the execution of the plan and it was worth all the hard work and the stress.



At this point, Helen and I had some family and health issues that meant that we both stepped down from our roles. The other committee members had been very supportive throughout but the bulk of the admin had fallen on us and we felt we had to cut back. It was decided that we would not enter the competition that year but just concentrate on the planting and keeping the village looking good. Team

members took responsibility for specific areas so the admin load was spread and things were looking good. I agreed to continue with sorting the planting order, Sue placed the order for us and I distributed the plants. I also remained as the main contact for admin, planned the committee meetings, took minutes, made posters and liaised with the Parish Council.

Then the Covid 19 pandemic struck. It became really difficult to do much Blooming. We were allowed out but often alone or with very small groups, things were kept going but without the camaraderie we had before and maintenance & watering became more of an issue. Thank goodness we weren't in a competition. As things opened up our group of around 50 keen members had dwindled to around 20, and many people were still wary of working with others or had changed interests. The committee started to meet again and we worked

on building up the group and getting the planted areas back to their former beauty. We have opened up committee meetings to all and tried some social evenings and followed work parties with a coffee at a local café. We still have a shortage of helpers and this year is looking difficult for several of the areas we tend. We usually can get enough people for planting, but general maintenance and watering through the summer are issues. We need more people!

Breaston in Bloom has been a major part of my life over the 7 years, having started it off with Emma and continued to have a heavy workload throughout, it is as if I were a stick of rock with 'Breaston in Bloom' written through it! However my personal life has changed over the last 2 years, my health deteriorated and I can no longer cope with the stress of the admin side of things. Therefore I have very reluctantly decided to step down from the committee and just be a regular 'Bloomer'. It will be hard, but I know the remaining committee members will step up and do a great job in the future.

I hope that having read this you might feel that you can get involved in our Breaston in Bloom activities. Whether it be helping with planting, watering, weeding, making a poster, joining the committee or anything you can offer, whenever you can. Please get in touch and I will pass your details on to the committee.

Many thanks for all your support over the years.

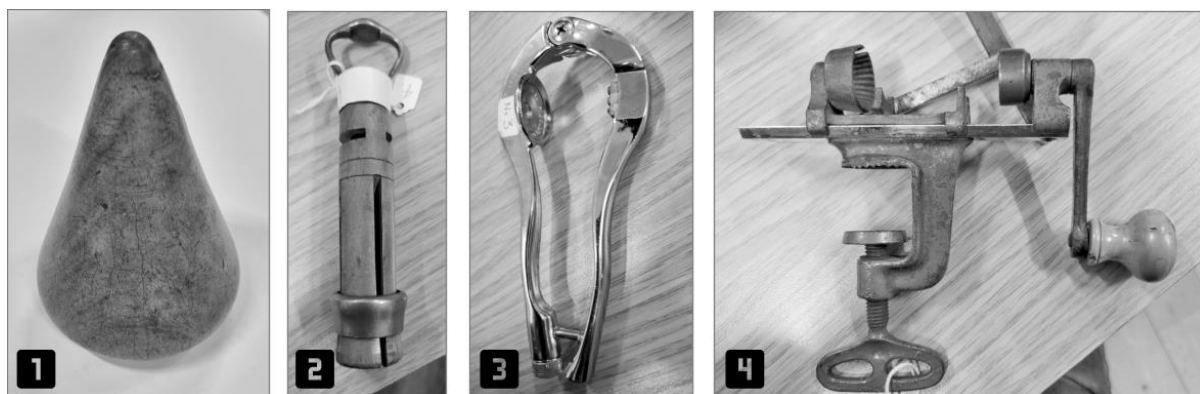
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Men's Danger Club

Bob and Del Neill have boxes and boxes of curiosities Over the years they have built up a wide variety now having over 30 boxes each with its own individual and unique collection. Each collection contains objects some within our lifetime, some within our fathers' and some would be in common use in our grandfathers' day. All this started when clearing out their parents' houses. They decided to keep objects no longer used and start their talks. As time progressed, they acquired more through car boot sales and people giving them objects to use and preserve rather than putting them in the bin. So the collection grew and now they are giving 2-3 talks every week.

They chose to bring their "Men's Box" full of objects for use either at work, in the home, for leisure or other practical purposes, mainly used by men so we were up for the challenge! You can have a go yourself – see the photo.

A very puzzling collection: some we knew, some we could work out and some remained a mystery. Thankfully we were working in small groups so were able to exchange ideas. One group managed to correctly solve 17 of the 20 objects. Considering some were very obscure, including a lock to secure the eyelets on a knapsack, that was an excellent score, with other teams not far behind. An excellent evening.



See if you can work out what each of these is. Answers on page 37

Our next meeting on 28th April is, by popular demand, another of Sarah's Quirky Quiz evenings. Members so enjoyed her first quiz in October last year they wanted her back as soon as possible. Rounds included which of her Dad's tools had the longest cable, identifying activities from children's drawings, determining which objects will float and which will sink, and so on. Nothing like any other quiz, testing the "Little grey cells". Thankfully we will be in groups to pool ideas. It's a very entertaining and enjoyable quiz for everyone and anyone.

April 28th 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Church Hall. Cost £5 including a pint or non-alcoholic drink.

Contact details are on page 41.

John, Colin, Adrian and John

Breaston Flower Circle

This year's AGM held on February 28th proved to be different. Once formal proceedings and business had finished, members were treated to a fascinating presentation entitled 'Cut Flower Gardens' by Jeff Bates.

Vibrant coloured photographs of seasonal flowers and gardens filled a projection screen whilst Jeff's accompanying talk held us engrossed with his informative tips. What a lot we learned – about which varieties of plants to use to promote all-year-round texture, froth and form. By the end of the evening, we were in no doubt as to the best way to prepare our borders and how to cultivate our plants.

But no garden thrives on its own. Jeff offered us some sound advice on best practice and routine maintenance to encourage the growth of stunning heads of flowers for growing and cutting so that we could enjoy colour in our own homes and gardens month after month.

This was a very worthwhile evening.

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 25th April, Sawley Community Centre, 7:30 pm, 'As we go down to the woods' by Emma Remington

Elaine Bainbridge

An Appeal from Breaston Scout Group

1st Breaston Scout Group have nearly 60 young people enrolled from the age of 6 up to 14. We have three groups — Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and only four leaders to cover the three groups. We are left having to cancel some of the groups when we do not have enough leaders or helpers to cover, and we are struggling to provide the young people with an action-packed programme.

We would appreciate offers of any help for our sessions. You don't have to become a leader— we have occasional helper roles available, or you can join our Executive Committee which meets once every four to six weeks. We provide everything you will need to join the group at no cost to you.



To offer to help or for any further information please contact Angela Clark, 1st Breaston Scout Group Leader on 07812 726 988.

I Look forward to hearing from you.

Angela Clark

Draycott Village News

Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council News

New Defibrillator at the Parish Rooms

We are very happy to inform everyone that we received a grant from the Derbyshire County Council's Members Fund for the purchase of an additional Defibrillator which will shortly be installed outside the Parish Rooms on Elvaston Street. This will be registered so that if anyone nearby has to call 999 and a defibrillator is required, the operator will advise on where to go, and how to use the system. We are also hoping to be successful with another grant application to the Football Association for another defib unit and case for outside the Football Pavilion on Gertrude Road (Draycott Victoria Ladies Football Team have applied for this on our behalf)

In addition, many thanks to Ashley Kincade the electrician who will install these free of charge!

Local Elections May 2023

Voters are urged to check that they are election-ready before it's too late.

With only a few weeks to go until the voter registration deadline for local elections on 4th May, anyone wanting to vote must make sure they are election-ready.

The deadline to register to vote is midnight on 17th April. Voters can apply online at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). It takes just five minutes.

Voters have a range of options – they can vote in person, by post or by appointing someone they trust to vote in their place, known as a proxy vote. The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5 pm on 18th April. The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is a week later, 5 pm on 25th April.

This May, for the first time, **voters will need to show photo ID** to vote at a polling station. This is a new requirement, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act. To find out which ID you can use in the polling station, visit the Electoral Commission website www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id.

If you do not have one of the accepted types of ID, you can apply for a free ID at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate or by completing and submitting a paper form to your local authority. You must apply by 5 pm on 25 April, to be able to use the Voter Authority Certificate on 4 May.

Becoming a Parish Councillor for Draycott and Church Wilne

We have 11 seats available, if you wish to become a councillor, please visit www.erewash.gov.uk/elections-section/elections-2023 to read about what you need to do to stand for election and the key dates for submission.

Kings Coronation Grants from Erewash Borough Council

Erewash residents planning a right royal celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III in May have the chance to apply for funding to help organise a traditional street party.

Erewash Borough Council has confirmed that it has made grants from £50 up to £100, available for street parties in the borough. Residents are urged to apply for a grant early to ensure they are not disappointed, as the scheme will be operating on a first-come, first-served basis, with grants paid from the first week in April.

Individuals and groups have until 5 pm on April 21st—subject to funding remaining available—to bid for money towards their royal celebration. Anyone who requires a road closure for their event should email democratic@erewash.gov.uk or call 0115 907 1154. To guarantee that applications are processed, they must be submitted by 5 pm on March 24th. Every attempt will be made to process applications received after this deadline, but we cannot guarantee that orders will be issued. Any road closures needed will be free of charge.

King Charles III's coronation will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023 at Westminster Abbey in London. During the ceremony, the King will be crowned alongside Camilla, the Queen Consort.

Complete the grant application form at www.erewash.gov.uk/grants-section/street-party-grant-form. Please note that grant funding cannot be used for the purchase of alcohol. To find out how to apply visit www.erewash.gov.uk/latest-news-section/latest-news/1672-grants-for-street-parties.

Speed Indicator Devices for the Village

We have now received the great news from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office that the grant application was successful and they will fund the majority of the costs to purchase two Speed Indicator Devices. We are now waiting on the approval of the licence to put them on posts in the approved locations on Sawley Road, Hopwell Road and 2 locations on Derby Road – if that is approved (due by the end of March) then this will be a major success. The SIDs will record

the speeds of passing vehicles which we can download and use as evidence of speeding (or not) in the locations in the Parish.

Community Speedwatch Update

Statistics from the start of the year until March 15th

Date	Location	Total number of Vehicles counted during the 1hr session	Total Letters Sent by Ripley HQ	Nu of 1st warning letters	Number local to Draycott
14/03/2023	Sawley Road	241	13	10	2
08/03/2023	Station Road	100	2		2
27/02/2023	Derby Road	475	8	8	1
21/02/2023	Sawley Road	224	6	5	2
15/02/2023	Sawley Road	183	8	8	
31/01/2023	Derby Road (Nr wheelbarrow)	474	9	8	3
24/01/2023	Sawley Road	194	7		4
20/01/2023	Station Road	403	4		2

So that's a total of 61 letters sent to people speeding through our village sent out since Christmas with 16 letters being sent to people local to Draycott!!!

Community Speedwatch is managed by the Police at Ripley Headquarters and they have various steps that they take for people who are recorded as speeding after they have received the first warning letter – please slow down and adhere to the speed limits we just want everyone to be safe in our village.

Meetings

The next meeting date is Tuesday 18th April at 7 pm – all are welcome to attend.

The **Annual Meeting of the Parish** will be on Tuesday 9th June from 7 to 8:30 pm in St. Mary's Hall. I will once again produce a Community Booklet so if you want to contribute, please email me your information before the end of April.

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.

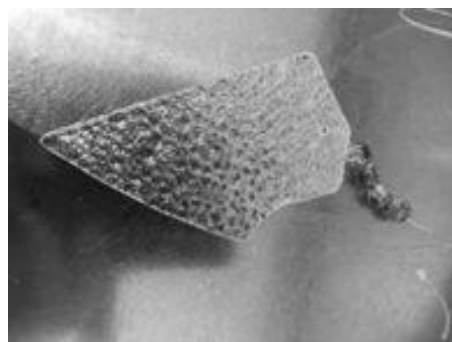
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Sheena Butcher, Draycott Parish Clerk

Draycott and Wilne Women's Institute

Our February meeting once again showed our creative side. Jennifer McEwan was our speaker and she gave and demonstrated some of the beautiful methods used to produce stained glass. As this was a process which required her to complete at home, Jennifer had glass materials available for members to create their own suncatcher on the night.



In March we were excited to go and see the performance of Calendar Girls at the Long Eaton Duchess Theatre. The Erewash Musical Society members created the most amazing musical production. It was fun, touching and passionate. You know the story and let me tell you, there were some very brave ladies in the cast!

Draycott & Wilne WI meets on the 3rd Thursday of 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

Draycott Village Fund

Open Gardens

Could you support Draycott Village Fund by taking part in Draycott Open Gardens 2023? We would love to have some new gardens to add to the trail this year. Any size garden, including those that are 'work in progress' are welcome. Be part of a major fundraising and social event in the Draycott calendar!

Please email the organisers at dibopengardens2023@gmail.com. Deadline for entries 28th April 2023.

Church Wilne Rotary Club

White Ribbon Campaign

The Rotary Club of Church Wilne recently welcomed District Governor Elect (DGE) Richard Vergette and Chris Harris of Broxtowe Women's Project, both supporting the "White Ribbon Campaign", raising awareness of Violence against Women and Girls & Domestic Abuse, to its speaker evening.

Such abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of their gender, sexuality, skin colour, ethnicity, social status or any other characteristic or circumstances.

Support is available to all, details of which are available on the Broxtowe women's project website: broxtowewomensproject.org.uk/white-ribbon-day-in-the-community/

Chris explained how local employers can support the White Ribbon Campaign. Domestic abuse not only impacts the well-being of the person being abused, but it can also affect work colleagues and the success of the companies they work for.

According to Chris "It is estimated that on average 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic abuse at some stage in their lifetime". So let's not suffer in silence, please seek support.

Local Support Services Tel: 08000 198 668.

The Rotary Club of Church Wilne were moved by the plight of victims of Domestic Abuse and donated £50 to support the campaign.

Cry for Help

When the Bundles of Hope & Baby Basics Charities (bundlesofhope.co.uk) based in Long Eaton recently put out a cry for help, Church Wilne Rotary Satellite Group came to their rescue.

The Charities had run out of baby towels along with other basic necessities to fulfil all the referrals they had received to support mums with newborn babies.

Rotary Satellite group member Susie Collins purchased over £400 worth of supplies to meet this week's requirements and beyond. Susie said, "We were more than happy to help, and to see the faces of the volunteers who put the packs together was priceless!"

For more information about our club and its activities or you can email the Secretary at rccw1200@gmail.com

Or visit our website at - www.churchwilnerotary.org.uk



DGE Richard Vergette, Chris Harris & President Paul Fleming

Rotarian Dr John A Cook

Church News

Church of England Services

St. Michael's, Breaston and St. Mary's Draycott

Sat 1st	10:00	Church open for private prayer	St Michael's
Sun 2nd	8:45	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	10:30	All-Age Service	St Mary's
	10:30	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	6:00	Celebration Service	St Mary's
Tue 4th	7:25	Julian Meeting	St Michael's
Wed 5th	10:30	Holy Communion	St Michael's
Thu 6th	10:00	Renew Cafe	St Michael's
	7:30	Maundy Thursday - Holy Comm'n	St Michael's
	10:30	Walk of Witness - Draycott	St Mary's
	1:00	Walk of Witness - Breaston	St Michael's
	2:00	Hour at the Cross	St Michael's
	7:00	Good Friday Service	St Mary's
Sat 8th	10:00	Church open for private prayer	St Michael's
Sun 9th	6:00	Sunrise Service	St Chad's Water
	8:45	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	10:30	Celebration Service	St Michael's
	11:00	All-Age Service	St Chad's
	6:30	Evensong	St Michael's
Wed 12th	10:30	Holy Communion	St Michael's
Thu 13th	10:00	Renew Cafe	St Michael's
	3:30	Messy Church	Draycott Methodist
	7:00	Living Hope Support Group	St Michael's
Sat 15th	10:00	Church open for private prayer	St Michael's
Sun 16th	8:45	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	10:30	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10:30	All-Age Worship	St Michael's
Tue 18th	2:15	Julian Meeting	St Michael's
	7:00	Annual Meeting	St Michael's
Wed 19th	10:30	Holy Communion	St Michael's
Thu 20th	10:00	Renew Cafe	St Michael's
Sat 22nd	10:00	Church open for private prayer	St Michael's
Sun 23rd	8:45	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	10:30	Holy Communion	St Mary's

	10:30	Celebration Service	St Michael's
Wed 26th	10:30	Holy Communion	St Michael's
Thu 27th	10:00	Renew Cafe	St Michael's
Sat 29th	10:00	Church open for private prayer	St Michael's
Sun 30th	8:45	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	10:30	Celebration Service	St Michael's
	10:30	Holy Communion	St Mary's

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.

Children and Youth Work

Sunbeams Baby and Toddler Groups

St Michaels' Church, Breaston Mondays from 10 to 11:30 am

St. Mary's Church Hall, Draycott Fridays from 10 to 11:30

Term time only. Price: £2.50 Contact Jodie McConnell (see page 41)

Explorers

Activities, games, Bible stories and snacks for Primary School children at Key Stage 2. Tuesdays 3:30-5 pm during term time in St. Michael's Church, Breaston. Contact Jodie McConnell (see page 41)

Breaston Youth Café

For ages 11-16 (school years 7-11). Table tennis, X-box, tuck shop, table football, crafts and quiet space. Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm in St. Michael's Hall, Breaston during term time. Contact Steve Lacey (see page 41)

Breaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services and other events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Sun 2 Apr	Sunday Service	Led by Richard Collins
Wed 5 Apr	Tea and Teacakes	10 am to 12 noon in the hall
Thu 6 Apr	Prayers for Revival	10:30 am in the Foyer
Thu 6 Apr	Maundy Thursday Service	2 pm in the Church
Fri 7 Apr	Good Friday	
Sun 9 Apr	Easter Sun Comm'n Service	Led by Rev Arlington Trotman
Fri 14 Apr	Lunch Club	12 noon in the hall

Sun 16 Apr Sunday Service

Wed 19 Apr Tea and Teacakes

Thu 20 Apr Table Talk

Sun 23 Apr Sunday Service

Fri 27 Apr Thinking about God

Fri 28 Apr Lunch Club

Sun 30 Apr Sunday Service

Wed 3 May Tea and Teacakes

Sun 7 May Sunday Service**Led by Malcolm Wilson**

10 am to 12 noon in the hall

2 pm in the hall

Led by Rev Arnold Dixon

2 pm in the hall

12 noon in the hall

Led by members of the congregation

10 am to 12 noon in the hall

Led by Gillian Watts

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

**Email address**

Our email address for all enquiries is breastonmethodistchurch@gmail.com.

Lenten Cross

During Lent and on Easter Sunday we will be including a special element in our services. These are intended to help us to think about and concentrate on the events which led up to the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Minister's Message - Easter a Spring of New Life

As we know Spring is a time when God's good earth becomes rich and fruitful with the abundance of life in so many ways and we certainly look forward to it. It is a time of warmth, heat, life and purpose. It is also a time for Christians to continue that walk from the days of lent to the Cross of Calvary, to the Resurrection, and then living in that new life each and every day with Jesus. I know no better way to live than to walk through days of Spring with the creator God, creating his beauty around us. However, we need to take time, pause; and realise just how much God has given us. The poet Helen Steiner Rice would say it like this in:

An Easter Prayer.

God, gives us eyes to see the beauty of the Spring,
 And to behold Your majesty in every living thing
 And may we see in lacy leaves and every budding flower,
 The Hand that rules the universe with gentleness and power
 And may this Easter grandeur that Spring lavishly imparts

Awaken faded flowers of faith lying dormant in our hearts,
 And give us ears to hear, dear God,
 The Springtime song of birds
 With messages more meaningful
 than man's often empty words
 Telling harried human beings
 Who are lost in dark despair
 "Be like us do not worry
 for God has you in His care."

Tea and Teacake @ Breaston Methodist Church

Take a break - have a cup of tea and a teacake. On alternate Wednesdays Breaston Methodist Church serves Tea and Teacakes in the hall. Please feel free to join us in a warm room, for hot tea, toasted teacakes and enjoyable good company. Everyone is most welcome to our sessions on 5 April, 19 April and 3 May between 10 am to 12 noon.

Table Talk

An opportunity to have a chat with old friends and make new ones over a hot drink and cake or biscuits. Everyone is welcome to join in and we hope that new members will soon become friends. We start with the hot drink and cake or biscuits. 'Table Talk' cards are used to provide us with random subjects and to stimulate conversation, although you are welcome to say as much or as little as you want. Our meeting in April is on Thursday, 20 April at 2:00 pm in the church hall.

Due to the dramatically increased cost of heating we have decided to contribute £1 each per session towards the cost of heating during the colder months.

For more details please speak to Doreen or Paul or email us.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club is a place where you can enjoy a three course meal in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The food is good and the company is even better, and the conversation can be stimulating. The meals take place every other Friday. The next meetings are on 14 April and 28 April each meal costs £5.00. For more information or if you would like to join in either by eating a meal or as a volunteer helping to provide the meals please speak to Nancy or or email us.

Church Membership

Do you believe in God and want to learn more? Would you like to consider becoming a member of Breaston Methodist Church? Would you like Rev Arnold

Dixon to include you in a series of membership classes where you will learn about the Christian faith, the Methodist Church, the privileges and responsibilities of being a member of the Methodist Church? For more details please speak to Rev Arnold Dixon or email us.

Thinking about God Group

The meetings start with a hot drink, cake or biscuits and a friendly chat followed by relaxed discussions of significant Christian truths and applying them to our own experiences.

As we continue our series considering John's gospel at the meetings in April we will see the love of God changing lives for the better even for those who feel that they are unworthy. Whether you are new to Christianity or an expert theologian you will be most welcome in the Thinking about God group. The next meeting will be on 27 April at 2:00 pm in the hall at Church

For more details please speak to Doreen, Rev Arnold Dixon or Paul or email us.

Prayers for Revival – Thursday 6 April in the Foyer at 10:30 am

Do you feel that Christianity in Breaston is like a swimmer trying to reach the shore buffeted by waves but not making much progress? Would you like to see Christian faith and the church picked up by the Holy Spirit and carried forward in an exhilarating rush like an expert surfer riding a wave? Christian Revival is a wonderful and surprising outpouring of the Holy Spirit in response to a considerable amount of prayer. When it happens we can expect to see miraculous events including spiritual and physical healings, conversions, speaking in tongues and a new confidence bringing freedom from doubt and fear. A few of us met for prayer but we would welcome many more to pray with us either to pray aloud or to sit quietly and pray. If you can, please join us in the Foyer at Breaston Methodist Church on Thursday 6 April at 10:30 am.

Paul Bowdler

Draycott Methodist Church

Market Street Draycott DE72 3NB

Service times

Apr 2nd	10:30 am	Rev. Colin Emerson	Cafe Church
Apr 9th	6 am	Rev. Colin Emerson	Open Air Service at St Chad's Water
	10:30 am	Mr Peter Goddard	
Apr 16th	10:30 am	Mr Peter Goddard	All Age Worship

Apr 23rd 10:30 am

Rev. Colin Emerson Holy Communion

Apr 30th 10:30 am

Rev. Raymond Lunt

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

Easter Celebration Service at 10:30 at The Methodist Church

This will be led by Mr Peter Goddard. All through the weeks of Lent a large wooden cross has been at the front of the church and each week items relevant to Jesus' Passion have been added to it (bowl and towel, cup, a money purse, a whip, a crown of thorns etc) and this has all led up to Easter. On Easter Sunday morning that cross is stripped bare and, during the service, decorated with flowers to symbolise the new life that the Resurrection of Christ brings to us all. It always looks beautiful, so if you are coming to our service try and bring just a few flowers to help with this transformation. This cross then stands outside the church for a few days so that all who pass by can be reminded of the Hope that Christ's death and resurrection have given us.

Renew Café at Breaston

Renew Wellbeing is a “cafe style” shared space where anyone can come along to share a hobby, have a chat and a cuppa. There is also a quiet area where you can take time out to meditate or pray.

The sessions are run weekly on a Thursday morning 10 am–12 pm at St Michael's church in Breaston. The church is set out with large tables and a selection of activities such as jigsaws, colouring and board games.

If you are free and fancy coming along any Thursday morning, we would love to see you. You can find out more *here* wdbchurches.org.uk/index.php/wdb-whats-on/renew-wellbeing or drop us a line at renew@wdbchurches.org.uk. For more info ring (01332) 872094 or email renew@wdbchurches.org.uk.



Rachel Huskisson

Messy Church



We are sorry we had to cancel our Messy Church in Draycott in Mar – it was that sudden snowy day and we had to make a quick decision.

The April date falls in the school holidays, and it seems that we won't have enough helpers to run a session.

So, we are looking ahead and hoping that nothing will stop our May get together!
More news in the the next magazine, but reserve the date –

May 11th from 3:30 – 5:30

For further information, speak to Pat Hopgood (01332 928412), Jodie McConnell (07711 270109) or Mary Murden (01332 873388)

Organised by Draycott Churches Together

Celebrating Easter In Draycott

Walk Of Witness Good Friday (April 7th)

we will be meeting outside St Marys Church at 10:30 am where those who are able take turns to carry a large wooden cross. After singing a hymn and reading part of the account of Good Friday, we walk quietly along the main road, pausing on the corner of Market St for another hymn and reading and then continuing along Market St to the front of the Methodist Church to conclude. Please join us if you can: it is a visual reminder to the people of Draycott that Easter is not just about chocolate.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

We all hope for a glorious spring day, but it has been known to be snowing! There is a sunrise service held by the lake at St Chads Water at 6 am where the first Easter Sunday morning is celebrated and Holy Communion is shared. If you have no transport, then please contact someone from St. Mary's or the Methodist Church, or just be near the Methodist Church at about 5:45 and somebody will give you a lift down there.

Easter Breakfast 7 am onwards

Following our early service we hope you will join us as we have breakfast together. This year it is at the Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome.

Christian Aid Week in Draycott

May 14th–21st

Yes, it is that time of year again! We know that, as always, the people in Draycott will rise to the challenge. We are very aware that, in these days of technology, many of you give to this or similar charities on a regular basis or by on-line donations, but we still think it is important to give a reminder to everyone of the continuing needs of our world and the importance of sharing our blessings.

Just as we have done for about the last six years we are asking for volunteers to deliver Christian Aid envelopes to their own street, or another street in the village during the week 14-21 May. There is no need to call, or collect these envelopes, it is simply a delivery process. Our kind friends at The One Stop Shop, Draycott Chemist, and Dundas Butchers will act as collecting points for people to take their envelopes to, as well as the two local churches. Recent years collections have been £700, and this is a great credit to Draycott's generosity.

Draycott's Village Yard Sale is being held on Sunday 23rd April this year, and to give our Christian Aid Collection a kick-start we will be running a Tombola stall outside St Mary's Church, after their morning service – so from 11.45 onwards. Please include a visit to our Tombola in your trip around the Yard Sale and you will be helping a very good cause.

If you would like to help deliver envelopes, or have suitable gifts for our tombola, then please contact me on 01332 873388 or 07970 955506. Thank you so much.

Mary Murden

Stepping out in Faith

Easter is approaching and we have had a chance to reflect during Lent on the message of the cross and the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. Perhaps he is calling us to new challenges or just to recharge for a while and to be ready for the tasks ahead.

With the arrival of Easter comes longer days, warmer weather (hopefully!) and new beginnings as the Spring approaches and the birds begin to sing again. At Easter, we celebrate the ultimate hope because of Jesus's victory on the Cross, what it means for us and the hope it brings.

An example of taking a chance is perhaps attending an Alpha Course and being prepared to meet new people and be open to new ideas. I did an Alpha Course back in Apr 2002 and have never regretted it. I met two lifelong friends and we all meet up for lunch regularly and share the special moments in our lives.

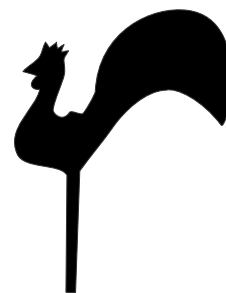
May we all have the courage to step out in faith and be open to the new opportunities Jesus presents us with.

Lauren Twells

Articles

View from the top

Last month I was banging on about Storm Otto. This month it seems I'm talking about the weather again. But that's something that you humans seem to do a lot of – either that or something about the ball of the foot (have I got that right? It might be foot of the ball or something – either way, it makes no sense to me!) I don't often get to see the village all pretty and white, and there was a brief moment last month when I could enjoy the village covered in a light blanket (more like a thin sheet, really) of snow. I felt like bursting into song "There's snow business like snow business", but thought that would be unseemly for one in such an elevated position as mine (and the words don't seem to make much sense – perhaps I've misheard them).



I've noticed that those J C Balls lorries have been taking a different route through the village. From my vantage point I could see that they used to come over the motorway bridge and (thankfully) turn down Sawley Road without rattling my spire. But now they're coming the other way, which makes me tremble a bit. Consulting with my friend atop Sawley Church, it seems these behemoths are unwilling to suffer delays caused by pretty coloured lights on the roads – it seem they particularly don't like red, for some reason. But the sooner they revert to their old route the better for my peace and quiet!



And talking of balls (which I was, sort of), it would be lovely to hear from the rather fetching green one on top of that huge building way off to the west in nearby Draycott. Alas, I have difficulty understanding the language, as it doesn't seem to give any indication of which it's pointing. I suppose that's in the nature of round objects. Can anyone provide any help? It would be interesting to hear what it has to say from that point of view, I'm sure.

Update from Severn Trent

The Severn Trent work taking place between the Church Wilne Reservoir and the M1 (just over the level crossing on Sawley Road, Breaston) is moving ahead. Their latest press release says:

“We’re investing in the water network in your area to secure water supplies for the future

As you will be aware as part of a major project that will secure water supplies for the future, we are building a new water treatment works on Sawley Road, as part of our Green Recovery programme. Once complete, it will provide up to 89 million litres of additional drinking water, that’s enough to supply a city the size of Derby, ensuring customers have a secure and resilient supply for the future, but more than that, we’re going to do this in ways that are sustainable and more carbon friendly.

What does this mean for me?

The team have been removing rubble from site to make way for the new water treatment works to be built, which we expect to be completed by the end of March 2023. This means there will be fewer lorries leaving and entering site on Sawley Road.

From the early April until September 2023, the team will then start the next stage and be constructing pile foundations to reinforce the ground. The team have completed the first phase, but they now need to complete the rest of the work. This does mean that there may be noise while they carry out this work, which we’re sorry in advance for, but every effort is being made to minimise any disruption. The work will be completed in phases so it won’t be constant, but there may be occasions you may be able to hear the work. Document Title [controlled | protect | internal | public]

We also wanted to make you aware that National Grid will also be working in the field opposite our existing site entrance on Sawley Road putting in new connections, which is related to the work taking place on our site.

If you do have any questions about the work carried out by National Grid, please contact: anthony.towey@ocultd.co.uk – OCU Site Manager 07584 642751

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but it is essential that this work is carried out.

In response to questions asked by your editor, Rachel Lowe (Severn Trent’s Community Communications Officer) told us that the work is currently on schedule for where they need to be. They were very lucky to have had a very mild winter which meant they were able to continue with the work. Breaston residents may well have noticed the J C Balls lorries whizzing up and down the

village. They are transporting the huge mound of earth on the site to Shardlow (this mound resulted from the excavation of the Church Wilne reservoir). So far nearly 50,000 cubic metres of spoil has been shifted. Rachel added that they had some exciting news that Erewash Borough Council granted planning permission on 8th March for the above-ground works, which will comprise 23 buildings and floating reed beds on the 17-acre site.

Further to this, we believe that some of the road works on Tamworth Road in Long Eaton and in Sawley are to bring a suitably robust power supply up to the new water treatment works. Severn Trent don't have the details of this work, but believe that it will be completed by December this year.

For more detail, take a look at an article on the Derby Telegraph website at www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/local-news/huge-new-derbyshire-water-plant-8233792.

Gardener Steve

Spring is now in full swing with everything bursting into life with a riot of colour everywhere. But also it is a busy time in the garden: it's the time to give the lawns their first mow if you have not already done so and those weeds will be starting to make more of an appearance. A good tip is that if weeds start to grow you know it's a good time to start planting, as it means the soil is warming up!

Remember whilst you're out in your garden take a moment sit in the sunshine, listen to the birds, grab your favourite cuppa and admire the colour and interest you have in your garden. Enjoy!



Some jobs to be doing in April

- Plant summer-flowering bulbs such as Lilies, Gladiolus and Crocosmia into borders or containers.
- Any forced flower bulbs such as hyacinths and daffodils, which have now finished flowering, can be planted outdoors in garden borders.
- Check any tree ties to make sure the tie is not cutting into the trunk. Loosen any that are tight to allow the trunk room to expand.
- Continue cutting back any dead foliage left on your perennials and ornamental grasses to make way for new growth.
- Continue planting potatoes and finish planting onion sets by mid-April

- Repair any damage to lawns and grassed areas. Worn patches in the lawn can be repaired by sowing grass seed

Garden Day Trips Are Back This Month!

This month will see the return of our garden day trips organised by *Blue Skies The Limit Events and Adventure*. After returning last year for the first time since the covid outbreak we are so excited to get back out on the road throughout 2023!

If you enjoy visiting gardens, flower shows, botanical gardens, stately homes, garden centres, meeting new friends and wanting a great day out why not join us. If you would like to join our mailing list to receive details of all our up-and-coming gardening adventures this year, please email us at infoblueskiesthelimit@gmail.com or call 07413 408 751.

Day trip to Tatton Park Gardens and Fryers Garden Centre

Saturday 15th April

Join us on our garden trip in April: we are heading to Cheshire and Tatton Hall Park Gardens & Farm and Fryers Roses

Our first stop of the day will be Fryers Roses & Garden Centre and is renowned for its extensive range of both



indoor and outdoor plants and particular for its range of over 200 Fryer's-bred roses. There will be time to visit to the Rosary Restaurant for refreshments before we head down to Tatton Park.

With so much to see and do at Tatton Park, there will be something for everyone - with acres of parkland and gardens to explore, an impressive 18th century Mansion and a historic working farm, you won't be stuck for inspiration.

The 50 acres of gardens at Tatton have been developing for over 200 years and today it is almost a complete picture of how the gardens existed in Edwardian times. Joseph Paxton, architect of Crystal Palace, designed various elements including the conservatory, which is now open, following a comprehensive restoration programme.

There are many different areas within the garden at Tatton including Walled Kitchen Garden, Japanese Garden, Glasshouses and Pleasure areas. There is a maze which is popular with visitors and the arboretum containing almost 900 interesting and varied plants.

Lunch can be taken at the park where you'll find the Stables Restaurant, the Gardener's Cottage, Gift Shop, Housekeeper's Store, Garden Shop and Tuck or bring your own picnic.

With a full day ahead of you, your day starts off from our pick-up point, The Plough Inn, Town Street, Sandiacre. Cost for this trip is £45 (reduced rate for National Trust members £40) and this includes a light breakfast to start the day and entrance at Tatton Park For more information or to book your place, You can call the booking line on 07413 408 751 or email infoblueskiesthelimit@gmail.com. Places are limited and popular, so early booking is advised.

Gardener Steve's Plant Of The Month

Erysimum 'Bowle's Mauve' (Perennial wallflower)



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

garden, bridging the months from spring through to summer.

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

Flowering period	Spring onwards
Height and Spread	45cm x 50cm
Position	Full sun
Soil	Well drained, fertile
Hardiness	Hardy perennial

Propagation	Take semi-ripe cuttings May to July
Pruning	Remove damaged foliage and deadhead after flowering
Pest and Diseases	Prone to slugs, snails and flea beetles and downy mildew and club root

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.

Please keep in touch and let me know what you're up to in your gardens – whether it's a new garden or an established one I would love to hear from you. Contact details are below. You can email me at gardenersteve24@live.co.uk.

Gardener Steve

Dining Out

The Elephant & Peacock

Formerly the Strutt Arms, the Elephant & Peacock in Milford near Belper has new ownership and management. This venue, located in a picturesque area, continues in its popularity, attracting locals (always a good sign), as well as tourists and visitors, many of whom come by way of a recommendation. George Herbert Strutt (born 1854, Belper, Derbyshire) was a renowned cotton mill owner. The wealth of the Strutt family came from their cotton mill businesses. The contributions and gifts of Strutt are legendary, being appreciated and recognised from times past, through the present and into the future.



The Elephant & Peacock building dates from 1901. Facilities now include a restaurant and hotel accommodation. Warmly greeted by Kallum, the welcome is genuine, with the ambience and decor adding to the enjoyment.

To commence (following a most acceptable poppadom and pickle tray selection) I opted for CHICKEN TIKKA (Juicy tandoor-cooked fillets, in a spiced yoghurt marinade). This made a grand start to the dining experience, with aromas and flavours being appreciated by both nasal and palate sensations.

For the main course, I selected FISH POLLICHATHU (Sea bass with masala shallots in a banana leaf, with rice). Also, I chose PESHWARI NAAN, from the sides, to accompany. This dish arrived with an excellent presentation. Being perfectly cooked, 'Compliments to Chef', were duly sent. Head Chef, Bhagwan, ensures,

with the brigade, that all dishes are very memorable. Ingredients, including spices, can be adjusted to suit individual preferences. The complementing flavours of ingredients surpassed my expectations – very impressive! Other popular main courses can include Tariwala Chicken, Puff Pastry Biryani, plus Railway Lamb – a hearty curry, as served in first class on Indian Railways.

Desserts offer various delectations. I decided on GULAB JAMUN (Indian fried sweet dumplings in rose syrup, served with ice cream or kulfi). A perfect ending to an excellent dining occasion. Quality wines and drinks, including splendid coolers and cocktails, offer something for all. Collections, deliveries and gift vouchers are available (perhaps surprise someone special?). Parties or occasions can be easily accommodated. Thank you to both Kallum and Alex, for exemplary service throughout. Very much recommended.

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E-mail: info@elephantandpeacock.co.uk
Website: www.elephantandpeacock.co.uk



As always, enjoy!

Trevor Langley

Answers to Men's Danger Club Quiz

(See page 15)

1. A swage, used to expand lead pipes (drive the pointed end in)
2. A gadget for replacing the tips on snooker cues
3. For stamping golf balls with your initials. The die goes in the anvil on the right-hand side, and the golf ball fits in the curved holder on the left. Then squeeze them together!
4. A gadget for crimping the ends of shotgun cartridges

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Events

Dates for your diary

We thought it might be helpful to collect all the dates of upcoming events in one place. So here's what's coming up in the next couple of months.

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Tue 4 Apr	2	Breaston Evergreens	Breaston Methodist Hall	38
Tue 18 Apr	2	Breaston Evergreens	Breaston Methodist Hall	38
Sun 23 Apr	Daytime	Draycott Village Yard Sales	Draycott	39
Fri 28 Apr	7:30	Men's Fundraiser for Canaan Trust	Andersons, Breaston	38
Mon 1 May	11-4	Breaston May Day Gala	Duffield Close, Breaston	39
Sat 20 May	7:30	L.E. Silver Prize Band Concert	St. Chad's, Wilne	39
11-12 June	Day	Draycott Open Gardens	Draycott	39

Fundraiser for Canaan Trust

Following the success of the Women's Fundraising evening for The Canaan Trust Female Project, we are organising a Men's Fundraiser on Friday 28th April at 7:30 pm at Anderson's Breaston.

Tickets will cost £18 and will include two beers or ciders and an Anderson's Special Burger.

Dean will talk about the origins of the trust and Tim Broad, a trustee will give a brief talk about where the trust is at.

There is a limited number of tickets available so, please get yours soon from Anderson's 12 Blind Lane Breaston Derbyshire DE72 3DW

Breaston Evergreens

The Breaston Evergreens are now meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 2–4 pm in the Methodist Church Hall on Blind Lane. There is a mixture of activities from bingo, games, quizzes to raffles, speakers and trips, plus the opportunity for social interaction. The entrance fee is £2, which includes refreshments. Contact Bill on 07745 248624 or Ann on 07391 527162.

The next meetings are on the 4th and 18th of April.

Room available for hire

Draycott Methodist Church Schoolroom, Market Street, Draycott, DE72 3NB is available for hire for £10 per hour. For more details ring Allison on 0776606303.



Yard Sale – from 10am
Sunday 23rd April 2023

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If you would like to take part, soon you will be able to register* your address for free at <https://www.draycottvillagefund.co.uk>

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