



Breaston Newsletter

| Autumn 2013



Breaston Community Forum

The Breaston Community Forum is an informal gathering of organisations within Breaston. The Forum started in January 2012, with the purpose of helping organisations to communicate, co-operate and celebrate together and make Breaston a vibrant community.

A website – *breaston.info* – has been created to bring together as much information about Breaston as possible. It includes a calendar of all the events happening in the village. You can keep up with what the Forum is up to via their website: *breaston.info*.

And – new this year – there is a facebook group (www.facebook.com/spotbreaston) to chat with fellow-Breastonians.

Church Open Day

St. Michael's Church will open on **Saturday 28 September** from **10am** to **3pm** for you to come along to explore this ancient building and learn about its history. There will be informative displays about the building's features, as well information about the various groups and activities associated with St Michael's. You could have a time of quiet in our refurbished Chancel if you wish.

At the same time there is a **Jumble Sale** in the adjacent Church Hall; this is raising funds to help St. Mary's Draycott (the sister parish) which needs to replace the floor in their hall.

And then on **Sunday 29 September** the church is hosting

Back to Church Sunday

Many people haven't been to church for ages, or maybe ever. We warmly invite all of our community to St Michael's on **Back to Church Sunday** (or any other time). We believe that worship should enable everyone to encounter God. Back to Church Sunday this year rather appropriately falls on St Michael's Day (29 September) and there will be two services:

8:45 am Holy Communion with robed choir

10:15 am Celebration Service with music group. This is an informal service and there will be children's groups running, but children are welcome to stay in the service.

There will be a glass of wine and coffee on offer between the services, and also after the second service.

Jesus welcomed all people. We offer all who come a warm welcome. For more information about St Michael's visit the church website at www.stmichaelsbreaston.org.uk.

Parish Council

Carols on Duffield

Close will be on Thursday 12 December at 7.00pm. The Salvation Army band will be present, and mince pies and mulled wine will be served by your Parish Councillors. Father Christmas may even put in an appearance!

Meetings are normally on the 2nd Monday of the month, starting at 7:00pm with the first 15 minutes open to questions from parishioners. Meetings are held in the Meeting Room on Blind Lane.

Friends of the Navi

The Association of the Friends of the Breaston Navi was established in August. There are already 88 full members and 60 associate members.

The purpose is to list the inn with Erewash Borough Council as an "Asset of Community Value" under the Localism Act of 2012 and to encourage the whole community to use the inn as a community hub for meetings, events, family parties etc. The project has the support of Councillor Parkinson and members of Breaston Parish Council as well as Jessica Lee MP.

"Listing" mean that if in the future, the owners, Punch Taverns, decide to put the inn up for sale, then the community have 6 months to decide if it would like to buy it.

An event to publicly launch the association is being planned for late September. For more information about the project and the September event see www.navigation-breaston.co.uk or visit the inn and ask to read the information in the folders to be found in each bar.

Church News

St. Michael's Church

Sundays

8:45am (traditional)
10:15am (contemporary)
6:30pm (evensong)

Thursdays

9:30am Holy
Communion

The church is open to
visitors on:

Wednesdays 2:30-4:30pm &
Saturdays 10:30am-12pm.

See notice board or www.stmichaelsbreaston.org.uk for
further details.

Rector: Rev'd Chris Smedley (☎ 872242)

Office: (☎ 872094 ✉ admin@stmichaels2008.plus.com)

All-age worship services

Want to come to church on a Sunday morning, but don't
know what to do with the kids? All-Age Worship services
are usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:15am: 13
Oct (Prize giving), 24 Nov, 15 Dec (Nativity), 12 Jan
(Christingle service), 9 Feb, 9 Mar. (Note that it's the 4th
Sunday in November because of Remembrance Sunday).
On other Sundays after an initial song, children and young
people have their own groups in the Church Hall.

Special Services and Events

Sat 28	Sept	10am-3pm	Church Open Day
		10am-2pm	Jumble Sale in the Hall to raise funds for St. Mary's Draycott hall floor
Sun 29	Sept	8:45, 10:15	"Back to Church Sunday"
Sun 10	Nov		Remembrance Sunday
		10:50am	Memorial Garden, then in Breaston Methodist Church
Sun 1	Dec		Advent Sunday
		6:00pm	Advent Service at All Saints, Sawley (joint <i>Mission and Ministry Area</i> service)
Sun 15	Dec	10:15am	Nativity Play
Mon 16	Dec	7:00pm	Community Carol Service
Sun 22	Dec	6:30pm	Carol Service (Nine Lessons and Carols)
Tue 24	Dec		Christmas Eve
		4:00pm	Crib Service
		11:15pm	Midnight Communion
Wed 25	Dec		Christmas Day
		10:00am	Holy Communion

Churches Together

Sun 10	Nov		Remembrance Sunday
		10:50am	Memorial Garden, then in Breaston Methodist Church
Mon 16	Dec	7:00pm	Community Carol Service in St. Michael's Church

Breaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services are at 10:30am Minister: Rev'd Arnold Dixon (☎ 0115 973 4474)

Special Services and Events

Sat 21	Sept	6:30pm	Harvest Celebration. Soup 'n' a roll £3.50 + bring-and-share puds
Sun 22	Sept	10:30am	Harvest Festival Service with Rev'd Ian Mason
Fri 4	Oct	7:00pm	Organ Concert by Nick Martin. Tickets £7 including interval buffet, available from Nancy Plummer ☎ 873619
Sat 2	Nov	10am-3pm	Autumn Craft Fair

Activities in the village

Good Neighbour Scheme



The Breaston Good Neighbour Scheme continues to provide a service to residents in the village. To make use of the scheme (which is free except for a mileage charge), simply ring 07821 657 684 and leave a message. Are you able to volunteer? Ring the same number!

Messy Church



Messy Church is a once-monthly time when families come together to enjoy being together, making things together, eating together and celebrating God together. In Breaston we meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 3.30pm in the Methodist Church.

For further information please contact Jan Wilkinson on ☎-872753 or ✉ janw105w@btinternet.com. www.stmichaelsbreaston.org.uk/MessyChurch

Community Carol Service

This was an enormously popular event last year - St. Michael's Church was packed. There were only one or two spare seats, so come along this year on Monday 16 December at 7pm for an informal carol service, with carols old and new and maybe (just maybe) a surprise item!

Breaston W.I. has a varied programme of talks and events. Their aim is to provide a friendly, informative, non-political and secular meeting for women of all

ages to enhance their knowledge and benefit the community. It's a very popular group in the village, and is usually over-subscribed! They meet on 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. Contact Julie Rowlinson ☎ 875156.

Quiz night: Friday 18 October, 7pm at Erewash Valley Golf Club. A great night out full of fun and laughter, and a prize or two! The evening starts with a meal at 7pm, and the quiz itself starts at 8pm. Enter your team of 4, at a cost of £10 per head. This includes the hot supper (lasagne etc). Contact Rebecca Hughes on ☎ 875303 to enter your team.

Coffee morning: Saturday 2 November 10am-12noon in St. Michael's Church Hall - Cakes, stalls and a raffle.

The Lunch Club

Alternate Fridays from 11:00am to 2:00pm, the Lunch Club is for Breaston residents who are elderly, live alone and find it difficult to get out. It is an opportunity to come along for meal and have fun in congenial company. Please contact Thelma Mortimer on ☎ 873312 or Kathy Crockford on ☎ 874847. Transport can be provided if necessary.

The Scout Hall is available for lettings ☎ 872936

Evergreen Club for the over 60s meets on Tuesdays at 2:00pm in the Methodist Hall. Contact Sylvia ☎ 0115 973 3597 or Harry ☎ 874500.

Erewash Visually Impaired Club

meets on Wednesdays (except 2nd Weds) at 2:00pm in the Methodist Hall. The Deaf-Blind Group meets fortnightly from 10:30am to 12:30pm. ☎ 873619.

Women's Fellowship

meet last Wednesday of the month, at 2:00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. ✉ margaretfgregory@tiscali.co.uk ☎ 874880

The Village Singers

meet for rehearsals 7:30pm on Thurs in St. Michael's Hall. For further details ☎ 872753 or just turn up at a rehearsal - there is no audition.

Breaston Pre-School

Playgroup meets in St. Michael's Church Hall, Mon-Fri 9:15-11:45 & Mon/Thurs/Fri 12:45-3:15

☎ 874832, or see back page for website and email addresses.

A limited number of spaces is available for 2-5yr olds for the Autumn term.

Breaston Elder Citi-

zens Every Thursday 2-4pm, in the Scout Hall for outings, bingo and entertainment. Transport is available if needed. Contact Alma Moore ☎ 0115 849 7840.

What's On in Breaston

Fri Sep 20 7:30pm Eat, Drink, and be Merie – Medieval Songs of food, wine and revelry @ Andersons

Thu Sep 26 7:30pm Cello & Piano Extravaganza @ St. Michael's

Sat Sep 28 10am-2pm Jumble Sale @ St. Michael's Hall

Sat Sep 28 10am-3pm Church Open Day @ St. Michael's

Sun Sep 29 Back to Church Sunday @ St. Michael's and Friends of Breaston Navi Fun Day

Fri Oct 04 7pm Organ concert @ Breaston Methodist Church

Fri Oct 18 7pm W.I. Charity Quiz Night @ Erewash Valley Golf Club

And finally...

Fill in the blanks

To search is a way of life. The average person does it fifteen times a day. We search for car keys, glasses, TV remotes, shoes, train times, restaurant tables, houses, partners even. Search engines are the first place you go to for almost anything these days. But there are some things you can't google. Big questions like, 'Why am I here?' and 'Where am I headed?' The Alpha Course offers space for you to fill in the blanks to those questions.

The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. In some ways it's a bit like a search engine, but we like to see it more as a search party – it's relaxed, low-key and friendly. It's a place where people with questions can come and ask them, delve into issues and look for answers together. Each evening starts with a meal, followed by a DVD on a topic such as "Who is Jesus?" or "Does God heal today?", finishing with coffee and discussion.

Want a taster? At Trent Lock Golf Club on **Wednesday 25 September** there is a two course meal and a talk on "Is there more to life than this?". As tickets are only £5, this is a great way to find out what Alpha "feels like". The course itself starts on **Wednesday 2 October**. Contact Jean Lupton on 874170 for tickets and further details.



Alpha

Activities for the Young in Breaston

- Sun 10:15 St. Michael's Young Church and crèche. ☎ 873823
Mon 6:30pm Brownies in the Methodist Hall. Louise Theyers ☎ 01332 232366
7:00pm Scouts in the Scout Hut ☎ 873912
Tues 5:00pm Rainbows in the Methodist Hall. Melanie Arden ☎ 875059
Wed 7:00pm Cubs for 8-10yr olds (in Scout Hut) ☎ 0782 443 0897
Thurs 6:00pm Beavers for 6-8yr olds (in Scout Hut) ☎ 0782 443 0897

Phone numbers

Social Events	872203
General Information	875607
Erewash VIP group	873619
Playgroup	874832
Scouts, Cubs & Beavers	874866
Rainbows & Brownies	01332 232366
Women's Institute	875156
Parish council	870119
This newsletter	874170
Women's Fellowship	874880

Email addresses

Parish council	breastonparish@btconnect.com
Breaston Pre-School Playgroup	breastonplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk
This newsletter	jwlupton@gmail.com

Breaston on the web

Breaston Community Forum	breaston.info
Erewash page for Breaston	www.erewash.gov.uk/LeisureCulture/TourismTravel/placesToVisit/breaston.htm
Breaston Parish Council	www.breastonparish.co.uk
St. Michael's Church	www.stmichaelsbreaston.org.uk
Breaston Gala	www.breastongala.org.uk
Spotted Breaston (facebook)	www.facebook.com/spotbreaston
Breaston Pre-School Playgroup	www.breastonpreschoolplaygroup.org.uk