



Breaston Newsletter

| Spring 2014

Pride in Our Village

As you walk through Breaston, have you noticed the damage caused to the verges by careless drivers parking their vehicles upon these grassed areas – damage which represents a blight on the landscape of ‘our’ village? On top of this, have considered the reflection this will have upon our community on the occasion of the Breaston May Day Gala, as people from the surrounding areas visit this popular annual attraction. They’ll be passing by what is now looking like a very scruffy main thoroughfare through our village – a true blight on the landscape.

To redress this erosion of our verges, the **Breaston Community Forum** is taking action, and very soon you will see the grass verges being refreshed by being planted out with small shrubs, box hedging, poppies, and other such delightful floral attractions in preparation for the carnival spirit of the Gala.

Yes, it’s time to step up to the plate, and say “we have pride in our village”, and it’s time to show our visiting guests just how much we care about our environment.

Dancing in the Streets!!

Well not quite. But you may feel like dancing when you see all the houses decked with colourful **bunting**. That’s the aim of Breaston Community Forum. Bunting, not just on the main routes, but on every house and street. Let’s get in the mood for the May Day Gala. Let’s deck our houses from St. George’s Day on April 23rd right through to Gala Day on 5th May.

Bunting will be made available for as little as £1.99 for 12ft. To find out more contact Julie Rawlinson on 01332 875156 or via email at jools.r@tiscali.co.uk. If you might have difficulty putting up the bunting just let Julie know.

The village has seen nothing like it!!

Breaston Community Forum Wants to Hear from YOU!!

Enclosed with this newsletter is a questionnaire. Breaston is your village and the Community Forum wants to hear what you think about living here – what you love about the village, what concerns you and any ideas you might have to build the village community, to hold events or to run activities.

The Community Forum is there to help you develop your ideas and to encourage people to come together and work together. The possibilities are endless and the potential enormous. The outcomes will be published in the Breaston Newsletter.

Completed questionnaires can be put in the box in the village Co-op labelled Community Questionnaire or posted to Tony Prior at 98 Risley Lane, Breaston, Derby, DE72 3AU, or you could bring it to the next meeting of the Forum at 7:30 on Tuesday 20 May in St. Michael’s Church Hall. Or you can complete it online at breaston.info (or scan the QR code).

Many thanks for your time, comments and ideas.



Parish Council

Summer Footpath Walks

The 2014 series of walks will start on Wednesday 9 April at 10:30am outside the Parish Council Meeting Room, Blind Lane. Each walk last about 1½ hours. Details of all the walks are available from the Parish Council and on their website (look under Parish News).

Summer Band Concert

is at 2:30pm on Sunday 3 Aug on Duffield Close. The Matlock Band will be performing for us. Refreshments will be provided by the Parish Council. This is a free event and all are welcome. Please bring rugs or chairs.

Great War Centenary

To commemorate the Centenary of the Great War, the Parish Council will be sowing red field-poppy seeds at various locations through the village. Why not join in and plant some of your own?

Breaston Park

Have you seen the new look park? Some fabulous new equipment has been installed in time for Easter.

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.

Church News

St. Michael's Church

Sundays

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

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

Rector: Rev'd Chris Smedley (☎ 872242)
Office: (☎ 872094 ✉ admin@stmichaels2008.plus.com)

Thursdays

9:30am Holy Communion

All-age worship services

The church is open to visitors on Wednesdays 2:30-4:30pm & Saturdays 10:30am-12pm.

are usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:15am: 30 March (Mothering Sunday), 13 April (Palm Sunday), 11 May, (none in June), 13 July, 10 August and 15 Sept.

Easter Services

Thu 17 April

Maundy Thursday

9:30am Holy Communion
7:30pm Holy Communion

Fri 18 April

Good Friday

2:00pm Hour at the Cross (in church)

Sun 20 April

Easter Day

6:00am Sunrise Communion at St. Chad's Water, Church Wilne
8:45am Holy Communion
10:15am Family Communion
6:30pm Evensong

Breaston Churches Together

Fri 18 April

Good Friday

1:00pm Prayer walk with cross (meet in Memorial Garden)

Sun 8 June

10:30am United Pentecost Service in Breaston Methodist Church

Breaston Methodist Church

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

Easter Services

Thu 17 April

Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Easter Focus

Fri 18 April

Good Friday

4:30pm Good Friday Reflection

Sun 20 April

Easter Day

10:30am All-Age Easter Worship
6:00pm Celebration Service to close the Easter Crosses Festival

Other Events

28-29 June

Mission in Britain weekend

Sat 28 June

10:00am Coffee morning, til 12 noon

Sun 29 June

10:30am Morning Service

Sun 21 Sept

10:30am Harvest Festival, led by former deacon Viv Gray.

Activities in the village

May Day Gala

As usual, the Gala will be held on Duffield Close on May Day (Monday 5 May) from 11am to 4pm. All the usual attractions will be there, including *Paws for Thought Dog Display Team* who will do two slots displaying dog agility and obedience.

Refreshments will be available as usual.

Any bids for a stall should be in by 10 April. Private/ charity stalls are £15 (£12 for chairites) outside and £20 in the craft tent. Bids with fees should be sent to the Parish Clerk – first come first served!

www.breastongala.org.uk (you can download the booking forms from the website).

Breaston Community Forum

The Forum started in January 2012, with the purpose of helping organisations to communicate, cooperate and celebrate together. A village website has been created - take a look at breaston.info. If you would like your organisation added to the website, email webmaster@breaston.info. You will be very welcome at the next meeting on **Tuesday 20 May at 7:30pm** in St. Michael's Church Hall.

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. Want to volunteer? Ring the same number!



Messy Church

Of special interest to pre-school and primary school children and their families, Messy Church is thriving, with about 40 children attending. Craft activities, singing, a story, food – what's not to enjoy? They happen monthly - next one on Monday 28 April at 3:30pm in Breaston Methodist Church. ☎ 872753
www.stmichaelsbreaston.org.uk/
MessyChurch

Breaston W.I.

meet 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall.
☎ 875303

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 ☎ 872143

The Village Singers

meet for rehearsals 7:30pm on Thurs in St. Michael's Hall. Their next concert is on Friday 23 May at Sawley Baptist Church (on Wilne Road) in Sawley. 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 Citizens

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

And finally...



For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is a part of daily life. Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise. It stands at 42 million people – an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We can't turn our backs. We must act now. The good news is we can make

a real difference. Together we can send people living in fear this message: you are not alone. We're with you, helping you to rebuild your lives, and working for peace. Imagine what such an expression of love would mean to people searching for the strength to cope with the devastation of war, and how it could help to drive out their fear. Together we can reach the 42 million people caught up in conflict and help them live a life free from fear.

Could you provide the gift of hope?

If you wish to make a donation to Christian Aid, there will be collecting boxes in the Post Office, Dundas Butchers and Anderson's Coffee Shop from Saturday 5 April to Monday 14 April. You can bring your envelope into St Michael's Church on Sundays, or when the church is usually open: 2:30–3:30pm on Wednesdays and 10:30am–12:00 noon on Saturdays, or to the Churches Together Tea Tent at the May Day Gala on Mon 7 May.

Activities for the Young in Breaston

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| Sun | 10:15 | St. Michael's Young Church and crèche. ☎873823 |
| | 10:15 | Frenz on Sunday in the Methodist Hall ☎0784 922 0601 |
| Mon | 6:30pm | Brownies in the Methodist Hall. Louisa Theyers ☎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 |
| Fri | 7:00pm | Youth Café in St. Michael's Church Hall ☎0784 922 0601 |

Phone numbers

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| Social Events | 872203 |
| General Information | 875607 |
| Erewash VIP group | 873619 |
| Playgroup | 874832 |
| Scouts, Cubs & Beavers | 874866 |
| Rainbows & Brownies | 232366 |
| Women's Institute | 875303 |
| Parish council | 870119 |
| This newsletter | 874170 |
| Women's Fellowship | 874880 |
| Youth Worker | 0784 922 0601 |

Email addresses

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

Breaston on the web

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| Breaston Community Forum | breaston.info (all sorts of village info here) |
| Breaston facebook page | facebook.com/spotbreaston |
| 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 |
| Good Neighbour Scheme | www.breastongns.org.uk |
| Breaston Pre-School Playgroup | www.breastonpreschoolplaygroup.org.uk |