Breaston
PARISH COUNCIL

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Newsletter
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UP AND COMING NEWS

Christmas Carol Concert and Light Switch
The Christmas Carol Concert and Light Switch on event was a great success thanks to all those who came along and helped make the event go so well. Particular thanks to Rev Arnold Dixon, the Stapleford Salvation Army Band, the Breaston Village Singers, Jonathan Lupton and the Brownies for providing their musical talents for the evening. Everyone enjoyed the evening with a visit from Santa and of course the obligatory mulled wine and mince pies!

Breaston Community Groups
Would you like your group to be included in the newsletter? Please contact the Parish Clerk.

Dog Owners
Dog waste bags are still available free of charge to Breaston Residents from the Parish Rooms

Defibrillator for Breaston
With stories like that of Fabrice Muamba in the news and inspired by a Government initiative Breaston Parish Council have purchased a defibrillator for use by the community.
The machine will be sited in the centre of the village at the Co-Operative store - just inside the entrance. The defibrillator purchased is a state of the art AED plus which not only delivers a shock but also provides instruction on CPR for the user - it is designed so that anyone can use it whether they have any first aid skills or not.
Whilst it is hoped that no one needs to use it, residents can have peace of mind that it is there in an emergency.

Windmill

The Windmill continues to cause concern and the Parish Council are seeking structural engineers to provide a safety check as the structure has now stood on the park since the 1930's. The Council are also currently replacing part of the fencing for the windmill compound as this too is showing signs of aging. It is hoped that when the compound fencing is replaced a programme of work will take place to clear the build up of vegetation in the compound and new slower growing varieties of plants and shrubs will be planted.

Accessibility
Working with the County Council at the request of the Community Forum and residents a number of jitties have been checked to make sure that they are compliant with Disabled Access regulations - bars on the jitty between Longmoor Lane and Belmont Avenue are to be removed to enable all residents to use the path.

Welcome to our first resident newsletter

The Parish Council are keen to let residents know about the work of the Parish Council and to inform them of matters that concern them in as many ways as possible, so welcome to this the first issue of the Parish Council newsletter. It is hoped that we will issue two or three editions per year dependent on need and of course on the response received from the public. We are currently working on a new website for the Parish as it was thought that the old website was dated and not particularly informative. Your feedback on both the website and the newsletter will be most welcome and you can contact the Council via the Clerk to let us have your thoughts.

Councillor Alan Wiggins
Chairman Breaston Parish Council

What do you want to see in the Parish Newsletter?

If there is a particular subject that you would like to hear about let the Parish Council know by contacting the Clerk on 01332 870119 or breastonparish@btconnect.com

Parks and Cemeteries Committee

We are responsible for the upkeep and improvement of all Green Spaces within the village, plus the Cemetery.

Breaston is very blessed in the number of Green Spaces that lie within its boundary. The main area is Perks Park which is enjoyed by people of all ages from dog walkers, footballers to young children on the play equipment. Its special feature is the historic windmill.

Other pleasant green areas are Duffield Close which hosts activities such as the Gala Day, Band Concert and Carol Concert. We also have the Jubilee Garden, Centenary Gardens and Memorial Garden, all with benches where one can rest awhile and watch the world go by.

Finally we have Johnson's Meadow, but this is only rented by the Council, and is used as a peaceful picnic area. We are very proud of our floral displays all round the Village and verges.

Apart from looking after the green spaces we maintain the Cemetery and do our very best to keep the areas of the graves and the ashes plots in good order, with well cut grass for people to visit in a peaceful environment. The Chapel is also well cared for and in regular use.

All of the above are regularly looked after 52 weeks of the year from the cutting of the grass and hedges and much maintenance on the likes of the benches and pavilion. Thanks go to the payback team who carried out brilliant work clearing Johnson's Meadow and a section of Perks this summer.

Councillor Margaret McCaig
Chairman Parks & Cemeteries

Highways and Lighting Committee

One of the main problems that residents raise to the Parish Council is the state of the road and pavements within the village and we regularly report and chase the County Council to make repairs in a timely manner, recently this has been quite difficult as the County Council is faced with such large budget cuts and have to prioritise their workload accordingly.

Bulbs were planted along Wilsthorpe Road and made a wonderful display in the spring, we hope to plant some bulbs along Draycott Road to complete the display along the main road through the village, and we have eventually received the cultivation licence from the County Council and hope to get the bulbs planted very shortly. We regularly receive complaints about the state of verges and hope to extend this scheme along the main roads through the village however where cars are regularly parked on the grass it won't be possible.

We are still in regular contact with Highways England regarding M1 noise and hope that we can influence the team who are involved with the smart motorway scheme.

Work was carried out during the summer to various footpaths trimming back the vegetation to enable residents clear access. We've also liaised with DCC recently about the ability of people in wheelchairs and mobility scooters to use jitties and footpaths in the village, resulting in the removal of some barriers on the Longmoor Lane - Belmont Avenue jitty.

We continue to campaign for a replacement bus shelter at Hills Road and await news from the County Council in the new financial year.

Parking in various areas of the village is an ever present issue and we continue to investigate possibilities to improve this situation.

As ever if you spot a problem contact the Clerk.

Councillor Susan Toon
Chairman Highways and Lighting

M1 NOISE - BREASTON

For over three years now, Breaston Parish Council in conjunction with local MP's Jessica Lee and subsequently Maggie Throup, have been intensely lobbying the Government to provide noise mitigation measures on the M1 to the North of the A6005 Bridge and improve those to the South. Year on year as vehicle volumes have increased so has the noise level.

During this period, a year's noise measurements have been taken, reports submitted, a 600 signature petition gathered, meetings with the Highways Agency, a visit from Claire Perry MP (Under Secretary of State for Transport) and numerous letters / 'e' mails between Breaston Parish Council, Highways England and various MP's.

The basic problem has been the lack of a significant project to fund the work since the M1 widening scheme was shelved and our status relative to other priorities throughout the UK.

That situation has now changed with the announcement by George Osborne in December 2014 of a 15 Billion pound road investment plan which includes a SMART Motorway Scheme on the M1 between Junctions 23A to J25, due to commence in autumn 2015.

The latest feedback from Highways England a month ago is that the Project is still at a very early stage of development, however they hope to have the Roads Project pages of their web site up and running very soon.

Although the Parish Council feels we have put forward a strong case, what will be critical is that when this scheme goes to Public Consultation we have your support in raising written representations objecting, unless robust noise mitigation measures are put in place.

As soon as it's announced, the Parish Council will let you know 'how and where to respond'.

With your help we look forward to a satisfactory conclusion in removing this blight which is affecting so many in our otherwise peaceful and charming village.

Councillor Graham Elliott

General Purposes

The General Purposes Committee is a newly formed group following the May elections - it was resolved that a separate committee was required to deal with agenda items which weren't the responsibility of either the Highways and Lighting or Parks and Cemeteries Committees.

It's been a busy year so far with many varied issues being raised by residents including issues relating to the Golden Brook, licensing applications, the purchase of a community defibrillator and an ancient map!

Work is still ongoing relating to the Council's website and corporate identity and we await news from Derbyshire Constabulary regarding the Police Office.

We recently resolved on dates for the Summer Brass Band Concert - Sunday the 7th of August 2016 and the Christmas Carol Concert will be held on the 9th of December 2016.

Councillor George Mounsey
Chairman General Purposes

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Environment Committee Report

The principal activity of the committee is to review and respond to planning applications forwarded to us by Erewash Borough Council. Our responses are reported at monthly Parish Council meetings. Whilst we have no power of veto over applications we try and make helpful and informed comments about the acceptability of applications. There are no large developments currently being developed in or around the parish but the main concerns we have are 'over development' of sites, filling gaps between existing houses leading to 'terracing' of streets and overlooking extensions which do have a dominant effect on neighbours.

We have reviewed the Conservation Area Appraisal that was conducted by Erewash Borough Council and discussed in detail those detrimental aspects where we would seek to have some influence. We are working with Derbyshire County Council on removing 'clutter' - unauthorised advertising, redundant road signs and street furniture. We are also seeking advice from DCC on the preparation of a landscape 'blue print' for future planting in the village.

We have examined the Localism Act 2011and our right to determine aspects of the village scene for ourselves with EBC where we can take control over aspects of design within the village. Discussions are continuing.

Roger Cockle
Chairman of Environment Committee

Breaston Community Forum

The Beginning

The idea of a Breaston Community Forum originated from a conversation between the Rev. Chris Smedley and a member of the community, who felt that village life would be improved by bringing together groups and individuals. This was advertised and the first meeting was held in January 2012. In January 2014 the group was formalised by producing a Constitution which In turn enabled them to apply for funding. The Constitution outlines their main purpose, which is to be an open forum that listens to the hopes, dreams, aspirations and concerns of the Breaston village community. To actively assist in building lively community initiatives and promote a sense of togetherness in the village. The Group are all volunteers, a force for good, deserving of maximum support, everyone is welcome to join, sign up today and provide the support they need to fulfil their aims.

A Selection of Achievements to Date:

- Co-organised the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration party.
- Community Website. Breaston.info
- Breaston Community Forum facebook page.
- Produced a bi-annual village newsletter.
- Provided bunting for St George's Day and May Day Gala.
- Provided 3 Memorial Christmas trees for the Memorial garden. Provided bulbs on grass verges
- Liaised with the County and Parish council on matters raised by the public.
- Worked with the Parish Council to provide additional Christmas lights.
- Arranged two Pumpkin parties.
- Helped maintain the Sensory garden.
- Yarn bombing on Duffield Close.

Due to the passing of their wonderful and inimitable secretary, the late Doreen Williams, this position is now vacant, if you are interested call Jean Lupton on, 01332 874170.
Next meeting, Tuesday 26th January, at St Michael's Church Hall. 7-30pm

Report provided by Councillor Mike Ronan.

Borough Council News

We are proud to live in Breaston and to represent you on Erewash Borough Council. Everyone is proud of the gold and silver awards won by the Council in East Midlands in Bloom. We are sure you will agree that the various flower displays were absolutely stunning. The Council's regeneration initiatives such as free first hour town centre parking (over 500,000 free tickets issued during 2015), Long Eaton Station improvement, refurbishment of town centre premises and of West Park Leisure Centre's dry-side changing areas all bring encouragement to local business and enhance Pride in Erewash.

During 2015, a number of local groups won a share of over £31,000 in the Small Grant Scheme and other groups are urged to apply in the second round. Your support of the Council's many events is very much appreciated and it is hoped that you enjoy these special occasions in the Council's calendar.

The Borough Council aims to provide for all its citizens, wherever they live. Therefore, it is not just about regeneration in the town centres, it is also about making the Parishes vibrant places in which to live and of which people are proud. For this purpose, the Council is investing £250,000 over four years in a Rural Community Grant Scheme for which Parish Councils may apply.

We are available to discuss the needs of all our residents and will fight your corner in every way we can. We intend to hold surgeries in 2016 with the first date being Saturday the 30th April 10 - 12, but in the meantime if you need us, please do not hesitate to contact one or both of us:

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County Council Matters

Budget 2016-7
Residents are being encouraged to have their say on how they would make a £40 million cut in spending and if they think council tax should be increased next year. An online budget calculator gives residents the chance to experience the choices faced when looking at the budget for the next financial year. Those taking part can see how their decisions could affect services.

Child Car Seats
Between July and October, DCC road safety staff teamed up with two expert car seat fitters to offer free checks in shop car parks across the county. A total of 172 seats were checked and 74 (43%) failed. Drivers with badly-fitted seats were shown how to make them safe.

Combined Authorities/Devolution
Talks continue between local council leaders and the Government about the formation of so-called Combined Authorities. There seems to be movement from Combined Authorities for each of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire towards one for both counties, together with an elected mayor. We are assured that the present District/Borough and County Councils would remain with their existing responsibilities. An imminently expected Government announcement has been "paused".

Consultations
There are always a number of public consultations in progress which can be accessed at www.derbyshire.gov.uk clicking on "Your Council" and following the link.

Road & Pavement Maintenance 2016-2017
I expect soon to be asked for proposals for next year's road and pavement maintenance programme, so I would like to receive suggestions.

Councillor Robert Parkinson
County Councillor

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Current Youth Work at St Michaels Church Hall

Youth Café 7:00pm - 8:30pm Friday Evenings

Youth Café currently has 42 young people on its database and has a regular attendance of 30. Many of these live in Breaston, but some come from Long Eaton, Sawley, Draycott and Borrowash.

A normal youth café evening has a very relaxed feel to it, with a variety of activities which the young people are free to participate in if they wish to do so. These include a number of games and fixed big youth groups items such as a pool table, football table and Xbox.

We regularly have craft activities, baking/cooking and themed evenings such as film nights or party games nights.

Because of the growth we have seen in the last 3 months, it has been decided to split the age groups up and have an extra night a week, in order to cater for more young people. I hope to have this in place by the New Year.

The majority of our leaders are from St Michael's church but we do have a few from within the community and are happy for more help as long as they can agree with our aims and ethos: to be a safe place for young people to meet and socialise as well as being a place to develop emotionally, culturally and spiritually.

Since arriving in June I have been placed in charge of this group and would like to see it become more professional and wider reaching. It is evident that we have not been brilliant at publicity in the past and I aim to change that. I would also like this club to be one with excellent resources, which is why I am hoping to secure some funding in order to purchase some "bigger and expensive" items.

All young people are welcome why not come along and try it out!

Simon Bentley
St Michaels Youth and Community Worker

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Other contacts
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List of useful contact numbers

Building Regulations	EBC	Bus Shelters	EBC
Cemetery (Breaston)	BPC	Christmas Lights (Breaston)	BPC
Council Tax	EBC	Concessionary Fares	EBC
Dog Wardens	EBC	Education	DCC
Libraries	DCC	Neighbourhood Wardens	EBC
Open Spaces (Breaston)	BPC	Planning	EBC
Public Conveniences	EBC	Refuse Collection	EBC
Social Services	DCC	Street Cleaning	EBC
Street Lighting	DCC	Trading Standards	DCC

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