



DRAYCOTT AND CHURCH WILNE PARISH COUNCIL - Annual Parish Meeting - Community update booklet to support the meeting held on 29 April 2021

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Introduction

As we are unable to physically host the Annual Meeting of the Parish this year due to COVID-19, we have produced this community group update booklet for members of our community to see what amazing events and activities happen around our parish in addition to holding the meeting virtually via zoom on Thursday 29th April from 7-8pm

The council hope that you all stay safe and well

Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council

Agenda for the Virtual meeting

1. Introduction from Councillor Val Clare – Chairman of Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council
 - a. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 April 2019 and to discuss matters arising
2. Council updates and community update presentations
3. Questions
4. Summary and thanks – Cllr Tim Scott

Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held in 2019

DRAYCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS
ELVASTON STREET, DRAYCOTT ON TUESDAY 19 February 2019 AT 7.00PM

Present: Chairman – V Clare

Councillors – J Fletcher, T Scott, A Wilson, B Rogerson, D Gelsthorpe, D Dundas, M Alexander, B Timberley, Robert Parkinson (DCC)

Police – No

Members of the Public – 41

Mrs S Butcher - Clerk and RFO

228/18 Apologies- Cllr A McCandless (no apologies received)

229/18 Minutes– The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 17 April 2018 as circulated were confirmed as correct

230/18 DCC Councillor Robert Parkinson – explained that the report in the APM 2019 booklet (as circulated) was adopted from a statement provided by Cllr Barrie Lewis, the leader of DCC. Cllr Parkinson explained that Borrowash Library was to become a community-run facility and if anyone was interested in volunteering to please visit the DCC website. He took questions from members of the public that focussed on pot holes and poor pavements. He encouraged the residents to note any issues onto the flip charts provided and the clerk confirmed that she would pass this onto him for action

231/18 EBC Cllr Val Clare – asked residents if they had any questions based on the reports as circulated in the APM booklet from the Borough and Parish council sections

232/18 Consultation with residents – Cllr Darren Gelsthorpe explained the format of the consultation and encouraged all residents, businesses and groups to use the flip charts to write down their opinions of the different responsibilities of the Parish Council. If people agreed with an opinion already noted, they were to add a tick / smiley face in support, if they did not agree with an opinion already noted they were to add a cross / unhappy face. The feedback is as follows:

- a. **Christmas Lights / Tree**
 - i. Lights both sides of the market square (6 in support)
 - ii. Larger Christmas Tree (10 in support)
 - iii. Parish Council to help with DVF policing of the Dickensian Evening (7 in support)
- b. **Draycott Cemetery**
 - i. Cost of keeping headstones upright when they have been deemed unsafe and have been laid flat (4 in support)
 - ii. Paths and slabs very uneven (5 in support)
 - iii. The watering can keeps being stolen / goes missing – can the PC keep a check on this and replace more frequently (1 in support)
 - iv. Large wooden compost bin with lid and better signs saying what its for – including the red recycling bins (2 in support)
 - v. Information panel on the two commonwealth war graves (5 in support)
 - vi. Make the cemetery grounds more attractive (4 in support)
- c. **Hopwell Road BMX Park / Playing Fields (both sides)**
 - i. Dog agility course or enclosed dog exercise area - ideally both (7 in support)
 - ii. Skate park with possible CCTV (2 in support)
 - iii. Skate park and youth club for teenagers – no facilities for teenagers, concern over young girls getting in cars / litter around army cadets hut (1 in support)
 - iv. Improve path around the playing fields with a better surface (3 in support)
 - v. Can the stream that runs down the side of the playing field be tidied up as it seems to be full of plastic and rubble (5 in support)
 - vi. Instructional signs for exercise equipment around the park (4 in support)
- d. **Children's Play Area at Draycott Playing Fields**
 - i. CCTV to help promote better behaviour of users (2 in support)
 - ii. New play equipment – extended to grass area (1 in support)

- iii. The new kids play equipment is very good – kids love it because it isn't so tame – well done! ((1 in support)
- e. **Leisure Green**
- i. More parking – everyone parks on the grass anyway (3 in support)
 - ii. Tennis court
 - iii. Removal of teen seat completely to reduce the area to congregate. Last year the anti-social behaviour was terrible, cars selling drugs, congregation at the teen seat, move it to somewhere cars cannot get to (2 in support)
 - iv. Linked to the removal of the teen seat – pay for the police to crack down on drug abuse / issues in the area (5 in support)
 - v. A fenced off square / rectangular part for dog training next to the scout hut to help teach people about looking after their dogs (Scout hut is used for dog training all day sat and mon night – would be good to train outside too) (4 in support)
 - vi. Removal of conifer trees on the corner of Derby Road and Garfield Avenue to be replaced with more aesthetically pleasing trees (4 in support)
 - vii. Replace those lovely Hawthorne Bushes that were chopped down (3 in support)
 - viii. Remove small children's play area – it is never used and is in bad condition (2 in support)
- f. **St Chad's Water LNR**
- i. More educational information boards (2 in support) in different locations (2 in support)
 - ii. Recycling rubbish bin (1 in support)
 - iii. Interactive children's nature trail (3 in support)
 - iv. Brass rubbing plaques around the lake / tree identification
 - v. Memorial benches (12 in support) that are in recycled materials not wood (2 in support)
 - vi. More attractive interpretation boards (2 in support)
 - vii. A platform for pond dipping (4 in support) memorial plaques on the platform floor to pay for the new platform
 - viii. Dog poo bins around the lake (4 in support)
- g. **Businesses in the Parish**
- i. Why only a Christmas Market? Spring, summer and Autumn Events - Happy to contribute (4 in support)
 - ii. You are here Map
 - iii. Monthly newsletter
 - iv. Quarterly meeting
 - v. Carnival (picnic in the park)
 - vi. Publicity campaign for local business, involve local business, 50/50 funding, PC meet with local business, cannot totally rely on locals – we need to draw in people from the wider area (5 in support)
 - vii. Draycott Traders Association – social media (3 in support)
 - viii. Inclusion of all local businesses (1 in support)
 - ix. Parish Council to facilitate (1 in support)
 - x. More businesses that attract visitors (2 in support)
 - xi. No more similar shops i.e. barbers (2 in support)
 - xii. No more shops returning to residential (1 in support)
- h. **General Requests / Suggestions**
- i. Parish Hall to have a hanging basket (3 in support)
 - ii. DPC suggestion sheet for next year (1 in support)
 - iii. Listening bench to support loneliness and people with mental health issues (7 in support)
 - iv. Duck Race to raise lots of money (3 in support)
 - v. Crisp packet / cellophane / wrappers recycling scheme (walkers crisps are already funding these) to be based at the post office (1 in support)
 - vi. Community Police to be more visible in Draycott during the day / evening (5 in support)
 - vii. Youth Club and Youth Worker (10 in support) with pool table and climbing wall (3 in support)

- viii. Power sockets under the pavement at the bus stop triangle for the Dickensian Fair (4 in support)
 - ix. Tree planting to obscure the Severn Trent Facility on Wilne Road (6 in support)
 - x. Better signage to indicate where the Parish Rooms are (2 in support)
 - xi. Agenda needed before Parish Council Meetings to people can read (3 in support)
 - xii. More 'welcoming' parish meetings – less bureaucratic
 - xiii. Why isn't the One Stop Shop responsible for tidying up rubbish from things that it has sold?
 - xiv. Bunting across the main road in summer – like in Ashbourne (2 in support)
- i. Issues to be referred to Derbyshire County Council via Cllr Robert Parkinson**
- i. Roads to Church Wilne require improving and high hedges need reducing for safety (1 in support)
 - ii. Removal of tarmac areas on the corner of Wallis Close (both sides) by the junction with Victoria Road – place shrubs and trees instead
 - iii. Pavements in the village poor in particular Lime Grove, Market Street. Wilne Road, Cleveland Avenue, Garfield Avenue (5 in support)
 - iv. A survey of pavements is required to assess the priorities (1 in support)
 - v. School parking / traffic / speeding is very bad – a child is going to be killed or seriously injured (1 in support)
 - vi. Public EV Charging point in Draycott (3 in support)
 - vii. Traffic / speed limits need reducing on Hopwell Road and outside the school (3 in support)
 - viii. Traffic lights on the Hopwell Road Bridge (3 in support)
 - ix. Pedestrian Crossing to both parks (could incorporate near the school to assist with school crossing)
 - x. KLM Lorries – more traffic when the canal cottages open
 - xi. Increase parking capacity at Market Square near the shops (1 in support)
 - xii. Parking restrictions to be considered around Market Street (2 hours) (4 in support)
 - xiii. Request to move the 3 tier planter on Market Street triangle to the other side of the lamppost – this is a temporary structure so will need checking with DCC Highways (DIB)
- j. Issues to be referred to Erewash Borough Council via Cllr Val Clare**
- i. Litter on Town End Road dreadful
 - ii. More litter bins please and recycling bins (1 in support)
 - iii. More strategic approach to dog fouling
 - iv. More weed treatments on pavements / paths / gutters that is bee friendly (6 in support)
 - v. Need to stop people parking on the grass on Cleveland Avenue, Sawley Road and the Green (5 in support)
 - vi. Dog Fouling – DNA registration / licencing (linked to chipping), fines for people not carrying poo bags (2 in support)
 - vii. Clearer signs on the bins to make it clear that it is Ok to put Dog Poo in them now that the dedicated bins have been removed (5 in support)
 - viii. More frequent emptying of bins – especially near the shops where they fill quickly (5 in support)
 - ix. Dog Litter bins on Derby Road from the Chip Shop to Lime Grove (1 in support)

233/18 Cllr Darren Gelsthorpe thanked everyone for attending, explained that the feedback would be collated and discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on the 9th April, 7.30pm at the Parish Rooms and invited all to attend. He explained that the Parish Council budget for 2019-20 has been set and that certain items on the feedback were already budgeted for and that where the Parish Council as an entity agreed, (via voting) they would look at sources of funding / grants and or look to plan items into the following years budget.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting 2019 tracking sheet

The suggestions provided by the residents for improvements and changes to the Council owned facilities were collated onto a tracking sheet and we have worked on the list throughout the past 2 years (where appropriate) this can be viewed on our website news section <https://www.draycottparishcouncil.org/news-events/>

Reports from Statutory Bodies / Charities

Report from Derbyshire County Council

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Obviously, coronavirus/Covid-19 has dominated everything! Full updates on DCC services are on the Council's website: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk>.

Council Tax and Budget 2020-2021

DCC has agreed a budget for the year ahead, with a Council Tax increase of 2.5% which is just half that permitted by central government.

The meeting of the Council on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 set a net budget for 2021-22 at £572.4m, revealing a robust financial position due to careful budgeting and sufficient additional funding from Government to support extra spending due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Although more government funding is expected by the end of the financial year and further into 2021, likely to total over £100m since the beginning of the pandemic, significant pressures will continue in some areas, particularly adults' and children's social care.

This year the Government has allowed local authorities with responsibility for adult social care, like Derbyshire, to raise Council Tax by a maximum of 5%, made up of an adult social care precept of 3% (which must be spent solely on adult social care) and 2% for general council expenditure.

At the meeting on 3rd February the Council agreed to the 2.5% increase, made up of 1% for adult social care (which will raise just over £3.4m) and 1.5% for general council expenditure, which will help to support other council areas under pressure, mainly children's services. Here remains option of levying the remaining 2% adult social care precept in the financial year if required.

The council tax increase will mean, for a Band "D" household, an increase of £33.73 per year, or £2.81 per month or 65p per week.

COVID-19 - get the COVID facts not the COVID fiction

Because there is much misleading information circulating about COVID-19, leading people to wonder what is true and what is not, DCC has worked in partnership with other health care organisations in the county to launch a campaign aimed at setting the record straight.

This new campaign ‘COVID-19. Get the Facts’ provides trusted, professionally sourced information about some of the main issues about which people may have questions. This includes the COVID vaccinations, the importance of preventative measures such as wearing a face covering and social distancing, as well as information about a wide range of other COVID-related topics.

There is said to be an alarming rise in ‘fake news’ and disinformation being circulated. People are receiving leaflets through their doors and being bombarded with misleading messaging and other misinformation via social media. This could have very real impacts on the take up of the vaccination and its overall efficacy, so DCC is trying to ensure that people get the correct information.

Healthcare professionals from organisations, including Derbyshire Community Health Services and Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, will also be providing short information films about some of the main questions people might have.

All the information used in the campaign has been quality checked and is drawn from reliable sources including Public Health England, Joined Up Care Derbyshire and the NHS. [Click to read up on all COVID-19 facts.](#)

Elvaston Castle

Plans have been announced for a £35 million restoration of Elvaston Castle Estate and Gardens. The whole site will remain a country park, free at the point of entry with more visitors to help contribute to the running costs.

A key element of the plan is to reduce traffic through local villages and improve visitor access to the site which attracts 240,000 visitors each year. To divert traffic away from local villages, a new entrance and access drive will be located closer to the A6 and take visitors more quickly into the heart of the estate.

Following a comprehensive public consultation and many months of work with the National Trust, Elvaston Castle and Garden Trust (ECGT) and DCC are putting the final touches to detailed plans which will reverse decades of underinvestment and secure the estate’s future.

Subject to planning permission, proposed developments under the masterplan will include:

- repair and renovation of historic buildings to bring them back into use - for example, as retail, office and workshop space or as holiday cottages and, where possible, reflecting their former uses
- upgrading catering facilities including a new main café, which would be a key feature of the courtyard, and providing smaller catering facilities around the site
- a new access drive closer to the A6, taking visitors to the heart of the estate
- a new adventure playground close to the main café

- offering camping and glamping on the estate's former campsite with facilities for touring caravans, motorhomes and tents
- an improved and varied events programme to attract a wider audience
- converting the upper floor of the castle into suites which could be available to let out for weddings and other events.

Regeneration of the estate is expected to create more than 170 new, local jobs and increase the number of visitors from 240,000. There are no plans to build new residential housing on the estate.

The £35 million regeneration cost will come from a mix of public and private investment including bids to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership and substantial investment from DCC. The long-term plan is to hand the day-to-day running of the estate to the charity, Elvaston Castle and Gardens Trust (ECGT).

This major investment will put Elvaston on a sustainable footing, relieving DCC of significant ongoing annual maintenance and running costs, resolving the major backlog of repairs and other work, and maintaining public access to the estate.

Find out more about what's planned from Future Elvaston

Appreciation

Finally, but by no means least, I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the Clerk and Members of Draycott Parish Council for their continued help and support in my work as your County Councillor.

Erewash Borough Council

Cllrs Val Clare and Tim Scott

During the most difficult times, during the Covid-19 pandemic, Erewash Borough Council, as all local authorities, have strived to continue with Council business throughout this highly distressing and worrying period. Thanks has to be directed to Council Officers and Council Employees who have, on many occasions, very much exceeded in situations well beyond individual remits. Many people within the Council were instructed via the national directive to work from home, just as countless others around the UK. This, at times, has been extremely challenging, and, equally demanding, on a day-to-day basis. Erewash Borough Council Officers and Employees have gone more than the extra mile on numerous occasions.

Following the easing of some Covid-19 restrictions under Step 2 of the Governments road map to recovery, the Town Hall receptions in Long Eaton and Ilkeston reopened on Monday 12th April with the hours of 9am-4pm Monday to Friday. The aim here is to assist residents who do not have access to the councils' online services, although the council is encouraging residents to stay at home and

use other means of contact if possible. Government guidelines mean that, unfortunately, at this time, visitors to the Town Halls are still unable to use the toilet facilities and computers. Erewash Borough Council has now made Restart Grants available online to help businesses reopen safely following the easing of some coronavirus measures recently. They are aimed at businesses such as shops, pubs and gyms that have been able to open their doors again following the latest phase of the governments' roadmap out of lockdown. There are two types of grant available: Restart Grants for non-essential retail businesses. Payments are £2,667, £4,000 or £6,000 depending on rateable value. Restart Grants for hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care, and gym businesses are, again, depending on rateable value, £8,000, £12,000 or £18,000. From a Councillors' point of view, has been a very different way of conducting business. While Council and Committee Meeting have continued, all of this has been done online with the use of Windows Teams. It is fair to say that there has been the occasional technical issue, however generally, these meetings have gone quite smoothly with the introduction of technology that most people were unaware of. Again, thanks have to go to Council Officers for the smooth running of these meetings. Especially to the IT department! As life begins to resemble something similar to how it was before, as restrictions begins to be relaxed, to all residents, colleagues, and people from further afield, good health to you all. Wishing you the most beautiful of summers.

Draycott Parish Council

I would like to begin by officially welcoming the two counsellors selected last year. This year in lockdown has been very strange but both have settled into their roles and both have led on large projects. Martin Knight on the new CCTV at the Leisure Green and Katie Rose on the virtual newsletter and annual meeting, I thank them both for their help, support, and enthusiasm.

I would like to thank all counsellors and most especially Madame Clerk for all the work put in to allow council business to continue, improvements made, and many areas upgraded despite COVID restrictions.

One of our first achievements last May was the new Noticeboard for the Cemetery, showing a map of the graves and ashes plots, so that visitors can easily find the grave they are looking for.

It was fantastic to see how well the village responded to the lock down restrictions.

The support phone calls to isolating residents, shopping trips to support elderly neighbours. The home industry making PPE, the children's rainbow pictures appearing in most windows to support the NHS, and the number of people standing outside clapping to thank them for their care.

The celebration of VE Day saw flags flying from many houses, and groups socially distancing in gardens with tea and cakes. Draycott made sure the celebration was not forgotten.

Initially St. Chadds was closed, but the need for areas for people to exercise became necessary and thanks to a volunteer who undertook to open and close the gate, it was a very much appreciated venue for many people. So popular that a one-way system was advised to try to help people to maintain their social distance while circumnavigating the lake. I must thank Cllr Jenny Fletcher for her efforts with this.

While the play equipment was closed, the community pay back workers did work at the playing fields to the gardens, benches and play equipment, Cllr Martyn Knight at his first council meeting offered to help painting the children's play equipment, to get it ready for the reopening as soon as the legislation allowed.

Another big piece of work during this time was to upgrade our website to make it compatible to the accessibility standard. Cllr Tim Scott assisted Madam Clerk and I believe we were one of the first councils locally to achieve this.

In November a Remembrance Day service was recorded and wreathes laid few days beforehand and streamed on the Sunday morning at 11am on our and church FB pages so that residents who would normally attend could watch. This was a joint effort between the council and the church, I am sure it was appreciated.

We are still waiting to complete our speed watch training when lock down allows, but we have got the dragons teeth painted on Sawley Road to try to slow traffic entering the village, thanks to Cllr Parkinson. I have now asked Erewash to reinstate the village sign.

We were offered the opportunity to Join the Long Eaton Messy Collectors, and have a voluntary group of litter pickers in Draycott each responsible for a stretch of road, to keep it litter free. The subgroup is now called Draycott Litter Pickers and they arrange for EBC to collect the litter from the side of litter bins on their next collection. This has become very popular, and we thank all the volunteers for their efforts. I know the village looks so much nicer for their care.

We have maintained all our legal obligations during the year, added an outdoor table tennis table, and chess board to the facilities at the Leisure Green as well as upgrading the CCTV system so that all areas of the Leisure Green are covered by the cameras, and funded Easter eggs for the Easter Bunnies to give to the children in the village on Easter Day.

I would like to record my thanks to all councillors who have had to learn new skills for remote meetings, but most of all to Madam Clerk for her patience on the very numerous occasions I and other councillors have requested help with IT issues, or "lost" information. Val Clare (Chairman)

Planning and Transport Committee

During the last year the Parish Council's Planning and Transport Committee have been asked to comment on 24 planning applications, of these, we determined that we had no objections to 21 and 3 objections. Erewash Borough Council have approved 20 and 1 has been denied approval (to date). Whilst roads are the responsibility of Erewash and Derbyshire County Council the Parish Council has continued to press for changes on Sawley Road to try to ease the speeding problems at this entry to the village. New road markings are now in place and we will continue to monitor the situation to see if further changes are needed. Market Street parking continues to be a problem, but new proposals are being considered by Derbyshire CC. - Cllr Jenny Fletcher (Chair)

Cemetery Committee

We have installed a new noticeboard which provides users of the cemetery with a map of the ashes plots and the regulations. We have installed Ashes Plot markers to help visitors find their loved ones. We thank the Community Payback Team for the work they did at the cemetery, clearing weeds, and levelling areas where we had removed self-setting plants and overgrown laurels. We drastically cut back our laurels so that they will be easier maintained and also performed essential tree maintenance where it was identified in the annual tree survey. We are installing a new hand pump for the well and we will be re-surfacing some of the pathways where they are worn. We are committed to maintaining the cemetery to a high standard to make it a pleasant place for people to visit. Cllr Diane Dundas (Chair)

Recreation and St Chads Committee

During the last year, where areas of the park have been closed because of Covid restrictions, the Parish Council has continued to maintain the grounds and facilities. The play equipment has been repaired and re-painted and essential tree maintenance work has been carried out.

On the Leisure Green the trees have been thinned and hedges lowered. Old play equipment has been removed and replaced by a chess table and seats and a table tennis table which are already being used. Sadly, we are experiencing some anti-social behaviour and would be grateful if anyone who sees it happening would report it to the police on 101. We have also installed a new CCTV system so that the Leisure Green area is more widely covered. Our thanks to the Police and Crime Commissioners Fund, the Army Cadet Force, the Long Eaton Table Tennis Club, and the 1st Draycott Scouts Group for their contributions / grants towards the cost.

At St Chad's we have continued the usual tree and path maintenance and have replaced the fencing at the entrance to the car park. It has been wonderful to see how many residents of Draycott and the surrounding area have taken advantage of this lovely spot for their daily exercise.

In the near future we will be purchasing some picnic tables and hope to get grants to provide further equipment. Cllr Jenny Fletcher (Chair)

Finance and General-Purpose Committee

2020 -2021 was a difficult year, we closed our Parish Rooms to all users, the clerk worked from home, our meetings took place via Zoom. As a result, our budgeted spends and payments were revised. We continued to fulfil our obligations as an employer and to you as a parish by continuing to pay for services where we were allowed (such as grounds maintenance etc) to ensure that when you were allowed, the facilities were in good condition and fit for use. In 2020-21 we spent a total of £96,523.74 which was less than we budgeted (£115,660.72) as some works were not completed by year end.

We are very aware that some families have been financially hit with the Covid pandemic, so we kept our precept the same (£50.23 per band D property for the year) and our aim is to keep our grounds and facilities maintained to high standards. We will only undertake additional projects where we can raise funds via grants. Our budget for 2021-22 is £122,965.79 - Cllr Bob Rogerson (Chair)

Draycott Millennium Green Trust

The millennium Green trust has this year held only one meeting and all the day-to-day business has been conducted by the Parish Council.

It has been disappointing that there has been ongoing vandalism and antisocial behaviour at the teen area especially as this appears to be by young people who are damaging what should be their own special place. It has been particularly difficult for the litter picker as much has been broken glass and very difficult to clear from a grassed area.

It has been very rewarding to see how many people including myself have been using the path around the playing fields for their daily exercise it has proved very popular, especially during the wet weather, and has been much appreciated when everywhere was so muddy.

Risley Educational Trust

The Risley education trust has had no meetings this year due to Covid.

The responsibility for the essential business has been delegated to the chairman and clerk. Only one grant application has been received during the latest request period and £350 was forwarded to the successful recipient.

The local schools including Draycott School received a grant cheque, and the local Sunday schools including St Mary's Church at Draycott also received a cheque.

The refurbishment of Latin school into usable space for the Risley school has been put on hold until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the 8th of June

Reports received from Community Groups and Organisations within the Parish

Draycott Community Primary and Nursery School

I am proud to represent the staff and children of our local community school and nursery as the Chair of Governors.

Where to start for the year 2020/21. Over the last year, our staff and children have had to adapt to so many changes in their educational journey. From September 2019, our school year began quite normally. The children were pleased to be in school, meeting their new class teachers, making new friends, and rising to the challenges we give them in our varied curriculum.

It was the saddest day in the history of our school when Miss Evans had to close our doors in March 2020. Who could have anticipated a year of home learning for our children - we know they should be in school. The speedy implementation of the first lockdown obviously caught our staff and Governors by surprise. I am delighted to report that Miss Evans and her staff compiled the first home learning pack in remarkably quick time. Our staff maintained contact with the children through telephone calls and through the school website. The launch of our new website had to be put on hold to enable the children and their parents and carers to keep up to date with an already familiar page.

We were so pleased to welcome the children back into school at the end of that initial lockdown period - for a whole day.

Fortunately, our staff had been developing their skills as 'online teachers' diligently. The second, again speedily implemented, lockdown was still sad, but so much less of a shock. Miss Evans and her staff personally delivered most of the home school packs to the homes of our children. We were so keen to remind the children that they are constantly in our thoughts. Along came online learning to accompany the home school learning and we were so happy that the majority of our children engaged with the process. Several laptops were obtained for the children without access to necessary technology - every child who needed a laptop was supplied with one. The lunch packs provided by Derbyshire County Council were also supplied and we were very pleased with the quality.

The children were able to share their homework and skills directly to staff with the use of the Seesaw programme. This allows immediate interaction for the staff to give feedback to the children. This was greatly appreciated by the parents and carers. Indeed, since the children returned to school for the second time, Miss Evans and her staff have received so much justifiably complementary feedback.

So, where are we now? You will have heard on the news, that the Government are keen for the children to have Catch Up initiatives to help with the missing In School Education. We are very committed to ensuring our children have all possible opportunities for this. We feel it is also key to include and allow reflection time for the children to talk about the last year. Their positive mental

health will ensure a smoother move back into the 'normality' of school life. Adding outdoor education, PE and play is also an important part of this initiative.

The whole staff team wish to thank the parents and carers for stepping up into such a difficult and totally unexpected situation.

We all look forward to hearing where the new Learning Adventures take our children and ask you all to continue to support their efforts in any way you can.

If you feel that you would like a closer input supporting the staff, children, and our school in general, maybe now is the time to consider the role of a School Governor. If you have a real interest in education and experience of strategic planning or finance, we would love to discuss our up-coming vacancy. You can contact the school on 01332 872261 or email the Clerk to Governors, Mrs P Smith, enquires@draycott.derbyshire.sch.uk

We are so proud of our School and Nursery and look forward to welcoming any enquiries from you and to have your children join our wonderful team.

Kris Bingham
Chair of Governors

Draycott Methodist Church

When I wrote the report for 2020 it was just at the beginning of the Pandemic. We thought they were strange times, but never imagined that a year later we would still be in lockdown.

Our Church building in Market Street closed down in March 2020 in order to save lives and protect the NHS. As things seemed to improve at the end of the summer we planned to re-open for Worship, but sadly, only managed to have one Sunday morning service before matters became worse and we were back into lockdown. Although, legally, we could have been open for socially distanced services the Church Council felt that it was not wise to do so. As I write this at the beginning of March 2021, we are still unsure and are waiting to see how the gradual release of lockdown affects us all. We do hope that we will be able to re-start Sunday Morning Services in the very near future.

However, although the building has been closed the Church (the body of people) has continued to pray and serve God and the community throughout the year. Rev Colin Emerson and Judith Neal, Lay Pastor, have led services each week on the internet via Zoom which are usually attended by over fifty households from Draycott, Borrowash and Spondon. There has also been the opportunity for informal 'Coffee morning' Zoom sessions each Thursday, and during Lent, Pentecost, and Advent we had midweek reflective services. These opportunities have been great for those able to access the internet, but we do understand that this is not possible for everyone and we do miss the friendship and support that personal contact brings. Rev Colin and Judith issue a printed Church Bulletin as often as is possible which is distributed among those linked to our fellowship. If you wish to receive copies of this either by E mail, or letter then please let me know. Our established Pastoral system in the church ensures that everyone is in contact by telephone and news is shared and support given. Sadly, we have lost

several of our dear friends during this past year: Joan Shallcross, Barbara Cheshire, Barbara Wood, Teresa Wain, and Tom Knight. They are now at peace with their Lord. Also, George Cheshire and Jane Grace have both gone to live in Care homes. We thank God for these lives that are missed very much.

Of course, because of lockdown, all the usual meetings and groups that use our premises have not been able to meet. We hope it won't be too long before life can get back to normal. In order to keep in touch with the families of Messy Church we made up Christmas themed Activity bags for the children which were distributed and some of the families met on Zoom to share their creativity.

We hope that when we do open to resume worship and activities on the premises that you will feel welcome to join us. We will try to publicise our plans as they unfold. If there is anyway at all that you feel the church could help you or you would like to consider using our hall for your activity, then please do get in touch. Rev Colin Emerson (01332 670587)/ Judith Neal (01332 832108)

Mary Murden: Church Council Secretary (07970 955506)

St. Mary's Church Draycott and St Chad's Church Wilne.

2020 will be a very memorable year, but sadly for the wrong reason.

The Covid restrictions meant there was little activity inside the buildings as the congregations were not allowed to worship together. This was just the same in the Church Hall as all groups who use the hall space were forbidden to meet, or had decided not to gather due to the health and safety of their members.

The Pilates group has done some activity, but again, of no real time period especially when not permitted at all.

This has meant the buildings haven't received the normal use, but the care of them has been a priority. The water systems have received regular attention and an inspection of the spaces, in general, have been done.

Both Churchyards have now been mowed and are looking tidy, thank you to those who helped with this.

Attendance at Acts of Worship was not allowed for a long period. Video recordings were made by members from both Draycott and Breaston Churches and these were broadcast on Facebook and YouTube. The Rev'd Chris Smedley has broadcast each weekday morning at 9.30am 'Daily Prayer'. This has been very well received and continues to be popular.



Once we were allowed to broadcast from the church building a 'Live Stream' from St Michael's Breaston has been popular on a Sunday morning at 10.30am, with both Draycott and Breaston people taking part. This continues and is likely to be broadcast on a weekly basis.

Baptisms, weddings, and funerals have been extremely limited too. Most weddings have been postponed until a later date. Chris Smedley and I have been attending to the funeral requests, most of these being at the crematorium.

All these restrictions have meant the Church Council have received a very small amount of their usual income, but the financial commitments remain, and we will endeavour to meet them.

It is hoped that once regular meetings begin things will start to improve but there is no doubt the past 12 months or so will have some longer lasting consequences.

I continue to pray for the whole of the Draycott & Wilne Community and ask that you all bear with us as we begin to prepare the buildings for opening.

God bless

Rev'd Gary Dundas

Elephant Rooms

Elephant Rooms is a community interest company which believes in an inclusive, integrated, and holistic approach to health and well-being for all in the local community. The primary business is room rental the profits from which are used to offer therapies that are affordable for all.



Elephant Rooms has established a safe, tranquil and healing space in which a range of classes, workshops and therapies focussed on physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing are delivered for the local community. All are welcome to enjoy the calm, wander through our tranquil garden, use our free library and take refreshment.

The centre hosts 30 professional therapists providing counselling, massage, shiatsu, reflexology, reiki and hypnotherapy. Prior to the crisis there were:

- Around 20 classes per week including Pilates, various forms of yoga, Qigong, and meditation,
- 2 to 3 workshops a week on a diverse range of topics including yoga, crafts, creative writing, sound emersion, training and mediation,
- Counselling and Coaching services together with mental health support groups,
- Donation based and free events for meditation, mindfulness and Wellness Hubs with taster therapies,
- and between 250 and 300 members of our local community per week used the facility

We also take an active role in village events, run a successful plot in the village community allotment as part of our Ecotherapy Group.

Apart from a short window in August and September of 2020 Elephant rooms has been shut since March 2020. Nevertheless, many of our classes and therapies have

continued on-line and we have been active supporting people who have needed assistance during the crisis. We been an active member of the Draycott Coronavirus Support Group Helpline and provided a Talkline staffed by professional Counsellors. In addition, we have been providing concessionary and free Counselling throughout, delivering up to 100 sessions a month supporting around 40 members of our local community who have struggled during the crisis.

We were fortunate that Elephant Rooms entered the crisis in a strong financial position and from early Autumn that we received a number of grants from Erewash Borough Council, The Coronavirus Community Support Fund, the Social Enterprise Support Fund, the Post Code Lottery Fund. These have enabled Elephant Rooms to continue our services during this difficult time.

We are looking forward to opening in April and operating fully by mid-year. As well as re-establishing our extensive programme of classes, workshops, and therapies we shall be running a programme of courses aimed at recovery from the crisis including Capacitar (Tool Kit for Life), anxiety and sleep. Our support groups, Creative Writing and Ecotherapy Groups are restarting the latter with walks, litter picks, and tending the allotment. We also hope that all being well, working with the Parish Council we shall be able to continue to develop a programme of health and wellbeing activities at the local nature reserve St Chad's Water.

Rotary Club of Church Wilne

The Rotary Club of Church Wilne has been part of the communities of Draycott, Borrowash and Ockbrook since its formation in April 1985.

Our Club meets weekly on a Monday evening at the Royal Oak in Oakbrook and it is one of the largest Clubs in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, however, during the pandemic our face-to-face meetings were cancelled. To ensure our Club remained united during the pandemic, we were quick to embrace the online meeting revolution and organised a programme of successful zoom meetings.

Despite the impact of COVID 19, our Club has raised thousands for charity and has made donations to Rotary International Foundation Charity, Mind for mental health, Treetops Hospice Care, Rainbows Hospice for Children as well as to local groups Borrowbrook, Oakash, Draycott Village Fund, refurbished laptops for local school children and Church Wilne picnic benches. We have also reserved funds for a senior citizen tea party, this will be dependent upon current lockdown measures be eased, a date for this event will be promulgated in due course.

During the 2020 festive period, many local festive events were cancelled due to the pandemic. The Rotary Club of Church Wilne were determined to bring some Christmas festive cheer to the local community whilst adhering to the lockdown restrictions. We were able to organise a Santa Claus Float, setup our Santa Grotto at static locations throughout December as well as enabling local children to meet Santa virtually online.

We were able to raise in excess of £7,000 in charitable donations during December 2020. All the proceeds raised will be going back into the community towards local good causes and charitable organisations.

The Club also makes an annual donation to the Friends of St Chad's and also pays for the Christmas tree that is located within St Chad's Church.

In January the Club donated £300 to the Draycott Village Fund towards the running costs of the defibrillator.

In recent years the Club has supported Joshua Johns, the very talented and successful local young wheelchair tennis player.

In addition to our regular Rotary Club meetings, we have also introduced a Rotary Satellite Group. This is a new type of Rotary designed for those that wish to "give back" to their local community, but may have limited time but wish to volunteer on a more flexible basis. More details on our Satellite Club can be found on our Facebook Page or our website.

Rotary Clubs around the world help to plant millions of purple crocuses every year to raise awareness for efforts to end polio. In June 2019 the Club donated approximately 2,000 Crocus Corms to the Draycott Village Fund for these to be planted in the village.

All of our activities are published on our comprehensive website <https://churchwilnerotary.org.uk> and on social media platforms and also in various local papers and magazines.

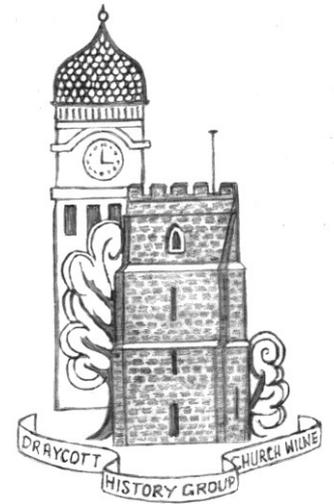
Paul Fleming - Rotary Club of Church Wilne (Public Relations Committee)

Draycott and Church Wilne History Group.

We are an eleven strong study group dedicated to researching all aspects of the history of the parish. We normally meet every two months or so in one another's houses to discuss our latest findings and to plan our research.

Throughout the last year, in common with many other groups our activities have been curtailed by Covid-19. We have continued to meet courtesy of Zoom and have discussed many aspects of Draycott's history and our plans for when things get back to normal.

We have also been able to carry out online research instigated by questions posted on our Facebook page relating to individual houses in the village and some members have used their permitted exercise time to continue with our age of buildings survey from last year.



If we are able to have an exhibition this year we hope to be able to display our map compiled from the Act of Parliament of 1764 which saw the enclosure of Draycott's medieval open fields changing the village forever. There will also be more recent maps and aerial photographs as well as our building survey.

We have continued to publish booklets relating to the history of Draycott and Wilne and the many characters who inhabited the parish in the past. We are now up to booklet 15 with the most recent releases covering Church Wilne, celebrations and also crime and punishment. They can be bought from Wilson's Chemist in the village. Contributions from anyone are welcome, especially the more senior members of the community who we know from experience always have good stories to tell. Anyone who has information, documents or pictures relating to Draycott or Wilne is very welcome to contact us through our Facebook page or by contacting Clive Wilkinson on 01332 873 926 or email:- alesi4@sky.co

Draycott and Wilne Women's Institute

Draycott & Wilne WI has a membership of 14 members who usually meet on the third Thursday of each month in our Methodist Church Hall. We also usually make a point of keeping our tradition of singing Jerusalem every month.

The Institute, along with most community groups, has suffered from the enforced Coronavirus lockdown in 2020 and into 2021. Our members continued to meet under the permitted Rule of Six regulations. As halls were closed for activities, we were very pleased to make use of members gardens and we were very lucky to have mostly kind weather. Members continued to share their typical WI activities including cakes, crafts and educational programmes. One member made a stunning Goodie Bag full of crafts and yummy treats for Christmas, for every member. When we are again allowed to meet, we will be able to share the results of these activities face to face - roll on that day.

If you have decided that you need to be more involved in something, meet more friends, or that Lockdown 2020 made you just generally want to try something new, we would love to welcome new members to our Institute and all ladies are encouraged to come and visit us. You can attend for 3 consecutive meetings before making the decision to join, so come and enjoy our hospitality and not forgetting tea and cake. If you would like to come and meet us or would like further information, please email draycottandwilnewi@hotmail.com Alternatively, come along to our meetings at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Market Street on the third Thursday of the month excluding August and December when the dates vary.

St Chad's Fishing Club

Fishing Permits for 2021 will be available from John Reynolds from 1 May month later than usual, owing to last year's lockdown

The Fishing Club Will take over responsibility for car park barrier from 1 April

If you would like more information regarding the club, please contact John Reynolds at reno07@hotmail.co.uk

Draycott and Long Eaton Table Tennis Club

It is with sadness that I start my report with the announcement that my father Roy Bayliss an ex-chairman of the TT club and the founder of the over 50 club section and who up until the last few years was a highly active volunteer in the area and a nationally known TT coach passed away with Covid on the 12th November 2020 . Roy is interned at the Draycott cemetery.

Covid activities

- The following dates were lock down for the club.

March 16th 2020 to August 3rd 2020

November 5th 2020 to December 2nd 2020

December 28th 2020 to April 12th 2021

During the pandemic we have been allowed to open for adults only in September 2020 and October 2020. Juniors have been allowed back between Aug and Nov 2020 and the month of December 2020. We will re-open for juniors on the 12th April

We have ensured that the club is covid secure on the few weeks the club has been allowed to open.

Working with our national governing body - all courts sizes and activities along with covid hygiene has been signed off by the NGB.

A new web page has been set up with booking facilities for each court for members as required by government guidelines. To allow track and trace along with the QR code. with a new handwritten booking system as fail-safe system.

We have Installed various hand gel and sanitisers units for use and set up hygiene stations.

Put up numerous notices for safe distancing.

And we are required that everyone who has entered the building follows the covid rules including face coverings these are displayed in the foyer.

We have a One-way system in place and lights have now been installed with 5 min timer switch to cover the LHS of the building as this has become a walkway back to the car park and needed to be safe for all to use.

There has been an inspection by the clerk to the parish council to observe the interior of the club and to ensure all the covid rules are in place.

We have taken the shutdown opportunity to:-

- 1) Repaint the interior of the building.
- 2) Do some general maintenance. A big thankyou to Draycott resident Wilf Rainford giving his time up for free - we then donate to the treetop's charity an amount Wilf would have been paid.
- 3) Done a deep clean of all areas.
- 4) Improve our Wi-Fi set up (to allow the council to use it on their new camera system)

- 5) Our own camera system went down and VM secure donated a brand-new camera control box to get us back up and running and to ensure NGB rules were adhered to.

All this we were able to do thanks to the generous donation by Andy Potts one of our founder members, and Malcolm from VM secure.

Community activities

Despite the shutdown we have been doing the following

- We have been running zoom quiz's during the lockdown.
- We have been running zoom fitness sessions with Phil Coker a well-known fitness coach in the area running these for free for our club members.
- We run zoom coaching sessions, all our coaches have been running these as individual sessions and group sessions for free.
- We have also had Ryan Jenkins from the England performance squad coaching team running free group coaching sessions via Zoom.
- We have an organised fitness session outdoors on Draycott park for bubbles of 15 youngsters on Monday 29th march - we have three groups totalling 38 players, with three of our top England international juniors running these sessions.

We thought it would be fun to have all three internationals from the same Green family taking a group each. With an adult coach assigned to each group as well.

The club's head girl Erin Green is looking after the 4-8 group and players up to 10yrs old - Erin before lockdown was running a fun based session with these youngsters.

Anna Green is looking after the development squad.

Connor Green is looking after the advanced and excellence squad members.

We are running a fun day for all the juniors on 26th June where lots of activities will take place and if the weather allows, we have agreed with the Parish Council to use the grass area between the TT club and the scout building.

We will run the clubs normal summer outing day out on the 3rd of August.

The club normally fosters community use in the "Whittaker Hall. However, during the pandemic

- The schools coaching did not happen.
- The tae kwondo stopped.
- The exercise for the heart only returned for 4 weeks in sept 2020.

The club has also worked with the parish council to allow access and usage of the clubs Wi-Fi for the new camera system that has been installed.

Junior section

We have been pleased to observe that during the pandemic we have only lost three players - therefore the squad is approximately 60 juniors.

We have tailored our sessions when restrictions have allowed us back in the hall to cover 15 person bubbles and have increased sessions to three an evening from two to get everyone some table time.

Our current Excellence squad of about 22 players now boasts 15 players in the top 15 for their age in the country and continues to produce some of the top players in the country and currently has a number of National Champions which have been carried over from the previous year as no TTE competitions have run since March 2020.

detailed below:

U/13 Girls Singles - Anna Green
U/13 Boys Singles - Connor Green
Cadet Boys Doubles - Poww Boonyaprapa
Cadet Girls Doubles - Erin Green / Helena Dicken
Junior Boys Doubles Champions - Naphat Boonyaprapa
National Girls Team Champions - Erin Green / Helena Dicken

Naomi Coker - 3rd Place National U/11 Girls
Connie Dumelow - 3rd Place National U/12 Girls
Junior Boys Masters - 5th Place
Cadet Boys Masters - 4th Place
Cadet Girls Masters - 5th Place & 9th Place

Rankings:

England No.1 @ U/14 Girls, U/14 Boys and Cadet Boys
England No. 4 @ Junior Boys
England No. 1, No.2 & No.5 @ Cadet Boys
England No.5 & No.9 @ U/16 Girls
England No. 9 & No.11 @ U/13 Boys
England No. 2 & No.3 @ U/13 Girls
England No.2 @ U/11 Girls
England No.3 and 5 at U/10 Girls
England No. 1 @ U/9 Girls
England No.3 @ U/9 Boys

Senior, Over 50 & local league

These all stopped in March 2020 before the season had ended with the over 50's club allowed back for two months from August 2020 under some extreme covid restrictions

Representative sides in the National and British leagues

None during covid restrictions

Weekend events

None during covid restrictions

International

None during covid restrictions

Jon Bayliss
Club secretary and founder member

Erewash Ramblers

I am Brian Marshall, Walk Leader and Footpath Warden (Draycott and Breaston) for Erewash Ramblers. (Ramblers Association)

During late January and February I spent several days clearing lots of Brambles etc. on Footpath 9, (South St / Lodge St) to the river.

Lockdown then stopped everything except I was able to walk all footpaths to check for any problems. No problems.

When lockdown ended, I was able to Lead 2 walks from car park behind Chip Shop, and others further afield. until Second lockdown.

Late in the year, The Coffin Walk between Marlborough Rd Breaston and Wilne became very muddy and large puddles. I along with the help of Sheena, and Nicala at Breaston Parish Council I brought the problem to the attention of Derbyshire County Council Rights of Way department, who responded with a site visit with view to tackle the problem, next year.

We were unable to have our Yard Sale, Scarecrow Festival and Macmillan Walk charity events raising money for the Air Ambulance and Macmillan. Hope some 2021 events go ahead.

We are now hoping to start walking again and path maintenance in April if all goes well.

Brian Marshall will be leading 3 Circular Walks from car park behind Draycott Fish Bar starting at 10-30am

- Wednesday July 21st 2021 4 miles around Draycott and part of Derby Canal.
- Wednesday August 4th 2021 4miles Draycott and Church Wilne.
- Sunday September 26th 2021 7 miles Draycott, Ockbrook, and Hopwell.

All walks must be pre-booked by calling Brian on 01332 873849 - numbers are limited to 30 and test and trace will tracking will be utilised

If anyone would like more information on our guided walks, please visit the Erewash Ramblers website <https://www.erewashramblers.org.uk/programme.html>

Brian Marshall

Draycott Detachment Derbyshire ACF (Mercian)

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I am Sergeant Denner from the Army Cadet Detachment here in Draycott.

I am writing a short letter to you to inform you of how we have been running our detachment through the Pandemic and what our plans are once we are able to return to face-to-face training. Shortly before Christmas we were given permission to return to training, however a few weeks after this, we were put into Lockdown no.3 and return to virtual training online.

We have been engaging with our cadets on a secure internet portal where our cadets can access all lessons and information required for their training, as well as holding weekly virtual parade nights where they can log in with their training groups at a selected time and take part in lessons and quizzes. This also gives us an opportunity to keep socialising and ensure the welfare and safety of our cadets.

As we enter the outgoing phase of the pandemic, we are looking forward to returning to face-to-face training, although we do not yet have a date for this. My hope for the rest of the training year is that we can start opening our detachment building once a week, and hopefully start taking on new cadets that have already applied to join us through our online application process. We are looking forward to progressing with physical training sessions such as fieldcraft and personal fitness training and improving our detachment as we go. Some of the improvements including new storage areas and covid-safe procedures have already been put into place, but we have much farther to go.

If you know of anyone between the ages of 12-18 and are in Year 8 or above at school that may be interested in joining our cadet family, please take a look at your website. Just simply Google Derbyshire ACF and search for your local detachment.

We parade on Thursday evenings from 1845-2100.

Draycott Army Cadet Force Detachment.

New Street (The Leisure Green)
Draycott,
Derby,
DE72 3LZ

Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust

In a period when we have all now suffered the impact of Lockdown for over a year it might be expected that progress would be slow.

However, this has not been the case. The Trust has been at pains to manage its volunteer effort to ensure we both meet the government rules and keep our people safe. Obviously as most of our volunteers are of “a certain age” and some were required to shield the amount of work has been affected substantially, but we have been able to reorganise so that we work



DERBY AND SANDIACRE CANAL TRUST

away from the public, have smaller working parties, which are more widely spread. As an example, we have therefore moved to working six days a week rather than three at the Cottages development with numbers restricted to 3 or 4 people each day rather than 8 or 9.

We have focussed activities on planning and like many organisations have moved to many more online meetings. Whilst we cannot meet at the Coach and Horses, we are now organising monthly meetings on Zoom. Anyone wanting to receive an invitation can contact info@derbycanal.org.uk You can also pick up progress on our activities on Facebook, twitter and Instagram through our twin accounts dealing separately with the Derby riverboat and other general activities.

Outside of Draycott we have made progress in Derby city where our plans to reinvigorate the city centre riverside have been welcomed and supported by the Council. We are in the process of commissioning feasibility studies to inform these plans. The Trip boat has been completed at Long Eaton and will be launched as soon as passengers are allowed on board. A 300m stretch of canal is now in water at Spondon and we are coordinating plans with Derby City Council to expand this length and enhance the towpath/cyclepath from Derby into Long Eaton as a precursor to restoring further lengths of canal. Much of our work at Spondon, Borrowash and Sandiacre relies on assistance from Severn Trent Water, whose sewers need to be diverted. Following representation by our Trustee, Maggie Throup MP, we are now making progress on this, albeit slowly.

Draycott has seen the lion's share of our activity over the last year with the twin projects to restore the cottages development and restore the Golden Mile making good progress.

With the Golden Mile we had already raised over £100,000 from supporters and were able to get the remaining funding of £350,000 from Network Rail. You may have seen the press in November announcing this. It took until November to get formal agreement to the works and funding so when Storm Christophe hit in January we were still working and the resultant flooding of Hopwell Road and the railway line meant we had to agree to emergency action to allow water to escape down the canal line, thereby causing significant damage to the works. We are now discussing enhancing the works, at Network Rail's cost, to take all the water from Hopwell Road along the canal line thereby protecting the railway and properties on Hopwell Road. We now expect the works to be delayed, with more disturbance to the path, but for works to be completed in 2021.

Progress on the cottages has continued and we are now within a few months of completion of the residential cottages. Our trustees have decided that we should not sell the properties but will instead rent them and we have already received considerable interest from locals. Landscaping of the site and build of the car park has started and we expect that to be completed by June. The outside toilet block is currently waiting for the roof to be fitted and this together with the café and museum will be operational ready for Christmas (normal caveats apply!).

We must apologise for disruption to the Golden Mile path, which will unfortunately happen again in the summer and autumn, but we have been enormously encouraged by the support of local people, especially now that completion is near. Anyone wishing to know more about our activities can find our website at www.derbycanal.org.uk. Anyone wishing to support us can do so from this website. We welcome new members, volunteers and supporters. It is an enormous project, but the last few years have proved that the more support we have the quicker progress is made.

Breaston and Draycott Village News

The Breaston & Draycott Village News is a monthly magazine covering both villages.

Although run by St. Michael's, Breaston, the magazine aims to provide news of both a secular and spiritual nature, as well as articles and poems of general interest.

We have 350 copies printed each month, some of which are delivered to subscribers, others are sold in shops in the two villages. The magazine is financed by the sale of advertising as well as the cover price.

The editors welcome contributions from members of the public and village organisations.

Editor: Jonathan Lupton magazine@wdbchurches.org.uk

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DVF & DiB Activities during the year 2020 - 2021

Draycott Village Fund (DVF) is a non-profit making community group, run by volunteers to foster a sense of pride and visually enhance Draycott.

DVF and Draycott in Bloom, our horticultural group, is open to anyone to join, whether it be helping organise and run events or just being part of the wider team.

DVF is run by a small committee who manage day to day matters, plus co-ordinate all the main events.

The committee has 13 members:

Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and 9 committee members

We currently have 2 vacancies - if interested, get in contact via Facebook, Website or email (details later in presentation)

DVF has no source of income other than donations and fund-raising events, we receive many personal donations, your generosity is overwhelming.

DVF have established relationships with organisations who support community activities, this enables some of our more major projects.

DVF raises funds through key events, all cancelled in 2020 (e.g. Yard Sale, Open Gardens, Scarecrows) making new donations even more important

Thank you to everyone that has helped DVF, with donations and their time

Because of this support, the village has been able to maintain the planting displays and support initiatives, like the new Draycott Litter Picking Group

Draycott in Bloom

Draycott is a nationally recognised village because of our success in the RHS 'Britain in Bloom' competition

Draycott in Bloom set out to improve what it felt like to live and work in Draycott.

This has certainly been achieved, plus we've won some awards;

- East Midlands 'in Bloom' Silver Gilt and then Gold
- 4 RHS Gold awards – 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019
- Overall winner East Midlands in Bloom, Large Village 2019

For now though, no competitions, just focusing on making Draycott look

BLOOMING LOVELY throughout the year

Draycott Tree Of Hope

Draycott in Bloom, supported by the primary school children have created a 'Tree of Hope' structure in the Christmas Tree planter

Anyone can add messages to the tree.

- messages of hope
- treasured memories, or
- things to look forward to doing



If rules allow, we will hold DVF's first event of 2021 over the August Bank holiday weekend

This is our hugely successful **Scarecrow Festival**

Always popular, hopefully we'll have more entries than ever before.

As an outdoor event, with a few sensible precautions, we feel we will be able to run a safe, socially distanced event.

Look out for details early Summer on our notice board, Facebook page and our new web site.

Christmas Events

We hope to be able to bring back the popular Christmas Fayre and Street Market in the first week of December

We'll organise Christmas trees for the houses as we've done for many years now - *diary note, order in October!*

Advent windows will be displayed in houses and shops across the village - they get more creative each year

Santa has said his post box will be back in December

Our details

Various ways to keep in contact with DVF

Our new website.

Early days but adding content throughout the year

www.draycottvillagefund.co.uk

Our Facebook site, search for Draycott Village Fund

via email draycottvillagefund@hotmail.com

Draycott Business Community 2020

All sustainable communities need a thriving range of businesses providing essential goods and services together with employment. In Draycott we have a vibrant and diverse group of enterprises which are essential to the character and functioning of the village.



The Draycott Business Community was formed in 2019 to support business in Draycott for the community, as an integral part of village life. We are open to all businesses based in Draycott and seek to:

- a. Showcase businesses in Draycott as part of the community,
- b. Promote the village outside Draycott to bring custom into the village,
- c. Support each other in particular by giving preference to traders and services within the village,
- d. To provide representation as one voice in respect of issues that affect business in the village.

Draycott Business Community works with other village groups and organisations to help enhance the village of Draycott experience by taking part, contributing to, and sponsoring village activities and events.

Membership is open to any business who operates from and who's address is in Draycott. There is a private Facebook Group for members of the Group.

The Group also operates the Draycott Business Community Facebook page which is for advertising to the village and beyond services, products and events from within the village. The aim is to promote local businesses as an integral part of the community. Posting is restricted primarily to businesses from the villages of Draycott, Borrowash, Ockbrook and Breaston and people seeking services. The page has 700 members.

During the pandemic as many of our businesses have been unable to continue operating and village events have been curtailed, there has not been much activity in the group. However, the DBC Facebook has continued to be an important means of promoting village business throughout the crisis. We are looking forward to the restrictions being lifted and hopefully a re-invigorated business community during 2021.