

EAST DRAYTON UPDATE

Edition 1

1st February 2012

Welcome to the first (trial) edition of The East Drayton Update - a bi-monthly news sheet to let you know about anything and everything going on in our community.

2012 is a big year with plenty to see and celebrate. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 2-5 June, gives us a double bank holiday weekend and there will be celebrations in the village. The Olympic and Paralympic Games take place in London in July/August/September. The Olympic Torch Relay will be passing through Darlton on the A57 on Thursday 28th June - detailed timings in the next edition.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- > **Saturday 11th & Tuesday 14th February** - Valentine's Day celebrations at the Blue Bell Inn
- > **Friday 16th March** - Wine Tasting + nibbles in the Village Hall
- > **Sunday 18th March** - Mothering Sunday celebrations at the Blue Bell Inn
- > **Saturday 2nd June** - Diamond Jubilee Party
- > **Thursday 28th June** - Olympic Torch Relay passes through Darlton



WINE TASTING

A tutored wine tasting by Kevin Jewsbury (with opportunity to purchase wine) will be held in the Village Hall on **Friday 16th March** at 7.30pm.

Tickets to include wine and nibbles are £6 each from Muriel Ogle (248230) or Sue Ogle (249096). Be there or be sober!

DIAMOND JUBILEE PARTY

We'll be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the evening of **Saturday 2nd June** with a big village party at Church Lane Farm, thanks to the hospitality of Ray Small. There will be a Barn Dance (in a barn!) + food and a bar. There will be a meeting in the Village Hall at **7.00pm on Tuesday 7th Feb** to discuss this "big" event. Please come along if you are interested in helping in any way. This is a non-profit making event with more details and ticket information to follow in the next edition.

THE EAST DRAYTON WEBSITE - www.eastdrayton.org

The village website is sponsored by the Parish Council and was created to inform residents of the workings and decisions taken on their behalf. In the capable hands of Steve Ellis, it has now developed into a huge and very professional resource for the village and you are strongly recommended to have a browse. You will be able to find out all about the history of the village, current issues in our community, view photographs and explore the links to the various businesses and organisations in the village - and lots more! For those of you with a smart phone, the QR code (above right) will take you directly to our website. All clever stuff and QR stands for a Quick Response code !!



THE BLUE BELL INN

Sharon, John, Michelle and Little John celebrated their first 5 years at the Blue Bell Inn at the end of 2011. We hope they've enjoyed being here as much as we have enjoyed their hospitality and wish them continued success for the next 5 years and beyond! Their programme of events for 2012 includes Valentine's Day and Mothering Sunday celebrations (see above) plus lots more, which you can always catch up with on their impressive website at:- www.bluebell-eastdrayton.co.uk

CRIME RATE

The crime rate in the village has reduced steadily in the last few years and there were only 3 minor incidents in 2011. Unfortunately 2012 has got off to an inauspicious start with 4 burglaries during the night of 12/13 January, including a serious burglary and associated vehicle theft on Low Street. We can only assume that the crime rate will be linked to the economic situation for some time to come, so please take all sensible precautions to secure your property and outbuildings.

STREET LIGHTING

As part of Nottinghamshire County Council's energy saving initiative and after proper consultation, reduced street lighting in East Drayton has been agreed. All street lights will be turned off between the hours of midnight and 05.30am and this change was planned for the beginning of January. It could happen anytime soon, so if you are out and about after midnight, you are advised to carry a torch and to be even more vigilant with the security of your property from now on.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

Floodlighting the south face of St Peter's Church over the Christmas period has become an established, seasonal feature in the centre of the village. The lighting has been generously sponsored by a number of individuals in recent years and thanks go to all who have contributed in the past. If you would like to help maintain this tradition at the end of 2012, please contact Steve Ellis on 248095 or via his link on the village website.



KEEP FIT & ZUMBA CLASSES

Keep fit classes continue in the Village Hall at 7.30pm every Thursday and a new Zumba class now takes place at 11.00am every Monday. Please contact Janet Goddard on 248613 for information on both. Everyone welcome.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Parish Council Chairman, Neil Stanley comments as follows:- *"It as been decided by the Parish council to enter the best kept village competition in 2012. I ask that all households please support us in this, as it will not only enhance the village we live in, but also have a positive impact on property values - if we win!! If each household could look after "their bit", then this would take us a long way to reaching our goal. Many thanks in advance."*

CHURCH YARD - GRASS CUTTING ROTA

No doubt Janet Goddard will be issuing this year's rota all too soon, but if you're not involved and are willing to help out with the grass cutting, please contact her directly on 248613. Thanks!!

CHURCH ROOF

The church roof is infested with death watch beetle and an appeal to help fund the first stage of restoration will be launched in the near future. Watch this space.....

POLICE - NEW CONTACT NUMBER 101

In case of emergency you should always dial 999, but if you wish to speak to the Police about anything else, you can now dial a new number **101**. Although this is a national number, you will be connected directly to your nearest relevant police station - no "call centres" involved! The call will cost only 15p.

If you have any comments or items for inclusion, special birthdays, anniversaries etc, please send them to Hugh Mackintosh at Woodbeck House, Low Street, tel 249127 or by email to edupdate1@gmail.com
