

EAST DRAYTON UPDATE

SPECIAL EDITION

December 2013

This is an "extra" edition to announce a special event for the village in January.

Thanks to the generosity of the Small family, we will be holding a lunch at Church Lane Farm in January to raise funds for the Church Roof Appeal.

If you visited the church or climbed up to the roof on the open day on 16th November, you will appreciate the mind-boggling extent of the damage caused by larvae of the death watch beetle and the enormity of the task faced by the restoration company.

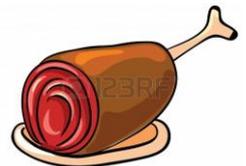
You are invited to a one-off.....

DEATH WATCH BEETLE LUNCH !!

12.30 for 1.00pm on Sunday 19th January 2014
CHURCH LANE FARM, CHURCH LANE, EAST DRAYTON.



Hot mulled wine on arrival followed by a
3 course traditional roast pork lunch and
musical entertainment.



Tickets are £15 each (or £8 for children under 10) and are
available on a "first come - first served" basis from
Lorna or Gary Garfoot on (01777) 248520.

Please bring your own drinks and please let Lorna or Gary know of any
special dietary requirements when you book your tickets - a vegetarian
option will be available.

This is a major fund-raising event for the Church roof and we will need a lot of help!!
If you can help with the following (in advance or on the day) or in any other way then
please contact Lorna or Gary on the above number:

- Help with preparing and serving the food
- Loan of an electric slow cooker

SPONSORSHIP - whether or not you are able to attend, would you be able to help
with sponsorship towards the cost of the food and help us to minimise our costs? Any
support would be fantastic. Please contact Hugh Mackintosh (see over).

Here's a quick reminder of events (including some new ones) in the near future.....

- > **Wednesday 18th Dec** **Kids Christmas Party in the Blue Bell Inn 6.00 to 8.00pm**
Games, face-painting, food and a special visit from SANTA
Tickets £3 per child, but must be booked in advance please
- > **Friday 20th Dec** **Travelling Nativity with Carols 6.30pm**
See Church notice board for details
- > **Sunday 22nd Dec** **East Drayton Sports Club - Blue Bell Inn Marquee 7.30pm**
Christmas Draw and General Knowledge Quiz - all welcome
- > **Sunday 19th Jan 2014** **Death Watch Beetle Lunch at Church Lane Farm 12.30 for 1.00pm**
See full details on reverse
- > **Friday 24th Jan** **Burns Night Celebration in the Blue Bell Inn 7.15 for 8.00pm**
Few tickets remaining, so book soon!
- > **Saturday 8th Feb** **Hypnotist ADAM NIGHT at the Blue Bell Inn**
Back by popular demand after a fantastic show in November
Tickets selling fast, so book early to avoid disappointment.

CHURCH OPEN DAY - 16th November

Thanks to everyone who came along to see the roof project in action and to the brave who scaled the ladder to see the extent of the damage caused to the main roof trusses by the dreaded death watch beetle. It is amazing that the roof hasn't fallen down before now and the scope of the restoration work certainly explains the huge costs involved.

Thanks as usual to Lorna, Gary and all the helpers/washer-uppers who provided a wonderful warming lunch in the Village Hall, which raised £250 for the Church roof appeal.

AIR AMBULANCE

Recent collections in the village for the Children's Air Ambulance relate to a non-emergency service set up in 2006 to transport children between hospitals, claiming to provide national coverage from its base Coventry. In fact they did not provide this service until they introduced their first single helicopter in November 2012 and they transported their first baby in May 2013. The name of the parent charity, The Air Ambulance Service, could be interpreted to represent all UK air ambulance services, but this is not the case. In fact it manages 3 air ambulance services - The Children's and two emergency services covering, Derbyshire/Leicestershire/Rutland and Warwickshire/Northamptonshire.

The emergency air ambulance service covering our area is provided by the Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire Air Ambulance Service - a single helicopter based at RAF Waddington.

You will have to make your own decision about which charity you wish to support and there is lots of information about this issue on the internet.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This is very much a personal decision, but this year Chris and I will not be sending Christmas cards to friends and neighbours in the village, but will make a donation to the Church Roof Appeal instead. We do of course wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and hope you achieve everything you wish for in 2014. You may like to consider doing the same ???

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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