

# EAST DRAYTON UPDATE

**Spring Edition - May 2017**

It feels as though spring has only just arrived, but try to make the most of it, as it is only three weeks before the nights will start to draw in - now there's a cheerful thought!!

## **DEFIBRILLATOR / CPR TRAINING**

Please do read the attached notice from the Parish Council, which explains the potential for us to have our own defibrillator in the village.....

## **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Whilst it has been fantastic to enjoy recent success in the Best Kept Village competition, Parish Council Chairman, Neil Stanley reminds us that the real reason for entering the competition is to catalyse regular action to maintain the overall appearance and tidiness of the village.

Neil heads up a small group of volunteers who maintain the verges, the planters, the signs and the general public areas of the village. They fight a constant battle with rubbish dropped from through traffic, particularly on Top Street and North Green.

The overall appearance of the Churchyard always contributes significantly to our "Best Kept" score and Janet Goddard organises the annual rota to keep the grass under control.

If you are new to the village and would like to be involved in any of the above, please contact Neil on 248059

**ALL householders are also asked to do their bit by maintaining the paths and gutters outside their properties - judging takes place in June !!**

## **ST PETER'S CHURCH**

You may already know that Rev. Julia Jesson has now left the parish to take a new ministry in Liverpool.

The Church is open every day, if you would like to go in. If anyone needs to use the Church for a funeral, wedding, baptism or another reason please contact the Churchwarden Tony Kirkham on 248548.

**THE BIG BREAKFAST** in early May was deemed to have been a great success. We had seating for 40 and at one stage there was queue!! It was only planned as a social event for the village, so the useful profit from the event was a welcome bonus. Thanks to everyone involved on both sides of the frying pan!!



## THE BLUE BELL INN

Here's the latest up-date from Sharon - on behalf of the Blue Bell team.....

*"Father's Day this year is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June and the Blue Bell will be offering £12 for two courses, plus a £5 voucher and chocolate gift for all dads booked in with us on the day! Meals from 12 - 8pm.*

*Gin is enjoying a huge resurgence across the country and we have some fantastic gin cocktails on offer at the moment - large goblets and Fever Tree tonic!! We are currently doing Hendricks or Williams GB Gins with Cucumber, Lime & Mint, Strawberry Gin with Fresh Strawberries and Black Pepper, Rhubarb and Ginger Gin with Lime, Edinburgh Raspberry Gin with Fresh Raspberries and Mint - all just £4.95 and you can double up the gin for an additional £1!*

*Please have a look at our website [bluebell-eastdrayton.co.uk](http://bluebell-eastdrayton.co.uk) where there is an offer for a free bottle of wine if you affiliate to our mailing list (VERY easy to do!) and each month there is an additional great offer for all our followers"*

Finally.....

Gill and Brian Squire are organising a **Charity Domino Night**

8.00pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June - in the Blue Bell Inn

Light refreshments, Raffle & Winner's Trophy (WOW!)

NO EXPERIENCE necessary and only £1 per player!!



## THE TOUR OF BRITAIN BIKE RACE

This is to give you advance warning that the UK equivalent of the Tour De France will be passing through East Drayton on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

The race will come into the village from Retford along Church Lane, straight over at the cross roads, along Low Street and out on Long Lane towards Laneham.

There will be a big impact on local and through traffic, as roads are closed for the pre-race razzamatazz, followed by the peletons with separate races for men and women. Residents & businesses on the route may be unable to enter or leave their properties for the duration.

We will liaise with the Police and race organisers and keep you informed.

We are also hoping to make the centre of the village one of the main viewing points in our area and hope to celebrate that in conjunction with the Blue Bell - again there will be more information about this as soon as plans are developed, but you might want to consider booking a day's holiday ASAP!!

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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 email to [chrisnhughm@gmail.com](mailto:chrisnhughm@gmail.com)

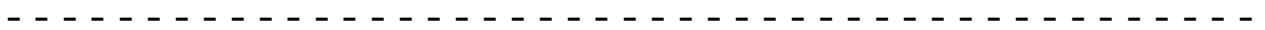
# DEFIBRILLATOR / CPR TRAINING

I'm sure you will have noticed the increasing trend for villages to establish their own Defibrillator or AED to service rural communities. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) happens around 140,000 times a year in the UK, making it one of the UK's largest killers – equivalent to a jumbo jet crashing every day! The potential for saving a life is dependent upon time, the faster medical help can be attained, the better the chance of survival. Clinical studies suggest you have less than 5 minutes from the event to save the life. In rural areas it takes time to get medical help, so a Community Public Access Defibrillator (cPAD) has a very important part to play in helping save lives in rural communities.

Our Parish Council are now considering the merits of having a cPAD in East Drayton, but that decision has to reflect a need from the whole community and most importantly will require enthusiastic support from individual residents, who would receive specific training to ensure good utilisation and help save lives. Complimentary CPR training may also be considered. SCA can happen to anyone at any time, and is not age related, so better safe than sorry!

We have already received a wonderfully generous offer to sponsor the necessary cPAD equipment for our village, which is fantastic. We also already own the telephone box on Top Street, which could make an ideal location for this equipment.

Regretfully the Parish Council on its own is unable to lead this project and at this stage the Council is keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in being involved or who would simply like to know more about this issue. There is no obligation, so please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Gillian Squire on 248310 and she will do her best to answer any questions. Even better, simply complete the attached slip and pop it through Gill's letterbox at Fulwood on Church Lane. (Heading out of the village on Church Lane, Fulwood is next to the last house on the left)



## DEFIBRILLATOR

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| Do you want a defibrillator in the village phone box?           | YES/NO |
| Would you like to receive free CPR training?                    | YES/NO |
| Would you be interested in supporting the PC in this endeavour? | YES/NO |

NAME.....

CONTACT (Tel or email).....

Please respond by 1<sup>st</sup> July