

EAST DRAYTON UPDATE

Winter Edition

February 2013

Although we've had a cold and snowy start to the year, the days are getting longer and there are now only 3 weeks to the official beginning of Spring - or "summer", as we called it last year, when the drought started in March! Bring it on.....

It is now a year since this Newsletter was launched and although there has been very little feedback, we'll keep going and do our best to inform you of "what's occurring" in our village. We hope that you find it useful.....



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| > Sunday 10 th March | Mothering Sunday Service, St Peter's Church 10.30am |
| > Sunday 10 th March | Mothering Sunday Lunch at The Blue Bell Inn |
| > Friday 15 th March | Neil Diamond Tribute Night at The Blue Bell Inn |
| > Sunday 31 st March | Easter Service, St Peter's Church 10.30am |
| > Saturday 6 th April | Pie & Peas and Quiz Night in the Village Hall at 7.30pm |
| > Saturday 4 th May | The Dukeries Singers - concert in St Peter's Church at 7.30pm |
| > Sunday 30 th June | Sports Day at OutKlass Fitness |
| > Friday 19 th July | The Nottinghamshire Police Band - concert in St Peter's Church |

QUIZ NIGHT + PIE & PEAS - in aid of the Church Roof Appeal

Another chance to test your knowledge and enjoy good company.

Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Tickets include Mellors magnificent pies & peas + a choice of desserts

£10 each from Lorna & Gary Garfoot on 248520



CHURCH NEWS

The Mothering Sunday Service (with light refreshments) and Easter Sunday Service, listed above, are both special services in the church year. Children - please bring your parents, Grandparents, Friends and Neighbours along and let's have a full Church again!!

- Tickets for the Dukeries Singers Concert on 4th May are £8 each, including an interval drink, and are available from Janet Goddard on 248613
- More information about The Police Band Concert on 19th July in the next edition
Proceeds from both concerts will go to the Church Roof Appeal

The Church Electoral Roll is currently being updated. If you would like to have your say on church matters, you need to be on this roll before the AGM on 8th April.

VOLUNTEERS.... The grass is growing already and we are most grateful to the many volunteers who are already on the grass-cutting rota. If you would like to help with grass cutting, cleaning the church or even polishing the church brassware, please contact Janet Goddard on 248613



CRIME

Recent legislation to frustrate metal thieves seems to have been reasonably successful, but rural crime continues unabated, with theft of heating oil and burglary of sheds, garages and outbuildings now being the main targets. Make sure you take sensible measures to protect your property and be alert to strangers in the village.

THE BLUE BELL INN

The exciting programme of events at The Blue Bell Inn continues through Easter and Spring and can be seen online at www.bluebell-eastdrayton.co.uk.

These include celebrations for **Mothering Sunday on 10th March** and **Father's Day on 16th June**. Entertainment in the Marquee includes a **Psychic on 5th March**, a **Neil Diamond Tribute Night on 15th March**, **Kick n' Rush Skiffle Band on 10th May** and a **Summer Swing Ball on 31st May**.

See full details on their website and make your bookings with the Blue Bell Team on 249410

John, Sharon, Michelle and little John would like to say a special thank you to friends and customers who braved it through the winter snow to support the pub, despite the adverse weather.

OUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

As you know, we are represented in Parliament by **Patrick Mercer**, Conservative Member of Parliament for Newark.

Have you ever thought of contacting him about issues that concern you? Excluding expenses, the base salary for an MP is £65,738pa and their job is to represent and act on the opinions and concerns of their electorate. BUT they can't do their job (and earn their money!) unless they know what those concerns actually are!

Maybe you have opinions/concerns about some of the following examples, or anything else of course, so why not get in touch and see if he can help:

- > The provision of hospital and ambulance services in our area
- > Rural crime and Policing
- > The ever-increasing power of the major supermarkets
- > The price of milk, the plight of dairy farmers and/or any other agricultural issue
- > Any personal matters relating to you or your family
- > The rumoured privatisation of Fire Services
- > The cost of care for the elderly
- > Nuclear power and waste disposal

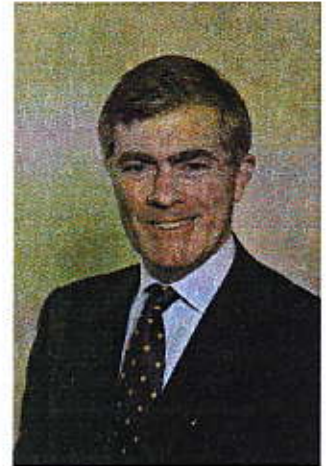
You can contact your MP as follows and you've nothing to lose:

By post **PATRICK MERCER, 29A LONDON ROAD, NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NG24 1TN**

By telephone 01636 612837

By email admin@newarkconservatives.com

Local Surgery Details from The Mine of Information, Tuxford, Tel 01777 870040



CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

The established practice of floodlighting the south face of St Peter's Church continued last Christmas thanks to the generous sponsorship of LawnMaster - your local lawn treatment specialist. A number of individuals and businesses have sponsored the lighting in recent years and if you would like to help maintain this tradition, please contact Steve Ellis on 248095 or via his link on our village website at www.eastdrayton.org

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS - HAVE YOU MAINTAINED YOURS ??

It's not too late to catch up with your keep fit programme.....



ZUMBA CLASSES continue in the Village Hall on Monday mornings at 11.00am with teacher Gill Miller

KEEP FIT/ZUMBA also in the Village Hall on Thursday at 7.30pm

Everyone welcome - just turn up or call Janet on 248613 for more info.

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