

# East Drayton Village Hall and Parish Council Newsletter

## September 2022



### UPDATES

The Big Breakfast and Platinum Jubilee Events were well supported and the feedback was everyone enjoyed these.

Stephen Bennett successfully completed the Longest Day Up Challenge which was a Charity ride for Cancer in memory of Samantha Bennett from Lands End to John O Groats on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 only using A and B roads on motorcycles which cost less than £300 and put on the road for £600, a total distance in excess of a 1000 miles. Stephen completed the event in 23 hours and 52 minutes, the whole trip of 2000 miles also consisted in 19 refills of the petrol tank as Weebol's tank size was only 12 litres! Stephen has so far raised over £3000. A total of 35 riders completed the course and raised over £60,000 in total. Thank you for everyone who kindly donated. The Cancer Research Donation page, Longest Day Up Challenge closes for donations December 2022.

### Parish Council

The Parish Council has made progress in recent months over the repair of potholes, drainage issues and road markings.

Gutters have been swept recently and weeds sprayed. In an effort to keep the village in an attractive state please could householders keep the gutters and verges in front of their properties tidy. There is also some improvement in the matter of dog poo.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 19th September at 7pm. Villagers are welcome to attend the meeting as observers and there is an item on the agenda "Meeting open for public discussion" - limited to 10 minutes. The agenda is displayed on the noticeboard and the website one week before the meeting. You will also find the guidelines for public discussion displayed there too.

### East Drayton Steering Committee

Here is a summary of the responses to the Village Survey about the character of East Drayton and its housing needs. This will inform the work the Steering Group do with an external consultant in the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.

40% of residents over the age of 18 responded to the survey.

#### CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE

Residents would like the village -

- to retain its current welcoming, friendly, rural, agricultural nature
- to have more opportunities and be a place where people can thrive
- to be inclusive and nurturing
- to have more social clubs and community opportunities
- to have better infrastructure and connectivity
- to be a sustainable and green place

## HOUSING

The majority of respondents indicated -

- that the village plan for only the stipulated minimum of housing development
- the need for village-specific criteria of planned sites/infill
- a mixed approach to house sizes
- provision of affordable homes
- a preference for the traditional style of architecture, with a significant minority open to a mix of styles

The results were consistent across groups such as gender and occupation. However younger and newer residents are groups which may be under-represented in the sample - a comparison would need to be made with census data to determine a precise fit with the village profile.

## NEWS

A big thank you to Darren and Lisa from the Blue Bell for their kind donation of a table football game to the Village Hall.

## DOGGY MESS

This seems to have improved - a quick reminder to all doggy owners to continue to scoop a poop!

## LITTER

Thank you Gillian for arranging the removal of the rubbish left by fly tippers a couple of weeks ago. We are still getting litter being dropped which is more than likely by cars passing through and depositing their take-away wrappers - not much we can do about it this. A reminder to ensure that we all take our litter home and if you see any litter on your travels/dog walks kindly pick it up and bin it. Let's keep East Drayton litter free.

## SPEEDING



This is still a concern, hopefully now the white lines/30 road markings have been painted this will raise awareness.

Sadly there has been a fatality a couple of weeks ago on Church Lane, a neighbours cat got run over and killed by a tractor as it was witnessed by the owner.

The VH Committee put forward to the Parish Council a list of ideas that other villages have used in the Country to reduce traffic speed. Unfortunately some of these ideas are costly and as such won't be taken forward at this point. We respectfully remind all residents that it is a 30 limit until you have passed the National Speed Limit Sign.

## Fish and Chip Van

This has proved very popular in the Village – thank you for your support.



# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - 10am to 12.00 noon

Donations for cakes/teas/coffee with proceeds going to MacMillan.

## Harvest Supper Village Hall Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 6.45pm for 7.00pm

Pie and Pea Supper followed by Fruit Crumble and Custard.

Tickets £10.00 from Janet Goddard - 01777 248613

Bring your own drink. Raffle. Proceeds to St Peter's Church.

## Harvest Festival Church Service - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - 10.30am

Produce will be distributed between Food Bank, Hospice and local Care Home. Donations will be gratefully received and can be brought to the Church Service or be left in the Church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October the Church will be unlocked - everybody welcome

## Country File Children in Need Ramble

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - all welcome, please meet in the Village Hall Car Park at 2pm - organised by Sue Ogle.

## Crafting Taster Afternoon Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 - 2pm to 4pm Village Hall

A chance to learn and try different crafting skills such as card making, painting, felting and other skills - all welcome - £3.00 a session

Please contact Kay Every on 0772982886 to register your interest

## Children's Christmas Party - date to be confirmed

## Saturday morning BIG BREAKFAST

Towards end of October early Nov - date to be confirmed

## Children's Nativity - 21 December 2022 at 6pm St Peter's Church

We are looking for children to take part in the Church's Nativity play-If you have children who would like to take part please contact Gill Squires on 01777 248310 as soon as possible

## Children's Youth Club

We are looking at arranging a monthly evening for children to attend the Village Hall to get together, various activities including table tennis, darts, table football etc. Children up to Year 6 for the first 1hr and then Year 7 and above for the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour - children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Don't forget our weekly activities currently taking place at the Village Hall

Keep Fit - Monday mornings 10am to 11 am (not BH)

Kick Boxing - Tuesday evenings

Fish and Chip - Monday evenings

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