

Winter Edition

January 2017

The best of times to everyone in East Drayton in 2017 - to say the least it certainly looks like being a very interesting year on both sides of the Atlantic.......

We hope your New Year resolutions are being maintained and that you are enjoying the full benefit of a sugar-free, fat-free, alcohol-free and consequently thoroughly miserable January!!

PUDDING NIGHT.....

Back by popular demand (well we didn't have one last year!), the tried and trusty format of this great evening will be repeated in the Village Hall at.....

7.00 for 7.30pm on Saturday 11th February 2017

If you're new to the village or haven't been before, the evening kicks off with a light savoury supper - this year it will be sausages and mash - followed by the main event, when you can enjoy as many of the scrumptious puddings as you wish.

Tickets are £10 each from Janet Goddard 248613 or Gill Squire 249310 and are sure to sell out quickly.

Please bring your own drinks or pudding wine....

Proceeds this year are in aid of the East Drayton Sports Club who will provide a couple of non-taxing quizzes during the evening.



For those who may not know about it, this charity was established over 100 years ago to provide support for educational purposes to East Drayton parishioners and for the church.

The trustees meet annually and agree awards to be made from its income to help with the education expenses for students or other charitable causes related to the village.

If any resident wishes to be considered for an award, please contact the Charity's Chairman, John Bingham, on 248797



ST PETER'S CHURCH

All too soon it will be time to start cutting the grass in and around our beautiful church and we are most grateful to the many volunteers who are already on the grass-cutting rota. If you are (blissfully) unaware of this rota and would like to help, please contact Janet Goddard on 248613.

If we have enough volunteers you only have to help once a year - mowers and petrol are provided or you may use your own if you prefer.



The Rivers Group Holy Communion Service will be held at the church at 10.30am on Sunday 29th January

VILLAGE BREAKFAST

A sociable breakfast get-together is planned for a Saturday morning in the second half of March. Come and enjoy all you can eat - everything from coffee and croissants to "the full English"



A flier will be circulated nearer the time.....

REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES

Bassetlaw District Council has agreed to launch a fortnightly, kerbside collection service for garden refuse from March to November. This will be an opt-in chargeable service at £30pa.

A representative will be explaining the proposal to the Parish Council in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17^{th} January at 7.30pm and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Our nearest landfill site is at Hallcroft Road in Retford, but don't forget that you now have to register your vehicle before you can access the site.

If you are new to the village then you may not be aware there is a bottle bank at the top of the car park behind the Blue Bell Inn - clean bottles and jars only.

and finally.....

A special thank you to the generous sponsors of the church floodlighting this winter. The lighting has been maintained since the visit of the French choir in October. It certainly enhances the centre of the village and many positive comments have been received. Our Lighting Supremo, Steve Ellis, has installed the latest LED bulbs and the costs have reduced dramatically.

Please contact Steve on 248095 if you would like to contribute to costs at the end of this year.