

EAST DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

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Hello, everybody! January's out, February's in and Spring is just around the corner! The church grass will be needing its first cut before we know it, so if you are willing and able to join the rota for this community effort, please contact Janet Goddard. (Contact details at the bottom of this newsletter). Mower and fuel provided!



For other ways to become an even more active member of this wonderful village community, read on, to see what's been going on and what's coming up!

The Big Breakfast

Saturday 24th February, villagers, neighbours, friends and family were treated to a scrumptious breakfast in the Village Hall. Competitively priced, (this was a fund-raiser) the full English comprised of bacon, sausage, black pudding, egg, beans, tomatoes, toast and bottomless tea or coffee.

Thank you so much to all who helped, with setting up the tables and chairs, cooking, taking orders, serving food, washing up, clearing away and hoovering! These events are so enjoyable and satisfying and could not happen without you all! Thank you too, to all who attended, and enjoyed a tasty brekkie with friends and family!

For those of you who are quietly itching to get involved with organising or helping with our village events, please contact one of the committee members; contact details at the end of this newsletter. You will be made very welcome, and your help will be greatly valued.

Local Bus Service

Nottsbus On Demand offers a chance for you to book direct journeys to and from all listed locations by using their app; and if you have a concessionary pass you can use them on Nottsbus On Demand after 09:30. Your helpful local County Councillor will assist you with any more questions you may have about the scheme, can be found on the NCC Website. e found on the NCC website.
<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>

The App can be a bit of a challenge to use, but by either downloading the App or phoning (0115 804 0404) it does eventually allow lots of local people to travel to and from many of the outlying villages, including East Drayton, Darlton, Dunham, Askham, Church Laneham, East Markham, Laneham, Rampton, Woodbeck and Headon, to mention just a few. Destinations include Gainsborough, Retford Station, Thymar, The Holocaust Centre and many more.

Village Hall Hire

If you have a birthday party or get-together coming up, and perhaps need a bit more space to spread out in than you have at home, why not consider using the village hall? There are plenty of tables and comfortable chairs, and a well-equipped kitchen with a generous sized oven, five gas rings, fridge-freezer and microwave. We have plenty of pots and pans, crockery and glassware to use at no extra charge. Heating and hot water are included in the very competitive hire charge of £10 per hour! If you've not already visited the hall, why not come to one of our events and check it out? Look at the upcoming events to see if any catch your fancy. We are a welcoming little community and would love to meet newcomers or not-so-new-comers.

Table Tennis

The Village Hall has a full-size table tennis table, with paddles and balls available for your use! Why not get together with a few friends and have a friendly knock-out? £10 per hour!

Move to Music

Join us in the Village Hall from 10am every Monday, for a gentle workout to music! Follow the leader at your own pace and ability in a supportive and friendly environment. £3 per hour long session. Comfy clothes are fine...no Lycra necessary! Move along to ABBA, Status Quo, Pharrell Williams and many more!

Meet and Eat

Our fortnightly lunch event is going from strength to strength! Why not come along and join us? You'll meet old (or make new) friends, and can enjoy a choice of soups, followed by a sandwich and cake, with bottomless tea or coffee. The cost is £4 per person. Gluten free and vegetarian options are available. For time and dates, see the up-coming events section. Proceeds to the Village Hall fund. If you use Facebook, check out the village Facebook page for information on upcoming menus.

Please note: there will be no Meet and Eat on April 1st as this is Bank Holiday Monday. We will meet, the following Monday, April 8th.

Book Group

The East Drayton Book Group is held from 7pm on the first Thursday of each month, in the Village Hall. This growing group gathers to enjoy a cuppa and biscuits, while discussing favourite reads, and swapping, or lending and borrowing a wide range of books. There is no set book of the month, and no expectation to give a review, if you prefer not to do so. Just enjoy!

The Pudding Night! Saturday 4 May - everyone joining us...please bring a dessert.

Oh my! Back, by popular demand...and be assured, you don't want to miss out on this amazing night!

Places are limited, so contact friends and family and get a table together **while tickets are still available!**

On your table will be a light supper of baguettes and crackers, pate, cheeses and fruit. After this savoury start then indulge yourself from a choice of delicious home-made desserts and once everyone has been served, take your plate back for seconds...or even thirds! Be entertained with a food-themed quiz as you imbibe your favourite tippie, (bring your own alcoholic or soft drinks please), and clutch your raffle tickets tightly...because tonight, it could be YOU!

Tickets, £10 per person, on a first come, first served basis, from members of the committee.

The Green Initiative

Since introducing this and a slow start a few months ago, we are making some great progress. With thanks to Stephen Bennett for continuing the collection from the VH, crushing and taking to be weighed in and recycled in a green way. Please keep up the great work, everybody. Pop an old carrier in your shed or garage and drop in drinks cans, rinsed food cans, aerosols, tins, (ask the homeowner first please), basically anything metal. When the bag is full, drop it in the blue bin at the back door of the Village Hall (on Church Lane), or at St Peter's Cottage, Church Lane. Let's save the planet one can at a time!

Village Phone Box

Sited on Top Street, opposite the Village Hall, the old red phone box serves two important purposes.

Firstly, it is a super book exchange. Drop off a book and take a book...simple as that! We are currently quite short of good quality kiddies' books...let's encourage youngsters to use the exchange, too. Books for younger readers should be placed on the lower shelves, please, for easy access. A few nice jigsaws have appeared, recently. And why not! These puzzles experienced a resurgence during lockdown and give hours of pleasure to many people. Feel free to take, compete, return.

IMPORTANT The second function of the phone box is to house the defibrillator. **Please, please, please**, if you have not already done so, visit the phone box and make yourself familiar with the means to access and use this vital piece of equipment. It really could be a lifesaver for you or your loved one.

Please, for book-exchangers, please ensure access to the defibrillator is not impeded by thoughtless placing of books. It is the responsibility of everyone to ensure that access to this important equipment is unhindered at all times.

Church Services

Mothering Sunday 10 March at 10.30am. Please bring the children along to make a posy of flowers for their Mum.

Easter Sunday Service Sunday 31 March at 10.30am -Benefice communion for everyone, in St Peter's, East Drayton.

Upcoming Events

Monday 4th March. "Meet and Eat" from noon, in the Village Hall

Thursday 7th March. Book Group 7 pm, in the V.H.

Sunday 10th March, Mothering Sunday Service, St. Peters Church

Monday 18th March. Meet and Eat from noon, V.H.

Sunday 31st March. Easter Sunday Service, St. Peters Church

Thursday 4th April Book Group 7pm V.H.

Monday 8th April Meet and Eat

Monday 22nd April. Meet and Eat

Thursday 2nd May Book Group from 7pm

May 4th 7pm The Pudding Night

Watch this Space!

Village event in the planning...East Drayton Festival Weekend

“With the support of the Parish Council and an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of our village a special event is being organised for the weekend of June 22/23rd. Included will be a cricket match, children’s sports and a rounder match, a celebration of creative talents and skills, home-made refreshments etc. Different village locations will be used and will include the Cricket Field, the Church and the Village Hall. More specific details will be included in the next newsletter. If you are interested in being involved with this village event, please contact Ann Stanley ann.stanley@eastdraytonparishcouncil.gov.uk

If **you** have any news, information or upcoming events which you would like to see in the next newsletter, please email me details, ann.stanley@eastdraytonparishcouncil.gov.uk or leave a message for Lorna on 01777248520.

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