

East Drayton Village Hall Newsletter



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Hello, everyone and a Happy New Year to everyone! December was certainly a busy time for all, with all the usual Christmas preparations! I hope you all enjoyed seeing our lovely church illuminated throughout the festive season...that always tells me that Christmas is here!

Children from the village enjoyed a fabulous Christmas Party, organised by Sarah Hilditch and which was funded by a donation from the Parish Council. Games, food and Christmas activities were enjoyed by all, along of course, with a visit from Santa! Thank you to all who helped.

After the party, it was off to the beautifully decorated St Peter's Church, for a lovely carol service and the Nativity, performed by the children. After the service, East Drayton Handbell Ringers entertained the congregation while mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who made this event so special, and to the many villagers and friends who attended.

January 8th saw our first Meet and Eat event in the Village Hall. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came! This event will be held fortnightly and is an opportunity for people to literally, meet and eat! Home-made soup, sandwiches and cake are on offer, along with tea or coffee at a bargain price of £4 per person. Scrabble, dominoes etc. are available for those who enjoy a game as well as a chat.

The next Meet and Eat will be on Monday 5th February from 12 noon fortnightly thereafter.

ALL WELCOME!

If you fancy getting out for a bit of exercise which is physical but not too challenging, Move to Music is held in the hall from 10am every Monday. Attendees are invited to follow the leader, but at an individual level...do as much, or as little as you are able, in a supportive, relaxed environment. No Lycra necessary, just comfortable, casual clothes with appropriate footwear.

If more energetic activity is for you, Kick-boxing is held in the hall each Tuesday evening. For more details about this club, please contact our bookings secretary who will be able to give you contact details.

TABLE TENNIS for anyone!



A full size table tennis table is available for use in the Village Hall.

Hall hire is £10 per hour and is available for birthday parties, private functions etc. Contact details at end of newsletter.



East Drayton Book Group.

This is an alternative book club where readers of books, kindles, magazines, talking books etc. can meet, enjoy a hot drink, chat about reading and give, or just listen to, book reviews volunteered by like-minded people. There is no monthly designated text and no limits to the genre of book you choose to review. Listening to the reading choices of others can help you out of your comfort zone and widen your reading horizon...why not give it a try? We meet on the first Thursday of each month from 7pm in the Village Hall. £2 to cover cost of the hall, drink and biscuits. Any excess proceeds will be donated to the Village Hall fund.

Green Initiative Update

Thank you to all those who contributed with your scrap metal items we made just under £70 !! Thanks to Steve Bennett for crushing and taking in the trailer to be weighed in
Please keep up the good work - small items please deposit in the blue village hall bin
Larger items drop off at St Peter's Cottage.

Book Exchange and DEFIBRILLATOR

The red telephone box, opposite the Village Hall on Top Street, is the site of the book exchange...no explanation needed...but vitally, our village defibrillator. This is an invaluable resource which we all hope we will never need. However, please make time to pay the telephone box a visit to make yourself familiar with the instructions for using this crucial piece of equipment.



Church Services. The Parish of Rivers, Retford.

February 4th Benefice service, Communion for everyone, with Bishop Andy at St John the Baptiste. Markham 10.30am
Feb 11th St Peter's East Drayton H.C 10.30am
Mothering Sunday. March 10th 10.30am. Please bring the children along to make a posy of flowers for their Mum.
Easter Sunday Service March 31st 10.30am Benefice communion for everyone, in St Peter's, East Drayton.

Help needed, please!

March will start the season of grass cutting once again. The Church Council are very grateful to all the volunteers for their help. If you take pride in our beautiful village & would be willing to take a turn on the rota cutting the grass around the Church & Churchyard, please contact Janet on 07889861881



The BIG breakfast

Saturday 24th February, we will be holding The BIG Breakfast, in the Village Hall, from 9a.m. This popular event has been running for some years now, and is always well attended and enjoyed by all. Savour a full English breakfast or choose your own combination of delicious breakfast favourites, at a competitive price. No booking necessary.

Upcoming Events...

Don't miss out! Why not add these dates to your diary or pop the "dates" page from this newsletter onto your noticeboard or fridge door?!

Every Monday. Move to Music

Monday 5 February - Meet and Eat

Every Tuesday - Kick-boxing

Thursday 1 Feb. Book Group

February 4-Benefice Service Communion for everyone, with Bishop Andy at St John the Baptist East. Markham 10.30am

Sunday 11th Feb. Holy Communion, St. Peters Church, East Drayton

Monday 19th Feb. Meet and Eat

Saturday 24th Feb. The BIG Breakfast

Monday 4th March. Meet and Eat

Thursday 7th March. Book Group

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

Monday 18th March. Meet and Eat

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

May 4th Return of "The Pudding Night"...details to follow in the next newsletter

If you have any news, information or upcoming events which you would like to be in the next newsletter, please email me details, garfootlorna17@gmail.com or leave a message for Lorna on 01777248520.

To hire the Village Hall (£10 per hour) please contact our Bookings Secretary Elaine, on 07528 397216

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