EAST DRAYTON VILLAGE UPDATE

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Hi all...how have we got to the end of November already!

How heartening it was to see so many villagers attending the roll call of the lost, the two minutes silence and the wreath laying at The Soldier, outside the church gate on Sunday 10th November. This **Act of Remembrance** was followed by a beautiful service in church. Thank you to all who were able to attend either or both.

You can't help to have noticed our beautiful St Peters Church, bathed in soft light each evening, making a stunning vision in our village. Thank you to those who have either set up the lighting, or sponsored the running cost of the lights, this year.

We are fortunate that as well as having our lovely village pub, the village has a range of both regular activities and special events to while away the colder days and dark evenings...

Move to Music takes place every Monday, in the Village Hall, from 10-11. Get out and enjoy yourself in a friendly group of like-minded individuals! Why not bring a friend? Don't worry about the Lycra and leg-warmers... comfy tee shirts and joggers are the norm here! £3 per session.

East Drayton Book Group. This is an alternative type, of Book Group, with no set text of the month and no challenging detailed discussions to undertake. We are, quite simply a group of people who love books, and reading, who get together once a month to share conversation about books they have read and enjoyed. Our next meeting is Thursday 5th December. Further dates will be posted in the December newsletter. Don't forget that the mobile library is still visiting! Details: Contact number-01623677200) The location will be at The Blue Bell Inn, E.D. 14:25 until 14:45, on Nov 27th then Jan 22 (2025). Please take the opportunity to pay the van a visit if you can.

Meet and Eat (our community lunch) meets alternate Mondays in the Village Hall from noon.

Meal choices alternate between soup, sandwiches and cakes, and jacket potatoes (choice of fillings), and a dessert of rice pudding or sponge/crumble and custard! At £5 per person, including bottomless tea or coffee, you really can't go wrong! Come and join us for a good lunch and a chat with friends, old and new. Proceeds from this event help to maintain the Village Hall and St Peter's Church. Check out the menus on the village fb page, a few days before each lunch. Monday, 2nd December will be the next lunch...pop it in your diary!

The East Drayton Nativity and Carols will be held in St Peter's church on Wednesday December 18th at 6 p.m.

Everyone, parents, grandparents, family members and friends are invited to join in the carols and to celebrate the story of the nativity as told by the children. All children are invited to take part in the nativity.

Refreshments will be served after the service, and there will be entertainment from The East Drayton Handbell Ringers. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Hedgerow Herbals...a village based small business. Did you know about this?...



WINDMILL DISTRICT. GIRL-GUIDING

If you are interested in having fun and making new friends then Girlguiding might be for you Rainbows – aged 4-7. Brownies - aged 7-10 Guides 10 plus

We provide a safe, fun, and adventurous space in which girls can try new things, develop skills, build confidence, and form friendships.

We meet at East Markham primary school on a Tuesday (after school)

Rainbows 4.15. Brownies 4.45-6.00 Guides 6.45.-8.00

And Tuxford Scout and Guide HQ

Rainbows 4.00-5.00 Monday Brownies 5.00-6.15 Guides 5.00-6.15 Tuesday There are also opportunities for adults to volunteer with Girlguiding

If you are interested please go to **girlguiding.org.uk** to register your daughter, or for a chat, contact **Clare Cheetham 07941625794**

Book Exchange and Defibrillator. The Book Exchange and DEFIBRILLATOR are located in the red telephone box opposite the Village a hall. Visit the Book Exchange to help yourself to a book or leave one you no longer need. Important: when using the Book Exchange, PLEASE do not obstruct access to the defibrillator. Visit the St John's Ambulance website for more information. https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/how-to/how-to-use-a-defibrillator/

Christmas Wreath-making Workshop

This event will be held on December 2^{nd} from 7 pm. The cost will be £2, to cover the cost of the Village Hall and tea/coffee. If you want to buy a kit the cost will be approximately £7, ordered through Sarah Hilditch. 07932711136 You can bring your own decorations, or we can put some in the middle and everybody can share. A chance to make a lovely wreath and have a chat as well.

Upcoming..some young people in our village are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards! They will be organising fund-raising events in the New Year...let's try to support them!

East Drayton Green InitiativeA huge thank you to Steven Bennett for his ongoing efforts to save a bit of the planet! He took another load of scrap metal last week, which brought the total for the year so far, to over £742!

I know he is really keen to see if he can get this amazing total to £1000 by the end of the year, so let's all get behind him!

For anyone new to the village, please save your cans and items of scrap metal and drop them off at the back of the village hall in the marked blue bin provided. Larger items can be collected by Steven by prior arrangement, Telephone 07766746656 or email sip0259@gmail.com

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, which can be found on the NCC website. https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Village Hall Hire

You can hire the Village Hall for the very reasonable cost of £10 per hour. Booking details below.

It has a well-equipped kitchen, including a new dishwasher and has plenty of crockery and cutlery. Ideal for children's parties, private functions, large family meet ups or your own fundraisers.

Your Village Hall Committee Contacts: