



Hello there! I love March, when the clocks SPRING forward and we get more daylight by which to enjoy the sparkling.... RAIN! Fingers crossed for some better weather soon.

Report a pothole!



If you have spotted a pothole on a Nottinghamshire road, please report it online to allow the problem to be addressed. For more information about potholes, including when and how they are fixed, visit our [pothole FAQs page](#). The issues you can report on this form are: road damage, road pothole, pavement damage (e.g. damage to a dropped kerb), and pavement potholes. If it is an emergency, please [contact our Customer Services Centre](#).

Local Bus Service The NNLCRP is often asked about direct buses to or from Retford Station. 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. If you have a get-together coming up, and perhaps need a bit more space to spread out in than you have at home, consider using the village hall. The hire charge is a competitive £10 per hour! Why not come to one of our planned events and check it out? Look at the upcoming events to see if any appeal to you! We are a welcoming community and would love to meet you. The Village Hall has a full-size table tennis table, with paddles and balls available for your use! Why not plan a mini event with your children and their friends over the Easter holidays? £10 per hour!

GREEN INITIATIVE. **£57.62 raised this time! Thanks, Stephen, great job!** 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, taps, (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. Apart from being great for the environment, this initiative is also raising much needed funds for the hall. additional blue bin has been requested, so that metal can go in one and other recyclables in the other. This will make Stephen's job a bit easier! Larger items may be donated at St Peter's Cottage by prior arrangement with Sue Purnell -contact details at the end of this newsletter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

Meet and Eat _Please note, due to the Easter Bank Holiday, the next lunch will be on Monday April 8th. If you use Facebook, check out the village Facebook page for information on upcoming menus. Please let us know when ordering, if you have any food allergies, so that we may advise on menu choices.

Book Group _The East Drayton Book Group is held from 7pm on the first Thursday of each month, in the Village Hall. We gather to enjoy a cuppa and biscuits, while discussing favourite reads, and swap, or lend and borrow from 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 May 4th Bookings are now being taken for this historically popular event. Why not get a table together with friends or family? Tickets are £10 per person, on a first come, first served basis, from members of the committee. Enjoy breads and savoury biscuits with cheese and pate, served on your table. Bring your own beverages and glasses. Then, the main event...the puddings! One person from each group, brings a cold pudding of their choice, enough for their group, and a little extra. On arrival, all puds are put onto the pudding table. After the **food- themed quiz, (cash prize)**, table numbers will be pulled from a hat and that table will choose and be served, a portion of pudding...it doesn't have to be the one you brought! Once everyone has been served, you may go up for seconds and even thirds! The evening will be rounded off with the drawing of the raffle! Don't delay...places are limited!



Village Phone Box and Book Exchange Sited on Top Street, opposite the Village Hall, the old red phone box serves two important purposes. _First, a free reading resource for the village. Drop off a book and take a book...simple as that! If you have good quality children's book lurking on your shelves, please consider donating them. Books for younger readers should be placed on the lower shelves, please, for easy access.

IMPORTANT The second function of the phone box is to house the village 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. **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, April

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

April 7th Benefice Holy Communion for everyone will be at East Markham 10.30am

April 14th will be at East Drayton 10.30am with Sarah Patten

April 21st Askham Morning Prayer or Headon H.C both at 10.30am

April 28th. East Markham 8am. Stokeham 9am. Laneham & Grove both 10.30am.

The church- yard grass has been cut for the first time this year and looks wonderful. We are very grateful to, and would like to thank, everyone who takes a turn to help with this, usually just once a year with enough helpers. We currently have a few vacant spaces on the rota, so if you would like to help, please contact Janet on 01777248613.

Upcoming Events

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

June 22nd/23rd

East Drayton Festival. - Saturday 22 June and Sunday 23 June



Saturday's events will be based/held in the St Peter's Church and the Village Hall, and games and the more physical activities will be held at the Cricket Field by kind permission of John and Ian Bingham.

Sunday's events will be based/held at the Cricket Field, again by kind permission of John and Ian Bingham.

Included, will be a cricket match, children's games and a rounders match. There will be a celebration of creative talents and skills, along with home-made refreshments. More details will be included in the next newsletter. Thank you to those who have already offered to support this event. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Ann Stanley, ann9166@gmail.com

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](tel:01777248520).

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