

# EAST DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

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Well, hello, everyone. I hope everyone enjoyed Easter, Eid or any of the other Spring festivals.

If not exactly wall- to - wall sunshine, we are at least beginning to experience some warmer days. The soil is warming up nicely and I can't wait to get planting out my potatoes, and vegetable seeds. If anyone is interested in partaking in a plant swap later in the year, let me know. I'm sure we could incorporate it into a coffee morning!

## IMPORTANT- Village Hall AGM

**This important, annual open meeting is to be held in the Village Hall, at 7pm, on Monday 29th April.**

The purpose of an AGM is to give members a report on the committee's activities and finances for the previous year, and to elect members to the governing body (the committee). All are welcome to attend.

### Report a pothole!

These potholes continue to be a menace! Please use the link to report them in order to try to improve our local roads. [pothole FAQs page](#).

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

### Village Hall Hire.

The hire charge has been held at competitive £10 per hour for the coming year. It is available for hire for your family events, celebrations, or for fundraising events for your own good causes.

The Village Hall has a full-size table tennis table, with paddles and balls available for your use. There is a well-equipped kitchen with ample crockery, glasses etc. available at no extra charge.

### GREEN INITIATIVE.

Please keep up the great work everybody. Pop a carrier or box in your shed or garage, and drop in drinks cans, rinsed food cans, aerosols, taps, basically anything metal. When full, deposit it in the blue bin at the back door of the Village Hall (on Church Lane), or leave it 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.

## 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** We will shortly be taking a Summer Break. Our last lunch will be on **Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>** and we will be re-commencing on **Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Thank you to all who have supported this popular community event, be it as a diner, or as a helper. It could not have taken place without you. We've not gone yet, though, there are still lunches to come. (See dates, below).

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 4<sup>th</sup>** Bookings are still being taken for this popular event. 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. Please 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...as the date approaches, tickets usually go quickly!



**Village Defibrillator, and Book Exchange** Sited on Top Street, opposite the Village Hall, the old red phone box serves two important purposes:

First, **the phone-box houses the village defibrillator**. 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. 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/>

The phone-box is also the Book Exchange, which provides 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.

The books in the box are regularly checked and tidied. Books, and magazines which are looking well past their best, may be removed in order to maintain the quality of the selection available. If you come across a book which is dog-eared, damp or damaged, please remove to a re-cycling bin.

**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/May**

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.

Church services for May.

5th May Benefice Holy Communion 10.30am East Markham Church.

12th May Holy Communion 10.30am East Drayton

19th May Holy Communion 10.30am Askham

26th May 8am East Markham. 10.30am Morning worship Grove.

10.30am Holy Communion at Rampton Church.

Everyone is welcome at all of these services.

We are very grateful to, and would like to thank, everyone who takes a turn to help with the cutting the grass in the churchyard usually just once a year with enough helpers. We still have a few vacant spaces on the rota, so if you could help, please contact Janet on 01777248613.

Dates for your diary.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Meet and Eat

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Book Group from 7pm

Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm The Pudding Night

Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday) Meet and Eat

Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> Meet and Eat

Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> Final Meet and Eat (Back in September, everybody)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June Book Group

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June...Light a Candle in a Window, (a countrywide action to commemorate the D Day landings)

June 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>

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



On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, from 10am-4pm, there will be a Celebration of Creativity.

A selection of traditional crafts will be on display in St Peter's Church, overseen by Mrs A Stanley. Visit the Village Hall for a cup of tea and under the guidance of Ms L Palmer, take the opportunity to help create a collage banner, which will later be presented to the church.

All events in the church and hall will be free of charge, although donations would be gratefully received.

On Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, from 10.30am, Fun and Games will be held on the cricket field. This will begin with children's sports and games, followed by a rounders match. After this there will be a cricket match. Bring a picnic, or visit the pavilion where you can buy tea, coffee and cake.

There is plenty of parking at the field and toilet facilities are available.