

# EAST DRAYTON VILLAGE UPDATE

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Hello, everyone! Well, the sun shone for at least a few days this month, so I hope you all managed to get out and enjoy the warmer weather. The village is looking lovely, with gardens bursting into life.

Sadly, some dog owners are not cleaning up after their pets. Please ensure that dog mess is not left on paths and pavements. It is illegal and antisocial so use the bins around the village, to deposit dog waste thoughtfully.

## 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.

With the weather so unpredictable, why not consider booking the hall for your summer events!

## GREEN INITIATIVE.

This initiative is going from strength to strength, with two trailer loads recycled this month! Over £170 was generated towards the upkeep of your Village Hall! Thanks to Stephen Bennett for his continuing effort. Please keep up the great work everybody. Keep a carrier or box in your shed or garage, and drop in drinks cans, rinsed food



cans, aerosols, taps, basically anything metal. If you're having a clear out of your garage or shed, please donate unwanted metal to this great cause. Your donations can be deposited in the specially labelled blue bin at the back door of the Village Hall (on Church Lane), or leave it at St Peter's Cottage, Church Lane.

## British Legion Poppy Appeal...message from Stephen Bennett

"On the 8th of June I am riding 1000+ miles again none stop in aid in of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

If anyone wants to sponsor me, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/stephen-bennett-rblr1000-2024?newPage=true>

**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.

*Please note, there will be no Move to Music on Monday 27 th May, as it is a Bank Holiday.*

**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.

\*The committee is in the process of planning an afternoon tea in both July and August, to enable villagers to continue to meet up for refreshments and a chat. More details of these events to follow in June's newsletter.

**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. We are currently in the developing stage of extending the Book Group to junior age readers. Further details to follow.

**Mobile Library Visits. (Contact number-01623677200)** We are fortunate to have visits from the mobile library service. The location will be at **The Blue Bell Inn, E.D. 14:25 until 14:45**, on the following dates:

June 12 th. July 10 th. Aug 7 th. Sept 4 th. Oct 30 th. Nov 27 Jan 22 (2025)

**The Pudding Night!** This event was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Food, quiz, raffle, and more importantly, companionship made this evening a great success. Over £300 was raised across the evening. Thanks to all who organised, helped in any way, and who supported us.

**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, 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.

**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, May**

26th May 8am East Markham.

10.30am Morning worship Grove.

10.30am Holy Communion at Rampton Church.

9<sup>th</sup> June, East Drayton 10.30am

Everyone is welcome at all of these services.

We would like to thank, everyone who takes a turn to help with the cutting the grass in the churchyard. We still have one or two vacant spaces on the rota, so if you could help, please contact Janet on 01777248613.



Dates for your diary.

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.**      **Message from Mrs A Stanley**

"This is our village, and **all** are invited to participate in the range of activities over the weekend.

A specially composed poem about our village has been written by Julie Wheatley and is the basis for Saturday's activities and displays.

On Saturday all activities will be in either the St Peter's Church or the Village Hall. The church will be decorated encompassing some of the themes in the poem and residents' specific creative skills will be on display.

The church will be open between 10-00 a.m. and 4-00 p.m.

A collage depicting our village will be assembled during the day. Please come and contribute to its construction. No specific skills are needed, and all materials will be provided. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Sunday activities will be held at the Cricket Field by kind permission of John and Ian Bingham. Children's races (three different age groups 4-6 years: 7-9 years and 10+) will commence at 11-30 and include spoon and potato race, running races etc.

A game of 'rounders' start at 1-00 p.m. - please let either me or Clare Small know if you would like to take part and the Cricket will commence at 2-00 p.m. If you would like to play, contact Ian Bingham or Graham Small.

Home made refreshments will be available plus teas and coffees etc. for a small fee.

There will be a tombola, and by special request, a game of SKITTLES.

**Come and join in the festivities! We are looking forward to seeing you over the weekend".**

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](mailto: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](mailto:garfootlorna17@gmail.com) or leave a message for Lorna on 01777248520.