

# EAST DRAYTON VILLAGE UPDATE

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

As you know, the red phone box on Top Street has dual purpose.

**Firstly, and most importantly, the box houses the village defibrillator; a vital piece of equipment which must always be accessible in case of emergency.**

Secondly, it serves as a well-used book exchange, providing those who use it with an ever-changing selection of free books.

If using the book exchange, **please** ensure the **defibrillator** is **NOT obstructed** in any way. Vital seconds can be lost if people have to negotiate obstacles! Place your book donations on the shelves and **PLEASE DO NOT** leave bags or boxes of books on the floor. If the shelves are full, leave donations in the porch at the village hall on Mondays from 10-11, or from 10-1.30 on Meet n Eat days and during Book Group (see dates below). Soon, the village hall committee will be providing a lidded storage box at the entrance to the Village Hall, in order that books can be left there at any time.

**THANKS!** ...to all who help or contribute to our village events. You are a supportive and generous community, whether it be supporting individual fundraisers, community fundraisers or national charities, such as **MacMillan**. This community spirit is **so** important to village life and you continue to rise to every occasion. *If you are new to the village and have not yet been able to attend events, please be assured of a warm welcome whatever the occasion.*

THANK YOU...and well done, to Axel and his family who completed The Ride and Stride! The event raised £270 which will be shared between St Peter's Church and The Historic Churches Trust. Thank you to all who sponsored the family.

THANK YOU...to all who donated, attended or helped in any way with the MacMillan lunch. A special HUGE thank you to Gill Squire, for organising the event which raised a WHOPPING £640!

THANK YOU...to Stephen Bennet who continues his mission to recycle metal utensils, tools, cans and anything else, metal! So far this year he has raised in excess of £720 and hopes to hit £1000 by the end of the year. The blue metal recycling bin is at the rear of the village hall.

And finally, a big THANKS from Jack Hilditch for your support of his BINGO, QUIZ AND SUPPER NIGHT which was a huge fun night and boosted his funds for Camp International, by over £300!

**HARVEST SUPPER & QUIZ Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>** The response to this event has been tremendous! Thank you to you all! Please remember to bring your own drinks. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received and the raffle will drawn on the night. If you were too late to buy tickets on this occasion, please ring Janet to go on her cancellation list... 248613 or 07889861881

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival Service**

If you would like to help decorate the Church for this service or provide produce, your support would be most welcome. Packet & tinned foods or gifts of toiletries will be taken to the food bank. Other produce will be taken to Bassetlaw Hospice. **Please note that the church will be open from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October if you would like to donate. Please leave your donations in the porch or at the back of the church. The goods will be taken to the Food Bank or hospice on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

Dates for your diary:

## **Church Service Dates for the Rivers Retford Group**

### **12th October 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL AT EAST DRAYTON CHURCH**

& 5pm Harvest. Songs of Praise at Askham Church

19th October 10.30am Harvest Festival/ Holy Communion at Grove

& 3pm Memorial Service at Rampton Church

26th October 8am Holy communion at E.Markham. 10.30am Holy Communion at Rampton & 4pm Harvest Family service at Treswell Church

2nd November 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at East Markham.

**9th November REMEMBRANCE DAY 10.30am Act of Remembrance at EAST DRAYTON CHURCH & around the soldier outside Church,** & 10am at East Markham & Rampton Churches Also Dunham on Trent war Memorial at 10.45 am 16th Nov 10.30am Askham Church Holy Communion.

23rd November 10.30am Toy Service East Markham & Holy Communion at Laneham 30th

November 10.30am. Benefice Holy Communion East Markham.

7th December 10.30 Askham Church

**Move to Music** Mondays, from 10-11

**Meet n Eat** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October from noon

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from noon

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November from noon

**Book Group** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 7pm

**Library Bus:** The bus will be visiting the car park at the Blue Bell Inn, East Drayton between 1425 and 1445 on these dates: 29/10/25, 26/11/25, 21/1/26

For more information, call 01623 677200

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