

EAST DRAYTON VILLAGE UPDATE

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Here we are, at the start of Summer! May was so dry, and I'd heard reports of wildlife really struggling to find shallow water to drink and bathe in, so I've put a large saucer in my garden and I top it up with fresh water when empty. The birdies love it! I'd love to see what other wildlife visit when I'm not around!

Important...our village hall runs with the support of a dedicated but small team of volunteers. Over time, some members have moved out of the area, some have become less able to help as much as they had previously done, and others' circumstances now demand more time.

We would like to invite you to join us in our efforts to continue to provide the valuable facility which is our village hall. We need villagers who are willing to take on roles such as vice chairperson, and treasurer. However, if a role of office seems a bit daunting, please consider joining our group to help when and however you can. It may be that you don't have much spare time but have ideas you wish to share at our monthly meeting. You know what they say about many hands making light work...

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday July 16th from 7pm. Please come along and join us for a chat...you will be most welcome.

Book Group I hope some of you readers found time to visit one or two of the Retford Book Festival events, advertised in the supplement of your May edition of Retford Life. Remember, we have our own village book group which meets once a month; the first Thursday or Monday, alternately. July's meeting will be on Monday 7th July, in the village hall, from 7pm. £2 covers hall hire and light refreshments.

Meet n Eat Our lunch event is now taking a summer break. I'd like to thank the wonderful team of helpers who turn up every fortnight to set tables, serve lunches, clear tables and clean up. I'm thrilled that this event continues to be so popular, bringing people together and raising money to help maintain the hall and St Peter's Church.

Summer Teas By popular request, we will be holding two afternoon teas, one on Wednesday 23rd July and another in August. There will be a glass of prosecco on arrival...alcoholic or non-alcoholic, a buffet style tea with freshly made sandwiches, assorted savouries, home made cakes and scones and of course, tea and coffee. The cost will be £10 per person. Proceeds to St Peter's Church. Please support if you can. There will be a raffle...donations of prizes would be most welcome.

Green Initiative Stephen Bennet continues his campaign to help save our planet and raise funds for our Village Hall at the same time. To support his efforts, please deposit any cans, scrap metal, old tools, cutlery etc. in the clearly marked blue bin at the rear of the village hall. Collection of larger items may not always be possible at the moment, as Stephen is temporarily incapacitated. We wish him a speedy recovery.
Telephone 07967 972762

THE VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR IS LOCATED IN THE RED TELEPHONE BOX OPPOSITE THE VILLAGE HALL.
WHEN USING THE BOOK EXCHANGE, ALSO LOCATED IN THE PHONE BOX, PLEASE TAKE CARE NOT TO OBSTRUCT ACCESS TO THE DEFIBRILLATOR.

EAST MARKHAM AND ASKHAM GARDENING ASSOCIATION These are the next East Markham & Askham Gardeners' Association shows, held in East Markham Village Hall. You don't have to live in East Markham, or Askham to be a member, we have members in most of the surrounding villages. It is still only £5 per year per household, from June 2025-June 2026. This gives free entry to the shows, and monthly meetings. Come along and have a look for free, the Autumn show is open to the public from 3pm, prize giving 4pm.

SUMMER FLOWERING EVENING, TUESDAY 8th JULY

AUTUMN PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME, SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

For membership forms, and detailed information about the shows, please contact the membership secretary, Alison Hunter-Wyatt

www.facebook.com/groups/11179876457771/

CALLING ALL ARTS AND CRAFTS PEOPLE....

The Headon Church Support Group are hoping to have an arts and crafts weekend on 13th and 14th September and are inviting local people to take part. The idea is that individuals rent a pew for £10 and then showcase or sell their creative work..this could be paintings, needlework, knitting, patchwork, woodwork, metalwork, home made jams, honey, pickles etc, in fact anything hand made. It is also a chance the meet like minded creative people in the local community and there will be a refreshments in the church as well. If you would like to take part or find out more please ring Jill on 01777248285 as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATESATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th! A fun evening of Bingo, quiz, supper etc. to raise funds for ALICE'S TRIP TO PERU, ON CAMP INTERNATIONAL! Please support these youngsters if you can. Donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome.

Church Service Dates

6th July Benefice Holy Communion 10.30am East Markham Church

13th July Holy Communion 10.30am at **East Drayton Church**

20th July H.C 10.30am at Askham & 10.30 Morning prayer at Laneham

27th July Morning prayer 10.30 Grove & 10.30 H.C Rampton Church

6th August 10.30am East Markham Church.

A very warm welcome will be given to everyone attending these services.

Your Village Hall Committee contacts:

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Secretary...Lorna Garfoot 01777 248520 or email garfoot17@gmail.com

Church contact: Janet Goddard 01777 248613