

# EAST DRAYTON UPDATE

Easter Edition, April 2014



It seems ages since the last edition, so here's an up-date of what's coming up in the next few weeks....

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Full details for most events further down the page)

- > **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April** Messy Church in the Village Hall at 4.00pm
- > **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April** Holy Communion in the Village Hall at 10.30am
- > **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April** NGS - Garden open for Charity 2.00-5.00pm
- > **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April** Bank Holiday BBQ at the Blue Bell Inn 3.00-8.00pm
- > **21<sup>st</sup> April - 4<sup>th</sup> May** Bassetlaw Spring Clean Fortnight
- > **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** KICK 'n RUSH comedy skiffle band at the Blue Bell Inn
- > **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday BBQ at the Blue Bell Inn 3.00-8.00pm
- > **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** Parish Council AGM - Village Hall 7.30pm
- > **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday BBQ at the Blue Bell Inn 3.00-8.00pm
- > **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm

## NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME ("The Yellow Book" - Gardens open for charity)

An East Drayton garden features in this year's scheme for the first time, which is fantastic news.

BROADLEA, North Green - the home of Jean & David Stone.

This is a real hidden gem within the village, a wonderful one acre garden with plenty of interest and much to see.

**Open from 2.00 to 5.00pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Admission £3, children free.**

Please come along to enjoy the result of Jean & David's hard work, enjoy a home-made tea and support a number of important charities.

Broadlea is the last gate on the right as you leave the village towards Stokeham.



## BASSETLAW SPRING CLEAN FORTNIGHT + BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Chair of our Parish Council, Neil Stanley is leading both initiatives by example and asks everyone in the village to participate.

The Spring Clean Fortnight is basically a litter-picking exercise across Bassetlaw and that is a great lead in to tidying the verges, clearing weeds etc in the run up to judging in the Best Kept Village competition - remember that East Drayton came third in the county last year and would like to improve on that if possible!

(there's more on the other side!!)

## BLUE BELL INN

Loads to enjoy in the village pub as usual and full details at [www.bluebell-eastdrayton.co.uk](http://www.bluebell-eastdrayton.co.uk)

**BANK HOLIDAY BBQ's** - every Bank Holiday Monday this year - dates as above

3.00 to 8.00pm with great BBQ food from Sharon & John + Pimms/Tombola/charity raffle/children's games and all the usual treats from the bar.

Free admission - everyone welcome

**KICK 'n RUSH** - comedy skiffle band back by popular demand and sure to be another sell-out event! Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - £10 per ticket to include a pie & pea supper.

## VILLAGE EVENTS

Sadly the planned "Death Watch Beetle" lunch in January had to be cancelled at the last moment due to poor ticket sales and a lack of volunteer helpers.

The organisers are undeterred and have a number of social/fund-raising events at the planning stage, but dates/events are still to be confirmed.

Watch this space for further announcements

If you are new to the village or would like to help with any events, please let us know and we will put you in contact with the right people.

## CHURCH ROOF

Both the funding and the restoration work are progressing well and completion is now scheduled for the end of May.

Despite great efforts by the contractors, the interior of the church is in a sorry state and once the contractors are off site we will need a major clean-up weekend with "all hands to the vacuum cleaners" to get the church ready for the first scheduled wedding under the new roof on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Any time you can spare to help will be very much appreciated - watch this space for further announcements

## EAST DRAYTON SPORTS CLUB

Advance warning that the Official Opening of the new cricket pavilion will take place at the cricket field on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Full details in the next edition

## AND.....

Sadly we have to repeat last year's message about DOG MESS !!

The number of dogs in the village remains at an all-time high and they give a lot of pleasure to a lot of people, but to allow your dog to foul the pavements or verges in the village is completely unacceptable.

Apart from pedestrians, children in the village (also at an all-time high!) need to be able to socialise or cycle without having to avoid dog poo!

It is impossible to walk a dog without being aware of when and where it has performed, so please clean it up and take it away or face a fixed penalty or even prosecution.



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If you have any comments or items for inclusion, special birthdays, anniversaries etc, please send them to Hugh Mackintosh at Woodbeck House, Low Street, Tel 249127 or email to [chrisnhughm@gmail.com](mailto:chrisnhughm@gmail.com)