



EAST DRAYTON UPDATE

Winter Edition

February 2015

Snowdrops, daffodil shoots, coughs, colds and pot-holes in abundance, so we must be moving towards the end of winter and looking forward to spring (20th March) and the arrival of this year's rota for cutting the grass in the church-yard!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Fri 6th March Free music from Mandy Mac in the Blue Bell Inn
- Sun 15th March Mothering Sunday Service, St Peter's Church, 10.30am
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- Fri 27th March Spring Quiz & Supper in the Village Hall
- Fri 3rd April Free music from Gareth Jay in the Blue Bell Inn
- Sun 5th April Easter Sunday Service, St Peter's Church, 10.30am
- Mon 6th April Bank Holiday BBQ at the Blue Bell Inn from 3.00 to 8.00pm

SPRING QUIZ and SUPPER

Friday 27th March - 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Specialist knowledge of quarter-elliptic, semi-elliptic, coil, valve, compression or extension springs will **not** be required, although a basic knowledge of Hook's Law might be useful??



Gill & Brian Squire have prepared a fun quiz covering all aspects of the spring season, so come along and test your knowledge and maybe even learn a thing or two!

The evening will include a light supper, but please bring your own drinks.

Tickets £7 each from Gill or Brian on 248310

All proceeds in aid of BLISS - the leading charity for premature & sick babies

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

It doesn't seem long since we won the best in Nottinghamshire 2014, but Parish Council Chair, Neil Stanley, reminds us that we shouldn't rest on our laurel clippings and should be prepared for this year's competition, which will start all too soon!!

If you haven't seen the commemorative plaque from last year, it is displayed in the south east corner of the church-yard.

The Bassetlaw "Spring Clean" initiative takes place from 2nd - 14th March and please contact Neil Stanley on 248059 if you are able to help.

BLUE BELL INN

When is a pub more than just a pub???.....

.....when it offers a comprehensive Take Away Service in addition to its established range of attractions!!

The Blue Bell website www.bluebell-eastdrayton.co.uk tells you about everything going on in our village pub, but you may not know that they now offer a comprehensive Take Away service → not just fish 'n chips or pizza, but the **ENTIRE MENU** is now available to be taken away and enjoyed at home.

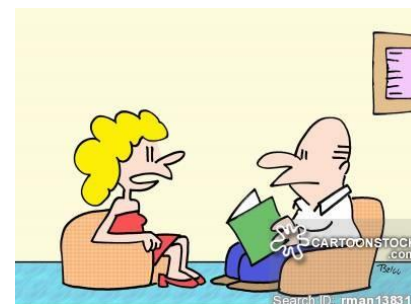
Just ring the team on 01777 249410 to place your order and be given your collection time or call in for a quick drink while your order is prepared.

Take away service operates during normal food trading hours: 5pm to 9pm Mon-Fri, 12noon to 9pm Saturdays and 12noon to 8pm Sundays.

Sharon, John, Michelle, Little John and the whole team are delighted to have been awarded a national "Runner Up" award by

LITTLE HEROES, the main charity for children with cancer, raising just short of £4000!

That is a BRILLIANT achievement for a small village pub and they are to be congratulated - not forgetting special thanks to all the intrepid firewalkers.



"I'm tired — let's outsource dinner tonight."

and order from the Blue Bell

MISCONNECTED DRAINS

Bassetlaw District Council has recently reviewed flood resilience in the district and highlighted the surprising fact that one in ten houses have misconnected drains, which could pollute local waterways → that could be 10 or more properties in our village!

The waste from toilets, baths, showers, sinks, washing machines and dishwashers must be connected to the foul sewer to prevent dirty waste draining into our local rivers. Similarly rain water misdirected into the foul sewer will overwhelm it and cause flooding

The **ConnectRight** campaign asks local homeowners to check their drainage connections and to take corrective action if required.

Non-compliance could result in a fine of up to £50,000

<http://www.connectright.org.uk/> tells you how to check your connections and how to contact a local WaterSafe plumber for advice.

KEEP FIT/DANCE CLASSES continue in the Village Hall on Monday mornings at 10.00am. Everyone welcome - just turn up or call Janet on 248613 for more info.

and finally.....

A special thank you to the generous sponsors of the church floodlighting in December and January - many positive comments were received.

Contact Steve Ellis on **248095** if you would like to help at the end of this year.



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