



EAST DRAYTON UPDATE



Spring Edition

April 2016

The daffodils seem to have understood that we're now into April, but I guess we'll just have to wait for the weather to catch up.....



I'm sure you will have noticed a number of runners pounding the lanes around the village in recent weeks? That's because it's nearly time for this year's LONDON MARATHON. You may not be aware that local farmer and businessman **DERRICK SMALL** has an entry and would really

appreciate your support and sponsorship for his chosen charity.

This is Derrick's first successful entry after 5 previous applications and he will be running for a fantastic charity - **The Lullaby Trust**.

THE LULLABY TRUST focuses on safer sleep for babies and provides specialist support for bereaved families and anyone affected by a sudden infant death.



Derrick's training has not been without problems & injuries and he will certainly be doing all the hard work on the day - particularly stressful, as he will be without his mobile phone for about 4 hours!!

All we have to do is to pledge as much as we can afford to make his efforts worthwhile, so ours is the easy bit !!

You can donate in a number of ways, so pick one and **DO IT NOW!!**

- There is a sponsorship form on the bar in The Blue Bell Inn
- This is the link to Derrick's "Virgin Money Giving Page" - the easiest way to make an online pledge:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Derricksmall>

- Contact Derrick directly by email at small.derrick@googlemail.com or by phone to **07710 420224**

The marathon takes place on Sunday 17th April and although you have plenty of time after the event to make your pledge, it is much better to do it now.....

Derrick's original target was £2000 and he's already exceeded that, so let's see just how much we can help him to raise for his chosen charity.



OTHER STUFF...



For the third year in succession Jean and David Stone's magnificent garden at Broadlea, North Green is included in the scheme & will be open from **2-5pm, Sunday 8th May**

If you haven't seen this "hidden gem" in our village, then don't miss this opportunity - it is hidden and it is an absolute gem.

The garden at Broadlea, North Green will be signed from the middle of the village.

PLANTS FOR SALE and REFRESHMENTS.

Admission is only £3 for adults and if by any chance horticulture isn't your thing, then please come along anyway because the afternoon teas and cakes are better than The Bake-Off!!

THE BLUE BELL INN has plenty going on as usual, but not least their **BRILLIANT** new website. Take a look at:- bluebell-eastdrayton.co.uk

INTERACTIVE SPEED SIGNS - Love 'em or hate 'em they're now up and working. Casual observation of vehicles triggering a "SLOW DOWN" warning is that they do just that, so the signs seem to be doing what it says on the tin and we should thank the local team involved in their procurement.

RURAL BROADBAND - Any household in the outlying houses/farms in the village are entitled to a £350 voucher for the installation of satellite broadband through Contract 3 of the NCC scheme. Check the NCC website for details.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION - Parish Council Chair, Neil Stanley, reminds us that we will be entering our village in the competition again this year, so be prepared to get involved, as the hard work will start soon !!

Martin Hudson would like to share the following message:

On behalf of myself and my two daughters, Rachel and Emma, we would like to sincerely thank all the friends and neighbours from East Drayton who attended Pauline's funeral service at St Peter's Church, on 1st April 2016, and those who so kindly sent us flowers, cards and messages of sympathy at such a sad time. It was very uplifting to know that all your thoughts and prayers were with us and the kind support shown to us was immense.

Pauline loved the village of East Drayton in the 11 years we lived there. She enjoyed every second of that time making many friends and I know that she would have been completely overwhelmed by those messages and the sheer numbers who attended the funeral service.

We would also like to say a personal thank you to Reverend Julia Jesson for conducting a beautiful service for Pauline.

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