# EAST DRAYTON VILLAGE UPDATE

### Issue 4 April 2025



Well, hello everyone. I hope everyone has been enjoying the lovely sunshine and our wonderful Spring festivals, be they Easter or Eid, to name just two. Please read the newsletter and pop dates in your diary! Don't miss out!

**St Peter's Church** The sound of mowers has been heard as the grass cutting at church starts a new season. If you can help your community by joining the grass cutting rota, please contact Janet Goddard.(contact number at the end of the newsletter). Many hands, make light work!

#### **Church Services**

May 11th 10.30am Holy Communion with Baptism EAST DRAYTON CHURCH. May 18th H.C. Askham 10.30am. Morning Prayer Laneham 10.30 & Stokeham 10am. May 25th 8am H.C. East Markham. 10.30am morning prayer Grove church. & Rampton 10.30 H.C. With Baptism. June 1st 10.30am EAST DRAYTON CHURCH benefice Holy Communion for everyone.

**Thank you!...** to all who continue to support Alice and Jack in their fundraising endeavours. The recent Race Night raised over £1000! Many thanks to all the sponsors, attendees, and those who very generously donated raffle tickets. Alice and Jack are off on a Camp International, in Peru! They've still a lot of saving up to do!

Move to Music Join us for a gentle workout to music, every Monday from 10am until 11am. £3 per session.

**Meet n Eat** This is a social event to give villagers and friends the opportunity to meet up, enjoy a tasty lunch and share a chat. If you are new to the village, please join us.... you can be sure of a warm welcome. All proceeds will be shared between the Village Hall fund and St Peter's Church. Check out the village fb page for dates and menus.

**East Drayton Book Group** meets in the Village Hall monthly, alternating between the first Monday and the first Thursday of each month. *Please note...no meeting in May*. No book of the month to adhere to, just readers who who meet to chat about, lend, borrow or swap favourite texts. Pop along and join us on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 7pm. £2 covers running costs and includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

**East Markham and Askham Gardeners Association** If you are a keen gardener, consider joining this popular group which meets on the second Tuesday of each month, in East Markham Village Hall, from 7.30pm. Membership costs £5 per year, per household, starting from the AGM in June.

The next event, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, in East Markham Village Hall, will be guest speaker Rachael Barrowcliffe. For more details, please contact Alison Hunter-Wyatt Membership Secretary EMGA., Thorn Lea Cottage, Church Lane, Askham. 01777838944

**Girl Guiding** The Windmill District Girl Guides meet weekly at Easy Markham Primary School and at Tuxford Scout and Guiding HQ. For more information, including session times for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides please contact Clare Cheetham 07941625794

**The Village Defibrillator** and Book Exchange are located in the telephone box opposite the Village Hall. Visit the St John's Ambulance website for more information. <u>https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/how-to/how-to-use-a-defibrillator/</u> **Do not** obstruct the defibrillator when using the book exchange.

Please consider signing up to the defibrillator training. See below.

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# East Drayton Sports Club

The cricket season begins on Saturday 26th April. We play in Division 4 of the Bassetlaw League - games are 40 overs a side and commence at 1pm. There are nets sessions during the week if anyone would like to take part and we welcome spectators on match days - a cup of tea is always available between innings.

A local ladies rounders team are playing their fixtures at the ground during the summer. Any further information is available from club Secretary Jean Bingham - 01777248797

## **East Drayton Green Initiative**

For anyone new to the village, we are recycling scrap metal to raise funds to support the running of our Village Hall. Please save your cans and any other items of scrap metal and drop them off at the back of the village hall in the marked blue bin provided. Larger items can be collected by Stephen Bennett by prior arrangement, Telephone 07967 972762

**Nottsbus** On Demand offers a chance for you to book direct journeys to and from all listed locations by using their app; and if you have a concessionary pass you can use them on Nottsbus On Demand after 09:30. Your helpful local County Councillor will assist you with any more questions you may have about the scheme, which can be found on the NCC website. <u>https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk</u>



Coming soon, to Retford Majestic Theatre! Some of our village youngsters are performing in what is sure to be an entertaining show! Please support our young performers, and also our local theatre! Tickets on sale soon! **Village Hall Hire.** You can hire the Village Hall for the very reasonable cost of £10 per hour. (Booking details at the bottom of the newsletter.) There is a well-equipped kitchen, including a new dishwasher, and has plenty of crockery and cutlery. Ideal for children's parties, private functions, large family meet ups or your own fundraisers.

The Annual General Meeting of the East Drayton Village Hall Committee will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, at 7pm, in the Village Hall. Villagers are very welcome to attend this meeting.

### Your Village Hall Committee Contacts:

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If you have any news, information or upcoming events which you would like to be in the next newsletter, please email me details, <u>garfootlorna17@gmail.com</u> or leave a message for Lorna on 01777248520.