

## YOUR VILLAGE, YOUR GUIDE

### **EAST DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL:**

The Parish Council consists of 7 elected (every 4 years) or co-opted councillors and the Clerk. The Chairman and V-C are elected annually by the councillors. It meets on the third Monday of every second month at 7pm in the Village Hall. Any resident may attend the meetings. The dates, agenda and minutes are displayed on the village notice board and on the village website (see below). The term "Parish" refers to a geographical area (as in Town Council etc.), the Parish Council is not connected to the church. The Parish Council's mission is to "encourage and promote the best social and environmental practices for the village by managing services, assets and the resources of the Parish Council for the benefit of the local community".

["FACTOID" – The Parish Council have 3 assets – the phone box bought for £1 from BT in 2008 \(now housing the defibrillator and a book exchange\), a mower and a "super strimmer" for the maintenance of roadside verges by volunteers.](#)

### **ST PETER'S CHURCH:**

There has been a church on this site since the 12<sup>th</sup> century and it still remains the focal point of the village. The church is in the wider benefice of "The Rivers, Retford", which is awaiting the appointment of a new vicar. The churchyard is kept neat and tidy by volunteers. To join this team and offer a couple of hours just once a year contact Janet on 248613 or email [janetgoddard10@gmail.com](mailto:janetgoddard10@gmail.com). If you would like to join the bell-ringers, they practice on Tuesday evening from 7-9pm. Go along and have a chat!

["FACTOID" – There are a leper window, a green man and some cheeses in the church. Can you find them?](#)

### **PARISH CLOCK:**

This was installed in 1898 at a cost of £1200 raised by the villagers, converted to electric winding in 2000. It is cared for by volunteers (with annual professional maintenance costs of £250) supported by the Parish Clock Fund (a registered charity).

["FACTOID" – the clock belongs to the village, not the church!](#)

### **VILLAGE HALL:**

The village hall is neither owned by, nor run by, the Parish Council. It is run by the "Village Hall Committee" and is in the care of Trustees (as a registered charity) on behalf of the village. If you wish to get involved with the committee or organise events for the village contact Elaine Hemsall (07528 397216) Activities currently include Dance Fitness and Kick Boxing. There is also a fortnightly "Meat and Eat" - details provided in the Village Newsletter, or contact the committee.

["FACTOID" – The building was originally the Village School built in 1852 and closed in 1966. It became the Village Hall in 1974.](#)

### **EAST DRAYTON SPORTS CLUB:**

Founded in 1990 and now sited on Mill Lane, there is a cricket team and junior football – go to the village website.

### **VILLAGE CHARITIES:**

"East Drayton Educational Charity" and the "Constable Charity" – see website.

**FACEBOOK:** There are 2 Facebook sites, privately run by individual residents. "East Drayton Voice" and "East Drayton Community Voice"

**BLUE BELL INN** - Under new management by James, Jordan and the team. 01777 811089

**BIN COLLECTION** - TUESDAY – alternating green and blue bins.

**SIREN** – Rampton Hospital siren is tested on the first Friday of every month at 2pm.

**FLOOD CONTAINER** – sited behind the Blue Bell Inn. Sandbags etc. stored here for villagers' use.

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