

## RUDDINGTON DIARY

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum** opens today for the new season. Tel 0115 984 6914 or visit the website [www.rfkm.org](http://www.rfkm.org)

**Safer Neighbourhoods** - Meet with your local officers on High Street from 2 to 3pm.

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**The Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park** Tea, coffee and cakes served from 10am to 3pm in the Education Room at Rushcliffe Country Park.

**Footpath Walk** – Rempstone Circular via King's Brook. Meet 2.30pm on The Green.

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – This meeting provides an opportunity to raise concerns and hear about work undertaken by the Parish Council during the previous 12 months. St. Peter's Rooms at 7.30pm.

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Bingo Night** at St. Peter's Junior School Ashworth Avenue. Adults £2, children free.

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Cake Sale** – An Easter themed Cake Sale at James Peacock School Hall starting 2.30pm.

**Concert** at Ruddington Methodist Church featuring the West Bridgford Social Singers at 7pm. Tickets £6 incl. light refreshments.

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Parish Council Surgery** at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street from 10.00am to 12 noon. Also

**Safer Neighbourhoods** - Local Area Group Meeting - Officers will be in attendance at the surgery to discuss local issues.

**Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP** – available for constituents at Rushcliffe House, West Bridgford. Tel 0207 219 5189 for an appt.

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Safer Neighbourhoods** - Meet with your local officers at James Peacock School from 8.30am to 9.00am

**Finance & Policy Committee Meeting** at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 7.30pm.

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Ruddington Women's Institute Annual Meeting** at St. Peter's Rooms, 7.15pm

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Ruddington & District Ladies' Probosc Club** presents "On the Buses" by Peter Hammond at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 2pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Spring Fair** in aid of Riding for the Disabled at St. Peter's Rooms from 10 to 12 noon. Tombola, raffle, cakes, bric a brac, books, etc

**Flower Demonstration** by Ian Buxton held by the Inner Wheel Club of Keyworth & Ruddington - Edwalton Church Hall 2.30pm. Tickets £8.50 Ring 0115 937 4443.

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Ruddington Fun Event** – A FREE EVENT held at Elms Park from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. There will be crafts and outdoor activities and the chance to try the new park. All children to be accompanied by an adult.

**Parish Council Meeting** (final meeting of current council) at St. Peter's Rooms 7.30pm

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Safer Neighbourhoods** - Meet with your local officers outside Co-op store, Church Street from 9.00am to 10.00am

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Ruddington Village Museum** opens for the new season. Open from 2.30 to 5pm today – £1.50 adult, concession £1, child 50p.

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April

**Royal Wedding Breakfast** – held at St. Peter's Church from 8.30am to 10.30pm Tickets from the Honeycomb, Perkins Hardware and St. Peter's Church Office.

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Coffee Morning** – held at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street in aid of Ruddington Brownies. More details to follow.

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# Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## HAVE A BUTCHERS ON CHURCH STREET!



After speculation in the last issue we can confirm the great news that Ruddington once again has a dedicated butcher's shop.

J Waldron Butchers Ltd has relocated to our village from Radford and moved into the former Oliver's/Warner's premises on 15 Church Street. The business is now owned by Stuart White, who began his career in butchery aged 16, some

31 years ago. He brings his considerable experience of the trade to Ruddington with the firm he took over himself some ten years ago.

*"We decided to move to Ruddington as it is a great location but no longer had a proper butcher's,"* explains Stuart. *"We heard this village once had four! If the tremendous customer support we've received so far since opening the shop on 24<sup>th</sup> March is anything to go by then we've made the right decision!"*

Stuart's shop manager is Shane Gintey (pictured on the left with delivery driver Danny Harrison). They're able to stock a much wider range of meat and other products than previously because they also supply many schools and other catering businesses around the area. Looking at the new window display we're already spoilt for choice!

*(Researched & written by Graham Wright)*

## THE PARISH RATE

It is impossible to count the number of times people come into the Parish Council Office and ask why the roads haven't been gritted in the snow? Or why a street light isn't working? Or why the hole in the road hasn't been fixed? You might not even know that these issues don't come under the Parish Council's jurisdiction – but that won't stop the Clerk and her staff from helping you to find the appropriate authority and even reporting these issues on your behalf when necessary.

*So what does the Parish Council do? What is it responsible for?*

A large amount of your money is spent each year on leisure facilities in the village. Children's play areas, football pitches, the cricket pitch and bowling green, open spaces, most of the parks and pavilions are the responsibility of the Parish Council. They are maintained, mowed, cleaned, refurbished, hired out and generally cared for by the groundstaff who work out of the Maintenance Unit on Elms Park. *(Page 3)*

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**ROYAL WEDDING BREAKFAST**

at St. Peter's Church on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30 am to 10.30 am

Ruddington Churches are celebrating the Royal Wedding by holding a Wedding Breakfast. Tickets are £3 each or £10 for a family of 4 (excl, babies & toddlers). The event is open to everyone and tickets are available from The Honeycomb, Perkins Hardware and St. Peter's Church Office. Girls – come dressed as princesses. Men & boys – wear your most outrageous tie. Ladies – dust off your grand hat or fascinator. There'll be a short talk from Revd. Glyn Jones called "What's all the fuss about?" and the event closes in time to get home and see the real thing.

**HAYWARD HOUSE PRESENTATION**



On 21<sup>st</sup> February a cheque for £396 was presented by Sue Rivington, Chair of the Ruddington & District Choral Society, to Jane Hayward who was representing Hayward House, the Nottingham City Hospital Hospice Unit. Jane is a nurse at the Hospice

and also lives in Ruddington and she expressed her grateful thanks for the kind donation, which was raised at the Choir's Community Messiah Concert in December. The charity was chosen in memory of two long-standing members of the choir, Beryl Simpson and Val Howson, who had spent time in the Hospice during 2010. Also present was Penny Barratt, daughter of Val Howson, who described how much the choir had meant to her mother over many years.

**DEPUTY HEAD VISITS MUMBAI**



"In February Mr Mawer, our deputy head teacher, journeyed to Mumbai, India to visit Vidya Vikasini I.C.S.E school as part of the school's international linking project. While this is an ongoing and exciting project for the school, it's also an excellent opportunity for the community to find out more of what's been going on between the schools and indeed, in our own community as St Peter's children have set up a fantastic blog (a type of website that allows us to communicate easily with one another). In this blog, children at St Peter's have been writing about and

stock to be corrected, which is essential if the village is to remain vibrant and its shops well used. Other villages are being consulted and a return visit will be made towards the end of the year. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO NOT MISS THIS MEETING!** The 'Profile Ruddington' document can be viewed at [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy)

**GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY**



Nottingham Heritage Centre in Ruddington opened its' doors early this season as BBC Radio Nottingham's "Big Day Out" on Sunday March 20th attracted hundreds of visitors there for free entrance and "taster" train rides.

**GCRN TO HOST HISTORIC LOCO**

Ruddington's Great Central Railway is set to host another historic railway locomotive after the successful visit of the 'City of Truro' train last year. This time, however, the guest locomotive will remain for the entire 2011 season. Trains start running on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, with the full timetable coming into operation at Easter weekend (23<sup>rd</sup> & 24th April). You can find full details of times, routes and tickets at GC Railway's website, [www.gcrn.co.uk](http://www.gcrn.co.uk), which will also announce details of the guest locomotive when these become

available. We'll also keep you up to date with special railway events being held throughout 2011.

*(Items by Faye Stenson & Graham Wright)*

**CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES**

The national concessionary pass allows you to enjoy free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England. The national free entitlement operates between 9.30 and 23.00 Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays. From 1 April 2011 there will be a change in the way in which concessionary passes are issued in Nottinghamshire. District Councils will stop issuing passes on 31 March. After this date responsibility for pass issuing will move to the County Council. All applications will need to be made by post using application forms that are available from [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) or from District Council offices, libraries, County Contact points, bus stations and other information outlets. There will be no changes to the scheme itself, all current entitlements will remain in place.



**GREEN BINS – garden waste collection – changes from 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, it will cost residents £25 per year for Rushcliffe BC to collect their garden waste (about £1 per collection). This is an optional service – residents can choose not to take up the service. Leaflets will be distributed in March & April to all residents and in May RBC will write to everyone who has registered explaining how to pay. Payment is needed before the end of June.

## POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says: "I am pleased to report that the current crime trend in Ruddington is falling and the crime rate remains low. With lighter nights approaching, I would like to remind residents to make sure their sheds, garages, etc. are secured. Also, remember to make sure bikes are not left out on gardens – or even outside shops – unsecured. Patio doors that are not normally used through the winter can easily be left unlocked making it easy for the opportunist thief to gain entry. Make sure all doors and windows are secure particularly before you go out or go to bed."

### Police contact numbers are:

0300 300 9999 (non emergency)  
Our Beat Manager is PC Ann Gill –  
tel: 07702 141 724

Our PCSO is Jenny Buggy –  
tel: 07702 141 722

### IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999

## COMPLETED YOUR CENSUS?

March 27<sup>th</sup> was Census Day. A census has taken place every 10 years since 1801 with the exception of 1941 (because of World War II). Its purpose is to take a snapshot of the population on one particular day and through a series of questions gather information that will help shape future services and resource allocations. It is totally confidential and each household is required by law to submit a completed form, either by post or on the internet. If you haven't done yours yet please do so as soon as possible.

*Apologies if you donated an article for this month's Newsletter and it hasn't appeared. We have been inundated with copy and some items have had to be held over for future editions.*



Ruddington's Twitterati have now swelled the followers of our own village "information page" to above the half century mark. The dedicated Twitter site is updated on a daily basis to bring you the very latest news and events for Ruddington – to fill in the gap between issues of this hallowed monthly newsletter.

You don't have to join Twitter to view the information, but new followers and contributors are always appreciated! You can find it on the web at [www.twitter.com/Ruddington\\_info](http://www.twitter.com/Ruddington_info)

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Rushcliffe Borough Council gave a presentation in the Methodist Church Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> March which was attended by about 30 residents. Graphs and statistics on current housing, age profile and trends were shown, together with future possible sites for housing. Questions and comments were invited and it is hoped that responses to these will be sent to the Parish Council who will put any information received on its website. The following items were raised: Road capacity / Parking / Schools especially for 11+ children / Imbalance of current housing stock to needs / Line 3 tram extension and its effect on public transport to Ruddington / Sites already identified by developers eg Pasture Lane, Camelot Street and Loughborough Road / Effects of building south along the A60 will cause further congestion on the approach to Nottingham Knight Island and the junction with the A52. Other points discussed related to the need for any imbalance in housing

photographing everything that makes St Peter's an exciting school to be at, and our Indian friends have been able to comment on our posts! We'd love to share our experiences with the village community and welcome comments on the blog. We're really proud, so please take a look at [www.stpetersindialink.edublogs.org](http://www.stpetersindialink.edublogs.org)

### *Parish Rate (continued from front page)*

This year has seen the complete refurbishment of the Elms Park Play Area which was opened in February and has received immense praise from everyone who has used it.

St Peter's Rooms and the Village Hall are always well used and very popular venues for all types of bookings from children's parties to charity events and a whole variety of regular classes. The Elms Park and Jubilee Pavilions are now getting bookings for corporate events requiring adjacent open spaces, good parking and daytime use which the pavilions can offer. The massive increase in bookings for all of the Parish Council amenities appears to be the result of the Parish Council website and Village Newsletter, and the consequential increase in income is very welcome.

Our Finance & Policy Chairman, Parish Councillor Peter McGowan states: *"For the last three years through careful budgeting the council has been able to maintain an unchanged Parish Rate and this is to continue in 2011-12. All of the Parish's staff are to be commended in arriving at this achievement at a time when it is important that our Parishioners are not being asked to carry a higher financial burden. I am delighted to say that we have been able to achieve the same high quality throughout the range of services*

*outlined earlier and with the use of outside grants we have enhanced play and sports facilities that we believe are now unequalled in any other Rushcliffe parish.."*

A detailed sheet listing all of the amenities that the Parish Council is responsible for and containing information about the Parish Council Rate will be included with your Council Tax bill.

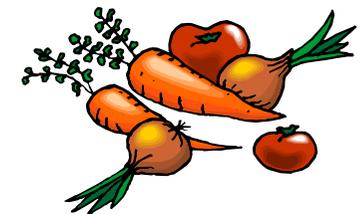


**"Friendly Societies in Ruddington"**  
by Julie O'Neill –  
produced by  
Riddington Framework  
Knitters' Museum

*"How did people cope in the past when illness, unemployment or old age prevented them from earning a living?" This interesting book gives an insight to how these societies were set up to help members when they hit hard times with the earliest society being established in 1779. It's a good read for anyone interested in the history of Ruddington and is available from the RFK Museum or from the Village Museum for just £3.95.*

## GARDENING IN THE SPRING

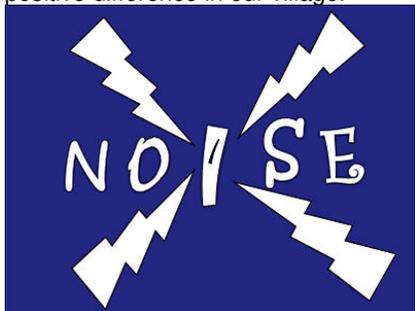
After a harsh winter it is lovely to get out into the garden and get some fresh air and sunshine. There's plenty you can be doing at this time of year.



First jobs should be clearing leaves from gutters and drains to ensure no blockages. You may need to prune any dead parts from shrubs which have been affected by the severe winter. Patios and paths can be cleared of moss and algae with Path & Patio Cleaner and a stiff broom. Now is the time to be planting onion sets, potatoes and garlic outside. Indoors you can sow seeds in trays for annual bedding plants, tomatoes, sweetcorn, lettuces, peppers and beans. Enjoy your garden this Spring! *(Helen & Simon Beale, Perkins Hardware)*

### THE NOISE IN RUDDINGTON

The Noise is back again in Ruddington this year on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July. This exciting event, organised by Ruddington Baptist Church, is focussed on community action and showing God's love in practical ways. It's a great opportunity to make a positive difference in our village.



**Why do we do it?** We try to look after Ruddington, and share the good we've been given: time, skills, resources and friendship. Over the two days in July, we'll be bringing volunteers of all ages together to tackle some of Ruddington's needs. This year, The Noise will be more hands on. We don't just want to hear people talking about loving your neighbour or a 'Big Society' – we want

to take action! So over the two days, teams of people will be allocated projects and tasks to complete like: interior painting, garden clearing, hedge cutting, fence or shed painting. If you know anyone who is unable to carry out these sort of tasks for themselves (such as a pensioner or unwell community member), then please do contact us, we would really like to help by sending a team on 2/3 July. We only ask that the jobs must be in Ruddington and, if we are visiting your home, you will need to be in on one of the two days of The Noise. Please call Nic and Dina Morton on 01159 213 376 or Jill Reedman on 01159 142 951 with your suggestions. To find out more visit: [www.ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk](http://www.ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk)

### CALLING LOCAL ARTISTS

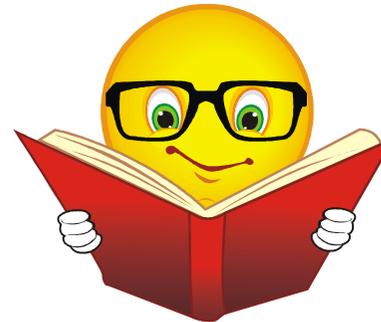
Local artists are invited to exhibit their paintings and creative textiles at the Framework Knitters' Museum over the Bank Holiday weekend, 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May. The Art Exhibition has become a popular annual event for the Museum with artists able to submit up to four pieces of work each and they are especially keen to attract new exhibitors. For more details on exhibiting please contact the museum – Tel 0115 984 6914

*(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)*

### ANDREW DIGBY EMSON

Better known as Digby Emson, a resident of Ruddington for many years, was awarded an OBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List. Mr Emson had worked for Boots the Chemist for 32 years when he left in 2005 and the award was made for his Services to Healthcare. He was also chairman of the Company Chemists' Association for 12 years.

### BOOK DONATIONS SOUGHT



A scheme has been introduced to help local libraries cope with cuts. Donations of books are being sought from local residents who have recent publications that they have finished with. Books should be in good condition and up to three years old as these publications tend to be the most popular. If you have a book that you have enjoyed and would like to share that enjoyment by donating it, please contact the library.

### SUPERMARKET MAKEOVER

The Co-Op Store on Church Street has just reopened following a major refurbishment. The new look has cost £300,000 and has updated the 21 year old premises to the company's new, modern branding and black and silver colour scheme.



Duty Manager Alison Bowley told us: "Rearranging the isles and displays to

close some of the gaps means that we can now stock an extra four hundred lines. We have had all new refrigeration units and air conditioning fitted. There are also new checkouts - but we've steered clear of self-service ones because we believe most customers don't like them!" Opening times are 7am to 10pm Monday to Saturday and 10am to 4pm Sunday. These changes and our new butcher's shop aren't the only business developments for Ruddington village centre. At 4, Wilford Road South Notts Windows and Conservatories have expanded their Home Improvements business into Andrew Ward's blinds and curtains shop. Owner Chris Chawner says "After 22 successful years in the village it's a logical step to have displays for our two companies together under one roof, and should benefit both businesses. As well as windows and conservatories we now offer small house extensions as well as fitting bathrooms and kitchens".

Gutting and refurbishment of the former HSBC branch at 3-5 High Street has also taken place. Agents Musson Liggins have confirmed that the ground floor area is being re-let as retail premises. Watch this space for further updates!

*(Written & researched by Graham Wright)*

### NEW LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Further to the recent review of Library Services across the county from 4<sup>th</sup> April, Ruddington's library hours will be:

Monday – CLOSED  
 Tuesday – 9.30am - 1pm & 2pm - 6.30pm  
 Wednesday - CLOSED  
 Thursday – 9.30 am – 1pm  
 Friday – 9.30am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
 Saturday – 9am – 1pm  
 Sunday - CLOSED