

## RUDDINGTON DIARY

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June

**9th Ruddington Beer Festival** - Events to be held at the Three Crowns, the Red Heart and the White Horse to include Morris Dancing, live music, BBQ and much more. (*Please drink responsibly*)

Friday 3rd June

**Countryside Off Roader** - Cycle ride suitable for regular cyclists (not under 14's). Thick tyres & lights needed. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Duration 3-5 hrs. Meet Ruddington Dental Practice, Wilford Road at 6.15pm prompt.

Saturday 4th June

**Safer Neighbourhoods** - Meet with your local officers on High Street, 11am - 12 noon.

Sunday 5th June

**The Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park**  
Tea, coffee and cakes from 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Education Room (by the lake) at Rushcliffe Country Park.

**Nature Reserve Open Day** - Notts Wildlife Trust Open Day at Wilwell Farm Cutting, 10am and 4pm. Visit the area's finest wildflower site. Situated on the B680 Ruddington to Wilford.

**Footpath Walk** - Colston Bassett including the ruins of St. Mary's Church. Meet 2.30pm on The Green.

Tuesday 7th June

**Environment & Community Committee Meeting** at St. Peter's Rooms - 7.30pm

Wednesday 8th June

**Ruddington WI** presents "Mediterranean Medley" a cookery demonstration by Teresa Bovey at St. Peter's Rooms, 8pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Thursday 9th June

**Ruddington Ladies' Probus Club** presents "Career On A Cruise Ship" by Colin Bower. St. Peter's Rooms commencing 2pm. Visitors

and new members welcome.

Friday 10th June

**"Three Generals sent home by Haig"** by Les McHugh at the Western Front Association meeting at St. Peter's Rooms 7.30pm. Non-members welcome - donation of £3.50. Tea and coffee served prior to the meeting.

Saturday 11th June

**Parish Council Surgery** - Meet with your Parish, Borough and County Cllrs to discuss local issues. 10 to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rms.  
**Colts Anniversary Community Day** - See page 3 for details.

**Kenneth Clarke QC MP** - available for constituents at Rushcliffe House. Contact Debbie Sugg on 0207 219 5189.

Tuesday 14th June

**Finance & Policy Committee Meeting** at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street - 7.30pm

Thursday 16th June

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

Friday 17th June

**A Fresh Approach to Housing Growth - nothing is yet decided!** See page 7.

Saturday 18th June & Sunday 19th June

**Mid-Summer Miniature Railway and Traction Engine Rally** at Ruddington Heritage Centre, Mere Way.

**Henry and Harmony** - Musical entertainment at the Methodist Church, 7pm. Tickets £6 incl refreshments. Tel 0115 984 5375, 0115 921 2229.

Friday 24th June

**Safer Neighbourhoods** - Meet with your local officers outside the Co-op, 2pm - 3pm.

Saturday 25th June

**"Shunter" Day at GCRN** - a new special enthusiast event at the Heritage Centre.

Tuesday 28th June

**Parish Council Meeting** at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm

# Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## GARDENS GALORE



With the summer season just around the corner and plants and flowers starting to bloom in our gardens, now is a good time to remind you that there are opportunities to win prizes in the Parish Council Garden Competitions.

The **Annual Garden Competition** has two categories: 1) Window Boxes / Hanging Baskets / Planters and 2)

Front Gardens. There is plenty of time to get your entries ready as judging will not take place until July. In addition to the Annual Garden Competition, this year the Parish Council is launching the **"Photographic" Garden Competition** for those of you with gardens that usually only you get to see! Both competitions will be advertised around the village and entry forms along with guidelines will be available at St. Peter's Rooms or online.

Ruddington is also entering the **Best Kept Village Competition** again this year - so any tidying or weeding that can be done to help our chances will be most welcome, especially since we are losing our Street Cleaner.

## OFFICIAL OPENING AT RUDDINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Ruddington Medical Centre was officially opened by the Rt. Hon. Kenneth Clarke QC MP. As is so often the case, the centre has been open and in full operational mode for many months but had not had an "official" opening. Also in attendance were Rushcliffe Mayor Marie Males, Parish Councillor Peter McGowan, several contractors' representatives, Mrs Gillian Clarke, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of Ruddington Parish Council and members of the medical staff.

Pictured with Kenneth Clarke are Dr. Mike Spencer (left), Dr Jag Rai and Susan Green, Practice Manager.



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Mystery Photo: Shuttering on the Youth Club, The Green

### RBC CUTS HIT RUDDINGTON



Ian Wilbraham is a very well known character in the village, usually seen in the mornings pushing his sweeper's barrow adorned with plastic flowers, Christmas trimmings and other items picked up during the course of his duties. After three years in the post as street cleaner, Ian has become another victim of the recession as Rushcliffe Borough Council has removed funding for his post. Ian finishes at the end of June.

Ian, whose wife Sue works in the Co-op, will be sadly missed not only for the work he does within the village but also for his cheerful smile, chatter and jaunty seasonal hats. There are not many jobs that are based outdoors, mixing with all sorts of people in all weathers – but Ian is hopeful that there might be something out there for him.

### PHIL-TERED COFFEE?

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the village hosted the production team of Channel 4's "Location, Location, Location". Phil Spencer, one of the programme presenters, recorded some scenes in the outdoor area at Philo's before visiting other locations south of the river as part of their quest to find the perfect home for house hunters. Phil

was happy to have his photo taken by residents. (By Barbara Breakwell)



### PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Ruddington Parish Council is looking to co-opt two Parish Councillors to fill the current vacancies in Easthorpe and Manor Wards. The persons co-opted are qualified to act as councillors in accordance with one of the following:- 1) be a local government elector of the Parish 2) has, during the whole of the 12 months preceding the day on which he/she was nominated as a councillor, occupied as a tenant or owner, any land or other premises in the Parish 3) his/her principal or only place of work in the 12 months preceding the day on which he/she is nominated as a councillor has been in the area of the Parish 4) has resided either in the Parish or within three miles thereof during the whole of the 12 months preceding the day on which he/she is nominated as a candidate. There are certain disqualifications of which the main are: a) bankruptcy b) having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than three months during the five years preceding the election c) being disqualified under any enactment to corrupt or illegal practises. (continued on page 3)

### A FRESH APPROACH TO HOUSING GROWTH NOTHING IS YET DECIDED!

There is a **Community Consultation** event on **Friday 17 June** between **2pm and 8pm** at **St Peter's Rooms, Church Street, Ruddington.**

The consultation, supported by the Borough Council, is to get your views on the possibility of future housing growth in Ruddington.

The Borough Council only last year consulted communities on where significant housing growth (12,000 new homes) might take place in Rushcliffe. The Government is however dropping this top-down housing requirement and, at the same time, is giving the Borough Council and local residents more control to decide how much new housing and related growth is needed locally and where it might go.

Before these important decisions can be taken, however, we need know a little more about what you think about issues such as whether your village needs to grow or change.

**Please come along any time between 2pm and 8pm.**

**For further information visit:**

[www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy)

Comment from Parish Cllr Allen Wood: ***"It is important that residents do not miss this presentation. Please go along if you want your views to be heard."***

### POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill, says: "Now that we are enjoying the refurbishment of two play areas, at Elms Park and Vicarage Lane, it is important to make sure these facilities

are not mistreated. Unfortunately, minor damage and vandalism along with anti-social behaviour has occurred on both sites causing inconvenience for users. If you see or suspect persons of causing damage or behaving in an anti-social manner, in and around the village, please report it.



As we approach the summer season and lighter nights, this type of activity becomes more prevalent and reporting it at the earliest opportunity will help keep it under control."

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**

### MYSTERY PHOTO



How well do you know your village? Can you identify what and where this is? See page 8 for the answer.

(Supplied by Peter Woodhead)

### NOTTINGHAM POST READER?

"Ruddington Fun" is a voluntary group of 8 residents who are working to provide holiday activities in the village. They are delighted to have been shortlisted for the Nottingham Post Newspaper "Cash for Your Community" Promotion with a £35,000 prize fund. By being shortlisted they will get some money but by collecting coupons printed in the paper from May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> they could get more.



Ruddington Fun

Before you recycle your paper in your blue bin please cut out the tokens and post them in the collection boxes in the village or they can be collected if you email ruddingtonfun@virginmedia with your details. Please ask your friends and neighbours as well and help make Ruddington fun! The boxes will have the above logo on them.

### DUTTONS HILL

Have you, like me, been stuck on the approach to Duttons Hill waiting to get in to the village? It only takes two cars parked outside Sainsbury's Local – **illegally** – to create this type of frustration.



Following representation, store deliveries are being re-timed but it is not easy to persuade car drivers to use the car parking facility provided by Sainsbury's. Why, I wonder?

Two other issues raised: There's nowhere to safely leave a cycle and no suitable post for tying your dog lead. I believe these issues are being addressed by the store management but in the meantime please respect the gates and railings of nearby houses.

Should you wish to raise any further issues, please make contact with the Parish Council office, or myself.

*(Parish Councillor Allen Wood)*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Rob Birch, or 'Rob B', vocalist with dance band the Stereo MCs was born in Ruddington? Best known for their international hit single *Connected*, the stereo MCs released 10 albums between 1989 and 2008 as well as winning two BRIT awards. Rob B was born here in the village on 11 June 1961 and lived in the area before moving to London with fellow band-mate Nick Hallam, also from Nottingham.

*(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)*

### CVS MOVE

Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service (CVS) has moved offices and is now based at Bridgford House, Pavilion Road. The new telephone number is 0115 969 9060.

**A LARGE PRINT COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY**

**Please apply in writing on or before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011, to the Clerk to the Council at the address on the back page of this Newsletter.**

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to the Council at the Parish Council office (address as before).

### COLTS ANNIVERSARY EVENT



On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, Ruddington Village Colts Football Club will be holding an event to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and particularly want anyone and everyone who has had ANYTHING to do with the club to get involved – or at the very least, to come along and enjoy the celebrations. They are delighted to have located the man who is credited with starting the club along the path and led to the formation of the Colts – and he will be there. The event is being staged at Elms Park, off Loughborough Road, and there is plenty happening. It starts with an exciting 6-A-Side Football Competition which kicks off at 10am and goes on until lunchtime. After lunch, at 2pm Ruddington Army Cadets Corps of Bugles & Drums will be on hand to provide music for a short 'March of the Teams' around the

pitches and back to the Jubilee Clubhouse for photo opportunities. One or two speakers will welcome guests and give information about the club's 25 years, there will be an unveiling of a brand new trophy cabinet and the official launch of the JCP Charity Fund. There will be BBQ, slide/bouncy castle, refreshments, ice cream, photographer for team photographs, face paints, hair dyes and more. Kids will be encouraged to have a kick-around and there will even be a target challenge. This promises to be an excellent event for children and parents alike, so please look out for posters and come along on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### ROYAL RENDEZVOUS!

Residents bordering on Elms Park had a bit of a surprise last month when a senior member of the Royal Family dropped in on them – quite literally!

All eyes turned skyward on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May as the Queen's Helicopter suddenly appeared and descended noisily onto the playing field – before unloading Prince Andrew and his entourage into waiting vehicles.



An onlooker said "We wondered what on earth was going on? When it landed a bunch of chaps in suits got out and were driven off in white  
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## PARISH COUNCILLORS

The following are your Parish Councillors and the Wards they represent, along with guidelines of the area each Ward covers. If there is any doubt about which Ward your property is in, you can look on the website [www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk](http://www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk) or you can ring the Parish Council Office on 0115 914 6660.

### **Michael McGowan, Marion Pell, Barbara Venes and Rachel Wilson all represent Camelot Ward –**

Ashworth Ave (49-151), Birkin Ave, Bradmore Ave, Brookside Gdns, Brookside Rd, Camelot Cres, Camelot St, Clifton Ave, Clifton La (part – north side Westholme to Berridale), Clifton Rd (north side 1-107, south side Victoria Ct – 114), Fairham Cl, Grange Ave, Grenay Ct, Ling Cres (17-71), Lyons Cl, Manor Pk (part), North Rd, Packman Dr (29-57), Paget Cl, St Mary's Cres (5-17 & 6-18), Samson Ct, Savages Rd (1-5 & 2-4a), Savages Row (1-19 & 2-16), Shelton Gdns, Templeman Cl, Trent Ave, Wilford Cres, Wilford Rd (15-123 & 70-148 & Ivy Cott) and Woodhouse Gdns.

### **Arun Chopra, Ken Piggott and Nick Tegerdine all represent Easthorpe Ward (1 vacancy) –**

Abingdon Dr, Ashworth Ave (1-47, 2-48 & School Bungalow), Cumberland Cl, Devon Dr, Easthorpe St (1-93 & 2-48 incl Easthorpe Cottages), Flawforth Lane (part), High St (part), Kirk Lane (north side), Landmere Lane (part), Ling Cres (1-15 & 2-20), Loughborough Rd (part), Lower Canaan, Old Rd, Orchard Hse, Packman Dr (1-27 & 2-64), Peartree Orchard, Rufford Rd, Rufford Wk, St. John's Rd, St Mary's Cres (31-79 &

20-88), Salcombe Cres, Saxby Ct, Sycamore Cl, Upper Canaan, Wayte Ct, Widdowsons Row, Wilford Rd (part), Wilsons Ct and Woodley St.

### **Sheila Chambers, Peter Lyons-Lewis, Peter McGowan, Surinder Kaur Samra all represent Flawford Ward –**

Asher La, Barleylands, Carter Ave, Charles St, Church St, Dixon Dr, Dunblane Rd, Elms Cl, Elms Gdns, Elms Pk, Fields Ave, Flawforth Ave, Flawforth La, Greenwood Gdns, Harvey Cl, Kempson St, Kirk La, Leys Ct, Leys Rd, Loughborough Rd (part), McLaren Gdns, Mere Way, Moor La, Parkyns St, Sellors Ave, Sheepfold La, Shrimpton Ct, Stevenson Gdns, The Green and Wesley Way.

### **Barbara Breakwell, Martin Walsh and Allen Wood all represent Manor Ward (1 vacancy) –**

Asher La (part), Barton Cl, Bladon Rd, Blenheim Cl, Bradbury Gdns, Brettsil Dr, Buttery Gdns, Chapel St, Chartwell Ave, Church St (part), Churchill Dr, Clifton La (part), Cooper Gdns, Davidson Gdns, Distillery St, Fuller St, Jewitt Way, Malting Cl, Manor Pk (part), Martin Cres, Musters Rd, Old Station Dr, Pasture La, Peacock Cl, Rainham Gdns, Roe Gdns, St Peter's Cres, Sandhurst Dr, Shaw St, Spencer Cl, Sutton Gdns, Top Rd, Vicarage La, Westerham Rd, Western Flds, Wibberley Dr, Wilford Rd (part – 9, The Hermitage, The Vicarage).

## RUSHCLIFFE COUNCILLORS

Your new Rushcliffe Borough Councillors are: Nigel Boughton-Smith, Jean Greenwood and John Lungley.

*(Royal Rendezvous! cont'd from page 3)*  
Range Rovers. The helicopter then flew away (pictured) and I 'Googled' its registration number – confirming that it belongs to Her Majesty!"

His Royal Highness, The Duke of York, was visiting Experian on the Ruddington Fields Business Park before going on to the University of Nottingham in his capacity as the UK's Special Representative for International Trade and Investment. *(Researched & written by Graham Wright)*

## RE-LOCATION TO RUDDINGTON

After 21 years of service to the community, The Castle Clinic formerly of The Ropewalk has re-located to Ruddington. Pictured below is the proprietor Michael Pook with Marie Males, Mayor of Rushcliffe at the official opening on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.



The Castle Clinic is a Natural Healing Centre and is located at 5a High Street.

## “HERMITAGE PRE-SCHOOL IS GOOD” – That's official.

For nearly 45 years the Hermitage Preschool has provided daily term time sessions for the young children of our village. It has been influential in the Early Education of numerous village residents and the current staff, committee, parents/carers and

children were delighted when a recent Ofsted Inspection judged the Preschool to be “good” The Inspector commented that - *“The preschool successfully makes all children and their families feel individual and valued”*

If you have a young child and want to be part of that environment drop into the Preschool any weekday morning for further details. Well done to them all and here's to the next 45 years!

## CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Ruddington Village Colts Football Club played its Annual Charity Match which is usually played on Boxing Day but had to be re-scheduled due to adverse conditions in December.

This year the Club dedicated the match (which is played by Managers versus Parents) to the memory of Rotarian Roy Pownall of the Rotary Club of Keyworth and Ruddington, who after completing his collection on the Rotary Club's Christmas Float on December 10<sup>th</sup>, had a massive seizure on his way home and died. The Football Club were also on duty on the float that night, helping with the collection, as they have done for many years and were keen to show their respect at the passing of a colleague.

The co-operation between the Colts Football Club and Rotary Club has been on-going since the onset of fund raising efforts for the Jubilee Clubhouse many years ago. From the proceeds of this match the Football Club will be making a donation to Roy's widow Liz's charity “Kidney Research UK” which was Roy's speciality as a Doctor of Chemistry.