

RUDDINGTON DIARY

Saturday 3rd September

Cycle Camp Weekender – A weekend camping trip open to all cyclists. Ride starts outside Ruddington Dental Practice at 9.30am prompt. Ring 07824 508535 for information.

GCRN Ruddington – Friends of Nottingham Society of Model & Experimental Engineers Rally. (Also Sunday 4th September)

Sunday 4th September

The Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park

Tea, coffee and cakes from 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Education Room at Rushcliffe Country Park. Also today, Specimen House Plants sale in aid of Rainbows and RCP.

Footpath Walk - Cropwell Bishop and Cropwell Butler including Grantham Canal. Meet 2.30pm on The Green.

Monday 5th September

Safer Neighbourhoods – Meet with your local officers at James Peacock School, 3.30pm and 4pm to discuss local issues.

Ruddington & District Choral Society's first meeting of the season at 7.30pm, St. Peter's Junior School. No auditions necessary. Details 0115 921 1451.

Tuesday 6th September

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

Thursday 8th September

Ruddington Ladies' Probus Club AGM & "Radio Times" a talk by Tony Houghton, at St. Peter's Rooms comm 2pm. Visitors & new members welcome.

Friday 9th September

Safer Neighbourhoods – Meet with your local officers outside the Co-op, Church Street 10am to 11am, to discuss local issues.

Friday 9th September (cont'd)

Western Front Association presents Tour of the Western Front (Part 1) at St. Peter's Rooms from 7.30pm. Non-members welcome and are asked to make a donation of £3.50.

Saturday 10th September

Parish Council Surgery – Your opportunity to meet with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors to discuss local issues. 10am to 12 noon in the Hall at St. Peter's Rooms.

Notts Historic Churches – Ride and Stride Coffee Morning at St. Peter's Church from 10am to 2pm.

Wednesday 14th September

Ruddington WI Harvest Supper & Raffle at St. Peter's Rooms 8pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Friday 16th September

Ruddington Business Partnership – Meeting from 8am in the upstairs room at Philo's. All local businesses are welcome.

Tuesday 20th September

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

Saturday 24th September

Safer Neighbourhoods – Meet with your local officers on High Street between 11am and 12 noon, to discuss issues in your area.

Sunday 25th September

Cycle City Ride – Celebrate Nottingham's rich cycling heritage. Sociable company, vintage bikes and local knowledge will be on offer. Prizes & picnic at Highfields Park. Meet 10.30am prompt outside Ruddington Dental Practice. Ring 07824 508535 for details.

Thursday 29th September

Safer Neighbourhoods – Meet with your local officers at St. Peter's School 8.30-9am

MYSTERY PHOTO: An Innocent Smoothie bottle with a WI hat on – see front page.

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WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT?



Members of our Women's Institute group are busy knitting "hats" in various colours and designs to support the Age UK "BIG KNIT" Campaign.

Later in the year, their creations will be put on the top of Innocent Smoothie bottles and sold in stores across the UK.

For each hat knitted, 25p is donated to Age UK to make winter warmer for older people. The charity is hoping to get donations of 650,000 hats - so keep up the good work ladies!

(Written by Barbara Breakwell)

BLACK THE BAKER

Just nine months after taking over the Village Café on High Street, a popular Ruddington businesswoman has now also taken on The Old Bakehouse shop and café on Church Street. Stacey Black, a former caterer with Nottinghamshire County Council, has acquired the lease for the premises which are still owned by Horspool family member Pat Adkin. Stacey told me "A bakery outlet ties in perfectly with the café business and initially I'll be sourcing all our bread, fresh each day, from a local baker. Eventually, I'm looking to acquire the rest of the building too, with a view to re-starting the old bakery on site. But a lot of the original ovens and equipment have

been removed so it'll be quite costly to put back."



From the start of this month, new recruit Denise has taken over the day to day running of the Village Café whilst Stacey concentrates on her new bakery business. But existing
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COFFEE IN THE VILLAGE

Meet friends and have a cup of coffee or tea at St Peter's Rooms every Thursday morning from 10.30am to 12 noon. All profits to go charity and you'll be made very welcome.



Coffee 80p, tea 50p, biscuits free.

Also, anyone who has difficulties with cooking a lunch for themselves is welcome to join the Thursday Lunch Club. Please contact Muriel Woodhead on 0115 9845666 for more information.

RUDDINGTON BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH

Ruddington Business Partnership had a successful first meeting on Friday 19th August at Philo's. There was a good mix of people from local businesses and those who would like to do business with other business owners in Ruddington. A wide range of companies were in attendance including printers, accountants, a photographer, a yoga therapist and an executive chauffeur, some well established firms and some new ones. Financial institutions were well represented by the local Shepshed Building Society along with Nat West and commercial debt management. Additional professionals covered business planning, marketing, sales and health & safety. All have a shared

interest in meeting and doing business in Ruddington. See the Diary for details of the next meeting.

(Supplied by Ian Wilson)

PRESIDENT'S DAY RAISES £500

What a grand day it was! The weather was perfect – not too hot. There were around 60 people there including past members and friends of the club. The food was excellent and very plentiful thanks to the President's daughter in law Sally, who worked all day to provide food and drinks for everyone. Thanks also to everyone who helped her in between bowling.



Competition winners L to R: George Holland, Audrey Whitehead, (Frank Hill, President), Jan Slater & Ian Cook. Frank decided to give all the proceeds to the club this year and we managed to raise the princely sum of £500. Frank will send a donation to the Scleroderma research fund in memory of his wife Ann. Apart from fund raising, we did have a bowls competition and 48 people took part. Three of our new members were in the successful teams.

If you would like more information about Ruddington Bowls Club, please ring Fran Dent on 0115 914 6707.

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in Ruddington". Well, next year, something is going to happen!

The idea is to celebrate Ruddington in all its guises and to bring residents of all ages together to have a fun filled afternoon / evening using Elms Park as a venue. If you have any ideas of what you would like to happen on that day let us know on ruddington2012@virginmedia.com and we will see what we can do and if you'd like to help we would love to hear from you too. *(Barbara Breakwell)*

GIVING NATURE A HELPING HAND

Autumn is coming and for nature reserves this heralds that start of the work party season. Whether it is looking after the infrastructure, mowing meadows, cutting back the scrub or giving ponds a bit of TLC it is time to get out in the fresh air. This sort of activity helps to maintain some of our best wildlife habitats and the species that use them. Our local nature reserves surrounded by farming and/or housing require active management to prevent them losing their interest in the long run. If this sort of work appeals to you now is as good a time as any to get up and out.



Your local work party is **Wilwell Farm Cutting** - Meets on the first Saturday of each month, 1pm till 4pm. Work includes grassland maintenance and coppicing. Contact Gordon Dyne on

0115 8784842. For details of all Rushcliffe reserves, work parties, walks, open days etc in Rushcliffe visit www.southnottswildlife.org.uk



MYSTERY PHOTO -

How well did you read the Newsletter?
Answer on page 8

GARDENING IN LATE SUMMER

There are lots of things you can be doing in your garden in late summer. Continue to give your lawn a weekly trim to keep the weeds down and the grass tidy. However, if it's already infested with weeds and moss, now is the time to sprinkle on an autumn lawn treatment. Keep watering tomato plants daily and increase the liquid feed to ensure healthy fruit. Remove any yellow leaves at the base by snapping off the stems. To keep courgette plants productive, harvest the courgettes a few times a week when they are still small. There is still time to grow lettuce and it can be grown very easily in tubs of compost on the patio or in pots on a sunny windowsill. Make sure to water carrots if it's very dry, especially if you're growing them in pots. Try to give them an occasional thorough drenching rather than frequent but light waterings, as this allows the water to reach the roots where it does most good. Finally, boost flowers in your hanging basket by dead-heading all old flowers and watering with a weekly liquid feed.

(Helen & Simon Beale at Perkins)

village. If you think you might be able to help, please contact the Parish Council Office for more information.

“THANK YOU” JAMES PEACOCK

September brings a new school year and several of our young residents will be beginning their Secondary School education. As residents of the village they each will have recently received a gift due to the generosity of a resident born in the village in 1585. James Peacock, in his will of 1641, made an endowment to “promote the education of the children of Ruddington”.

The Trustees of the James Peacock Educational Foundation ensure that his bequest is maintained. In 1980 they agreed that a bible and dictionary would be given to each 11 year old resident in the Parish of Ruddington with an individually named and dated presentation label in the front cover. In 1983 a calculator was added and so these three items are now annually distributed as a lasting legacy of a former resident. Perhaps you have a “first edition” dated 1980?

(Written by Barbara Breakwell)

BLACK THE BAKER *(cont'd from pg 1)* café staff will be trained to work at both premises. “I won't be changing too much at the bakery to start with and will still be offering celebration cakes, packed lunches and food on site as before. But I'm planning to offer discounts between the café and bakery to encourage customers old and new.”

Soon there'll be a new name on the frontage too. “The Village Bakery, Ruddington” is now at your service! *(Researched & written by Graham Wright)*

RETIRED & LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?.....

Join Ruddington Probus Club. If you're a retired or semi-retired gentleman with too much spare time on your hands, Ruddington & District Probus Club could hold the answer. We meet at Ruddington Grange Golf Club every first and third Wednesday to enjoy an informative and interesting talk from a guest speaker followed by an excellent lunch. It's a great opportunity to stay active, socialise with like-minded people and be entertained on a wide variety of topics. Recent talks have ranged from 'Life as a Dairy Farmer' to antiques restoration, and birds of prey (complete with birds!) to presentations from local charities.

We're currently seeking new members to join our lively and light-hearted Probus Group so if you're interested, please contact Roy Boyles by email royskiboyles@yahoo.co.uk or phone 0115 921 5735. There's a one-off joining fee of just £10 and meeting fees of £12 to cover the costs of lunch (two courses plus coffee) and the guest speaker.

Retired or semi-retired lady? You can join Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club. Contact Mrs Anne Hughes on 0115 984 7189 for details.

(Researched and written by Faye Stenson)

JULY 14TH 2012 A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Following on from a well attended meeting held on the 21st July, a group of local residents are beginning preparations for a village “event” to take place on Saturday, July 14th next year. This is in response to the comments that “Nothing ever happens

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

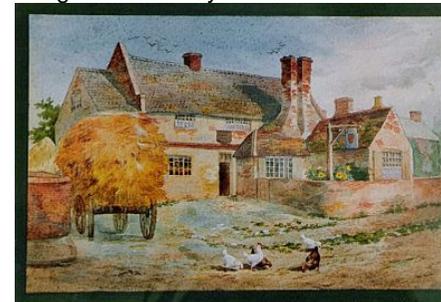
The Parish Council only has an observational roll in this connection but is still an important part of the consultation process. Frequently, this is mostly based on visual observation of the location by individual Parish Councillors. We are aware that on occasions written comments are made directly to Rushcliffe Borough Council but it would be extremely helpful if a copy could be sent to the Parish Council Office as this can be of considerable help to Councillors, especially when there are contentious issues to consider. If it is more convenient, you can always email or telephone your comments, or even call in and speak to one of the staff. The Parish Council has limited powers but let us use these as effectively as possible.

(By Parish Councillor Allen Wood)

OLIVER'S BUTCHERS:

The History of a Family and its Business (Part 2)

In the second part of our three part feature on David Oliver and his family, David tells us more about life as a butcher in 1950s and 60s Ruddington and what shopping was like in the village in those days.



The painting of the Red Heart pub by Alfred Oliver (1868-1943) as mentioned in Part 1 (Village Newsletter August 2011)

Post-war life as a butcher

Wartime rationing continued into the early 1950s, and the sale of meat was restricted to one shilling's worth per person. To supplement their diet, many people in Ruddington kept their own pigs. These were kept anywhere there was space, often at people's homes or on their allotments, until the animals had been fattened up. At Christmas, David's father, Thomas 'Bill' Oliver, would slaughter the pigs, de-bone them, cut them up and salt them before returning them to his customers. The salting, or curing, process took several weeks. As well as common salt, salt petre was also put into the spaces where the bones had been.



An advertisement from the 1960's. Lack of storage space sometimes proved a problem, as David recalls: 'Pigs then were much bigger than they are now, so you needed a lot of space to cure the meat. One Christmas we slaughtered 38 pigs and we didn't have enough room for all the meat in our cellar. So we stored the rest in other people's cellars around the village that they'd agreed to loan out.' Once the cured meat was returned to the customers, it would be hung up in the kitchen or another airy place, often wrapped in muslin to keep flies away. The circulating air would help stop the

meat going off and, in time, would also have a hardening effect so the meat would need soaking to make it cuttable before being cooked.

During the 1950s, most of the meat sold at Oliver's came from cattle, sheep and pigs. Chicken was less important as many people still kept their own hens, but in the late 1950s, turkeys started to become popular. Pork products were a cornerstone of the business, with two people employed to make sausages. And pork pies were made on the premises until the mid-1980's to a recipe developed by David's grandmother, Elizabeth, during the Second World War when she ran the shop whilst Bill was in the army. In the 1950s, Oliver's employed up to 10 people to work in the shop and slaughterhouse and to make deliveries.

Before the days of refrigeration, the trays of pre-cut meat that we're now so familiar with were unheard of. Instead, the meat was always cut in front of the customer and to the customer's exact specifications. 'We had refrigeration installed after the war,' says David. 'Before then, the Nottingham Ice Company would deliver ice to us twice a week and we'd keep the meat in the large, walk-in fridge that's still there. After we had refrigeration, we were able to start displaying meat in the window and under the counter, like they do now.'

Shopping in Ruddington in the 1950s and 60s

As many people didn't have a fridge or a freezer at home, they had to buy fresh produce much more often than they do now. Housewives would set off to the shops at least every other day to buy meat and other essentials. However, many people liked their food to be delivered, and David remembers

making endless rounds of meat and egg deliveries by bicycle in the early part of his career. 'Very few people drove to the shops back then. In fact, there were very few cars in Ruddington at all. Most people walked to the shops and there was a much wider selection than there is now. We were just one of three butcher's shops in the village, not counting the Co-op. Amongst other shops, there were three grocers, a number of greengrocers, two barber's shops, a chemist and several chip shops. The Co-op on Church Street was still a proper department store, with four departments all self-contained and no self-service until 1959.'



These were the days of personal service, when shopkeepers knew their customers by name and served them individually – and there was no rush to get the shopping done quickly. In today's self-service environment, butchers' shops are one of the few places that traditional face to face retailing still takes place.

In the third and final part of our mini-series, David describes the changes that took place within his business in the 1970s and 80s.

(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)

SUNRISE & SUNSET

Robert Dodd of Loughborough Road has kindly supplied the Parish Council with a full schedule of sunrise and

sunset times for Ruddington. This information could be invaluable for someone wishing to plan an evening event, especially during the autumn or early winter months. Please ask at the Parish Council office if you wish to take a look.

GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS

Front Garden:

Winner - Mrs L Sharpe (£25)

Second place – Mr E Radford (£15)

Third place – Mrs J Ward (£10)

Window Boxes / Baskets / Planters:

Winner – Mr V Calladine (£25)

Second place – Mr S P Horton (£15)

Third place – Mr D R Wharmby (£10)

Overall winner of the Harold Wroughton Memorial Trophy is Mrs L Sharp (£25)



“PHOTOGRAPHIC” GARDEN COMPETITION”

Judging will take place soon after the closing date of 31st August. We hope to be able to print some of the best pictures in the autumn and winter Newsletters.

POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says:

“Can I draw your attention to the purpose of dropped kerbs with tactiles (bumpy surfaces)? This facility is provided to enable people with impaired vision, pushchairs, mobility aids, etc. to more easily get onto and off the pavement. If you park in front of one of these facilities, it makes it

very difficult for some people to get around the village and can cause considerable problems for those with poor eyesight or who use wheelchairs or mobility scooters. Please park with consideration.”

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

Ruddington Fun

This summer the village has seen a variety of activities for children and young people. They have been able to act, make things, explore and visit new places, cook, play sports, make music and hunt for bugs – to name just a few!

The eight volunteers who are the committee of “Ruddington Fun” would like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and to also thank once again all the organisations whose support made it possible. By working together we hopefully managed to provide a whole mixture of activities at various venues and at various costs to enable families to stay in our village and have fun. We hope to be able to do more in future holidays, once we have recovered from this one!

(Written by Barbara Breakwell)

CAN YOU HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

Do you have a few hours a month to spare on a Wednesday morning? We are looking for volunteers to drive our community bus which provides an essential service for pensioners in the