

Sunday 1st April

Tea, Coffee & Cakes from 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Education Room (by the lake) at Rushcliffe Country Park. In aid of FoRCP

Footpath Walk - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. Gamston - Grantham Canal Linear Walk. Meet 2.30pm on The Green.

Wednesday 4th April

Dabble at a game of SCRABBLE - at the White Horse Inn, Church Street comm 2pm.

"Dead Men Talking" a talk presented by Ruddington & District Probus Club at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Phone 0115 921 4139 ext 22 for more information.

Saturday 7th April

Celebrate Easter at the Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum's Easter Fun Day. Find lost bunnies, face painting, guess the weight of the cake, children's crafts and much more. Normal entrance charges apply or free entry for any child with a bunny or wearing an Easter Bonnet. 11am to 4.30pm

Wednesday 11th April

Ruddington W.I. Annual Meeting - Choose the team to run your W.I. Also entertainment by Attenborough Handbell Ringers at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street comm 7.15pm

Thursday 12th April

"On The Buses" - a talk by Peter Hammond presented by Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 2pm. New members welcome.

Saturday 14th April

Parish Council Surgery - Meet with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors to discuss local issues. Also **Safer**

Neighbourhoods - your local officers are also present to discuss local issues. 10am to 12 noon in the Hall at St. Peter's Rooms.

Tuesday 17th April

Environment & Community Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th April

Ruddington & District Probus Club presents "Hatching & Dispatching" at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Phone 0115 921 4139 ext 22 for more information.

Police Priority Setting Meeting at West Bridgford Police Station 1pm to 2pm

Ruddington Gardeners' Association. An open meeting at the Hermitage with Mike Davey giving a talk on "A suburban garden throughout the year". Start time 7.15pm

Friday 20th April

Ruddington Business Partnership - An opportunity for local businesses to meet and network. Call in to Philo's on the High Street between 8am and 9am. New businesses welcome.

Spring Fashion Show - See page 4.

Saturday 21st April

Spring Fair in aid of Riding for the Disabled at St. Peter's Rooms. Tombola, cakes, raffle, books, jam & pickles, bric a brac and more. 10am to 12noon. Entry 50p which includes refreshments.

Sunday 22nd April

Road Transport Event - Springtime road transport collection event at GCRN Ruddington. Trucks, buses and cars from yesteryear are displayed plus trade stands. Miniature railway and train services also available. Ring 0115 940 5705 or see www.gcrn.co.uk for details.

Tuesday 24th April

Annual Parish Meeting see page 1.

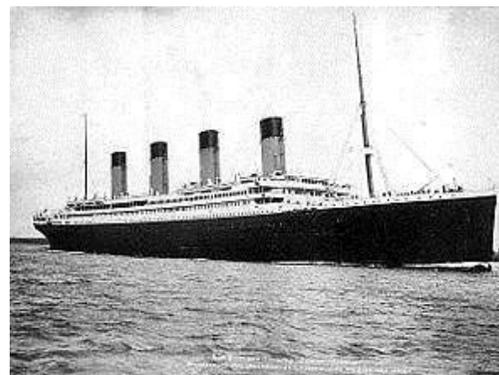
Saturday 28th April

Brownies' Coffee Morning - see page 7.

Spring Diesel Gala at GCRN Ruddington. A selection of trains operating from the 1960's, 70's and 80's, as well as a very special guest locomotive. - Also Sunday 29th April.

Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

RMS TITANIC



One hundred years ago, in the early hours of April 15th 1912, the RMS Titanic sank in the North Atlantic following a collision with an iceberg. Of 2223 passengers and crew on board 1517 perished. One family in Ruddington was particularly affected by this tragedy. The only sister of Thomas Andrews Jr, the chief designer at the Belfast ship builders Harland and Wolff, lived in the village. He was lost on the fateful maiden voyage.

Eliza Montgomery Andrews was married to Lawrence Arthur Hind, a Nottingham solicitor and son of Jesse Hind of Edwalton Hall. *The Northern Whig*, April 27 1906, reported that their wedding at Comber, Co Down was attended by a "very large and fashionable congregation". On the 1911 census the family are living in Manor Park with their two young daughters Eileen and Edith.



Lawrence Hind MC, 38 year old Lt. Colonel of 1/7th Sherwood Foresters, is remembered on the War Memorial in Ruddington and at Comber. He died on 1st July 1916, on the Somme battlefields in Northern France.

Photos – Wikipedia. Above: Titanic. Right: Andrews Family 1895. Eliza Montgomery (known as Nina) standing behind her brother Thomas. (By Kay Steer)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On Tuesday 24th April, the Annual Parish Meeting will take place at St. Peter's Rooms starting at 7.30pm. This meeting is only open to electors from the Parish and provides an opportunity to raise concerns and hear about the work undertaken by the Parish Council during the previous 12 months. Refreshments will be served after the meeting and you will get the opportunity to meet and talk to your Parish Councillors.

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LITTLE SEEDLINGS



Little Seedlings Child-minders, established in Ruddington in 2009 by Jane Garner, has gone from strength to strength now looking after 20 children each week. Recently Jane and her assistant Sam were joined by 25 Little Seedlings children, past, present and future, their parents and some grandparents at Rushcliffe Country Park. They all had a great time running, walking and toddling a mile for Sport Relief, followed by a picnic in the park. Over the past two years Little Seedlings has raised over £750 for charity with Sport Relief being the latest beneficiary, well done everyone! For more details about Little Seedlings please contact Jane on 07748 025 281.

RUDDINGTON GOES DARK!

You might not have noticed yet - unless you're up or awake in the early hours - but a large part of Ruddington now goes DARK during the night! It follows a consultation with village residents late last year on plans to switch off many of the street lights in our village overnight. Notts. County Council was aiming to save 25 per cent of previous energy usage by turning off some lighting between midnight and 5.30am. As a result of concerns from villagers the switch-off hasn't been quite as extensive as originally planned - with lights on Clifton Road and around Church

Street and The Green now remaining lit whilst ever it's dark. This is in addition to our other main through-routes along Wilford Road, Easthorpe Street, Kirk Lane and Loughborough Road. Certain other clusters of overhead lights are unaffected where they are along public footpaths, away from roads or in areas of sheltered accommodation. However nearly all our estate roads are now going dark in the early hours. Lamps with part night operation have been clearly labeled for information (see photo). But there's also a Ruddington map available, showing all the street lights affected, which can be downloaded from the www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk web site. (By Graham Wright)



VILLAGE BUTCHER CELEBRATES

Ruddington Village Butchers' celebrated its first year of trading on 23rd March and put on quite a show. Stuart White wanted to thank residents for their support and did so by putting on a spread of sandwiches, crisps, pork pie, wine and soft drinks for everyone who visited the shop on the day. He and Shane were so rushed off their feet that they didn't even manage to take any photos of the event! They just hope that the village continues to support them.

ACTIVE KIDS COUPONS

If you're collecting Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's, the scheme closes on 10 April so please give your vouchers to one of our village schools on or before that date. The Hermitage Preschool, James

GET WILDLIFE GARDENING



Thinking of making your garden more wildlife friendly or want some ideas to go further? Worry not - help is at hand from various sources. Local Laura Turner is creating a film on wildlife gardening - "The Wildlife Gardening Project" - supported by a web site containing practical video clips on a variety of topics. www.wildlifegardenproject.com. In addition the Notts Wildlife Trust's - South Notts Local Group also has a set of wildlife gardening booklets including specialist topics about birds and butterflies. If you want one of those sets please send your address to G Dyne (NWT), 6 Lyons Close, Ruddington, Notts NG11 6BQ or E Mail to gordon.dyne@gmail.com.

CREATED IN AN AFTERNOON!

On Saturday 3 March, 51 singers of all ages, abilities and experience, from the anxious to the expert, came together at St Peter's Church for the very first time in a charity event to raise funds for the Ngora Hospital Charity through the Teso Development Trust. After an exhausting but enjoyable afternoon, the choir gave their first public performance when they sang four pieces to an audience of



family and friends all of whom were incredulous that such a high standard could be achieved in such a short time. Special congratulations go to Joe Owen who sang the lead in Bob Marley's *One Love*, backed by the choir singing in 3 parts. The choir was joined in the concert by the Mirabilé Ladies ensemble, who performed a selection of songs they are preparing for the Sangerstevne International Festival on May 12th and their tour of Italy in June. The concert concluded with the combined voices of the Ruddington Community Choir and Mirabilé singing the highly appropriate 'Thank You for the Music'. The whole event was a huge success with over £300 raised for the Ngora charity. To find out more, e-mail musical director bernie@brachamusic.co.uk



BROWNIES COFFEE MORNING

The 3rd Ruddington Brownies are holding a coffee morning at St. Peter's Rooms on Saturday 28th April to raise funds for their pack holiday. There will be a cake stall, tombola, craft stalls and much more. Come along between 10am and 12 noon - entry 50p which includes tea or coffee & biscuits.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Are you in the village on Wednesday or Thursday mornings? Come to St. Peter's Rooms for a hot drink and some good company. Lorna's Coffee Morning on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am or Muriel's Coffee Morning on Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon. All prices include biscuits

decommissioned in 1983. Over 200 acres were redeveloped as our Country Park – which was opened in 1993. But 38 acres were earmarked for business use – and the number of companies which have moved onto the site over the last twenty years may surprise you!

One of the most high profile is Experian – given a royal seal of approval last year when The Duke of York flew in by helicopter to see the huge data centre at work and praised the company for developing innovative ideas. Welcome Financial Services is also a major employer, at Britannia House, whilst independent christian bank, The Kingdom Bank, now has its headquarters here alongside Salt Insurance, Assemblies of God Inc and the AOG Property Trust. Nottinghamshire County Council administers its employees' pension funds from Oak House. Capita IT has chosen to have one of its 15 UK offices in our business park whilst ERGO promises "full-scale ICT solutions". Telecom equipment and systems giant NEC also has a base on Mere Way. Medical firms include Quotient Clinical & Bioresearch and Pharmaceutical Profiles. Greene Tweed offer "sealing solutions for the most extreme environments" – manufacturing components for the aerospace, oil field, petrochemical processing, semiconductor and solar industries. And there are dozens of other smaller businesses, too numerous to mention, renting office space and carrying out their trades within many of these state-of-the-art buildings!

Finally, Ruddington Fields Business Park also has a big role in education - The National College for School Leadership is based at Limehouse.

But one of its biggest boasts is EMCAT – incorporating South Nottingham College and the East Midlands' Centre for Automotive Training. For over 15 years this has been creating the mechanics of tomorrow with help from The GM Academy, The Honda Institute and other partners. And, only last month, the new Kia Academy opened there – which has not only four workshops and seven training rooms but also a replica Kia Showroom to focus on the sales' side of the business! They plan to train more than 700 apprentices there over the next ten years.

So there really is much more to Ruddington than initially meets the eye – and we'll unearth even more surprises next month!
(By Graham Wright)

RUDDINGTON FESTIVAL

On Saturday 14th July, for the first time in well over a decade, a community event will be taking place in the village. Organised by local residents it will include a walking procession through the village with a red, white and blue theme, an afternoon of activities, information and stalls on Elms Park and evening attractions in the village. The aim is to do something in the village to celebrate **our** village and **you** are invited to join in. You could join the procession, come to the Park or even offer to help on the day, the choice is yours. Put the date in your diary: **Saturday July 14th from 12 noon.**

Watch for further details around the village and dropping through your door. If you would like to help in any way please email

ruddington2012@virginmedia.com

(By Barbara Breakwell)

Peacock and St Peter's are all collecting the vouchers which help schools meet the cost of buying sports and leisure equipment helping pupils stay fit and active. *(By Faye Stenson)*

ELLIE SECURES APPRENTICESHIP



West Bridgford Estate Agents Mark Bygott Intercounty are bucking the economic trend and have recruited an apprentice negotiator to add to their existing sales team. Ellie Gibson (19) who lives in Ruddington was delighted to be offered the opportunity to get some hands on experience in the Estate Agency world. *"I consider myself very lucky to be offered a placement in such a well regarded local firm, who seem to place such an emphasis on staff and their training. I knew a little about Intercounty as my family bought and sold their property in Ruddington through them previously."* Director Mark Bygott is a great fan of the scheme having employed many trainees in the past under the old Youth Training Scheme.

LANDMARK TO GO

It is with regret that the Parish Council has been advised to take down the large tree known as a False Acacia, opposite the Co-op on Church Street. Rushcliffe Borough Council's Tree Preservation Officer was consulted when fungal growth was found at the

base of the tree and also to advise on general maintenance pruning. The officer recommended that the Parish Council instruct a specialist company to use Picus Sonic Tomograph Decay Detection to assess the health of the tree and the results were that there *"was a higher percentage of damaged / dysfunctional wood than sound wood in the base of the main stem"*.



The tree will be cut down to a stump and the stump treated to prevent regrowth. The Borough Preservation Officer has also recommended that the tree is eventually replaced with something smaller.

LOCAL MAN TRIUMPHS

Ruddington resident Mark Brown has won a gold medal in the curling event at the 2012 Winter World Transplant Games, held last month in Anzère, Switzerland. It's the second time the 45 year old kidney transplant patient has helped the British curling team to victory at the Games, as they also won the gold in 2001. On top of that, Mark won a gold medal for snowboarding in the 2010 Games and a bronze in the slalom event in 2004. Mark has a hereditary condition called Alport syndrome, which meant his kidneys started to fail when he was in his mid 20s. He spent more than 20 months on dialysis before receiving a kidney transplant aged 27.

He's been competing in the Winter World Transplant Games since 1999, and told the Nottingham Post: 'It's always a fun event. It's really enjoyable and we always have a good social time. One of the main things about the Games is raising awareness (of organ donation). It's putting a face on it so people can see the difference it can make.'

This year, Mark took part in all the skiing and snowboarding downhill events, as well as skipping one of Great Britain's two curling teams. 2012 marks the fifth time Mark has competed in the Winter World Transplant Games – and the 18th anniversary of his transplant. Well done Mark! (By Faye Stenson)

LUCY BAGLEY 1936 - 2012

On Friday 23rd March, around 200 people attended the Methodist Church to help celebrate the life of Lucy Bagley. Lucy was very well known in Ruddington and had taught at James Peacock School, eventually becoming Head Teacher there. She was also a founder member of the Ruddington based Phoenix Bridge Club. Lucy recently moved to Ruddington with her husband and son.

SPRING FASHION SHOW



Ruddington WI invites you to a Fashion Show by Edinburgh Woollen Mill on Friday 20th April at 7.15pm in St. Peter's Rooms.

Tickets are £3 each and there is a 20% discount on everything purchased on the night. Ring Evelyn on 0115 921 2423 or Ivy on 0115 984 4449 for tickets.

POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says:

"Parking problems are not as a rule a police matter. However, highway obstructions are a police matter and can result in you receiving a fixed penalty notice which will cost you £60. If you park on double yellow lines or in restricted parking areas, this will be dealt with by a parking warden who can also issue tickets. If however, the vehicle is in a position which causes an obstruction to other road users including pedestrians, then the police can (and will) take action. My attention has been brought to parking obstructions near to the Jubilee Playing Field, particularly on football match days, when vehicles are being left on Loughborough Road potentially obstructing the footpath and accesses to private dwellings. Can we make you aware that there is alternative parking both on Mere Way, where you can walk along the new cycle route to both Jubilee Playing Field and Elms Park, or use the parking area on Elms Park itself. Can I also remind you to lock your vehicle and remove all valuables as we are still having problems with theft from insecure motor vehicles."

Police contact numbers are:

Dial 101 for non emergencies.

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

LABYRINTH OPENS

A 22 mtr, 7 circuit classical labyrinth opened at Rushcliffe Country Park on Saturday 24th March. It is the latest attraction for visitors to the park after local residents requested different activities for all ages and abilities. It

was officially opened by Councillor Reg Adair who supported the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park's application to NCC's Local Improvement Scheme. Cllr Adair also donated £1,000 through his Councillors' Divisional Fund.

FRAMEWORK KNITTERS MUSEUM



The Framework Knitters' Museum will be reopening to the public on 4th April following its winter closed period. This year the museum will be hosting a number of exciting events including a special children's event for Easter and a 'Worker's Playtime' celebration for the May Day Bank Holiday. In addition to this the museum has made a number of improvements to the site and is preparing for the opening of its new Textile Emporium shop which it believes will enrich the retail provision in the village. The museum will be open to the public Wednesday to Saturday 11am to 4pm and on Sunday from 1.30pm to 4pm.

LOCAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have a community spirit and an enquiring mind? Do you like the idea of having your say about the development of a small programme of courses for adults being delivered right here in the village? Would you be interested in attending occasional

meetings to help plan local learning opportunities? Working in partnership with a designated courses organiser from the WEA (Workers'



Educational Association), with access to a large panel of tutors offering all sorts of subjects, you could be part of a small group of local residents who not only share our passion for adult learning but also help us to bring this passion to the village of Ruddington. If you would like to have an informal chat about the possibilities and opportunities the WEA can offer, please call Lindsey Tasker on 0115 984 5840 or 07919 528 109. Alternatively you can send an email to ltasker@wea.org.uk

OUT OF VILLAGE BUSINESSES Part 2

Last month we ventured out of the village centre to begin a journey of discovery - of lesser known businesses away from the busy high street that are also vital for local employment and our region's economy. This month we continue at the southern boundary – calling in at Ruddington Fields Business Park.



Most village residents will know that this site was reclaimed from a World War Two MOD depot which was