

## RUDDINGTON DIARY

### Wednesday 3rd April

**Ruddington Fun** - FREE Easter Holiday Session including Crafts, Suncatchers, Play Dough and Junk Modelling. Baby and toddler area supported by Surestart. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Village Hall 2pm to 4pm.  
**'From Russia With Love'** by Catherine McAteer presented by Ruddington and District Probus Club at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Ring 0115 921 4139 ext 22 if you would like to know more.

### Sunday 7th April

**Tea, Coffee & Cakes** at the Education Room (near the lake), Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm. In aid of FoRCP.

**Footpaths Walk** - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. Edwalton Church to Tollerton and return. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm (Note the new starting time).

### Tuesday 9th April

**Planning Meeting** - A Planning Meeting to consider planning applications received during the Easter recess. St. Peter's Rooms, comm 7pm.

### Thursday 11th April

**'Hats and the Theatre'** - a talk by Shirley Whitfield presented by the Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus. St Peter's Rooms 2pm. New members welcome.

**Leys Court Development - Community drop-in session.** See page 3 for more information.

### Friday 12th April

**The Western Front Association** presents "Hindenburg & Ludendorff: a Brilliant Partnership?" a talk by Professor John Derry. 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms. Visitors welcome with a donation of £3.50 including tea and coffee.

### Saturday 13th April

**Parish Council Surgery.** 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors about local issues. **ALSO** Local Area Group (LAG) - your local police will be in attendance for you to discuss local issues.

### Tuesday 16th April

**Note:** The Environment & Community Committee Meeting which was planned for this evening is now cancelled

### Wednesday 17th April

**'Women at War'** by Maureen Rushdon presented by Ruddington and District Probus Club at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Ring 0115 921 4139 ext 22 if you would like to know more.

### Saturday 20th April

**'Für Eloise'** - Songs4U present a concert of songs chosen by, and for, Eloise Mills in aid of Children's Brain Tumour Research. Held at Ruddington Methodist Church commencing 7.30pm. Tickets £5 from Cheryl on 0115 846 0689 or Carole on 0115 921 2662. (please note the phone number)

### Sunday 21st April

**Tea, Coffee & Cakes** at the Education Room (near the lake), Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm. In aid of FoRCP.

**Road Transport Event** - Trucks, buses and cars from yesteryear on display at GCRN, Ruddington (Heritage Railway). Also trade stands, the miniature railway and train services are also part of this event offering a full range of activities for all members of the family.

### Tuesday 23rd April

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** at St Peter's Rooms. See page 1 for more information.

### Wednesday 24th April

**'History of Cottage Gardens'** - by Andrew Sankey presented by the Ruddington Gardeners' Association at the Hermitage commencing 7.30pm. An interesting talk illustrating the history, uses of plants, their country names and some old wives' tales. Membership is just £1 per year but non-members with an interest in gardening are also welcome to come along. Meeting ends with complimentary refreshments. Contact Clement Dixon 0115 921 1565 or Mike Davey 0115 984 1687 for more information.

### Saturday 27th April

**Spring Fair** - Riding for the Disabled are holding a Spring Fair this morning at St Peter's Rooms. More details to follow.

### Tuesday 30th April

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

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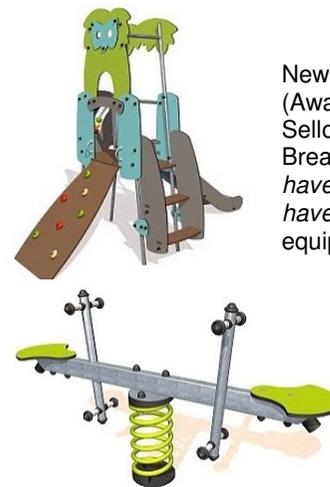
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# Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR SELLORS PLAYING FIELD

New play equipment which is being funded by the Big Lottery (Awards for All), is being installed by Proludic Limited, on Sellors Playing Field, Wilford Road. Councillor Barbara Breakwell said "The Parish Council is delighted that we now have the money for this new play equipment. Improvements have been needed on Sellors Play Area for a long time". The

equipment should be put in over the next few weeks and be ready to use by the time the snow has gone! The new equipment will complement the football posts and nets which were put up a year ago and are very popular with local children.



**£320,000!**

**Yes, £320,000 - this is the amount your Parish Council spent during the last year.**

**Have you any idea how this was spent?**

**Do you care?**

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity to find out more. It is not boring and reports are short and concise with plenty of opportunity for you to ask questions. You can even read/download the reports in advance of the meeting from the Parish Council website so that you can think about what questions you might want answering before the meeting. Refreshments will be served afterwards and there will be an opportunity for you to speak to your councillors in a more informal setting.

**PLEASE DO COME ALONG - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms.**

*(By Parish Councillor Allen Wood)*

**COFFEE MORNINGS at St. Peter's Rooms - Wednesdays from 10am to 11am for the over 55's and Thursdays from 10.30am to 11.30am.**

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## FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT

Are you the parent / carer of a child with special needs? If so, a new group has started in the village just for you. It is called 'OASIS' and meets every Thursday (during term time only) at The Hub, 62 Musters Road, Ruddington from 9.30am till noon. Feel free to drop in and meet Fiona who has established this support group and spend some social time with others sharing experiences and establishing friendships.

## KEEP YOUR VEHICLE SAFE

February saw a spate of vehicle break-ins in the Rushcliffe area, with items stolen from a car parked at the Rushcliffe Country Park on 18 February and several thefts from vans, including one on Churchill Drive. No one wants this to happen to them, but there are a few simple steps you can take to help keep your vehicle safe.

- Remove all valuables, tools, etc from your vehicle overnight and whenever you leave it unattended.
- Don't leave any items on display and wipe away sat-nav marks.
- Keep serial numbers for items like stereos and sat-navs, and mark them with your vehicle registration number.
- Always lock your car – and don't forget the boot and windows. Just because it's on your drive doesn't mean it's OK to leave it unlocked!
- If you're parking away from home, use a secure/attended car park or park in a well-lit area, preferably near a CCTV camera.

Finally, if you have any information about vehicle thefts in Ruddington, please call Notts Police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

*(By Faye Stenson)*

## NCC COMMUNITY AWARD

Nottinghamshire County Council has honoured people from across Nottinghamshire for the sterling work they undertake in their local communities. The Local Improvement Scheme event, held at the Cedric Ford Pavilion on the Newark Showground, paid tribute to members of the public who have shown outstanding dynamism, commitment and dedication to their local towns, villages and neighbourhoods. Coun Kay Cutts, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, welcomed more than 250 guests to the event which recognised people's contributions to a wide range of heritage, environmental, conservation, tourism and economic projects across the county. Among the nine award-winning projects was Peter Johnson-Marshall from Ruddington. Peter won an award for the work he's carried out at the Hareham Allotments in the village.



Peter has been the driving force behind many of the improvements at the site which include installing a bridge for disabled access, the removal of asbestos and installing new storage facilities. He said: "The funding from LIS has revitalised the site and everyone has a renewed enthusiasm as a result. I'm also delighted that the installation of the bridge has meant wheelchair users can access their plots and work on the raised beds." Coun Reg Adair, who supported Peter's LIS application said: "The Local Improvement Scheme is a wonderful resource for people to tap into and it has

## STROKE SURVIVORS GROUP

The Rushcliffe Stroke Survivors Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the lounge at St. Paul's Church, Boundary Road, Wilford Hill, West Bridgford, Nottm, NG12 7DB. Access to the building and toilet are disability friendly.

We are a group of people who have experienced or been affected by a stroke (TIA) and their partners, family members or carers. The group is able to give financial help towards taxi fares or transport costs. Our meetings provide a place for people to share and support each other. We enjoy refreshments and time to talk. We also have speakers and activities. There is a charge of £1 per meeting. To find out more about our meetings please ring a member of the group Frances Cameron on 0115 9374937



## FRANCIS WHEATLEY MEMORIAL

Regular visitors to St Peter's Rooms have noticed that the memorial to Francis Wheatley VC DCM has been taken down from its usual place in the Committee Room.

There are thousands of visitors to St Peter's Rooms each year and the Parish Council has been made aware of a number of occasions recently when visitors have taken a special interest in the replica medal that is on display. Therefore, as a precaution, the Parish Council Office has temporarily removed the plaque so that the words 'THIS IS A REPLICA' can be inscribed underneath the medal. The display will be returned as soon as the work is complete.

There is an article about Ruddington born Private Francis Wheatley on the Parish Council website under HISTORY CORNER.

## BAND SET FOR STARDOM

Ruddington could be home to the next big thing as local band Park Bench Society gear themselves up for the 2013 festival season. Formed in 2011, the group, who met at school where they're still studying, have already racked up an impressive nine festival performances. That includes appearances at major events Reading and Leeds in 2012 as well as lower key events such as the Peak District's Y-Not festival in 2011.

Fronted by singer and lead guitarist Murray Matravers, the band also features guitarist Laurence Thomas, Sam Hewitt on saxophone and bass, and David Young as percussionist. Their urban sound is influenced by a variety of artists, including Jamie T, Arctic Monkeys, Vampire Weekend, The Specials and Elliott Smith.

Park Bench Society were originally discovered by BBC radio presenter Dean Jackson, who's helped the band gain national Radio 1 air play as well as coverage on local stations. Since then, they've



gained a large following across the country and have released two EPs, the latest being 'Forest Gate' in November 2012.

At present, the band are preparing for the summer festival season by playing a series of gigs in the Nottingham area. They're already booked to play at the 200trees Music Festival in Gloucestershire in July, with more prestigious festival bookings expected to follow. You can find out more about the band and follow their latest news at their Facebook page – facebook.com/parkbenchsociety.

*(Faye Stenson)*

## POLICING

Our Beat Manager, PC Ann Gill says: *"Now that the weather is improving and more people are cycling and walking, can I remind you to stay safe on the combined cycle/footpaths in the village. These paths are for use by pedestrians and cyclists and care needs to be taken as there is no designated lane for each to keep to. Cycling at speed past pedestrians can be intimidating for both. Equally, pedestrians need to be aware that cyclists may also be using the path."*

### Police contact numbers are:

#### Dial 101 - for non emergencies

Our Beat Manager is PC Ann Gill – tel: 07702 141 724

Our (temporary) PCSO is Verena (known as Vee) White – tel: 07702 141 778

#### IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999

## TROPHY MYSTERY



St Peter's Junior School recently found these two trophies and would like to know if anyone has any information about them.

The wording on the trophies is: 'Inter House Athletic Championship' with badges – Trent House 1960, Castle House 1961 & 62, Sherwood House 1963 & 64. The second trophy is: 'Ruddington & District Inter Schools Re-lay Race Girls'.

The school think they might have belonged to the secondary school prior to the junior school moving there in 1972. If you have any further information, please contact the school on 0115 974 3303.

## CHARITY SKYDIVE - MENINGITIS UK

Ruddington resident Gary Johnson will be taking to the skies this month to raise funds for national charity, Meningitis UK.

Gary, who lives on Parkyns Street, is taking part in the Meningitis UK Sky Dive Day in Swindon on Sunday 14 April, in memory of his aunt Shelly. Last year's event raised more than £15,000 to fund the charity's pioneering research into vaccines and other ways of preventing this devastating disease.

The group sky dive will involve Gary and his fellow fundraisers leaping from a plane at 10,000 feet and freefalling at speeds of up to 120mph. Each sky diver will be strapped to a professional parachute instructor who'll deploy the main parachute at around 5,000 feet before guiding the jumpers towards the landing area where they'll land four to six minutes later.

## JUMP 4 MENINGITIS

*'It's going to be an exciting and exhilarating experience – and I can't wait! says Gary. 'But, the most important thing is to raise as much money as possible to support the vital work Meningitis UK is doing. Every week, six families will lose a loved one to meningitis. It's happened to my family and it could happen to anyone, so please donate what you can to this worthy cause.'*

To make a donation, please visit [www.justgiving.com/Gary-johnson3](http://www.justgiving.com/Gary-johnson3) or call Gary on 0115 921 4333. (Faye Stenson)

## TINY TEDDIES OPENING HOURS

Tiny Teddies Day Nursery on Loughborough Road has extended its opening hours from 1<sup>st</sup> March. The nursery will now be open 52 weeks a year, from 7.15am to 6.15pm, Monday to Friday. Located in the former gatehouse to Ruddington Hall, Tiny Teddies offers up to 37 places for children aged from two months to eight years. You can call the nursery on 0115 984 7432.

**For other nurseries and play groups in the area, visit the Ruddington Parish Council website under Village Guide.**

helped so many communities improve their neighbourhoods over the years.

"Peter is typical of people the length and breadth of Nottinghamshire who take a pride in their local area and set about making things happen."



(Peter receives his award from Cllr Reg Adair)

Next year the Local Improvement Scheme will fund more than 200 schemes across the county at a cost of £3 million.

## LITTLE SEEDLINGS

We have done it again - all the children and parents that attend Little Seedlings Childminder's put on their wellington boots, hats, gloves and warm coats to brave the rain and cold weather on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March in Rushcliffe Country Park to walk a mile and raise money for Red Nose Day.



As last year the children were great walking, running, scooting and we even had a pair do a three legged walk.

All the children were presented with a certificate for taking part and we all

enjoyed some homemade cakes at the end.

For more detail about Little Seedlings please contact Jane on 07748025281

## DEVELOPMENT AT LEYS COURT

Metropolitan are planning a major refurbishment of Leys Court to provide high quality affordable accommodation to Ruddington. If you want more information on the plans, including timescales, please come along to Leys Court any time between 3.30pm and 7pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Representatives from Metropolitan as well as Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Mrs Jean Greenwood will be there to answer your questions. If you have any queries and cannot attend, please contact Joanne Hardwicke (Project Manager) on 020 3535 4282, [joanne.hardwicke@metropolitan.org.uk](mailto:joanne.hardwicke@metropolitan.org.uk)



## WHAT'S ON IN RUDD THIS SPRING?

Fingers crossed that spring will eventually arrive, we're sure you'll be looking for reasons to get out and about in the local area. Luckily, there are lots of things to do in the village to keep you and the kids occupied at weekends and during the Easter and spring holidays.

### Great Central Railway – (GCRN)

As part of its regular programme of events, GCRN offers a wealth of activities for all the family. The Road Transport Event is taking place on Sunday 21 April and will see a display of trucks, buses and cars from yesteryear along with trade stands where you can buy models and artefacts for your own collections. Miniature railway and heritage steam or diesel train services will also be running.

The May Bank Holiday Gala is a three day event that's taking place from Saturday 4 to Monday 6 May. Each day has a different focus, with Saturday featuring classic cars and motorcycles; vintage buses on Sunday; and commercial vehicles on Monday.

A beer festival featuring up to 12 different ales will run across the three days, with live music in the evenings. Daytime attractions include an extensive miniature railway, fairground organ and music from the Long Eaton Silver Band.



And of course, a special timetable of heritage train services will be running over the full length of the railway, with evening runs as far as Rushcliffe Halt only. Guest locomotives are expected to include No. 92203 'Black Prince' and Ivatt Class 2 No. 46521.

Find out more about both these events at [www.gcrn.co.uk](http://www.gcrn.co.uk).

### Rushcliffe Country Park

There's plenty to do at our local Country Park – and new leaflets and notice boards make it easier than ever to find out about the latest events and activities. New notice boards have been put up at three of the park's entrances, each featuring a 'What's on' diary that's being updated monthly. You can also call into the Visitor's Centre to collect a new leaflet that tells you all about the different things to see and do during your visit to the Country Park. And if you'd like to stay updated with the very latest news, why

not sign up to their email newsletter? Simply email [countrypark@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:countrypark@rushcliffe.gov.uk) or drop your email address into the Ranger's office and they'll add you the mailing list.



### Museums

Take a trip into village history with a visit to the Village Museum at St Peter's Rooms or the Framework Knitters' Museum on Chapel Street.

The Village Museum offers an authentic insight into Ruddington's past through reconstructed shops including Mick's Fish & Chip Shop, a cobbler, ironmonger, pharmacist and toy shop. There's also a schoolroom and telephone exchange, whilst a collection of farming implements acts as a reminder of the important role that agriculture used to play in our local economy. The Village Museum is open on Thursdays and Bank Holidays, 2:30pm to 5pm, from Easter Monday to the end of October.

Meanwhile at the Framework Knitters' Museum, you can discover all about the 400 year history of the craft that gave rise to the Nottingham lace industry. See how the knitters lived and worked, visit the workshops, see a knitter in action and even create your own knitted souvenir. There are also historic buildings to explore, a Textile Emporium shop and a tea-room. From spring to autumn 2013, the Museum is open from 11:30am to 4:30pm Wednesday to Saturday (and Bank Holidays) and 1:30pm to 4:30pm on Sundays. *(By Faye Stenson – pictures by the late Peter Woodhead)*

### COMMUNITY DAY

The Steering Group and staff of James Peacock Infant and Nursery School are holding a Community Day to showcase the work done by the school towards achieving the Stephen Lawrence Educational Standard. Everyone is warmly invited to attend the event which will be held at the School, in Manor Park, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2.00-4.00pm. Entrance will be £2 for adults and accompanied children are free. All proceeds will go towards continuing this project for future generations. There will be various stalls and demonstrations so please come and join in this community event and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

*(Marion Pell)*

### SEEKING WILLING VOLUNTEERS



The Hermitage Preschool has been running in the village for over 40 years and provides excellent childcare facilities. However, the current volunteer committee which manages the preschool finishes in April and they desperately need new members to keep the preschool open. The committee carries out administrative and fundraising duties and therefore the school cannot exist without it. If you are a parent, carer or local resident with a few hours to spare each month, you may be able to help. There are a variety of roles to be filled and the main skill we require is enthusiasm. If you can help in any way, please call or text us or speak to a member of staff:

Chairperson: Ben Sage 07736 957 313

Secretary: Katie Howarth 07867 520 799

### MUSEUM NEEDS MORE SPACE

The Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum is in urgent need of some off-site storage in the village area. Our small physical size is seriously hindering our progress by limiting our ability to accept significant donations and restricting our options on rotating and refreshing our displays. If anyone has any suitable spare space which could be available to the Museum, please get in touch with Paul Baker at the Museum on 0115 984 6914 (Wednesday to Friday).

### VILLAGE BUTCHERS CELEBRATE



Stuart and Shane at Ruddington Village Butchers on Church Street, celebrate their second anniversary of trading. They took the opportunity to share a few nibbles and refreshments with customers who visited the shop on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and thank residents for their continued support.

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