

## RUDDINGTON DIARY

**Saturday 3rd December**

**Santa Special Service** at GCRN, Mere Way. A chance for children to meet "Santa" and ensure he has their list! A steam-train ride through the picturesque Nottinghamshire countryside. Ring 0115 940 5705 for details.

**Sunday 4th December**

**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 at Bunny Woods. Meet **2.00pm** on The Green.

**Santa Special Service** at GCRN, Mere Way. See 3<sup>rd</sup> December for details.

**Tuesday 6th December**

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

**Wednesday 7th December**

**"A View from the Top – Refurbishment of Council House Dome"** by Bruce Frame for the Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society at St. Peter's Rooms 8pm.

**"A Tale of Two Halves"** by John Ellison for Ruddington & District Probus Club. Telephone 0115 921 4139 ext 22 for details.

**Thursday 8th December**

**"Christmas Entertainment"** – Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club at St. Peter's Rooms - 2pm. New members welcome.

**Friday 9th December**

**Western Front Association** presents "The Khaki Chums" and "Development of uniforms and equipment of the British Infantryman of the Great War" by Taff Gillingham at St. Peter's Rooms from 7.30pm.

**Saturday 10th December**

**Christmas by Candlelight** – Celebrate Christmas in the Ruddington Framework Museum's unique courtyard setting lit by candlelight and visit Santa in his grotto. £5 to visit Santa including a gift. To book telephone the Museum on 0115 984 6914.

**Santa Special Service** at GCRN, Mere Way. See 3<sup>rd</sup> December for details.

**Rt. Hon. Kenneth Clarke QC MP** available for constituents at Rushcliffe House. By

apmt only - Debbie Sugg on 0207 219 5189.

**Sunday 11th December**

**Santa Special Service** at GCRN, Mere Way. See 3<sup>rd</sup> December for details.

**Tuesday 13th December**

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

**Wednesday 14th December**

**Ruddington WI** - Christmas Party (Faith Supper) at St. Peter's Rooms 8pm.

**Friday 16th December**

**Ruddington Business Partnership** – Meeting between 8am and 9am at Philo's on the High Street. New businesses welcome.

**Saturday 17th December**

**Santa Special Service** at GCRN, Mere Way. See 3<sup>rd</sup> December for details.

**Safer Neighbourhoods.** Meet with your local officers outside Sainsburys, 10.00 to 11.00am.

**Concert of Christmas Music** with audience participation - Ruddington & District Choral Society and Djanogly Community Orchestra St. Peter's Church 7.30pm. Tickets £6 incl. refreshments - 0115 921 1451 or on the door.

**Sunday 18th December**

**Santa Special Service** at GCRN, Mere Way. See 3<sup>rd</sup> December for details.

**Wednesday 21st December**

**Santa & his Sleigh** – The Rotary Club of Keyworth & Ruddington will be visiting the Churchill Dr, Camelot St & Rufford Rd areas.

**Thursday 22nd December**

**Safer Neighbourhoods.** Meet with your local officers on High Street from 10.00 - 11.00am.

**Friday 23rd December**

**Santa & his Sleigh** – The Rotary Club of Keyworth & Ruddington will be visiting the Musters Rd, Barleylands and Elms Park areas.

**Saturday 24th December**

**Santa Special Service** at GCRN, Mere Way. See 3<sup>rd</sup> December for details.

**Tuesday 27th & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

**Winter Holiday Trains** running from GCRN at Mere Way. Classic steam and diesel locomotives - sample the Nottinghamshire countryside from the comfort of your train. For more information ring 0115 940 5705.

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# Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## THE CLERK RETIRES



There can't be many people reading this Newsletter who haven't heard of Jayne Goodbody, the Clerk to Ruddington Parish Council who is due to retire at Christmas. As her Deputy for the past three and a half years, I am constantly astonished at Jayne's knowledge of people, places and events going back for nearly 20 years as Clerk and for most of her life as a resident of the village. Always helpful, friendly and informative, Jayne is very well known by the dozens of organisations and people

who use and visit St. Peter's Rooms, the Village Hall and all of the other venues held by the Parish Council. Starting work in February 1992 as a Clerk/Typist, she was promoted to Deputy Clerk in 1997 and eventually Clerk in October 1997. During her time in the Parish Council Office she has seen 52 different councillors and 24 Chairmen of the Parish Council. Many came and went – but Jayne stayed the course. She is planning to spend more of her time with her children, their partners and her granddaughter Chloe. We all wish her the very best for the future. Jayne's replacement has already started in the job – Gary Long, our new Clerk, has been working alongside her for the past few weeks and although he has a lot to live up to, we hope that he will enjoy working in the village as much as she has done.

*(By Linda Cooke – Deputy Clerk to RPC)*

## NEW NON EMERGENCY POLICE TELEPHONE NUMBER

**101 IS NOW THE NUMBER TO CALL WHEN YOU WANT TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE – WHEN IT'S LESS URGENT THAN 999.** Available 24 hours a day – calls from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter

what time of day or how long your call. If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can textphone 18001 101.

**TO CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE  
DIAL 101**

(In an emergency always call 999)

**Ruddington Parish Council,  
St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6HA.  
Tel: 0115 914 6660      Email: [office@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk)  
Fax: 0115 914 6646      Website: [www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk](http://www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk)  
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## SNOW CODE

According to the government website, there's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your home or from public spaces. Use salt or sand – NOT WATER! If you use water to melt the snow, it will refreeze and turn to black ice. When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. For more information on the Snow Code go to [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)

## STREET LIGHTING – Have your say

Ruddington residents have until Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December to comment on plans to switch off many of the street lights in our village overnight.

Nottinghamshire County Council is aiming to save 25% of current energy usage by turning off some lighting between midnight and 5.30am – with nearly all estate roads going dark.

Ruddington's plan shows lights would remain lit right through the night along Wilford Road, Easthorpe Street, Kirk Lane and Loughborough Road but NOT on Church Street or Clifton Road. Certain other clusters of overhead lights would be unaffected where they are along public footpaths away from roads or in areas of sheltered accommodation.

Ruddington's consultation document CLS49 can be downloaded from the [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) web site where you can also comment on the proposals up to the deadline date.

*(Researched & written by Graham Wright)*

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## RBC COMMUNITY AWARDS



The Rushcliffe Community Awards took place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the Becket School in West Bridgford and Ruddington's Gina Eyre won the award for Supporting Children & Young People. Gina was nominated by our village Borough Councillors in recognition of her 32 years commitment as Leader of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruddington Brownies Pack and 27 years leadership of the associated Rainbows group. Under her longstanding leadership numerous girls within the village have enjoyed annual pack holidays, regular fun activities and experiences that have developed their knowledge and skills and encouraged them to be active members of our community. Congratulations are extended to Gina.

*(By Barbara Breakwell)*

## FOOTLIGHTS CLOSES

Ruddington Footlights Amateur Theatre has been forced to close. Treasurer Lesley Lanzoni told The Local News: "Owing to the loss of key backstage members, dwindling front-stage performers and lack of support in the recruitment of new members, it is with regret we have had to close." The remaining funds have been donated to Help for Heroes (£100),

## VISITING THE ANCESTORS

"Back in September I visited the Framework Knitters' Museum in Ruddington. I had attended a 'find your ancestor' day at Southampton Old Cemetery which prompted me to look again at the family tree documentation that my mother had compiled a few years ago. I was reminded that many of my ancestors appeared to have been born in Ruddington or Arnold but I had no idea where these places were. Searching the internet I found reference to the 'Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum' and I remembered from census information that my ancestors were framework knitters. Imagine my excitement and amazement to discover that the names of the framework knitters matched those of my ancestors! I had found a museum containing loads of my family history, including something called a Parker Cottage and a Parker Yard.



Two weeks later, whilst coincidentally in the area, we made a detour to the museum. I didn't know anything about framework knitting prior to my visit or about the lives of the workers. Of course, for me the most amazing part was seeing all the documentation and photographs of my ancestors. I could tell immediately on the group

photographs which were the Parker men because my dad has the same cheekbones! A photograph of Hannah (my great great grandmother) reminded me at a glance of my aunt. I found it very strange standing in the bedroom in the Parker cottage and realising that my ancestors were probably conceived in that space and without them I wouldn't exist. I am descended from John and Hannah's son Charles, born in 1882, who became a Cabinet Maker. Due to the demise of the cottage-based framework knitting industry he moved to Birmingham where he was married at the Quaker Meeting House in the presence of the famous Cadbury family, with whom he seemed to have been friends.

My story of coincidences links back to my great great grandmother, buried in Southampton. She had a daughter Florence, who had a daughter Doris who was my paternal grandmother. Doris married John and Hannah Parker's grandson John (Jack) William Parker. Doris and Jack Parker were my father's parents ... and so the two strands are knitted together."

*(Written by Zana Parker) Email Zana on [zana.banana@virgin.net](mailto:zana.banana@virgin.net) if you have more family information for her.*

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS - FROM RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**



organising a concert in aid of Teddies for Loving Care (TLC) Nottinghamshire, a charity that provides soft toys to distressed children admitted to our local hospitals. *The Opera Dudes*, a duo who combine musical and vocal talents with an injection of humour and charm, will perform at the Belgrave Rooms on Goldsmith Street on Friday 27 January 2012 at 7:30pm. Says Graham: *'These guys are really funny and this is a not-to-be-missed event! Last year was a sell-out so please book your tickets now to avoid disappointment.'* For information and tickets, please contact Graham on 07786 226 109 or email [info@tlcnottinghamshire.co.uk](mailto:info@tlcnottinghamshire.co.uk).  
(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)



### FEELING UNWELL?

Can't wait until morning?

If you need advice or treatment for minor illnesses or injuries, contact your local Out of Hours GP Service, NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 or go to your nearest Walk-in Centre at 79 Upper Parliament Street (open 8am to 8pm, 365 days a year – no appointment needed). **Choose Well** – Nottinghamshire County NHS.

### CHARITY LOGS ON

As the recession continues to bite, many charities are finding it harder than ever to raise much needed funds but supporters of The Hermitage Preschool can now boost their favourite cause simply by shopping

online. The Preschool has joined thousands of good causes raising money through easyfundraising - an online gateway to over 2000 well known retailers. When supporters shop using the links on the easyfundraising site, The Hermitage Preschool receive a free donation of up to 15% of the purchase price. With British shoppers set to spend a staggering £39 billion online this year alone, Katie Howarth from The Hermitage Preschool is keen for as many people as possible to sign up. For more information about the Hermitage Preschool or the website, ring 07739 944811.



### HIGH STREET SHOPS HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

To try and help you manage your shopping over the holiday period, we have asked shopkeepers when they are planning to be open during the festive period. You can shop at the butcher's, the post office, hardware store and chemist up to lunchtime on Christmas Eve but most small shops will close in the afternoon. These establishments will be open again on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December and will remain open until Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December when most will close at lunchtime again. Normal service will resume on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012. *Please note that we are advised that some supermarkets will be open in the village every day except for Christmas Day although opening times may be limited.*

Rainbows Children's Hospice (£95) and the Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance (£100).

### ROTARY CLUB SANTA IN RUDD



The Rotary Club of Keyworth and Ruddington's very own Santa Claus will be visiting us again this year for his annual fundraising trips around the village. Santa and his sleigh will be here on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, complete with festive tunes to get everyone in the Christmas spirit and Santa's Little Helpers to shake the collecting tins. Last year, the Keyworth and Ruddington branch raised over £16,500. Some of this was donated to local charities including the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. The funds were also used to support young people in our area with projects such as educational trips to Africa and to fund competition entries for budding chefs and musicians. The branch also supports a wide range of national charities including the Rotary-organised disaster relief organisations Aquabox and Shelterbox, Cancer Research, Help for Heroes, The Anthony Nolan Trust and the British Heart Foundation.

*See the diary page for details of this year's Santa visits in Ruddington.*

As well as Santa's visits to local villages, the Rotary Club of Keyworth

and Ruddington arranges fundraising events throughout the year, including charity concerts and a popular Golf Day. They meet every Monday at the Country Cottage Hotel at 6.30pm. For more information, please contact the President, Grenville Turner, at [granville.turner@ntlworld.com](mailto:granville.turner@ntlworld.com)  
(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)

### BASE CAMP OPENS

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> "Base Camp" at St. Peter's C of E Junior School was officially opened ...



The ribbon was cut by the two youngest members of the School Council in front of invited guests. The old "Craft Room" has been transformed into a bright new space for the school and the wider community to benefit from. It is a much needed venue in this area of the village as the aim is to offer it for hire for community use. "Ruddington Fun" was one of the first hirers when it used the room and the school grounds for a very successful "Down in the Woods" session during the recent summer holidays.



The refurbishment was made possible

due to support and funding from the Rushcliffe Community Partnership, Nottinghamshire County Council Extended Services, County Councillor Reg Adair and Thomas James Estate Agents. For booking information call the school on 974 3303.

(By Barbara Breakwell)

### NETWORKING GROUP GROWS

The Ruddington Business Partnership (RBP), a new business networking group formed in August 2011, has started well with a good mixture of firms turning up to the monthly meetings. Initially, the group was supported by its parent organisation the Rushcliffe Business Partnership, but the last couple of meetings have seen more new attendees from companies based in Ruddington and nearby villages. Group organiser Ian Wilson of Rockhopper Evolution comments: *'RBP is growing steadily and really developing its own identity. We now have around 30 companies on our mailing list – but we'd love to see more of Ruddington's shops and "high street" firms represented at the meetings.'*

Local businesses are certainly finding the group useful and were happy to sing its praises. One company described RBP as a *'...great opportunity to show a commitment to Ruddington and the surrounding area by forging mutually beneficial relationships with other local businesses'* while another firm said they've *'...made some great business contacts and have already received several recommendations that have led to increased revenue.'* Other attendees told us that RBP is a great way to meet likeminded business people to offer mutual advice and support as well as promote their

companies. The informal meetings and friendly, relaxed atmosphere are also proving popular, with attendees free to 'drop in and out' as they choose. RBP meets on the third Friday of each month, upstairs in Philo's, between 8am and 9am. All local businesspeople are warmly welcome to come along and give the group a try. It's free to attend. For more information, please email [ianwilson@rockhopperrevolution.co.uk](mailto:ianwilson@rockhopperrevolution.co.uk)  
(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)

### HAROLD ARTHUR BOSTOCK

"Dad, Harold Bostock, passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> November in Perth, Western Australia, aged 94 years. He was born in Derbyshire and moved to Ruddington when he married Ivy Hallam (Mum) in July 1940. Mum and Dad had very busy lives in addition to raising me and my two sisters. He had many interests including cycling, bowling and dancing and ran a thriving building business with many local residents still commenting about the quality work he did in their homes. After moving to 70 Wilford Road, Mum and Dad opened a hardware 'shop' in 1960 under the name H. A. Bostock. The shop was extended in 1968 and for the past 43 years, it has been run by myself and my husband (their son-in-law) Tony.

In October 1968 Mum and Dad along with my younger sisters Nina and Heather, emigrated to Australia but they returned to Ruddington every two to three years to see family and friends right up to 1995 when the long journey became too much for them. They were always interested in the village and rang me and Tony every Tuesday morning for local news and a chat." (Supplied by Hazel Theaker)

### RISING STAR COMES TO RUDD

A very talented footballer and netball player has just moved to Ruddington from the Melton area. Loughborough De Lisle Catholic Science College student, 13 year old Ashleigh Plumptre, has enjoyed considerable success as a football player. She started out playing for her local team Asfordby Amateurs Gems aged 5 years old with great success and was invited to trial for Leicester City FC aged 7. Now in her 6<sup>th</sup> season with Leicester City Girls' Centre of Excellence, she was put forward to trial at the England Performance Camp (EPC) last year and this year.



More recently, she was invited to trial for Leicestershire County Netball in September 2011 and was selected despite being younger than most and having less experience. She was also then invited to trial for the Regional Excel Development Programme at Loughborough University and managed to be selected for the East Midlands regional squad making it through to the final 20 players. Both sports programmes develop players to hopefully play at national level. Ashleigh will have to choose football or netball to reach her dream of representing her country one day. To acknowledge her achievements, Ashleigh was awarded the Junior Sportswoman of the Year at the 2007 Melton Times Sports Awards.

Ashleigh's Family are very proud of their rising star – and Ruddington is delighted to welcome her to the village. (Supplied by Tim Plumptre)

### POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says: ***"Can I remind you of the same warnings I gave last year ..... Don't make it a bumper Christmas for the opportunist thief who is just waiting for you to leave presents on view in the car or at home. At this time of year, many people's Christmas is spoiled by the theft of presents, so keep them out of view. If you are going out during the festive period, remember to shut the curtains and leave lights and possibly a radio on so that your property looks occupied. If you are going away on holiday during this time, leave lights to come on using a timer switch and ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your home. Also, take care of your purse, wallet and mobile phone, especially in busy shopping areas. Jenny & I would like to wish all the residents of Ruddington a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."***

### Police contact numbers are:

101 (NEW non emergency number)

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



**CHARITY  
EVENT  
FOR  
TLC**

Ruddington resident and well-known local businessman Graham Riche is