

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Medal for Arctic Convoy Hero

91 year old Ruddington resident Dennis Marriott has been awarded a medal for his service on the Arctic convoys during the Second World War. Dennis was born in Woodley Street in 1922 and has lived in Ruddington all his life. He and his wife, Vera, have recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Dennis served in the Royal Navy during the war and was commissioned to the merchant ship Athol Templar as a Royal Navy gunner in 1942 as part of Convoy PQ 18. The Arctic convoys delivered vital supplies from Britain to northern Russia. They were under constant threat from U-boats and German aircraft as well as having to deal with sub-zero temperatures and storms.

There were 78 convoys between August 1941 and May 1945. About 1400 merchant ships delivered vital supplies to the Soviet Union, escorted by ships of the Royal Navy, Royal Canadian Navy and the U.S. Navy.

85 merchant vessels and 16 warships were lost.

The Athol Templar was torpedoed. 42 crew were saved, including Dennis, and transferred to a rescue ship, HMS Copeland. When they arrived home in Scapa Flow, Scotland they were met by Winston Churchill.

The medal for Arctic convoys was created in December 2012 after a long campaign to honour the brave men who served in this way.



Dennis with his wife Vera

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Food Bank Launched in Ruddington

Ruddington Baptist Church, St Peter's Church, St Peter's School, Ruddington Parish Council and the Honeycomb Charity Shop are just some of the organisations signed up to collect donations for the local Food Bank.

The Clifton NG11 Food Bank, seeded by the Trussell Trust, has teamed up with supporters to extend its reach into the village by providing emergency food and support for local people in crisis. Ruddington Co-operative has already given generously to the new project.



Collection points for non-perishable food items, shopping lists and information leaflets can be found in all the participating places. Food parcels are packed at the Hope Church Clifton centre and include nutritionally-balanced meals for three days. Food Bank vouchers are issued by frontline care professionals such as doctors and social workers.

Please give generously and regularly. Donate, volunteer or hold a fundraising event. If you are struggling to put food on the table, don't hesitate, please get in touch.

Contact: Wendy White,
Food Bank co-ordinator
T 07538 916757
E info@cliftonng11.foodbank.org.uk
www.cliftonng11.foodbank.org.uk

Fancy seeing you here.....

Since being made redundant 5 years ago I have filled my time with various voluntary roles. As a result I was recently invited to a Summer Reception/ Garden Party organised by the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir John Peace.

Whilst there I was delighted to see representatives from the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park and the Framework Knitters Museum also present. We all agreed that by volunteering we do something we enjoy and do not seek recognition, but it was nice for such an event to be organised to "recognise and celebrate the work carried out in the Voluntary Sector".

Last year the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and in May this year representatives of that group also attended a Garden Party - but this time at Buckingham Palace!

Volunteers are welcomed by lots of organisations and I can't guarantee that by doing so you will get an afternoon tea but all I can say is that it keeps you busy.

By Barbara Breakwell

Sharphill Development to Increase

In addition to the 1200 new homes already given permission at Sharphill, Rushcliffe Borough Council are now looking to add a further 550 new homes. At a consultation at Edwalton Golf Club on 1st July, RBC presented a range of ideas which meant increasing housing on the existing site and further expansion in to Green Belt which would surround the wood by nearly 75%. Another alternative was to develop the Edwalton Golf Course, which the Borough already owns and could take up to 700 new homes. RBC representatives also agreed that they need to provide a further 11 traveller pitches in Rushcliffe over one or more sites but did not confirm that this site was under consideration.

At an average of 1.5 cars per home (a 'guesstimate'), Ruddington will be severely affected by 1800 additional cars on the roads from this development – this could potentially increase by 2,625 cars. Please look at the proposals and have your say

<http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy/furtherproposalsforhousingdevelopment/>

The closing date is 9th August.

By *Linda Cooke*

Note: The Parish Council are set to discuss this on 30th July, just after the newsletter goes to print.

Methodist Church Garden Gets Award

The front garden of Ruddington Methodist Church had been awarded a certificate of merit in the Notts Best Kept Village Competition 2013.

The judges commented that it was beautifully maintained and provided a cameo of both care and colour.



Councillor Peter McGowan, Chairman of the Parish Council, said "I am really pleased that the hard work of keeping up this garden has been recognised." In the main competition Ruddington has not been placed in the top four for Section A (larger villages) and so will not go on to the final round.

We're on the Telly Again!

Did you know that national TV cameras were back in Ruddington during the last week of June? They were here to film a short feature for the BBC's "A Place in the Country" series at The Framework Knitters' Museum.

We'll let you know when we have details of the eventual broadcast date and time, expected to be "sometime in the autumn".

Summer activities in Ruddington

Now the summer holidays are well underway, we're sure many Ruddington parents will be looking for local activities and days out that all the family can enjoy. So here's a round-up of some of the main events taking place in and around the village this summer.

Ruddington Fun

Set up and run by a small group of volunteers, Ruddington Fun is here to provide a wide range of school holiday events and activities for local children, young people and their families. The fun began on 24 July and runs right through to 2 September.

There's plenty going on every week of the holidays, such as Sticky Fingers cookery classes for under 5s (and their older siblings), cinema trips, sports sessions, nature-themed events at Rushcliffe Country Park and much more. For full details and booking information, simply pick up a Ruddington Fun leaflet from one of schools, the library or the Parish Council office.

All the events are also listed in the Ruddington Diary section of the Parish Council website, www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.co.uk, and on Ruddington Fun's Facebook page – just type 'Ruddington Fun' into the Search box when you log in. Have fun!

A large print copy of
the Village Newsletter
is available to read in
the library

Special events at GCRN

As usual, our local heritage railway, Great Central Railway Nottingham (GCRN), is hosting a range of events during the summer holidays, with activities on offer to attract children and adults of all ages.

Steam and diesel services will be also running every Saturday and Sunday until the end of October (except 14 and 21 September), plus August Bank Holiday Monday.

This summer's special events are:

- **Model Rail Extravaganza, Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 August.** Featuring: a range of layouts of British, Continental and American model railway prototypes, sales stands, rides on the miniature railway and heritage rail services.
- **Phoenix Summer Gathering, Saturday 11 August.** Featuring: a 'not to be missed' display of fantastic heritage road vehicles from bygone times, showcasing vintage cars, buses and commercial vehicles. Plus journeys on the full-size steam railway and miniature railway, trade stands and vehicle memorabilia.
- **20th Anniversary Mixed Traction Event, Monday 26 August.** The main details of this event are still to be confirmed (keep an eye on the website – details below), but heritage steam and diesel locomotives will definitely be running.

Please visit www.gcrn.co.uk for the latest information on these events and to view the various timetables for the heritage rail services that will be running on summer weekends. You can also call GCRN on 0115 940 5705 or email info@gcrn.co.uk.

Garden Party at Framework Knitters Museum

The Framework Knitters Museum is holding its second Annual Garden Party on Bank Holiday Monday, 26 August from 11am. Visitors can relax in the Museum's gardens with a cup of tea and a cake to the accompaniment of traditional Victorian musical entertainment, performed by local artists.



You can also have a go at using the circular knitting machines, watch skilled craftspeople in action and buy a range of locally-made textile gifts. The event is set to be a success whatever the weather as, in case of rain, it will be held in the Museum's large on site Chapel.

Find out more about the event at www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk, or call 0115 984 6914.

Rush4Health returns to Rudd

The popular Rush4Health festival returns to Rushcliffe Country Park on Sunday 1 September, from 12 noon to 5pm. This family day out aims to promote healthy living through a range

of fun and informative activities, with free admission for all.

Whilst adults can seek advice from health professionals in a relaxed and friendly environment, the kids can enjoy free activity workshops and find out about all kinds of sports, from cycling and kite-flying to pony trekking, dancing and drumming.

As you'd expect, lots of information will be available around healthy eating, including 'grow your own' allotment advice and cookery demonstrations on low fat alternatives to takeaways from home economist Teresa Bovey.

Rush4Health will be divided into three zones – Eat Well, Move More and Live Longer so you can pick and choose the activities and information that are of most interest to you and your family. You can find out more about health living at www.nhs.uk/change4life, the national campaign that's behind the Rush4Health event.

By Faye Stenson

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council are co-opting a parish councillor for Camelot Ward following the resignation of Rachel Wilson. If you would like to find out more about being a parish councillor please contact the Clerk to the Council - details on the front of this newsletter.

The deadline for applications is 9th September. A panel of parish councillors will meet on 17th September to interview applicants (open to the public).

The final decision will be made at Parish Council on 24th September.

There are some legal requirements that need to be met so before you apply please contact the Clerk.

Ann says

“All change for the beat team at Ruddington”

PC Ann Gill retires at the end of August having completed 30 years service with Nottinghamshire Police. “I have enjoyed my time with the Force and the last seven years at Ruddington have seen the Police build some good community relationships.” Ann said. PCSO Jenny Buggy has moved on to pastures new and has been replaced by two new officers, PCSO Vee White and PCSO Jonny Wilkinson. Ann wishes all Ruddington residents a crime free future and thanks you for your support over the past few years.

Contact details:

PCSO Vee White 07702 141 778

PCSO Jonny Wilkinson 07525 226 593

Enjoy summer but spare a thought for the neighbours.....

The arrival of summer means that more of us want to make the most of it. Windows are thrown open and we are using our gardens and outdoor spaces more, possibly for outdoor entertaining, potentially with music and so noise levels rise for all.

This may see noise problems developing between neighbours.

However simple measures may avoid this happening

- Let your neighbours know beforehand that you are planning something noisy e.g. a party or D.I.Y
- Keep the stereo/ radio volume down, especially late at night
- Mow your lawn at a reasonable time especially if neighbours have young children.

If you are disturbed, politely talk to the people responsible first. If in extreme cases the situation is unbearable you can contact Rushcliffe Borough Council who has a team that deal with noise complaints.

James Peacock School Gets Award

James Peacock Infant and Nursery School have been presented with an award for their commitment to anti-racism by gaining the Stephen Lawrence Education Standard Level 1.

On 8th July 2013 I was honoured to be invited, as a member of the Steering Group, to attend the first ever Stephen Lawrence Education Standard awards ceremony in Nottinghamshire, which took place at Rufford Abbey Country Park. Six county schools and five children's centres from Newark were the first across Nottinghamshire to be recognised for their commitment to anti-racism by gaining the Stephen Lawrence Education Standard Level 1. The awards were presented by Cllr. Pauline Allan who is the Vice-Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council and Cllr. John Peck who is the committee chairman of children and young people's services.

James Peacock Infant and Nursery School has achieved this award in just one year showing the commitment by the school, its staff, pupils and parents in supporting and embracing the work of the Steering Group. Ruddington Parish Council and the residents of Ruddington should be proud of its community and applaud the school for what it is doing to encourage a 'One world – one voice' ethos.

By Marion Pell

The NEW Ruddington Youth & Community Centre

You may have seen quite a lot of activity at Ruddington Youth & Community Centre over the past few months. This was due to a refurbishment project taking place within the building (a few walls knocked down, new toilets and a repaint, along with a new outdoor kick about area). The Centre is now open and ready for business and we thought it might be useful for you to know what goes on in the Centre:



The Centre is open Monday to Friday evening for delivery of Open Access Universal Youth Work delivery for young people aged 13-19yrs Mon/Tues/Weds/Fri: 6.45-9.15pm and 10-13 yrs Thurs: 6.15-8.15pm

The Centre also supports Sure Start Children Centre's which operate from Ruddington Youth & Community Centre on a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday daytime and is used by the community on a Thursday afternoon for a Table Tennis Club and a Sunday by the Baptist Church.

The Centre Manager is Andy Foulds who can be contacted on the following number 0115 9842522 or email Andrew.foulds@nottsc.gov.uk

By Barbara Breakwell

Parking Changes in Ruddington

The Parish Council objected to the initial parking proposals put forward in January by the County Council. Following a meeting with County Council officers a revised set of proposals was produced, and we again objected.

Why did we object? Simply put, because we believe that the scheme as proposed would make things worse rather than better, and specific points raised to do with road safety had not been addressed. Many local residents and businesses also sent in objections.

The Parish Council was concerned that the matter would be considered by the Transport and Highways Committee before we had the opportunity to discuss it again with local businesses. We are pleased that there has been a rethink, and the scheme will not now be put to Highways Committee before further discussions with businesses, the residents objecting, and the Parish Council have taken place.

It is a difficult issue with the competing needs of residents, shoppers, workers, and the efficiency of the parking wardens all to be considered.

Thanks to the new County Council viewpoint we now have time to work together to get the best possible solution.

By Councillor Nick Tegerdine,

Ruddington Diary

August 2013

Thursday 1st August

Ruddington Fun - "All Sorts" - Elms Park from 2pm to 4pm. Free crafts and activities for all ages including a story tent! Try your hand at Fencing with "Swashbucklers". Baby and toddler area supported by Surestart. **Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.**

Saturday 3rd August

"Messy Church" at St Peter's Church. Craft activities, stories and a meal for parents with children, between 4pm and 6pm.

Model Rail Extravaganza - at GCRN. Annual model railway show continues to grow. Come and see a range of layouts of British, Continental and North American prototypes together with sales stands. The miniature railway facilities at Ruddington also offer rides during this event.

Sunday 4th August

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

Model Rail Extravaganza - at GCRN. See 3rd Aug. **Footpaths Walk** – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. Flawford Churchyard to Plumtree and return. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm (Note the new starting time).

Monday 5th August

Stay & Play Summer Session at Hermitage Preschool, 10am to 11.30am at the Hermitage. Ages between 0 years to 5 years old, £1.50 per older siblings welcomed.

Tuesday 6th August

Ruddington Fun - "That's Entertaining" Circus skills, crafts and activities, including "Peter Presto" Magic Show at 11.30am, at St Peter's School, Basecamp between 10.30am and 12.30am. **Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.** No fee.

Wednesday 7th August

Rushcliffe Country Park - Den building and Pond dipping, between 10am to 11am, £3 per session, children must be accompanied by an adult. **NEED TO BOOK** only 20 per session. Contact 0115 9215865.

Thursday 8th August

Tots at the Top Arts & Craft Fun at the Hermitage Centre, 9.30am to 10.30am, ages 2 to 7, £5 and £3 per sibling. **NEED TO BOOK.** Contact Jane 0777 324 7628 or Anne 0781 328 3276.

Friday 9th August

Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club - "Annual Birthday Lunch" venue to be announced

Sunday 11th August

Phoenix Summer Gathering - at GCRN. Featuring a display of fantastic heritage

road vehicles: vintage cars, buses and commercial vehicles. Fantastic journeys on our full size steam railway and miniature railway.

Monday 12th August

Stay & Play Summer Session See 5th August.

Pond dipping and Bug hunting at Rushcliffe Country Park. See 7th August for details.

Wednesday 14th August

Ruddington WI - you are invited to "Native Trees of Great Britain" by Phil Holmes, there will be an exhibition themed "Something Made from a Tree" commencing at 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms. **Den building and Bug hunting** at Rushcliffe Country Park. See 7th August for details. .

Ruddington Fun - "On the Move" at Jubilee Clubhouse, Loughborough Road 2 pm to 4 pm. Activities and crafts that move. Baby and toddler area. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. FREE.

Sunday 18th August

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

Monday 19th August

Stay & Play Summer Session See 5th August.

Tuesday 20th August

Monster Mayhem Ruddington Library 2.30 - 3.15 pm. Hear stories and make a monster. Ages 5 - 9 FREE. **NEED TO BOOK** limited places. Tickets available from July 13th. Pop in or ring 921 2309.

Wednesday 21st August

Ruddington Fun - "It's holiday time" at the Village Hall, 2 pm to 4 pm. Activities and crafts with a holiday/seaside theme. Baby and toddler area. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. FREE.

Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th & Monday 26th August

20th Anniversary Event - at GCRN. Please see website for the latest information.

Monday 26th August

Family Garden Party at the Museum - See inside.

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th August

Multi Sports Sessions - James Peacock School 9.45 - 2.45. Aged 5 - 11 years. £10 per day. Tel 0792 009 4646 Sports Development Team

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Sunday 1st September

Footpaths Walk – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. Hickling Circular including a stretch of Grantham. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

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

Monday 2nd September

Stay & Play Summer Session See 5th August.