

# Ruddington Parish Council

## VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

### Defibrillators Success AND £2,500 for the British Heart Foundation.

A Charity match and two Raffles were held over Xmas by the football club – one by Ruddington Village FC the senior teams, and the other by Ruddington Village Colts FC - our junior teams. The club thanks all local businesses that donated prizes and funds, the Parish Council, clubs, institutes, societies and individuals from the community for their kind support. The exercise has now closed resulting in £800



initially provided by the club being recovered and a fantastic donation to the British Heart Foundation worth over £2,500 when all funds come in.

One defibrillator is on the outside wall of the Cricket Pavilion Elms Park, the other is on the outside wall of St Peters Rooms – ready for use 24 hours a day / 7 Days a week. Awareness training has also been provided for around 80 people on how to access and use the

machines (although untrained people should be able to do so as they are easy to access and use).

Councillor David Hall of the Parish Council commented: “The football club has provided tremendous leadership, energy and organisation for us at the Parish Council to work with and for the community to get behind. Thankfully, our community has reacted magnificently – hence the remarkable amount raised and numbers trained. We all should be proud of our contribution no matter how small. Ruddington is a little better and safer as a result of this project. It’s a brilliant result.”

### Would you like to sponsor the Village Newsletter?

Contact the Ruddington Parish Council office,  
St. Peter’s Rooms, Church Street, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6HA.  
Tel: 0115 914 6660  
Email: [office@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk)

## Have you say on our local health services

NHS Rushcliffe, our local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is looking for local people to join a new Patient Cabinet and give their views on the range and quality of health services on offer in the Rushcliffe area.

Based at Easthorpe House on Loughborough Road, it's the CCG's job to make sure the health services available in Rushcliffe reflect the needs of all local residents.

The feedback provided by the Patient Cabinet will help the CCG to refine and improve these services, and find new ways to reach the wider population.

The Patient Cabinet is part of the CCG's commitment to promoting Patient and Public Involvement (PPI). It has links to the Clinical Cabinet and Clinical Commissioning Forum and reports directly to Rushcliffe CCG's Governing Body.

At the moment, the CCG are recruiting for the following roles within the Patient Cabinet:

- Children and families
- Teenagers and students
- Working age (mostly but not exclusively 40-55)
- Carers.

Appointment to these roles is subject to a nomination and voting process. The CCG will shortly be producing information packs about each of the above roles, to give interested candidates a better idea of what will be expected of them.

The CCG is also looking at different ways, other than physically attending meetings, to engage with members of the Patient Cabinet, to make it easier for busy people and those who are less mobile to get involved.

For more information about the Patient Cabinet and other ways you can get involved with our local CCG, please visit [www.rushcliffeccg.nhs.uk/get-involved](http://www.rushcliffeccg.nhs.uk/get-involved).

*By Faye Stenson*

## Houses on Wilford Road?

Bloor Homes is preparing a planning application for residential development on land next to Wilford Road on the northern side of Ruddington.

As part of that process, they will be undertaking pre-application public consultation in the village on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at St Peter's Rooms. Further details are to be confirmed in due course, but the exhibition is expected to run from 2.30pm until 7.30pm.

Bloor Homes will display information about the emerging draft proposals, and would welcome comments and ideas from local people. Representatives of the team preparing the planning application will be present throughout to discuss the proposals.

As you may know, Bloor Homes are discussing with the Parish Council the possibility of including Sellar's Play Area in the planning application, with replacement facilities provided nearby.

Councillor Allen Wood, Chairman of the Parish Council, said "The Parish Council at this stage is talking with Bloor Homes. Please be clear that the discussions will not result in an exchange of land unless there is an agreement which is believed to be satisfactory to all parties".

## Me? A Parish Councillor? You Must Be Joking!!

**In May 2015 a new Parish Council will be elected. Some of our councillors are not standing again and new blood is needed, with new ideas and energy.**

***Do I need to belong to a political party? NO***

Only a few of the parish councillors in Ruddington have an association with a political party. Most are just interested in what is best for the village.

The full Parish Council normally meets seven times a year, usually on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. In addition, each councillor sits on one committee - Amenities or Environment & Policy.

***Can I make a difference? YES***

Especially in areas where Parish Council Tax is spent, for example play equipment, parks, the Green, allotments, etc.

**Planning applications** are often a contentious subject - the Parish Council can only make observations to Rushcliffe Borough Council, but this can prove helpful to them in the decision they reach.

**If you would like to know more**, why not come along to any meeting - they are all open to the public. If you want to, you will be able to speak about any item on the agenda. Every agenda has a 'slot' for comments by members of the public on the items being discussed at that meeting.

**Or why not call in to St. Peter's Rooms** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month (10am to 12 noon) when you can speak with a councillor to discover more about the role of a parish councillor.

## Thank you

The Rotary Club of Keyworth and Ruddington would like to thank Ruddington village for their support and generosity in giving to the charity collections on Santa's float before Christmas.

Our particular thanks go to the Ruddington Colts Football Club and the Friends of James Peacock School who provided volunteer collectors.



We could not have helped Santa on his various rounds without the support of all their volunteers who braved cold nights to make it such a memorable occasion for all the children.

We hope to see you all again next Christmas.

*Keyworth and Ruddington Rotary Club*

## Barclays Bank Change in Opening Times

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 Barclay's Bank opening hours are changing:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday:  
9.30 – 16.00

Tuesday & Thursday: Closed

## Ale Be Back!

The first ever Ruddington “Winter Beer Festival” has been “ale-d” as a success by its organisers.

“Ruddfest” returned within a marquee erected in the White Horse Beer Garden on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December and also featured a bar and food stall run by The Three Crowns. Both bars had a varied selection of more than a dozen real ales, ciders and comestibles. Despite the cold weather the event was well attended.



A large heater/blower kept the marquee surprisingly warm on a chilly weekend and there was “live” music on both the Saturday and Sunday.

*“We think the icy conditions kept away some people from further afield but we got enough support from within the village to make it worthwhile”* explains White Horse landlord Andy Hunt. *“So Max, John and I are definitely planning to do the same again just after Christmas THIS year”.*

Meantime thoughts are turning to the next “Summer Beer Festival” which proved such a hit in 2014 and featured a large marquee on the village green and extra real ale bars in four of our village pubs.

*“This year we’re hoping to do an even bigger event with ALL Ruddington’s pubs involved if possible”* says Andy *“and it’s most likely to run from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of May.”*

A meeting is taking place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to firm up the plans – so watch this space!

*By Graham Wright*

## Future Parish, Borough or County Councillors in training?

October 2014 saw the start of a Pupil Parliament in Rushcliffe. 2 pupils from each of the 28 schools across the Borough who are part of the Rushcliffe Learning Alliance (RLA) met for the first time. The RLA was set up to enable schools to work collaboratively together to purchase and provide goods and services.

The Pupil Parliament that the Alliance has now instigated is a way of enabling the 6,000 pupils the member schools have to have a say and make decisions. Representatives from the 28 schools will meet once a term to discuss, debate and vote on burning local educational and social issues from an agenda they will take it in turns to set themselves.

The representatives have to gather information from pupils at their schools in order to formulate questions and prepare their representation at the meetings.

The Parliament will next meet on Friday, February 6, when Nottinghamshire County Council’s current Deputy, soon to be Chief Executive Anthony May, will be in attendance. The group have identified 3 areas to question him about and discuss that are of interest to them.

At each of their meetings a Speaker will be appointed from the pupil

representatives to lead the discussion. For this meeting that honour goes to Joshua Madaracus from our own St Peter's School. He will be joined by Imogen Clydesdale also from St Peter's and Tom Bassett and Jaya Chopra the 2 representatives from James Peacock School.

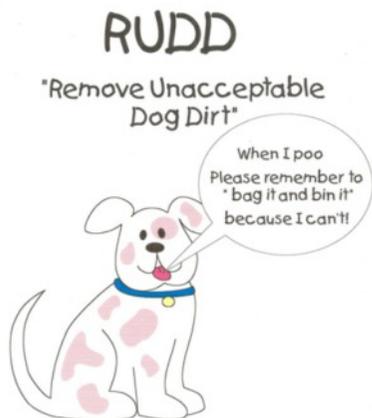
*By Barbara Breakwell,  
Community Governor, James Peacock.*

## **R U D D is Back! Down with Dog Dirt**

Due to concerns from residents about the increase in dog dirt around our village we are rekindling the RUDD campaign. If you see chalked sad faces on the pavements that means an irresponsible dog owner has left a deposit for people to walk in or wheels on bikes, buggies or wheelchairs to run through.

If you would like a free action pack with chalk and information in please e mail your address to [ruddington2012@virginmedia.com](mailto:ruddington2012@virginmedia.com) or collect one from the Parish Council Offices.

*Barbara Breakwell*



## **Bike Postcoding Events.**

Get your bikes postcoded for FREE using CreMark. This is a theft deterrent and helps us to reunite your bikes with you if they are stolen.

Wednesday 18th February  
6pm-7pm  
outside Coop, Hilton Crescent

Saturday 14th March  
10am-11am  
Alford Road Park

Thursday 26th March  
6pm-7pm  
outside Morrisons front door

## **Food Glorious Food!**

James Peacock School is holding its annual Food Fair on Sunday 8 March, and it's set to be even bigger and better than its inaugural event last year.

The hugely popular fair brings together local producers and suppliers of a wide range of foodstuffs, cooking equipment and utensils. It's a great way to sample some delicious new products and discover some unusual new items for your kitchen. As well as an array of stalls, there will be a chocolate tombola, raffle and other activities to keep the kids entertained as you browse. Plus you'll be able to buy tea, coffee and cold drinks.

It's an indoor event, so it'll be on whatever the weather. You can just pay on the door – it's £1 for adults and free entry for kids.

Don't forget Mother's Day is coming up in March, so this could be the perfect opportunity to find a unique and special gift for the occasion.

*Kay Garrett*

# Ruddington Diary

## February 2015

### Sunday 1st February

**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. 'Old Road, The Spinney and Sharphill Wood'. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

### Tuesday 3rd February

**Ruddington Methodist Women's Fellowship** - "Cambodia Trip" by Mrs J Piggott at 2.30pm.

### Wednesday 4th February

**Ruddington District Probus Club** - "TBA" At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

**History Society** - "Murder, Misfortune and Mystery - Nottingham's Coroners Peter Hammond. St. Peter's Rooms at 8pm.

### Sunday 8th February

**Valentine's Day Lunch** - in aid of Teddies for Loving Care. Raffle, auction and entertainment. At Ruddington Grange Golf Club 12 noon to 4pm. Call Graham Ritchie on 0115 921 4146.

### Tuesday 10th February

**Scrabble** - In Ruddington Library 2pm to 4pm. All players welcomed.

**Framework Knitters Museum** - Rebekah Wood presents "The Knitters Tale - Exploring the History of Framework Knitting through Contemporary Practice" at 7.30pm.

**Amenities Committee** - at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any items on the agenda.

### Wednesday 11th February

**Ruddington W.I.** - "Medical Detection Dogs", by Wendy Coley. Exhibition: A Picture of a Doggy Hero. At 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

### Saturday 14th February

**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.

### Sunday 15th February

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

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

### Tuesday 17th February

**Ruddington Methodist Women's Fellowship** - "Did I really say that.....?" by Mr J Mellor at 2.30pm.

### Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th February - Half Term Fun

**Framework Knitters Museum** - Fun interactive film activity, suitable for children 8 and over, daily 12 noon to 2.30pm. Activity included in normal museum admission fee, adults £4, children £2. Contact 0115 984 6914 for details or go to

[www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk](http://www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk)

### Wednesday 18th February

**Ruddington District Probus Club** - "Development of the Calender" At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

### Thursday 19th February

**Ear Foundation** - Do you wear an NHS hearing aid? Come to our FREE walk-in hearing aid clinic. In St. Peter's Rooms between 11.30am to 12.30pm. No appointment required.

**Neighbourhood Watch Meeting** - St. Peter's Rooms 6.30pm to 7.15pm.

### Friday 20th February

**Ruddington Business Partnership** - FREE networking today and every 3rd Friday of the month, at The Ruddington Arms (note new venue) from 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses. No booking required.

### Traffic Plan. What do you think?

The Ruddington Traffic & Transport Plan is out for consultation. The Parish Council have looked at all the views and ideas from the survey last year and drawn up a draft plan. They are now looking for feedback by 17th February. A copy of the plan is on the Parish Council's website or you can get a copy from the Parish Council office.

### Tuesday 24th February

**Environment Committee** - at St. Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any items on the agenda.

### Wednesday 25th February

**Ruddington Gardeners' Association** - Annual General Meeting. Come along and express your views about the Association and the programme for 2015, followed by time to ask questions relating to your own plot. Complementary refreshments. The Hermitage, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

**Alpha Course** - The Anglican, Baptist and Methodist churches in Ruddington

invite you to explore if there is more to life! The course lasts 10 weeks and is free of charge. 7.30pm at The Hub, 62 Musters Road, NG11 6HW. Contact 07804 590 002 or email ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk.

### March 2015

#### Sunday 1st March

**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. "Hickling Circular via Hickling Standard". Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

#### Wednesday 4th March

**Alpha Course Week 2** - 7.30pm at The Hub, 62 Musters Road, NG11 6HW. See above.

#### Ruddington District Probus Club

- "Exploring for Oil in Nigeria in the 1960s" At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

**History Society** - AGM followed by Members Evening. St. Peter's Rooms at 8pm.

If you would like something included in the Village newsletter please talk to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

The copy deadline for the next edition is 15<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Tuesday 10th March

**Scrabble** - In Ruddington Library 2pm to 4pm. All players welcomed.

**Parish Council** - at St. Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any items on the agenda.

## Ruddington's V.C.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1854 a Russian shell had landed inside the trench at the Siege of Sevastopol, its fuse still burning. Francis Wheatley attempted to put it out with his rifle butt. Unable to do so he lifted it up and threw it over the parapet where it exploded, thus saving the lives of his comrades. He received his Victoria Cross from Queen Victoria on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1857 at an Investiture Parade in Hyde Park.



On 10/8/1821 Francis Wheatley son of Francis Wheatley, framework knitter, was born in Ruddington. Some years ago a failed attempt was made to find the exact address but without success. Instead a plaque with a photograph was unveiled in St. Peter's Rooms on 11/10/04 by the then Parish Council Chairman, Margaret Thorpe. Since then a replica V.C. has been added – given by a generous local donor.

Whether he followed his father into framework knitting is not known, but soon after he reached 18 he enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion of the Rifle Brigade on 5/11/1839. He served for 21 years, 12 of which were abroad: in Malta (5 years), Cape Colony (5 years, where he was in the Kaffir Wars from 1846 to 1847). In

1854 he went to Russia and was at the battles of the Alma, Inkerman and the Siege of Sevastopol. Francis was obviously a very brave man because on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1854 he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. The following day on the 12<sup>th</sup> he earned the newly established award, the Victoria Cross.

This article was prompted by my seeing his medals at the Royal Greenjackets' Museum at Winchester. The museum kindly provided the photograph. Francis is also commemorated on the Nottinghamshire V C Memorial at Nottingham Castle which was unveiled on 7/5/2010.

Francis Wheatley died on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1865, aged 43, in Westminster Hospital and was buried in Brompton Cemetery where a stone was erected only in 2001.

*By Peter McGowan*

## Museum appeals to local businesses

Do you run or work for a business based in Ruddington or nearby? Would you like to support a local cause by having a collecting tin on your counter, bar or other public area? If so, the Framework Knitters Museum would like to hear from you!

The Museum recently bought Gunn Cottage, a property adjacent to their existing buildings on Church Street, with a view to greatly expanding the Museum's exhibition space and visitor facilities. To make this happen, the Museum needs to raise considerable funds for the necessary conversion works to take place. And whilst it's still early days in terms of fundraising, the Museum is keen to raise awareness of

the Gunn Cottage project by placing collecting tins – and possibly posters or leaflets as well – into local businesses.



*‘Ruddington is packed with customer-facing businesses like pubs, shops, food outlets and hairdressers,’ says the Museum’s Manager, Paul Baker. ‘We’re hoping that, by promoting our plans for Gunn Cottage in some of these businesses, we can generate local interest and enthusiasm for our project as well as raising vital funds.’*

Going forward, the Framework Knitters Museum is looking to strengthen its links with village businesses and other organisations in a number of ways. Please contact Paul on 0115 984 6914 if you’re interested in working with the Museum for your mutual benefit.

*Faye Stenson*

## **Love is in the air...**

It’s that time of year again, when the shops are filled with a sea of hearts and roses. But for the romantic types out there, you don’t need to venture too far to find some gorgeous gifts and delicious Valentine’s Day dinners.

Ruddington is growing fast and that means there are even more places in the village to shop and eat. Something Special will be stocking a great range of cards along with Yankee Candle gift

sets, balloons, chocolates, jewellery, and gift packages. And if you’re the laid-back type, never fear, as they’ll be staying open late on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> for those last-minute purchases.

If your loved one likes sweet treats then pop along to Julia’s Kitchen for one of their giant heart-shaped cookies (order in advance) or pick up some of their delicious Valentine’s cupcakes.

Phoenix will be offering a range of bouquets to suit every budget, including the classic ‘dozen red roses’. They’ll also be opening late (6pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and 5pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>) and can deliver locally.

Ruddington Grange Golf Club is hosting a Valentine’s Day lunch celebrating 10 years of TLC (Teddies for Loving Care) – all profits are going to the charity, which serves children in hospital across Nottinghamshire. The event is on Sat 8 February, so hurry to book your tickets.

For a Valentine’s treat with a difference, the Old Bakehouse is offering afternoon tea, or you can enjoy a romantic meal there in the evening. The White Horse and The Ruddington Arms are both also running a special Valentine’s menu for the occasion.

If you fancy a curry then head over to the Three Spices, or if you prefer some traditional Italian fayre then Gino’s is the place to be. And Bar Six is offering a four-course meal for couples, or if romance isn’t your thing, then they’ll also be serving up themed cocktails and shots in the bar.

It’s always best to book ahead for your Valentine’s meal to make sure you get the venue of your choice.

*Kay Garrett*

## St. Mary's Park Official Opening

St. Mary's Community Park Project is delighted to announce the official opening of the new park.

As many people will have seen, the park has been under construction and looks set to be a fun place for the children of our community to play. This project has been made possible via funding by WREN and also continued fund raising by the St. Mary's Community Park Project members.

SAVE THE DATE. We plan to officially open the park on SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2015 at 2 p.m.

Keep a look out for further details of the official opening. Many thanks to all for your continuing support.

### **“Anywhere, Anytime, Anyone”**

Having attended one of the two recent free Defibrillator training sessions provided by the Community Heartbeat Trust, this was the one of the statements that sticks in my head. You never know when, where or who may experience Cardiac Arrest i.e. become unconscious and stop breathing.

Along with 60 other residents/representatives of various village organisations I pretended to be a heart cell, learnt how to do chest compressions and how to access and use a defibrillator. It was reassuring to know that should I ever need to use the machine to help anyone all I have to do is do as I am told! This is because the machine literally talks you through what to do.

To quote a popular slogan “SIMPLES”

Naturally we were concerned “Could we do someone any harm by using the

machine?” The answer was we would do them more harm by **not** doing something. Once Cardiac Arrest occurs **someone** needs to help that person **QUICKLY**.



Housed in distinctive yellow secure boxes outside St Peter's Rooms and the Pavilion at Elms Park the 2 defibrillators are available for community access 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. The access code is provided by the emergency services once a 999 call is made due to a suspected Cardiac Arrest. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Ruddington Colts and Ruddington Parish Council our village now have these potentially life-saving resources.

*Barbara Breakwell*

### **Get your running shoes on for charity**

March is set to be a busy month for running enthusiasts and charity supporters, with two fundraising events taking place at Rushcliffe Country Park.

Due to popular demand, entries have already closed for the Rushcliffe 10k and Fun Run on Sunday 1 March. This event will raise funds for Cerebral Palsy Sport, which helps people - especially young people and children - with Cerebral Palsy fulfil their potential through sport.

All are welcome to come along and support the event, which kicks off at 10:30am.

Don't worry if you've missed out on the 10k, as entries for the 5k Resolution Run on Sunday 22 March are still open. This event is being held in aid of the Stroke Association, which helps stroke survivors, their families and carers deal with the impact of stroke, and also funds research into preventing and treating the condition.

**Resolution  
Run  
5K**



The 5k Resolution Run event is open to everyone, from novices to seasoned runners. Whether you choose to walk, jog or sprint, you'll receive a winner's medal when you complete the 5k course. Entry costs £12.50 or £15, which includes a Stroke Association t-shirt or running vest respectively. Find out more and enter online at [www.stroke.org.uk/resolution](http://www.stroke.org.uk/resolution).

*Faye Stenson*

### **The Knitter's Tale.....with a difference**

On Tuesday 10 February at 7.30pm Rebekah Wood will give a talk at the Framework Knitters Museum exploring the history of framework knitting but with a modern slant. Rebekah spent the first year of her PhD in Ruddington working on framework knitted lace and experimenting with new techniques and uses for the handframe.

She became a skilled demonstrator and still volunteers at the Museum to share

with visitors her fascination with the machines and with the lives of the 19th century workers. She can also be seen – and heard, singing with dad Ian at special events.

The event takes place in the old chapel in Chapel Street. Tickets at £5 can be purchased from the Museum or from Kathy Powis, tel. 0115 9845375.

### **Rushcliffe Country Park Wildlife Watch Group.**

Are you 8 - 13 years and interested in nature exploration, games and practical activities with other young people? We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 11:00am to 1:00pm at the education room at the country park, whatever the weather. Under 8's also welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Please come dressed for the weather. For more information, contact our Group Leader, Laura on 07545 131792 or Lynn at NWT on 0115 9588 242.

### **Asher Lane Update**

Over 600 objections have been brought into the Parish Council office and taken in to the Borough Council. Thank you to everyone who helped to collect these.

If you are interested in helping to respond to any future applications on Asher Lane please let the Parish Council office have your name, e-mail address and/or phone number. It will be kept on a list only to be used for that purpose.

[office@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk) 0115 914 6660.

A slightly revised plan has been submitted including Asher Lane. There is still time to get your objection in to the Borough Council by 11<sup>th</sup> February.

## New Year's Honours for Ruddington Residents

Ruddington was well-represented in the 2015 New Year's Honours list, with no less than two of our residents receiving a coveted award.

Surat Singh 'Sam' Sangha, who lives on Flawforth Lane, was delighted to receive an OBE for services to entrepreneurship. Sam, 57, was honoured for his work in setting up the Oriental food supply business, Asiana, and his other business interests, which include science projects and a property portfolio. He is also an Ambassador of the City of Nottingham.

Speaking to the Nottingham Post, Sam said: *'It's great to be recognised for all the work we've put in - it feels fantastic. I moved here from India when I was 10 and it's a great country that has given me massive opportunities. I do a lot of international business and try to attract investors for Nottingham.'*

Meanwhile, 66 year old Jean Greenwood received the British Empire Medal (BEM) for her services to the community. A well-known local figure, Jean has been volunteering since 1995, when she joined the South Nottinghamshire Crime Prevention Panel, which later became Rushcliffe Action Partnership Against Crime.

As lead volunteer with Rushcliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team, Jean has worked tirelessly to collect and feed back public opinions on police services for the last 19 years, helping to establish local policing priorities. In 2013, she won the Chief Constable's Award for Volunteer of the Year.

Jean was also a founding member of the Ruddington Policing Consultation Group and part of the team that opened Ruddington Police Station in 1999 (now closed). She now carries out her community liaison activities from West Bridgford Police Station. Commenting on her BEM, Jean told the Post: *'I just enjoy what I do - I like working with the team. I like putting things back into the community and speaking with other people.'*

Congratulations to Sam and Jean on their well-deserved awards!

Faye Stenson

### Xmas Tree Report Back

Over 70 people left their Xmas trees out by arrangement for the Parish Council to shred. Gary Long, Clerk to the Council said "The Parish Council are pleased to provide this new service to the residents of Ruddington. Thanks to Linda Cooke (our former Deputy Clerk) for the idea."

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