

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Framework Knitters Wins European Award

The Framework Knitters Museum has achieved success at the European Heritage in Motion Awards. The museum won the websites and online content category with their new interactive film, Breaking the Frame.

The winners were announced at the annual conference of the European Museum Academy, held in Brescia, Italy, on 8 May 2015.



Breaking the Frame is the core of the Museum's groundbreaking new education programme, which is the second part of the museum's Heritage Lottery Funded redevelopment. The film, which was partly funded by Nottinghamshire County Council, offers a unique interactive experience in which the audience influence the direction of the story by making decisions on behalf of the lead character at key points in the story. It uses the 200 year old story of the Luddite riots to illustrate the very real decisions children and teenagers face

today regarding peer pressure and criminality. It was filmed on-site at the Framework Knitters Museum, and at the Galleries of Justice Museum.

You can see the award-winning film at www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk/educational-visits/interactive-luddite-drama.

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**Unique Crafts, Gifts & Cards
Framework Knitter's Museum,
Chapel Street, Ruddington, NG11 6HE
Wednesday - Saturday
11.00am – 4.30pm**

Women's Institute 100 Year Celebrations

Paul Baker, Museum Manager, said “we are absolutely delighted to have won such a prestigious award. We are hugely proud of our new education programme and for our film to be chosen above such esteemed museums is a huge honour.”

The film has also been recognised as pioneering at a more local level and is shortlisted for the Award for Innovation at the East Midlands Heritage Awards 2015. The planning and design of the redevelopment has been undertaken as a collaborative partnership with Rushcliffe School, as well as the students starring in the film and contributing to the production process. This partnership has also been recognised at the awards, and is shortlisted for the Award for Engaging Children and Young People. The winners for these awards will be announced on Tuesday 9 June.

The film and other educational resources have been created to support history and citizenship within the National Curriculum and are available free to all schools from the museum's website. The interactive film will also be available to the public at the museum on selected days throughout the year. Details on the museum website.

For more information please visit www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk, or contact the museum on 0115 984 6914 or office@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

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 15th June.

The W.I. is 100 years old this year and to celebrate Ruddington has a full programme of events:

Tuesday 2nd June - A Garden Party at Buckingham Palace hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall. One member from every institute in the country has been invited and Evelyn Bedford is going from Ruddington.



26/27/28th June - 'Inspiring Women' Flower and Craft Festival at Newstead Abbey. We are depicting Madge Watt a Canadian woman who brought the W.I. to the UK and started the first one in Anglesey. She formed well over 300 W.I.'s. Our floral display is headed by Joan Woodhouse.

Saturday 18th July - Garden Party at 200, Loughborough Road. The proceeds will go to the Peter Le Marchant Trust which provides canal trips for disabled people on their boat.

Saturday 19th September - Together with the Gardeners Association there will be a Grand Garden and Craft Show. This will be to celebrate the W.I. Centenary in Ruddington.

We hope to see you all at these events.

Howzat!

Over 80 years ago Samuel Carter endowed the area now known as Elms Park to the village for recreational use. Over the years it has served just that purpose and now is home to several sporting activities including the bowls club, football pitches and the cricket pitches and practice facilities. It is also home to an outdoor gym and play park equipment including the only fully accessible roundabout in the area.

If you venture to the park on a Friday evening at 6.30 pm you will find all ages of children enjoying cricket training.

The sessions which last an hour and cost £1 per child are organised and run by Ruddington Cricket Club and will run every Friday until the end of August.



The initiative is to encourage youngsters to play cricket and the club are delighted that this year they have enough interest that for the first time in the clubs recent history they have been able to enter an under 11's team in the Notts Youth League.

There is no need to book and young people of all ages and skill levels are invited to pop along and join in.

Barbara Breakwell

Flower Festival Methodist Church

The Flower Festival held at the Methodist Church in Ruddington over the early May Bank Holiday weekend was a tremendous success.

The total amount raised was £3,100 and is being divided equally between two very worthwhile local charities, Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance and Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People.



The Plant and Flowers Quiz was won by Audrey Swinscoe from Arnold with the prize being garden vouchers generously donated by Moores Nurseries.



Thank you to everyone from the village and further afield who supported this wonderful community event making it such a financial success for the two charities.

Brian Farrow, Senior Steward
Ruddington Methodist Church

Funding To Help Provide Activity for Young of Ruddington.

Funds are available to help establish activities for young people at the Jubilee Clubhouse, Loughborough Road, which is primarily used by the Ruddington Village Colts Football Team.

Andy Scott explained: "Funds have been kept aside to help groups become established for young people to take part in sport and leisure activities.

Football is well catered for, but there is capacity for the building to be used for other things, for instance:

- Chess Club;
- Music Club;
- Drama Group;
- Reading / Writing Group;
- Cycling;
- Orienteering; and
- Running.

Money is available to pay for room hire costs for a set time, equipment hire / purchase in order to get groups established.

The Country Park is on the doorstep, so the Clubhouse is well placed as a start and finishing point for runners and cyclists."

Do you have an idea for a regular activity that could interest and help in the well being of the young of the village and would like to discuss help available?

Why not ring Andy on 07910 663 158 in the first instance to discuss matters informally. You never know, your idea could be up and running in the very near future.

The Noise 2015

Do you or a neighbour need some practical help and support? Gardening? Painting? Housework? A strong pair of hands? Someone to talk to?



On 20th June and 19th September 'The Noise' will be getting into the community offering support to anyone who has need. If you could do with a helping hand on one of these two dates please let us know: Phone: 984 6833 E-mail: noise@ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk

Ruddington is Gifted

If you're thinking of heading to the city to find a suitable present for someone special then think again!

Whilst Ruddington cannot possibly offer the gift range in larger towns and cities it is incredible what a choice of outlets we have right here on our doorstep – from small supermarkets to independent traders.

One hidden gem of a gift shop that a great number of local people still seem unaware of is the Framework Knitters' Museum **Textile Emporium** – now trading into its FOURTH year! This shop and adjoining tea room are accessible for people to visit during museum opening hours without obligation to pay to go around the rest of the site – although with the modest entry charges they obviously hope you will.



“Our Textile Emporium stocks products individually made by craftspeople within a ten mile radius who often find it difficult to find a regular outlet for their products” says manager Paul Baker. *“You can come here to buy handmade cushions, scarves, gloves, socks, purses, bags, brooches, key rings, fabric cards & pictures, and much more. Because it’s on a sale or return basis we can afford to be more adventurous with our stock”.*

Another great outlet for fabric lovers is Karen Cragg’s **Lovely Little Wool Shop** on Church Street. Although she only opened in July last year it’s already become a hub of the community - with tea and homemade cakes to complement her handmade gifts.



Of course she specialises in wool but also stocks an imaginative range of other fabric products - all made by Karen and other Ruddington based craftspeople. She even teaches children how to knit!

Then there’s **Something Special**, a traditional card and gift shop at the corner of High Street and Easthorpe Street run by Craig and Paula Baldwin. Since opening in Ruddington in 2012 it’s become the first choice for many when buying exclusive lines such as Yankee candles, British-made Orchard Toys and Willow Tree figurines. They also stock sentimental gifts such as picture frames, jewellery, scarves, cuddly toys, baby items, helium balloons and other party-ware plus a wide range of greeting cards



and gift-wrap. **Ruddington Post Office** and **Grange News** are also always worth a try for cards, wrapping paper and confectionery.

Of course there are also many other businesses in Ruddington stocking all manner of things which might make suitable gifts. Remember that both the **Nottinghamshire Hospice** and **Honeycomb** charity shops sell new as well as recycled items.

Even if you prefer to buy your presents online you can still support a Ruddington business based at Oxford House on Easthorpe Street via www.crusadergifts.co.uk

So – before looking elsewhere – remember that Ruddington is truly gifted!
Graham Wright

Ruddington Diary

June 2015

Tuesday 2nd June

Amenities Committee

Meeting - 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.

Thursday 4th June

How We Beat Cancer - Research and experience based seminar by Dr Patrick Kingsley. At St. Peter's Church, 7pm to 10pm www.cancer-acts.com

Sunday 7th June

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. "Radcliffe to Shelford & return - along River Trent". Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Ruddington Garage Sale

Safari - Organised by James Peacock and St. Peter's Schools. Stalls cost £6. Further details email ruddington2012@virginmedia.com, booking forms available from Perkins Hardware, closing date 21st May.

Tuesday 9th June

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

'Tomorrow's Textiles' - a talk by Julian Ellis in the Chapel at the Framework Knitters Museum at 7:30pm. Tickets £5. More info at www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

Wednesday 10th June

Ruddington WI 'Peter le Marchant Trust' - Richard Teare St. Peter's Rooms, 7.15 pm

Saturday 13th June

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 14th June

English Electric Running Day at GCRN. Info and tickets available at www.gcrn.co.uk.

Thursday 18th June

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.

[Friday 19th June](#)

Ruddington Business Partnership - FREE

networking today and every 3rd Friday of the month, at The Ruddington Arms, 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses. No booking required.

[Saturday 20th June](#)

A Summer Concert - Boots Orchestra at St. Peter's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, concession £5 proceeds towards Ngora Parents' School. Admission on the door or call 0115 921 3144/921 1565.

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

[Sunday 21st June](#)

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

[Wednesday 24th June](#)

Ruddington Gardeners' Association. An illustrated lecture by Geoff Hodge entitled "Happy House Plants", followed by complementary refreshments. The Hermitage, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

[Friday 26th June](#)

Ladies Lunch - at the Country Cottage 11.30am to 3pm.

July 2015

[Sunday 5th July](#)

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. "Cropwell Bishop - Tithby - Cropwell Butler circular". Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

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Project Miller

Did you know that a major train restoration project is currently underway at Great Central Railway (North), based next to Rushcliffe Country Park? Named 'Project Miller' after Terry Miller MBE, who developed the concept of the High Speed Train (HST) as we know it, the project is working to restore prototype HST Power Car 41001.

Preserving a dying breed

The restoration of 41001 is being undertaken by the 125 Group, a band of train enthusiasts with a special interest in the InterCity 125 fleet. With the fleet now nearing the end of its working life, the group's attention is increasingly focused on preserving these trains, which were built between 1975 and 1982 and are still the world's fastest diesel-powered trains.

In 2012, the 125 Group struck a deal with the National Railway Museum in York to take HST Power Car 41001 on long term loan, with a view to returning it to working condition. The train was taken to East Midlands Trains' Neville Hill Depot in Leeds for initial restoration works. It was moved to GCRN in September 2013, where the vehicle's restoration and commissioning into service will take place.

Work is going well and in November 2014, history was made when 41001 worked as a passenger train for the first time in 38 years, powering a section of *The Screaming Valenta* charity special rail tour, along with a second power car and six current East Midlands Trains HST coaches.

An award-winning project

Project Miller's success has been widely recognised within the rail industry and

rail heritage media. In February 2015, the project team was proud to accept the Morton's Media (Rail Express Magazine) Modern Traction Award for the '*The overhaul of the prototypes of arguably the most successful form of British traction ever, in the form of the prototype High Speed Train power car, which has recently hauled a production Class 125 set on the Great Central Railway (Nottingham).*'

The award was presented at the Heritage Railway Annual Awards Dinner at the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester, on Saturday 7 February 2015.



Latest news

Another recent development is the 125 Group's purchase of three Mk3 coaches that are now stabled at GCRN. The three cars consist of standard open 12092, first open 11074 and restaurant first buffet 10206. After some remedial work, they'll become part of GCRN's general operating fleet and will be re-liveried. The Mk3s will work with the air-braked Mk2 coaches on passenger trains hauled by 41001 and the other locomotives on the railway.

And in the last few weeks, 41001 has made a return visit to Neville Hill in Leeds, where it spent a few weeks undergoing specialist engineering

works. The power car arrived back in Ruddington on Friday 17 April, where restoration work continues.

Like to know more?

You can find out more about Project Miller, including how you can support the restoration work, at www.projectmiller.org.uk. Or, if you fancy getting your hands dirty, why not get involved in the restoration activities yourself? Visit www.qcrn.co.uk for details.

Faye Stenson

Parish Councillors Retire

May this year saw the retirement of 3 parish councillors with a combined service of 64 years. Peter McGowan who had served for 36 years joined in 1979 and later that year was elected to Rushcliffe Borough Council in a by election. When he was first elected all 16 seats were fiercely contested by all three major political parties, but this year there are still 3 places vacant. Peter was Chairman for 3 years and Chairman of the old Finance & Policy Committee for many years. He was the first opposition member to be elected as Mayor of Rushcliffe in 2009-2010. He and his wife Deidre raised £18,000 in his mayoral year which went towards a respirator for the Neo-natal Unit at the City Hospital where their daughter Laura spent 8 weeks back in 1986. "I have enjoyed my council years" said Peter but it is time to move on and for younger people to take up the cudgels.

Barbara Venes joined the council in 1991 and throughout her 24 years of service took a special interest in planning and health & safety. She was also elected to Rushcliffe Borough Council in 1999 and served on the Development Control Committee with

planning responsibilities throughout the Borough. Barbara was Chairman of the Parish Council in 2011. By profession, a nurse, Barbara had wide experience on health matters and up to her retirement was an Inspector of Health & Safety for the Government. She represented Rushcliffe on the Community Health Council and still works with the Health Care Trust as a patient representative.

Michael McGowan, Peter's son, only joined the Council four years ago but as he now spends time in the USA he feels he cannot serve the Council fully so to Peter's regret he will not be continuing the family's service to the village.

Do You Want to Know What We Did to Beat Cancer?

An upcoming seminar evening at St.Peter's Church, Ruddington on Thursday 4th June, 2015 @ 7.00 – 10.00 pm. Free entry so come early. Refreshments are available.

Robert and Sue Olifent explain how Sue



beat cancer through lifestyle and nutrition using natural principles implemented to wreck the environment that cancer needs to thrive. Robert wrote the book "Do You Want to Know What We Did to Beat Cancer?" Website: www.cancer-acts.com

Guest Speaker; Dr. Patrick Kingsley; wrote 33 books, 28 on 28 different cancers. Dr. Kingsley has treated thousands of patients with different chronic diseases, including those with advanced cancer.

Dr. Kingsley's book 'The New Medicine' examines why people have become ill, and what to do about it. Website: www.thenewmedicine.info

Learn about common foods known to feed or fight chronic disease.

What people say who have attended these seminars – Inspirational, Encouraging, Empowering and Logical.

Thanks to St. Peter's Church for allowing us to host this researched and experiential event.

Other contacts;
Peter Burnett: 07751443974
Debbie King: 07775708657

Wood you believe it?

If you lived in the village in 1992 did you, along with my family, help to plant the saplings that since then have matured into Gibbies Wood? Various village organisations were invited to help plant this area of Rushcliffe Country Park.

Over the years wood has been used throughout the Park in various ways , signage, sculptures, seating and sensory activities .The creative skills of the numerous volunteers who form the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park (FoRCP) have crafted various wooden items throughout the park.

Unfortunately 2 popular features in Gibbies Wood, the wooden lizard and the hedgehog, have recently succumbed to rather a lot of rot and invertebrate infestation. They have been removed for

everyone's safety. It turns out the hedgehog was an ideal habitat for the Lesser Stag Beetle and loads of adults and larvae were discovered living in it.

All the material has been relocated to a safe area, suitable for its inhabitants to continue their insect lives.

A habitat for the beetles and their larvae has also been created and everyone moved in – hopefully without too much disturbance.

The volunteers will endeavour to install new constructions in Gibbies Wood later in the year.

Across the other side of the Park a new sign has been erected at the entrance to the Country Park. Based on the brown tourist sign for Country Parks, it is a stylised depiction of parents and child. This once again has been crafted in wood.

This particular sign is the work of Roger Byrne, a volunteer at the park for the last 10 years. He, like all the other volunteers, is passionate about the area. I for one thank them for providing me with such an attractive natural place to visit literally on my doorstep.

Barbara Breakwell

Family Fun Day

On Saturday June 13th between 3pm and 6pm The Friends of James Peacock School are holding a Family Fun Day at the school. There will be stalls, games, entertainment, drinks and food.

All proceeds from the day will support the Multi Use Games Area project the group is currently fundraising for. Admission is £3 per adult and children free. Why not pop along?

NCT 10 Extends Sunday Service

As of Sunday 3 May, Nottingham City Transport (NCT) have extended their number 10 bus service to terminate at Mere Way, by the main entrance to GCRN and Rushcliffe Country Park, on Sundays. The new 10C service has been agreed in partnership with GCRN to make it easier for people to visit both the Heritage Railway Centre and the Country Park on Sundays.



Sunday tends to be the day that events take place at both locations, but until the 10C was introduced, there was no direct bus connection from the city or village centres to Mere Way on Sundays. And there's an added bonus for heritage railway fans, as any family using the 10C to travel to GCRN on a Group rider Ticket will receive a 20% discount on the cost of a Family Ticket for any steam or diesel train services running on that day.

The 10C will run every 30 minutes from the city centre between 9:35 and 4:05pm and from Mere Way between 10:28am and 4:58pm. Outside these times, the normal 10 route will operate. For the full timetable and route information, please visit www.nctx.co.uk.

Faye Stenson

Ruddington's Military Heros Commemorated

The new Bellway Homes development on Pasture Lane will see four local soldiers remembered. Bellway have named the estate Wheatley Fields in memory of Francis Wheatley who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his action on the 12th October 1854 during the Crimean War. A live shell landed in an occupied trench and after failing to extinguish the burning fuse. Wheatley managed to heave the shell over the parapet where it exploded and many lives were saved. He received his medal from Queen Victoria in Hyde Park in June 1857.

The roads on the estate have been named after survivors of the Battle of Rorke's Drift which took place in the war against the Zulu's in South Africa on 22nd and 23rd January 1879. Tongue Way named after Robert Tongue (1857-1918), Marshall Drive after James Marshall (1857-1930) and Wood Close after Caleb Wood (1858-1935). These three soldiers are buried in the old Vicarage Lane Cemetery and many will remember the ceremonies which took place in the cemetery in July 2004 to dedicate new headstones for Tongue and Wood, and in July 2008 when Marshall's tombstone, which had been restored and a Rorke's Drift dedication added, was rededicated.

On both occasions descendants and others attended, a brass band marched through the village and soldiers in original dress fired a volley. Ruddington is rare in having so many Rorke's Drift burials. A series of books about Rorke's Drift survivors are available from the Village Museum.

Peter McGowan

Borough Councillors & Parish Council Co-options

The 3 Borough Councillors for Ruddington are: Martin Buckle, Jean Greenwood & John Lungley.

Ruddington has 16 parish councillors. 13 names were put forward for the elections and were 'elected unopposed'. The Parish Council is now looking to co-opt 3 more parish councillors. If you might be interested contact the Parish Council office. The deadline for applications is 21st June.

Ping in the Park

Table tennis fans will be delighted by a brand new sporting activity that's coming to Rushcliffe Country Park this summer called PING!

Rushcliffe Borough Council is planning to install two permanent outdoor table tennis tables in the park, enabling visitors to have a go at the sport for free. Bats and balls will be provided and you can simply borrow a bat from the side of the table and start playing.

The decision to install the tables has been jointly inspired by the success of the new play area and outdoor gym equipment at the park, and the nationwide PING! initiative which sees table tennis tables popping up in remarkable and surprising places during the summer. Find out more at www.pingengland.co.uk.

Faye Stenson

Tomorrow's Textiles

Medicine, surgery, the aerospace industry, car manufacture..... believe it or not all make use of textile technology. Professor Julian Ellis, a trustee of Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum will be giving a talk on **Tuesday 9 June at 7.30pm** in the old chapel, Chapel Street, describing some surprising contemporary uses of fabrics.

Julian received the OBE in 2004 for services to the Technical Textiles Industry and his own firm is involved in the production of, for example, surgical implants, car seat belt fittings, space saver car wheels and aircraft wing components, so this promises to be a fascinating talk..

The event is organised by the Friends of RFKM to raise money for the development of Gunn Cottage, recently acquired by the Museum.

Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Museum or from Kathy Powis, tel. 01159845375.

We Will Remember Them WW1 Casualties this month 100 years ago

Private **Charles Henson**, aged 20, North Midland Div. Cyclists' Coy. Army Cyclist Corps.

Son of J and Mary Elizabeth Henson of Woodley St, Ruddington.

Cemetery: Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

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