

## RUDDINGTON DIARY

Wednesday 2nd January

**A Bit Of Comedy** by Roy Boyles at Ruddington & District Probus Club. Ruddington Grange Golf Club 0115 921 4139  
**“Willow Basketmaking”** – A talk by Rodney Cousins presented by Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society at St Peter’s Rooms 8pm. Visitors welcome – £2 per meeting including refreshments.

Sunday 6th January

**Tea, Coffee & Cakes** at the Education Room, Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm.  
**Footpaths Walk** – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group’s organised walk. Nine Stiles returning via Bridlepath. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm (Note the new starting time).

Monday 7th January

**Weight Watchers** – New class starting today at 10am, at the Methodist Church Hall. Lose weight the healthy way with WeightWatchers. For more information contact Lisa on [lgow@weight-watchers.co.uk](mailto:lgow@weight-watchers.co.uk)

**Boot Camp** – Project Body UK launches a non-military outdoor boot camp for men and women of all ages, sizes and fitness levels. Mon / Wed evenings 7-8pm at Rushcliffe Country Park. First free session contact [rachel@projectbodyuk.co.uk](mailto:rachel@projectbodyuk.co.uk) for details.

Tuesday 8th January

**Safer Neighbourhoods** – Meet with your local officers to discuss issues in your area. Outside the Co-op, from 10.00am to 10.30am

**Kettleercise** – New class starts at St Peter’s School Hall 6.45pm – 7.35pm Tuesday and 7pm – 7.50pm Thursdays. Email [rachel@projectbodyuk.co.uk](mailto:rachel@projectbodyuk.co.uk) for more details.

Wednesday 9th January

**“Shakespeare’s Flowers”** by Andrew Sankey presented by Ruddington Women’s Institute at St Peter’s Rooms, 7.15pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Thursday 10th January

**“Remembering the 50’s”** – Did we really have it so good? Talk presented by John Whitfield at the Ruddington & District Ladies’ Probus at St Peter’s Rooms, 2pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Saturday 12th January

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

Tuesday 15th January

**Finance & Policy Committee Meeting** at St. Peter’s Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm. This meeting will discuss the Finance & Policy Budget for 2013/14.

Wednesday 16th January

**Ruddington and District Probus Club** presents “NET Nottingham Tram Project” by Steve Tough at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Ring 0115 921 4139 ext 22 if you would like to know more.

Sunday 20th January

**Tea, Coffee & Cakes** at the Education Room Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm.

Wednesday 23rd January

**Ruddington Gardeners’ Association** Annual General Meeting and Seed Distribution at the Hermitage commencing 7.30pm. Come along and meet us – everyone is welcome and membership is just £1 per year.

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**DON'T SIT AT HOME BORED - GET OUT AND ABOUT IN 2013**  
Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat at St Peter’s Rooms.  
Wednesday morning Coffee Club for the over 55’s from 10am to 11am  
and Thursday Club from 10.30am to 11.30am

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FREE – MONTHLY

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# Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## £130 ELECTRICITY REBATE?

Rushcliffe Borough Council has advised that most energy suppliers help customers who are experiencing difficulty in paying for their fuel (if they are on a low income, are disabled or over 60). The Warm Home Discount Scheme provides a rebate on electricity bills in winter to those on Pension Credit Guarantee Element – these people automatically get this rebate from their energy company. However, there is a broader group of customers (discretionary to the energy companies) who are also eligible for Warm Home Discount and who must apply every year. **YOU NEED TO ACT NOW!**

E.On, npower, EDF, Scottish & SE, Swalec, Atlantic, M&S, Equipower, Ebico, British Gas and Scottish Power all have discretionary criteria so don’t miss out. For more information about the scheme and to find out if you can claim, call the Warm Home Discount Scheme Helpline on 0845 603 9439 between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday, or contact your electricity supplier direct. Also see notices at St. Peter’s Rooms.

## THE HONEYCOMB



Many of you will be familiar with The Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop on Church Street, and that it has been open for many years: 27 years to be exact!

We are often asked if we are attached to a church, or churches, and where does the profit we make go to?

The answer is that behind The Honeycomb there is a completely independent Christian charity called The Saved to Serve Trust. This comprises of

6 Trustees (all who attend various churches) who meet approximately every 6 weeks to discuss shop matters and prayerfully decide how any available profits should be distributed. Our remit is to relieve poverty and meet need. This can take many forms and can be from as far afield as Peru, India and Romania where we have regular links, to national organisations and then to local concerns in Nottingham and Ruddington. Some of our giving is to well known charities, sometimes in response to a catastrophe e.g. Tearfund, but sometimes it is to smaller organisations and individuals too.

We also like to support practically where we can by passing on unsold clothes to others e.g. The Friary Drop-In Centre, or to a home for teenage mums!

Please come in the shop and see the different organisations we have helped and the many needs we have been able to meet this year.

### FROM YOUR W.I.

Ruddington WI has had a very successful and busy 2012. They held a fashion show and a garden party



during the year and raised £800 which was shared between the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park, the Framework Knitters' Museum and the Village Museum. In December they held the annual Christmas Party where gifts were presented to Lings Bar Hospital, S.O.S. (Support our Soldiers) for service personnel in Afghanistan and knitted garments for the Friary, West Bridgford. The Festive Fayre saw an excellent turnout and raised in excess of £600.

"We would love to see visitors and new members at our meetings which are held at St Peter's Rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm. And we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year."

### WHAT A GOOD READ ...

During the school Summer Holidays a Reading Challenge takes place at local libraries across the country. It is aimed at 4-11 year olds and they are set a challenge to try and read six books over the summer. Each year there is a theme and as the children read they earn themselves collectable incentives and rewards.



Last summer (2012) when the theme was "Storylab", 104 children who are all members of the Ruddington library, took part. As it was the Olympic year the incentive was to read 6 books in order to receive a certificate and gold medal and 65 children rose to the challenge.

This achievement also won Ruddington library a Silver award for a 10% improvement on their 2011 results.

The Library team wanted to say "Well done" to everyone who attended the Library activities and enjoyed the challenge. They also said it won't be long until the summer so look out for the next Summer Reading Challenge with a theme of "Creepy House.....!"

Don't forget it is **FREE** to join the library whatever your age so why not pop in and become a member next time you are in the village. Just remember they are closed on Monday and Wednesdays. (By Barbara Breakwell)

### REMEMBER PENNY & NICK?



It is exactly a year ago since we last reported on Ruddington's Penny Coomes and her partner, Nicholas Buckland from Wilford, and their continuing figure skating success. It was reported in the local press during December 2012 that they have now won the British Dance Championships – so very well done to Penny and Nick.

**A LARGE PRINT COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE TO READ IN THE LIBRARY**

### WAXWINGS



Martin Brownett took these photographs of Waxwings in the trees near to Sutton Gardens in December. Although frequently seen in the area at this time of year, on this occasion there were about 25 together in the trees.

We thought you might like to see them.

### POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says: "In this modern day of the motor car and its impact on everyday life, inconsiderate parking is regularly an issue being reported to the Police. Whilst this is not a police matter, parking on grass verges causes other difficulties and inconveniences which potentially could result in an accident. Please refrain from parking on grassed areas and particularly between driveways, which can cause visibility problems, not to mention ruining the grass and spoiling the look of the village. Obstruction of footpaths and access to properties is a police matter and could result in a fixed penalty ticket being issued."

Happy New Year from Ann and Jenny.

### Police contact numbers are:

**Dial 101 - for non emergencies**  
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**

### RUDDINGTON'S FORGOTTEN PAST

This intriguing picture was found in the village museum's collection and has sparked people's curiosity! The original photo has been mounted in 'carte de visite' form but unusually does not have any studio information or a date printed on it. The date 1926 however, is written in pencil in the top right corner on the back. It is thought that the address at which it was taken is 10 Asher Lane, the property that was renovated by the Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust around 5 years ago. This renovation resulted in the reinstatement of the traditional framework knitters' window that can be seen in the photograph.



If anybody can confirm this or give us any other details about the picture such as a definite date or identity of the people in it, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email c/o the Parish Council Office.

"We're making sure it'll be a friendly atmosphere in a family run locals' pub" says Carol "and we're also lucky to have a good sized function room for meetings and private parties which people can book. So please come in and give us a try!"  
(By Graham Wright)

### FOOTPATH DIVERSION

Nottinghamshire County Council has written to the Parish Council and asked for comments in respect of a diversion to Footpath No. 1. This path cuts the corner of Flawforth Lane and it is proposed to divert it slightly from its existing route which is blocked due to ditches and other obstacles. Please call in to the Parish Council Office if you wish to see a map of the diversion. Comments to the Parish Council Office by 14<sup>th</sup> January please.

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPH

We recently ran a photograph taken in the 1960's depicting a presentation ceremony when Ruddington won the 'Best Kept Village' and asked if anyone knew the exact year that Ruddington won the award. We now have an update: On reading "A Century of Service" by Margaret Lawson, we have found the following reference under the Environment section: "In 1965, largely as a result of these improvements, Ruddington won the Council for the Preservation of Rural England award of the 'Best Kept Village in Notts'."

### VALENTINE'S CHARITY LUNCH

Local charity Teddies for Loving Care Nottinghamshire (TLC) is holding its annual fundraising Valentine's lunch on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013, at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. TLC Nottinghamshire



is the local arm of a national charity that provides around 70,000 teddies and soft toys every year to hospitals around the country, to help comfort distressed children admitted to Accident and Emergency and paediatric wards.

The Valentine's lunch is a very popular event that's supported by local shops and businesses in Ruddington and West Bridgford, who donate prizes every year for the raffle and auction. Organiser and TLC supporter Graham Riche comments: 'We're very grateful for the support we receive from retailers in the village every year and we always encourage people attending the lunch to use these shops and businesses and "keep it local" wherever possible.'

Tickets for the Valentine's lunch are £27.50 each and include entry to the 'lucky ticket' prize draw. Please contact Graham on 0115 921 4146 to book your tickets or for more information.  
(By Faye Stenson)

### CHAIRMAN RECEIVES AWARD



Chairman of Ruddington Parish Council, Peter F. McGowan, received an award at the National Association of Local Councils' annual meeting to commemorate 30 years' service as a councillor. Peter has actually served 32 years on the Parish Council so will be due for another award in the not-too-distant future.

### LITTLE SEEDLINGS



WOW! What a lovely surprise for all the children that attend Little Seedlings Childminder's, even though Santa was very busy he managed to visit 3 times to see all of the children that attend throughout the week. The above children that attend on a Friday started off his visit and got us all excited about Christmas. The children worked really hard making lots of lovely Christmas craft for their families to have at home.

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and Best Wishes to all our families for 2013. We look forward to another very exciting year. From Jane and Sam  
For more details about Little Seedlings please contact Jane on 07748025281

### "IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO ME!"

If you have ever been the victim of crime, which I have, you will know that when it happens to you it is 100% personal. We all want to be safe, be it at home or out and about, and we trust that everyone else thinks the same and leaves us or our property alone. Unfortunately that isn't always true.

Yes, we have a Police Service but the fact is that they **can't** be everywhere and do everything. We need to take collective responsibility by the things **we** do or don't do! There are numerous simple measures that you can do to keep one

step ahead of the criminals. I was staggered to hear recently that there had been several cases of things being taken from cars in the Rushcliffe area. In the majority of cases the cars had been left unlocked and/or property left on display! In Ruddington there are some "Neighbourhood Watch" Schemes where residents have decided that by getting together with their neighbours and "looking out" for each other they can cut local crime by reporting anything suspicious.

*Do you think we need more of these schemes?*

*Would you be prepared to be involved to establish one for your road / street / neighbourhood?*



If you have a computer, did you know that you can register on the **free** Neighbourhood Alert System which gives you up to date information about crime and things to be aware e.g. scams etc. in this area. (Visit

[www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk))

It also lets you report information confidentially to the Police and Neighbourhood Watch. Register at [www.rushcliffecommunity.co.uk](http://www.rushcliffecommunity.co.uk)

If you feel that as a village we could do more to "look out" for ourselves please send your comments to Cllr Barbara Breakwell c/o the Parish Council Office or email [councillorbb@ntlworld.com](mailto:councillorbb@ntlworld.com)

### POPPY APPEAL

Ruddington and District Branch of the Royal British Legion are pleased to announce that to date this year £8,873.31 has been raised in our district in



the two week period in the run-up to Remembrance Sunday. The Branch wish to extend a very big thank you to the Ruddington Co-op Supermarket for the use of their premises, 2425 (Nottingham Airport) Sqn. Cadets, all the local businesses, along with door to door, supermarket and street collectors, without you all giving up your time this could not have been achieved.



You may not be aware that the Royal British Legion membership is open to everyone - you do not have to have been a member of the Armed Forces. If you would like to join our local branch and support the RBL, please contact Marilyn Parker on 0115 984 4081 for more information.

**The Royal British Legion  
Standing Shoulder to Shoulder**

(Marilyn Parker, Secretary Ruddington & District Royal British Legion)

**THINGS THAT GO 'BUMP' ...**

Continuing our occasional series of ghostly happenings in and around Ruddington is an eerie tale of unexplained bumps in the night – during a car journey! The lady who related the story was travelling with her husband on Loughborough Road, coming towards the



village from Bradmore. As the car entered the roundabout near Rushcliffe Country Park to continue on towards Kirk Lane, something very strange began to happen. 'I saw what I can only explain as something orange or tan in colour, like a fluid slithering towards us. Next thing there was a bump on the front of the car, followed by a bump under the front of the car,' says our source. 'My husband stopped the car immediately and we both jumped out, thinking we had hit something – maybe a fox. We looked under the car, all around it, on the grass at the side of the road and on the traffic island...but there was nothing there.'

The lady and her husband eventually gave up the search and continued on their way home to Sandhurst Drive. Whilst they were both puzzled by the experience, the lady later admitted she had somehow known they wouldn't find anything as she had sensed 'some form of ghostly happening.' And her suspicions that something was amiss in this particular spot were confirmed a few weeks later when she told her story to a neighbour – without mentioning where it had taken place. The neighbour immediately said: 'Oh yes, you mean near the entrance to the Country Park...' and promptly changed the subject!

Can you shed any light on this mystery? Or do you have a spooky tale of your own to tell about the village? If so, we'd love to hear from you! You can send your stories to newsletter contributor Faye Stenson at [faye.stenson@blackandwrite.co.uk](mailto:faye.stenson@blackandwrite.co.uk).

(By Faye Stenson)

**IS YOUR BUS PASS DUE TO EXPIRE?**

You should receive a letter between Nov 2012 and January 2013 which will include your unique reference and explain how to renew your older persons' bus pass. If you have changed your address since 2007 and have not told NCC, please call 0300 500 80 80.

**NEW YEAR, NEW PUBLICANS**

To start off 2013, we're pleased to report permanent new faces at both of Ruddington's Wilford Road pubs!

**The Victoria Tavern** has youthful husband and wife team, Johnney and Lindsey Fahey taking on the lease – with the hope of restoring its reputation as a friendly, traditional, country pub. And they've brought along an additional attraction in the shape of Black Labrador puppy Millie – who's already been a big hit with the regulars!



(Lindsey & Johnney with Millie the puppy)

Lindsey previously worked as an Events' Manager but has wanted to pull pints at her own pub ever since she was a girl, and loved the Victoria Tavern as soon as she saw it. Former builders' merchant, Johnney was instantly attracted to Ruddington by the distant sound of steam trains – but has had to learn quickly how to keep a good pint. So far so good: Four competitively priced real ales are in the handpumps with further discounts for CAMRA members. Look out for Millie's very own beer in the bar soon! The pool table has already disappeared in favour

of a quieter lounge area with extra tables where a good menu can be offered. The current range will be expanded during January, when new kitchen facilities are installed, and Lindsey herself will be chef: "I'll be cooking locally sourced food whenever possible and my traditional mixed grill is a bit of a speciality. But we'll be having other 'themed' events including Tuesday Steak Nights and offering a cheaper day for pensioners. We're hoping to run a quiz night too." Meantime, Johnney is making sure fellow sports fans are catered for with Sky TV in the Public Bar, showing all the football, plus an additional screen in the lounge to be used only occasionally for other major sporting fixtures. With your support, they're certainly planning to be here to stay!

**The Jolly Farmers** is back in business again after another period of closure. It reopened its doors on 21<sup>st</sup> December with mother and daughter team Carol Connelly and Hayley Fisher now behind the bar. Carol is an experienced publican who once ran The Star in her home village of Gotham. She's come back to our area after a spell in Sheffield and is looking forward to the challenge of turning "The Jollies" around. Music will be a major theme at the re-launched pub with a Friday night disco and singers on Saturdays – leading to larger tribute acts if all goes well. Two real ales are available on handpumps and it's planned that food will be back on the menu very soon.

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