

## Ruddington Parish Council

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## Good luck to the “Freedom Family”

From 25<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 28 young people, from Ruddington and surrounding area, who attend the Freedom Dance and Performance School in Charles Street, will be in Jersey representing Team England in the Dance World Cup.

Over the last few months they have been busy enthusiastically fundraising as their places are self funded. They had done various activities including bag packing in the Ruddington Co-op and at Morrisons in Clifton and Gamston. They have held tombolas, done a sponsored Zumbathon and sold raffle tickets. Their finale was a fundraising black tie event at Alea Casino.

Their Facebook page has been bombarded by Good Luck messages from dancers in West End Shows and TV personalities so it is only appropriate that we as their “home” village add to those best wishes.

*“We have received so much support from local businesses and groups we truly are overwhelmed, and hope that we do England proud and put Ruddington on the map.” Stacey Gaunt*

Barbara Breakwell



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## Ruddington Groundstaff Success

Chris Churches, Senior Groundsman, and Scott Evans, Qualified Groundsman, at Ruddington Parish Council, are the runners up in the Nottinghamshire FA Groundsman of the Year Awards 2016. This is a public and independent recognition of the excellent work that the groundstaff achieve.



Chairman of the Amenities Committee, Councillor David Hall, said “The award is well merited and a recognition of the outstanding work done by our ground staff”.

The Parish Council will be looking to strengthen the team in the next few months with the appointment of an apprentice grounds person to work with Chris and Scott.

The Clerk to the Council, Gary Long, said “Chris and Scott provide top quality work in all that they do. It is a really well deserved award. I am sure that any apprentice working with them will have the best possible example to follow.”

## Bridge works begin at GCRN

After three years of planning and fundraising, work has officially started on a new bridge in Loughborough to carry the tracks of the Great Central Railway (GCR) over the Midland Main Line. The new bridge is part of a chain of infrastructure which will ultimately allow the two halves of the Great Central Railway (GCR in Leicester and GCRN in Nottingham) to reconnect, creating an 18 mile heritage line between Leicester and Ruddington.

The project to rebuild the missing link between the two halves of the Great Central Railway has become known as 'bridging the gap'. The 'gap' came about when the original Great Central line closed in the 1960s and structures were removed by British Railways.

The new bridge is just over 30m long and will carry a single track of the GCR over four tracks of the main line between Derby and London St Pancras. The first phase of works on site will involve clearing vegetation and constructing a site compound. Planning permission for the bridge, which will cross the railway below in a 'single span,' was obtained in 2014.

*‘This moment marks the first page of a whole new chapter in the story of both the GCR & GCRN and for everyone who has been involved in reunification project over the years,’* said Phil Stanway, Director at GCRN. *‘To finally see something that for years was*

*nothing more than a vision, finally becoming a reality is testament to everyone who has helped in any way, however large or small by donating money, time or expertise to get us to where we are today.'*



The completed railway could be open within five years, to tie in with the new Heritage Lottery funded railway museum being developed at the southern terminus at Leicester North. You can find out more about the project and keep up with the latest news at [www.gcrn.co.uk](http://www.gcrn.co.uk).

Faye Stenson

## **Thursday Coffee Morning**

Want a chat?

A friendly group of people meet every Thursday morning at St. Peter's Rooms from 10.30 – 12 noon. It is open to anyone but particularly if you are feeling isolated. We will make you feel very welcome.

£1 coffee and biscuits; 50p tea and biscuits.

Muriel Woodhead 984 5666

## **Check out time**

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> saw the last day as Duty Manager for Alison Bowley at our local Co-op.

Alison started work at the store 19 years ago as a part time assistant on the Deli counter. Over time as her 2 children grew up she took on more responsibilities and hours. She became a Sunday Supervisor then a general Supervisor and then 9 years ago a full time, Duty Manager.



She is now Duty Manager at the Co-op on Hilton Crescent, West Bridgford.

Alison has lived in the village since 1984 and so despite no longer working locally she will still be around in the community.

She extends her thanks to everyone for the best wishes extended to her and openly admits she will miss the customers and staff of the Ruddington Branch.

Barbara Breakwell

## Our Football Champions

This football season a lot of media attention has been focused on a certain Premier League football team just down The Fosse Way.

But you need look no further than our own village for an amazing story of soccer success. Ruddington Village FC are the Notts Senior Premier Division Champions! And The Black and Yellows, like The Blues, clinched the title even before the last games were played...

Midfielder Leigh Sissons told us: *"This season has been unbelievable. We were competing against teams who were paying players and also had a lot of financial support from sponsors. Last season we finished mid table and struggled to find any real form.*

*This season we signed new players including goal keeper Luke Edge, attacker Danny Cocks and defender Kieran Josef. We started the season with a belief that not only did we have a strong squad, but we also had the quality where it was needed."*

Manager David Rimmington said *"I took over Ruddington FC when they had just been relegated from the Premier Division and, on the first attempt; we won the league and were back in the top division.*

*Over the past 6 years we have grown in strength and attracted new players as well as keeping the core of the squad who have been with us for many years. This season showed how far we have*

*come over the years. We were competing against some big clubs but, for the first time in the club's history, we won the Notts Senior League Premier Division. A huge thank you to my assistants Michael Leslie and Aidy Osbourne, as well as Steve Wilson who has continued to support the club and work wonders behind the scenes."*



Anybody wishing to discuss sponsorship deals for next season is asked to get in touch by emailing [leighsissons@hotmail.com](mailto:leighsissons@hotmail.com).

It's also been a good year for Ruddington Reserves who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in NSL Division 1 – with a record breaking 66 goals in one season from striker Samuel Dunstan! The EMPAL side were runners-up in Division 2. Whilst Ruddington Ladies' FC were the runners-up in Division 1 North of the East Midlands Women's Regional Football League.

Meantime the only disappointment for our title winners is that they will still be playing in the same division next season because the current football ground does not have all the facilities required to play in the next division up.

They would need to get floodlights and barriers around the pitch. Moving out of Ruddington and ground sharing with another local team would be the only other option. Ruddington Village FC says any help or advice would be appreciated - to see if anything can be done.

Graham Wright

## **Kathy takes to the skies for museum**

Kathy Powis, Chair of the Friends of the Framework Knitters Museum, is taking on a challenge with a difference on Sunday 21 August – wing walking on a Stearman bi-plane flying at 130mph over the Leicestershire countryside!



The aim of this impressive feat is to raise funds for the museum's Redevelopment and Expansion Appeal, which will enable the museum to revamp its existing buildings and expand into the adjacent property, Gunn Cottage.

Says Kathy: *'This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for people to sponsor me for doing a wing walk as trust me, I won't be doing it again! I'm hoping lots of people will make a pledge or donate to this very worthy cause, which will*

*transform the Framework Knitters Museum into an even more amazing place for visitors and other users in the future.'*

If you'd like to sponsor Kathy's Wing Walk, please fill in a sponsorship form at the museum shop during normal opening hours, or by contacting Kathy directly at [kpinrudd@btinternet.com](mailto:kpinrudd@btinternet.com).

You can also donate online – just find Kathy's Wing Walk in the Events section at [www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk](http://www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk) and follow the link to her EveryClick.com page.

All donations are eligible for Gift Aid which will increase your contribution by 25% at no cost to you, so if you're a UK taxpayer, please make sure you tick the Gift Aid box if donating online or collect a Gift Aid form from the museum.

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> of the month.

## **We will remember them WW1 Casualties this month 100 years ago**

27th JUNE 1916  
Private **John George Wright**, aged 19, 9<sup>th</sup> Kings Royal Rifle Corps.  
Son of William and Alice Emma Wright, Parkyns Street, Ruddington  
Buried: Agny Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

## RuddFest returns for 2016

Ruddfest, Ruddington's annual beer and cider festival, will be making a welcome return in June 2016, with over 150 tipples on offer for thirsty visitors to enjoy. This year's festival starts at 12 noon on Thursday 2 June and runs through to last orders on Sunday 5 June. Six village venues are taking part, with The Three Crowns, The Three Spices and Bar Six once again operating from a marquee on The Green in the village centre.

A new entry to this year's festival is The Frame Breakers, formerly The Bricklayers' Arms, on Ruddington High Street. Acquired by Nottingham Brewery in 2015 and now managed by Amy Cameron, the pub is fast making its mark on the local real ale scene and is looking forward to taking part in its first ever Ruddfest. Completing the field for 2016 are festival veterans The White Horse on Church Street, and The Victoria Tavern on Wilford Road.

As in previous years, the festival will be celebrating local products, with many of the ales and ciders sourced from East Midlands' breweries including Castle Rock, Shipstone's, Navigation, Nottingham Brewery and The Bottle Kicking Cider Company, to name just a few. In a departure from tradition, gins from near and far will be showcased at a gin stall at The White Horse and also at a purpose-built 'Rudd-gin-ton' gin bar inside the marquee on The Green.

Food is set to play a big part in Ruddfest 2016, with options to suit all tastes and appetites. This year's culinary fare includes Indian snacks and curries from The Three Spices, and barbeques from both Bar Six and The White Horse. The latter will also be running their usual food menu, plus pizzas by the slice from their wood-fired pizza oven. Snacks and main meals, many featuring local ales and ciders, will be available at The Frame Breakers, whilst Lindsey Flint will be serving up mushy peas, samosas and snacks at The Victoria Tavern.



Festival organiser John Noble, from Bar Six and The Three Crowns, said: *'There's something for everyone at this year's Ruddfest. A packed entertainments programme kicks off on the Thursday night with live music at The White Horse and another festival "first" – a Barn Dance on the Green, courtesy of the Lockton School of Dance who are based in the village.*

*We're also hoping the Knights of Nottingham will make an appearance with their horses, offering a great photo*

*opportunity for festival punters as they parade around the village.'*

As usual, there'll be a variety of music acts performing on The Green and in The White Horse garden throughout the festival, with artists booked so far including Motown Goldrush, Steve McGill and The Rolling Clones. White Horse landlord Andy Hunt is also offering two open mic sessions on the Friday and Saturday for punters wishing to display their musical talents, whilst a bouncy castle on The Green will keep the kids entertained.



*Says John: 'We're still finalising the entertainments programme, so keep an eye on the Ruddfest Facebook page for the latest news and event timings. You'll also find information at each participating pub's own website and social media pages, and at the official Ruddfest website, [www.ruddfest.co.uk](http://www.ruddfest.co.uk). And look out for the beer and cider lists, plus tasting notes, for each venue, which will be published nearer the time.'*

Faye Stenson

## **Ruddington Gardeners' Association – Horticultural Show**

Does your Dad grow huge carrots? Does your Mum or your Grandmother bake the best cakes you have ever tasted? I

f so, get them to take part in this year's Village Horticultural Show on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in St Peter's Rooms.**

RGA is organising this event with children and families in mind and encourage you all to show off your special vegetables, flowers and baking.

Entry forms are available on the RGA Web Site, by phone (0115 9841687) or E-Mail ([mrdavey004@btinternet.com](mailto:mrdavey004@btinternet.com)). **Free Entry to the Show!** Please take part and make this show a big success for the village.

### **Police Contact Information**

**Emergency Number 999**  
**Non-emergency number 101**  
PCSO 7424 Anthony Davies  
07702 141 572  
PCSO 8309 Kathy Lucock  
07595 074 225  
West Bridgford Police Station,  
Rectory Road, West Bridgford  
Nottingham, NG2 6BN  
Opening hours:  
Monday to Friday - 8am to 8pm  
Saturday - 8am to 4pm  
Sunday – CLOSED

# Ruddington Diary

## June 2016

### Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June

**RuddFest** - Ruddington Village annual beer festival, over 150 beers & ciders, food, live entertainment and children's activities.

### Saturday 4th June

**Nott's Wildlife Trust** - from 9.30am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms, Ruddington, NG11 6HA. On sale will be butterfly friendly plants and other items to help make your garden a haven for wildlife. Why not pop in and have a cup of tea with home-baked cakes too?

### Sunday 5th 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. "Green's Mill, Sneinton to Colwick Wood via railway" Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

### Tuesday 7th June

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

### Saturday 11th 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.

### Tuesday 14th June

**Rattle, Rhyme and Roll** - Have fun with your little ones. 11am at the Library, FOC.

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

### Thursday 16th 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.

**Ruddington Folk & Blues** - 8.30pm at the Country Cottage Hotel, it's free and fun.

### Friday 17th 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.

**Framework Knitters**  
**Museum** - "Shakespeare in RUDD" 7.30pm in the Old Chapel, Chapel Street. Tickets £5 from the Museum or phone 0115 984 5375.

### Sunday 19th June

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

### Tuesday 21st June

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

### Wednesday 29th June

**Ruddington Gardeners' Association** - "Passions, Potions and Poisons: Life and Death in the Garden" by Tracey Akehurst, at the Hermitage 7pm for 7.30pm.

You can often find more details of the events on the Parish Council website: [www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) on the diary page.

## July 2016

### Sunday 3rd July

**Footpaths Walk** - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group. "Colston Bassett and ruins of St Mary's Church" Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

### Wednesday 6th July

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

### Saturday 9th July

**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.

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

### Tuesday 12th July

**Rattle, Rhyme and Roll** - Have fun with your little ones. 11am at the Library, FOC.

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

### Tuesday 19th July

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

## Father's Day in Ruddington

It's Father's Day on Sunday 19 June, so why not treat your Dad to a day out in Ruddington? There are lots of great places to explore or enjoy a slap-up meal right here in the village, so keep it local this year and give your Dad a day to remember. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

### The great outdoors

We're lucky to have the fantastic Rushcliffe Country Park on our doorstep, so make the most of it with a leisurely walk or picnic if the weather's fine. As well as the park's own wealth of attractions, Chalfield Dog Show will be taking place on the Kite Field – perfect if your Dad's a dedicated dog-lover.

Wildlife enthusiasts might also like to visit our nearby nature reserves at Wilwell Cutting and Wilford Claypit, both home to an impressive array of flora, fauna, birds and insects including many rare species. You'll find the entrance to Wilwell Cutting at the far end of Wilford Road, just before the A52 flyover, and Wilford Clay Pit on the left hand side of Landmere Lane (the next right after the flyover).

### Museums and heritage

Two of our museums will be open on Father's Day if you're in search of a spot of culture. GCRN will be running Father's Day Specials at 11am, 1pm and 3pm with a free bottle of GCRN-branded Magpie Brewery Real Ale for all

Dads on board! Trains will be hauled by heritage diesel or steam locos, with additional attractions on offer at the station site.



If your family has a framework knitting history, your Dad might be interested to visit the Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street, open 1:30pm to 4:30pm. There are a variety of historical exhibits and interactive displays to explore, with knitting demonstrations also on offer. There's also free entrance to the adjacent Chapel Gallery, with exhibits from local artists, plus a tea room and the Textile Emporium gift shop.

### Eat and drink

Our village is well-blessed with a wide variety of establishments serving high quality food and drink, often with locally-sourced ingredients. From real ale to fine dining, we have cafes, pubs, restaurants and even a cocktail bar all within a stone's throw, so there's something for even the fussiest of fathers! Some venues will no doubt be offering Father's Day specials, so ask in advance – and don't forget to book a table as it's sure to be busy.

Faye Stenson

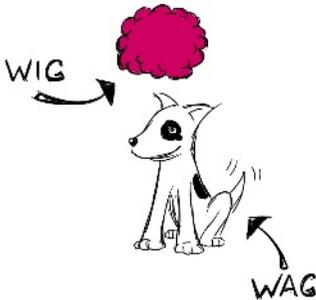
## Welcome to Ruddington.

When Snowden Healthcare relocated to larger premises at the Lenton Industrial Estate earlier this year, and Martindale House on the Green came up for sale.

Steve Ennis, the Founder of Wigwag, leapt at the chance to take over this building attracted by its history, location and attractive working environment.

The company – ‘born’ in 2002 through a desire to create clear, lasting brands with a keen eye for detail – specialises in Website Design, Branding, Digital Marketing, Print Media and Search Engine optimisation.

When I met Steve I just had to ask “Why WigWag?”



He explained that “WigWag was not originally just a wig on a wag”. Although the company is fronted by a mischievous dog wearing a pink wig, “the term ‘WigWag’ actually refers to a method of communication via semaphore” – a quite fitting metaphor for a branding agency!

After moving to the Green, WigWag’s design team worked to create a business card that makes it very clear where the Company is based within the heart of our community and we welcome them to our village.

Barbara Breakwell

## Shakespeare in Rudd

To commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare’s death members of Nottingham Shakespeare Society have been invited to the Framework Knitters Museum.

They will perform short pieces from nine of his plays interspersed with the occasional sonnet and interesting facts about the Bard himself, and “fair play” to them – they are very entertaining.

Some people may think that Shakespeare’s “all Greek to me” but they will enjoy this, and if “they’ve a tongue in their head” they can come and heckle at Mark Antony and help raise funds for the Museum’s development and expansion fund.

(Sayings in quotes originate in the works of Shakespeare.)

**FRIDAY 17 JUNE at 7.30pm**

**in the old CHAPEL,  
Chapel Street.**

**Tickets £5 from the  
Museum or phone  
0115 9845375**



Kathy Powis

## Additions to Sensory Trail

If you've visited the Sensory Trail at Rushcliffe Country Park recently, you might have noticed some new additions.

In the last few months, a xylophone and glockenspiel have been built for visitors to bash away at, both made of recycled materials taken from an old bench, used fence posts and metal tubes from a damaged gate.



Meanwhile, the 'Wobbly Tower of Ruddington' is our very own answer to the Leaning Tower of Pisa, featuring numbered blocks that can be stacked to create – you guessed it – a wobbly tower!

Other new items include the Snake Path and Bridge of Konigsberg Puzzles and the first of two mirror activities. The popular Hit Pipes have also been repainted and the bat refurbished.

Many thanks, to Roger Byrne and all the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park for creating these new activities and making the park such a stimulating and diverse environment for visitors.

Faye Stenson

## James Peacock Educational Foundation

James Peacock was born in Ruddington in 1585, leaving for London when he was 14 years old where he became a highly successful leather merchant.

He made an endowment in his will of a farmhouse in Ruddington to be used as a school for boys of the village and appointed Trustees to manage his legacy.

Today, James Peacock Educational Foundation continues this tradition as a Charitable Trust. Each child who lives in Ruddington is eligible, at the age of 11 years, to receive a gift from the Trust in the form of a Bible, calculator and dictionary.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Do you know any young person whose birthday is between 1st September 2004 and 31st August 2005 who lives in the Parish of Ruddington but attends a school outside the parish?

The Trustees of the James Peacock Educational Foundation are aware of the eligible children attending St Peter's School but do not have details of those young people living in the village but attending schools elsewhere.

We would like to ensure that all eligible young people in Ruddington receive their gift from the Foundation. If you are aware of a child born between these dates, then please make a written

application giving the name, date of birth and school attended to:

Mrs K Robertson (Secretary), 74 Musters Road, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6HZ

No later than Monday 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016  
(Please note that applications received after this date cannot be considered)

### **School staff to visit Uganda.**

Over the last couple of years James Peacock Infant and Nursery School have had active links with the Vineyard School in Soroti, Teso in Northern Uganda as part of their aim to support the children's global knowledge, and build on their respect for different ways of life and cultures.



The link with the school came about through St Peter's Church in the village. Members of the church have helped provide charity to this area of Africa for several years, particularly through the efforts of Honor and Clement Dixon, who have visited many times to provide resources and help.

The school have already sent Ruddy Bear and his diary out to the Uganda and he has since been returned to the school from Soroti with a diary about his visit there.

They also supported a shipment of resources with parents / carers and pupils donating stationery, games etc.

The next stage in the relationship is that Mrs Sally Squires and Mrs Jayne Henson, who both teach at James Peacock, will be joining a group who are visiting Uganda for two weeks on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Whilst there they will support teachers in local schools and deliver educational resources.

The Vineyard School are holding a special festival to welcome the two teachers during which they will be planting a tree as a symbol of friendship between the two schools and Sally and Jayne will be presenting them with a peacock wall hanging made by the children at their school.

The school have been fundraising to help the Vineyard School build a much needed classroom.

This will named after Millie Etanu, one of the founders of the school who sadly passed away earlier this year.

If you feel you would like to donate to this project please contact the school via email

[office@jamespeacock.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@jamespeacock.notts.sch.uk)

## Ruddington man to walk 52 miles for deafblind charity

Mike Robinson from Ruddington will be tackling a 52 mile walk to raise money for Sense, the national deafblind charity.

48 year old Mike will be taking part in the Sense RidgeWalk on 18 June, a cross country hike following the Ridgeway, the oldest and one of the most scenic national trails in the UK. The hike which has to be completed in 24 hours, starts at midday and involves trekking throughout the night in order to cross the finish line by midday the following day.

Mike was inspired to take part in the event and raise money for the charity in memory of his stepfather Rob Robinson who was a longtime supporter of Sense following the birth of his grandson Matthew who is blind.

Mike is no stranger to a challenge and often takes on two marathons a year. As part of his training he has been completing regular short walks around Rushcliffe Country Park with his dog Rocky.

Mike is aiming to raise £500 for Sense, the funds raised will help deafblind children and adults overcome the isolation that they face on a daily basis and enjoy some of the things that most people take for granted. To sponsor Mike please visit: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MikeRobinson666>

## Ruddington Big Sing

Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> saw the village alive with the sound of music. The “Ruddington Big Sing” event organised by the Ruddington Community Choir saw 300 singers from various choirs come to the village. St Peter’s Rooms was the hub for the day.



The participants attended workshops in central locations including the Methodist Church, the Hermitage, Framework Knitters and even the White Horse. There was a community sing in St Peter’s Church at lunchtime and it also hosted the gala concert that formed the finale of the day.



Local businesses supported the venture by offering discounts on food and drink to participants and donating resources.



An incredible £460.90 was collected during the day for the Teso Development Trust through voluntary donations.

A successful day all round.

Barbara Breakwell

## **A Brilliant Spring Concert**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and 'Haydn's Nelson Mass' were performed in St Peter's Church, by Ruddington and District Choral Society.

Comments afterwards included 'The Nelson Mass was fantastic', 'The Sopranos sounded wonderful', 'The Ruddington Choral Ensemble, who accompanied the Choir, are 'a wonderful group of skilful players.'

Paul Hayward, new Musical Director was delighted. He said "All of the Choir's hard work has paid off".

The four soloists Grace Bale, Soprano, Katharine Choonara, Mezzo-Soprano, Geoffrey Hicking, Tenor and Ossian Huskinson, Bass were a pleasure to listen to.

An exceptional organist accompanied the Choir, Michael Overbury, making the whole experience hugely enjoyable.

In November the Choir will sing music by Rutter, Faure and Mendelssohn.

Thinking of joining? Come along to the next rehearsal on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7 15 p.m. at St Peter's Church, thereafter at St Peter's Junior School, Ruddington. Come for four weeks before making your mind up. Students pay a reduced fee. There are free websites to help you learn your part.



The photo shows a light-hearted moment with the Mezzo Soprano Katharine.

Ring 01159211451 or see website [www.spanglefish.com/ruddingtonanddistrictchoralsociety](http://www.spanglefish.com/ruddingtonanddistrictchoralsociety)

### **Please Respect our Neighbours**

Rushcliffe Borough Council have recycling bins in the Parish Council Car Park (next to the Co-op)

Please only recycle your glass bottles & jars between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. as putting bottles in the bottle bank can make quite a noise.

# Ruddington Open Gardens

We are in the final stages of planning for this event and now just need to keep everything crossed for good weather!

We have 10 private gardens open as well as the Harewood Gardens allotments and the gardens and allotments at St Peter's School. There will be face painting for the children and a free garden treasure hunt. Live music will be provided at the Methodist Church by the Ruddington Community Choir (Saturday) and the Nottingham Ukelele Orchestra (Sunday). Refreshments will be available at the Methodist Church Hall and at 200 Loughborough Rd on both afternoons. The Frame Breakers and The White Horse will both be open and the Country Cottage Hotel will be offering strawberries and Prosecco on Sunday afternoon only. Plant/cake/produce and book & toy stalls will also be on offer.

Each open garden and the Methodist Church will have a supply of entry programmes so that visitors can choose which route to take around the village. **The gardens are on Loughborough Rd (2), Kirk Lane, Easthorpe St, Flawforth Avenue, Sycamore Close, Shaw St, Bladon Rd, Churchill Drive and Elms Gardens - please look out for the balloons!"**

Please do support this event if you can. All proceeds will go to Save the Children and Action for Children.



**Save the Children**



**Date 25<sup>th</sup>/ 26<sup>th</sup> June Time: 2.00pm to 6.00pm**  
**Admission by programme £3.00, children free**

For any further information or to offer help on either day, please email me ([je.piggott@btinternet.com](mailto:je.piggott@btinternet.com)) or phone 07790 295266.

Many thanks

Jane Piggott

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