

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

10th Green Flag for Country Park

Rushcliffe Country Park has recently been awarded its 10th Green Flag in a row by Keep Britain Tidy. The initiative recognises parks and spaces around the country that are well-maintained, well-managed and offer high quality facilities to their visitors.

The judges were particularly impressed by the park's ground-breaking features and facilities, which include an adventure playground, Copper's Dog Activity Trail, Parkrun and many areas of biodiversity interest. The enthusiasm and creativity of the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park, and how they work with the team of Park Rangers to improve and manage the site, also came in for special praise.

Well done to everyone involved in this decade of success – keep up the good work!

Faye Stenson



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“Illuminating the shadows”

On the weekend of 24th September Ruddington welcomes Ruth Sprague to the village.

Ruth is a relative of Honor Clement and she has produced a book called “Illuminating the Shadows” in which she shares the journey she has made since the death of her husband Pat in 2011.

“I spun, stitched and wrote as a way to cope with the intense feelings I had”

On **Saturday September 24th between 10am and 3pm and on Sunday the 25th**, around morning services Ruth will be at St Peter’s Church. She would be delighted to chat to anyone who has experienced grief in whatever form it takes - loss of a dream, a loss of health or the death of a loved one. You can also contact her at illuminatetheshadows@yahoo.co.uk

Barbara Breakwell

Macmillan coffee morning

Friday 30th September 2016

10 a.m. to 12 noon.

At Shrimpton Court, off Elms Park

Tea/coffee & biscuits. Cake stall.

Grand raffle.

All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Awards nod for Rudd pubs

Two of Ruddington’s seven pubs were celebrating at the end of July when they made it through to the finals of the Great British Pub Awards. This means that The Victoria Tavern on Wilford Road and The White Horse on Church Street are thought to be amongst the best 90 pubs in the whole of the UK – no mean achievement!



The Tavern has been nominated for the Best Partnership Pub Award, which recognises pubs that are leased and tenanted, whilst The White Horse is hoping to triumph in the Best Family Pub category.

As anyone who lives in Ruddington, or visits regularly, will know, the village pub scene has seen something of a spectacular revival over the last few years. Not so long ago, a couple of the pubs were struggling, with frequent management changes leading to closed periods, and a lack of custom as

drinkers headed into West Bridgford or the city centre.

These days, things have changed hugely for the better. All seven of our pubs now enjoy a busy trade, with a variety of atmospheres, drinks and food ensuring there's something for everyone. So what's the secret of success for Ruddington's pub scene?

Speaking to The Nottingham Post, The Victoria Tavern's landlady, Lindsey Flint, stated that it's all down to the quality of the beer. *'If you don't look after your cellar, people won't come into your pub.'* For The Tavern, an adult drinking environment also holds the key to success. *'No children and no meals, although we do a wide range of cobs: it's either ham salad or cheese and onion! And in the winter we do mushy peas.'*



Peckish punters won't have far to go if they fancy something more substantial, however. Fellow Great British Pub finalists, The White Horse, have grown a strong reputation for serving excellent food in the three years since its takeover by Andy Hunt and Abbie Clifton, AKA The A&A Pub Company. It's

also a family-friendly venue, so kids are welcome.

'We're delighted with how well The White Horse has taken off, says Andy. My team works very hard to produce a



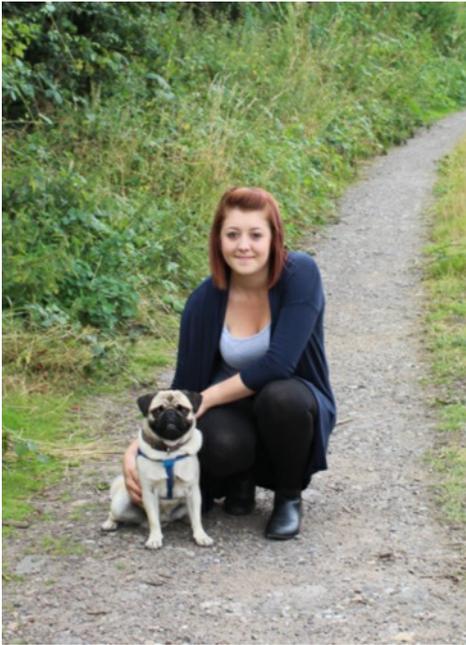
fantastic food menu based around pub classics with a sophisticated gastro twist. Our food and drink events – like the Wine & Tapas evening on 10 September – are proving very popular, too. In fact, we've enjoyed so much success here in Ruddington that we're opening a second pub in October: The Gedling Inn & Kitchen.'

The Great British Pub Awards will be announced at a glittering ceremony at the Hilton Hotel on Park Lane in London on Wednesday 5 October. Good luck to The Victoria Tavern and The White Horse – we'll let you how they fared in the November issue of the newsletter.

Faye Stenson

New pet care service launched

Busy pet owners in Ruddington will be pleased to hear about a new dog walking and pet sitting service being launched in September. The company is the brainchild of village resident, Jade Rose, who when considering her next career move, hit on the idea of combining her love of animals with a new business – and Diggity Dogz Pet Care was born.



'In the last few years, I've spent a lot of time juggling jobs and college work, so I know how hard it can be to spend enough time with your pets,' says Jade.

'The idea behind Diggity Dogz is to give busy people the reassurance that a reputable person is walking their dog, or spending quality time with their cats or

other small animals, whilst they're at work or taking care of other commitments outside the home.'

Jade is fully insured and CRB/DBS-checked, and is also an experienced pet owner. For ultimate peace of mind, she's planning to send photos and updates to clients whilst they're at work or away from home, to show how well their pets are being looked after.

Adds Jade: *'Diggity Dogz is launching in the second week of September. I'm already taking bookings, so please get in touch for pricing information or if you'd like to know more about my services.'*

You can contact Jade at diggitydogz@gmail.com, or by calling 07891 478 493. You can also follow her page on Facebook by searching for 'Diggity Dogz Nottingham'.

Faye Stenson

Table Tennis for fun

Ruddington Table Tennis Club is a group of retired players, who play for fun and recreation. There are three table tennis tables so there is plenty of playing time available.

They play at the BodyUK premises by the Village Green on Thursdays 2.00 to 3.30pm.

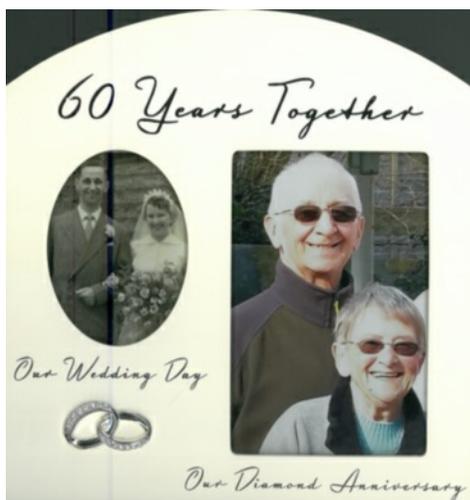
Member Mike Hollands says

"Our new season starts on 8 September. We would really welcome some new members. Why not come and give it a try?"

Diamond Wedding Celebration

David Stevenson, 82 and Jean 83 (nee Higgs) celebrated their diamond wedding in July.

They were both born in Ruddington. They were childhood sweet hearts at 15 and married at St Peters Church on 21st July 1956.



They began married life at Brookside Gardens and still live there. They have one son, Adrian, a grandson, Luke, and 3 great grandchildren.

Adrian remarried 12 years ago to Lesley - a very special daughter in law and her family gave David and Jean another 4 great grandchildren.

On their anniversary they were joined by family and friends who helped to make the day a happy one.

Congratulations

Liz Wright, the founder of "School's Out", the local after school and school holiday childcare provider based at the Body Centre on the Green, recently posted this on their Facebook Page

"I'm so pleased to announce that our Ofsted report has been published and we are officially...GOOD!

They picked up on what a great setting we are (if I do say so myself) and that the children are safe, happy and allowed to follow their interests.

Well done to my great team"

Barbara Breakwell

Ruddington Horticultural Show

Saturday 17th September 2016

Open to everyone – Free entry for exhibitors and visitors.

Schedules and entry forms available from St. Peter's Rooms, Ruddington Gardeners' Association website, or Tel. 0115 984 1687.

Empty Bank Building

You may have been wondering about the old "Barclays Bank" building which is currently empty.

It has recently been acquired by the Post Office. Watch for further details.

Barbara Breakwell

Ruddington Diary

September 2016

Sunday 4th September

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

Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group - "Zouch Circular including River Trent riverside"
Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Monday 5th September

Ruddington Craft Group - at St Peter's Rooms 10:00 am to 12 noon. Tuition materials and refreshments are included in £3 costs
Craft this week Parchment cards.

Tuesday 6th September

Parish Council - 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.

Tuesday 13th September

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.

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship. Rev. Simon Rose - Holy Communion. 2.30 in the Methodist Schoolroom.

Wednesday 14th September

W.I - Harvest Supper and Quiz Competition: A Bowl of Berries. Tea Hostesses Committee members . At St Peter's Rooms 7:15pm

Thursday 15th September

The 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 night at The Country Cottage Hotel commencing at 8.30 pm. Performers & listeners all welcome.

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 of the month.

Friday 16th September

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 17th September

Ruddington Gardeners' Association Open Horticultural Show - St Peter's Rooms. Staging by 9:30am; show open 11:00am - 4:00pm.

Sunday 18th September

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

Monday 19th September

Ruddington Craft Group - at St Peter's Rooms 10:00 am to 12 noon. Tuition materials and refreshments are included in £3 costs Craft this week Iris folding cards.

Tuesday 20th September

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship. Jewellery by Kathleen Holmes. 2.30 in the Methodist Schoolroom.

You can often find more details of the events on the Parish Council website: www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk on the diary page.

Wednesday 21st September

Amenities Committee - 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 28th September

Ruddington Gardeners' Association - "Sweet Peas" by Andy Hub-buck at The Hermitage 7:00pm for 7:30pm.

Friday 30th September

Macmillan coffee morning 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Shrimpton Court, off Elms Park.

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

Ruddington Parish Council

**Deputy Clerk/ Deputy
Responsible Financial Officer
(25 hours per week)**

Ruddington Parish Council is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified person to this varied and interesting role. The applicant should be an organised, outgoing, flexible individual, able to deal brilliantly with members of the public. Should be experienced in office administration, accounts (including budgets), minute taking and preparation of reports.

Salary within the range
£28,203 - £31,288
(Pro rata to hours worked)

Application form and further details available from the Clerk to the Council, details on back page

Closing Date for receipt of applications:

Thursday 21st September 2016

October 2016

Tuesday 4th October

Environment & Policy Committee - 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.

Is this £5 note real?

On September 13th a new £5 note will enter circulation and it will be made of a thin flexible plastic called polymer. The note will be slightly smaller than the current note but will last 2.5 times longer than the paper version and then will be recycled. It has better security features to prevent counterfeiting and is cleaner and more resistant to dirt and moisture.

Several countries already have these polymer notes including Australia, New Zealand and Canada. My son in law, who is Canadian, assures me that these types of notes **can** survive being put in a washing machine!

In May 2017 paper £5 notes will cease to be legal tender.

The polymer £10 will come into circulation in Summer 2017 with the £20 note following by 2020.

It will take a few weeks for them to spread across the country but now you will know what to expect.

Barbara Breakwell

We will remember them WW1 Casualties this month 100 years ago

3rd September 1916

Private **Harry Dalby**, aged 24, 17th Sherwood Foresters (Welbeck Rangers)

Son of Arthur and Mary Ann Dalby,
Easthorpe Street, Ruddington

Buried: Ancre British Cemetery,
Beaumont-Hamel, Somme

Ruddington Grange Golf Club

Ruddington is lucky to have Ruddington Grange Golf Club a short distance from the centre of the village. The course is truly an oasis of beautiful surroundings containing all manner of wildlife. This year even a small deer had appeared.

It is a pleasure to play a sport in such surroundings and golf fits the bill perfectly. Anyone who has not considered taking up golf should think about doing so.

The sporting challenge is obvious but the other benefits are not to be underestimated. Many lifetime friendships are spawned on the golf course. The exercise the sport brings must be of real benefit to anyone's health and fitness.

If anyone is interested in taking up golf they can just visit the professional's shop on the course and get the details. You can book a few lessons to set you on the right track and all the equipment is available.

Ruddington Grange is not just a golf course, it is a social centre not just for its members but for everyone. Many weddings and receptions are held there and it holds a licence for civil ceremonies. Funeral wakes and all manner of family celebrations are well catered for. In the clubhouse you can get beer, wine, drinks and general meals, with a carvery for Sunday lunch.

John Pownall

Museum wins £33k Arts Council award

The Framework Knitters Museum has been awarded £33,000 from Arts Council England's Museum Resilience Fund. The funding, which starts in October 2016, will help the museum achieve its aim of redeveloping its existing site and expanding into the recently-acquired Gunn Cottage, which sits in between the museum and Chapel buildings.



Paul Baker, Museum Manager, comments: *'Funding like this is imperative for an independent, charity-run museum such as ours. This money means that not only will we be able to continue to provide a fantastic experience for our visitors, but also continue to produce internationally-recognised projects.'*

As the name suggests, the Museum Resilience Fund is designed to help museums become more sustainable and resilient as businesses. Through the Redevelopment & Expansion Project, the Framework Knitters Museum will be able to offer additional high quality

exhibitions, better visitor facilities, a wider range of activities and events, improved access to family history research facilities – and more. As a result, more visitors can be accommodated, increasing income and helping the museum become more self-sufficient.

When the funding begins, there will be opportunities for local people to get involved in fundraising and other activities relating to the project. Training courses and workshops will be offered, so there's also the chance to learn new skills and brush up on existing ones. If you'd like to help or find out more, please contact the museum on 0115 984 6914 or call in during office hours (Wednesday to Friday, 10:30am to 4:30pm).

Faye Stenson

Tree work at Cemetery

The Leylandi on the left of the entrance at Vicarage Lane Cemetery are being removed. The work will take place from Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th September.

The main entrance to the Cemetery will be closed on Monday 5th September as the first two trees are too near the entrance to work on safely if the entrance is left open. The entrance to Shaw Street Cemetery will be opened on that day for pedestrian access only.

Gary Long

Clerk to the Council

Recognising Rushcliffe

Do you know a person, business or organisation that's making a real difference to life in Rushcliffe? If so, you can celebrate the achievements of these unsung heroes by nominating them for a Recognising Rushcliffe Award.

Run jointly by Rushcliffe Borough Council and The Nottingham Post, this year's awards comprise seven categories. These include the Enabling the Community Award, Rushcliffe Hero Award and Pride of Rushcliffe Award. Rising stars can be nominated for the Young Achiever Award, which is sponsored by Ruddington's very own White Horse Inn.



Nominations are open now, so go online at

www.nottinghampost.com/rushcliffeawards or call the Post on 0115 905 1913 to request a nomination form. Nominations close on Monday 10 October and the awards ceremony will take place at The Becket School in West Bridgford on Wednesday 16 November.

Faye Stenson

James Peacock staff visit Uganda

In July Jayne Henson and Sally Squires, staff members at James Peacock, visited Uganda for two weeks to visit several schools, including their link school for the last 2 years, The Vineyard School in Soroti.

The link with this region came about via Honor and Clement Dixon who have visited the area many times. The Teso Development Trust and St Peter's Church in Ruddington have been supporting and fundraising for this region of Uganda for the last 25 years.

The educational director for the Teso region, Rev'd Charles Oode arranged for them to visit the schools under his leadership to introduce more creative teaching methods. Currently most teaching in Uganda is done through rote 'chalk and talk' methods.

Sally said "During our visits to the schools we were shocked by the large class sizes; children as young as 5 and 6 were taught in classes of 200 children without chairs or tables. The classrooms had no resources and very few display areas. Many children have to walk bare foot many miles to school and some children have to board as it is too far for them to walk. These children sleep in three tiered bunk beds in cramped conditions with few belongings or visits from home"

Jayne and Sally enjoyed teaching the children more informally using games

with parachutes, circle games, singing and phonics and sharing ideas with the teachers there. They were also able to pass on donations of books, stationery, toys and classroom displays from the parents and children at James Peacock School. These donations were extremely gratefully received as the schools have so little.

A huge **“Thank you”** is extended to everyone at James Peacock School and in the wider community who helped raise £3000 for these Ugandan schools and children through a variety of fundraising activities prior to the visit. As a result of this generosity each school they visited were given a cheque towards buying resources or equipment.

One school, the Tisai primary school, is situated on an island in a swamp. Over 400 children are taught by one teacher under mango trees. The children have no water to drink at school and the only water available to them at home is the dirty swamp water. They are suffering from famine and there are high levels of malaria, AIDS, and hepatitis.

A donation of over £700 to this school will help them harvest water in order to supply the children at the school with clean drinking water. Jayne and Sally enjoyed visiting The Vineyard School (James Peacock’s link school) for a special fundraising event where they were the guests of honour.

The day was in honour of Millie, the founder of the school who sadly passed

away this year. The school are planning to build a classroom in her name. They were able to donate £1000 from James Peacock School towards the classroom along with a stunning wall hanging made by the staff and children at James Peacock School.

They planted a tree as a symbol of friendship between the schools and we were treated to wonderful displays of dancing and singing by the pupils. They were also able to take letters from the James Peacock School children to exchange with the children at the Vineyard School.

On their return to James Peacock the school held a special day of African crafts and drumming for the children and Jayne and Sally loved answering all of the children’s enthusiastic questions about their visit.

Jayne and Sally aim to continue to work with the wonderful people they met in Uganda to make life better for the children at the schools. They will be holding information evenings and talks at St Peter’s Church and at James Peacock School and hope to establish a steering group of interested individuals to help work together. They are already planning another visit during their school holidays next year.

If you are interested in finding out more about their visit or the steering group please contact Sally Squires at: Rudd2uganda@gmail.com

Barbara Breakwell

Star Bakery.

Did you know that wherever you purchase or eat food, outside of your own home is inspected and given a Food Hygiene rating?

This applies to eateries of all types, hotels, shops and supermarkets, schools, hospitals and residential care homes. The inspection looks at 3 aspects hygiene, structural and management and has a 5 point scale with 5 being the top rating. Businesses are not required to display their distinctive green rating certificate but if you look around our village a lot do.



Grange Bakery on the High Street recently received an additional certificate to acknowledge that they had received their 5th consecutive 5 star rating since the scheme started in 2012.

All inspected businesses are listed on ratings.food.gov.uk with their respective ratings.

Barbara Breakwell

Park lark lands

Hermitage Pre-School £100

The Ruddington and West Bridgford teams of The Nottingham Building Society know all about branches so a trip to the park was all in a day's work.



Colleagues from the society took part in the ever popular Lark in the Park event in Bridgford Park and, as well as handing out colouring-in sheets, Robin Hood masks and balloons to youngsters, held a cake sale which raised £100 for the local Hermitage Pre-School.

Customer adviser Lucy Wheeler said: "It was fantastic to be part of the 27th Lark in the Park, which was extremely successful and fun as always.

"It was a great opportunity for us to once again show we are at the heart of our local communities and raising £100 for Hermitage Pre-School was the icing on the cake, if you'll pardon the pun!"

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