

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**Best Bar None award for Country Cottage**

The Country Cottage Hotel on Easthorpe Street has been recognised as one of Nottinghamshire's top venues for the second year in a row. The hotel proudly scooped the 'Judge's Choice Award' for Rushcliffe in the 2016/17 Best Bar None Nottinghamshire Awards – repeating their 2015/16 success in the same category.

Presented at an exclusive ceremony in Papplewick on Tuesday 28 February, the award recognises the high quality of the operational and staff training procedures at the Cottage. The panel of independent judges – all experts in the licensing field – were particularly impressed by the amount of charity work undertaken by the hotel's owner, Andrew Sturt.



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Andrew, who runs the hotel with his mother, Julie Sturt, said: 'We're super-proud of winning the "Judge's Choice Award" for the second year in a row. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote us into the shortlist for 2016/17...long may it continue! The biggest thanks are, of course, due to our amazing team for all the hard work they put in to make The Country Cottage such a popular, well-run and safe place for all our guests.'



Best Bar None is a national scheme, which runs in 30 individual areas around the country. The scheme encourages pub, club and venue licensees to improve their operational and safety standards, leading to an impressive reduction in alcohol-related crime and disorder in some areas. The Country Cottage is one of just 12 Best Bar None-accredited venues in Rushcliffe.

Congratulations to Julie, Andrew and all the team on your continued success!

Faye Stenson

Councillor resignations

Councillors Denise Beecroft and Justine Hallam have resigned from the Parish Council. Both said that their current work commitments make it impossible to fulfil the role of Councillor as they would like. Chairman of the Council, Councillor Allen Wood, said 'I would like to thank both Denise and Justine for their contributions whilst on the Parish Council.'

Meanwhile, a by-election has been requested for the Easthorpe Ward vacancy further to Nick Tegerdine's resignation. The by-election will be held on 4th May, the same day as the County Council elections.

County Council Elections 2017

When you vote for your County Councillor on 4th May, you'll notice something different on the ballot paper this year. Instead of one vote for one County Councillor, you'll have two votes for two Councillors. When elected, the two new Councillors will cover an area much bigger than Ruddington, which will also include Barton, Bradmore, Bunny, East Leake, Gotham, Ratcliffe on Soar and Sutton Bonnington.

Food Fair thanks

On behalf of all the pupils and staff, the 'Friends of James Peacock' committee would like to thank everyone who supported their Food Fair on Sunday 12th March. The event raised over £900, which will go towards the planned outdoor activity area.

Barbara Breakwell

Parish Council welcomes new Clerk

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Claire Dorans as the new Clerk to the Council. Claire, who started work with us on Monday 20th March, has worked in Local Government for over 16 years, initially at Melton Borough Council and more recently at Asfordby Parish Council. Claire will be working alongside Gary Long until he retires at the end of May.



Says Claire: 'I thoroughly enjoy working in Local Government. Ruddington is a lovely village and I am looking forward to meeting the Councillors, residents and local business owners through the course of my duties.'

Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Allen Wood, comments: 'Claire comes to Ruddington with a wealth of experience which will enable us to move forward with confidence towards the many changes that are likely to happen in the next few years.'

Report a fault or problem online

Did you know that it's now possible to report a wide range of faults or problems, or make certain types of enquiry, online? Both the Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council websites now offer this facility.

Here are the web addresses to get you started:

- Rushcliffe Borough Council – www.rushcliffe.gov.uk
- Nottinghamshire County Council – www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

You can also report certain faults via an independent website, www.fixmystreet.co.uk. This service liaises with the relevant council on your behalf, making life easier for you, whilst also helping ease the administrative burden faced by councils. Visit the website to find out more.

We've now updated the Parish Council's own site to make it easier for you to ascertain which fault or problem is the responsibility of which council, so you can get in touch with the right people more quickly.

Spring / summer launch

The Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop warmly invites you to our Spring/Summer Collection Launch on Wednesday 26 April 2017, from 3pm to 7pm. Come and buy from our wonderful collection of summer clothes and get ready for the warmer days ahead!

Looking for some fun ideas this Easter?

If you're looking for some activities for the kids this Easter, as ever there's plenty going on in the village.

Ruddington Fun is running a free drop-in session on Monday 10th April, with Little Wickets Cricket fun and games for kids, craft activities and a baby and toddler area. Pop along to the Jubilee Clubhouse on Loughborough Road between 10am and 12 noon if you'd like to join in. (Please note that all children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.)



Rushcliffe Country Park is running den building and a bunny hunt on Wednesday 5th April, Friday 7th April and Wednesday 12th April. This popular activity is £5 per child, including a chocolate treat, and needs booking in advance – visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/rushcliffecountrypark to find out more.

On Good Friday 14th April, the Framework Knitters Museum will be holding their annual Knitted Bunny Hunt

from 11am to 4pm. Any child who can help the framework knitters find all their knitted bunnies will receive an Easter egg. There'll also be Hot Cross Bun toasting on the cottage range, knitting demonstrations and fun activities for children. Entry is free for any child who arrives with a bunny or an Easter bonnet. Find out more at www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

GCRN are also joining in the Easter celebrations, with their Easter 'Eggspress' steam specials on Sunday 16th April and Monday 17th April, featuring an Easter Egg Hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny on the train. Visit www.gcrn.co.uk/events/2017-events for details.

Kay Garrett

New website now live

The new Parish Council website is now live, so please go online and take a look if you haven't already. You'll notice that we've kept the same look and feel for the site, but the navigation is now a lot simpler with just one menu bar instead of two.

There's also a Site Map with colour-coded links to every single page of the site, to show you how the navigation structure works and help you find what you're looking for.

If you have any comments or questions about the site, please email these to office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk for the attention of Faye Stenson. Thank you in advance!

Enjoy more hours at the Hermitage...

The Hermitage Preschool is extending its hours from September 2017, in line with increased national childcare offerings to parents.

The new hours will be a morning session of 9am to 12 noon and an afternoon session of 1pm to 4pm. There will also be a breakfast club from 8am to 9am and a lunch club from 12 noon to 1pm, where the children will be provided with a healthy breakfast and lunch (replacing the current requirement to bring a packed lunch).



‘As new government funding is increasing to 30 hours for many working parents, we hope that by being able to offer these extended hours we can provide good-quality local childcare which is accessible to most parents in the village,’ says committee co-chair Di Hennessey.

The Preschool is also having a big celebration this year, marking its 50th birthday. They’re holding events throughout the year, including a big Family Fun day on 8th July. Happy birthday Hermitage! Find out more at thehermitagepreschool.co.uk.

Kay Garrett

Calling all grandparents!

Do you help with the childcare of your grandchild/ren? If so, how do you occupy them and yourselves? There are several groups in the village for mums and babies or toddlers to socialise, but what about the grandparents and grandchildren having a specific group for them to get together?

If you think this would be a good idea, email me at ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com.

Barbara Breakwell

Correction to Australia article

In the February edition of the newsletter, we ran an article about June Caunt in Australia who was trying to trace old friends from Ruddington. Unfortunately, we had the wrong email address for June, so people have been unable to contact her. The correct address is junecaunt@yahoo.com.

Apologies for the error, and thank you to Helen Thirlby for bringing it to our attention and confirming the right address.

Parking update

The February 2017 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 180 visits
- 533 observations
- 28 penalty charge notices

These figures are broadly in line with those reported for January.

Ruddington Diary

Saturday 1st April

WI Spring Fayre at St Peter's Rooms - 10am to 12 noon. Cakes, crafts, plants, tombola etc. Entry £1 inc. refreshments.
Spring Concert at Ruddington Methodist Church – Singer Felicity Scott, accompanied on piano by Matthew Lazenby. 7pm. Tickets £6 inc. light refreshments. Call 0115 921 2662. All proceeds for the boiler fund.

Sunday 2nd April

Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group – ‘Willoughby to Widmerpool circular’. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Monday 3rd April

Kaleidoscope – A Magic Lantern Show – Presented by Spencers and Son at the Framework Knitters Museum Chapel at 2:30pm. Tickets: £6 from the Museum or phone Kathy on 0115 98 45375.

Tuesday 4th April

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - Peter Hammond: ‘Nottingham Caves’ at 2.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. Everyone welcome.

Planning 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. To be held if needed, please check before you come.

Wednesday 5th April

Film showing: ‘Battle of the Somme’ – 7:30pm at St Peter's Rooms. Organised by Ruddington Local History Society to raise funds for the Village Museum. Tickets £2.50 including refreshments.

Saturday 8th April

County & Borough Councillors' Surgery – 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Borough and County Councillors about local issues.

Monday 10th April

Ruddington Fun FREE Drop-In Session – Jubilee Clubhouse, Loughborough Road. Activities include cricket fun and games with Little Wickets, crafts and a Baby and Toddler area. Children must be accompanied & supervised by an adult.

Tuesday 11th April

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.

Annual Parish Meeting – at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. Open to the public. Rushcliffe Borough Council's latest consultation on Part 2 of the Core Strategy will be on the agenda – this includes some possible extra sites for new housing.

Wednesday 12th April

W.I. – Annual Meeting. At St Peter's Rooms. 7:15pm.

Friday 14th April

Knitted Bunny Hunt at the Framework Knitters Museum – FREE entry for children with bunnies or Easter bonnet. Hot Cross Bun toasting, knitting demonstrations and fun activities for children. 11am to 4pm.

Sunday 16th & Monday 17th April

Easter 'Eggpress' Steam Train Specials at GCRN – Kids will meet the Easter Bunny on the train and receive a small chocolate gift. Easter Egg Hunt with prizes. Historic steam services depart at 1pm, 3pm and 5pm.

Tuesday 18th April

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - Irene Starkey: 'Entertaining' at 2.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom.

Thursday 20th April

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 – 8pm at The Country Cottage Hotel. All types of acoustic music & song. Good fun, good friends, good venue!

Friday 21st April

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.

Sunday 23rd April

Road Transport Event at GCRN – Trucks, buses and cars from yesteryear. Trade stands, miniature and model railways, activities for all the family. Steam or diesel services depart at 1pm, 3pm and 5pm.

Monday 24th April

Ruddington Craft Group – Felt flowers / butterflies. 10am to 12 noon. Contact Christine Gibson on 07967 245 308 if you'd like to come along.

Tuesday 25th April

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.

If you'd 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.

Wednesday 26th April

Spring / Summer Collection Launch – at the Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop. 3pm to 7pm.

Ruddington Gardeners' Association – 'Sweet Peas' with Andy Hubbuck at The Hermitage. 7pm for 7:30 pm.

Sunday 30th April

Bunny Wood Nature Reserve Open Day – enjoy the spring flowers & learn about the wood's history and management. Kids' activities. 10.30am to 4pm with guided walks at 11am and 2pm.

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

Edward the Bear Specials at GCRN – Meet Edward the Bear on a heritage steam or diesel service. Plus, heritage bus trips, miniature and mode railways, cafe and gift shop, play and picnic areas. Info and tickets at the [GCRN website](#).

Did you know?

This month's 'Did you know' article comes from our new Parish Councillor for Camelot Ward, Mark Pinks.

I've been volunteering at Clifton NG11 Foodbank since 2014. Serving Clifton, Ruddington, and all of the NG11 area, the Foodbank has helped over 1,000 individuals in crisis with food and support since 2013. Our clients come from all walks of life, and there are many causes of financial crisis, such as benefit changes, debt, redundancy, unemployment, ill health, or even an unexpected bill on a low income.



After being issued with a voucher from one of many referral agencies in the area (including schools, doctors, and social workers), we assess clients' needs over a hot drink, and provide a three day emergency food parcel, essential toiletries, and even baby food when possible.

We also provide many other services to help our clients break out of the poverty cycle; signposting to further help, advising on DWP hardship funds, energy bill and budgeting advice, and referrals to further agencies and charities. We can even provide a little help with emergency fuel card vouchers, and a

free three course meal at the fantastic Parkgate Community Kitchen.

We rely on generous food donations from the public, and the people of Ruddington have given us some wonderful support over the years. Next time you're in the village to pick up some groceries, why not buy an extra item, and pop it in one of our collection baskets – a packet of cereal, sponge puddings, a tin of tomatoes, or even a tube of toothpaste will make all the difference to someone.

In Ruddington, we have collection baskets at the Honeycomb charity shop, at St Peter's Rooms, and at the Co-Op (near the tills), as well as collection points at ASDA in West Bridgford, and Wilkos and Morrisons in Clifton. Find us at the Hope Centre, Southchurch Drive, Clifton on Tuesday and Saturday mornings, visit us at <https://cliftonng11.foodbank.org.uk>, or search 'NG11 Foodbank' on Facebook and Twitter.

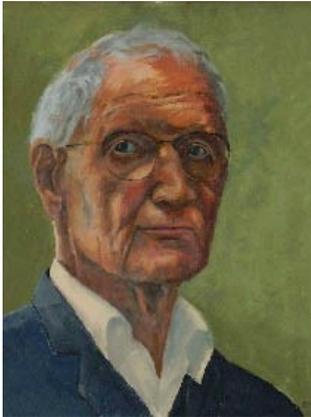
Councillor Mark Pinks

CAMRA nod for Frame Breakers

Well done to The Frame Breakers, who were named as runners-up in the 'Village Pub of the Year 2017' awards by Nottingham CAMRA. The award is testament to the hard work put in by manager Amy Cameron and her team since the pub reopened under Nottingham Brewery's ownership in autumn 2015. Congratulations to Amy and the team - keep up the good work!
Faye Stenson

Spring exhibition at Chapel Gallery

The spring 2017 art exhibition is now open in the Chapel Gallery at the Framework Knitters Museum. The exhibition – the museum’s fifth in total and fourth in partnership with the Nottingham Society of Artists – features work by three popular local artists. These are Doreen Hunt, Richard Simkins and 94 year old World War II veteran and inventor of the ‘Nottingham Chair’, Nigel Corlett (pictured below, self-portrait).



Having opened on Saturday 4th March, the exhibition will run until Saturday 27th May, taking in the Easter school holidays and benefiting from Sunday opening days at the museum, which start on Easter Sunday.

Nigel Boughton-Smith from the Nottingham Society of Artists, commented: ‘Nottinghamshire has some amazingly talented people and it’s extremely rewarding to get them in

the public eye, in such a unique location. The three artists currently exhibiting in the Chapel Gallery represent a range of different styles from some of the county’s best-known artists.’

The Chapel Gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday, 11am to 4:30pm and, from Easter Sunday, also on Sundays from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Last admission is at 4pm. Entrance to the gallery is free, whilst normal admission fees apply to the museum.

For more information about the current exhibition at Chapel Gallery, including artist biographies, please visit the News section at www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

Faye Stenson

We will remember them WW1 Casualties this month 100 years ago

9th APRIL 1917

Private Arthur Gregg, aged 27, 11th Sherwood Foresters. Son of George and Annie Gregg, Manor Park, Ruddington. Remembered on: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West Flanders.

25th APRIL 1917

Private Harold Cross, aged 26, 7th Yorkshire (Green Howards). Husband of Evelyn Cross of Wilford Road, Ruddington. Remembered on: Arras memorial, Pas de Calais.

Tavern Island

After a few weeks of traffic chaos in the village, the long-awaited mini roundabout on the Clifton Road/Wilford Road junction was completed in early March.



Dubbed 'Tavern Island' after the nearby Victoria Tavern hostelry, the roundabout was funded by Bellway Homes as part of their planning permission agreement to build new housing on Pasture Lane.

It's hoped that the new road layout will improve traffic flow on Wilford and Clifton Roads at peak times.

Photo credit: Graham Wright, RUDDINGTON.info

Allotment plots still available

There are still a few vacant plots at the Paradise Gardens allotment site off Wilford Road.

A starter plot of around 75 square metres costs less than £15 a year. The site has a water supply and space for sheds and greenhouses.

If you're interested in taking on an allotment, please contact the Parish Council on 0115 914 6660.

Location, Location, Location!

Ruddington is destined to be back on the national homebuyers' radar soon after another visit from the popular Channel 4 property programme – presented by Phil Spencer and Kirstie Allsopp. Villagers were alerted to the filming of an episode of 'Location, Location, Location' here when cameras and crew appeared on The Green on 22nd March. The reality show, now in its 17th year, follows Phil and Kirstie trying to find the perfect home for a different set of buyers each week.

The house viewed was on Clifton Road and was marketed by Thomas James. The local estate agent posted on Facebook: 'Channel 4's Phil & Kirstie have confirmed that Ruddington really is the "Location, Location, Location" to be! (But we already know that!)'.



The crew returned to Ruddington on Friday 24th March to do some drone filming above Elms Park. Look out for the Ruddington filmed episode coming to Channel 4 soon!

Graham Wright & RUDDINGTON.info.
Photo: Thomas James Estate Agents.

The Forget Me Not Project

Imagine what it would be like if you got lost in the village where you'd lived for over 60 years. Or if you no longer recognised your friends, your family or spouse.

Dementia is a bewildering condition which has a devastating impact both on sufferers and their carers.

The Forget Me Not Project is a social care project being run by Ruddington Village Museum which will provide fun, engaging and safe events for those living with dementia and their carers.



Four themed activities are being developed which explore different aspects of life in the 1940s and 1950s:

- Films and cinema going
- Childhood toys and games
- Hymn signing
- Mystery domestic objects

The sessions spark reminiscences, encourage interaction between group members and allow those living with dementia to reconnect with their carers.

Dementia sufferers lose their memory, not their memories. The initial session carried out at Cotgrave Memory Café was a most enjoyable afternoon which elicited fascinating memories of the post-war period.

Each new activity will be 'road tested' at the Cotgrave Memory Café and then offered to a wider audience, including residential homes and memory cafes.

The project has been funded by the The Sandford Award for Informal Learning (SAIL), which supports museums and heritage sites wishing to develop and deliver innovative learning projects to a non-schools audience.

If you'd like more information, please email Gavin Walker, Vice Chairman of Ruddington Village Museum, at enquiries@ruddington-museum.org.uk.

Gavin Walker

Somme film update

Further to last month's article about the showing of the film 'Battle of the Somme' by Ruddington Local History Society, the Society is delighted to confirm that the voiceover and commentary for the film will be provided by renowned WWI historian, Dudley Giles.

The screening will take place at St Peter's Rooms on Wednesday 5th April at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £2.50, including interval refreshments - email Gavin Walker on enquiries@ruddington-museum.org.uk or call 0115 914 6645.

Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddle Walk

Put on your wellies and join us for a lakeside walk in aid of Save the Children. The walk is taking place in Rushcliffe Country Park on Saturday 13th May, from 2pm to 5pm.



It's free to enter, although there's a suggested donation of £1 per child (adults go free!). Certificates and stickers will be awarded to all children who complete the walk. We'll be serving refreshments in the Education Centre and there'll be a Peppa Pig-themed Lucky Dip.

For further details, please contact Jane Piggott at je.piggott@btinternet.com or call 07790 295266, or visit www.savethechildren.org.uk/muddy-puddle-walk.

Burglaries in Ruddington

As you may have read in local news and social media reports, there were two burglaries in the Brookside Road area of Ruddington in March. If you have any information about these or any other incidents in the village, please call Nottinghamshire Police on 101 or contact our local beat officers - you'll find their details on the Parish Council website.

Nottinghamshire Police publish a number of advice guides to help protect your home and possessions from burglary and other crimes. To read or download the guides, please visit www.nottinghamshirepolice.police/advice/prevention.

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