

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Ruddington CC announces 'All Stars Cricket'

A new initiative to get more 5-8 year olds playing cricket

Ruddington Cricket Club is excited to take another stride forwards in the development of youth cricket in the village. For the 2017 season, the Club will be one of the first fully-accredited centres to offer 'All Stars Cricket' – a new initiative from the English and Wales Cricket Board. The idea is to give boys and girls aged 5 to 8 the opportunity to learn about and play cricket in a fun and safe environment.



All girls and boys are welcome, and each registered child will receive a pack of cricket goodies including a cricket bat, ball, backpack, water bottle, personalised shirt and cap to keep, so they can continue their love of cricket when they go home.

There will be 8 sessions of All Stars Cricket, which will run every Thursday from 6.15pm until 7.15pm. The first session will be on Thursday 25 May and before this, the club will be running other junior sessions on Friday nights to give a taster of what's on offer. Please contact Nic Greaves on 07918 552 321 or visit www.ruddington.play-cricket.com for more details. Continued inside

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All Stars Cricket is the latest development in the ongoing transformation of Ruddington Cricket Club. Just 5 years ago, the club had 2 adult teams and no youth offering at all – and now has 4 successful adult teams and 5 junior teams.

All Stars Cricket will add a further dimension to junior cricket in the village, as the programme encourages parents to get involved and have fun with their kids. Nic Greaves, who's running the initiative, said: 'We can't wait to see Elms Park packed with kids and their parents or guardians playing cricket and having fun!'

The club will also be entering youth teams in the Kwik Cricket under 10, under 11, under 12 and under 14 leagues for 2017, and are on the lookout for new players. Training is held at Elms Park on Friday evenings in a fun and safe environment. If your child is interested, please contact Martin Brown on 07977 574 422 for more information.

Ruddington Cricket Club

County election reminder

Don't forget that the Nottinghamshire County Council elections take place on Thursday 4 May. Two Councillors will be elected to cover Ruddington and the surrounding villages. Your polling card will tell you where you need to vote, although you don't need to take the card with you to the polling station. The results will be announced the next day.

Councillor Paul Reedman

Paul Reedman is the new Parish Councillor for Easthorpe Ward after a non-contested election on 5 April.

Says Paul: 'I am a 57 year old man who has lived in Ruddington since 1979. I served as a police officer for 30 years before retiring and I am married to Jill, a retired psychiatric nurse.'



'Our two children, now grown up and married themselves, were both born and bred in Ruddington and attended local schools.'

'I am committed to the restoration of youth services in the village. Community safety is an issue of concern to me, particularly road traffic safety and anti-social behaviour.'

Paul can be contacted via the Parish Council office, or at paulreedman.ruddingtonpc@gmail.com.

Swing Back to the 1940s

The Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street is hosting a FREE wartime extravaganza on Bank Holiday Monday 29 May. Called 'Swing Back to the 1940s', the event will turn back the clock to the Second World War, with staff and volunteers decked out in best 1940s regalia. Visitors to the event are, of course, also encouraged to dress up!

The museum will even have hairdressers on hand to recreate authentic 1940s hairstyles, including the famous Victory Roll. Other themed activities include swing dancing with revival dance in the Chapel (tuition available for beginners), a traditional street party on Chapel Street, and stalls selling vintage collectibles.

Museum Manager & Curator, Nicola Wood, said: 'We're very excited about "Swing Back to the 1940s" as it's the first event of its kind that the Framework Knitters Museum has hosted. I know from experience that people love wartime events, so I'm hoping lots of families come along to try their hands (and their feet!) at swing dancing and enjoy some delicious homemade cakes. Which I promise won't be eggless or sugarless – and they won't be rationed either!'

In fact, visitors will be spoilt for choice when it comes to refreshments. Not only will the museum be selling tea, coffee and cakes from the Tea Room on the main site, but there will also be a

selection of beers, wines and bottled soft drinks on sale in the Chapel. These will be provided by the museum's corporate partner, Nottingham Brewery, who own and run The Frame Breakers pub on the corner of High Street and Kirk Lane.

Drinks provided by the brewery will include their popular draught beer, Frame Breaker, served in 40s-style 'dimpled' pint and half pint pots. Originally created in celebration of the museum's 45th anniversary last year and also available in The Frame Breakers, 20p from each pint sold is donated to the museum by Nottingham Brewery.

Swing Back to the 1940s will take place from 11am to 4pm on Monday 29 May. Entry to the museum will be free for adults and children alike, and the whole site will be open for visitors to enjoy. As well as wartime-themed activities, there will also be framework knitting demonstrations and the chance to knit your own scarf on a vintage Griswold knitting machine. The Textile Emporium will be open for visitors to explore and pick up souvenirs.

Adds Nicola: 'It's set to be a fantastic day out for all the family. There really is something for everyone – and plenty to do whatever the weather – so please come and join us for some wartime fun.'

Please contact the museum on 0115 984 6914 for more information.

Faye Stenson

RuddFest is back

Ruddfest, Ruddington's annual beer and cider festival, returns to the village in June, with around 200 beers and ciders on offer for thirsty visitors to enjoy. The festival starts at 12 noon on Thursday 1 June and runs through to last orders on Sunday 4 June.

Ruddfest will once again run across 4 sites, with The Green playing host to The Three Crowns, The Three Spices, Bar Six and a new arrival for 2017: Jasper's Café. Elsewhere in the village, Ruddfest will take place at The Frame Breakers on the High Street, The White Horse on Church Street and The Victoria Tavern on Wilford Road.



CAMRA members will be entitled to a discount on beers and ciders at all 4 venues throughout the festival. As usual, each site will be organising their own drinks lists and tasting notes, food offerings and entertainment.

Highlights for 2017 are set to include the return of last year's popular Gin Bar to the marquee on The Green – this time with over 20 premium gins to try – and the final of the 'Ruddington's Got Talent' competition at The White Horse on Sunday 4 June.

For the latest news and event details, search for 'Ruddfest' on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. You'll also find information on each venue's social media pages and websites.

Faye Stenson

'Music to Hear' spring concert

Ruddington & District Choral Society will be performing music by some of the great classical composers at their spring concert. The programme takes its name from 'Music to hear' by George Shearing (composer of 'Lullaby of Broadway'), who used Shakespearean sonnets for his lyrics. The Society will also be singing Vaughan Williams' 'Five Mystical Songs' and Rutter's joyful 'This is the Day' - the latter composed for the Royal Wedding in 2011. Music by Rutter, Parry and Stanford, plus solo items, will complete the programme. The concert will be conducted by Paul Hayward, with Michael Overbury as the accompanist.

'Music to Hear' takes place on Saturday 20 May at 7:30pm, at St Peter's Church in Ruddington. Tickets are £10, to include a glass of wine or a soft drink and a programme, and are available by calling 0115 921 1451, or on the door.

Liz Lister

South Notts Wildlife Spring Fair

Local Wildlife Trust members are once again running the Ruddington Spring Fair to raise funds to support the work of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust in Rushcliffe and elsewhere in the county. This includes management of local nature reserves (Bunny Wood, Skylarks, Wilwell Farm Cutting and Wilford Clay Pits); supporting local 'Friends of Groups' like Sharpill Wood and The Hook; engaging with local landowners through the Blue Butterfly, Bird Bed and Breakfast and Badger Vaccination schemes; and landscape scale conservation down the Trent Valley.



The Spring Fair will take place on Saturday 20 May at St Peter's Rooms from 9.30am to 12noon, and will be selling a range of plants, cakes, second hand CDs, DVDs and vinyl records.

Do you have any old CDs, DVDs or vinyl records that you could donate to the Spring Fair? Last year's event raised around £1,500 for Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, so every little helps! You can contact Gordon Dyne on gordon.dyne@gmail.com or 0115 878 4842 to arrange collection of your unwanted items.
Gordon Dyne

Did you know?

This is the latest in our series of articles to help spread the word about Parish Council services, or activities taking place at St Peter's Rooms, which you may not be aware of.

This month, we take a look at the Coffee & Lunch Club which takes place in the Lounge at St Peter's Rooms every Thursday, from 10:30am to 1:15pm.

The Club gives older people in the village the chance to get together for a chat over a cup of coffee and/or a hot lunch.

If you'd like to attend, please give plenty of notice as meals are ordered weekly in advance. Call Muriel Woodhead on 0115 984 5666 to book in.

There's also an over 55s Coffee Club at St Peter's Rooms every Wednesday from 10am to 11am. Free transport is available on the Community Bus – call Lorna McCullough on 0115 921 4975 for details.

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

3rd May 1917

**Private Telford Peet, aged 26, 2/4th
Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.**

Son of William and Elizabeth Peet,
Back Street, Ruddington.

Remembered on: Arras memorial, Pas
de Calais.

It's that time again

Yes, May is start of the bowls season – it's that time of year again! Come to our free Open Day on Sunday 14 May 2017 from 2.30pm to 5pm at our Elms Park base in Ruddington. You'll be able to try your hand at bowls, hear about the club and enjoy refreshments. Experienced or novice, why not drop in (come with a friend) and see if the game and our lovely club are for you?

Experienced players wishing to return to the game are very welcome to join us to try our green and meet our members. For the novice, once again we have a 'Play Bowls Package' on offer to provide a chance to learn and try the game. For just £5, you can enjoy 4 coaching sessions with friendly, qualified coaches and up to 6 informal games with members. All equipment is provided free for the trial and if you like the club, the £5 comes off your membership! All the club asks is that people wear flat, smooth-soled shoes with no heels (e.g. flip flops or old slippers), to protect the greens.

Andy Scott, Club Membership Officer and Coach, said: 'We now have a well-established bowls school in a fabulous setting. People are made welcome, get coaching and have fun learning the game. Whilst the game is great, affordable and easy to learn, the real dividend comes through the friendships and companionship developed within the membership. We have welcomed many new members through the bowls

school over recent years – and would love to welcome more.'

The bowls season runs from May to September and the game itself is affordable. For those who just want social games, there are weekly informal club roll ups, and around 20 friendly non-competitive games to be enjoyed. League games are available just about every day of the week for the competitive. Evening league games start at 6.30pm and we also have games in the afternoon and at weekends. The club has working members (not just the retired!) and games for male, female and mixed teams, with a great range of formats to choose from.



Andy added: 'Bowls can have a stuffy image, but generally we play in casual clothes for non-competitive games and we have fun. We offer options for all levels of ability and the physical demands are not that great. So, why not come see us with a view to joining our club and making some new friends?'

To find out more or book directly onto the coaching course, contact Andy on 07434 056 176, e-mail rudd.bowls@ntlworld.com or visit ruddingtonbowls.co.nf.

Andy Scott

The Clerk retires

So, it's time to retire. And, yes, I am looking forward to it! Being a clerk at a parish council like Ruddington is one of the most varied jobs you can have. I was warned by my predecessor that it ranged from drafting budgets to picking up dog poo; I have, so far, avoided the latter! I have really enjoyed the variety of work – no two days are remotely the same and I never quite know what I will be up to when I arrive at work.

I have also dealt with a variety of people, situations and approaches. One thing I can say with certainty is that the staff at Ruddington Parish Council are the very best. I would like to thank them for all the hard work, skill and dedication they put in. I am sure that my successor, Claire, will come to rely on them as much as I have.

I am proud of all that Ruddington Parish Council delivers to the local community: providing the facilities for football, dancing, cricket, brownies, guides, slimming clubs, bowls, yoga, the Village Green, tai chi, coffee and lunch clubs, baby groups, allotments, playing fields, cemetery, car parks (next to the Co-op and The White Horse Inn), the community bus, Christmas and Summer Fayres...and much more.

I'd like to thank everyone involved with all these groups and activities which give so much to the community – organisers, councillors and participants, but above all the staff. I wish you all the very best.

Gary Long

Editor's note:

'Gary has, during his time in Ruddington, seen many changes - both in the working of the Parish Council and in outside events.

And he leaves with our thanks and very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.'

Coundillor Allen Wood, Chair of Ruddington Parish Council

Branwell – the forgotten Brontë

The only son of the Reverend Patrick Brontë, Branwell was once dubbed 'the family genius,' but did not rise to fame like his sisters – in fact, quite the opposite. His artistic career and subsequent job opportunities all failed.

Commemorating the 200th anniversary of his birth, a talk by Dr Claire O'Callaghan will explore what went wrong for this troubled young man, who died a year after Jane Eyre was published, 'without knowing that his sister had published a word'.

Claire lives in Ruddington and lectures in Victorian literature at Brunel University, London. She is currently writing a book about the Brontës.

The event takes place in the Chapel at the Framework Knitters Museum on Friday 19 May at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Museum, or phone Kathy on 0115 984 5375.

Ruddington Diary

Tuesday 2nd May

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship – Carol Barstow: 'Puddings & Pies'. 2.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 4th May

Royal British Legion – the Ruddington Branch meets at St Peter's Rooms on the first Thursday of the month at 8pm.

Saturday 6th May

Ruddington Group – Riding for the Disabled – Spring Fayre at St Peter's Rooms. Stalls include raffle, tombola, cakes and many more. 10 am to 12 noon.

Sunday 7th May

Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group – "Widmerpool to Keyworth circular" Meet on the Green at 2.15 pm.

Tuesday 9th May

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

Scrabble – In Ruddington Library 2pm to 4pm. All players welcome.

Parish Council Annual Meeting – at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any agenda items. To be held if needed, please check before you come.

Wednesday 10th May

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

Friday 12th May

Ruddington Community Choir – 'United in Song'. 7:30pm at All Hallows' Church, Lady Bay. See main article for details.

Saturday 13th May

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.

Wedding Open Day at the Country Cottage Hotel – 11am to 3pm. See main article for details.

Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle Walk in aid of Save the Children – Rushcliffe Country Park, 2pm to 5pm. Free entry (donations appreciated). See main article for details.

Sunday 14th May

Free Bowls Club Open Day at Elms Park – 2.30pm to 5pm. Try your hand at bowls and hear about the club. See main article for details.

Tuesday 16th May

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship – Annual General Meeting. 2:30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. All welcome.

Thursday 18th May

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.

Friday 19th May

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.

‘Branwell – the Forgotten Bronte’ – a talk by Dr Claire O’Callaghan at the Framework Knitters Museum, 7:30pm. See main article for details.

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.

Saturday 20th May

Notts Wildlife Trust Spring Fair – at St Peter’s Rooms. 9.30am till 12 noon. See main article for details.

Ruddington Choral’s Spring Concert – ‘Music to Hear’ 7:30pm in St Peter’s Church. See main article for details.

Monday 22nd May

Ruddington Craft Group – Teabag folding. 10am to 12 noon. Contact Christine Gibson on 07967 245 308 if you’d like to come along.

Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th May

Big Purple Party at Nottinghamshire Hospice shop – week-long fundraising event. See main article for details.

Wednesday 24th May

Amenities Committee Meeting – at St Peter’s Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm.

All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any agenda items. To be held if needed, please check before you come.

Rotary Charity Concert – 7:30pm at The Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent. See main article for details.

Monday 29th May

‘Swing Back to the 1940s’ – wartime-themed event at the Framework Knitters Museum. 11am to 4pm. Free. See main article for details.

Wednesday 31st May

Ruddington Gardeners’ Association – “Nottingham City Parks and Gardens” with John Simpson at The Hermitage 7pm for 7:30 pm.

Thursday 1st June

Royal British Legion – the Ruddington Branch meets at St Peter’s Rooms on the first Thursday of the month at 8pm.

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

Thursday 1st June – Sunday 4th June

Ruddfest – Ruddington’s annual festival. Over 200 beers and ciders, food, live entertainment, stalls and children’s activities. See main article.

Saturday 3rd June

Wilwell Farm Cutting Open Day – A series of guided walks with Gordon the Warden. See main article for details.

Any old doors?

Do you have any old external doors that you no longer need in your home, further to renovation or replacement? If so, you can donate them to the Paradise Gardens allotment site, where they'll be used to make new raised beds for the allotment plots.

If you can spare a door or two, please contact the Parish Council so we can arrange for collection.

Rotary Charity Concert

The Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Keyworth and Ruddington are holding a charity concert at 7:30pm at The Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent on Wednesday 24 May. The concert is being held in aid of Dementia UK, Friends of the QMC and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Performing on the evening will be the West Bridgford Social Singers, Teah Collins (clarinettist), the Keyworth School of Theatre Dance and the 6th Robin Hood Rifles Cadet Core of Drums.

Tickets are just £8 and are available from The Country Cottage Hotel on Easthorpe Street or by calling 0115 937 3263.

RDA Spring Fayre

A Spring Fayre is being held on Saturday 6 May in aid of the Ruddington Group of Riding for the Disabled. The Fayre will take place at St Peter's Rooms from 10am until 12 noon. Stalls will include a raffle, tombola, cakes and much more.

Awards recognition for the Ruddington Arms

Congratulations to the Ruddington Arms and their licensee, Mark Anderson, for their place in the Licensee of the Year competition, run by the British Institute of Innkeeping (BII).

The competition is sponsored by Sky, and is seen as one of the most prestigious awards for individual licensee operators in the UK. The 16 semi-finalists have already seen off strong competition from 200 entrants across the UK. The next step is a visit from the judges, who will carry out an assessment and interview.



The Ruddington Arms said in a tweet: 'We are really surprised, honoured and proud to be named as one of the semi-finalists in the BII Licensee of The Year Awards 2017.'

And in a further nod of recognition, the pub has also been nominated in the 'Best Drinks Venue' category of the Nottinghamshire Food and Drinks Awards. The winners of both awards will be announced in June. Good luck Ruddington Arms!

Kay Garrett

Country Cottage wedding fair

The Country Cottage Hotel on Easthorpe Street is holding a wedding open day on Saturday 13 May from 11am to 3pm.

Brides and grooms-to-be can visit this beautiful venue, including its restaurant, private gardens and bedrooms. The venue will be dressed as if for a wedding, and the wedding co-ordinator will be around on the day if anyone would like an informal chat or any more information.

There's a complimentary glass of prosecco for visitors on the day, so if you're looking for a wedding venue why not pop along and take a look for yourselves?

Kay Garrett

The Battle of Rorkes Drift – the 'Ruddington Connection'

On 23 January 1879, the mission station at Rorkes Drift, Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa was repeatedly and robustly attacked by 3,000 to 4,000 Zulu warriors, hot-foot from their crushing defeat of the British at the Battle of Isandlwana.

Over many hours, the mission station was successfully defended by little over 100 soldiers from the 24th (Warwickshire) Regiment of Foot. The ferocious battle has gone down in history as no fewer than 11 Victoria Crosses (the British Army's highest award for valour) were awarded to the

defenders – all of course commemorated in the classic film 'Zulu,' starring Michael Caine as Commanding Officer Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead.

The film 'Zulu' represents the 24th Regiment of Foot as a Welsh regiment, when their county designation was Warwickshire until 1881 and only around 15% of the soldiers defending the mission station were in fact Welsh. Three soldiers from the 24th Regiment who fought at and survived the battle (James Marshall, Caleb Wood and Robert Tongue) are buried in the old Shaw Street cemetery in Ruddington.

Other local connections include a soldier killed at Rorkes Drift who is buried in another Nottingham cemetery, and Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead being schooled in Newark.

From 12 noon on Friday 16 June, ABF The Soldiers' Charity – the British Army's national charity since 1944 – will be hosting a lunch and presentation about the battle for Rorkes Drift at St Peter's Rooms in Ruddington. The presentation, titled 'The Ghosts of Rorkes Drift,' will be given by Charles Aikenhead, the owner of the Rorkes Drift Hotel adjacent to the battlefield in South Africa.

Tickets are £25 per person, including lunch, and are available from Janet Britland, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, East Midlands. Call 0115 957 2103 or email eastmidlands@soldierscharity.org.

Mick Earle

Changing times

Due to changing shopping habits and the extended availability of fancy dress costumes from other sources, the Soden-Barton family who operate Crusader Ltd have now closed their costume hire shop and service, which used to operate at 4 Easthorpe Street.

Their emphasis is now on their online gifts and party sales business (www.crusaderparty.co.uk and www.crusadergifts.co.uk), which includes a selection of gifts and fancy dress costumes to buy.

The head office of Crusader Ltd has been based in Oxford House, Easthorpe Street for over 25 years.

Just prior to Christmas, a pop up clearance shop opened at No. 2 Easthorpe Street on the corner of the High Street and Easthorpe Street. This opens on Fridays from 10.30am to 2pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 3pm.

The pop up shop will continue to operate until a permanent tenant is secured.

Barbara Breakwell

Royal British Legion

The Ruddington Branch of the Royal British Legion meets on the first Thursday of the month at 8pm in St Peter's Rooms. All are welcome to the meetings. For more information, please visit

www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/ruddington.

Paint Ruddington Purple!

The Nottinghamshire Hospice shop on the High Street will be hosting The Big Purple Party from Monday 22 to Sunday 28 May. The idea is to promote the hospice and paint Nottinghamshire purple to help raise funds for local hospice care.

It's a week-long event and party that's happening across the county and everyone is invited to join us! Our goal is to 'Paint Ruddington Purple' and there are lots of ways you can join in the fun.



Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Hold a coffee morning with a purple dress code and purple cakes
- Add a purple dish or drink to your business menu and donate the proceeds to Nottinghamshire Hospice
- Hold a purple dress-down day in the office
- Hold a bake sale
- Spend a few hours volunteering at one of our shops
- If you run a shop or business in Ruddington, put a purple window display up!

Download your party pack today from www.nottshospice.org/party. For more information, please pop into our Ruddington shop or call 0115 910 1008 ext 215.

Tessa Eastel, Ruddington Shop Manager

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 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006 and 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 19 June 2017. Please note that applications received after this date cannot be considered.

Self-led walks

Are you interested in doing 'self-led' walks of up to 5 or 6 miles, locally or otherwise? The idea is for a group to choose a walk from a book or website, turn up and follow the route together. It's preferable to own or be able to drive a car so that transport can be shared. Kindness, honesty and respect are essential! There are no fees to pay other than a contribution to the group driver for fuel costs. If you're interested, please email happy_walking9560@yahoo.com for further details.

Summer Fair and Car Boot Sale

This annual fundraiser, organised by the St Peter's Friends of School, will take place on Saturday 1 July from 10.30am to 1pm at the school on Ashworth Avenue. Entry will be £1 for adults and free for children. For further details and to book stalls or car boot space, please visit www.stpetersjunior.org.uk/summer-fair-car-boot. It's a great community event and well worth a visit

Barbara Breakwell

Save the Dates!

Here are two dates for your diary! Ruddington Parish Council's second Summer Fayre will be held on the Green on Saturday 19 August, between 12 noon and 6pm. Planning for the event is already well underway, with a return of Professor Charles' 'Punch and Judy', and the 'Under our Wings' talking and singing birds.



If you're interested in hiring a stall this year and would like a booking form, please contact the RPC Events Working Group on events.rpc@gmail.com.

Although it seems a long way off, we also have a date for our Christmas Fayre. This year it will take place on Saturday 2 December. Keep watching for further information!

RPC Events working group

Parking update

The March 2017 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 119 visits
- 290 observations
- 23 penalty charge notices

Our traffic wardens are now making the odd Sunday visit to the village.

Pasta shop on Easthorpe Street

Further to our request in the March edition of the Village Newsletter for memories of the former pasta shop on Easthorpe Street, we received the following response from Ruth Sharpe.

'I now live in West Yorkshire and read the Village Newsletter via my brother, who still lives in Ruddington and then my parents, who now live close to me.

Both my Mum and I recall the pasta shop on Easthorpe Street, as it was a treat to get decent, home-made pasta, especially in the early 1990s.

I had left home by then, but on my trips back to Ruddington, I would make sure that I went to the pasta shop, partly for myself and partly for orders for lasagne to take back to friends!

I particularly liked the sweet pasta, e.g. perhaps strawberry flavoured. Apart from the shop on Easthorpe Street, I have rarely seen sweet pasta sold anywhere since, other than in specialist delicatessens.

I know the shop was only there for a couple of years or so, but my Mum, my friends and myself all enjoyed it while it was there.

We certainly remember it, as it was so unusual and to be fair, I have not come across another specialist pasta shop on my travels since.'

Ruth Sharpe, Batley, West Yorkshire

Wildflowers of Rushcliffe

Over the years, the pressures from agriculture and development have meant that the rich wildflower meadows of previous generations have become a rarer sight. Ironically, one site where a lot of this floral heritage is protected is an abandoned railway cutting just outside Ruddington. So important is this site that over 35 years ago, it was stopped from becoming a landfill site, declared a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and bought by Rushcliffe Borough Council with help from the World Wildlife Fund.



Wilwell Farm Cutting is now a nature reserve that's leased to and managed by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, as part of its network of sites across the whole of Nottinghamshire.

There will be an Open Day at Wilwell Farm Cutting on Saturday 3 June, when you can come along and see some of Rushcliffe's fabulous wildlife heritage. A programme of guided walks with Gordon the Warden will look at the site's varied display of summer wildflowers around the site, starting at

10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, and 3pm. This is part of a wider programme of wildlife walks and visits being run in the Rushcliffe area by volunteers, on behalf of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. For more details, including a downloadable fact sheet about Wilwell Farm Cutting, please visit www.southnotts.wildlife.org.uk and look under recent posts

The nature reserve is located on the B680 road between Ruddington and Wilford (NG2 7UT), with the entrance track and signpost on the left as you approach the ring road bridge from Ruddington. Parking is available or you can take the NCT 3 bus to the Wilford Industrial Estate stop just past the bridge.

Gordon Dyne

Peppa Pig Walk - Reminder

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 13 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 295 266.

Ruddington Community Choir to raise funds for MS Society

On Friday 12 May, Ruddington Community Choir will be joining the Lady Bay Community Choir and the West Bridgford Tuneless Choir in 'United in Song' – an evening of singing to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society.

All three choirs are led by Bernie Bracha, whose niece and goddaughter Hannah was diagnosed with MS three years ago, at the age of 27. Bernie's husband, Andy, also ran the London marathon on 23 April to raise funds for the MS Society, which continues to improve treatment, care and support for people with MS.



'United in Song' takes place at 7.30pm at All Hallows' Church, Lady Bay and will feature a wide variety of music from Ruddington and Lady Bay choirs, as well as an opportunity for the audience to join in with some popular favourites from the Tuneless Choir. Lots of fabulous prizes will be available in a raffle, which has been supported generously by local businesses.

Admission for singers and members of the public is £5. This can be paid on the door or even better, online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andy-Bracha – don't forget to include your name and quote 'United in Song'. If Andy meets his £2,000 fundraising target by the evening of the event, he has promised to sing (albeit tunelessly) – which he says is much scarier than running his first marathon!

For further details, please email bernie@brachamusic.co.uk.

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