

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Gold medal for local tennis ace

Huge congratulations go to local resident James Shaw, who was part of the Great Britain Quad Wheelchair Tennis team who recently triumphed in the 2017 BNP Paribas World Team Cup.



The tournament, which took place in Sardinia, saw James and his team-mates Andy Laphorne and Antony Cotterill taking on Quad teams from around the world in both singles and doubles matches. The team claimed their World Cup title – and a gold medal apiece – on Sunday 7 May, after beating Israel 2-1 in the final.

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James was only classified into the Quad division of wheelchair tennis a few years ago, when he was fast tracked on to the Tennis Foundation's Performance Development Pathway. He now has his sights set on representing Great Britain in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.



Last year, James was selected to go to the Rio Paralympics as part of the Paralympic Inspiration Programme. This aims to provide developing athletes with the knowledge that will prepare them for future Games experiences, as well as exciting and inspiring future Paralympians.

After his visit, James said: "The Paralympics is an absolutely amazing experience that I need to do everything in my powers to get to."

Being part of the winning team in Sardinia is one step closer to James achieving his ambition, and Ruddington wishes him continuing success.

Barbara Breakwell

County election results

Further to the County elections on 4 May 2017, Reg Adair was re-elected as Conservative councillor for Ruddington. Reg is joined by fellow Conservative Andy Brown, who will jointly represent the newly-expanded 'Leake & Ruddington' electoral division.

Together, Reg and Andy secured just over 57% of the vote and bring the total number of Conservative councillors in Nottinghamshire to 31. Labour has 23 councillors and the Liberal Democrats just one, with the remaining seats won by independent candidates. This means that no party currently has overall control of the County Council. For further details, please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/elections.

Ruddington hit by green-fingered thieves...

...Or should that be "light-fingered gardeners"? Either way, the village has recently been hit by a string of floral thefts. Items taken including a hanging basket from Packman Drive, more hanging baskets and plant pots from the Pasture Lane estate – and two large box trees, complete with planters.

The trees in particular would have been extremely heavy, with police officers believing that the thieves would have needed a van or lorry to transport the planters. The thefts seem to have taken place overnight.

Whilst these crimes might seem relatively trivial, it's worth remembering that many people put hours of time and effort into nurturing their plants and flowers, and making their outdoor spaces look attractive. Having the results of their hard work stolen is naturally devastating. With that in mind, our local PCSO, Tony Davies, is taking the matter seriously and has issued the following advice:

"The best way to report this is by dialling 101 and getting an incident created which in turn will generate a crime number. Letting us know about any new thefts gives us more of an idea of what is happening and when.

As for crime prevention measures, you could think about a CCTV system to cover your property which might help identify intruders and also act as a deterrent. You could also consider signing up to [Nottinghamshire Alert](#), which is a crime messaging system that we use to advise residents of criminal activity in their area. We also use social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Along with reporting crime you can also contact us, via 101, if you see any suspicious activity. It is best done as soon as possible and if you can include as much detail as possible, such as descriptions of persons seen and vehicles involved, that would be very helpful. Please, under no circumstances place yourself at any risk and if there is a crime in progress or life is in danger, please dial 999. "

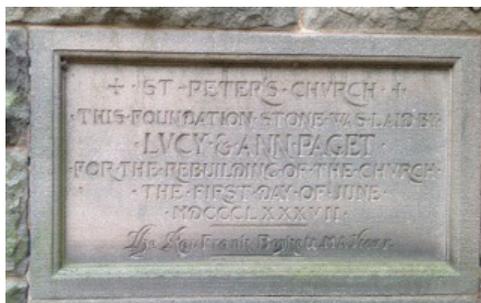
"An unsightly structure"

Did you know that the St Peter's Church we can all see in the village today is celebrating a birthday this month?

It's 130 years ago this month since work started to rebuild it.

In 1884, a decision was made to replace the building after it was described as "an unsightly structure in a very decayed state and inadequate to the parish". The spire was retained and works undertaken around it.

To enable the works to go ahead, £12,000 was raised from local donations, including generous contributions from the Paget and Philo families.



The Foundation Stone for the new church (pictured above) was laid by Anne and Lucy Paget on 1 June 1887, and Philo Mills apparently placed a time capsule within the foundations.

Our "new" parish church was subsequently dedicated in November 1888.

Barbara Breakwell

Life as a ‘Ruddy Teenager’

I am a typical 14 year old girl who has lived in Ruddington for almost all of my life, and I can honestly say that I absolutely love living here. It really does feel like home and I couldn't have asked for a more friendly and welcoming village to grow up in.

I love wandering around the Country Park and down the footpath parallel to the train tracks, especially when the weather's nice. Another thing I'm lucky to access are the coffee shops. Delicious places where I can get a coke and a brownie (or water if I'm skint!), and the chip shop is just a heavenly treat! The bus links to town are also something I'm fortunate to have, especially for someone like me, who loves shopping!

However, I am a teenager and from my point of view there is one thing that I think Ruddington is missing out on: a youth club. I used to attend the Thursday night youth club when I was at St Peter's School. I really enjoyed hanging out with my friends and making new ones too. It also gave me a taste of independence, which I believe has benefited my social skills; therefore, I think it would be incredibly useful for the younger generation to have somewhere to develop these skills like I did. Eventually, the youth club closed down. Project Body did actually start a new youth club, which didn't last very long but also wasn't as enjoyable as we hoped, as it felt as though it was a lot more sports-driven than the previous

youth club. This understandably wasn't everybody's favourite thing to do; we just wanted somewhere relaxed with a variety of different activities for people with different interests.

My friend Ruby, 10, who also lives in Ruddington and would love to attend a youth club said, "It would be a safe place for me to hang out with people my age." So where is our youth club? I really hope that someone out there can give Ruddington youth what they were promised.

Ruddy Teenager

***Editor's note:** We're always keen to hear the viewpoints of younger people living in Ruddington. Why not drop us a line with YOUR thoughts about what village life is like for children and teenagers growing up in Ruddington?*

It works...

Recently a new mini roundabout has appeared in the village. The roundabout was identified as a necessary part of the planning permission granted to Bellway Homes for the 102 houses that are nearing completion on Pasture Lane, and Bellway paid for its construction.

Situated at the junction of Clifton Road and Wilford Road, the new roundabout – colloquially named "Tavern Island" – has been the subject of a lot of positive discussion within the village. I personally feel that we're all guilty of jumping to criticise when something isn't right, but not so quick to praise when something works.

According to views expressed on a local Facebook page, village residents agree. Claire said: "Let's celebrate and praise when things work," whilst Rachel stated: "Loving it – glad it worked and I was a doubter."

Despite initial pre-construction concerns from some residents, it appears that the new traffic management system actually works very effectively.

The construction period was well-managed, and the signage and double yellow lines clearly alert people to the new road priorities and restrictions.



Comments made by both motorists and cyclists acknowledge that there are now fewer queues, and the experience of travelling through this area of the village is much improved.

Unfortunately, the issues of impatient motorists jumping red lights at the pre-existing adjacent pedestrian crossing, coupled with vehicles being parked on Dutton's Hill during restricted hours, are still generating concern and comment.

Barbara Breakwell

New weekend GP referral from your local pharmacy

A new scheme is in place at Evans Pharmacy allowing pharmacists to refer patients directly to GPs at the Gamston Medical Centre on Saturday mornings. To use the service, just call into the pharmacy before 11.30am on a Saturday and you'll be assessed by staff there. If they think you need to see a doctor, they will then be able to refer to you on.

"We treat as many people as possible at the pharmacy, so if you're feeling unwell we may be able to help you there and then," says pharmacist Emma Anderson. "But if you need a GP referral, this scheme could save you the need to go through the NHS 111 system to see a doctor at a weekend.

"Don't forget, we can provide treatments during the week for those who don't pay for prescriptions via our NHS minor ailment scheme. We can also provide you with an emergency supply of many prescription medicines if you run out at the weekend. So please do call in and see how we can help."

Kay Garrett

Parking update

The April 2017 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 208 visits
- 604 observations
- 41 penalty charge notices

Welcome to our new councillors

We have recently welcomed two new Parish Councillors after non-contested elections were announced in May.

Mrs Yvonne Lishman is the new Parish Councillor for Camelot Ward. Says Yvonne: "I've lived in Ruddington for 30 years with my husband Mike. I began working life as a Medical Photographer before becoming a primary school teacher in 1994. In 2006 I returned to photography and set up my own business as a photographer, which I continue to enjoy to date.



"I care about the environment and social equality, and would love to see Ruddington becoming the close-knit community it was of old, by inviting the newer and longer established residents of the village to come together in community projects.

"I would like to see a Neighbourhood Plan implemented so that the residents have more of a say in the continued development of local infrastructure. I would also like to see a resumption of youth services in the village."

Mr Robin Crinage is the new Parish Councillor for Manor Ward. Says Robin:



"I'm a 47 year old Payroll Manager and am happily married to Alison. We have lived in our current house in Ruddington since 2010. I'm Chairman of the Ruddington branch of the Labour Party and am a keen allotment keeper. As a member of the Parish Council, I will do my best to support and promote the local community.

"I believe it's essential that we work together to maintain our identity and improve the village amenities. We should continue to support the intelligent management of local planning, sensitive controls on parking and an intolerance of littering.

We must resist uncontrolled development, discourage dangerous traffic through the village and stand together against the threat of crime."

You can contact Yvonne and Robin via the Parish Council Office or by emailing YvonneLishmanRuddingtonPC@gmail.com or robincrinage.ruddingtonpc@gmail.com.

Update from the Mustard Seed Project

'The Mustard Seed Project' is a fundraising group set up by Sally Squires and Jayne Henson, who both teach at James Peacock Infant School. The group's aim is to build a school for children taught on an island in a Ugandan swamp.

First of all, we want to thank everyone who supported us at the Knickers for Knowledge Fashion Show, held at St Peter's Junior School in March. We raised over £5,000 and took donations of hundreds of pairs of knickers and bras, which have been sent to the women and girls of Teso, Uganda.

The school is very nearly complete, so our focus has now moved to supporting children to attend, and giving them access to resources once they get there.

The Mustard Seed Project, in partnership with Shoe Aid UK, is asking for donations of useable pairs of shoes for the families we support in Uganda. Lee Todd from Shoe Aid writes that "walking barefoot should be a choice, not a hardship", and that 300 million children worldwide are unable to purchase shoes which are necessary to prevent infection and injury.

It's recently been reported that a rare infection known as "mossy foot" has been found in Uganda, and preventing it is as simple as making sure everyone has access to proper footwear.

All types of useable shoes will be accepted, from flip flops to wellies, school shoes to slippers, ballet pumps to football boots. And don't worry about the size – little kids grow up to be big kids, and parents need shoes too!

You can donate shoes to the Mustard Seed Project at the James Peacock School Summer Sizzle event on Saturday 17 June, or the St Peter's School Summer Fair on Saturday 1 July. Alternatively, you can leave shoes in the drop-off points provided at both schools.

In other news, we're delighted to announce that the pupils of James Peacock School and St Peter's School Choir are recording their very first album! It will feature songs from the UK and Africa, and even a song or two from the children in Uganda that we support.

We're hoping that musical notes will translate to monetary ones, so we can supply the school with much-needed equipment for their new classrooms. If you missed out on pre-ordering an album, look out for them on sale at the school fairs in June and July.

Finally, our long-awaited website is now live. Please visit www.mustardseeduganda.com for the latest updates on our work. You can also find us on Facebook (search for "Mustard Seed Project, Teso, Uganda") or follow us on Twitter @mseedproject.

Charlene Robinson

Ruddington Diary

Thursday 1st June

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

Thursday 1st June – Sunday 4th June

Ruddfest – Ruddington’s annual festival. Over 200 beers and ciders, food, live entertainment, stalls and children’s activities. Takes place on The Green (The Three Crowns, The Three Spices & Bar Six) and at The White Horse Inn, The Victoria Tavern and The Frame Breakers. Keep up with the latest news and developments at the Ruddfest Facebook page.

Saturday 3rd June

Wilwell Cutting Nature Reserve Open Day – A series of guided walks with Gordon the Warden to look at the site’s flora, at 10am, 11.30 am 1.30 pm and 3 pm. The Nature Reserve is on the B680 road between Wilford and Ruddington, just before the ring road bridge (travelling from Ruddington) and will be signposted. Parking is available or you can take the NCT 3 bus.

Sunday 4th June

Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group – “Keyworth to Normanton-on-the-Wolds circular” Meet on the Green at 2.15 pm.

Monday 5th June

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

Saturday 10th June

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.

Wildlife Watch Group ‘Pond Dippers’ – 11am to 1pm at Rushcliffe Country Park, meet at the Education Room. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. Suggested donation £2. Contact Geoff East on 07804 297 041 or geoff.east@virginmedia.com or Lynn Victor on 0115 958 8242 for details, or visit the website. Run by South Notts Wildlife.

Tuesday 13th June

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

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

Environment & Policy 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.

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

Wednesday 14th June

W.I. Meeting – ‘Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park’ at St Peter’s Rooms commencing at 7.15pm.

Thursday 15th June

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. Listen to all types of music & song. Good fun, good friends, good venue!

Friday 16th 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.

‘The Ghosts of Rorkes Drift’ – a lunch and illustrated presentation about the battle by ABF The Soldiers’ Charity, at St Peter’s Rooms at 12 noon. Tickets cost £25 with proceeds to the charity. Contact Janet Britland for details on 0115 957 2103 or email eastmidlands@soldierscharity.org.

Saturday 17th June

The Great Get Together – A community picnic on Ruddington Village Green 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Come along with your family, friends & pets. Bring a picnic, a blanket to sit on and games for the kids. For more information contact: paulreedman.ruddingtonpc@gmail.com or go to the website www.greatgettogether.org.

Saturday 17th June

South Notts Men's Choir Summer Concert - Ruddington Methodist Church, 7:30pm. Tickets £10. Call 07973 765 222 for details.

Ghost Hunt & Paranormal Investigation at the Framework Knitters Museum - 9pm to 2am. Spend the evening exploring this unique site with the paranormal investigation team at UK Entities. Tickets £30 in advance, T&Cs apply. Full details at www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

Monday 19th June

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

Tuesday 27th June

Parish Council 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 28th June

Ruddington Gardeners’ Association – “Climbing Plants” with Hilary Hutson at The Hermitage 7pm for 7:30 pm.

Saturday 1st July

St Peter’s ‘Friends of School’ – Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale. St Peter’s School, 10:30am to 1pm.

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.

Muddy Puddle thanks

A huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who supported the first ever Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle Walk at Rushcliffe Country Park on Saturday 13 May.

We were delighted to register over 200 children for the walk and even more delighted to hear how much they enjoyed splashing in muddy puddles throughout the afternoon!

The event raised a magnificent £768.54 for Save the Children. The funds will be used to give children across the globe, including the UK, the opportunity to survive, thrive and achieve their true potential. Thank you!

For further details of Save the Children in the Nottinghamshire area, contact Jane Piggott at je.piggott@btinternet.com.

Fun and fame for over 50s

On Monday mornings the Village Hall welcomes Erika Sonnenvirth with her 50+ Fun Fitness Classes, also known as “Zumba Gold”.

Female and male “mature” residents of Ruddington and the surrounding area spend a fun-filled session doing Zumba routines to music.

Recently, Erika was delighted when she was approached to provide a group to perform with Peter Kay at his “Dance for Life” Dance-a-thon Party event at the Motorpoint Arena, held in aid of Cancer Research UK.

As Erika runs various classes around Rushcliffe, a draw had to be made for the places available and two members of the Ruddington class, Carol Dickens and Jan Clements, were successful.



The performance on 12 May went well and Erika expressed her pride in the group of dancers.

For further details of local Zumba classes, email ErikaZumba@hotmail.co.uk or call 07967 190442.

Barbara Breakwell

Ruddington’s role in 300th celebrations

Ruddington is playing its part in celebrating an interesting tercentenary in Nottinghamshire this year.

It was back on 4 June 1717 that four Freemasons’ lodges in London got together to create the original Grand Lodge. Now, 300 years on, Nottinghamshire Masons are putting on a “Community Fun Day” in Nottingham’s Old Market Square to mark the milestone. It’s taking place on Saturday 17 June, from 10am to 5pm.

The event is a celebration partly aimed at “demystifying” Freemasonry – and letting the general public know of the many local causes which benefit from their continuous, but often little-publicised fundraising efforts.

So what exactly are Ruddington’s connections with the Freemasons? There have been quite a few in recent years, including a grant for our local youth football club, Ruddington Colts, from the Masonic Charitable Fund a few years ago. This enabled them to purchase some large billboards, which make the club more self-sufficient as it can sell advertising space to local businesses.



In 2014 and 2015, the Nottinghamshire Mark Masons organised two family fun days at GCRN featuring a variety of stalls, activities and entertainments. All proceeds from both these events were donated to local charities. And Ruddington resident Graham Riche organises a popular Valentine’s Lunch every year, which for several years was held at Ruddington Grange Golf Club, in aid of the Masons’ “Teddies for Loving Care” (TLC) initiative. TLC Nottinghamshire provides teddies and other soft toys to our local paediatric A&E departments and wards, bringing

comfort to countless local children over the years.

Graham will be largely responsible for coordinating “Fun for all Ages”, set to be the focal point of the Community Fun Day on 17 June. Family-friendly attractions will include a fairground with traditional stalls, a Teddy Bears’ Picnic with lots of giveaways for the kids, a story teller, street entertainers, Thoresby Colliery Band and a graffiti artist. The Nottingham-Brewery-sponsored “Knights of Nottingham” – who you may have seen around Ruddington – will be making an appearance on horseback, complete with full jousting regalia!

The Fun Day will also feature lots of food and drink options, plus a main stage with live entertainment and interviews with Nottinghamshire sporting personalities, conducted by local radio presenters – including Ruddington’s very own Graham Wright

The Freemasons’ work in the community will be showcased by a “Charity Village” featuring several local organisations and charities that have benefited from masonic charitable donations. There’ll also be a masonic “Big Tent” displaying information about Freemasonry, with members on hand to answer any questions. For full details of all the attractions on offer, please visit

www.nottinghamshiremasons.co.uk/tercentenary.

Graham Wright via Ruddington.info and Faye Stenson

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

6th JUNE 1917

Lance Corporal Thomas Edward Sutton M.M. aged 20, 9th Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

Son of Thomas and Rebecca Sutton, Church Street, Ruddington

Buried: Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais

12th JUNE 1917

2nd Lieutenant Thomas Richard Chetwynd Birkin, 7th Dragoon Guards attached 25th Squadron Royal Flying Corps.

Eldest son of Sir T. Stanley Birkin, Bart., and the Hon. Lady Birkin, of Ruddington Grange

Buried: Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais

**Things that go bump
in the night...**

Ticket sales are now open for the Framework Knitters Museum's first ever Ghost Hunt and Paranormal Investigation. The event will take place at the museum site on Chapel Street on Saturday 17 June, starting at 9pm. The Ghost Hunt is set to be extremely popular and numbers are limited, so

don't hesitate to buy your tickets if you'd like to take part!

Mysterious happenings are a regular occurrence at the Framework Knitters Museum, with many staff, volunteers and visitors experiencing unexplained phenomena over the years. The Ghost Hunt is your unique opportunity to spend the evening with the paranormal investigation team at UK Entities as they attempt to uncover some of the spectral secrets of the site.



You'll be provided with professional ghost hunting equipment to record any activity, and the event will be live streamed and recorded so you can relive the best bits at home.

The Ghost Hunt will take place on Saturday 17 June. Doors will be open from 8:30pm in the Chapel, which is opposite the main museum site on Chapel Street in Ruddington. The event runs from 9pm to around 2am, with light refreshments available throughout. Tickets cost £30 and are available from the museum shop, or by contacting the office on 0115 984 6914 or office@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

“Sow it, grow it and enjoy it”

Ruddington Gardeners' Association (RGA) is a now a very active and friendly village group. We have something to offer everyone, irrespective of whether you have a garden plot, a small patio area, an allotment or only a window box. Our meetings are on the last Wednesday of each month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, in The Hermitage Centre (January to June and September to November). Meetings usually feature illustrated talks on topical subjects by well-informed speakers. Various social activities, such as garden and nursery visits, take place during the summer. There is advice on gardening problems, the opportunity to purchase seed at discount prices and regular plant sales. Come along to our meetings to see what RGA has to offer – a warm welcome awaits everyone!

The Village Show last year, organised by RGA, was a great success, with excellent displays of vegetables, flowers, fruit and home produce. The children's entries were inspirational! Why not enter our show this year on Saturday 16 September 2017 in St Peter's Rooms? Bring the family and make the 2017 Village Show another big success. The Show Schedule with the classes is on the RGA website (www.ruddingtongardeners.co.uk) and hard copies are available from St Peter's Rooms. Entry is free with prizes for all the children that take part. Make 2017 the year in which your family grows the largest sunflower head, the longest runner bean or the heaviest marrow!

“Thank you” from RDA

Ruddington Group Riding for the Disabled (Registered Charity No. 1073536) would like to say a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who has donated to our Group through the Co-op Community Fund project.

We are one of the first three charities in Ruddington to benefit from this scheme. On Wednesday 19 April, Christine Whiteside and Diana Haddon, both Trustees of the Group, were presented with a cheque for £2,634 by Ruddington Co-Op Manager, Chris Bradbury.



The monies raised will enable us to continue helping local children with special needs.

And here's another “Thank you” from us – this one for everyone who attended our annual Spring Fair held at St Peter's Rooms on Saturday 6 May. We raised £533 for our charity.

Diana Haddon

Hon. Secretary, Ruddington Group Riding for the Disabled

The Great Get Together

On 16 June it will be one year since the tragic death of Jo Cox, MP, who was brutally killed in her Batley constituency. Jo was murdered by a man in the name of nationalism.

Her husband, Brendan, has called upon all communities in the United Kingdom to come together during the weekend of 16 to 18 June to commemorate Jo and to show that we will not be divided and turned against each other by hate, rather that we will use this to unite us. After the recent, terrible events in Manchester this seems even more important and even more relevant.



Everyone in Ruddington, together with their friends and pets, is invited to come to Ruddington Village Green between 12.30pm and 3.30pm on Saturday 17 June to take part in The Great Get Together by enjoying a picnic together. Just bring along your food, a blanket, games if you choose and enjoy the weather (hopefully), the atmosphere and good company.

Most importantly of all, let's send out a message to those who would put us in fear and turn us against each other that they will not succeed.

This type of event is taking place all over the country, so let's show them what Ruddington can do.

For more information, contact Paul Reedman at paulreedman.ruddingtonpc@gmail.com or go to the website, which is www.greatgettogether.org.

"We are far more united and have far more in common with each other than things that divide us." **Jo Cox**

Councillor Paul Reedman

Eco buses for Green 10 service

Nottingham City Transport has confirmed that Ruddington will be one of the first places to benefit from its brand new eco-friendly buses. Several will be introduced on our Green 10 route early this month.

They're among 53 low emission, bio-gas powered, double deckers being added to the operator's fleet following the award of a £4.4m grant from the Government's OLEV Low Emission Bus Scheme last year – which was added to an investment of £12.4m from NCT itself.

It's claimed these bio-gas buses are the greenest double-deckers in the UK and will reduce CO2 emissions by up to 84%* compared with an equivalent brand new diesel double deck bus.

"We've always taken our environmental impact responsibilities very seriously and have long had one of the youngest and cleanest bus fleets in the UK, but this investment in bio-gas bus technology marks a significant step change for Nottingham City Transport," says NCT Engineering Director, Gary Mason.

Craft workshops launched at local museum

“We’ve spent an enormous amount of time and effort in researching alternative fuels and we’ve established that from the production of the gas itself, to when it’s powering the engines of the double deckers, bio-gas offers an outstanding long-term sustainable alternative to diesel.

“For OLEV to also recognise this and award the funding is both rewarding for us as a company and exciting for the city as a whole.”



Moreover, the bio-gas buses are British built. The Scania chassis for each bus was assembled in Leyland in Lancashire, ahead of the bodying by Alexander Dennis in Scotland – and the Nottingham-based company Roadgas in Colwick has installed the fuelling facilities. These will also be available for use by other businesses.

Bus passengers can get a sneak preview of a new Green 10 being displayed on our Village Green during the afternoon of Saturday 3 June as part of RuddFest 2017.

Graham Wright via Ruddington.info

** Based on Well-to-Wheel GHG saving compared to Euro V diesel equivalent, independently assessed and certified by the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership.*

The Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street is launching a new series of craft workshops designed to help textile enthusiasts hone their skills.

The first workshop will take place on Saturday 15 July. Called Vintage Ziggy Zag Flowers, it will involve using brightly coloured scraps of felt or wool, and cotton print fabrics, to hand-stitch a selection of stylised flowers. This is a great opportunity to learn some basic hand embroidery, or if you’re already an accomplished ‘stitcher’, add a few new techniques to your repertoire.

Vintage Ziggy Zag Flowers will be followed by a Helix Bracelet workshop on Saturday 5 August. You’ll have 48 different colours of wire to choose from and a choice of fastenings. By the end of the workshop, you’ll have at least one finished bracelet to take home. On the day, you’ll also have the opportunity to buy additional materials and instructions to make more bracelets, matching earrings or pendants at home.

Both workshops will take place in the Chapel opposite the main museum, from 10am to 4pm. Tickets cost £35 and must be booked in advance. To book, please call the museum on 0115 984 6914 or email

helen.brownnett@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

You’ll find more details of these and future workshops at the museum website and Facebook page.

New name for Newsletter?

The Village Newsletter Working Group is currently discussing some interesting new developments for the Newsletter (more details coming soon!) One of these is to change the publication's name to something that better reflects its main purpose, which is to communicate details of local news, issues and events to Ruddington residents.

Whilst some of these naturally involve the Parish Council, such as publishing information about new Councillors, the Newsletter is not the Parish Council's "mouth-piece" (although it's understandable that some residents may believe that this is the case!)

The Working Group is keen to move away from this perception – and we'd love to hear your ideas for renaming the Newsletter! So if you can think of any suitable titles, please email these to office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk for us to consider. Thank you!

HERMITAGE
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RUDDINGTON

The Hermitage Preschool since 1967

supporting **rainbows**
respite for children and young people

50th birthday

Family Fun Day

Saturday, 8th July
12noon - 4pm

The Hermitage and St Peter's Church

Sausage sizzle • Bouncy castle • Raffle • Cream teas • Face painting • Cake sale
Games • Stalls • Community choir • Arts & Crafts... and more to be announced!

Stalls available!
£15 a table

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