

## Ruddington Parish Council

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER****Ruddington resident at the Tower of London**

On 16 June, 11 year old Eleanor Boniface was a guest at the finals of BBC Radio 2's annual "500 Words" competition, held at the Tower of London. The competition invites children between the ages of 5 and 13 to write an original story on any subject or theme, in 500 words or less.



This year's competition saw the highest ever number of entries, with 131,798 stories submitted, and proved third time lucky for Eleanor.

Her 2017 entry, entitled "500 Words of Literary Hell", was selected as one of the top 25 in the 10 to 13 age category, much to her astonishment and delight.

At the finals, which were broadcast live on the Chris Evans Show on BBC Radio 2, Eleanor's story didn't

ultimately win one of the top 3 prizes. However, she and the other finalists all received a signed copy of David Walliams' latest book.

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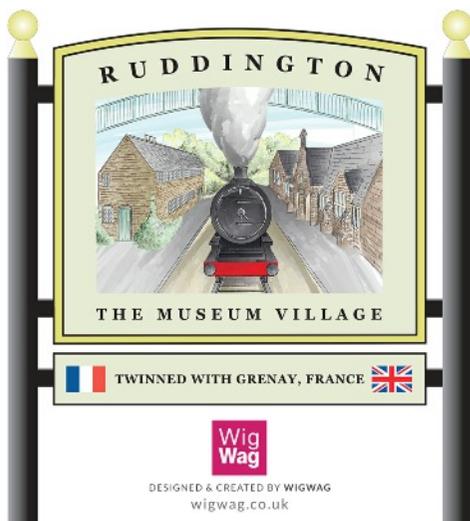
Eleanor also spent the morning meeting the likes of Chris Evans, Niall Horan, Sir Derek Jacobi, Charlie Higson, Francesca Simon, David Walliams, David Suchet and Jenny Agutter.

Huge congratulations are extended to Eleanor from all in Ruddington for her amazing achievement!

Barbara Breakwell

## Boundary signs going up

As reported in the January 2017 edition of the Village Newsletter, the Parish Council is having some new boundary signs made which will be placed at each of the 5 road entrances to the village.



Designed by local graphic design agency, WigWag, the signs will brand Ruddington as 'The Museums Village' (an "s" has been added to the design further to the original artwork being produced as pictured above).

For various reasons, the signs have taken a little longer to manufacture than expected. However, we are hoping to have them delivered by the first week in July and installation has been provisionally booked for week commencing 17 July.

A sign will be installed at each of the following locations: Loughborough Road north (opposite Ashworth Avenue), Loughborough Road south (just before the roundabout), Wilford Road (opposite Sellor's Playing Field), Clifton Lane (by the bridge over the brook) and Flawforth Lane (near the junction with Loughborough Road).

At the time of writing, two of the signs had been completed and we think they look fantastic! We hope you'll agree, and also share our view that they they'll make an eye-catching addition to our village, that celebrates Ruddington's unique culture and heritage.

## Parking update

The May 2017 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 288 visits
- 609 observations
- 40 penalty charge notices

The figures for observations and PCNs are roughly in line with April's figures. However, traffic enforcement officers made 80 more visits to the village than in April.

## 5p Challenge

Both schools in our village have very active “Friends of School” committees. These consist of parents/carers, staff and community members who voluntarily organise various fundraising activities to support the schools.

In a time of tighter education budgets, the role these groups play is of increasing importance.

Last year, an Interschool 5p Challenge was launched. Pupils were invited to collect 5p pieces from their families and bring them into school after the summer holidays.

All donations at each school were then added to their respective fundraising accounts.

Pupils at James Peacock collected the most and were awarded the inaugural Challenge Cup.

This summer, the Challenge is on again and all residents are cordially invited to partipate by donating any spare 5ps to the cause.

If you would like to support our local schools, please collect any spare 5ps and then towards the end of August, e-mail [ruddington2012@virginmedia.com](mailto:ruddington2012@virginmedia.com) to arrange collection. Any donated coins will then be shared equally between the two schools.

Thank you.

Barbara Breakwell

## Parcel scam

The Parish Council has been made aware of a parcel scam taking place in the local area. You receive an unexpected parcel, often a mobile phone, which is correctly addressed to you and is delivered by a legitimate courier company.

A short time later, someone calls at your door claiming to be from the courier company, suggesting there’s been a mistake and asking for the parcel back. This will be the offender, who has used your details and address to order the item – for which you’ll then be billed.



Unfortunately, as you’ll probably have signed a docket to confirm receipt of the item, you may find it hard to get a refund for the fraudulent transaction.

Parcel scams also take a variety of other forms. These include the victim being asked to pay for a neighbour to receive a delivery, or to call a premium rate phone number to arrange for a missed delivery to be collected.

Please be vigilant and don’t accept, or pay for, any parcel deliveries unless you’re 100% sure that these have been legitimately ordered.

## Thanks for a fantastic Ruddfest!

I would like to thank everyone who attended, took part, helped at and organised Ruddfest 2017. It was an absolutely fantastic four days; even the odd shower here and there never managed to dampen anyone's spirit. All four venues work really hard in the run-up to this event, and every year we have stood back and proudly seen it grow.



Local businesses thrive, public transport is full and everyone's morale is high and, in the world in which we live today, seeing people mixing and have a great time with friends and family is really touching.



I received an email during the event from a gentleman in his 70s whose opening line was "I had a lovely day (Thursday) at Ruddfest. Being a pensioner, this means the bit from about 10am-3pm!"

This man had travelled to us from Leicester by train and then caught the number 10 bus with our Event Rider ticket, after finding out about us on social media.



I believe this goes to show that Ruddfest is now well and truly stamped on people's hearts and in their calendars.

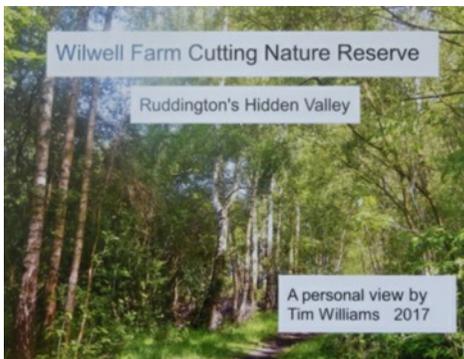
Thanks guys for making this the best beer festival south of the river – Ruddington is now definitely on the map!

John Noble

## Wilwell Cutting reference book

A book concerning the history and present day wildlife of Wilwell Farm Cutting Nature Reserve has been given to Ruddington Library.

Entitled 'Ruddington's Hidden Valley', the book was compiled by Tim Williams one of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust volunteers, and presented to the library by Gordon Dyne, the Warden at Wilwell Cutting. It will be available permanently for reference.



The book contains photographs dating back to 1895, which illustrate the site's early days as an important railway line connecting the industrial North of England to the metropolitan area and beyond to the proposed Victorian Channel Tunnel, which began construction in 1882.

Today, the 20 acre Wilwell Farm Cutting Nature Reserve has a wide variety of natural habitats where wild orchids thrive in two wild flower meadows. Many types of birds live in the hawthorn scrub, whilst marsh areas

support willow and rushes. Badgers have constructed several sets and squirrels chase among the tree tops. The site is of interest at all times of the year.

Tim Williams

## "Thank you" for supporting Rotary charity concert

Around £1,250 was raised for charity at a concert organised by the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Keyworth and Ruddington at The Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent on Wednesday 24 May 2017.

The audience was entertained by The West Bridgford Social Singers, clarinettist Teah Collins, the Keyworth School of Theatre Dance and the Robin Hood Rifles Cadet Corps of Drums. The Rotary wishes to thank everyone who supported the event, particularly the performers who gave their time and talent for free.

Thanks also go to The Country Cottage Hotel on Easthorpe Street for agreeing to sell tickets, and to Keyworth Co-operative Funeral Care for a financial contribution towards the hire of The Grange Hall.

Last but not least, we would also like to thank the following local businesses for donating raffle prizes: Flowers on Main Street, Internet Ink, Keyworth Pharmacy, Perkins Bar & Bistro, Manor Farm (East Leake) and Morrisons (Gamston).

Frank Trout

## “Best Pub” award for Ruddington Arms

The Ruddington Arms has been crowned “Best Public House” at the Nottinghamshire Food & Drink Awards, which took place at the East Midlands Conference Centre on 15 June.

The pub on Wilford Road beat off stiff competition from around 300 other establishments to take the title, which aims to recognise “...a unique British institution that promotes a sense of conviviality and community with a great range of beers and other drinks.”



The “Best Public House” gong (pictured above on the right) is the latest in a series of awards that the Ruddington Arms has collected since opening its doors in April 2014, further to a major refurbishment.

Formerly known as the Jolly Farmers, the pub has built a strong reputation for serving great gastropub food as well as quality cask ales, wines and a range of other drinks.

Congratulations to owners Mark and Sarah, and all their team, on their fantastic achievements!

Faye Stenson

## W.I. Garden Day



On Saturday 22 July, between 2pm and 4pm, Ruddington Women’s Institute will be holding their annual Garden Day at 200 Loughborough Road in Ruddington: the home of Linda and Mike Davey.

Visitors can relax in the beautiful mature garden of approximately half an acre, with its wildlife pond and interesting collection of cacti and summerhouse plants, before browsing a range of stalls. These will include a bottle stall, cakes and preserves, books and puzzles, crafts including hand-made cards and boxes, and a tombola and raffle.

The entrance fee of £4 includes a delicious home-made scone with strawberries and fresh cream, together with unlimited tea or coffee in our pop-up cafe.

All proceeds from this event will go to our chosen charity: Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. Tickets are available on the gate or in advance from our President, Mrs Ivy Wilshire, on 0115 984 4429. Please come and support this worthwhile cause whilst spending an enjoyable afternoon in beautiful surroundings.

Elaine Brown

# Ruddington Diary

## July 2017

### Saturday 1st July

**St Peter's 'Friends of School' - Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale.** St Peter's School, 10:30am to 1pm. Entry is £1 for adults and free for children. Visit the school website for more details, to book a stall or car boot space.

### Sunday 2nd July

**Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group** – “Normanton, Clipston, Stanton-on-the-Wolds circular” Meet on the Green at 2.15 pm.

### Monday 3rd July

**Ruddington Craft Group - Zig Zag Cascades.** 10am to 12 noon. Contact Christine Gibson on 07967 245 308 if you'd like to come along.

If you would like something included in the Village newsletter please talk to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

The copy deadline for the next edition is 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### Saturday 8th July

**Wildlife Watch Group 'Things that Flutter'** - 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](mailto:geoff.east@virginmedia.com) or Lynn Victor on 0115 958 8242 for details, or visit the website.

### Saturday 8th July

**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.

### Tuesday 11th July

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

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

**Planning 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.

### Wednesday 12th July

**W.I. Meeting** – 'The W.I.women in 1915' at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.15pm.

### Friday 14th July

**East Midlands Western Front Association** – 'The First World War contribution of Dulmial Village, Pakistan' - Dr. Irfan Malik. 7.30pm St Peter's Rooms.

### Saturday 15th July

**Vintage Ziggy Zag Flowers** - craft workshop at The Framework Knitters Museum, 10am to 4pm. Use brightly coloured scraps of felt or wool, and cotton print fabrics, to hand-stitch a selection of stylised flowers. Places cost £35 and must be booked in advance. Visit the museum website for full details.

## Saturday 15th July

**Compound Gym Open Day** - 9am - 1pm at Compound Gym, Unit A, Brookside Road, Ruddington. Meet the coaches, check out the gym, get involved in a free workout or watch a class. Free refreshments.

## Monday 17th July

**Ruddington Craft Group - Ribbon Weaving.** 10am to 12 noon. Contact Christine Gibson on 07967 245 308 if you'd like to come along.

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

## Thursday 20th July

**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. Relaxing, friendly atmosphere and all kinds of live music and song!

## Thursday 20th - Sunday 23rd July

**Ruddington Wakes Fun Fair** - Sellor's Recreation Ground, Wilford Road. Open weekdays from 5:30pm and 1:30pm on Saturday and Sunday. Free car park.

## Friday 21st July

**Ruddington Business Partnership** – FREE networking today and every 3rd Friday of the month, at The Ruddington Arms, 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses. No booking required.

## Saturday 22nd July

**W.I. Garden Day** – 2pm - 4pm, 200 Loughborough Road, Ruddington. Tickets £4 on the gate or call Ivy Wilshire on 0115 984 4429. Includes refreshments. Stalls, tombola & raffle. In aid of Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

## Wednesday 26th July

**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.

## Monday 31st July

**Ruddington Fun** – Free play event at Elms Park Pavilion, 10am till noon. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## August 2017

### Saturday 5th August

**Helix Bracelet craft workshop** - at The Framework Knitters Museum, 10am to 4pm. Choose from 48 different colours of

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

wire and a range of fastenings. Places cost £35 and must be booked in advance.

### Sunday 6th August

**Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group** – “Rushcliffe Country Park to Bradmore and return” Meet on the Green at 2.15 pm.

## Did you know what a Parish Councillor does?

*In this month's "Did you know?" article, we take a look at the role of Parish Councillor, what our Councillors do and how you can join the Parish Council if you'd like to get involved.*

Parish Councillors are no different to you and me, except that they have made the decision to "get involved" and are fortunate enough to have been elected or co-opted on to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is made up of 16 Councillors, 4 to represent each "ward", or area, in the village. They come on to the Parish Council in a number of different ways, but mainly at election time, which takes place every 4 years, or if there is a casual vacancy (see below).

Councillors are all ages and come with a very diverse range of life experiences – from nursing, accounting, private enterprise, teaching, the legal profession, home-making and more. Some are single, some are parents or grandparents, and whilst some have lived in the village for more than 25 years, others are new residents. More importantly, although most have no experience of committees, they bring life experience and enthusiasm. The one thing they all have in common is that they are all committed to ensuring that Ruddington gets the best value for money it can afford.

So, how do you get on the Parish Council other than at election time?

Occasionally, a Councillor resigns due to personal circumstances and a casual vacancy is advertised. If Rushcliffe Borough Council receives 10 or more requests for an election, one may be held but if this doesn't happen, the Parish Council can co-opt instead. This means that the vacancy will be advertised and eligible members of the public invited to apply within a specific timescale. A Working Group from the Parish Council then sits down with the candidate(s), and after a chat and a few questions, votes to fill the vacancy with the most suitable candidate at that time. All very painless, straight forward and friendly!

Once you're a Councillor, you'll be asked to join either the Amenities or Environment & Policy Committee, as well as attending Parish Council meetings. Each committee meets 6 times a year, as does the full Parish Council and there are occasional planning meetings as well. Members of the public are encouraged to attend these meetings so that they can see the Councillors at work and make sure their views are heard. Smaller Working Groups are often formed to look deeper into specific issues and then report back to the appropriate committee in greater depth; this is an opportunity to really get your teeth in to something you feel strongly about.

Being a Parish Councillor can be a very rewarding and interesting role – keep your eyes open for a vacancy and get involved!

Claire Dorans, Clerk to the Council

## The Great Get Together

Ruddington's first Great Get Together picnic took place on Saturday 17 June on The Green.

The event was held in memory of murdered MP Jo Cox and was one of about 120,000 events around the UK which were designed to bring local communities together.

Around 100 to 120 people attended on a glorious summer's day, with most sheltering from the baking sun in the shade of the large willow tree on The Green.



Everyone had a great time, enjoying good conversation, nice food, cool drinks and the odd glass of prosecco.

Ice cream was also available to bring down the temperature, and was particularly enjoyed by the children, who managed to play energetic games despite the heat.

It's planned to hold a similar event next year, so keep your eyes open for details.

Councillor Paul Reedman

## Ruddington Fun 2017



# Ruddington Fun

The school holidays begin at the end of this month - and then the fun begins in Ruddington! Ruddington Fun is a group of local residents who for the last 6 years have voluntarily organised FREE play events in the village. This year, they will be holding sessions on Monday 31 July and Monday 14 August.

The group also produces a diary of summer events which lists everything to occupy children and families within the village and its immediate vicinity. This can be viewed on the Ruddington Fun [Facebook page](#), or you can pick up a hard copy from the Library, Honeycomb or Perkins from early July.

For more details of things to do during the summer months, look at the various notice boards around the village, check the various social media sites, or consult the Parish Council Diary – either in this newsletter or on their website.

Ruddington really is a vibrant community with lots of things happening locally to occupy all ages. Enjoy and have a great summer!

Barbara Breakwell

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

**1st JULY 1917**

Private Arthur Percy Beevor, aged  
20, 1st Sherwood Foresters

Son of Eliza Annie Beevor, Church  
Street, Ruddington

Buried: Dickebusch New Military  
Cemetery Extension, West Flanders

**9th JULY 1917**

Private Archibald Chamberlain, 10th  
Sherwood Foresters

Buried: Sunken Road Cemetery,  
Fampoux

**12th JULY 1917**

Private William Cripwell, aged 41,  
15th Sherwood Foresters

Husband of Catherine Cripwell,  
Easthorpe Street, Ruddington

Buried: Villers-Faucon Communal  
Cemetery, Somme

**31st July 1917**

Private Fred Dalby, aged 29, 18th  
Kings Royal Rifle Corps.

Son of Arthur and Mary Ann Dalby,  
Easthorpe Street, Ruddington and  
husband of Elizabeth Beatrice Dalby

Remembered on: Ypres (Menin  
Gate) Memorial, West Flanders

**New venue for  
W.I. Craft Group**

The Ruddington Women's Institute Craft Group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month. The group will continue to meet in the Lounge at St. Peter's Rooms for the first meeting of the month.



However, by kind permission of owner and W.I. member, Julie Smith, the Group is now convening at The Black Cat Café on the High Street for the second monthly meeting. All meetings take place from 2pm to 4pm. Visitors and new members are always most welcome.

Elaine Brown

**Flawforth Lane closure**

Flawforth Lane will be closed from 00:01 on Monday 24 July until 23:59 on Friday 1 September to enable the installation of new drainage works.

The closure will affect the full length of the road, from the Loughborough Road (A60) junction in Ruddington right through to the Wheatcroft Island junction (A52/A606) at Edwalton.

The alternative route from Ruddington to Wheatcroft Island will be to follow the A60 to the Nottingham Knight Island, then take the third exit on to the A52.

## Get Up & Go in Rushcliffe!

A new campaign has been launched to encourage Rushcliffe people to Get Up & Go to help reduce falls.

Falls are the largest cause of emergency hospital admissions for older people in the UK. In 2014/15 in Rushcliffe, there were 296 falls in the over 80s age group and 136 falls amongst 65 to 79 year olds.

The Get up & Go campaign, which has been launched by Nottinghamshire County Council, aims to reduce this trend by encouraging more people to be active so they can improve their balance and strength, and help to stay steady.

### 10 top tips for staying steady

1. Exercise regularly. Focus on activities that challenge your balance and strengthen your legs. Aim for 30 minutes a day, 5 times per week.
2. Check your eyes and hearing. Go for regular sight tests.
3. Look after your feet. Wear well-fitted shoes and slippers, and report any foot problems to your GP or chiropodist.
4. Review your medication. Certain medicines can make you feel faint or affect your balance. If so, please contact your GP or pharmacist.
5. Get enough vitamin D, which is essential for keeping bones strong. The best source is sunshine.
6. Eat a diet rich in calcium to keep your bones strong. Good sources include

dairy foods, fortified soya products and canned fish.

7. Check your home for hazards. Make sure your home is clutter-free, well-lit and warm. Mop up spillages straightaway. Get a free home safety check.

8. Contact your GP if you've had a fall or are worried about falling.

9. Reduce your alcohol consumption and drink plenty of water to keep hydrated.

10. Keep a torch by your bedside or leave a light on at night in case you need to get up during the night.

Sue Batty, Service Director for Nottinghamshire County Council, said: "Falls are more likely to result in serious injury if someone is older. Having a fall is one of the top 5 reasons for admission to a residential care home.

"We want people to help themselves. By making some simple lifestyle changes, people can make a positive difference and help stay steady for longer."

There are a wide range of services available in Rushcliffe, including free home hazard assessments and local exercise courses such as Tai Chi. A Get Up and Go guide has also been produced to showcase 6 simple exercises to do at home.

You can find out more at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/falls](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/falls) or by calling 0300 500 80 80.

## South Notts Men's Chorus

On the evening of Saturday 17 June, a packed Ruddington Methodist Church hosted the South Notts Men's Chorus (SNMC) and Lyrical SoNGBirds Summer Concert. The audience was treated to a varied repertoire of spiritual, folk, choral and popular music – sung in English, Latin and Welsh – from both choirs.



SNMC recently emerged as winners in their class at the Derby Arts Festival and also received the accolade of “Best Adult Choir” at the Festival. Their next concert will be a performance at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in North Wales, in early July.

After that, SNMC's next Nottingham concert will take place from on Saturday 29 July at the new £9 million 'the space' venue at Nottingham Girls' High School. This time, SNMC will be performing with contemporary female quartet, **Quadravox** ([www.quadrovox.co.uk](http://www.quadrovox.co.uk)). Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £12.50 and are available to buy online at [www.gigantic.com/south-notts-mens-chorus-and-quadravox-tickets](http://www.gigantic.com/south-notts-mens-chorus-and-quadravox-tickets).

## James Peacock School 50th anniversary

Later this year, James Peacock School will be celebrating this milestone in their history. As they prepare for a celebration in the autumn, they are seeking your help.

If you, or anyone you know has been a pupil, staff member or governor at the school during the last 50 years, they would love to see any photos taken at the school.

Please e-mail any pictures to [lhorrige@jamespeacock.org.uk](mailto:lhorrige@jamespeacock.org.uk).

Barbara Breakwell

## Visual Arts Group

The Visual Arts Group was formed in spring 2017 and is based in Ruddington. Our work is diverse in both medium and subject matter.

The group functions as a mutual support system and although our practices, processes and personal philosophies differ, we all have a common goal to create art.

For our first exhibition, entitled “Perspectives”, we will be showing paintings, drawings, photography and digital media. Exhibiting will be Phil Hall, Terry Maxwell, Ron McSweeney, Jane Wheat and David Woolley.

“Perspectives” will run from Friday 4 to Monday 28 August at the Chapel Art Gallery, located at the Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street.

## Parking fees at Country Park

Rushcliffe Country Park has introduced a compulsory parking charge for all vehicles using the car park near the Visitor Centre.

The cost is £1 per car for all day parking – the same amount as the previous, voluntary donation. Regular users can buy an annual season ticket at the Ranger’s Office, which costs £20. And Blue Badge holders will still be able to park for free for up to 8 hours a day.

By introducing compulsory parking fees, Rushcliffe Borough Council is hoping to raise an extra £20,000 a year, some of which will be put towards a new lakeside café and community centre at the Park.

The Council has installed new ticket machines which require drivers to input part of their registration number, to prevent people sharing tickets. And don’t be tempted to park without one, as you’ll end up having to pay a fine!

## New lectern for Ruddington’s war heroes

Parish Councillors have resolved to remember those from our village who died serving our country with a new lectern at Ruddington’s War Memorial.

It will replace the one already there and will be a “Roll of Honour” to those who fell during the First and Second World Wars and in Korea. The proposal was put forward because the names carved on the War Memorial itself are still

difficult to read despite the restoration work that was carried out in 2013. In addition, the current lectern in the War Memorial Garden, which acknowledges Nottinghamshire County Council’s financial contribution to the 100th Anniversary Garden, is said to be in poor condition.

Parish Council staff sourced a quote for the new lectern from “Signs of the Times” in Leighton Buzzard – the company which is already producing our new Village Gateway signs. The cost is set to be £1,297.50.



£450 was granted from the Rushcliffe Borough Councillors’ Community Fund and another £300 from Nottinghamshire County Council – making a total of £750. The shortfall in funding of £547.50 is being met from Parish Council reserves. Councillors rubber-stamped the plan at their full meeting on Tuesday 27 June.

It’s promised that the new lectern will be compliant with the Equalities Act 2010 in terms of legibility and ease of access by wheelchair users.

Graham Wright via Ruddington.info

## Overgrown by greenery?

We've had a few enquiries at the Parish Council office recently about reporting overgrown footpaths, as well as weeds and plant growth on pavements. These are usually the responsibility of the Highways Department at Nottinghamshire County Council, unless they originate from a private landowner's property.

In either case, you can report the issue to Nottinghamshire County Council by calling 0300 500 80 80, or visiting [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) and typing 'vegetation' into the Search box, then clicking on 'Report a tree or vegetation problem'.

However you make your report, you'll need to provide a few details including the precise location of the problem. If you use the County Council website, you can use an online map to pinpoint the location. To help you find it quickly, type the postcode or street name into the search box above the map and it will zoom in to the right area. You can also upload an image of the vegetation if you think this will be helpful.



You can report a problem anonymously, but providing contact details means that an inspector can contact you if they need help finding the location, or need more information. If you provide your email address, you'll also receive updates so you'll know the problem is being dealt with.

### **Mown your own verge? Thanks!**

We'd like to say a big "thank you" to all Ruddington residents and business owners who are taking the time and effort to mow the grass verges outside their homes or premises this summer. It all helps the village to look attractive for residents and visitors alike and shows that we are proud of where we live and work and are willing to go that extra mile. Thank you!

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