

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**Ruddington Village Show a success!**

The Village Show on 16th September, organised by Ruddington Gardeners' Association (RGA), was once again highly successful.



St Peter's Rooms were filled with excellent vegetables, fruit, flowers and home-made produce, the exhibits reflecting the ability of local gardeners to grow top-quality produce. The children's entries especially added to the colourful display.

RGA is most grateful to everyone of all ages who took part in the show, and to Ruddington WI for providing refreshments throughout the day. Our next Village Show will be on Saturday 15th September 2018, so keep that date free in your diary.

Even if you don't grow plants or bake, you can always enter our photographic competition!

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The Village Newsletter is sponsored this month by:

Ruddington Grange Golf Club

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In addition, everyone is most welcome to attend the monthly meetings and social events of Ruddington Gardeners' Association, details of which are in the monthly Village Newsletter and on the RGA website, www.ruddingtongardeners.co.uk. Thank you all for your support!

Mike Davey

Pictured overleaf: Maisie and Grace Strong and Robert Russell with their scarecrows.

Consultation for Rushcliffe Local Plan

Earlier this year, Rushcliffe Borough Council consulted residents on potential new housing sites in Ruddington. Having considered the responses, the Borough Council is publishing, for further consultation, the preferred sites which it believes should be allocated in the Local Plan.

As part of this consultation, the Borough Council is holding an exhibition on these preferred sites on Tuesday 17th October at St Peter's Rooms, from 4pm to 8pm. Please come along to the event if you'd like to find out more about the sites and the Local Plan.

If you can't attend the exhibition in person, you can view the consultation documents at the Library on Church

Street or by visiting www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy.

The consultation period will run from Monday 9th October to 5pm on Monday 27th November.

The Parish Council is holding a meeting on Tuesday 14th November to decide on their own response to the consultation. The meeting will take place at St Peter's Rooms at 7:30pm. Residents are welcome to attend and will have the chance to comment on the consultation during the meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the Councillors have unanimously supported a proposal to create a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Ruddington.

We'd like to invite all interested residents and business owners to a public meeting on Tuesday 24th October at 7.30pm, at St Peter's rooms.

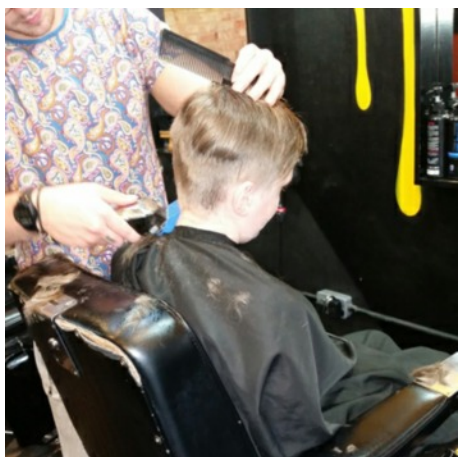
If you can't attend the meeting you can register your interest by emailing the Neighbourhood Plan Project Team at ruddingtonneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com.

You can keep up with the latest developments by searching for 'Ruddington Neighbourhood Plan' on Facebook.

Hair today, gone tomorrow!

A Ruddington teenager raised £600 over the summer after donating his hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Theo Smart, 13, grew his locks for well over a year so that he was able to donate at least 7 inches in length, before plucking up the courage to take the chop at Twenty Eight Barbers in Nottingham city centre.



The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. Not only will the hair contribute to a much needed wig, but Theo also set up a Just Giving page to raise extra funds for the charity.

Smashing his original £50 target, Theo said, "I wasn't sure how I would

look with short hair but I feel proud to have raised so much money for charity."

Visit www.littleprincesses.org.uk to find out how the Little Princess Trust has given away over 5,000 free wigs. Well done Theo!

Mark Pinks

British Legion film nights

The Ruddington Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding a number of film nights showing popular, light-hearted films in St Peter's Rooms.

Tickets cost £10, including themed pre-show nibbles and a drink, and are available from Perkins Hardware, or by telephoning Louise on 07821 909 008.

Ticket sales will be donated to the British Legion.

The schedule is as follows:

- Saturday 21st October, doors open 7:15pm – "The Italian Job" (the original)
- Saturday 25th November, doors open 7:15pm – "The Hundred Foot Journey"
- Saturday 23rd December, doors open 7:30pm – "The Polar Express"

Louise Mote

What's happening at No 4 Easthorpe Street?

No 4 Easthorpe Street is to become the new home of Bloomin' Dementia, a charity that supports people living with dementia and their families. The project is the brainchild of former Parish Councillor and village resident, Justine Hallam.

Dementia impacts on the lives of millions of people every year, and the NHS and social care is increasingly reliant on the charity sector to support people living with dementia and their families.

No 4 Easthorpe Street has already seen many changes, including the creation of a marvellous "memory room", and various activities led by an activity co-ordinator will be starting soon.

Fundraising activities are underway, and the support from many Nottingham companies and individuals has been outstanding. Great Northern Inns deserve a special mention at this time, but there are many more which are positively supporting the initiative. We'll hear more about those in a few weeks' time.

We're pleased to confirm that the actor Vicky McClure (Line of Duty, This is England) has agreed to

become a patron of Bloomin' Dementia. This is a further indication of the high level of support for the project and the increasing awareness of the need for it.

There are many other plans in the pipeline and we'll look forward to sharing more of our success stories over the coming months. Meanwhile, it's good to see these local premises being brought back to life and used for such a good cause.

Nick Tegerdine

We will remember them

WW1 Casualties this month

100 years ago

4th OCTOBER 1917

Sergeant Edgar Cumberland Squires, 1st Royal Warwickshires

Son of Edward and Eliza Squires, Church Street, Ruddington

Buried: Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Belgium

10th OCTOBER 1917

Private William Brown, aged 19, 2nd Grenadier Guards

Son of Thomas and Edingirl Brown, Co-op Yard, Church Street, Ruddington

Buried: Cement House Cemetery, Belgium

Rushcliffe Community Awards Dedication Ceremony for new memorial board

Do you know an individual or business that has made an extraordinary contribution to our local community? If so, it's time to nominate your unsung hero in the Rushcliffe Community Awards.

The awards recognise people and businesses across 7 categories, including Rushcliffe Food & Drink Establishment, Rushcliffe Hero and Young Achiever – the latter being sponsored by our very own White Horse Inn on Church Street.

Organised by Rushcliffe Borough Council in partnership with the Nottingham Post, the awards ceremony will take place at the Becket School in West Bridgford on Wednesday 16th November. Nominations are open now and will close on Monday 10th October.

To nominate someone for an award, you can visit www.nottinghampost.com/rushcliffeawards or call 0115 905 1913 for a nomination form.

Ruddington Christmas Fayre

Please email events.rpc@gmail.com if you'd like a stall at Ruddington Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December 2017.

For the latest information on the Fayre, please visit the Ruddington Events [Facebook page](#).

The new Roll of Honour board for the War Memorial Garden has now been delivered. It will be installed in a few weeks' time and unveiled in a special Dedication Ceremony which will precede the usual Armistice Day service on Saturday 11th November.



The ceremony will start at 10:45am, when the President of the Ruddington Branch of the Royal British Legion, Ken Hicks, will unveil the board. Our Methodist and Baptist Ministers, Simon Rose and Sam Hackett, will then conduct a short Dedication Ceremony before the two minute silence at 11am and the playing of The Last Post by the Army Cadets' bugler.

The memorial board was partly funded by grants from Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Councillors' Community Fund, with the remaining cost being met by the Parish Council.

Obituary – Nigel Boughton-Smith

Nigel lived in Ruddington for 25 years, and served as a Borough Councillor from 2011 until 2015. He was also a Parish Councillor between 1999 and 2005.

Nigel was a school governor at St Peter's Junior School for 12 years and was actively involved with school life, building raised beds for vegetable-growing, and starting and then running a school gardening club. He helped on several residential trips and became known to the children as 'Mr Nigel'.



A keen oil-painter himself, in 2016 Nigel was instrumental in initiating the Chapel Art Gallery in the village, by setting up a collaboration between the Framework Knitters Museum and the Nottingham Society of Artists. This has so far

enabled 12 artists to exhibit their works in Ruddington.

Before retiring to pursue his art, which also included several sculptures, Nigel had a long career as a research scientist, achieving an international reputation for work in inflammatory bowel disease at pharmaceutical companies including Wellcome and Astra Zeneca in Loughborough.

Nigel's kindness, humour and generosity will be greatly missed by his wife Penny and their two daughters Martha and Rosie, by his large extended family, and by his many friends and colleagues in the village and beyond.

Nigel's funeral took place on Wednesday 27th September at Wilford Cemetery. If you'd like to make a donation to Action Aid in his memory, please contact Co-op Funeralcare in West Bridgford on 0115 981 7444.

Penny Shields

Parking update

The August 2017 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 193 visits
- 340 observations
- 15 penalty charge notices

A huge “thank you”

Marilyn and Ken Hicks recently held a fundraising Coffee Evening after their 15 month old great grandson, Zayn, was born with a cleft lip and palate.

Zayn has undergone two operations at the QMC, and Ken and Marilyn wanted to do something to thank the amazing cleft palate team for all the care and support they’ve given Zayn and his mum, Megan.

In just two hours, they raised an incredible £550 and presented a cheque to the QMC team to help support their work with other children like Zayn.



Ken and Marilyn would like to say a huge “thank you” to all their friends and family who gave so generously.

Barbara Breakwell

Ruddington burglaries

Rushcliffe Police are asking residents to be especially vigilant at the moment after a number of reports of break-ins in Ruddington over the last two weeks.

Our village has been targeted by criminals on numerous occasions this year, with burglaries along Brookside Road and Grange Avenue in March, Salcombe Crescent in April and Pasture Lane in May – plus vehicle break-ins on Bladon Road, Upper Canaan & Peacock Close in July and Woodhouse Gardens in August – amongst others.

Now, Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, Craig Berry, reports: “On the 14th September there was a house burglary reported on Leys Road.

“Then on Thursday 21st there was a daytime burglary on Loughborough Road and finally yesterday, 24/25th September, there was walk-in burglary into an insecure house on Clifton Lane over a 24 hour period.”

The force is also reporting a number of break-ins over in West Bridgford, which may be connected.

Inspector Berry adds: “We are increasing patrols but we request that residents of Ruddington village are vigilant and report any person or vehicle acting suspiciously.”

So, if you have seen anything suspicious, or have any CCTV footage, you’re asked to call Nottinghamshire Police as soon as possible on 101.

Graham Wright via Ruddington.info

Ruddington Diary

Sunday 1st October

Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group – Stanton-on-the-Wolds to Owthorpe circular. Meet on the Green at 2.15 pm.

Monday 2nd October

Ruddington Craft Group – Flower Soft. 10am to 12 noon, St Peter's Rooms (Main Hall). £3.00 cost to cover tuition, materials and refreshments. Newcomers welcome – contact Christine Gibson on 07967 245 308 if you'd like to come along.

Tuesday 3rd October

Ruddington Methodist Church Women's Fellowship – 2.30pm The Village Museum. All are welcome to join us

Wednesday 4th October

Alpha Course – 'Why did Jesus die?' 12.45 – 2.45pm The Hub, 62 Musters Road. Free with a buffet lunch. Contact: 07804 590 002 ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk
www.Alpha.org

Thursday 5th October

Alpha Course – 'Why did Jesus die?' 7.30 – 9.30pm The Hermitage, Wilford Road. Free with a hot meal. See above for contact details.

Friday 6th – Thursday 19th October

Nottingham Vision Collective Art Exhibition – 10am – 4pm Weds – Sat, 2pm – 4pm Sun. The Chapel Gallery, Framework Knitters Museum. Live music, tea and cake, Artists on hand talking about their work.

Sunday 8th October

Harvest Festival Service – Ruddington Methodist Church 10.30am. Preacher Rev. Simon Rose. All donations of produce and other goods to be given to The Friary.

Tuesday 10th October

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 11th October

W.I. Meeting – 'A Diet for a King – Richard III' at St Peter's Rooms commencing 7.15pm

Alpha Course – 'Why & how should I read my Bible?' 12.45 – 2.45pm The Hub, 62 Musters Road. Free with a buffet lunch. Contact: 07804 590 002 ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk
www.Alpha.org

Thursday 12th October

Alpha Course – 'Why & how should I read my Bible?' 7.30 – 9.30pm The Hermitage, Wilford Road. Free with a hot meal. See above for contact details.

Friday 13th October

East Midlands Western Front Association – 'A Moonlight Massacre'.

The night operation on the Passchendaele Ridge, 2nd December 1917 – Michael LoCicero. 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms.

Saturday 14th October

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.

Rushcliffe Country Park Wildlife Watch Group – 'Hawks of Steele' 11am – 1pm at Education Room, Rushcliffe Country Park. Under 8s to be accompanied by an adult. Suggested donation £2. Contact Geoff East on 07804 297041 / geoff.east@virginmedia.com for more information

Monday 16th October

Ruddington Craft Group – Paper Flowers. 10am to 12 noon, St Peter's Rooms (Main Hall). £3.00 cost to cover tuition, materials and refreshments. Newcomers welcome – contact Christine Gibson on 07967 245 308 if you'd like to come along.

Tuesday 17th October

Rushcliffe Local Plan Consultation – 4pm – 8pm St Peter's Rooms, Church Street. For further details of the consultation please go to www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy or call 0115 981 9911

Ruddington Methodist Church Women's Fellowship – 2.30pm Visit to Village Museum. All are welcome to join us

Wednesday 18th October

Alpha Course – 'How can I resist evil?' 12.45 – 2.45pm The Hub, 62 Musters Road. Free with a buffet lunch. Contact: 07804 590 002 ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk www.Alpha.org

Thursday 19th October

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.

Alpha Course – 'How can I resist evil?' 7.30 – 9.30pm The Hermitage, Wilford Road. Free with a hot meal. See opposite.

Ruddington Folk & Blues Night – 8pm at The Country Cottage Hotel. A wide selection of music and song in a relaxing friendly atmosphere.

Friday 20th October

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 21st October

Royal British Legion Film Night – 'The Italian Job' (the original with Michael Caine) at St Peter's Rooms. Doors open 7:15pm. Tickets cost £10 and include themed pre-show nibbles and a drink. Available from Perkins Hardware on the High Street or call Louise on 07821 909 008. Proceeds to the British Legion.

Wednesday 25th October

Ruddington Gardeners' Association – 'Shade and Semi-Shade Plants' with Colin Ward at The Hermitage. 7pm for 7.30pm.

Tuesday 31st October

Framework Knitters Museum – 2.30pm 'Christmas and the Victorians' presented by Dr Claire O'Callaghan. Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Museum or phone Barbara on 0115 921 5253.

Trick or treating time...

It's almost Halloween, which means some children will be dressing up and knocking on doors Trick or Treating.

For many people this is a bit of fun, but for others it can be intrusive. If you don't want anyone knocking on your door, you can download a poster at www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/document/halloween-poster-sorry-no-trick-or-treat.

And if you're out Trick or Treating and see one of these posters, please respect the homeowner's request and don't knock at the door. The general rule is that if people have a lit pumpkin at the front of their house or in their window, then they're happy to receive visitors.

Have fun this Halloween... let's keep the atmosphere friendly and respect our neighbours.

Kay Garrett

Half term fun

The Ruddington Fun volunteers would like to thank all the families that came along to our summer holiday sessions.

Once again, they'd also like to thank the Parish Council Events Committee for their donation from the Christmas Fayre.

This money enabled us to invite along a Raptor Rescue charity for parents and children to experience, and hold owls and birds of prey.

During half term we'll be holding a free autumn crafts session on Monday 23rd October, from 10am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. There'll also be a baby and toddler area.

Later in the half term holiday, the Griswold Gang, which started in the summer at the Framework Knitters Museum, will be meeting up again. For a donation of £1 per child, there'll be Hallowe'en crafts available on Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th October, between 11 am and 3pm.

Please note that, for both activities, children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Barbara Breakwell

Every child wild at Rushcliffe Wildlife Watch Group

Wildlife Watch is the junior branch of The Wildlife Trusts, and the UK's leading environmental action club for kids.

There are 150,000 Wildlife Watch members around the UK and hundreds of local Watch groups where young people get stuck into environmental activities. Taking part

in Wildlife Watch is an exciting way to explore your surroundings and get closer to the wildlife you share them with.

The Rushcliffe Wildlife Watch Group meets every second Saturday of the month (except in August) at the Education Centre in Rushcliffe Country Park. Sessions generally run from 11am to 1pm and always involve some fun and games, which are usually outside in the Country Park, weather permitting.



The Watch is appropriate for children aged 8 to 13, though we do have some younger ones in the group and our activities are always tailored to be inclusive.

This year's projects have included the (very enthusiastic!) building of a monster Bug Hotel, making bird boxes and discovering the "Jurassic" Country Park. At our most recent session, we "went wild" in the Country Park, hugged a few trees, made some noise and played the "smelly sock game" – ugh you may think, but actually quite brilliant.

We're really excited about our next session on Saturday 14th October, as we have "Hawks of Steele" coming to visit and they'll be bringing some amazing birds of prey to the park. This will be a great opportunity to get close to some of our wonderful raptors and learn all about them.

Then on 11th November, we have the Notts. Fungi Group coming over for a "Fungi Foray". We'll be introduced to a great variety of mushrooms, toadstools and other fungi, which will be great fun as we're bound to discover lots of weird and wonderful specimens. Finally for 2017, our meet on 9th December will be "Party Time".

Perhaps the best thing about joining Wildlife Watch is that you'll helping care for the wildlife where you live! Isn't that great?

So, if you'd like to see what we're all about, come along to one of our sessions or contact Geoff East, one of the group leaders, at geoff.east@virginmedia.com or on 07804 297041.

Alternatively, you can call Lynn Victor at Notts Wildlife Trust on 01159 588 242 or visit www.wildlifewatch.org.uk to find out more.

Geoff East

Welcome back to “The Rudd”

In November 1991, the first edition of a new local newsletter called The Rudd appeared. It was welcomed in Ruddington as an “informative vehicle that kept villagers updated on events, happenings, gossip etc”.

The Rudd was started by Lorna McCullough and her friend Joy Murray, and the village was kept informed for 17 years until publication ceased in November 2008.



However, the desire to have a publication just for Ruddington remained and in January 2010, the Parish Council responded by launching the free monthly Village Newsletter. And despite the new name, numerous residents have continued to refer to it as The Rudd ever since! So a few months ago, the editorial team decided to reinstate the name, and approached Lorna to ask if she’d be happy with this.

She was delighted and so, with Lorna’s blessing, our Village Newsletter will be renamed “The Rudd” from the November edition – and will continue to be free.

Barbara Breakwell

Pictured left: Lorna McCullough with “Rudd” the “roving reporter”

Launderette now open

The old Village Motors garage on Charles Street has been transformed into a self-service launderette and dry cleaning business, operated by Mainwise Ltd.

There are extra-large and standard-sized washing machines, along with extra-large and standard-sized driers. Dry cleaning and service washes can be handed in when a staff member is on duty, between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

The launderette’s opening times are currently Monday to Saturday only.

Barbara Breakwell

Major award for Ruddington-based maternity brand

Lotus Maternity, a business owned by Ruddington resident Olivia Swift, has won the bronze award for “Best of British for Parents” at the 2017 Best Baby and Toddler Gear Awards by Mumii UK. The award recognises Olivia’s new range of UK-made

nursing tops, which have been “designed by midwives for mothers”.

Explains Olivia: “Lotus Maternity has developed a unique, premium range of British made nursing tops which allow women to feel at ease whilst breastfeeding in public. Their floaty designs offer complete discretion, as the chiffon outer layer provides the perfect nurturing environment for breast feeding, without compromising functionality.



Olivia came up with the idea for the tops during her midwifery training, when she recognised the difficulties new mothers can face when trying to exclusively breastfeed.

“I empathised with their concerns and why they weren’t always comfortable with the idea. I wanted to do something to change this as I appreciate the importance of being able to get out and socialise with a newborn. I identified a gap in the market for completely discreet, yet stylish, nursing wear – and Lotus Maternity was born.”

You can find out more about Lotus Maternity at www.lotusmaternity.co.uk or search for @lotusmaternity on social media.

Launch of the Village Plan

Councillor Allen Wood, Chair of the Parish Council, officially launched the Village Plan at the Summer Fayre in August. Following Allen’s speech, Jenny Kirkwood from Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire cut the celebration cake.

The ceremony concluded with a few word of thanks from Gavin Walker, Chairman of the Village Plan Steering Group.

The art competition which accompanied the launch was judged by local artist Ron McSweeney. The winners were:

Age 9 and over: First prize: Alfie Louise Storey – Ruddington Play Park

Age 8 and under: First Prize: Elaina Cox – Ruddington Play Park

Second Prize: Ben Lindsay – Flamborough Lighthouse

Third Prize: Mila Vargas Brook – The Lake at the Country Park

Copies of the Village Plan are available from the Parish Council office or from the Village Plan website, www.ruddingtonvillageplan.org.uk.

Gavin Walker

This month 20 years ago...

Back in October 1997, the following article appeared in The Rudd.

Silence! But not for long

Margaret Thorpe of Peacock Close faced one of the most difficult days of her life last week. She played a whole round of golf without speaking a word. And what's more, she was sponsored for it, so had to keep her mouth tight shut. All of those who know Margaret will admit this was quite a job but she did it! She was followed around to make sure she stuck to her promise and to make sure all the sponsor money was well earned. Her caddy for the day thoroughly enjoyed himself, wishing she was always so quiet!

The idea for the sponsorship came to Margaret when discussions were taking place as to how to raise money for the Ladies Captain's day. Several smaller events were arranged and made nearly £200, but Margaret capped this with over £850 - and money is still coming in.

Last weekend Margaret was a helper to the 2nd Ruddington Brownie camp and they presented her with another £10 to add to her total. She would like to thank them and all that gave so generously (although they didn't think she would succeed!).

Margaret admits that once the game was underway she found it easier to stick to her guns and keep quiet. There was one difficult moment when the ball didn't exactly stay on the course, but she got over that. As she finished the last hole she walked quickly off the Green, jumped over the wall, stuck her fist in the air and shouted "Never again!" And she means it. A very difficult day for a lady who loves to chat and always has a word for everyone she meets.

Unfortunately the team Margaret was playing with didn't win the game. But the real winners were MacMillan Nurses who have to thank Margaret for a magnificent total to go towards their funds. Well done Mrs Thorpe.

20 years later...

When we told Margaret we were planning to reproduce her article, she said: "I am pleased to say that I am still playing golf, but would not do a silent round ever again! At Ruddington Grange Golf Club, we still raise an amazing amount of money for charities; this year, it was in excess of £30,000. Our charities are Leukaemia Day, Kidney Research and Children's Day. All this wouldn't be possible without the kindness of John Pownall at Ruddington Grange, who allows us to have the golf course for nothing."

Ruddington's defibrillators

There are two public access defibrillators located in Ruddington: at St Peter's Rooms on Church Street and Elms Park Pavilion on Loughborough Road.

All defibrillators for public access are very easy to use. The machine gives clear spoken instructions and you don't need training to use one.

If you come across someone who isn't breathing, or is breathing erratically, the most important thing to do is to call 999 straightaway.

If there's a public access defibrillator nearby, the operator will inform you of its location and give you the code to open the cabinet.

The defibrillator will then give you instructions to follow and won't deliver a shock unless it's needed.

Christmas is coming!

Christmas was entirely transformed in the reign of Queen Victoria. She and Albert turned it into a real family celebration and popularised the decorating of the fir tree.

On Tuesday 31st October at 2.30pm, Dr Claire O'Callaghan will present "A Victorian Christmas" at the Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street.

Charles Dickens, Sir Henry Cole and Tom Smith will all get a mention, along with Santa Claus and, of course, Victoria and Albert.

Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Museum, or phone Barbara on 0115 921 5253.

Kathy Powis

Flying the flag for Merchant Navy Day

Merchant Navy Day became an official day of Remembrance on 3rd September 2000. It marks the first major British maritime casualty of the Second World War on 3rd September 1939.

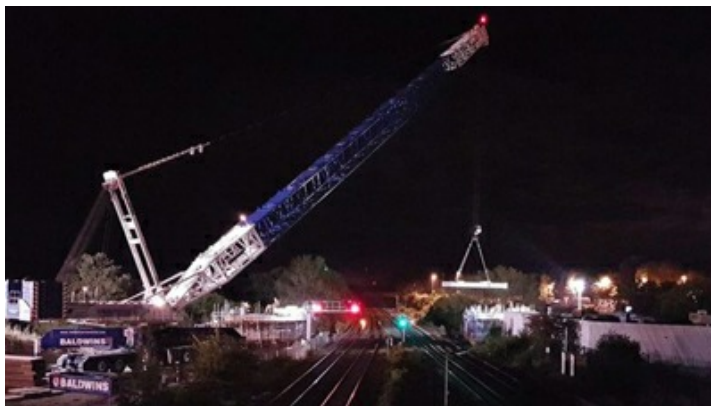


Councillor John Noble, the Parish Council Events Committee Chairman, hoisted the Red Ensign on behalf of the Parish Council to commemorate the sacrifices made by the seafarers and fishermen during both World Wars.

Bridging the gap at GCRN

A project to connect up two sections of heritage railway moved a step closer to reality on Sunday 3rd September, when parts of a bridge were moved into place by a 1,000-tonne crane.

The bridge at Loughborough will allow the Great Central Railway Nottingham (GCRN) to connect with Great Central Railway (GCR) in Leicester by crossing the Midland Mainline.



The £2.5m project will involve reinstating some 500m of missing embankment, track and bridge. The first phase of the work on 3rd September saw two steel beams being put in place for the new bridge, with the decking being added later.

When the bridge is complete, it will enable GCRN and GCR to join their lines together and create a new 18 mile route connecting Leicester with Ruddington, via Loughborough.

Phil Stanway, director of Great Central Railway Nottingham, commented: "What was once deemed nothing more than a dream moves one step closer. The bridge installation is testimony to all who have contributed so far."

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