

# THE RUDD

## Barclay & Cook closes

In December, villagers reacted with surprise and sadness to learn that our last, independent, convenience store – a landmark in Ruddington for over forty years – was to close its doors for the final time.



Barclay & Cook, at 7-9 High Street, started trading on 3rd October 1977 when Howard Cox sold his then mainly “provisions” shop (including bacon,

cheeses, cooked meats and loose biscuits all sold by weight) to new business partners John Barclay and David Cook.

The two men were already friends – John was a Cash & Carry manager and David an accountant – so they decided upon this joint, village venture together. It proved to be a great success!

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Over the years John went on to pursue other interests whilst David continued with the day-to-day running of the shop, with help from his staff and his partner for the last fifteen years, Lavinia Potter, who later co-managed the business.



The change to a more conventional off-licence and convenience store came about when the new Co-op store on Church Street was built in 1990 and took away most of their traditional trade. But adapting and evolving has kept Barclay & Cook in business – until now. The business shut for good after the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December.

Having resigned himself to the end of an era, David says he's definitely looking forward to retirement: "Just to chill, relax and enjoy the rest of the years that are left to me. I would like to say a great thank you to all past and

present customers for enabling me to be here for forty years. And for the ones that never came, I'm sorry – you missed something!"

Vee is still some way off retirement and admits these are "...very sad times but also very happy for David as well – and we're looking forward to the future together". She's already begun the next chapter in her working life – opening a domestic and office cleaning business called Domestic Busy Vee's and is now offering her services to the good folk of Ruddington and the surrounding area.

If given planning permission, the historic shop itself looks set to be substantially redeveloped by the new owner – with the removal of the current pitched and flat roofs to enable a first floor extension plus a new shop front and entrance gates.

Meantime we wish David and Vee all the very best for the future – although Ruddington High Street will never be the same again.

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

### **Scrabble at the Black Cat Café**

Whilst the library is being refurbished, the Scrabble Club will take place at The Black Cat Café on High Street. The Club will meet there on Tuesday 9th January, from 2pm to 4pm. The Club will move back to the library on Tuesday 27th February.

## Ruddington Neighbourhood Plan

In the Ruddington Village Plan, which was launched in the summer, 96% of you said that you wanted the Parish Council to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and help to shape the development and growth of their local area.

Communities can have a say in where new homes, shops and offices are built, and also have input into what the new buildings should look like. This plan, when complete, carries legal weight in planning decisions so it is an important document.

Well, you spoke and we listened. The Parish Council voted unanimously to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and we have established a Project Team to take this forward. This team is made up of Parish Councillors and enthusiastic members of our community with varied interests and knowledge.

Rushcliffe Borough Council is helping by providing an advisor and we are in the process of selecting and appointing consultants to assist with the consultation and plan writing process.

Consulting with the Ruddington Community is an essential part of producing a Neighbourhood Plan as we want to know what is important to you so, please, keep your eyes open to what is happening on this front in the New Year.

Watch this space.

Councillor Paul Reedman

## Councillor resignations

Councillors Marilyn Robinson and George Ellison have resigned from the Parish Council.

Chairman of the Council, Councillor Allen Wood, said “I would like to thank both Marilyn and George for their contributions whilst on the Parish Council – they will both be missed.”

As a result of the resignations, there are now vacancies for new Parish Councillors to be appointed for Easthorpe and Manor Wards.

For each vacancy, an election will be held if 10 electors from the Ward in question have put in a written request to the Returning Officer at Rushcliffe Borough Council by 3 January 2018. Otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

If an election is called, it will take place on or before 7 March 2018. Keep an eye on the Parish Council website for the latest news.

# Ruddington Christmas Fayre & A Dickensian Christmas



Saturday 2nd December was a truly magical day and a good time was had by all.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the events such a big success.



Seasonal entertainments included "Picture in a Manger", carol singing, clog-dancing and much more.

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire - just one of the delicious food options available throughout the day!



## Ruddington-Grenay Twinning

The Twinning Committee hosted a stall at the Ruddington Christmas Fayre to help promote our village's friendship with Grenay.

We spoke to lots of people, whose knowledge of Twinning varied from those who had no idea where Grenay is, to those who've already visited several times.



We enjoyed showing people Grenay's location on the map and sharing what we know about the area. We also noted some of the interesting ideas put forward by residents. For example, after looking at the map, one chap suggested organising a cycle ride from Calais to Grenay (about 100km).

Previously, the brass band from Grenay has visited Ruddington and our choir has gone over there. A young lady, a musician and newcomer to the village, seemed interested in joining with others to form a band.

With Ruddington growing all the time, perhaps there's enough interest to form a cycling club and brass band of our own?

Some of the younger ones attending the stall took the opportunity to demonstrate their linguistic skills. Very impressive! Several of them entered our quiz.

The winner was Jack Weightman who told us he thinks "Twinning is a good idea because it teaches you about different countries and other cultures".

We agree with Jack and hope Ruddington's friendship with Grenay will strengthen and endure. We also want to encourage more villagers to get involved in Twinning.

So if you're interested, please contact the Twinning Committee through the Parish Council office.

Councillor Jill Reedman

## Thank you from Inner Wheel

The Inner Wheel Club of Keyworth and Ruddington would like to say a big "Thank you" to all the support people gave them at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December.

The Club very much enjoyed the event and raised £355 for their charities.

Margaret Eggleston

# Ruddington Diary

## Sunday 7th January

**Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group** – Old Road, The Spinney and Sharphill Wood. Meet on the Green at 2.15 pm.

## Tuesday 9th January

**Phoenix Bridge Club of Ruddington** – Bridge Open Day, Burnside Hall, Plumtree, NG12 5ND 10.30am – 1.00pm. Are you interested in learning to play bridge? Come and meet for coffee and a chat about our course for beginners starting end of January 2018. For more details contact Phoenix Bridge Club, Ann Adkin 0115 9372453.

**Scrabble** – In The Black Cat Cafe 2pm – 4pm. All players welcomed.

**Ruddington Methodist Church Women's Fellowship** – 12pm New Year Celebrations, Fish & Chip Lunch with Men's Fellowship.

## Wednesday 10th January

**W.I. Meeting** – “Cheese Demonstration & Talk” – Webb Freckinham at St Peter’s Rooms commencing 7.15pm.

## Saturday 13th January

**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 16th January

**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.

**Ruddington Methodist Church Women's Fellowship** – 2.30pm. Joy Rice – Performance Poets. All are welcome to join us.

## Thursday 18th January

**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. A happy New Year continues with all kinds of live music and song, so come along and support a local event that's fun and friendly.

## Friday 19th January

**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.

## Sunday 21st January to Sunday 28th January

**Holocaust Memorial Day display** – St Peter’s Rooms. See back page.

## Tuesday 30th January

**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.

## Wednesday 31st January

**Ruddington Gardeners' Association** – “The Wonders of Plant Propagation” with Mike Davey at The Hermitage. 7pm for 7.30pm.

## **Christmas Business Window Display Competition 2017**

I'd like to say a massive "Thank you!" to everyone who entered the Business Christmas Window Display Competition in December. All the hard work resulted in Ruddington looking very festive and welcoming.



A total of 11 businesses entered, namely: Phoenix Flowers, Classic Cuts, Amanda Findlay Eyecare, Julia's Kitchen, Black Cat Café, Perkins Hardware, Summers at Eleven, The Old Bakehouse Tearoom, The Pamper Room, Home Interiors and The Lovely Little Wool Shop.

The team of independent judges remarked on the very high standard of entries once again this year, which made their job even harder (although of course, we all know that everyone is a winner!)

In the end, the judges' decision was:

**First Place** – The Lovely Little Wool Shop (pictured left)

**Second Place** – Phoenix Flowers

**Joint Third Place** – Classic Cuts and Julia's Kitchen

**Highly Commended** – Summers at Eleven and The Old Bakehouse Tearoom

The presentations were carried out by the Chairman of Ruddington Parish Council, Councillor Allen Wood.

Councillor Marion Pell

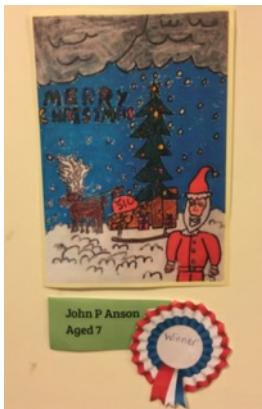
## **Christmas card competition winners**

The Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street has announced the winners of its Christmas card competition.

Held in November and early December, the contest invited children to draw, paint, stitch or collage their very own special Christmas design. The museum received lots of entries, with one sent by email all the way from Kerala in India!

Created in colour pen and oil pastel, it was this entry that ended up securing 7 year old John P Anson one of the three winning places. John's fellow winners were Harriet Keen, aged 9, and Laura Tittenson, aged 6. The three designs will be turned into printed greetings cards and sold in the

museum shop as part of the museum's 2018 Christmas card range. All profits raised will help the museum continue to provide valuable community resources for local people to enjoy.



All entries to the Christmas card competition were displayed in the Chapel Art Gallery from 6th to 22nd December, with the winning children invited along on Wednesday 21st December for a special presentation and photo shoot.

Museum Manager & Curator, Nicola Wood, commented: "We had a fantastic response to the competition with some amazing entries from very talented youngsters.

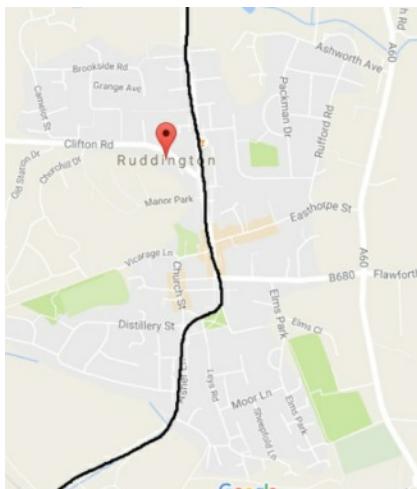
"We can't wait to see John, Harriet and Laura's designs go on sale in the Textile Emporium next Christmas! Well done to the three of them, and a big 'thank you' to all the kids who took the time to send in their designs."

Faye Stenson

## Christmas tree shredding

Would you like your Christmas tree shredded? If so, just let the Parish Council office know by Thursday 11th January 2018 – preferably by e-mail or phone – and make sure you leave your address and contact details.

As the number of trees to be shredded keeps on growing, we're once again spreading the collection over two days. On Monday 15th January, we'll collect trees from houses on the Clifton Road side of Wilford Road, High Street, The Green and Asher Lane (i.e. to the left of the black line shown on the map). On Tuesday 16th, we'll collect from houses on the Loughborough Road side of these streets (to the right of the black line).



Please leave your tree out before 9am on the right day and the Parish Council Groundstaff team will collect and shred it.

## Festive Foodbank thanks

On Saturday 9th December, our local NG11 Foodbank held its Christmas appeal in Ruddington's Sainsbury's and Co-op supermarkets – and hailed it a great success.

Jill Reedman told us: "It was a cold, frosty morning but shoppers demonstrated the spirit of Christmas by their generous donations. They were invited to donate an item from a list which included festive treats like mince pies and Christmas puddings, as well as regular staples like tinned tomatoes and tea.



"Jo and I collected four trolleys full of groceries in the Co-op, and Mark and Deb collected nearly as much in Sainsbury's. Once again we were overwhelmed by the great response from people of all ages. We appreciate your support."

The items were delivered to the Clifton NG11 Foodbank to be supplied to local people in crisis.

"December is always a difficult month for people struggling on low incomes" says Jill. "A sudden crisis like an unexpected bill, benefit delays or illness can mean families struggle to put food on the table. We hope that our villagers will continue to support the Foodbank as unfortunately the demand is rising. Thank you."

Remember there are always NG11 Foodbank donation points in Sainsbury's and the Co-op as well as in the Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop and St Peter's Rooms on Church Street. You can keep up to date with the latest NG11 Foodbank wish-list at their Facebook and Twitter pages.

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

## Crime in Ruddington

As many residents will be aware, Ruddington has been hit by a spate of car crimes and burglaries in recent weeks.

Incidents in December included thefts from three vehicles on Kirk Lane on Friday 8th December, and break-ins to houses on Loughborough Road, Elms Park and Sheepfold Lane the following night. These were followed by yet another burglary on Leys Road on Sunday 17th December.

Nottinghamshire Police are urging anyone with any information to get in touch by calling 101 or contacting Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800

555 111. For advice on how to secure your car and home against crime, please visit [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice).

## 50 years of James Peacock School

The “Friends of James Peacock” are delighted to be one of three causes selected for the next round of Co-op Local Community funding (see below).

As the school celebrates their 50th birthday, they’re collating a history of the school, and numerous past pupils, families, staff and community members have already shared their memories.

The ultimate aim of the project is to publish a document that preserves this information for the school’s past, present and future pupils. Any monies raised through the Co-op funding scheme will support this ambition.

I’m currently looking to collect information about former Governors. So if you, or anyone you know, has ever been a Governor at James Peacock, I’d be delighted to hear from you. Please email me at [ruddington2012@virginmedia.com](mailto:ruddington2012@virginmedia.com).

### What is the Co-op Local Community Fund?

It’s a fantastic scheme that enables Co-op customers with a Co-op Membership Card to earn cashback

and support local charities at the same time. Every time you buy Co-op branded goods, you get 5% cashback to use on future purchases and 1% goes towards the selected local charities.

If you wish, you can go online and choose a specific charity to support. Or, just keep showing your Membership Card when you shop.

At the end of the current funding round in October 2018, the monies raised will be split equally between the three causes. The other two are the Friends of St Peter’s School and Good Companions Nottingham.

If you haven’t got a Co-op Membership Card, they cost £1. Ask in-store for details of how to apply.

Thank you.

Barbara Breakwell, Governor at James Peacock School & Treasurer of “Friends of James Peacock”

### Next step to success

Last month, we featured an article about local girl Esmie Winwood, who has aspirations to ultimately play football for the England Women’s Senior Team.

We’re delighted to share the news that the FA has selected her for the Girls’ Under 16s England squad.

Huge congratulations, Esmie!

Barbara Breakwell

## Stop using single use plastics

Every bit of plastic ever created still exists. Blue Planet II recently highlighted the impact of plastic, stating that “The oceans are under threat now as never before in human history.”

The impacts of plastics on the natural world and our health are complex. Bottles marked PET will never break down naturally, whilst your coffee shop cup takes over 50 years to break down into small particles in the soil and water.

Plastics enter waterways, kill wildlife and enter our food chain as toxins. Plastic is a major contributor of litter and blocks our drains. Plastics also have wider health concerns, polluting the soil and groundwater as well as using oil in their manufacture.

The most damage is done by single use plastics: packaging, straws, disposable coffee cups, water bottles and so on. I welcome Rushcliffe Borough Council supporting Councillor Sue Mallender’s proposal of a review of single use plastics and packaging by the Council and their contractors.

### What can you do?

The most useful approach is “reduce, reuse, recycle”. So much of what we buy is disposable, costing us more money in the long term and harming the natural world.

Some simple steps include:

- Keep reusing those shopping bags including the plastic ones!
- Stop using, or use fewer, disposable coffee cups, straws and plastic water bottles. The alternatives make great presents and save money.
- Consider the packaging when buying goods.
- Don’t buy products with microbeads.
- Shop locally, as smaller retailers tend to use less plastic.
- Remember the impact of plastics when you’re on holiday.

Please do what you can, as everyone doing a little means a lot.

Ian Wilson



## Holocaust Memorial Day 2018

The liberation of Auschwitz occurred on 27th January 1945, and this day is now commemorated each year with International Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD). HMD remembers not just the millions of victims of the Nazis during World War II, but also the victims of later genocides in Rwanda, Bosnia, Darfur and Cambodia.

This year, Ruddington Parish Council will mark HMD with a special display in St Peter's Rooms. This will be in place from Sunday 21st January 2018 until Sunday 28th January 2018 and can be viewed during Parish Council office opening hours.

The theme for HMD 2018 is "The Power of Words," so the display will consist of posters, poetry, booklets, photographs and cards detailing the tragedies of the holocaust. Booklets are available so you can take these important messages away with you.

Please come along to see our display. The exhibition's aim is to honour the victims of genocide and enable people to reflect upon lessons learned in order to challenge hatred and persecution, and to prevent further atrocities. The display is suitable for children, so please bring them along too. We hope you'll find it very worthwhile.

Councillor Paul Reedman

### Co-op cheque for Hermitage Preschool

The Hermitage Preschool was delighted to pick up a cheque for £3,074.74 after being chosen as one of the recipients of the Co-op Local Community Fund.

The Hermitage Preschool would like to thank everyone who chose them as their nominated charity, as well as sending sincere thanks to the Ruddington Co-op for their support.



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