

THE RUDD

Penny did us proud!

Villagers who stayed up through the early hours of Tuesday 20th February to watch Ruddington ice dancer Penny Coomes and partner Nick Buckland skate their hearts out for Team GB in the finals at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang were rewarded with another wonderful performance at the Gangneung Ice Arena.



Photo credit: Simon Drane

After sailing through the previous day's Ice Dance to qualify, the duo found themselves up in the Bronze Medal position after their Free Dance routine – choreographed by

Nottingham ice skating legend Christopher Dean along to music by rock band Muse. Sadly their scores weren't good enough to keep them there – but they finished a respectable 11th, in what could possibly be their final Olympic outing. Continued inside

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South Korea is the third trip to a Winter Olympics for our local duo – having also represented Team GB at Vancouver in 2010 and Sochi in 2014. But their achievement in 2018 was all the more astonishing because it was only in June 2016 that Penny smashed her right kneecap into eight pieces after a serious fall. The major knee surgery that followed threatened to bring her skating career to a premature end. But “grit, resilience and determination” have seen Penny fight her way back to the top of the sport alongside Wilford’s Nick Buckland – her partner on and off the ice.

In a message to their fans, Penny said: “Sometimes things don’t go the way you want them to – the last year and a half has definitely taught me that... But I have also learnt that beauty blooms in adversity. After I broke my knee, during my road to recovery I envisioned what my Olympic Moment would be, and while I am so proud of what Nick and I put out there, the result wasn’t what I had hoped for.

“I wanted to be an inspiration for young people around the world and I am so grateful that the Olympic stage allowed me to share my story and to inspire the next generation. I am deeply humbled by the overwhelming amount of messages I received, and I want to say thank you to you all for making my Olympic Moment so special, and for making me feel so proud... and to me, that’s beautiful.”

Whatever happens next, our local pair can be immensely proud of all they’ve achieved!

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

The Ruddington Arms does it again!

One of our village inns has picked up another award for the quality of its cuisine – as Nottingham’s “Best Gastro Pub”!

The Ruddington Arms received the accolade during a black tie ceremony on 31st January, hosted by TV personality Mark Durden-Smith at Colwick Hall.



The annual Nottingham Restaurant & Bar Awards celebrate diversity and quality across every style of dining, recognising the most talented chefs and venues within the region – “allowing the best of Nottingham to be showcased on a plate!” Ruddington’s White Horse Inn can also be proud to have been named as one of the runners-up in the same category.

It’s another Ruddington Arms gong to add to a shelf full of awards since the failing “Jolly Farmers’ Inn” was refurbished, rebranded and reopened in April 2014 by acclaimed chef Mark Anderson and his wife Sarah, following a £250,000 makeover.

Since last summer, Sarah has been concentrating on launching the couple's new pub venture, The White Lion in Bingham, but Mark is still usually to be found doing what he does best in the kitchen at The Ruddington Arms!

And it's certainly paid off – although it sounds as if this latest award was a bit of a surprise. On the night of the awards, the RA team posted on social media: "Didn't see that coming. Thank you so much to everyone who voted and especially the team. Love you all xx"

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

Easter activities

As always, there's a lot going on in Ruddington during the Easter Holidays.

The fun starts on Friday 30th March when the Framework Knitters Museum will be holding their annual Easter Bunny Hunt from 11 am to 4pm. Any child who can help the framework knitters find all their knitted bunnies will be rewarded with an Easter Egg.



The museum will also be toasting hot cross buns on the cottage range, and the day will be filled with knitting demos and fun activities for the kids. Entry

is free for all children bringing their own toy bunny or wearing an Easter bonnet.

The museum will also be running its popular kids' craft-making programme, The Griswold Gang, on Thursdays 5th and 12th April. Please contact the museum on 0115 984 6914 for further details or email office@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April sees the return of GCRN's ever-popular Easter "Egg-spress" Specials. Historic steam services will run on both days, with kids getting the chance to meet the Easter Bunny (pictured below) on the train and receive a small chocolate gift. There'll also be free trips on heritage road vehicles, miniature and model railways and much more. The event runs from 10am to 6pm. Visit www.gcrn.co.uk for information and tickets.

Rushcliffe Country Park will be holding Den Building and Egg Hunt activities on the following dates: Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th April, from 10am to 12 noon.

Each session costs £5, with a chocolate reward for each child. You'll need to book and pay in advance at the Rangers' Office. For further details, call the office on 0115 921 5865 or email countrypark@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

For more information about what's on in Rudd over the holidays, check out the various notice boards around the village or look on local social media pages such as Ruddington Fun, Ruddington Mums and Ruddington Village.

Barbara Breakwell

Get fit and do your bit!

If your New Year's Resolution was to get fit or raise some cash for charity, why not combine the two by taking part in a sponsored run or walk at Rushcliffe Country Park?

Our local Park hosts regular fundraising events, offering the perfect opportunity to get your running shoes on and enjoy some exercise in this beautiful environment.

Upcoming events in the next couple of months include:

- Stroke Association Resolution Run. Join the Stroke Association for this fantastic 5k/10k run at Rushcliffe Country Park on Sunday 18th March 2018. The run will begin at 11am and ends at 4pm.
- BAPS Annual Charity 10k Challenge, Sunday 8th April 11.30am-2.30pm. This charity challenge, organised by BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS), brings together thousands of enthusiastic participants from towns and cities across the UK for a fun and healthy way to raise money for various worthy causes and local charities.
- Save the Children Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle Walk, Saturday 28th April 11.30am-5.30pm. Bring your wellies and join in Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddle Walk. Suggested entry donation £1 per child; adults are free. Certificates will be awarded to all children completing the walk. Refreshments will be served in the Education Room and there'll be a toy stall and tombola.

Not feeling too lively?

No worries! There are lots of other charity activities at Rushcliffe Country Park that offer a less strenuous experience. These include dog shows, cake sales and charity teas. For more information about all the events at the Park and how to enter or get involved, please visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/rushcliffecountrypark.

Ruddington Summer Fayre

This year's Summer Fayre will be held a little earlier than usual on Saturday 21st July 2018. The event will take place on The Green between 12 noon and 6pm.

If you'd like a stall at the Summer Fayre, the cost will be £20 for a table and £50 for traders. Charities will be free and there's an Early Bird Discount of 10% for anyone booking before 21st May.

If you've had a stall at the event before, we'll send you our new contact details and a booking form shortly. Newcomers can request a form by emailing office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk, calling 0115 914 6660 or popping into the Parish Council office during opening hours.

We're putting together a programme of events for the Summer Fayre and would like to hear from any local music or dance groups who'd like to take part on the day. You can get in touch using the above contact details.

There'll also be a "Ruddington's Got Talent" competition which we've just started planning – keep an eye on The Rudd for more details coming soon.

The Events Team



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09.30am - onwards**

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U3A is coming to Ruddington

The University of the Third Age (U3A) is launching a new group in Ruddington on Monday 19th March at 2pm at the Methodist Church on Charles Street. The meeting will be informal, with tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

U3A stands for "University of The Third Age," where retired and semi-retired people make new friends, keep active and learn together. Of course it's not a university in the usual sense. It's a university of life. Our members are older people who've had years of experience in work and education, and now that we've retired from all that, the U3A is a way of using this knowledge for our own enjoyment. Each local U3A is a

charity run entirely by its own volunteer members, but we're all part of a national organisation providing educational, cultural and social opportunities for people who are retired or not in full-time employment.

There have been U3As in Nottinghamshire for over 30 years. There are currently 28 U3As in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The idea for a U3A in Ruddington was first suggested by local residents who had joined U3As outside the village.

At U3A, we share learning, fun and friendship in a vibrant, enjoyable and varied way. Members suggest and organise interest groups in a wide variety of subjects, both educational and social. Most U3As have a wide range of groups from walking to trips and visits, gardening to reading, theatre to tea dancing, badminton to science. No qualifications are required and none are given.

So come along and learn all about us! If you enjoy making new friends, the stimulation of learning new things and passing your knowledge on to others, you'll be made very welcome.

Update on Esmie

Local girl, Esmie Winwood, got a call up for the England Under 16 Girls' football team last month. She attended a tournament in York and is now ranked as one of the top 26 under 16 female football players in England.

Onwards and upwards, Esmie!

Barbara Breakwell

End of Ruddington Fun

In summer 2010, I started “Summer Fun in Ruddington”, which provided FREE holiday play activities in our village. This was only possible with the support of Sure Start, Georgina Ratcliffe, who worked for us2gether (a project that supported schools’ extended services) and the Parish Council.

The response to the sessions was amazing and residents asked for more. Consequently, I put out a plea for volunteers and in February 2011, seven of us met and “Ruddington Fun” was formed.

Our aim was to: “Provide, either directly or through partnership with other organisations, school holiday activities and events for children, young people and families within Ruddington.”

Over the years we’ve provided a variety of activities. We’ve also included our “mature” residents on Older People’s Day, supported community events by providing craft activities and even celebrated the village tradition of walking the wall around St Peter’s Rooms to celebrate the Olympics in 2016!

Our resources were funded by the generosity of our Borough and County Councillors, the Co-op Local Community Fund, East Midlands Airport, Veolia and the Parish Council.

The resources have also been loaned to various village events and organisations to make use of.

Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, “Ruddington Fun” will no longer provide

activities. The main reasons are that my health is unpredictable and the other volunteers have various work and family commitments.

When I started the concept there was very little happening in our community in terms of play activities; now there is. This is proved by the entries in the diary of activities we produced each year.

I will maintain our Facebook page to keep alerting families to what’s happening in the locality.

I would like to thank everyone who’s supported us in any way and, in particular, the Parish Council for their help with providing venues.

I trust you have all had Fun in Ruddington....and will continue to do so.

Barbara Breakwell and the Ruddington Fun Team (past and present)

Call for local artists

The Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street in Ruddington is hosting a three day Summer Exhibition & Sale of Artwork and Textiles.

The event will take place from Saturday 26th to Monday 28th May 2018. All works must be for sale with any commissions going towards museum funds.

If you’d like to take part, please contact Helen Brownnett at the museum for submission details and more information. Call 0115 984 6914, email helen.brownnett@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk or pop in during opening hours.

The museum is currently open Wednesday to Saturday, 11am to 4pm.

Road closures

There will be a number of road closures in Ruddington during March to enable resurfacing works to take place. You'll find details and dates below.

Elms Gardens, Ruddington - For its entire length – Monday
12.03.2018
Dunblane Road, Ruddington - For its entire length – Monday
12.03.2018
Leys Road, Ruddington - For its entire length – Monday
12.03.2018
Sheepfold Lane, Ruddington - For its entire length – Tuesday
13.03.2018
Fairham Close, Ruddington - For its entire length – Tuesday
13.03.2018
Grange Avenue, Ruddington - For its entire length – Wednesday
14.03.2018
Brookside Gardens, Ruddington - For its entire length –
Wednesday 14.03.2018
Shelton Gardens, Ruddington - For its entire length –
Wednesday 14.03.2018
Templeman Close, Ruddington - For its entire length –
Wednesday 14.03.2018
Brookside Road, Ruddington - For its entire length – Wednesday
14.03.2018
and
Thursday 15.03.2018
Camelot Street, Ruddington - For its entire length – Wednesday
14.03.2018
and
Thursday 15.03.2018

These dates are very weather dependant and may change, but updates will be sent if any changes do occur

07.30 hours until 17.00 hours

January crime figures

Our local police force is now providing us with monthly crime statistics for the village.

For January, these were as follow:

- 2 x theft from vehicle
- Burglary at business
- Theft from store
- 4 x theft of fuel from petrol station
- Theft of a mobile phone
- Residential burglary
- Theft of fuel from vehicle
- Theft of motor vehicle

For crime prevention advice, please visit www.nottinghamshire.police/advice.

Parking update

The January 2018 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 213 visits
- 154 observations
- 28 penalty charge notices

Comment from Parking Services: "This is a little lower than we'd normally like, as unfortunately there's been a change in enforcement officers and our contractor is short of drivers to cover the areas outside West Bridgford."

We will remember them WW1 Casualties this month 100 years ago

21st MARCH 1918

Private Arthur Price, 2/6th North Staffs.(Prince of Wales)

Remembered on: Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

24th MARCH 1918

Private Benjamin Crosby, aged 25, 4th South Staffs, service no. 203572

Son of Fred and Mary Crosby, Wilford Road, Ruddington, born 30 March 1893

Remembered on: Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

29th MARCH 1918

Private John George Tongue, aged 22, 16th Lancashire Fusiliers (2nd Salford)

Son of Robert and Mary Tongue, Oliver's Yard, High Street, Ruddington

Buried: Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium

Ruddington Diary

Sunday 4th March

Ruddington Footpath Preservation Group – Gotham / Gotham Hill Circular. Meet on The Green at 2.15pm.

Monday 5th March

Ruddington Craft Group – Spyrelli. 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 6th March

Ruddington Methodist Church Women's Fellowship – 2.30pm. David Johnson – "Beware, Flying Carpets". All are welcome to join us.

Friday 9th March

Knickers for Knowledge Fashion Show – 7pm to 10:30pm at St Peter's Junior School. In aid of The Mustard Seed Project. Tickets £5 from info@mustardseeduganda.com.

Saturday 10th March

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.

Free Taste of Fairtrade Coffee Morning – 11am to 12:30pm at the Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street. Supported by Ruddington Co-op as part of Fairtrade Fortnight 2018.

Wildlife Watch Group 'Myths and Monsters' – 11am to 1pm, meet at Education Room, Rushcliffe Country Park.

Establish who has the wildest tales in the wood. Can you wander with the wizards or tickle a troll? Members and non-members welcome. Under 8s to be accompanied by an adult. Please come dressed for the weather! Suggested donation: £2 per session. For more information, please contact Geoff East on 07804 297041 / geoff.east@virginmedia.com.

Tuesday 13th March

Parish Council Meeting – at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any agenda items.

Wednesday 14th March

W.I. Meeting – 'The Magic of Stained Glass' by Rosemary Pike at St Peter's Rooms, commencing 7.15pm.

Thursday 15th March

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. We are into our third year of 'all styles' of live music and song. Come and join our audience – it's an enjoyable evening.

Friday 16th March

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 17th March

W.I. Spring Fayre – 10am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. Cakes, crafts, plants, raffle, etc. Entry £1 inc. refreshments.

Sunday 18th March

Stroke Association Resolution Run – 11am – 4pm. What's your resolution? Whether you're looking to lose a few pounds, aiming to be a bit healthier or just looking for something fun to do with friends, we can help. Join Stroke Association for this fantastic 5k/10k at Rushcliffe Country Park. The run will begin at 11am. Find out more and sign up at www.stroke.org.uk/events/sporting-fundraising/resolution-run-nottingham-2018.

Monday 19th March

Ruddington Craft Group – Easter Crafts. 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.

U3A – The Methodist Church 2pm. Come along and learn all about us, informal with tea, coffee & biscuits. We are for retired and semi-retired people and we share learning, fun and friendship in a vibrant, enjoyable and varied way.

Tuesday 20th March

Ruddington Methodist Church Women's Fellowship – 2.30pm. Margaret Spencer – Keeping Fit. All are welcome to join us.

Saturday 24th March

Ruddington Methodist Church Spring Sale – 10am – 12 noon. Various stalls including cakes, books, tools and garden

implements. Coffee/tea served all morning. Come along and find a bargain. All proceeds to Church Funds.

Sunday 25th March

Afternoon Tea – 2pm, Shrimpton Court. £2 (ticket or pay on the door) with tea/coffee/juice and cake and biscuits. Cake stall, bric-a-brac, presentation of charity work and more. Funds in aid of schoolchildren's visit to undertake charity work in Borneo. Further information from Graham Watts on 0115 921 7868.

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

Wednesday 28th March

Amenities Committee Meeting – at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any agenda items.

Ruddington Gardeners' Association – "Perfect Perennials" with Andrew Ward at The Hermitage. 7pm for 7.30pm.

Friday 30th March

Easter Bunny Hunt at the Framework Knitters Museum – 11am to 4pm. Help the knitters find their lost bunnies and win a chocolate egg. Free entry for all children who bring a bunny or wear a bonnet. Cake raffle, hot cross buns, refreshments.

Revised Asher Lane housing plans

Last December we reported how Space Foods Ltd had decided to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate against Rushcliffe Borough Council's refusal to allow its outline planning permission for 175 new homes on Green Belt land it owns south of Musters Road – with access off Asher Lane.



Those proposals were lodged in January 2017 – after a previous application for 250 houses on the same site was withdrawn two years earlier.

The Borough Council (RBC) refused this second application on three main grounds:

1) Noise. The developers didn't indicate how they would deal with the noise coming from the Premier Pets' Hotel kennels and the impact this would have on residents.

2) Location. The site is located within the Green Belt, where development of the size proposed is felt to be inappropriate.

3) Traffic. RBC objected on the same grounds as the Parish Council. It was felt that the developers hadn't provided

enough detail to effectively mitigate the potential traffic problems that the development would cause.

Ruddington residents' groups, Ruddington Parish Council and many individuals also spoke out against these original plans via both the planning portal and social media. The Public Inquiry into RBC turning down outline planning permission is due to be held on Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th April 2018.

Meantime, it's been revealed that, last year, Space Foods purchased 75 Musters Road when it came up for sale, with a view to demolishing it. This would appear to be an attempt to mitigate the previous traffic objections by gaining access via a new road from the north of the site instead.

Vehicles would then have the option of entering and exiting via Distillery Street and Sandhurst Drive as well as going via Asher Lane and Musters Road. The outline plans also promise pedestrian links, public open space, car parking, landscaping and drainage.

The reference number for the latest Space Foods application is 18/00300/OUT. You can see full details of the revised plans and comment on them at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningandgrowth. You have until Thursday March 8th to do so.

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

Editor's Note: *Even if you commented on the original Space Foods application, you'll need to comment again for your views to be considered in relation to the new application.*

Thoughtless dog owners, “we’re watching you”

A popular dog fouling campaign called “we’re watching you” is coming to Ruddington this month, aimed at dog walkers who don’t scoop the poop.

Ruddington Parish Council has joined forces with environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy in a bid to reduce dog fouling in key problem areas of our village.

The campaign sets its sights on irresponsible dog owners, with recent research showing that dog walkers are more responsible and pick up after their dogs when they think they’re being watched.

In 2014, Keep Britain Tidy conducted a campaign pilot, funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), working with land managers across the country.

This pilot saw an average reduction of 46% in the levels of dog fouling, with up to 90% reduction in some areas since.

Feedback suggests that dog fouling tends to occur at night time and during the months with shorter days, as some dog owners feel they can’t be seen “under the cover of darkness”.

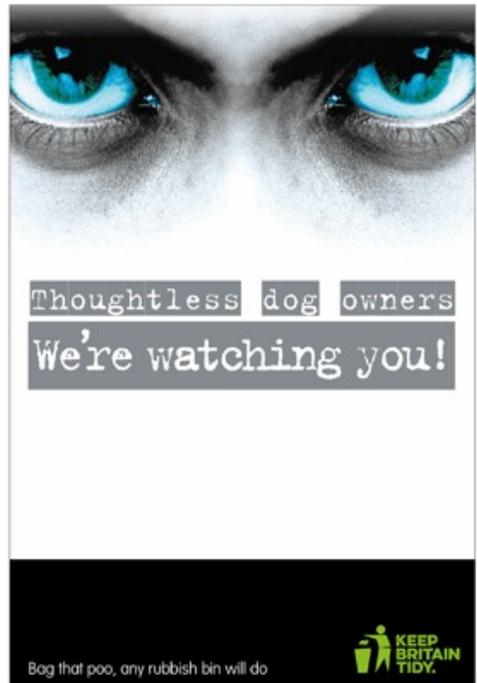
That’s why the “we’re watching you” signs are visible after dark, and use innovative, state of the art materials to “glow in the dark”.

The campaign is the first time this kind of material has been used on a poster.

Claire Dorans, Clerk to the Parish Council, said, “Feedback from residents has told us that dog fouling is one of the main issues in Ruddington that they’d like to see addressed.

“The vast majority of dog owners are responsible people, who habitually pick up after their dog and dispose of the poo bags correctly, either in the nearest bin or by taking home to dispose of in their own household bin.

“We’re thrilled to be working with environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, and to be part of such a cutting edge campaign. We hope Ruddington will see the same great results as the other towns and villages that have already signed up.”



No village car park charges...yet!

Ruddington residents, traders and visitors won't have to pay to use the Church Street Car Park. That was the decision reached unanimously by Councillors at a full meeting of Ruddington Parish Council on Tuesday 30th January. However that is not going to be the end of the story...



Currently the only car parking charges in Ruddington are at our Country Park where new pay & display machines with a nominal £1 fee were introduced by Rushcliffe Borough Council in their visitor car park last summer.

With our increasing village population, the idea of fees being introduced by the Parish Council was mooted as a way of discouraging motorists from parking for long periods in their village centre car park, next to the Co-op.

It's been noted that on weekdays an average of fifteen spaces are being taken up by people leaving their vehicles there all day – presumably whilst they're at work. It was suggested to Councillors that drivers should still be allowed to park there for two hours for FREE – as in many of our village centre

streets – but that daytime charges could be applied beyond that. A minimum fee of £15 was proposed for anyone who wished to remain there between 6 and 8 hours as a deterrent from doing so! However this proposal was rejected last night.

Parish Council Chairman Allen Wood (pictured below) told RUDDINGTON.info: "It is recognised that the layout of roads in Ruddington does not lend itself to modern day car usage and locations like Charles Street, Shaw Street and Parkyn's Street pose particular difficulties for residents that own cars. The Councillors recognised that hard decisions will have to be taken and in principal accepted that some form of charging system for our car park may be necessary along with other measures that alleviate some of the residents' issues, therefore other options will be investigated and a report brought back to a future meeting."



The decision will come as a relief to dozens of Ruddingtonians – many of them village centre residents – who took to social media to air their views before the Parish Council meeting.

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

New ear, nose and throat service

Evans Pharmacy in Ruddington is taking part in a scheme to assess and treat an extended range of ear, nose and throat conditions.

The service is available to patients registered with a GP in Ruddington and the pharmacy will be working closely with our local doctors.

After an assessment by a specially trained pharmacist – who'll follow the same guidance as your GP – you'll have access to NHS-funded medicines where appropriate, including prescription-only medicines.

If the pharmacist thinks you need to be treated elsewhere, they can refer you to an appropriate healthcare professional.

How to access the service

You need to attend the pharmacy in person, where you'll have a private consultation with an accredited pharmacist.

This service is free. However, if you need medication then you'll need to pay for prescription items as normal unless you're exempt from NHS prescription charges.

Please be aware that there's only value in using antibiotics to treat certain bacterial infections, as the vast majority of infections are caused by viruses.

If antibiotics won't benefit you, there are other medicines available that will relieve your symptoms, which your pharmacist can advise you on.

Little Seedlings says goodbye



October 2009 saw the opening of Little Seedlings Childcare by Jane Garner. What started out to be a small child-minding service grew very quickly and by December 2009, I was inundated by

phone calls from parents looking for something a bit different from your usual child-minder, but not as big as a nursery. So the search started for an assistant and Samantha Ellis (Sammy) was appointed in early 2010.

During the eight years that we've worked together, we've been fortunate to care for 71 children, with the vast majority of them living in Ruddington.

In 2016 we were ready and prepared for our Ofsted visit, the children were fantastic on the day and helped us achieve "OUTSTANDING", in all areas – fantastic recognition for all the hard work we put in each day.

Unfortunately due to ill health I've decided that the time is right to finish and retire. Sam intends on returning to a position in retail.

So from Sam and myself, we thank you all for the many years of support that you've offered us and we wish you all well for the future.

Jane Garner

New premises for Saul Isaac

For 12 years, Saul Issac Photography was based at 39B Easthorpe Street. But due to the area being put up for redevelopment, they needed to move.

Fortunately, they've managed to secure new premises at 3 Charles Street in Ruddington, which will give them more space to house the various services they offer. These include family, school, nursery and commercial photographic services.



The proprietors, Michelle and Carl Amess, live locally and are firmly committed to our community, so they're delighted to be able to maintain their business in the village.

You can contact Saul Isaac on 0115 727 0452.

Barbara Breakwell

GP extended hours service

Recently when I was unwell at a weekend, I discovered a service that I didn't know existed in our area. Now that I'm aware of it, I wanted to share the information.

As a Rushcliffe patient, you can now access routine appointments in the

evenings and at weekends. These appointments are best suited for things that will not need ongoing review by your usual GP practice.

You can book through your surgery during opening hours for appointments between 6.30pm and 8pm in the evening on weekdays, and between 8.30am and 12.30pm at weekends. If you request one of these appointments, which are outside usual working hours, you'll be offered a slot with a Rushcliffe GP, Nurse or Healthcare Assistant at one of three locations across the borough. The location you'll be asked to attend will depend on the day of your appointment. Evening and weekend appointments are available at:

- Castle Healthcare Practice in West Bridgford
- East Bridgford Medical Centre
- Keyworth Medical Practice

As you may not see your usual GP, you'll need to give consent for the GP you're seeing to have access to your medical records and to send information about your consultation back to your usual GP.

Please note that all extended hours appointments are pre-bookable only by contacting your own GP practice. There is no walk-in service offered. If you require urgent assistance before 8am or after 6:30pm, please call 111.

Also, don't forget you can go into our local chemists and ask the pharmacist for advice. If they can't help directly, they'll advise you what to do next.

Barbara Breakwell

News from FoRCP

The Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park (FoRCP) are a group of volunteers who work all year round to promote the Country Park and improve its facilities. The Friends meet every Wednesday at 9:30am at the Rangers' Office and usually work through until around 2pm. Their members give practical help with many different projects around the Park and submit lots of ideas for new ventures, for the benefit of everyone.

This year, the Friends are celebrating their 20th anniversary as a registered charity. Since setting up with just 6 members in 1998, the group has gone



from strength to strength and has completed some amazing projects at the Park.

With that in mind, it's fitting that they've recently been honoured with a prestigious national award:

the Nursing Times HRH Prince of Wales Award for Integrated Approaches to Care. This was awarded to the Tai Chi Group that the Friends run at the Park – well done to all involved!

As always the group is currently working on a range of educational, conservational and environmental projects. These include creating a

Garden of Friendship and continuing to develop the Community Orchard. The Friends were delighted to receive a cheque from the Co-op Local Community Fund for £3,454.89 in November 2017, which is helping to fund their work on the Garden.

For more information about the Friends and to read their latest newsletter, please visit www.friends-of-rctp.co.uk. You can also follow them on Facebook @rushcliffecountrypark.

If you'd like to get involved in their work, simply turn up at one of the Wednesday working groups to find out more. Membership costs just £5 per year.

Faye Stenson

Phoenix Bridge Club

Are you interested in learning to play bridge?

Then you'll be interested in our fast track bridge course, which we'll be holding on four Saturdays and Sundays in June 2018 (exact dates to be confirmed).

The course will take place at Edwalton Golf Club.

For more information, please contact Ann Adkin on 0115 937 2453 or email southnottsbridge@gmail.com. Or, you can visit www.southnottsbridge.org.

Phoenix Bridge Club is part of South Notts Bridge. We meet in Ruddington on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:45pm and Fridays at 1:30pm.

Find out more at our own website, www.bridgewebs.com/phoenix.

Volunteers wanted!

The Framework Knitters Museum is a nationally renowned heritage site that's a true gem for us to have at the heart of our village. But the success of this popular and historic tourist attraction does rely very heavily on volunteers – and this is where they're hoping villagers with a little spare time on their hands may come forward to help.

They're currently asking for potential recruits to get in touch – with a chance to make new friends, try something new and to gain experience in the heritage sector. Especially if you're still looking for your first job, or in-between employment, they emphasise what a great addition to your CV this would be!



Trustee Faye Stenson explains that they're especially keen to get on board individuals with an interest in fundraising: "What we

really need are people with the skills and willingness to help with grant-writing applications, organise fund-raising events, help with promotional activities and perhaps write letters to major donors. We have an expert fundraising consultant on board to provide training, so it's a great opportunity to learn new skills and be part of a team."

If that sounds like you, please contact Holly Batley for an informal discussion on 0115 984 6914 or email her on holly.batley@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

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