

THE RUDD

Goodbye and “Thank You”, Gina!

On Monday 5th March, we said a fond farewell to a Rainbows and Brownies Leader who was involved in Guiding in Ruddington for nearly four decades!

Gina decided it was time to hang up her uniform after a huge 38 year commitment to the girls of Ruddington. During her time as Leader, Gina offered our local girls an amazing range of opportunities, a wide variety of activities and many a pack holiday!

Gina was responsible for running the 3rd Ruddington Brownie pack and also founded the 1st Ruddington District Rainbows.

The Ruddington District Guiding Team, along with all Gina's former Rainbows and Brownies, would like to offer a great big “Thank you and best wishes!” to Gina for all her hard work and contributions over the years.

Catherine Fray, Ruddington Guides



The Village Newsletter is sponsored this month by:

Ruddington Grange Golf Club

0115 921 4139

ruddingtongrange.com

Well done Frame Breakers

The Frame Breakers pub has been named as one of two runners-up in Nottingham CAMRA's "Village Pub of the Year Awards". Local hosteleries competed across a range of criteria including beer quality, diversity of clientele and warmth of welcome.



This is the first time The Frame Breakers – previously known as The Bricklayers' Arms – has been placed in the "Village Pub" category since it was given a new lease of life by Nottingham Brewery in 2015. Well done to Manager Amy and all the team!

Wildlife Watch Group wins award

Rushcliffe Wildlife Watch Group has been voted the winner of the prestigious "Wildlife Watch Group of the Year" for 2017 by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts. The Group's announcement said:

"Well done Rushcliffe! This fantastic Group is really led by the children – they spend lots of time outdoors (a must for a Watch Group!) and lots of their members have won Hedgehog Awards this year by helping wildlife in their area.

During 2017, the children took turns to take the group's knitted mascot, Mr Hedgehog, on adventures and completed his diary over the course of the year. They also made treats for the birds, built a mini-beast hotel, picked litter and went on a fungi hunt... And that was just a few of their sessions!"

Awards judge Ellie Bottomley said: "Rushcliffe is a fun, creative and enthusiastic Group who impressed me with their Hedgehog Diary of wild adventures, which carried on outside Group activities!"

The award will be presented to the Group by Ian Johnston, Chair of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, at their next session on Saturday 14th April (see Diary page).



The Rushcliffe Wildlife Watch Group meets every second Saturday of the month (except August) at the Education Room in Rushcliffe Country Park. The group is aimed at children aged from 8-13, although there are no strict age restrictions for younger siblings and new members are always welcome.

For further information, contact Geoff East on 07804 297041 or email Geast@nottswt.co.uk.

Food Fair at James Peacock

On Sunday 22nd April from 11am to 2pm, there'll be a Food Fair at James Peacock School in Manor Park.

This annual fundraising event, organised by the Friends of James Peacock, will feature a variety of stalls selling edible delights, including a food court with hot products (why not have lunch there?)

In addition, there'll be complementary crafts for the children, a bouncy castle and slide, face painting, a chocolate tombola and the well-known "Wheelbarrow of Wine".

As the school is celebrating its 50th anniversary year, they're also holding a prize draw. Tickets will be on sale at 50p each, before and on the day.

The winners will be announced at 1.30pm by the owner of The Lodge Boutique B&B on Wilford Road, who has kindly donated the first prize.

Entrance to the Food Fair is free for children and £1 per adult. All are welcome!

Barbara Breakwell

The Mary Rose

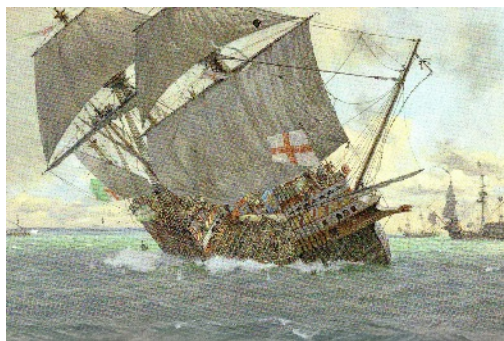
The story of Henry VIII's flagship, the Mary Rose, comes to the Framework Knitters Museum on Tuesday 24th April at 2.30pm when Kathy Powis will give an illustrated talk in the former Methodist Chapel.

Organised by the Friends of the Framework Knitters Museum (Kathy is Chairman of the Friends), this is the first of three talks to be held during the year.

Kathy, a patron of the Mary Rose Trust for five years, said: "I'd love to be a volunteer for the Trust, but Portsmouth is too far away!

"Instead, I raise money for them by giving talks and bringing the amazing story of the Mary Rose to people in the East Midlands, maybe encouraging some of them to visit Portsmouth for themselves.

"And, of course, by holding my talk at the Framework Knitters Museum, I can indulge two of my passions at the same time."



With memories of her Wing Walk (which raised thousands for the museum in 2016) still fresh in her mind, Kathy will continue her daredevil feats with a sponsored abseil down Portsmouth's 100m Spinnaker Tower in June – this time in aid of the Mary Rose Trust.

Tickets for Kathy's talk cost £5 and are available from the Framework Knitters Museum or by calling 0115 984 5375 or 921 5253.

Barbara Harrington,
Friends' Membership Secretary

Muddy Puddle Walk

The first ever Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle Walk in aid of Save the Children was held at Rushcliffe Country Park on 13th May 2017. We had no idea how many children (and parents) would turn up but in the event, over 200 children took part.



As well as the Muddy Puddle Walk (created for us by a Country Park volunteer after a very dry spring!), there was a children's trail around the lake, a Peppa Pig-themed toy stall, a lucky dip and a café. The event raised over £700 for Save the Children. Most importantly, the children had a wonderful time and there were some very muddy little people seen in the park!

This year, we're running the Muddy Puddle Walk on Saturday 28th April from 2pm to 5pm, and hope to make the event even bigger and better than last year.

The formula will be the same and we'll be running the café again. There's no charge for entry although donations are very welcome. All children completing the Walk will receive a certificate and sticker.

There's no need to register in advance; just come to the Education Centre on the day and join in the fun. (Please make sure children are suitably dressed and bring wellies!)

Jane Piggott

The Great Get Together

This year's Great Get Together will be held on the Village Green and St Peter's Rooms on 23rd June.

Everyone in Ruddington, plus their friends and families, is invited to come along to The Green to take part in The Great Get Together and enjoy a community picnic. Just bring some food, a blanket, and games if you choose, and enjoy good company, a great atmosphere and (hopefully!) the weather.

St Peter's Rooms will also be open for a get together and chat with music, tea, coffee and cake. Look out for more details in May's edition of The Rudd.

The Events Team

The May Ball

The Friends of James Peacock and St Peter's Schools are holding a second May Ball at Blotts Country Club in Holme Pierrepont on Saturday 12th May.

Everyone is welcome to join the party, whether a parent at the school or not, so feel free to invite other glamour-seekers!

Dress to impress in black tie and glamour and enjoy a fabulous night of good food, fun and sophistication!

Tickets are on sale now and cost £45 each. Numbers are limited so book now to avoid missing out.

You'll find full details and downloadable booking forms at both schools' websites, and also on the Diary page of the Parish Council website. Or email fjp.committee@yahoo.co.uk to find out more.

Swing Back to the 1940s

The Framework Knitters Museum is hosting a wartime extravaganza on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May. Called 'Swing Back to the 1940s', the event will turn back the clock to the Second World War, with staff and volunteers decked out in best 1940s regalia.

Visitors to the event are, of course, also encouraged to dress up!



The museum will even have hairdressers on hand to recreate authentic 1940s hairstyles, including the famous Victory Roll.

Other themed activities include swing dancing with revival dance in the Chapel (tuition is available for beginners), a traditional street party on Chapel Street, and stalls selling vintage collectibles.

Visitors will be spoilt for choice when it comes to refreshments. Not only will the museum be selling tea, coffee and cakes from the Tea Room on the main site, but there will also be a selection of soft and alcoholic beverages on sale in the Chapel.

The museum's very own Frame Breaker beer will be supplied by the museum's

charitable partner, Nottingham Brewery, which runs The Frame Breakers pub in the village.

Swing Back to the 1940s takes place from 11am to 4pm on Monday 7th May. Entry to the museum will be free for adults and children alike, and the whole site will be open for visitors to enjoy.

For more information, please call the museum on 0115 984 6914 or email office@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

Ruddington Summer Fayre

This year's Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 21st July 2018 on The Green, between 12 noon and 6pm.

If you'd like a stall, the cost is £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've already sent you our new contact details and a booking form.

Newcomers can request a form by emailing office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk, calling 0115 914 6660 or popping into the Parish Council office.

We're creating 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.

There'll also be a "Ruddington's Got Talent" competition which we've started planning – there'll be more details coming soon, so watch this space.

The Events Team

Ruddington Open Gardens

The second Ruddington Open Gardens will be held on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June 2018, from 2pm to 6pm on both days. All proceeds from the event will go to Save the Children and Action for Children.

There's still time to join in by opening your garden. Your garden doesn't have to be big or splendid, just a pleasant place that visitors will enjoy wandering around. In fact, last time, some of the most popular gardens were amongst the smallest.



Even a display of hanging baskets at the front of your house would make a welcome addition to the programme!

As well as open gardens and allotments, there'll be stalls selling jams, chutneys and honey; a children's "rock trail"; live music at the Methodist Church; refreshments at several locations and vintage bus rides.

We're especially delighted that the Framework Knitters Museum is offering free entry on both afternoons to anyone with an Open Gardens programme.

If you'd like to be involved in any way, please email me on je.piggott@btinternet.com or get in touch via the Parish Council Office. Many thanks.

Jane Piggott

Asher Lane Public Inquiry

The Public Inquiry into the appeal by Space Foods Ltd, relating to their application to build 175 dwellings on land north of Asher Lane, will be held on Tuesday 17th April at 10am.

The Inquiry will take place at Rushcliffe Borough Council's offices at Rushcliffe Arena in West Bridgford. An Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State will attend to decide the appeal.

Members of the public may also attend and, at the Inspector's discretion, express their views.

Documents relating to the appeal can be viewed at Rushcliffe Arena by prior arrangement with the Borough Council, or at www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate Reference is APP/P3040/W/17/3185493.

New dates for Brookside Road area road closures

Nottinghamshire County Council has advised the following revised schedule of road closures for resurfacing works. All roads will be closed for their entire length.

Dates:

Wednesday 11th until Friday 13th April 2018, from 7.30am until 5pm.

Roads closed:

Brookside Gardens, Shelton Gardens, Templeman Close and Brookside Road.

Please note that these dates are very weather dependant and may change - we'll keep you posted!

Meet our new Parish Councillors

Further to recent election and co-option processes, we now have four new Parish Councillors – bringing us back up to our full quota. You'll find further details and photos on the Parish Council website, but here's a brief introduction.

Sue Matthews, Flawford Ward

"I'm 54 years old and moved to Ruddington 8 years ago. I'm married with one daughter. I enjoy using the good variety of local facilities in the village and can regularly be seen out walking in and around the village with my dog. My local issues of interest include how the village responds to new housing developments and their impact on Ruddington. I'm also keen to get involved in events that increase community feel."

Sarah Godfrey, Manor Ward

"I'm married with two young children. I work for two art galleries and volunteer at a school. In my spare time, I'm a keen gardener and sometime author. I'm also an art lover. I'm especially interested in preserving our village but at the same time, embracing positive change. I hope to bring the perspective of a parent of young children to the Parish Council."

Ian Wilson, Easthorpe Ward

"We moved to Ruddington to be nearer family and for a great place to live. I've been a school governor at James Peacock, coached local youth football,

campaigning against changes to the school buses and to protect Sellors' Playing Field. I'm interested in all issues Green, including traffic levels in the village, protecting undeveloped land, and developing the local economy. I also care about accessibility and inclusion."

Eddie Storr, Manor Ward

"I'm a 37 year old father of two and an active member of Ruddington Cricket Club. I've lived in the village since February 2017, but my links with Ruddington date back many years. My local issues of interest include maintaining Ruddington's unique community spirit, increasing the provision of outdoor leisure activities and balancing the needs of our village against housing needs, as pressures continue."

If you'd like to contact any of our new Councillors, please do so via the Parish Council office.

We will remember them WW1 Casualties this month 100 years ago

23rd APRIL 1918

Gunner **William Henry Rumsby**, aged 21, 4th R.M. Battn. Royal Marine Artillery

Son of William Henry and Lois Rumsby, Philo Cottages, Easthorpe Street

Buried: Dover (St James') Cemetery, Kent

Ruddington Diary

Sunday 1st April

Ruddington Footpath Preservation Group – Clifton Grove to Beeston Weir. Meet on The Green at 2.15pm

Tuesday 3rd April

Ruddington Methodist Church Women's Fellowship – 2.30pm. Gordon Dyne – Wilwell Cutting Nature Reserve. All are welcome to join us.

If you'd like something included in The Rudd, please contact the Parish Council office.

The copy deadline for the next edition is 15th of the month.

Thursday 5th April

Griswold Gang at the Framework Knitters Museum – 11am to 3pm. Springtime crafts for kids of all ages. £1 per child. Please note that all children must be supervised by a responsible adult.

Tuesday 10th April

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.

Wednesday 11th April

W.I. Meeting – 'Annual Meeting' – Choose the team to run your W.I. at St Peter's Rooms, commencing 7.15pm.

Thursday 12th April

Griswold Gang at the Framework Knitters Museum – 11am to 3pm. Springtime crafts for kids of all ages. £1 per child. Please note that all children must be supervised by a responsible adult.

Saturday 14th April

County & Borough Councillors' Surgery – 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Borough and County Councillors about local issues.

Wildlife Watch Group 'Spring has at last Sprung' – 11am to 1pm, meet at Education Room, Rushcliffe Country Park. 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 17th April

Asher Lane Public Inquiry - Rushcliffe Borough Council, 10am. See page 6.

Annual Parish Meeting – at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. Open to the public.

Ruddington Methodist Church Women's Fellowship – 2.30pm. Irene Starkey – Entertainment, Songs and Poems. All are welcome to join us.

Thursday 19th April

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.

Spring & Summer Wear Launch at The Honeycomb – 3pm to 7pm. Drinks and nibbles will be served, and you can come and buy from our wonderful collection of summer clothes.

Quine Night (quiz & wine tasting) – 7pm at The Three Crowns. Do you know your Chablis from your Chardonnay? Taste your way through 6 wines in this fun quiz. £22 per person including nibbles. Three Spices meal & wine voucher for the winner.

Ruddington Folk & Blues Night – 8pm at The Country Cottage Hotel. 'All styles' of live music and song by local entertainers in a relaxing atmosphere.

Friday 20th April

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.

Tuesday 24th April

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.

"The Mary Rose" – the story of Henry VIII's flagship – an illustrated talk by Kathy Powis at 2:30pm in the Chapel at the Framework Knitters Museum. Tickets are £5 each and are available from the museum during opening hours. Or call 0115 921 5253 or 984 5375. Tea and biscuits included. Presented by the Friends of the Framework Knitters Museum.

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

Wednesday 25th April

Ruddington Gardeners' Association – "Lesley Taylor Talks Rubbish" with Lesley Taylor at The Hermitage. 7pm for 7.30pm.

Saturday 28th April

Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle Walk – 2.00pm – 5.00pm Rushcliffe Country Park. Put on your wellies and come and join us! Certificates will be awarded to all children completing the walk. Suggested entry donation £1.00 per child – adults are free. Refreshments will be served in the Education Room and there will be a toy stall, lucky dip & lakeside trail. All proceeds to Save the Children. Details from Jane Piggott, email je.piggott@btinternet.com

February crime figures

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

For February, these were as follow:

- 6 x drive-offs from the petrol station
- 1 x theft from car
- 1 x theft from van
- 1 x break-in to van

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

Parking update

The February 2018 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 213 visits
- 154 observations
- 28 penalty charge notices

What our local kids think

We asked some of our local schoolchildren what they think about living in Ruddington.

Here are just a few of their comments. Look out for more in the next edition of The Rudd!

"It's quite busy most of the time where the shops are. I like that it's busy though because you've always got a friend around." - Olly, Year 6

"I like doing Park Run every weekend." - Isobel, Year 4

"The library is very good. I like reading all the different books." - Scarlett, Year 3

Local U3A on its way

On 19th March, I joined around 100 retired and semi-retired residents in the Methodist Church. We were there to hear about the potential establishment of a new University of the Third Age (U3A) group for Ruddington and the surrounding area.

U3A groups exist "to enable members to enrich their lives with new skills and experiences, pursue their interests, form new friendships and enjoy a sense of belonging to a vibrant community."



At the meeting, members of other local, well-established U3As shared their experiences and the organisation's philosophy ("run by members, for members") was explained. The attendees then voted unanimously to start a U3A in Ruddington.

Over the next few weeks, a steering group will put everything in place to enable the U3A to officially launch on Monday 21st May at 2pm at the Methodist Church. All are welcome!

Barbara Breakwell

A makeover for Ruddington Library

Ruddington Library marked its official reopening on Saturday 17th March, as villagers and local dignitaries congregated in the revamped building for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new-look library is the result of almost two months' work, including redecorating for a lighter, brighter interior.



The library was officially reopened by John Handley, Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council. Storyteller Nicky Rafferty then held a family fun and crafts session.

Why not pop along and take a look for yourself?

Kay Garrett

The Forget Me Not Project

From Bambi to Brief Encounter, there are films that invariably bring a tear to the eye. Others make you laugh, or want to sing or dance.

Films have an extraordinary ability to rekindle emotions and stir memories from your past.

The Forget Me Not Project is developing a new activity around cinema of the 1940s and 1950s.

The sessions will be offered to care homes and memory cafés which work with people living with Alzheimer's disease.

The experience for many people with dementia is that their early memories are well-preserved, but their recollection of recent events is confused or non-existent.

The sessions will explore the experience of going to the cinema: the buildings and auditoria, rolling programmes with adverts, usherettes, and the ubiquitous experience of watching the film through a fog of tobacco smoke.

We'll be including clips from classic films of the period, encouraging participants to reminisce about their own experience of going to the pictures.

If you'd like to organise a cinema session for a group you are involved with, please email the Village Museum at enquiries@ruddington-museum.org.uk.

Note: The Village Museum is open from Easter Monday until the end of September, on Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon and Bank Holiday Mondays from 2pm to 4pm.

Find out more at www.ruddington-museum.org.uk.

Gavin Walker

Community transport seeks passengers!

Six new drivers – including Jack Rivers from Ruddington (pictured) – are revving up to take more elderly or disabled passengers out and about in Rushcliffe. Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme (RVTS) has been providing community transport for over 30 years, using voluntary drivers who love helping people get out and about.



Carolyn Perry, Chief Executive of Rushcliffe CVS which runs the scheme, explains: “We’re looking for new customers who need to go out for health appointments, or are keen to go shopping or attend social activities. All our customers benefit from chatting to drivers and other passengers, helping prevent loneliness, foster independence and maintain dignity. The service also helps ease the pressure on health and social care services.”

RVTS means that passengers who find it difficult to use public transport or taxis, or who don’t drive or have access to a

car, can still make safe, affordable and reliable journeys. Passengers joining the scheme pay an annual registration fee, a booking fee and then 45p per mile. Destinations are booked by phone, with all vehicles driven by DBS-checked drivers. The service runs on weekdays during office hours.

RVTS was awarded the Community Transport Quality Mark in 2015 – a sign of a top quality service that operates within the law and follows best practice. Their customers are full of praise, with one commenting recently that: “Your volunteers are wonderful and so helpful – carrying shopping and helping me get up steps. They also chat which is nice when you live on your own.”

Rushcliffe CVS is also developing a new service, “Friends of Community Transport,” to help recruit new volunteers, develop new income-generating initiatives and help with marketing. To find out more, contact Rushcliffe CVS on 0115 969 9060.

Spring / Summer launch at The Honeycomb

The Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop warmly invites you to our Spring and Summer Wear Launch on Wednesday 18th April, from 3pm to 7pm. Drinks and nibbles will be served and you can come and buy from our wonderful collection of summer clothes. We look forward to getting you ready for the warmer days ahead!

Zoe Parton, Manager

Jasper's Café crowdfunding success

Ruddington's popular Jasper's Café celebrated raising over £2,500 last month through the generosity of Ruddington residents.

The café closed its original premises at Bar Six (now Apotheka) in February and since then, owners Paul Carver and Cathy Hatfield have been working hard to renovate their new site at the old Drinks And More convenience store on the High Street.

"The last two months of trading at the Bar Six site were our busiest ever and we had so much positive feedback from our customers.

Our new premises has needed a lot of work, but we wouldn't be able to give it the finish it deserves without the fantastic support of Ruddington with our crowdfunding effort!" says Paul.

"Many of the materials we've used have been reclaimed and upcycled, we've installed new electrics and plumbing throughout, built a brand new kitchen and toilets – and the crowdfunding money has been invaluable in achieving all this".

With Jasper's new, purpose-built facilities, Paul plans to offer a broader menu, including fresh cakes, and also expand the café's outside catering enterprise. He's tight-lipped on the opening date, but hopes to launch in the coming weeks.

"We'll be announcing our big reveal soon, and look forward to rewarding all our amazing crowdfunding supporters".

Follow JaspersCafeRudd on Facebook and Twitter for the latest news.

Mark Pinks

Allotment action

Last year, the Hareham Gardens Allotments on Asher Lane were victims of several shed break-ins. Allotment holders work hard to grow vegetables in these peaceful surroundings so damage like this is particularly hurtful.

Plans are now in place to improve the perimeter security of the allotment site. Thanks to the efforts of Councillor Reg Adair, a grant of £1,000 has been awarded by Notts County Council towards the cost of some new fencing. The work is expected to take place this summer.



Have you served in the Armed Forces? Are you over 65?

Get support,
meet other
veterans and
help make
a difference



There are over **43,000** veterans in Nottinghamshire

so let's get together.

#TogetherWeAreBetter

Join the Veterans Together Network

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/supporting-armed-forces
0300 500 80 80

Grants for young people and community groups

Keyworth and Ruddington Rotary offers financial support to young people undertaking eligible projects at home or abroad.

Individual grants range from £25 to £150, but the total allocation each year is limited.

Any young person considering an application should bear in mind the following criteria.

The applicant/s should:

1. Live within the local area of Ruddington and Keyworth.
2. Be engaged in a project with a humanitarian or educational focus.
3. Show that they've made considerable effort to raise funds other than simply requesting finance from organisations.
4. Declare a willingness to report back to club members on the outcomes from the project.

The club also welcomes applications from local groups working to support their community.

Interested?

Please send your application to The Secretary, Keyworth and Ruddington Rotary, The Country Cottage Hotel, Easthorpe Street, Ruddington, NG11 6LA.

If you'd like more information about the funding, or the work of Keyworth and Ruddington Rotary generally, please contact Kip Herrington on 0115 937 5397.

Country Cottage NOT for sale!

Rumours abound that the Country Cottage hotel is about to be sold off to become a Nursing Home, or knocked down to make way for luxury apartments! Nothing could be further from the truth and it's still full steam ahead at the Cottage.

In fact, owners Julie and Andrew Sturt have just welcomed a new Sous Chef, Liam, who'll be working with the Head Chef to create some exciting new menus for all the celebratory parties the hotel hosts for local residents.

The Cottage is proud to be the first choice for so many happy events as well as other, more sombre, occasions when we offer a popular and sympathetic venue for funerals.

The hotel team are also thrilled at being invited to join other village organisations in supporting our community this year. In March, the Cottage hosted a "Pop-up Shop" for the Friends of James Peacock School, and in May will be one of the venues for The Big Sing.

Did you know that three local Rotary groups and two Probus groups meet weekly at the hotel?

There's also a popular cut-price "Golden Years" lunch menu available to older village residents every Wednesday and Thursday, as well as a monthly charity lunch in aid of Maggie's Cancer Care. All in all there's something for everyone and all are welcome.

Julie & Andrew Sturt

Bloomin' Dementia update

Bloomin' Dementia is a charity based in Ruddington, which is where the idea was conceived. The main aim is to support people living with dementia to live independently in our community.

The charity assesses a person's needs and recommends a plan to meet them, offering a choice of care options that always highlights support available from the local community.



Bloomin' Dementia also helps people complete application forms for Attendance Allowance benefits. Many people come to No. 4 Easthorpe Street looking for advice and information, after which the Bloomin' Dementia team will complete an assessment and put a care plan into place.

We've started running regular coffee mornings for local residents affected by

dementia, and these are proving very popular. It's still early days but the charity is already extremely busy! We'll keep you informed of opening times and how to contact us outside these hours as soon as we can.

We're grateful for the many donations Bloomin' Dementia has received from local businesses. For example, the Ruddington Co-op has supplied tea and coffee; Ruddington Medical Centre has helped with funding; and many people have provided items for sale, with some special football-related items from Thomas' the greengrocer.

Ruddington Golf Course is also supporting us, whilst Great Northern Inns and Nottingham Forest FC have been crucial to helping us get the charity off the ground.

There are many more supporters and we'll acknowledge you all at some point! It really is marvellous to see how Ruddington is coming together to support Bloomin' Dementia.

We currently have five volunteers helping the charity by raising funds, running the coffee mornings, volunteering their time in the evenings, and generally raising awareness of the charity.

If you'd like to get involved, please call Bloomin' Dementia on 0115 984 3703 (leave a message if there's no answer).

More updates in a month or two!

Nick Tegerdine

£650 raised for Borneo trip

Janet and Graham of Shrimpton Court, along with their granddaughter Maisie and her parents, would like to say a sincere “Thank you” to everyone who attended their fundraising Afternoon Tea at Shrimpton Court on 25th March.

Special thanks go to everyone who kindly gave donations, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac, cakes, crafts and jewellery, and helped publicise the event.



The sun shone for us and people turned out in good numbers, raising the magnificent sum of £650. This will go a long way towards the cost of sending Maisie to Borneo in 2019, where she'll be undertaking work helping the villagers.

Maisie wasn't able to show everyone her planned presentation, but she had the chance to meet people personally, talk about her trip and answer lots of questions!

We'd also like to thank the residents of Shrimpton Court for the use of the lounge and for their help in manning the stalls and making the event happen.

Janet and Graham Watts

Edited and produced by Ruddington Parish Council

Tel: 0115 914 6660 Email: office@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk

Tweet to: @RuddingtonPC Facebook.com/Ruddington Parish Council

Views expressed in the newsletter are those of the contributors and may not be those of the Parish Council.

For copyright information, please contact Ruddington Parish Council or visit the website above