

# THE RUDD

## Royal Wedding Street Party

On Saturday 19th May, more than 30 households on Grange Avenue, Brookside Road, Brookside Gardens and Fairham Close celebrated the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle with a street party on Grange Avenue.

The party, organised by Rebecca Streets, Heidi Rose, Melissa Blades and Rebecca Clifton, was extremely well supported by residents.

Grange Avenue was closed for the afternoon and it was beautifully decorated with union flag bunting, a custom-made graffiti sign and red, white and blue balloons.



People of all generations attended, taking the opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones. A huge communal buffet afternoon tea including sandwiches, quiches, cakes and scones, jam and cream, was enjoyed by everyone and the children enjoyed the bouncy castle, outdoor toys, face paints and crafts.

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The sun shone all afternoon and a great time was had by all. The organisers would like to thank everyone on Grange Avenue for allowing the road closure, and to all the residents who attended and contributed to the street party.

The organisers hope that everyone enjoyed the street party and that it will be remembered for years to come.

Rebecca Clifton

### **Kathy reaches the heights again**

Following her daring Wing Walk in October 2016 when she raised £4,400 for the Framework Knitters Museum, Kathy Powis has sought adventure farther afield to raise funds for her other passion: the Mary Rose Trust.

Kathy is a patron and local speaker for the Trust. And on Saturday 2 June – a gloriously sunny day – she abseiled down Portsmouth's Spinnaker Tower (a mere 100m!), watched by 9 friends and assorted locals and tourists who flock to the Gunwharf Quays area for the restaurants, bars, shops, boats and views over the harbour.

Kathy told us: "I should love to volunteer at the Mary Rose Museum but of course it's too far away, so I had the idea of the abseil. To prepare, I had some training sessions at Nottingham Climbing Centre which proved very helpful.

"Over the weekend there were lots of other folk doing it too, some for charity, and the abseil staff gave us detailed instructions and put us at our ease. The descent took me about 15 minutes and I was able to wave to the crowds and take in the wonderful views."



When asked "What next?" the answer came: "The Sydney Harbour Bridge climb is booked for later this year but that's purely for fun!"

If you're interested in the story of Henry VIII's flagship, the Mary Rose, you can contact Kathy on 0115 984 5375.

Faye Stenson

## Looking forward to Ruddington Summer Fayre

Following the success of The Great Get Together picnic and tea party, the Parish Council Events Committee are busy preparing for the next community event, this year's Ruddington Summer Fayre on Saturday 21st July.

The activities will be centred on The Green and include a variety of stalls offering a great range of products including crafts, Hook A Duck, natural cosmetics, arts and plants, temporary glitter and airbrush tattoos and much more.

There's also a main stage hosting the first Ruddington's Got Talent, a chance for anyone to come along and showcase their talent. Acts currently booked include Nara Belly Dancers, bands and choirs, and when the acts aren't performing there'll be a disco playing. Anyone interested in showcasing their talent can still contact

[office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) to book a slot.

Also located on The Green will be a selection of fairground rides for the children to enjoy, along with the always entertaining Punch and Judy show. Beat Feet will be offering drumming workshops throughout the afternoon, so come along and learn a new skill.

Alongside all the of the above, charity and community stands are also offered space as usual. These will include the Village Plan, the newly formed Ruddington and District U3A, Friends of James Peacock School and a Borough Council Surgery Tent that will also have free bicycle coding during the afternoon. After the very exciting recent news that Rushcliffe is to host the penultimate stage of the Tour of Britain Bike Race on Saturday 8th September, with the race coming through Ruddington, there'll also be representation from Rushcliffe Borough Council, with lots more information about the Bike Race.

There'll be a raffle on the day in support of our nominated charity, Bloomin' Dementia, with prizes collected in so far including great items from local sports teams, health clubs, local shops and a wonderful hamper full of goodies!

Finally, there are various food and drink stalls available offering burgers, donuts and coffees, along with The Three Crowns bar selling lager, real ale, wine, prosecco and soft drinks.

With so much on offer this year we look forward to you joining us in making this a great community event. The fun starts at midday and the Fayre is open until 6pm on Saturday 21st July.

Councillor Sue Matthews

## Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale

The annual Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale at St Peter's Junior School returns on Saturday 7th July 2018. The event, which is organised by the school's Friends group, will run from 10.30am to 1pm. Entry is £1 for adults and free for children.

There'll be plenty to see and do, including a variety of stalls, a raffle, chocolate tombola, bouncy castles and slides, face painting and refreshments.



You can also enjoy traditional stalls such as Hook A Duck, Tug of War, Golf Challenge, Bucket Ball, Splat the Rat and Hoopla. And new this year is the Human Fruit Machine!

There'll also be displays by K2 Dance Academy, Ruddington Belly Dancers and the Rattle & Roll recorder group, as well as Zumba with Rosalie Nisan.

The school's Year 3 and 4 pupils have made and designed their own products, and will be selling them on their Enterprise Stalls.

And if you fancy finding a lucky bargain, make sure you visit the car boot sale too. There's fun for the whole family and all are welcome.

Barbara Breakwell

## Mischief Makers

During the school summer holidays, don't forget to visit the village library where the annual Summer Reading Challenge will run from 14th July to 9th September.

This year, the theme is "Mischief Makers", to celebrate 80 years of The Beano comic.

Children aged from 4 to 11 are invited to pop into the library and sign up. During the summer, they'll enjoy completing the Challenge by reading six library books, collecting rewards along the way.

Barbara Breakwell

## 5p Challenge

In summer 2016, James Peacock Infants and Nursery School and St Peter's Junior School launched a 5p Challenge.

The aim was to see which school could collect the most 5p coins during the school summer holidays.

Children, parents, carers, neighbours, friends and local residents saved their change to support the “Friends” groups at the respective schools.

The incentive for the schools is that the winner gets the 5p Challenge Trophy (and of course the money!) The score currently is one win to each school.

All change will be gratefully received and any money donated by anyone not directly connected to either school will be shared equally between both.



We’re currently confirming collection points in the village, so please feel free to save your 5p coins. We’ll let you know where you can take them in the August issue of The Rudd.

Thank you!

Barbara Breakwell

Treasurer, Friends of James Peacock School

PS. Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Family Fun Day held at James Peacock School.

## May crime figures for Ruddington

For May these were as follow:

- 3 x burglary
- 1 x criminal damage to a vehicle
- 2 x anti-social behaviour
- 1 x alleged drug use
- 4 x theft from motor vehicles
- 2 x nuisance bike / quad bike
- 1 x theft of tools from allotments
- 1 x theft from commercial premises
- 1 x theft of vehicle

In other ‘crime news’, a man arrested for stealing cooking oil from Gino’s Italian Restaurant on Church Street in December 2017 has been convicted at Nottingham Magistrates’ Court.

Errol Kus received a 6 month conditional discharge for two charges of theft.

For crime prevention advice, please visit [www.nottinghamshire.police/advice](http://www.nottinghamshire.police/advice).

## Parking update

The May 2018 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 160 visits
- 420 observations
- 17 penalty charge notices

## Another resounding success for Ruddfest!

I'd like to thank everyone who came out once again to support Ruddfest in 2018. The event is officially on many people's agenda for the year now, and it's lovely to see so many of them getting together and enjoying themselves.



Ruddington is now firmly on the map when it comes to beer festivals! But whilst the event takes just 4 days to enjoy, it takes months of careful "behind the scenes" planning to put Ruddfest together.

I know a few people were disappointed by the fencing around The Green and the controlled entry and exit system, so I'd like to shed some light on the issue.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decided that the licensed area must be enclosed. This was to make sure the number of people inside could be

managed and controlled, whilst enabling us to monitor what was being drunk and by whom.

All the organisers of, and participants in, Ruddfest have a responsibility to follow the key licensing objectives. These are:

- Preventing crime and disorder
- Ensuring public safety
- Preventing public nuisance
- Protecting children from harm.

By having a fence in place, we had more control over the event. We'll be meeting with the Borough Council in the coming months to review how things went, and look at an increased capacity for 2019 to reduce queuing and the need for "one in, one out" at peak times.

Whilst some people didn't like the fencing, I've received lots of compliments from families with young children who did like it.

They said how much safer they felt, and that their kids could run around and play freely without the dangers of wandering off onto busy roads.

Ruddfest is loved by all generations, young and old. Every year, we try to build on the previous year's success by responding to feedback and making it even better.

We're already thinking about Ruddfest 2019 – are you? Put the dates in your diary now: Thursday 30th May to Sunday 2nd June.

Thanks again to everyone who came to or participated in Ruddfest 2018. It's down to you that we had yet another amazing event.

John Noble

*Photo courtesy of Graham Wright*

### **South Notts Men's Chorus**

On Saturday 21st July at 7pm, the South Notts Men's Chorus is returning to Ruddington Methodist Church with guest soloist, Alison Farmer from Quadrovox.

The choir recently competed in the Derby Arts Festival for the second year running and came away victorious once again.

Last May, they decided to dip their toes in the water of competition by entering the Sacred Music Class at the festival in Derby, which they won with distinction. They were also judged Best Adult Choir overall.

To defend their title at this year's Derby Arts Festival, they entered both the Sacred Music Class, in which they sang Gwahoddiad and Lux Aurumque, and the Concert Class, in which their pieces were

Rule the World, Steal Away, Welsh Prayer and Yfory.

The internationally renowned adjudicator, Bryan Husband, admired their presentation and the contrasts evident in the Sacred Music Class, and awarded them a distinction with an even higher mark than last year.

In the Concert Class, he praised the subtlety and musicality of their performances, awarding them the highest possible grade of "Outstanding", and making special mention of the quality of the choir's accompanist, Eleonora Babitskaya.

The mark gained in this class was the highest given to any of the choirs in the whole competition, so South Notts Men's Chorus again won the accolade of Best Adult Choir, and came away from Derby with a total of three trophies.

If you're interested in finding out more about this modern, progressive male choir, please email [john.stephenson4@gmail.com](mailto:john.stephenson4@gmail.com).

Tickets for the concert on Saturday 21 July at Ruddington Methodist Church cost £10 and are available by calling 07973 765 222. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Terence Boniface

# Ruddington Diary

## Sunday 1st July

**Ruddington Footpath Preservation Group** – Cropwell Bishop to Owthorpe circular. Meet on The Green at 2.15pm

## Monday 2nd July

**Ruddington Craft Group** – A-Line Cards. St Peter's Rooms 10.00am – 12.00am. £3.00 – tuition, materials and refreshment are included in the cost. Newcomers are welcome to come and learn a craft, experience or expertise are not essential.

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.

## Saturday 7th July

**Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale at St Peter's Junior School** – 10:30am to 1pm. Visit the website to book a stall and/or advert in the programme.

## Tuesday 10th July

**Rattle, Rhyme & Roll** – Ruddington Library 11am – 11.30am. Free half hour fun session for babies & toddlers

**Scrabble** – Ruddington Library 2pm – 4pm All abilities welcome.

## Wednesday 11th July

**W.I Meeting** – “Confessions of a Country Vicar” at St Peter's Rooms, commencing 7.15pm

## Saturday 14th July

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

**Wildlife Watch Group: “Bush Craft Bash”** – 11am to 1pm. Learn how to be a budding Bear Grylls. Build a shelter, cook a marsh mallow or just have fun in the woods. Meet at the 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](mailto:geoff.east@virginmedia.com).

## Monday 16th July

**Ruddington Craft Group** – Beading. St Peter's Rooms 10.00am – 12.00am. £3.00 – tuition, materials and refreshment are included in the cost. Newcomers are welcome to

come and learn a craft, experience or expertise are not essential.

### Thursday 19th July

**The Ear Foundation** – Do you wear an NHS hearing aid? Come to our FREE walk-in hearing aid clinic. In St. Peter's Rooms between 11.30am to 12.30pm. No appointment required.

**Ruddington Folk & Blues Night** – 8pm at The Country Cottage Hotel. Pop, rock, songbook, comedy and other types of music and song. Every month has something different. Come and take a look, it's free and it's always a fun night.

### Friday 20th July

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

### Saturday 21st July

**South Notts Men's Chorus** – returning to Ruddington Methodist Church, with Guest Soloist, Alison Farmer (Quadrovox). Doors open at 6.30pm. Tickets £10 Please contact: 07973 765 222.

### Wednesday 25th July

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

### Sunday 5th August

**Ruddington Footpath Preservation Group** – Flawforth Churchyard to Plumtree and return. Meet on The Green at 2.15pm

### Wednesday 8th August

**W.I Meeting** – “Tibet – A Forgotten Country” at St Peter's Rooms, commencing 7.15pm

### Tuesday 14th August

**Scrabble** – Ruddington Library 2pm – 4pm All abilities welcome.

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

### Thursday 16th August

**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. It's Summer so come and enjoy a cool drink, live music and a relaxing, fun evening.

### Friday 17th August

**Ruddington Business Partnership** – FREE networking today and every 3rd Friday of the month, at The Ruddington Arms, 8am to 9am.

## “Tour of Britain” coming to Ruddington!

Over a hundred of the world’s top riders will be passing through Ruddington during the penultimate stage of this year’s OVO Energy “Tour of Britain” cycle race!

The announcement comes on the back of last year’s successful event which attracted 210,000 supporters in Nottinghamshire on the day – one of the biggest turnouts across the eight stage race across the UK.



The date for your diary is Saturday 8th September, when we’ll be able to cheer on 120 elite cyclists as they speed between West Bridgford and Mansfield in Stage Seven. This part of the route is 139 miles (223 km) long – including our village – and is expected to be watched by a global TV audience of millions!

After passing through Compton Acres, competitors will enter

Ruddington along Wilford Road before racing through High Street, turning left into Kirk Lane and then right on to Loughborough Road to exit the village towards Bradmore. It’s hoped residents and traders will line the streets to spot some guaranteed cycling celebrities and help cheer them on. Those along the route are also encouraged to get involved in the celebration by decorating their houses, businesses or neighbourhood in a cycle theme to welcome the riders.

The Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council, Cllr Simon Robinson, said: “We are absolutely delighted to welcome such a unique, prestigious event to the borough for the first time. We are proud of our heritage in sport and it’s fantastic we have been chosen as a host county and that so much of the stage will ride through Rushcliffe. It will go right across the Borough in many villages and towns so I hope all Parish and Town Councils, schools and communities will join in. We would like people to get out there to make this a fantastic event and we will be in touch with communities with further information very soon.”

Tour of Britain Race Director Mick Bennett added: “The turn-out for the Nottinghamshire stage last year really was incredible. The viewing

figures for ITV4 show that Stage Four was popular with the audience at home too, with half a million people tuning in to watch the highlights – attracting the highest ratings of any of the other seven highlight shows. So we are delighted to be returning to Nottinghamshire as this year's route makes it seem like a completely different county! We are taking in a lot of new areas, approaching a significant part of 2017's route from the opposite direction as well as having hillier sections this time."

For details of the complete route – and how to get involved – you can go to [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/tob](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/tob)

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.  
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### What our local kids think

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

Here are a few of their comments.

*'It's a nice place to live because there's lots of friendly people. I like all the pubs because the food is delicious. You can always find someone willing to help you.'* - Isaac, Year 5

*'There are lots of people around but you don't get much trouble. I like*

*going to the little independent shops.'*  
- Harriet, Year 5

*'There are lots of places to visit, like the parks and all the museums - you never get bored!'* - Chloe, Year 5.

*'Ruddington is a place full of nice people with lots of exciting places to go. I like looking at the old trains near the country park.'* - Anna, Year 4

*'You can get involved with raising money for charity. I took part in a cake sale at the country park.'* - Ted, Year 3

### Local vet retires

In November 1994, husband and wife team, Hugh and Jane McLachlan, opened Ruddington Vets on the corner of Shaw Street and Church Street.

At the end of May 2018, Hugh decided to retire after nearly 24 years. He will, however, still be working a few odd days to support the practice.

When Hugh announced his retirement, numerous people took to social media to praise him, both as a caring and compassionate vet and as an employer. It's obvious he'll be missed.

Happy retirement, Hugh.

Barbara Breakwell

## Meet the...local hair and beauty salon

*This is the second in a new series of "Meet the..." articles about our local shops, researched and written by Councillor Sarah Godfrey.*

Hiding at the very end of Kempson Street awaits Ruddington's newest business: a Miami-style bohemian oasis called Hidden Salon.



The salon specialises in lashes, brows, nails and hair, and they're open late on Tuesdays and Thursdays for those with busy lives.

The owner, Natasha Curley, knew it was the right time to open up her very own salon. After 25 years in the business, she's realised her dream – right in the heart of the village she loves!

I met up with Natasha to ask her a few questions.

Q. What's your favourite hair or beauty trend at the moment?

A. It has to be 'The Brow!' I love perfectly-formed eyebrows as they just make such a difference to your face.

Q. If you could 'quantum leap' into the past to do hair and beauty, what decade would you choose?

A. It would have to be the 1960s. Everything was much bigger and bolder, like Twiggy's 'Smoky Eye' look.

Q. Who are your beauty heroines?

A. One is Caroline Flack – I've tried to copy her hair on many occasions. And who doesn't love good old Holly Willoughby?

Q. If you weren't doing beauty, what other job would you do?

A. Hmm. Probably something food related as I'm a real foodie! I love making it – and eating it too!



Q. What do you like about working in Ruddington?

A. I love the village feel and knowing lots of people. Rudd has such a great community spirit.

Q. What do you like to do in Rudd on your time off?

A. I enjoy going for a walk in the Country Park then having lunch at one of our great pubs.



Q. What do you think is the secret to your success?

A. Treating people well is so important in this industry. People's lives are so hectic and I just want my clients to enjoy their experience in the salon, sometimes chatting and listening, and sometimes laughing together.

Q. What advice would you give to a young person who wants to get into the business?

A. Take your time to listen to your clients!

Q. Any quick beauty tips you'll be happy to share?

A. Even if you don't wear make-up, take time to keep your eyebrows neat. This will open up your eyes, making you look fresher.

Q. Any funny stories you'd like to share with us?

A. So many funny stories but we're big on client confidentiality. What goes on in the salon stays in the salon!

Natasha is currently on the look-out for a talented beauty therapist to join the team. If you're interested, contact the salon on 0115 874 9224.

Good luck with your new venture, Natasha!

Councillor Sarah Godfrey

## Making gooseberry jam?

Why not jazz up your usual recipe by adding 6 heads of elderflower per 6lbs of gooseberries? Both should still be readily available during July.

The elderflower heads will need washing and putting in muslin before being cooked with the gooseberries. After cooking, remove the elderflowers and squeeze them out before adding sugar.

You'll find the result more fragrant and a little sweeter than a standard gooseberry jam. Happy cooking!

Allen Wood

## Dogs Trust classes at Rushcliffe Country Park

Good news for dog owners – the Dogs Trust Dog School Nottinghamshire is set to offer classes at Rushcliffe Country Park.

Starting in July, the training courses are for dogs and puppies. One-to-one training is also available.

The courses focus on helping your pet to fit seamlessly into your life, including sitting, walking nicely on the lead and recall training.



The lessons also focus on behaviour in everyday situations, such as encountering other dogs, crossing the street and settling when you're busy, as well as giving you advice on how to react if things don't go as planned.

Call 0115 855 9372 to book your dog on to Dog School Classes or email [nottsdogschool@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:nottsdogschool@dogstrust.org.uk).

Kay Garrett

## Ruddington Fun resources



When Ruddington Fun was formed in 2011, we were very lucky to receive financial support from various organisations. This enabled us to buy resources which, along with the support of venue hire from the Parish Council, meant we could provide FREE holiday activities for 7 years.

For various reasons, the voluntary group disbanded earlier this year. However, we decided that the resources should continue to benefit the community.

To date, various items have been used or borrowed by the Twinning Association; residents who organised a Royal Wedding Street Party; local Scouts, Cubs and Beavers groups; the recent Open Gardens event; and the churches.

The list of resources available is very diverse. So if you're organising a community event, please contact us at [ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com](mailto:ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com) to see if we have anything you could borrow.

Barbara Breakwell and the Ruddington Fun Team

## Your local police force needs YOU!

Nottinghamshire Police are on the hunt for more men and women to join the Force as volunteer police officers, known as Special Constables.



Special Constables are fully trained and warranted officers who perform the same duties, wear the same uniform and have the same powers in law as their full-time "regular" counterparts. In Nottinghamshire. Specials perform a wide range of duties including forming part of dedicated Neighbourhood and Response Teams, as well as forming part of specialist teams which include Public Protection, Rural and Wildlife Crime, Operational Support, Corporate Communication, Operational Planning and more.

Specials come from all walks of life and bring with them an array of skills and experiences which complement those of the Force's full-time workforce.

The Force is hoping to receive applications from those who want to give something back to their

community whilst enjoying the role of a Special Constable alongside their existing careers.

So if you want to establish a challenging and rewarding chapter in your life, or if you're retired and want to simply give something back, there's never been a better time than now to consider signing up as a Special Constable.

Or if you know a colleague, family member or friend who'd make a good Special Constable, please do encourage them to apply! Recruitment closes on Friday 6th July 2018. To find out more, visit [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/specials](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/specials).



## The Great Get Together

On Saturday 23rd June, Ruddington took part in The Great Get Together once again. The picnic on The Green was a great success with over 100 people attending, sharing fun and food in the sun.

John Hallam brought two tractors which were a big attraction. Children (and parents) were allowed to sit on them and Charlie John (pictured right) of Woodhouse Gardens was the



lucky winner of a free tractor ride around the village.

The Tea Party at St Peter's Rooms was wonderful. Over 50 of our more senior villagers enjoyed a lovely afternoon of tea and cakes which were provided by the WI and other



local residents, too numerous to mention.

First rate entertainment was supplied by local trio, Songs4U, who sang many familiar tunes, old and new. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped to make these events so successful.

Councillor Paul Reedman



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