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Remembrance services 2018

On Sunday 11th November, the Royal British Legion will hold a Parade and Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Church Street. Weather



permitting, the parade of local organisations will march to the War Memorial before the service.

The service starts at 10:45am and will include prayers, hymns and the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial. The Last Post will be played at 11am, followed by two

minutes' silence. Afterwards, a Remembrance Service will take place inside St Peter's Church.

As 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, this year's services are expected to be unusually busy. Members of the public who are driving to the service are asked to park considerately and arrive in plenty of time as road closures will be in place for the duration of the events.

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Join the 2018 Poppy Challenge

As this is a special year for the Royal British Legion, commemorating 100 years since the end of World War I, Ruddington Royal British Legion are running "The Poppy Challenge." We're inviting everyone to join in the fun, whilst raising much-needed funds for the annual Poppy Appeal.



The Poppy Challenge invites you to submit as many entries as you like in any of the three categories: painting, drawing and baking. So dust off your paint brushes, sharpen your pencils, or put your pinny on and get baking!

The baking challenge comes first and will be judged on Sunday 4th November at St Peter's Church, where coffee and cake will be served. The following week, on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, all entries to the painting and drawing competitions will be displayed in the church and judged.

Our judges include Mr Ken Hicks, Chairman of The Royal British Legion;

Mr Malcolm Greenberry, former Military Master Chef; and Rev. Andrew Buchanan, Vicar of St Peter's Church.

Here are the Poppy Challenge details:

Entries cost £1 for children and £3 for adults. There are two children's classes in each category: 11 years and below, and 12 to 17 years.

Baking: Bake a poppy seed cake. Bring your cake to St Peter's Church in time for Café Church by 10:45am on Sunday 4th November for judging, and please stay for breakfast! We'll announce the winners at the end of morning service, when coffee and cake will be served.

Painting & drawing: Create a picture which includes a poppy. Entries must be A4-sized (210 × 297mm) and must be your own work! Please take your entries to Perkins Hardware on High Street before 12 noon on Saturday 10th November. You can collect your entries from Perkins from Monday 12th November.

About the British Legion

The British Legion is a very friendly club and we'd love you to come along to our events. Guests and new members will get a warm welcome. There'll be a family Christmas film night with seasonal pre-show snacks on Saturday 15th December, held in St Peter's Rooms. Tickets are £10 and will be available from Perkins Hardware.

Louise Mote

Christmas Fayre returns to Rudd

Ruddington's popular Christmas Fayre will make a welcome return to our village on Saturday 1st December. Taking place from 12 noon to 5pm, the event will boast a wide range of stalls offering delicious seasonal food and drink, Christmas gifts and decorations, and much more!

As usual, the High Street will be closed to traffic to make way for outdoor stalls, with additional stalls set up in the marquee area at The White Horse Inn on Church Street. Indoor stalls will be set up in St Peter's Church and St Peter's Rooms.

In the event of bad weather, some of the outdoor stalls will relocate to The Hermitage on Wilford Road. The Methodist Church on Church Street will also be taking part and hosting its own indoor stalls. In addition to stalls, there'll be kids' activities in St Peter's Church, choirs singing and bell-ringing taking place.

As always, Santa will be on hand with presents for the children and the event will culminate in a tree-lighting ceremony in St Peter's Churchyard, followed by festive carol-singing. A new "treasure hunt" to symbolise what we really want for Christmas, will be held in St Peter's Church grounds, and the Framework Knitters Museum

on Chapel Street will be holding their popular "A Dickensian Christmas" event, offering stalls, refreshments and even more activities for all the family. Visit their website for more details.

Don't forget that Ruddington Loyalty Cards will be available to all residents and visitors that haven't yet picked theirs up from shops in the village. The retailers at the Fayre will be getting into the "Christmas Goodwill to All" mood with their brand new December offers!



Stalls have been booked quickly this year and there's limited availability remaining on the High Street and at the White Horse Inn on Church Street. Please email office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk or call into the Parish Council office for availability.

To keep up with the latest plans for the Christmas Fayre, search for 'Ruddington Events' on Twitter and Facebook and Like or Follow the pages.

Business Christmas window display competition

The Parish Council would like to invite all businesses to enter this free competition so that, once again, we can light up the village during the festive season.

As we like to tie this event into the Christmas Fayre, the closing date for entries is Friday 23rd November. Judging will take place during the week commencing Monday 3rd December, with prizes awarded for first, second and third places.

If you'd like to enter, please send your details by email to cllr.mp@hotmail.co.uk, or call into the Parish Council office in St. Peter's Rooms. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Councillor Marion Pell

Free music!

On the third Thursday of each month from 8pm to 11pm, there's a feast of music to be enjoyed at the Country Cottage over a glass of wine or a pint or two.

Organised by talented singer and guitarist Ron McSweeney, the mixture of performers comes with a mixture of styles: pop, folk, easy listening, blues...and a mixture of instruments: guitars, fiddles, accordions, ukuleles...

It's all very friendly and welcoming to new audience members and performers alike and it's free to attend (apart from the glass of wine or pint or two!).



The next date is Thursday 15th November. You can just turn up or contact Ron on 07850 770477 or by email at ruddifolkandblues@talktalk.net.

Kathy Powis

Coffee Morning a big success!

I'd like to thank everyone who came along and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning held at Shrimpton Court on Friday 28th September. My thanks also go to the people who gave raffle prizes and cakes for the stall. We had a lovely morning and raised the magnificent sum of £1,028. 50, all of which has been sent to Macmillan Cancer Relief. Thank you once again for supporting a worthwhile cause.

Christine Saxby

Praise the Lord with RDCS!

Want to enjoy and be inspired by some of the world's greatest music? If so, come along to Ruddington & District Choral Society's autumn concert – an evening of glorious and beautiful sacred choral music to enrich the soul.

The Choir, together with the Ruddington Chamber Ensemble and soloists from the University of Nottingham, will perform great works from the choral repertoire in their aptly-named “Laudate Dominum” (Praise the Lord) concert.

The concert, which will take place at St Peter's Church in Ruddington on Saturday 24th November from 7.30pm, will feature much-loved choral works by Mozart, Bach and Brahms.

These will be followed by the exquisite and hauntingly beautiful “Stabat Mater” by Rheinberger. The climax of the concert will be Schubert's “Mass in G Major” – one of the very great works of choral music.

And it doesn't end there! Supporting these choral gems will be well-known orchestral works by Mozart and Albinoni, performed by the Ruddington Chamber Ensemble.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear some of the world's greatest music performed by some of the best local singers and players. You can find more

information about the concert and how to get tickets at www.ruddingtonchoral.com or by calling 0115 921 1451.

Pat Beale

‘Gathering Places’ in Ruddington

Nottingham Concert Band marked its return to St Peter's Church in Ruddington on Saturday 20th October with ‘Gathering Places’, an evening of music reflecting special places and memorable moments.

Under Music Director Robert Parker, the band treated a full church to a programme which appealed to all ages. “Our inspiration sprang from a lovely arrangement of spirituals called ‘Gathering Places’, which led us to gather a huge diversity of pieces together,” explained Robert. “We really enjoyed the challenge of playing musical theatre and swing-time favourites alongside evocations of bustling cities and peaceful countryside, not to mention a couple of surprises which are best described as musical whimsy!”

The proceeds from “Gathering Places” are being donated to two charities nominated by St Peter's Church: Teso Development Trust and The Mustard Seed Project, which supports children in Uganda.

Founded in 1991, Nottingham Concert Band rehearses weekly in West

Bridgford. Enquiries about membership and concerts are always welcome: call Jill or Jeff on 01949 860 126, email music@nottinghamconcertband.org or visit www.nottinghamconcertband.org. The band also has an active Facebook page.

Jill O'Sullivan

Crime figures for Ruddington

For September, these were as follows:

- 5 x drive-offs from the petrol station
- 4 x incidents of criminal damage
- 2 x threats made to shop staff
- 2 x theft from shops
- 1 x hate crime
- 1 x phone contract fraud
- 1 x attempted computer fraud
- 1 x theft of mobile phone
- 1 x theft of items from a vehicle
- 1 x attempted theft of items
- 1 x theft of car by unknown means

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

Parking update

The September 2018 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 249 visits
- 305 observations
- 24 penalty charge notices

Got your new loyalty card yet?

The 'Ruddy Good Loyalty Card' was launched at the start of October and is already proving very popular!

At the time of writing, 28 outlets had signed up to the scheme – and all of them have committed to putting a special offer in place each month.



The Loyalty Card offers something for everyone, with participants ranging from pubs and restaurants, to shops, barbers and service providers.

So if you haven't picked up your card yet, what are you waiting for? Visit RUDDINGTON.info to find out the latest list of outlets and special offers.

Last chance to comment on parking restrictions

The closing date to make observations on the proposed parking restrictions in Ruddington is Wednesday 7th November. As many residents will be aware, Nottinghamshire County Council is proposing a range of measures with the aim of improving the current parking situation.

These are: making parking on Charles Street and Parkyns Street permit-only from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday; introducing double yellow lines on Shaw Street and Vicarage Lane; and adding disabled parking bays outside the War Memorial and Medical Centre on Church Street.

To make an observation, you can email it to tmconsultation@viaem.co.uk. Or, write to: Mrs Steph Walford, Via East Midlands Ltd, Major Projects and Improvements, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP.

Ruddington and Grenay united in Song

Ruddington Community Choir have just returned from their second trip to our twin town of Grenay in North Eastern France. They received a very warm welcome. The group enjoyed a tour of the town before performing in bright sunshine on Grenay's splendid new bandstand.

Without doubt, the highlight of the trip was the concert on the evening of Saturday 20th October at the Ronny Coutteure Concert Hall. The audience enjoyed a varied programme from Grenay's brass band, Harmonie de Grenay, followed by a dozen songs from Ruddington Community Choir under their leader, Bernie Bracha.

Their finale, a lively rendition of "Hot, Hot, Hot", received a standing ovation. Finally, the musicians and singers

joined together to deliver a Coldplay medley and "Les Choristes", a beautiful French song. The "after party" was a jubilant celebration and a lovely buffet was served. There was a wonderful atmosphere as everyone ate and drank together. A few of the French musicians played some rousing tunes, resulting in dancing and much laughter.



Gifts were exchanged on both sides and we thanked our hosts for their generous hospitality. Grenay's Mayor, Christian Champire, told their guests that, whatever the future holds, they'll always be welcome in Grenay.

A longer report on the trip will be available on the Parish Council website shortly.

New choir members are always welcome, so why not give it a try? We meet at the Methodist Church on Tuesday evenings from 8pm to 9.30pm. Please contact bernie@brachamusic.co.uk for more details.

Councillor Jill Reedman, Twinning Sub-Committee

Ruddington Diary

Thursday 1st November

Griswold Gang at the Framework Knitters Museum – 11am to 3pm. Don't be bored during half term! Join us in the Chapel Art Gallery for Halloween-themed crafts. Free but donations welcome. Refreshments available.

Sunday 4th November

New Style Café Church – 9.30am – 10.50am at St. Peter's Church, followed by Holy Communion for those wishing to stay. Come and join us for Café breakfast, alongside games, a short talk, discussion, with options for quiet reflection, prayer, drama, art, crafts, liturgical service and music. Something for everyone.

Ruddington Footpath Preservation Group – Edwalton via Golf Course to Tollerton and return. Meet on The Green at 2.15pm.

Monday 5th November

Ruddington Craft Group – Chocolate Making. St Peter's Rooms 10.00am – 12.00pm. £3.50 – tuition, materials and refreshments are included in the cost. Newcomers are welcome to come and learn a craft, experience or expertise are not essential.

Tuesday 6th November

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship – Chris Watkins – Fine Cell. 2.30pm. All are welcome.

Wednesday 7th November

History Society – 8pm St Peter's Rooms. A 'Visit' to Wilwell Farm Cutting Nature Reserve – Gordon Dyne. Visitor fee £2.50, this includes refreshments.

Friday 9th November

Friends of St Peter's (FOS) Fashion Show – from 7pm at St Peter's Junior School. £5 entry including a glass of wine. Clothes available to buy from top high street brands in sizes 8 to 22. Tickets available from the school office or email fos.stpeters@gmail.com. All monies raised will go to FOS.

Saturday 10th November

Wildlife Watch Group (8 to 13 year olds) at Rushcliffe Country Park – 11am to 1pm. 'A Day in the life of an Oak Tree' There's a place that's a habitat for thousands. Get back to nature and find out what the lives of our trees are really like. Meet at the Education Room. Members and non-members welcome. Suggested donation: £2. Please come dressed for the weather! Kids under 8 welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. For info, contact Geoff East on 07804 297 041 or at rushcliffewatch@nottswt.co.uk.

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.

Sunday 11th November

Parade & Service of Remembrance by the Royal British Legion and Remembrance Service at St Peter's Church. See front page.

Tuesday 13th November

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

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

Environment & Policy Committee Meeting

– at St Peter’s Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public, you can share your views on any agenda item.

Wednesday 14th November

W.I Meeting – “The Flower Pod” at St Peter’s Room, commencing 7.15pm.

Thursday 15th November

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 & 12.30pm. No appointment required.

Ruddington Folk & Blues Night – 8pm at The Country Cottage Hotel. A night of all styles and types of music and song to entertain you in this relaxing venue.

Friday 16th November

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 November

Ruddington Group RDA – Christmas Bazaar. St Peter’s Rooms, Ruddington. 10am till noon. Stalls include raffle, cakes, chocolate tombola, canine products, glass products, wooden items, bags, fancy goods, cheese and pickles plus more.

Monday 19th November

Ruddington Craft Group – Christmas Cracker. St Peter’s Rooms 10.00am – 12.00pm. £3.50. See 5th November.

Ruddington & District U3A Monthly Meeting– 2pm Ruddington Methodist Church. Guest speaker Roy Boyles ‘On this

Day’ plus time for notices, reports, discussion, questions and socialising. Please bring your membership card. For further details please email rudd_u3a@yahoo.com.

Tuesday 20th November

Methodist Church Women’s Fellowship – Jennie Woodford – Make a Christmas Decoration. 2.30pm. All are welcome.

Friday 23rd November

Annual Concert of The Friends of the Framework Knitters Museum – 2.30pm, The Old Chapel, Framework Knitters Museum. Selection of Country, American & Blues music by the ‘Cellotapes’ and join in with Nottingham Folk Tunes led by David & Dorothy Martin. Tickets £6, includes refreshments, available from the Museum or by phone on 0115 921 5253

Saturday 24th November

Ruddington & District Choral Society – 7.30pm at St Peter’s Church. ‘Laudate Dominum’ – Praise the Lord – concert also featuring Ruddington Chamber Ensemble & soloists from Nottingham University. For further details please visit www.ruddingtonchoral.com or phone 0115 9211451

Wednesday 28th November

Amenities Committee Meeting – at St Peter’s Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public, you can share your views on any agenda item.

Ruddington Gardeners’ Association – “Gardening for Wild Life” with Nigel Slater at The Hermitage. 7pm for 7.30pm.

Spiritual Light Centre at Framework Knitters Chapel. Every Sunday 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Divine Service with a visiting Medium. Healing during service. Refreshments afterwards.

Councillor resignations

Councillors Yvonne Lishman (Camelot Ward), Sarah Godfrey and Eddie Storr (both Manor Ward) have resigned from the Parish Council. All three said that their current work and family commitments make it impossible to fulfil the role of Councillor as they would like.

Chairman of the Council, Councillor Allen Wood, said 'I would like to thank Yvonne, Sarah and Eddie for their contributions whilst on the Parish Council.'

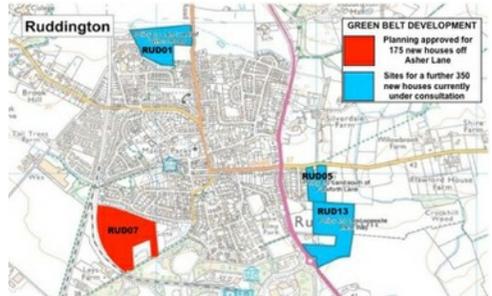
It's been confirmed that the vacancy on Camelot Ward and one of the vacancies in Manor Ward will be filled by co-option. The second vacancy in Manor Ward will go to election if at least 10 people in the Ward request one by 14th November, otherwise this will also be filled by co-option.

Hearing dates for Ruddington's Green Belt

The future of four of Ruddington's Green Belt sites will be discussed in Public Hearing Sessions starting from Tuesday 27th November at 9:30am. These will be led by the Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Expected to last around three weeks, the hearings will examine the details

of the Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2 to ascertain whether Green Belt sites earmarked for development are suitable. The Inspector has drawn up a list of questions relevant to each site.



The critical date for Ruddington will be Tuesday 4th December when the three sites marked in blue will be discussed. Most of the hearing sessions will take place at Rushcliffe Arena, although site visits are also likely to take place.

If you were thinking of attending the hearings, you can only contribute your opinion if you've previously made a representation around making changes to the Local Plan, and have registered your wish to appear. However, anyone can go along to watch the proceedings.

You can find out more about the Public Hearing Sessions and read background documents relating to the Local Plan by visiting the Planning and Building section of the Rushcliffe Borough Council website.

Musters Road access for Asher Lane rejected

In May 2018, planning permission was granted for 175 new homes to be built on land owned by Space Foods Ltd, south of Musters Road.

One of the most controversial aspects of the application was Space Foods' proposal to create an entrance to the new development by demolishing 75 Musters Road – which it also owns – and build an access road there.

However, this proposal was rejected at a Rushcliffe Planning meeting held on 10th October.

Explaining their decision, which may come as a relief to many residents, Rushcliffe Borough Council's Executive Manager for Communities, Dave Mitchell, said:

"The application was refused on grounds that the development would unacceptably impact on the amenities of the properties immediately adjacent to the site access point and in the wider area along Musters Road and Distillery Street by reason of increased noise and disturbance from vehicle movements associated with the development."

Space Foods has the right to appeal against the rejection, so there's still a chance the new access road could go ahead. If the decision stands, there

will be two access roads built to the south of Asher Lane.

These will require Asher Lane itself to be improved and upgraded, including new pavements and parking regulations. The developer will fund these changes as well as paying for the new access roads to be built.

I recognise that face!

Over the last few weeks, a programme called "Old People's Home for 4 year Olds" has been shown on Channel 4.

It was filmed at Lark Hill Retirement Village in Clifton and is an intergenerational research project between older people and 4 year olds. It follows the growing relationship between 10 children and 10 adults and gauges the impact on both groups.

One of the participants may have been familiar to the more established residents of our village.

Margaret Reynolds was a teacher at James Peacock for 15 years from 1977 to 1992.

She visited the school in June this year as part of its 50th birthday celebrations, and was thrilled to tell us she was going to be on television.

If you haven't seen this series, it's a delightful watch to catch up on.

Barbara Breakwell

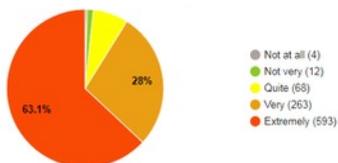
Neighbourhood Plan Policy Survey launches

This month sees the launch of the next phase of the Neighbourhood Plan process, as the team prepare to gather feedback on their 'emerging policies.' These are a distillation of the views of over 900 people and their priorities for Ruddington, following July's successful consultation.

The village centre proved to be the most important subject for respondents, closely followed by housing and development issues.

For example, over 60% felt that the village centre was an extremely important issue, with almost 90% feeling that a viable shopping area was a high priority.

How important is the village centre for Ruddington?



After analysing all the results and combining the data with technical studies carried out by planning partners, Urban Imprint, the team have produced a vision for Ruddington, a set of objectives, and a collection of policy aims and aspirations.

From Saturday 3rd November through to Saturday 15th December, the team will invite residents, workers and business owners to tell them what they think of these policy aims.

A community event will also be held at St Peter's Rooms on Saturday 10th November, from 10am to 2pm, where the team will be on hand to hear your views about their work so far. Once the survey closes, the team will take on board the feedback and begin to draft planning policies to meet the resulting aims, with the hope being to complete the full Neighbourhood Plan for public referendum in early to mid 2019.

The results of the last survey are available to view now at ruddingtonnp.org.uk/survey-results, and you can access the Policy Aims questionnaire from Saturday 3rd November at ruddingtonnp.org.uk/survey2, or in paper form from St Peter's Rooms. The policy document, which contains important background information, will be available from St Peter's Rooms or at the library. For more Neighbourhood Plan news, check out ruddingtonnp.org.uk, or follow 'ruddingtonnp' on Facebook and Twitter.

Councillor Mark Pinks

Trustees required at James Peacock School

James Peacock was born in Ruddington in 1585, leaving for London when he was 14 years old, where he became a highly successful leather merchant. He made an endowment in his will of a farmhouse in Ruddington to be used as a school for boys of the village and appointed Trustees to manage his legacy.

Today, James Peacock Educational Foundation continues this tradition as a Charitable Trust. Each child who lives in Ruddington is eligible, at the age of 11 years, to receive a gift from the Trust in the form of a Bible, calculator and dictionary. The Foundation can also assist young people (aged up to 25 years) of Ruddington who live in the village or whose parents are resident here, by way of a gift or grant for educational purposes (this does not include educational fees).

We now have a vacancy for a new Trustee. The Foundation welcomes applications from anyone in Ruddington who'd be interested in continuing the unique tradition established by James Peacock over 370 years ago in supporting the education of the children of the village.

No experience is necessary, but a desire to support and participate in

the future of the children of Ruddington is essential.

All Trustees have equal status, with the positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer being undertaken on a voluntary basis. The Trustees meet three times a year.

If you'd like to apply to become a Trustee, please send a statement outlining why you'd like to be considered for the position to Kate Robertson (Secretary) at katerober74@aol.com by Friday 30th November 2018.

Phone box gets a new coat

Eagle-eyed residents will have noticed our phone box on Church Street has been given a new coat of red paint.



The timing is good, as services to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice will take place on Sunday 11th November at the adjacent War Memorial, and we don't want the phone box to let our village down! It's great to see it restored to its usual smart appearance.

New security bollards

Residents and visitors to Ruddington will have no doubt noticed bags containing sand at the various entrances to Parish Council land. These were placed as a temporary measure to make it difficult for people to access the land without permission.



The sand will be replaced with retractable security bollards over the coming month to ensure access can be gained when required. Where possible, the bollards will be located behind gates to make sure they don't detract from the look of the village.

Footpath surfacing works and closure

Footpath Number 5 runs from the corner of Vicarage Lane play area down to the '50 steps' bridge. Nottinghamshire County Council's Highways provider, Via, are arranging works to the existing stone surface path which will upgrade it to a tarmac finish with a wider access triangle at the corner of the field. This will

hopefully resolve problems with mud and poor drainage.

The works will start on Monday 12th November and take around five days. Local residents have already been told there'll be a temporary closure to enable the works to be completed.

New name, same vision

In July this year, members of the Keyworth and Ruddington and West Bridgford Rotary Clubs agreed to come together to form a new club.

As a "new" club we have a new name and will in future be known as Rushcliffe Rotary. Club members will continue to give their time and skills in the service of the communities in which we live.

The new club is keen to hear from local community groups and individuals who might benefit from our support. The club offers bursaries, usually in the range of £25 to £200, although the total allocation distributed each year is limited.

Any individual or group considering an application should bear in mind the following guidelines:

The applicant(s) should ideally:

1. Be locally based or have a local connection
2. Be engaged in a project with a humanitarian or educational focus

3. Indicate the efforts they've made to raise funds

4. Be willing to report back to the club on project outcomes

The club is also keen to build its membership and would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to learn more about Rotary.

Applications for grants and requests for membership information should be sent to:

The Secretary, Rushcliffe Rotary, The Country Cottage Hotel, Easthorpe Street, Ruddington, NG11 6LA.

Kip Herrington

Help make a difference to Rushcliffe people

We need more Personal Assistants (PAs) in Rushcliffe to provide care and support to adults who struggle with daily tasks such as:

- Personal care
- Domestic care
- Shopping
- Leisure activities
- Social activities.

PAs play an important role in supporting the people they work for by helping them to live independently and remain in their home and community. They may support older people, people with mental health needs or physical and/or learning disabilities.

Anyone who's interested in this flexible and rewarding career can join our "Support with Confidence" scheme – an accredited list of PAs who've had free online training and background checks.

To find out more and apply to be a PA, please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/personal-assistants.

You can also call 0300 500 8080 or email nottshelpyourself@nottscg.gov.uk.

Julie Cuthbert, Notts County Council

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.

'I like it when the fair comes.' – Oliver, Year 6

'I go on the skate park at the Country Park.' – Olly, Year 5

'I like all the nice shops and the parks.' – Martha, Year 3

'There's always lots of traffic and lots of car accidents because it's so busy. I think the roads need to be changed.' – Michael, Year 3

'I like living here because it's a great community. There are lots of places to visit with friends. I like the library too.' – Lola, Year 6

Kay Garrett

The Centenary



Covered in mud, blood, sweat and tears.

Lads so very young in years.

Some so young that they shouldn't have been

Even witnessing those terrible scenes.

Let alone fighting in the trenches surrounded by death.

Watching comrades draw their last breath.

Giving everything they had to give.

Wondering if they are going to live.

Scared to death they fought the fight.

Death was within their sight.

Cholera, Trench Foot, a bullet...which was going to get them first?

Which could actually be the worst?

They gave their lives so that we may be free.

It is not just the injuries that we can see.

The missing limbs, the arms the legs, it is the trauma going on inside their heads.

With Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, flashbacks, night terrors to name but a few.

How are they ever going to forget what they went through?

Of all the things they had to do.

They won't, it will be with them until the end of their days.

They will then take it with them to their graves.

Pat Dring

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