

THE RUDD

“Amazing” support for our new Village Market

Organisers of our new Ruddington Village Market say they're “gobsmacked” by the number of both villagers and visitors from further afield who turned out for the inaugural event on Saturday 2nd February.

They estimate over 2,000 people braved the icy conditions to see what the new monthly market at The White Horse Inn had to offer.



A queue began to form even before the ribbon cutting at 9am for the official launch – with the first 10 punters claiming their free cotton carrier bag especially designed for the market (pictured on page 2).

The astonishing turnout meant that, within the first two hours, many of the food stalls had just about sold out – and had to rush in extra supplies where they could.

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Many visitors then continued their “Ruddy Good Day Out” in winter sunshine with a stroll down Church Street and High Street to visit our shops and cafés, too. RVCP Treasurer Stella Dickie, who’s leading the project, said: “I’m amazed, and couldn’t believe the queue at 9 o’clock this morning before Andy and I cut the ribbon! I expected peaks and troughs, but it was a steady flow right through, with many stall holders cleaned out before the end, so everyone’s been really happy.



“It complemented the village shops that we have – and all the stall holders complemented one another. I’ve also got a long list of people who couldn’t make it this time who’d like to come in March, and will get feedback from the stall holders who came this time.”

The market has been months in the planning by Stella and her dedicated team of volunteers – to ensure that it could attract a good range of traders able to provide the variety of produce,

food and crafts needed – and also be effectively promoted beforehand. After publicity via RUDDINGTON.info, setting up its own dedicated website and social media pages, and distributing thousands of flyers throughout the area, it seems everyone’s hard work has paid off!

White Horse landlord Andy Hunt had been thinking about using his premises for a Farmers’ Market for quite some time: “It’s far exceeded anything I would have been able to organise on my own,” admits Andy. “With the help of Stella and the RVCP committee it’s been fabulous, and I wouldn’t have been able to do it without them. When you put something on for this village they usually come out, but nobody expected the numbers that we got today. It was just phenomenal!

RVCP Chair Mike Ader said: “I’ve talked to most of the traders and they seem to be really, really thrilled – saying it’s one of the best markets they’ve been to – so we’re all delighted, and we can’t wait for the next one at the start of March. Thanks to all our residents, visitors, volunteers, stall holders and all the other people who’ve been involved in making it such a great success.”

The date for your diary for the NEXT Ruddington Village Market is Saturday 2nd March from 9am to 12:30pm.

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

Last chance to have your say on Localink

Ruddington residents have until Monday 4th March to comment on proposals to axe two popular Localink buses that serve our village. The L22 and L23 services are our only direct links to West Bridgford town centre, Gamston, Lady Bay and Clifton village, and also serve other local areas including Wilford, Silverdale and Clifton estate.

Nottingham City Council, which operates the Localink bus network, had previously announced that fares would be introduced on the services, which are currently free to use, from 31st March 2019. However, the Council has now gone a step further and is proposing that both the L22 and L23 be withdrawn altogether, along with several other Localink services, to help it find £22m of savings in 2019/2020.

Parts of the L22 and L23 route are covered by NCT 3 and 10 services, but less so since NCT withdrew off-peak and Sunday services for NCT 3 in January. However, there are several local areas that would no longer be accessible by bus from our village.

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor, Jean Greenwood, commented: "So many Ruddington people use this service to access Rushcliffe Borough Council

Contact Centre on Rectory Road, and call into the banks, as we no longer have any in Ruddington. They also use the service to get to Lings Bar (in Gamston) for medical treatment, and it brings people into Ruddington from Silverdale and Wilford, so it would be a great loss."

To comment on the City Council's proposals, please email pt.operations@nottinghamcity.gov.uk by Monday 4th March.

With thanks to Graham Wright and RUDDINGTON.info

Mini-Market at Ruddington Methodist Church

On Saturday 9th March from 10am to 12noon, the Methodist Church will be holding their first event of the year with a mini-sale and "bring-and-buy" (no jumble please!) alongside the regular Saturday coffee morning.



Everyone is welcome. No doubt the cake stall will be as popular as ever!

Kathy Powis

Ruddington Women's Institute

2019 is the 95th anniversary year for Ruddington Women's Institute (WI). We meet each month to hear interesting speakers on a variety of subjects. As part of our work in the village community, we also hold an annual Spring Fair. This year's Fair will take place on Saturday 6th April from 10am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. Admission is FREE!

Stalls will include cakes and preserves, plants, crafts, cards, and books and puzzles. There'll also be a raffle and children's activities with prizes. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits, soup and home-made bread will all be available. Come and join us!

Janet D. Stafford, Secretary

Annual Food Fair at James Peacock School & the Friends' 10th Anniversary Prize Draw

The doors of James Peacock School are being thrown open on Sunday 24th March from 11am to 2pm for our annual Food Fair.

This is run by the Friends of James Peacock School, with proceeds going towards buying things that enhance the children's education but aren't covered by the school's budget.

This is the 10th year the Friends of School have existed as a charity and over the last few years, we've raised

more than £10,000 a year for the school. We'd like to thank everyone who's helped us achieve these fantastic figures!

We'd LOVE to see as many people as possible at our 2019 Food Fair, whether or not you have children at the school. The Fair is growing year on year, with stalls where you can buy things to take home and also a Food Court so you can have lunch with us.

Stall holders attending so far include The Jam Lady with her sumptuous jams and chutneys, FABchocolats and The Nice Lolly Company (who also provide vegan options), Freshly Spiced with their fantastic array of herbs and spices, and Brocklebys with their award-winning pies which are perfect for freezing and sold out very quickly at the first Ruddington market!

Also at the Fair will be our very own Ruddington Village Butcher selling meats and cheeses, The Old Bakehouse supplying delicious cakes, The Black Cat Café with sausage rolls, scotch eggs and pastries (including vegan options) and Sweetie Boutique with all kinds of confectionery.

These local stalls will enable people who can't make it to these shops in the week try out what they have to offer!

Food options available for immediate consumption at our Food Court will

include a Caribbean BBQ, wood-fired pizzas, crepes and pancakes, popcorn and candy floss as well as our local Split Screen Coffee campervan.

There'll also be a licensed bar with prosecco and beer for the adults!

Crafts and activities on offer will include badge-making and a bouncy castle (weather permitting), thanks to Clifton Castles, and the opportunity to have a henna or glitter tattoo.

The Friends of School will be selling tickets for our infamous Wheelbarrow of Wine, as well as the 10th Anniversary Prize Draw, with a chance to win a range of fantastic prizes.

Both will be drawn at the event. We'll also be selling raffle tickets in the Co-op on Saturday 16th March between 10am and 12 noon.

Entry to the Food Fair is £1 for adults and free for children; a great opportunity to check out the school if you're a parent of a pre-schooler in the area!

Keep an eye out for posters in the village and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on the day.

If you're interested in attending as a stallholder, please email fip.committee@yahoo.co.uk.

Gwen, Liz & Sam

Ruddington Rhythm – just for you

What used to be Ruddington Folk & Blues has changed its name to better reflect all the different styles of music and song that are performed every third Thursday by local talent at The Cottage Hotel on Easthorpe Street.



Organiser Ron McSweeney explains: “I have been considering a change of name for several months. I realised that some people were ‘put off’ attending as audience members by ‘Folk & Blues’ conveying a narrow area of music.

“We always had a wide range of styles and genres so the name now reflects the diverse music that is performed.”

Our next event is on Thursday 21st March, so come along from 8pm and enjoy the music and fun – you could even win a raffle prize!

Ron Sweeney & Graham Wright

Art exhibition at James Peacock

James Peacock Infant & Nursery School held their very first art gallery event on Tuesday 12th February. Every child from Nursery to Year 2 produced an amazing piece of art with an animal theme. There were marbled dinosaurs, collaged mini-beasts, camouflaged pastel chameleons and a range of aboriginal animals.

All the artwork was then sent off to be professionally framed and parents and carers were invited to see the work displayed in the school hall and purchase both originals and copies. The children were so proud to see their artwork displayed and loved showing the adults around!

With over two thirds of the creations sold, the funds raised have been split between the Mustard Seed Project and the Friends of James Peacock School.

Sally Squires, from the The Mustard Seed Project, thanked parents and carers for their support and said the money raised will provide a half term's supply of porridge for the Tisai children in Uganda.

Mrs Fowlie

Pupil Parliament

In January, Liz Horridge, a Teaching Assistant at James Peacock School, attended a UK Parliament Teachers'

Institute course, which lasted three days. Pete Dudgeon, teacher at West Bridgford Junior School, and Dan Rhodes, former Headteacher at Bunny School, also attended.

All three were taking the course on behalf of the Rushcliffe Learning Alliance Pupil Parliament and their own School Councils.

During their time in London, they met several members of the House of Commons including John Bercow and the Door Keeper, Sarah Binstead-Chapman. They also gained a first-hand experience of the workings of Parliament.



Their aim is to take back lots of fab ideas from Westminster, and the trio are already planning to take around 66 Pupil Parliament representatives for a visit to the Houses of Parliament in May to help "inspire the next generation of history makers".

Barbara Breakwell

Parish Councillors back at Councillor surgeries

Representatives from the Borough and County Councils hold regular surgeries in Ruddington so residents can raise and discuss local issues that they're concerned about. In the past, these surgeries were also attended by one or more Parish Councillors, but this practice came to an end some time ago.

However, it has now been agreed that the Parish Council will again be represented. Leo Lanzoni, Councillor for Manor Ward, attended the most recent surgery and a rota is now being drawn up to cover future dates. Look out for more information in the next edition of The Rudd, or contact the Parish Council office for details.

Could YOU be a councillor?

If you're interested in standing as a Parish or Borough Councillor, you have from Monday 18th March to Wednesday 3rd April at 4pm to submit your nomination pack to the Returning Officer. Nomination packs were made available in late February. If more candidates wish to stand than there are seats available, elections will take place on Thursday 2nd May.

For more information about the 2019 elections for Parish and Borough Councillors, please visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/elections/elections2019.

To find out what's involved in being a Parish or Borough Councillor and the areas of responsibility involved, please visit www.beacouncillor.co.uk.

Parking update

The January 2019 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 326 visits
- 272 observations
- 27 penalty charge notices

Crime figures for Ruddington

For January, these were as follow:

- 3 x criminal damage
- 10 x theft from a motor vehicle
- 1 x burglary from a shop
- 1 x theft from a shop
- 1 x theft from a person in a shop
- 1 x fraud
- 1 x forgery (fake £10 note)
- 3 x drive-offs from the petrol station
- 3 x theft of vehicle

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

We will remember them WW1 Casualties this month 100 years ago

23rd MARCH 1919

Private **Samuel Sharpe** 1st Garrison Battn. Fleet Lincolnshire Reg.

Ruddington Diary

Community events & activities

Saturday 2nd March

Ruddington Village Market - 9:30am to 12:30pm at The White Horse Inn. Stalls offering quality crafts, produce and provisions to take away. Performances from local talent and much more. Bring your Ruddy Good Loyalty Card!

Sunday 3rd March

Café Church - First Sunday of the month - 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 Baptist Breakfast Church - First Sunday of the month - 10.30am St Peter's Rooms. Meet and enjoy croissants and drinks before doing activities together. For more information, visit www.ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk.

Ruddington Footpath Preservation Group - East Leake Circular Via West Leake Meet on The Green at 2.15pm.

Monday 4th March

Ruddington Craft Group - Waterfall Cards. St Peter's Rooms 10.00am - 12.00pm. Tuition, materials and refreshments are included in the £3.50 cost. You may like to bring your own basic equipment such as pencil, ruler, colouring pencils and scissors. Newcomers are welcome to come and learn a craft, experience or expertise is not essential. We participate in a variety of crafts.

Tuesday 5th March

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - topic TBC. 2.30pm, all are welcome.

Saturday 9th March

Mini-Market at the Methodist Church - 10am to 12 noon. Mini-sale, cake stall and "bring-and-buy" (NB no jumble please!) alongside the regular Saturday coffee morning. Cake stall. Everyone is welcome.

Wildlife Watch Group (8 to 13 year olds) - 'Science in the Park'. Join us at Wollaton Park from 11am until 4pm. Members and non-members welcome. Suggested donation: £2/3 per session. 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.

Councillor surgery

Saturday 9th March

County & Borough Councillors' Surgery - 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Borough and County Councillors about local issues. A Parish Councillor will usually also be present.

Tuesday 12th March

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 13th March

W.I. Meeting - "150 Years of Primary Education" - Michael Dix, at St Peter's Rooms, commencing 7.15pm.

Friday 15th March

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

Monday 18th March

Ruddington Craft Group - Easter Crafts. St Peter's Rooms 10.00am - 12.00pm. Tuition, materials and refreshments are included in the £3.50 cost. You may like to bring your own basic equipment such as pencil, ruler, colouring pencils and scissors. Newcomers are welcome to come and learn a craft, experience or expertise is not essential. We participate in a variety of crafts.

Ruddington & District U3A Monthly Meeting - 2pm Ruddington Methodist Church. Guest Speaker Howard Broughton "Preservation of Barn Owls" plus time for notices, reports, discussion, questions and socialising. Please bring your membership card. For further details or information on how to join please email rudd_u3a@yahoo.com.

Tuesday 19th March

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - Radio Nottingham. 2.30pm, all are welcome.

Thursday 21st March

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

Ruddington Rhythm - 8pm at The Cottage Hotel, Easthorpe Street. All styles of music and song to tap your foot to or sing along with. Come and join our regular audience, you may win a raffle prize!

Sunday 24th March

'Bubbles' - 10.30am at St Peter's Rooms. Group for the under 5s provided by Ruddington Baptist Church, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Play area, singing, bible stories, craft and a little lunch for the children. For more information call 0115 984 3523.

James Peacock School Food Fair & Friends of JPS 10th Anniversary Prize Draw - 11am to 2pm. See article for details.

Wednesday 27th March

Ruddington Gardeners' Association - "Bombs to Butterflies: Rushcliffe Country Park" with Jean Gray at The Hermitage. 7pm for 7.30pm

Ruddington Baptist Church at St Peter's Rooms **Every Sunday 10.30am**. An opportunity to worship, pray and explore what God is saying to us together.

Parish Council meetings

Tuesday 12th March

Parish Council 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 27th March

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.

Meet our new Parish Councillor

Chandler Pax Wilson was co-opted to the Parish Council in December 2018 and now represents Camelot Ward. Together with our other new councillors, Leo Lanzoni and Gavin Walker, (both Manor Ward), we'd like to welcome Chandler on board. (We featured Leo in the January edition and introduced Gavin in February.)



“I moved to Ruddington when I was 5, where I started attending James Peacock School and eventually moved on to St Peter’s,” says Chandler. “I was a part of the Ruddington Colts when I was younger and helped out at Friends of St Peter’s School events. I’ve also served as a Member of Youth Parliament, representing young disabled people throughout Nottinghamshire.

Adds Chandler: “I spend most of my time campaigning and my activities include being Midlands Coordinator and Youth Officer for United Patients’ Alliance, Co-Chair of the LGBTIQ+ Greens and Nottingham Green Party Campaign Officer. I’m also involved in the ‘Living on Anti-fracking Camps’ initiatives at Clay Cross, Preston New Toad and Kirby Misperton. I like to think I’m able to offer support and help to any cause for social and/or climate justice.”

Describing their local issues of interest, Chandler says: “I’m interested in anything related to green and social justice, from my concerns around the proposed new housing and the effects on our infrastructure and protecting undeveloped land, to making the village more accessible for those with accessibility requirements.

“Making sure that young people in Ruddington have appropriate youth services is something I’ve been pushing for over the past two years. Young people are our future and Youth Clubs offer a safe environment for young people to be themselves and grow.

“One of the things I pride myself on is supporting those who may have their voices overlooked, or who simply aren’t listened to, to have a voice – even if I don’t agree with their views –

to help make sure our society is truly democratic.

“As someone who lives with a chronic illness, air pollution is often a huge concern of mine. I wear a pollution filtering mask due to Nottingham having one the worst air qualities in Britain. I'd love to see Ruddington reducing the number of cars used in the village as well as taking other steps to help make sure our air is safe for everyone.”

You can contact Chandler through the Parish Council Office.

Breathe Easy respiratory exercise classes

Do you suffer from a lung condition? Then you could benefit from the Breathe Easy respiratory exercise classes held twice a week at the Sir Julien Cahn Pavilion in West Park, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford.

Led by Gareth Dixon, a British Lung Foundation-qualified Personal Trainer, the sessions aim to help people with respiratory conditions reduce breathlessness and boost their energy levels in a friendly, relaxed and supportive environment. The exercises are tailored to individual abilities and levels of lung disease, with seated or standing options available.

David, a participant, said: “I really look forward to these social and motivating

classes which always make me feel great and set me up for the rest of the week. My level of fitness has improved dramatically since joining these wonderful classes.”

The sessions are sponsored by the Breathe Easy Nottingham Group and cost just £5 per visit. There's free parking onsite or you can take the NCT 10 bus from Ruddington to West Park. Classes are held on Mondays from 12 noon to 1pm and Wednesdays from 10:30am to 11:30am.

To find out more, contact Gareth on 07766 399 580 or email garethdixon55@gmail.com.

Loyalty Card March offers

Are you using your Ruddy Good Loyalty Card regularly? If not, you're missing out on fantastic monthly offers from participating retailers and outlets.

Like last month, some of these can be snapped up at Ruddington Village Market, which will take place at The White Horse Inn on Saturday 2nd March.

You can find full details of stall-holders attending the market at www.ruddingtonvillagemarket.co.uk and info on all the Ruddy Good Loyalty Card outlets at www.RUDDINGTON.info. Or, just scan the QR code on the back of your card for the latest offers.

Safer route into Rudd

Since the houses on the former site of Cooper and Roe on Pasture Lane were built, residents living in this part of Ruddington have only had one pedestrian access route to the village centre. This involved using the footpath over the old railway bridge on Clifton Road.

Residents have continually expressed concern about the footpath's narrowness, lack of gritting in the winter and the proximity of road traffic.



A few weeks ago, work began to create a “safer route” at ground level from Cooper Gardens across the old railway bed and exiting onto Old Station Drive. The combined cycle / pedestrian path is rapidly taking shape and should be completed in the not too distant future.

Barbara Breakwell & Kay Garrett

Ruddington & District U3A

A year ago in March 2018, 100 retired and semi-retired local residents attended an information meeting about starting a U3A (The University of the Third Age) in Ruddington.

The aim of this new venture in the village is “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 launch meeting, a small group volunteered to form a Steering Group to plan the inaugural meeting of the Ruddington & District U3A, which took place in May 2018. Since then, the U3A has gone from strength to strength and the monthly meetings, which are held at 2pm on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Methodist Church, are well-attended and the list of interest groups and the number of members is increasing monthly.

Members and potential members can find details by:

- Visiting our website at www.u3asites.org.uk/ruddington
- Liking our Facebook page at “U3A Ruddington and District”
- Emailing rudd_u3a@yahoo.com

Barbara Breakwell

Looking for a Nursery?

In Sept 1967, the James Peacock County Infants' School opened in Manor Park. Any children under 5 at that time attended either a playgroup in the village or Ruddington Nursery, which was located on Clifton Road, near the junction with Wilford Road.

In September 1978, a Nursery was opened at the school and it was renamed the James Peacock Infant and Nursery School. For the last 40 years, it has provided pre-school education and is still as popular as ever. The Headteacher, Mr Waldron, extends the following message to parents and carers of children approaching their third birthday.

“Are you looking for nursery provision for September 2019? James Peacock can currently offer fully-funded provision, either mornings from 8.30am to 11.30am or afternoons from 12.30pm to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. We can also offer an additional 15 hours as part of the 30 hours' funded entitlement.”

For more information, please contact the school on 0115 914 4225.

Barbara Breakwell

Community Lunch

A few weeks ago, The White Horse Inn on Church Street started a new venture: a weekly Community Lunch.

Landlord Andy Hunt explains: “We want to give something back to our community whilst providing opportunities to be sociable. We hope the numbers attending continue to grow and we can offer some free lunches, probably one in the summer and one nearer Christmas.



“Our Community Lunches are for anyone and everyone, and are available between 12 noon and 3pm every Monday. We want people to come and enjoy a lunch, and then a tea or coffee afterwards, all for just £5.

“We’d love to get to the point where these lunches are bustling with people from Ruddington and the surrounding villages.

“The dishes on offer will change weekly and will include fish and chips, sausage and mash, stew and dumplings, and pie, mash and greens. We’ll be putting some lighter dishes on the menu in the warmer months.”

Why not pop along next time you’re free on a Monday lunchtime?

Barbara Breakwell

Meet the Dog Groomers

The Groom Inn, 12 Church Street

Despite Ruddington still holding on to its village status, it certainly has more than its fair share of entertainment and characterful daily goings-on, as any local will verify.

Philo's has one of the best central spots for people-watching, best achieved within the "Cosmopolitan" window, as I call it. One sunny afternoon, perched on my Cosmo-chair and all ready for some classic people-watching, my gaze turned to the sunlit window opposite.

There before me was the happiest dog face I have ever seen. A beautiful white pooch stood under a glamorous chandelier, soaking up the spring sun, living the best life...and having a pedicure.



I was dog-watching. Well technically, I was people watching too as the dog groomer – a person – was giving this

dog absolute love and care throughout the process.

Once again, Ruddington hadn't failed me. It was so cosmopolitan, I could have been in chic Greenwich Village, NYC!

I was curious, so I popped into The Groom Inn to ask some questions and to find out more.

Angela Millet and Heidi Swaithe co-run the new professional dog grooming business in Ruddington. Angela tells me the white dog is a rescue called Donald. He arrived shaking, but it wasn't long before the team had Donald in the happy place that I saw him in.

I wasn't surprised as the Groom Inn had everything a person could wish for, never mind a dog. Jacuzzis, Himalayan bath salts, even a well-upholstered cuddle chair! Best of all, the Groom Inn has a team who clearly love working there.

Q: How did you get into this line of business?

H: I worked in the cosmetic surgery industry and lived abroad. After a family illness, I re-evaluated my life and returned home. I realised my passion and set up shop in my back garden and it took off from there. My business grew and grew, which is why we're here today. If you'd told me seven years ago I would have one dog, never

mind seven, and I was doing this, I'd have never believed you! I absolutely love it. Angela worked in the pharmaceutical business and wanted a change of direction, too.

Q: Why did you set up shop in Ruddington?

A: Ruddington is a very dog-friendly village; people love their animals here. We have the Country Park for walking and the village is a great place to work. I've known it now for over 28 years.

Q: Do you have a speciality treatment? What are you best known for?

H: Our Jacuzzi is a real treat for our visitors. It provides a deep clean and is great for our elderly clients. We're known for being able to calm even the most nervous dog (we have a lot of rescue dogs). We offer one-to-one sessions for those who want absolute quiet time. We have some super characters that come through and we become great friends. We love seeing our local legend, Bobby, who gets around on three legs. We also groom German Shepherds, which is great fun, but messy!

Q: You have a great Facebook following, why do you think that is?

H: We really love our visitors and you can see how happy they are to be here. Our "before and after" pics show their transformation. Some of our customers travel quite some way to

come here because they like it. We celebrate their characters and dedicate our posts to them.

Q: What do you like to do whilst you're here in the village?

A: I love Jaspers Café and The Grange, and Julia's Kitchen is great. Thomas James sold my house very quickly!

H: And the charity shops are brilliant.

Thank you Groom Inn, what a joy it was to speak to you!



The Groom Inn provides work placements to college students who wish to work with animals. If this of interest, please contact Heidi or Angela.

Sarah Godfrey

Memories of Chapel Street

An oral history project from the Framework Knitters Museum

As we approach our 50th anniversary in 2020, the Framework Knitters Museum is collecting memories of Chapel Street from current and former Ruddington residents. Did you dance at the Starlight Rooms? Ever seen in the New Year in the White Horse Inn? Perhaps you remember the knitters' yard before it became a museum. If you have a special memory of Chapel Street, we'd love to hear it.



In our 50 years here, we've seen this small road change a great deal. We've said goodbye to the bakery and hello to new neighbours, and we've welcomed thousands of visitors.

Now, we'd like to know more about the community that made up this corner of Ruddington. With generous support from the Co-op Local Community Fund, we'll be recording these personal stories of Chapel Street to share with museum visitors and local people.

If you have memories, stories, images or objects relating to Chapel Street, please contact the museum's manager and curator, Jim Grevatte, at jim.grevatte@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk or on 0115 984 6914.

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