

RUDDINGTON DIARY

Sunday 1st August

The Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park invite you to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes from 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Education Room (by the lake) at Rushcliffe Country Park.

Footpath Walk - Flawford Churchyard / Mill Lane / Bradmore return. Meet 2.30 The Green

Monday 2nd August

Hermitage Pre-school Summer Playgroup for 0 - 5 year olds. 10am to 11.30am at the Hermitage - £1 per session.

Space Hop Reading Challenge and activities for 5 - 9 year olds at the library from 2.30pm to 3.15pm - free of charge but you need to call at the library to book a place.

Tuesday 3rd August

Parish Council Planning Meeting to be held at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street, 7.00pm.

Wednesday 4th August

Safer Neighbourhoods - Meet with your local officers to discuss issues in your local area - outside the Co-op 10am - 11am.

Friday 6th August

Cheerleading - from 10 to 12 noon for age 7+. Limited spaces, £2 per session - email ruddsummer@virginmedia.com for details.

Monday 9th August

Hermitage Pre-school Summer Playgroup for 0 - 5 year olds. 10am to 11.30am at the Hermitage - £1 per session.

Multi-sports - from 2pm to 4m for ages 5 - 12 years. Limited spaces, £2 per session - email ruddsummer@virginmedia.com for details.

Tuesday 10th August

Space Hop Reading Challenge - see 2nd August for details.

Wednesday 11th August

Surestart activities for under 5's (older siblings welcome) at the Jubilee Clubhouse, Loughborough Road from 10am to 12 noon - free of charge and no need to book a place but children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

"Indian Cookery Demonstration" -

Ruddington WI presents a talk and demonstration by Mrs Chandan Patel at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street starting 7.15pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Thursday 12th August

"What no Wii?" - A chance to meet Ethel Swann and try some of her traditional games/activities and also to visit the Village Museum for FREE. All ages welcome. St. Peter's Rooms between 2pm and 4pm.

Ruddington Ladies' Probos - Summer Lunch for members & their guests.

Saturday 14th August

Midsummer "Phoenix" Road Transport Collection rally - Great Central Railway, Mere Way - See www.gcrn.co.uk for details.

Monday 16th August

Hermitage Pre-school Summer Playgroup for 0 - 5 year olds. 10am to 11.30am at the Hermitage - £1 per session.

Tuesday 17th August

Parish Council Planning Meeting to be held at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street starting at 7.00pm (This meeting to be confirmed)

Friday 20th August

Safer Neighbourhoods - Meet with your local officers to discuss issues in your local area - around the High Street shops between 10.00am and 11.00am.

Saturday 21st August

Model Railway Show - Saturday and Sunday at the Great Central Railway, Mere Way.

Monday 23rd August

Hermitage Pre-school Summer Playgroup for 0 - 5 year olds. 10am to 11.30am at the Hermitage - £1 per session.

Tuesday 24th August

Surestart activities for under 5's (older siblings welcome) at the Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon - free of charge but children must be accompanied.

Friday 27th August

Fun Afternoon - A variety of activities at the Young People's Centre on The Green, between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. All ages welcome.

Tuesday 31st August

Multi-Sports for 5 - 12 year olds at James Peacock School from 9.45am to 2.45pm - £10 per session but you need to book a place. Contact The Sports Development Team at 12 Robinson Gardens, Clifton, Nottm NG11 8R

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Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

HIGH HOPES FOR HIGH STREET

See the plans on the inside pages

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that Nottinghamshire County Council is improving the look of the High Street. County Councillor Reg Adair introduced members of the Local Improvement Scheme Team to those present at a meeting of the Parish Council in June. Sue Jaques of the LIS presented the plans and confirmed that the improvements would involve block paving both sides of High Street from the junction with Easthorpe Street to Kirk Lane on the east side (including up to the end of the Bricklayer's Arms building on Kirk Lane) and from the junction with Church Street through to the corner of Parkyns Street on the west side. The paving will be done in two colour-ways, one for the main walking area and one which will outline the original shop frontages. In addition to the block paving, it is intended that new street furniture will be provided, including bollards and bins.

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RUDDINGTON OLYMPIAN

Earlier this year a Ruddington resident, Penny Coomes, along with her partner, Nicholas Buckland who comes from Wilford, competed in the Winter Olympics in Vancouver as Figure Skaters. They finished a very credible 20th overall. After the event, an unprecedented review was held after the audience booed the judges for not scoring their Irish Dance Routine highly enough.

The couple have been skating together since 2005 and spend time in America where they are training with Evgeni Platov, himself a two times Olympic Champion and when in Nottingham they train at the National Ice Centre. With costumes up to £800 a time securing financial support is an ongoing task. Luckily some help is



close at hand as Penny and Nicholas have her stepfather, Philip, who coaches them and choreographs their dance routines. Penny's mum Jane, is very proud of her daughter but does wonder where the talent comes from as she also has a son who is an elite gymnast and a daughter who aspires to be a footballer! We wish Penny and Nicholas continuing success.

The plan for work to High Street which appears here in the Newsletter can be downloaded from the HOME page of the website

of contact details and send us your comments on this subject.

Dans L'attente de votre réponse.

SUMMER FUN IN RUDDINGTON

A range of activities for all ages has been organised for this summer and children from St. Peter's and James Peacock Schools were given a programme of events to take home. You can also see brief details of some of these events in the Diary on the back page or by visiting the Parish Council website. For more information email Barbara Breakwell on ruddsummer@virginmedia.com



This programme of activities for Ruddington has been made possible due to the support of: Sure Start Children's Centres, us2gether, West Bridgford, Rushcliffe and Ruddington schools extended services, Ruddington Parish Council and a contribution from County Cllr. Reg Adair's Divisional Fund.

RUDDINGTON VILLAGE MUSEUM

The Ruddington Village Museum occupies part of St. Peter's Rooms, the former Ruddington Infant and Girls School. The Museum is run by a small group of enthusiastic volunteers who act as curators, conservators and guides. The collection has grown over the past 30 years by the acquisition of material of local significance.



Donations continue to be accepted to fill gaps in the collection. The permanent display explores Edwardian Ruddington through a series of reconstructed shops: Mick's Fish and Chip Shop, Cobbler, Ironmonger, Pharmacist and Toy Shop. There is also a schoolroom, telephone exchange and a collection of farm implements.

During August, the Village Museum will be open from Wednesday to Friday, 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Last admission 4.15pm.



Admission: Adult £1, concession 75p, children over 5yrs 50p

A LARGE PRINT COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE TO READ AT THE LIBRARY

Mystery photo: The original James Peacock "Ruddington Free School" bell tower – now Adlard Print – on Asher Lane.

at an awards ceremony immediately after. Thanks go to all staff for their efforts to make this a memorable occasion. For more information visit the Hermitage Pre-school website at www.thehermitagepreschool.co.uk

DISASTER RELIEF

The close links forged between The Rotary Club of Keyworth and Ruddington and The Ruddington Village Colts Football Club during the funding and construction of the Jubilee Clubhouse, and the involvement of the footballers with The Rotary Clubs Christmas float, have been further strengthened by the football club completing an "Aquabox" Aquaboxes are sent by Rotary to all the disasters that happen all over the world and form a major part of emergency relief. The boxes contain everyday essential items and tools and the box then acts as a water purifying vessel with the chemical tablets contained within it. Should any other organisation, club or group feel they would like to help in this humanitarian initiative which is called upon more and more year on year please contact Bill Biddulph of the Rotary Club on 0115 9745769.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the Middle Ages, around 250 people would have lived in Ruddington. At the time, farming was the main industry. From the 1770s onwards, framework knitting and other trades took over as the main sources of income for the area and, by 1900 the population had grown to 2,500 (Today there are in excess of 6,500 residents.)
(By Faye Stenson)

MYSTERY PHOTO



How well do you know your village? Can you identify what and where this is? See opposite for the answer.

Supplied by Graham Wright

RUDDINGTON TWINNING ASSOC.

It is some time since the Ruddington Twinning Association was active in the village and links with Grenay in France have long since been lost. It seems that both Ruddington and Grenay residents had lost interest in the scheme and eventually just a few souls in both countries enjoyed the benefits rather than it being for the benefit of the whole village.

However, recently we have received enquiries asking whether this organisation could – or should – be revived and it was suggested that as a starting point the newsletter and website be used to see whether there is sufficient interest in our village.

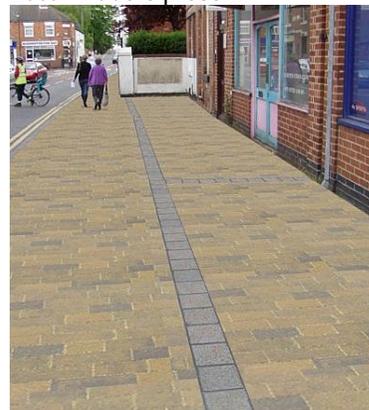
If you think you might like to get involved with a revived "Twinning Association", the first step would be to let the Parish Council know and you can do this either by telephone, email or dropping us a line. All contact details are featured Just let us know who you are, give us some form

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It was pointed out that it will be necessary to operate a one-way system for vehicular traffic whilst work is in progress and this will be from Kirk Lane, left along The Green and then right into Church Street to the junction with High Street. There will be temporary traffic lights at the junctions of Kirk Lane and Church Street with High Street. It was also suggested that it may be advisable to erect temporary 'No Entry' signs at the High Street junctions with Charles Street and Parkyns Street to prevent vehicles using them as a short-cut onto Church Street whilst the one-way system is in operation.

The majority of the property owners have already been consulted and are in agreement with the proposals although the Parish Council's assistance may be required with regard to contacting the remaining four or five owners.

The Parish Council was delighted to give approval for the scheme and when complete, a big "Christmas Opening" is planned with Press and Local Traders present.



Above: Autumn Gold & Charcoal blockwork selected for the project.

£3,000 RAISED FOR CHARITY



"Fancy a trip to Skeggy?" That was a question put to fellow drinkers one evening and it was soon agreed that Judith & Calvin Haywood organise a sponsored bike ride for "Help the Heroes".

At 3 o'clock in the morning on Saturday 3rd July, bike riders and support staff were transported from the Bricklayers' Arms to Skegness for an early start from the Clock Tower. The weather and temperature was perfect and on nearing RAF Coningsby (home of the Memorial Flight) as if on cue, a Lancaster Bomber flew over the fields (lumps in throats all round). Spurred on by the sighting of this magnificent and historic aircraft, the intrepid ten made it back to base, safe and sound, and in excellent time.

It is hoped that the final amount raised for "Help the Heroes" will be £3,000 and thanks to E.On, North Midland Construction, ATM Lettings, SPS, EMSD, Northgate plc and all of our supporters for all their help, sponsorship and donations.

BANKING IN RUDDINGTON

The recent closure of the HSBC branch and the loss of the 'Hole in the Wall' is a wake up call, highlighting how many people have to change the habits of a lifetime with very little warning. Yes, Online Banking is fine for those of us who chose to use it,

but what about cash for your pocket or purse – and paying cash and cheques into your account? There is still a generation (or even two) of people who wish to deal with a friendly face. You may also have noticed recently that Barclays have **reduced** hours of opening – by contrast the Shephed Building Society has **improved** its opening hours to equal those of Santander.

Possibly many people may not appreciate that other facilities for obtaining cash exist in the village. The Co-op has a cash machine in store and the Post Office likewise has a facility but we ask that you check before assuming that these facilities are free and obviously these cash machines are only available during opening times.

Compared to many villages we are well served, but we need to use our village businesses and services if we are to keep them. *(Allen Wood)*

BOWLS CLUB RAISES £400



On Sunday 25th July, Ruddington Bowls Club celebrated its President's Day and raised £400 for the Breast Cancer Unit at Nottm. City Hospital. The Bowls Club green is in a uniquely quiet and lovely position on Elms Park, Loughborough Road – you may not even know it's there! Guests and new members are always welcome. Ring Fran Dent on 07840 240 370 and arrange to **"have a go"**.

POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill reports: "The police are very aware that there are workmen and salespeople in the area who will try to trick you into having work done or buying items that you do not necessarily want or need. They may tell you that work urgently needs doing to your property and that they are in a position to do it for you at a reduced rate. These people are usually not genuine – they may do an inferior job - they may not finish the job – they may take your money without doing the work at all – and then you may find out that the work didn't need doing in the first place. In some cases, these bogus callers may even pretend to be working for a known utility company, so how do you tell the genuine workers from the bogus ones?"

1. Do not employ workmen for a job unless you rang their company and asked them to call
2. When the workmen / salespeople make contact from that company, ask to see their identification
3. If you are still unsure, ring their employer to confirm that the callers are who they say they are
4. If you have any doubt whatsoever about the person at your door, **DO NOT ANSWER THE DOOR AND DO NOT LET THEM IN.** Please contact the police immediately who will come out to verify their identification - **RING 0300 300 9999 or IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999"**

Police contact numbers are:
0300 300 9999 (non emergency)
Our Beat Manager is PC Ann Gill – tel: 07702 141 724
Our PCSO is Jenny Buggy – tel: 07702 141 72
See the Diary page for Walking Surgery times & dates.

FUN IN THE SUN

The annual Rush4Health festival, which was held in Rushcliffe Country Park on 11 July, has once again proved a hit with local families. No doubt helped along by beautiful sunny weather, the festival attracted a steady stream of visitors to its varied attractions throughout the day. A highlight for many people was Teresa Bovey's programme of cookery demonstrations, which showed how to prepare simple, healthy meals quickly and easily. Recipes included a salmon and beetroot stack, a Spanish-style potato salad and a chocolate fondant – which proved to be much healthier than it sounds!



The event was packed with energetic activities for children, including pedal-powered go-karting, dance workshop, kite flying and football training. A wide range of educational displays included a 40 foot inflatable colon that people could walk through, to both show how the colon works and to raise awareness of bowel cancer.

Also on offer was organic food and drink from local suppliers, information about local health care services and a 'Street Doctor' consultation booth. All the activities were organised as part of the Change4Life campaign that encourages people to Eat Well, Move More and Live Longer. You can find out more at www.nhs.uk/change4life. *(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)*

SAFER CYCLING ROUTES



A £350,000 scheme to improve safety for cyclists at the north-western end of the village has been completed. The project on Wilford Road and Clifton Road has involved widening pavements and relocating bus stops and even a pillar box. As well as markers along the cycle path, larger blue signs have now been erected to indicate the correct route through the village. It connects to the existing cycleway from Wilford at Sellors Playing Field and allows cyclists to stay off the road up to Clifton Lane – and then as far as the junction with Churchill Drive. New marked parking bays have been incorporated into the scheme that also involved resurfacing the highways and the installation of interactive speed signs.

Cyclists are being urged to use the new cycle paths as a safer route through the village – but pedestrians should also be mindful that they now share some pavements with bikes!

(Researched & written by Graham Wright)

HERMITAGE SPORTS DAY

The children of the Hermitage Preschool held their annual sports day in July with a range of sporting activities including jumping, balancing, goal shooting, targets and airflow fun. Everyone who took part was presented with a certificate and medal