

## RUDDINGTON DIARY

*Ruddington Fun Diary events in italic.*

### Wednesday 1st August

**Spanish Holiday Club** – ages 5-7. 10am to 11.45am at the Hermitage. £8 per session – **NEED TO BOOK** - Alison Guy on 921 1695.

**Ruddington & District Probus Club** – Open meeting at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Phone 0115 921 4139 ext 22 for info.

### Saturday 4th August

**Summer Model Rail Show** (also Sunday) at GCRN Ruddington. Lots of show and trade stands, etc. Miniature railway also open and offering rides. A great family day out!

### Sunday 5th August

**Footpaths Walk** – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. '50 Steps' – Railway Line – Country Park. Meet on the Green at 2.30pm.

### Monday 6th August

**Stay and Play Sessions** – The Hermitage Preschool Stay and Play Sessions suitable for 0-5's with older siblings welcome. 10am to 11.30am - £1 per child – children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

**Spanish Holiday Club** – (also Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>) For 3 – 5 year olds at the Hermitage from 10am to 10.45am. £4 a session – LIMITED PLACES – contact Alison Guy 921 1695.

### Tuesday 7th August

**Messy Play** including baby & toddler area provided by Surestart. All ages welcome. From 10am to 12 noon at the Village Hall. FREE. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

### Wednesday 8th August

**Ruddington WI** presents "Reflections of British Columbia" by Angela Plumb at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 7.15pm.

### Sunday 12th August

**Summer Road Transport Rally** at GCRN Ruddington. The biggest road transport event with a superb collection of resident and visiting vehicles. Trucks, buses and cars from yesteryear along with trade stands, etc. Miniature railway and train services available.

### Monday 13th August

**Stay and Play Sessions** at the Hermitage. See 6<sup>th</sup> August for details.

### Wednesday 15th August

**Ruddington & District Probus Club** –

Donington Motor Museum Visit. Guests welcome. 0115 921 4139 ext 22 for info.

### Thursday 16th August

**Fun and Games** at St Peter's Rooms from 2pm to 4pm. Come along and play some traditional games and also play more modern ones like Bingo! Also visit the **Village Museum for FREE**. Drop in – all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

### Saturday 18th August

**Nearly New** – The Hermitage Preschool are holding a sale of nearly new baby and toddler clothes, toys and equipment from 10am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. Admission 50p.

### Monday 20th August

**Stay and Play Sessions** at the Hermitage. See 6<sup>th</sup> August for details.

**Music Making/Singing** – at St Peter's Rooms from 2pm to 4pm. Lots of activities including making musical instruments from recycled materials. Finishing with a performance on the grass opposite the Co-op! Baby & toddler area. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

### Tuesday 21st August

**Pond Dipping and Bug Hunting** For ages 5 – 11 yrs. £2.50 a session. 1 hr sessions at 10am, 11am, 1pm & 2pm. **NEED TO BOOK** only 20 per session. Rushcliffe Co. Park 921 5865.

### Monday 27th August

**Village Museum** – open today at St. Peter's Rooms from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission £1.50, £1 con's, 50p child. Last adm 4pm.

### Tuesday 28th August

**Multi Sports Sessions** – (also Wed) Aged 5-11 years. £10 per day. 9.45am to 2.45pm at James Peacock School - 0792 009 4646 Sports Development Team. (Also 29th August)

**Free Valuation Day** with Hansons Auctioneers. Bring along your jewellery, silver, ceramics and collectables to the Chapel Hall at the Framework Knitters' Museum from 10am to 4pm. Ring 01283 733988.

### EVERY THURSDAY in August –

**The Village Museum is open at St. Peter's Rooms from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission £1.50, £1 concessions, 50p children. Last admission 4pm**

# Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## RUDDINGTON POLICING TAKES ANOTHER HIT

As part of the revised policing arrangements for Ruddington, our Beat Manager and PCSO will now only have access to a pool car from West Bridgford and will no longer



have a dedicated police car. The practical effect of this policy change means that a call to them during their working hours may not be dealt with as quickly if they are required to walk or cycle around the village. The other question raised is how, when and whether they will even manage to get to the village on those days when no pool car is available to them. Some members of the Parish Council are extremely concerned that this is going to result in a serious reduction in Ruddington policing and feel that it is important that you express your opinions. If you have a view on this aspect of your local policing service, please either

email or write care of the Parish Council Office using the heading "POLICE VEHICLE". All views will be collated and forwarded to the senior officers responsible for policing in our area.

## THE ANNUAL SUMMER QUIZ

*How well do you know your village?*

Try our annual summer fun quiz to find out. Answers on page 6.

1. What is the name of the bench that can be found half way down Flawforth Lane?
2. What nationality was well-known Ruddington benefactor Philo Mills?
3. What kind of distillery used to exist on Distillery Street?
4. What was the original name of the current St. Peter's Church?
5. The Red Lion pub wasn't always on

Easthorpe Street. Where was it originally?

6. Which business used to occupy the new dental surgery on Wilford Road?
7. How many names appear on Ruddington's War Memorial on Church Street?
8. Where in the village would you find a labyrinth, a ladybird walk and a giant dragonfly?
9. Who officially opened the extended Ruddington Medical Centre in May 2011?
10. Ruddington boasts two hardware stores. What are their names?

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Now in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operation the eight local volunteers who form "Ruddington Fun" have once again collated a comprehensive programme of activities being provided in the village during the school holidays. The programme has been widely distributed and is also available on their Facebook page. It includes 5 FREE sessions organised by the group at various venues around the village. They look forward to seeing you there. Email [ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com](mailto:ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com).

#### SPONSORED WALK SUCCESS

Peter Burnett is delighted to announce that to date £5,625 has been raised for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research following the Sponsored Walk at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The event was organized in memory of Peter's wife, Pat, who died of Leukaemia suddenly, and against medical predictions, in December 2007. Peter would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated and/or helped in any way to raise this massive amount of money.

#### HERMITAGE PRESCHOOL RAFFLE

The Hermitage would like to send thanks to everyone who bought tickets for their summer raffle which raised a brilliant £460. Thanks also to all the businesses – too many to be listed here - who donated such generous raffle prizes.

#### RAIN STOPPED PLAY

After nearly a year of planning it was with regret that the first Ruddington Community event for a decade, scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> July, had to be cancelled due to the Elms Park Playing Fields being waterlogged.

The enthusiasm and support from the village for such an event was proved by the offers of performances, activities, stall holders and support, both financial and practical, from organisations, businesses and individuals alike. Special thanks are extended to the Parish Council, Saint-Gobain/Artex, Cleggs Solicitors and MRB Printers.

From the 7<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> July there was an Arts Week and we extend our thanks to the shops on the High Street and the Co-op who agreed to allowing art work done by the pupils at the two local schools to be exhibited in their windows, etc.

The response has been very positive and we hope to build on this in the future. Unlike the numerous other events around the country washed out by our current "drought" the cancellation has not resulted in any financial loss. Any charges levied to participants have been fully refunded and we have even managed to get our insurance premium reimbursed!

Such was the determination of the Community Choir to perform on July 14th that they linked with the regular Methodist Church Coffee Morning to sing. Along with the Face Painting provided by the Churches outside the Co-op, a fantastic "mini" Festival occurred and proved that there is a community spirit in Ruddington

**Will it happen next year? Hopefully!**  
(By Barbara Breakwell)

*Note: The Parish Council were very sad to have to agree to cancelling this event.*

*older and vulnerable residents feel intimidated.*

*When your children go out, can you make sure you know who they are with and where they are going so that you know they are safe and not responsible for any of the above problems. Make sure they don't leave cycles lying around and if they are using their mobile phone, be aware of what's going on around them. Enjoy the summer holiday and be safe."*

#### **Police contact numbers are:**

**Dial 101 for non emergencies**

Our Beat Manager is PC Ann Gill –  
Tel: 07702 141 724

Our PCSO is Jenny Buggy –  
Tel: 07702 141 722

**IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999**

#### **HELP NEEDED**

Could you help at a local Rainbow Unit? Rainbows are 5 – 7 years old girls who meet weekly (term time only) on Monday evenings in the village. Volunteers must be 18 or over. Please ring Gina on 0115 984 3853 for more information.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

The Parish Council likes to recognise residents' special birthdays and anniversaries with a floral arrangement which is delivered by the Chairman or the Clerk to the Council.

If you know someone who is approaching their 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup> or 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, or a couple about to celebrate their Golden (50<sup>th</sup>) or Diamond (60<sup>th</sup>)

Wedding Anniversary, please let the Parish Council Office know.



#### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

We have been advised that a request for an election has not been received at Rushcliffe Borough Council following the resignation of Arun Chopra. Therefore Ruddington Parish Council will be looking to co-opt a Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy in Easthorpe Ward.

At the time of printing this Newsletter, we do not have the information available in respect of the timescale, etc. for people wishing to apply for co-option but the Parish Council Office will be putting notices on the Notice Board and making announcements on the website as soon as this information is confirmed. If you would like to know more about being a Parish Councillor, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to the Council at the address on the front of this Newsletter.

#### **WRVS HOME LIBRARY SERVICE**

Are you housebound and unable to visit the library to borrow books but still enjoy reading? Do you know someone



who enjoys books and reading but is unable to leave their home easily to visit the library? In Partnership with Notts Library Service, WRVS deliver a Home Library Service whereby books and audio tapes are delivered to individuals in their own home by WRVS volunteers and the service is free. Contact: Ask Libraries on 0845 026 7972 for more details.

**A LARGE PRINT COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY.**

the Festival organiser's, Barbara Breakwell commented "everyone's been extremely supportive over the cancellation and we're hoping it will go ahead next summer instead." (By Faye Stenson – photo's provided by Eric Stenson & Ron Tew)

### "PHOTOGRAPHIC" GARDEN COMPETITION 2012

Don't forget that there is still time to enter the 'Photographic' Garden Competition this year. This is your chance to show off your garden and share it with others. There are prizes to be won and all entrants are invited to attend the Presentation Evening in October. Entries are accepted up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> August and you can download a form online from the Parish Council's website or collect a form from St. Peter's Rooms.



### QUIZ RESULTS

1. 'The Resting Bush'. This is the spot where coffin-bearers would stop for a rest when carrying coffins from the village for burial at Flawford graveyard
2. American
3. A beetroot distillery
4. St. Mary's Chapel. It became the new St. Peter's Church when the original parish church, St. Peter's, Flawford (on Flawforth Lane) was demolished
5. Vicarage Lane – in the house now called 'Red Lion Cottage'
6. A. E. Wright, butcher. The shop closed in 2007
7. 91. Ninety from both World Wars and one from the Korean War
8. Rushcliffe Country Park
9. Kenneth Clarke MP

10. Perkin's on High Street and H A Bostock on Wilford Road  
(Competition researched by Faye Stenson)

### SHARING THE PRIDE

Ruddington resident, Carol Jagers, who was selected as an Olympic Torch carrier in recognition of her 27 years' service to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruddington Brownies Pack, visited St Peter's School on the last day of the summer term.



Dressed in her official uniform she first let the Head, Mr Mapperley, hold the torch and then visited every class in school to answer questions from the children and staff. Every child and several adults then had the chance to hold the Torch. St Peter's would like to thank her for taking the time to give them this unique "once in a lifetime" opportunity to handle such a special object and to congratulate her.

### POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says: "We are now well in to the summer holiday period and a minority of children are becoming bored and problematic. Anti-social behaviour by a few children who may be hanging around in noisy groups, dropping litter, causing damage or generally causing a nuisance of themselves can make

Members of the Ruddington Festival Planning Committee, the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Clerk to the Council, Beat Manager Ann Gill and the Parish Council ground staff met on site at 1pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July and agreed that even with fine weather on the day, potentially the damage done to an already badly waterlogged field by 1,000 visitors would be very costly to rectify.

### TIME FOR TEA!



If you're one of Ruddington's more observant residents you'll have already noticed another change at The Old Bakehouse on Church Street – but you don't really SEE the change until you step inside....

The interior of the former Horspool's Bakery Shop has been completely refurbished as a tea room - and is now laid out with chairs and tables, complete with colourful tablecloths and fresh flowers, along with a Welsh Dresser and matching corner cabinet to emphasize the 'new' Victorian feel. The new business is the idea of Lesley Wells who "always had a dream to open a traditional village tea shop in later life" – and now she has! Assisted by Karen Wakefield and Leiske Thompson they serve tea from bone china teapots and cups but also offer home-baked and locally sourced food. This includes cooked breakfasts, jacket potatoes, hot beef and pork cobs, rolls, bread and

takeaway food – as well as cakes and scones for Afternoon Tea. Along with food and drink they are also selling a range of locally made hand-crafted gifts and cards "to offer something a bit different for the residents of Ruddington. We've already had lots of support and good luck cards and messages from local people – who we hope will keep coming back. But we're also close to the two village museums so might attract some occasional visitors from further afield, too" says Lesley. They're currently open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 5pm but also hope to open on Sundays in the future if given permission. (By Graham Wright)

### OUTSTANDING



The Head of James Peacock Infant and Nursery School, Mr Richard Waldron along with the Chair of Governors, Mr Charles Rayner recently attended a Civic Reception held by Nottinghamshire County Council to congratulate schools in the County who have been judged as "outstanding" by Ofsted. They were presented with a trophy and certificate by the Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council, Councillor Carol Pepper and Councillor Philip Owen, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee.

## CONSULTATION ON PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

Nottinghamshire County Council is asking residents in the Rushcliffe areas how they would like to see a range of different bus and other transport services operate in the region in the future. You can get involved by collecting a copy of the form (pictured below) from St. Peter's Rooms or completing the form online at

[Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/passengertransport](http://Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/passengertransport)



## CHARITY SUCCESS AT THE GRANGE

*"In 1991 the first Children's Society Golf Day took place at Ruddington Grange when John Sayers gave his charity day to the society and raised £1,000 and over the last twenty years we have been supported by many companies and individuals both from Ruddington and elsewhere. About six years ago, the Children's Society stopped their adoption agency, which saddened me greatly as I was an*

*adopted child in the fifties. The Coram family took over the adoption side and we decided in future we would give the Coram £3,000 from our charity fundraising and if we managed to raise more, the rest would be split between local children's charities and individuals. There is a long list of those who have benefitted, including local playgroups, Rainbows, Ward E38 Children's Oncology at the QMC and last year we gave £3,000 to James Peacock School towards a piece of equipment for the Sensory Room. I imagine that over the last twenty years, we have raised over £100,000 with the only expenditure being prizes and food on the day. John Pownall has been most gracious and continued the support we had from the Johnson family who owned the golf club in the early days. Without John, Ian Gelsthorpe and all who work at the Grange, we would not be so successful in our fundraising. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the great team who make the day possible including everyone who sponsors and gives auction and raffle prizes and those who play. Long may it continue to help people who benefit from everyone's generosity."*

NB We do have a few tee times left for August 17<sup>th</sup> – please contact the Pro Shop on 0115 921 1951. (By Margaret Thorpe, Tournament Organiser)

## FORCP WINS MAJOR AWARD

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is a much-valued honour which is awarded annually to volunteer groups across the UK for outstanding work within the community. So it's small wonder that the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park (FoRCP) are patting themselves on the back after scooping the award in



May this year. The success story began in the summer of last year when, without knowing, the Friends were nominated for the award by the Park Manager. After visits to the Park by various dignitaries, including the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, the Friends were informed that they were on the shortlist to receive the award and that a decision would be made in May, prior to an official announcement in June. This all had to be kept under wraps as early publicity would result in disqualification.

However, on May 9th an e-mail was received informing them that the application had been successful and that an announcement would be made in The London Gazette. The Friends are now set to be presented with a certificate and a crystal trophy when the Lord Lieutenant and other civic dignitaries visit the park in October – followed by a possible invitation for four of the Friends to attend a Buckingham Palace garden party next year. In the meantime, the Queen's Award trophy has been allocated pride of place in the Park's display cabinet.

Congratulations to all concerned!  
(Faye Stenson, with thanks to Chris Rose)

## FLOODS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS

Freak weather conditions caused chaos in Ruddington throughout late June and early July as roads were flooded and eagerly-anticipated events cancelled. Although we were lucky enough to escape the severe flooding experienced in other parts of the country, much of the ground in our

parks and playing fields stood under water for weeks at a time.



And during the heaviest deluges, some of our main thoroughfares turned into fast-flowing rivers for short periods of time – as these photographs, captured by a Wilford Road resident, show. You can also view videos of the flooding on YouTube.

Sadly, the unprecedented levels of rainfall also led to three of Ruddington's biggest events for 2012 being cancelled – the Rush4Health festival in the Country Park, the Wakes Fair on Sellors Playing Fields and the first Ruddington Village Festival to be held for 12 years (although the Beer Festival and Folk Concert did go ahead as planned). Even the Allotment Competition judging was postponed as plots were under several inches of water.



Rush4Health has now been rescheduled for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and the Wakes will no doubt return as usual in 2013, but what of the Village Festival? One of