

RUDDINGTON DIARY – DECEMBER 2012

Saturday 1st December

Santa Special at Great Central Railway. Children will receive a gift. Seasonal refreshments available. Booking essential – Fare £10 each.

Sunday 2nd December

Tea, Coffee & Cakes at the Education Room, Rushcliffe Country Park 10am to 3pm.
Santa Special – See 1st Dec for details
Organised Walk – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Gp – Wilford, Trent Bridge/Meadow Lane Lock Circular. Meet on the Green at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 4th December

Scrabble – Have a game of Scrabble in the Library. 2pm to 4pm, all players welcome.

Wednesday 5th December

Ruddington & District Probus Club meets at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. 0115 921 4139
The Big Switch On See Page 1 for details
“Travellers’ Tales” by Adrian Henstock. Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society at St. Peter’s Rooms comm 8pm. Visitors £2

Friday 7th December

Ruddington Gardeners’s Association Christmas Social at the Hermitage comm 7.30pm.
West Bridgford Social Singers at Ruddington Methodist Church 7.30pm Tickets £6 incl light refreshments. 0115 921 3112 or 921 2229. All proceeds to Action for Children.

Saturday 8th December

Santa Special – See 1st Dec for details
Victorian Christmas Experience at the Framework Knitters Museum from 12 to 6pm. Festive family fun with Santa, Ruddington Community Choir, the Maids of Clifton, a traditional barrel organ player, a storyteller and demonstrations. Gifts for sale. Admission Free.

Sunday 9th December

Santa Special – See 1st Dec for details.

Tuesday 11th December

Santa and his Sleigh – see page 1 for details.
Environment & Community Committee Meeting - St. Peter’s Rooms comm 7.30pm.

Wednesday 12th December

Ruddington & District Probus Club – Christmas Lunch, Ruddington Grange Golf Club
Christmas Party (Faith Supper) at Ruddington Women’s Institute 7.15pm St Peter’s Rooms.

Thursday 13th December

Christmas Music + Quiz by Heather Hawthorn at Ruddington & District Ladies’ Probus, St Peter’s Rooms 2pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Friday 14th December

“Xmas in the Trenches” by Alan Wakefield. Western Front Association, St. Peters Rooms, 7.30pm. Visitors and guests welcome £3.50

Saturday 15th December

Santa Special – See 1st Dec for details
Handel’s ‘Messiah’ – Ruddington & District Choral Society’s concert at St. Peter’s Church 7pm. Tickets £10 (incl refreshments) on the door

Sunday 16th December

Santa Special – See 1st Dec for details
Santa & his Sleigh See page 1 for details
Wednesday 19th December

Community Carols - Salvation Army Band 7.15pm, St. Peter’s Church. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 20th December

Santa and his Sleigh See page 1 for details

Saturday 22nd December

Santa Special – See 1st Dec for details

Sunday 23rd December

Santa Special – See 1st Dec for details
Candlelight Carol Service at St. Peter’s Church, 6.30pm. All welcome.

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Christingle Service at St. Peter’s Church, 4pm. All welcome.

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion at St. Peter’s Church, 11pm

Wednesday 26th December – Boxing Day

Ruddington Village FC Boxing Day Charity Match – Managers + guests V Players (seniors). Come along and support your local club.

All donations are welcome. Kick off 10.45am at Elms Park. Afterwards at the Red Heart for raffles, draw and much more.

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th December

Winter Holiday Trains – Escape the house and turkey sandwiches and visit GCRN at Ruddington. Steam and diesel locomotives working.

Wednesday 2nd January 2013

“Willow Basketmaking” – By Rodney Cousins at Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society, St Peter’s Rooms 8pm. Visitors welcome – £2

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Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

THE FESTIVE SEASON

Why go to town when you can get everything you need for Christmas in the village?

Whether it’s turkey, crackers, wrapping paper, a Christmas tree or even indigestion mixture – you can buy it locally and avoid the city crowds!

Please support your village shops.



CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE VILLAGE

We are delighted to see that Ruddington has its festive lighting going up throughout the village. The Parish Council is putting up more than 70 trees this year, all with modern, efficient LED lights. Thanks also go to the local businesses who make a donation towards the cost of the tree itself. The Parish Council has also decorated a tree in St. Peter’s Churchyard which will have its official “Big Switch-On” on Wednesday 5th December at 6pm. St. Peter’s Church has organised carols around the tree followed by ‘Mulled wine’ and mince pies. If the weather isn’t good, the celebrations will move in to the church after the lights are switched on. **Everyone is welcome.**



SANTA & HIS SLEIGH

The Rotary Club of Keyworth & Ruddington will be bringing Santa to the village again this year. On Tuesday 11th December they will be on Churchill Drive estate, Old Station Road and Pasture Lane estates. On Tuesday 18th December, they will be visiting Camelot Street, Clifton Lane, Packman Drive and Rufford Road and on Thursday 20th December they will be on Musters Road, Barleylands and Elms Park. Please give them your support.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS FROM COUNCILLORS AND STAFF AT RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was clear from the moment we arrived at the War Memorial, that it was going to be an exceptional day. Although cold, it was a dry morning and the sun made a pleasant and unexpected appearance which meant that the flag bearers would get the benefit even though those of us standing in the street didn't. The wonderful sound from the Ruddington Cadets & Corps of Drums lead the procession into Church Street from the The Green and so the service began. Some of the marching children were lucky enough to be honoured with laying wreaths on behalf of their organisations and it was clear that the younger ones were very excited indeed! On behalf of all of those who attended – and this year it was more than ever – thank you to all of the organisations and their representatives, the Churches, the children and most of all, the Royal British Legion for a memorable Sunday morning.



The War Memorial at night – Peter Woodhead
We are printing this photograph of the War Memorial at night in memory of Peter Woodhead who died in November. Peter was a regular contributor to the Newsletter and Parish Council website with his beautiful and often humorous photographs. He even has his own webpage in the GALLERY section of the website called "Peter's selection". He will be missed by all who knew him.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK ...

Ruddington recently has been fortunate to host a "Community Payback" Team working under the supervision of Mark Bonfield from the Probation Service. "Unpaid work" is a sentence that can be given to low/medium risk offenders. Members of the public can nominate a project for them to undertake and this is what St Peter's Church did. Dressed in their distinctive orange jackets (that they are required to wear to show the public that justice is being done) the team then work on the identified project for as long as it takes to complete it.

The Ruddington team have worked in all weathers to clear autumn debris from the Hermitage and Church grounds and around the War Memorial. They have also given the War Memorial railings a new coat of paint which enhanced the recent Remembrance Service held there. Due to the central location of all this work the results of their labour has been obvious to see as the areas have become tidier with each day's work.

Numerous residents have commented on the improved appearance of these areas and the Church and Parish Council would like to extend their appreciation to the group on behalf of the community, for their hard work and commitment to the task in hand. (By Barbara Breakwell)

PRESENTATION TO NEO-NATAL UNIT

The Chairman of Ruddington Parish Council, Peter McGowan, who was Mayor of Rushcliffe from 2009-10, chose the City Hospital's Neo-Natal Unit as his mayoral charity. The unit has a special place in Peter and his wife Deirdre's hearts as their daughter Laura spent nearly 3 months in the unit when she was born at just 2lbs 10½ozs, 26 years ago.

RECYCLE YOUR TREE

Veolia Environmental Services, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Nottingham Hospitals Charity campaign have all joined forces to encourage householders to raise money for charity by recycling their Christmas trees. Veolia is offering the charity £100 for every 50 tonnes of Christmas trees they receive at Household Waste Centres up to the end of January 2013. Veolia are also reminding residents that their Household Waste Recycling Centres are open from 8am as usual, but close at 4pm at this time of year. They are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

'TWINNED WITH GRENAV'

Ernie and Doreen Gadsby, who were members of the former Twinning Committee, accompanied Parish Council Chairman Peter McGowan and his wife Deirdre, on a recent trip to Grenay in France. An invitation had been received from Grenay's Mayor, Christian Champire, to attend the official opening of their Square of Friendship.



The visitors were made very welcome and were treated to an action packed weekend of visits to local places of interest including WW1 cemeteries, a mining museum and the walls of Arras, against which partisans were executed by the Germans in WW2.



(Doreen & Ernie Gadsby receiving gifts during their visit)

This visit after a lapse of many years, heralds a re-opening of the 'special relationship' between Ruddington and Grenay, and in August 2013 a group of young people from Grenay will be visiting Ruddington following a trip to Ballyshannon in Northern Ireland, their other twin town. Although only staying for one night, the Parish Council hopes it will be possible to provide some interesting activities to make their visit a memorable one. (By Peter McGowan)

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Christmas/New Year opening times: The Parish Council office will close at 12.30pm on Friday 21st December and will be open again at 9.30am on Wednesday 2nd January 2013.

Borough Council and during the coming months the group will be working to hopefully identify possible ways to enable them to utilize the site more effectively. Ultimately, they would like to be in a position to seek funding to turn their aspiration into a reality and provide a much needed community facility in that area of the village.

If you can help in any way, or have any comments about the idea, please contact them on newplayground@ymail.com

(By Barbara Breakwell)

CO-OP CHARITY FUNDRAISERS

Every other year, the Co-operative chooses a charity to support and The Carers Trust, which was set up in 2012 with help from the Prince's Trust, has been selected as our charity for 2013.

Your local Co-op is already organising events in an effort to raise £3,000 for the charity. Keep a look out for the December Raffle with locally donated prizes including fabulous hampers, Champagne, chocolates and



lots, lots more. Tickets are £1 each or 6 for £5, and the raffle will be drawn and winners contacted on 21st December.

We are also holding a "Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake" competition in-store on Wednesday 5th December (the picture is not the actual cake). It's 50p a go and you could win the cake!



As we all know, children get super excited at this time of year so why not encourage them to write a letter to Santa. Just pick up a letter and envelope from the checkout, write the letter and pop it in the special post box in store. We'll make sure Santa writes back but you must post the letter by 21st December so that the reindeer can get the reply back to the

store before Christmas. Letters to Santa are £1.

All money raised from these activities will go to the Carers Trust.



Happy Christmas from all the staff at the Co-op.
(By Susie Moore)

FIRST CONTACT SIGNPOSTING SCHEME

If you're 60 or over First Contact gets you help from lots of organisations to help you stay safe and independent in your home through one simple checklist. No need to make numerous telephone calls and give the same information to lots of people. You can receive free advice on clubs & societies, falls prevention, home fire safety checks, home security/crime reduction, housing, pensions, social care, transport services, welfare benefits, etc.



The scheme is a partnership of key agencies and organisations, and operates throughout Nottinghamshire. Complete the checklist and you'll be contacted by people who can help. They may offer a home visit, but will ALWAYS contact you first (ALWAYS ask for their ID). Call Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 8080 or visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/firstcontact to complete a checklist. If you belong to a group that would like a talk on the scheme call 0115 9699060 ext 105 or email firstcontact@rushcliffecvs.org.uk First Contact is managed by Rushcliffe Community & Voluntary Service and administered by Notts County Council.

Peter and Deirdre were delighted to be able to present Unit Consultant Paediatrician Dr Bernard Schoonakker, with a cheque for £18,104 raised during his time as mayor.



TRIBUTES TO 'BUBBLY' BUS DRIVER

Tributes from friends, colleagues and customers have poured in for Ruddington Connection bus driver Denise Blake, who sadly passed away on 21 October. Described by workmates as 'a joy to work with,' 41 year old Denise was a popular and familiar face on the Trent Barton service between Ruddington and Nottingham.



Denise's sudden death has clearly come as a big shock to her colleagues, who displayed notices announcing her death aboard Ruddington

Connection buses at the end of October.

They described her as a 'bright and bubbly member of the team' and 'a real character at the heart of the depot.' Speaking to the Nottingham Post, Trent Barton's Commercial Director, Alex Hornby, added that: 'We were very fortunate to have a person of Denise's calibre working with us'. And former colleague Leanne Louch said that Denise

was 'well-liked' by the customers who will 'miss her friendly smile and warm welcome.' Denise's funeral was held on Tuesday 6 November at Mansfield Road Baptist Church. On behalf of the village, we extend our sincere condolences to Denise's 13 year old son, Jayden, her sister and her parents. (By Faye Stenson)

BOWLS CLUB AWARD

Members of Ruddington Bowls Club were delighted to receive a cheque for £500 from County Councillor Reg Adair's Divisional Fund. The donation will help to pay for materials needed to paint the two wooden pavilions and refurbish the changing rooms at the bowling green on Elms Park. The picture below, taken at the presentation, shows (left to right) Club Secretary Fran Dent, Reg Adair and Club President Frank Hill.



RUDDINGTON MUMS

"I moved to Ruddington a couple of years ago and didn't know anyone, or anything about the village. As a working Mum, I felt that I was missing out on lots of information. I was lucky enough to find a support network of other Mums on the school run, without them I would have probably gone insane. Being a Mum is confusing at the best of times. I thought about how more Mums could be brought together, to share information, to be part of a bigger network. (continued over ..)

In October I created the "Ruddington Mums" Facebook page. The idea is to help and support all local parents. A central point to discuss topics and inform everyone about playgroups, schools, homework, events, activities and anything else that is going on or crops up or just posts to make people smile. In these early days it's all about seeing how people interact as to where it will go, and the more people who 'like' the page and 'like' or 'comment' on the posts by myself and others, the more visible the page is to others.

Lots of the Mums on the page have offered to help spread the word in the village, the support has been brilliant."



You don't have to be a 'Mum' to join, there are Dad's on there too 😊 - join in at www.facebook.com/ruddingtonmums or email ruddingtonmums@facebook.com

SHRIMPTON COURT

A coffee morning held at Shrimpton Court raised £240 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to everyone who generously contributed. (By Margaret Grice)

RUSHCLIFFE AWARDS CEREMONY

Ruddington's own Andrea and Graham Hardy were the worthy winners of the 'Mayor's Special Award' at the Rushcliffe Community Awards Ceremony held at the Becket School on 8th November. They received their award in recognition of more than 20 years of fostering over 100 babies and toddlers. Another resident, Andy Scott, was shortlisted for the 'Supporting Children and Young People' Award for his

involvement with Ruddington Village Colts FC for over 15 years.



Also, George Fearn was nominated for the 'Building Strong Communities' Award for his work with the Ruddington and District Royal British Legion. (Pictured above: George Fearn receiving his certificate from Parish Council Chairman, Peter McGowan, on behalf of Rushcliffe Borough Council.)

Ruddington congratulates them all.

POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says: "The season of goodwill is approaching but does not necessarily include all members of society. Presents left on view in the house or car, could attract unwanted attention from opportunist thieves. Also, when you go out during this festive time, you could leave lights and a radio on a timer to make it appear that someone is at home. It might seem obvious, but take care when using a mobile phone or using your purse/wallet whilst out and about, especially when you are distracted or perhaps 'merry'."

Happy Christmas to everyone from Ann & Jenny.



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

MUSCLES AND MOTORS

...is what's on offer from Ruddington's latest new businesses!

Muscles come courtesy of 'Ironworks Gym' - a brand new gymnasium which opened on the 24th of November on Brookside Road, just behind Malmic Lane. It's one of only two dedicated bodybuilding centres in South Nottm. It has been set up from scratch by Robert Richardson and business partner Nick Clarke, who has twenty years' personal training experience.



Robert told us "We've got two floors of top of the range professional equipment plus changing rooms, but with no frills - meaning that we can charge sensible prices. You don't need membership or to sign a contract and it only costs £3.50 for a single session. But we do offer special longer term packages and the option of a personal trainer. We're not a health club - but we do have a supplements shop, 'The Protein Bar'. As well as all the weights, we've also got a running machine and will expand the cardio section if there's a demand."

Further new gym equipment is already planned - along with the installation of rubber mat flooring. Meantime



Robert hopes that people won't be frightened to give it a try: "Just call in for a chat - we're open for everyone - men, women and children. And we've got free private car parking right outside, too!"

Motors are back on sale at the former Hall's Garage on Easthorpe Street! In partnership with Jason Dickman's recently launched 'Ruddington Garage' (which offers MOTs, servicing and repairs) the showroom and forecourt to the front has reopened under the name 'Ruddington Car Sales'. Proprietor Anthony Stephenson, who has 35 years' experience as a car salesman, has re-located his business here from Mapperley.

Anthony says "Ruddington is a nice village and this is an ideal site. I'll be offering a wide selection of used vehicles ranging from hatchbacks to luxury cars. I'm currently doing a refurbishment of the showroom and we'll be fully open for business at the start of January. But we already have plenty of cars for sale for anyone who's looking to change sooner than that".



STOP PRESS: A new Wine Bar/Bistro will be opening at the end of January in the former laundry at 6 Wilford Road - run by McArtney's Catering. Look out for a full article and photos in *The Village Newsletter* soon! (By Graham Wright)

POSSIBLE NEW PLAYGROUND?

What started out as an idea by one local resident, Alex Watts, turned into a public meeting on the evening on 15th November held at St Peter's School. It was attended by more than 40 people who shared their views about the piece of land sandwiched between St. Mary's Crescent and Lings Crescent. By the end of the hour long meeting, their enthusiasm enabled them to identify a working group to actively pursue the idea of trying to return this area to its "former glory" as a play / recreation area.

The land is actually owned by Rushcliffe
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