

Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Remembrance - 100 years



Ruddington & District Branch, Royal British Legion

The 2014/15 Poppy Appeal was launched at the Autumn Fair on Saturday 25th October organised by Branch Members with help from 2425 (Nottingham Airport) Squadron Air Cadets

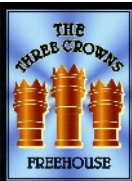
Youngest branch member Air Cadet Jodie Manning sells the first poppy to Mrs Kay Coupe one of our oldest branch members.

Remembrance Parade

A Parade and Service of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial on Church Street, 10.45 a.m. on Sunday 9th November, followed by the morning service at St. Peter's Church.

There will be 2 minutes silence at the War Memorial on Tuesday 11th November, at 11 a.m. It is 100 years this year since the Great War started in 1914.

The Village Newsletter is sponsored this month by:



**The Three Crowns &
The Three Spices
Easthorpe Street**

Christmas Concert at Framework Knitters

Get into the festive spirit early this year with a Christmas Concert at the Framework Knitters Museum on Friday 28 November. Organised by the Friends of the Museum, the Concert will feature The MOctet, a male Barbershop Choir. Tickets cost £6 and are available to buy from the Museum, which is currently open Wednesdays to Fridays, 11am to 4:30pm. The Concert will take place in the Chapel from 7:30pm.

The MOctet are a group of around 10 Barbershop singers who are also part of the Major Oak Chorus, a membership organization of around 50 male singers who perform in the Nottingham area and surrounding counties. The MOctet specialise in performing in more intimate venues, often for charity. You can find out more at www.majoroakchorus.net.

Have a drink for the Framework Knitters

If you enjoy a glass or two of real ale, you might be interested to know that the Ned Ludd, a pub on Friar Lane in the city centre, has recently launched a new beer called the Daniel Diggle Traditional English Bitter.

For every pint sold, 30p will be donated to the Framework Knitters Museum by the Ned Ludd, which is named after the mythical leader of the Luddite movement that campaigned for better conditions for framework knitters in the 19th century,

The Daniel Diggle was official launched at the Museum this summer. It's set to be available from other local establishments soon, as well as the Ned Ludd.

By Faye Stenson

Respect our Neighbours

Recycling glass makes a noise!

If you use the recycling bins in Parish Council Car Park (next to the Co-op) please only recycle your glass bottles & jars between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Thank you.

“Ruddington Fun” for all

Fun, refreshments and free gifts were the order of the day for lots of local “more mature” residents as they celebrated “Older People’s Day” at St Peter’s Rooms. Over 25% of our village are aged 60 plus and courtesy of funding from the Nottinghamshire Fire Service On Fire Fund they celebrated what they bring to our community. Thanks go to Sainsbury’s and Co-op for the refreshments, Julia’s Kitchen, Perkins and Thomas’ for gifts and Andy at the White Horse for the quiz prize that will be enjoyed by the winner, Penny Todd. The Village Museum opened specially to enable attendees to visit. The belly dancers and the Zumba Gold demonstration team also proved all ages can shimmy and shake!

By Barbara Breakwell

Community Bus

Can you help? More volunteers are needed as Driver & Escort for the Community Bus. If you have a few hours on a Wednesday morning contact the Parish Council Office (see back page).

The Community Bus runs every Wednesday morning. Collect between 9.30 and 11 with the return journey between 11 & 12. There is room for more passengers: Ring the Parish Council. The provision is for ‘less abled’ people.

Colts & Parish Council Bring Defibrillators to Ruddington.

Joint partnership working led to a successful bid for 2 subsidised Defibrillators from the British Heart Foundation (BHF). One machine will be at the Cricket Pavilion Elms Park, the other at St Peters Rooms - for use 24 hours a day / 7 Days a week.

The Colts dipped into their financial reserves for £800 to purchase the machines and will lead in fund raising for the BHF with a Xmas raffle and Boxing Day football match.

Andy Scott of the Colts explained “The Club needs to recover the £800 needed to buy the machines – but is confident with community help it can do so and generate even more money for charity. We have a manager who was saved by use of a defibrillator recently and put the cash forward to get equipment on the ground quickly. We now need the community to get behind us, sell raffle tickets, come to the Boxing Day match, and attend training on how to use the equipment”.

Free training is being provided at: St. Peter's Rooms, 11am to 1pm on Saturday 13th December by The Community Heartbeat Trust on how to access and use the machines. Contact the Parish Council office to book a place – see back page.

The Colts and Parish is grateful to all who have made getting the machines and establishing the service possible. Councillor David Hall, Chairman of Amenities Committee, added: “We now need to raise funds and get the word out about the machines – it’s up to the community to respond”. Further information available from Parish on: 914 6660.

Pasture Lane



Work has started on the new housing estate off Pasture Lane. Picture taken by local Ruddington resident Craig.

St Mary's Park Mini Fest

On the 6th of September St' Mary's Community Park Project held a Mini Fest as part of our ongoing fundraising endeavour. The day was a great success and fun was had by both adults and children alike.

This family friendly event was made possible by the hard work and generosity of many people. The Parklands team provided us with their beautiful setting on Loughborough Road in Ruddington. They also provided wonderful outdoor parlour games for the children to enjoy, as well as tasty food and fantastic service.

All bands and artists volunteered their time and we thank them all enormously for contributing to a great atmosphere and fun for all. We were lucky enough to have lovely weather to enjoy the performances from the open marquee. The artists One Way Monkey, Colonel Pernal, Kurt, Tiff Belle, and Barry Paul Horrell were all magnificent and all festival goers, whether young or old,

relished this opportunity to enjoy live music.

Alongside our talented artists we have to say a huge thank you to Paul and James, volunteers from Nottingham hospital radio, who donated their entire day and evening to DJ in between artists.

In addition to the music there was face painting, provided by Ruddington Day Nursery. The children enjoyed this very much, together with toys lent for the day by Tiny Teddies Nursery. The Ruddington Belly Dancers and a lively Tai Chi demonstration provided an interactive activity for both children and adults, much to everybody's delight! Many of us were also proudly wearing beautiful mehndi tattoos for several days after, courtesy of a young volunteer named Simran.

This day was also in remembrance of our late chair Nikki Herbison, and we were privileged to have her family with us to share and enjoy the day. We released balloons in her memory.

Of course, thank you to all who came along to this community festival, we hope you all enjoyed the music, food and drink, and games as much as we did. The tug of war between adults and children will remain a strong memory for us all!!!

We are very lucky to have a lot of support for our project and Mini Fest. Both schools, the White Horse pub and Corner Shop have been very helpful with advertising and selling tickets. If you would like more information about this project please visit:

www.facebook.com/StMarysCommunityParkProject

newplayground@gmail.com

Red Dragon Runs for Heart

Ruddington resident Mark Lambert ran the Robin Hood Half Marathon (in 2 hrs 8 minutes) dressed as a red dragon to raise money for the British Heart Foundation, and Rupert ran the mini marathon with his Grandad (Dave Binch) as well.

They have raised £255 so far and if anyone wants to donate to the BHF they have a [justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) page www.justgiving.com/Mark-Lambert-RunningRedDragon



Baptist Church finds its Match!

Finding a new minister of a church has been likened to speed dating. Ruddington Baptist Church has been without a minister for two years, during which it has reflected, assessed, prayed, and dated to find a leader to take the church forward on a new spiritual adventure. The result has been a surprise. Earlier this year, the church found its match in Sam Hackett.

In September, Sam was inducted as the new minister, the youngest in Nottingham. He says, 'I am really passionate about building a community in which all people are loved and respected.'

Sam has recently graduated from Cardiff University, where he studied Religious Studies and Theology. He is a self-confessed sport fanatic, and played hockey for South Wales. He is a people person, and sees this as a key to building relationship between the church and community groups, businesses, as well as the other two churches in the village. 'I have really enjoyed my first month as the minister of Ruddington Baptist Church and look forward to spending more time getting to know everyone involved with making this village such a great place.'



Ruddington Baptist Church abandoned its traditional church building in 2007 and currently meets in the Young People's Centre on the Green in Ruddington, in line with its vision to be part of the community and to be a blessing in it by supporting people of all ages wherever they find life difficult. Some of the ways Ruddington Baptist Church does this is through:

- Nappacinos – a weekly group for new Mums and their babies 0-12 months

- Oasis – a support group for parents who have children with special needs (meeting once a month)
- Horlicks – a monthly lunchtime group for elderly residents looking for fun and friendship
- The Noise in Ruddington – a community action weekend, which this year attracted over 100 volunteers from among the local churches and businesses to help with gardening, painting and decorating for residents struggling to maintain their property.
- The Alpha course – joining with St Peter's Church to run a 10 week course for anyone who wants to learn more about God.

Sam and the Church are excited by this new partnership. Sam says: 'Now you have seen my picture alongside this article, if you see me out and about please come and introduce yourself to me and have a chat. I would love to get to know you better.'

Shredding Xmas Trees

Would you like your Christmas Tree shredded?

Just let the Parish Council office know by Sunday 4th Jan. – preferably e-mail or phone – and make sure you leave your address & contact details.



Then leave your tree out before 9 a.m. on Wed 7th January and the Parish Council groundstaff will collect and shred it.

Ruddington Diary

November 2014

Monday 3rd November

New Alpha Course - at the Hermitage at 7.30pm. It's free of charge, ring 07804 590 002 or email ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk. (Alpha 6)

Tuesday 4th November

Methodist Women's Fellowship 'Hats and the Theatre' at 2.30 Mrs S Whitfield

Amenities Committee - at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any items on the agenda.

Wednesday 5th November

Ruddington District Probus Club - "Hearing Awareness" (Amplifon), Phil Kennedy. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

History Society - "Nottingham Cave" by Dr Strange Walker. St. Peter's Rooms at 8pm.

If you would like something included in the Village newsletter please talk to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

The copy deadline is 15th December.

Saturday 8th November

Christmas Fayre - at The Country Cottage Hotel, lots of stalls and a raffle for Maggie's Cancer Trust, 10am to 4pm.

Parish Council Surgery. 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors about local issues.

GCRN Firework Spectacular - for more details go to www.gcrn.co.uk/events/2014

Monday 10th November

New Alpha Course - at the Hermitage at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 11th November

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll - in the Ruddington Library 11am to 11.30am.

Scrabble - In Ruddington Library 2pm to 4pm. All players welcomed.

Wednesday 12th November

Ruddington W.I. - "A Bonfire Supper and Kurling". Exhibition: A Winter Warming Recipe. At 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Saturday 15th November

Christmas Bazaar - organised by the Ruddington Group Riding for the Disabled. At St Peter's Rooms, 9am to 12pm.

Sunday 16th November

Tea, Coffee & Cakes - at the Education Room (near the lake), Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm. In aid of FoRCP.

Monday 17th November

New Alpha Course - at the Hermitage at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 18th November

Methodist Women's Fellowship 'Preparing for a Party Weekend' at 2.30 Mr D Johnson **Environment**

Committee - at St. Peters Rooms 7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday 19th November

Ruddington District Probus Club - "The 1970's - Football's Last Great Decade", Andy Smart. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Thursday 20th November

Ear Foundation - Do you wear an NHS hearing aid? Come to our FREE walk-in hearing aid clinic.

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting - St. Peter's Rooms 6.30pm to 7.15pm.

**Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd November
Christmas Mini Markets** - at
Ruddington Methodist Church, Charles
Street. Various stalls, cakes and
preserves. 10am to 12 noon .

Friday 21st November

Ruddington Business Partnership
-FREE networking , at The Ruddington
Arms (note new venue) from 8am to
9am. No booking required.

Saturday 22nd November

Pop Up Shopping Event - Craft Sale.
At St Peter's Rooms, 11am to 3.30pm.

Sunday 23rd November

**Refreshments at Rushcliffe
Country Park** - 9.30am to 4pm.

Monday 24th November

New Alpha Course - at the Hermitage
at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 26th November

**Ruddington Gardeners'
Association** - An illustrated talk "The
Camera in the Garden" by Richard
Adams. Complementary refreshments.
The Hermitage , 7pm for 7.30pm.

A large print copy of the
Village Newsletter is
available in the library

Friday 28th November

Framework Knitters Museum -
Christmas Concert by The MOctet, a
male Barbershop group. At 7.30pm Old
Chapel, Chapel Street, tickets
£6. Contact the Museum or Kathy on
0115 984 5375.

Saturday 29th November

**Ruddington Village
Christmas Event** - see page 11.

**Saturdays & Sundays - 29th November
- 21st December**

GCRN Santa Specials - for more
details go to

www.gcrn.co.uk/events/2014

December 2014

Monday 1st December

New Alpha Course - at the Hermitage
at 7.30pm. It's free of charge, ring
07804 590 002 or email
ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk. (Alpha 10)

Tuesday 2nd December

Parish Council - at St. Peters Rooms
7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the
public where you can raise your views on
any items on the agenda.

Wednesday 3rd December

Ruddington District Probus Club
- "The Ipcress File, JET, ITER and
DEMO", Don Hawthorn. At Ruddington
Golf Club at 12noon.

History Society - "Conservation in
Rushcliffe", by James Bate,
Conservation Officer, Rushcliffe
Borough Council followed by a Social
Evening. St. Peter's Rooms at 8pm.

Sunday 7th December

Footpaths Walk - Ruddington
Footpaths Preservation Group
organised. '50 Steps' - Railway Line -
Country Park. Meet on the green at
2.15pm.

Tuesday 9th December

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll - in
the Ruddington Library 11am to
11.30am.

Wednesday 10th December

Ruddington W.I. - "Who is the Real
Father Christmas?", by Paul Fowler.
Competition: A Santa Table
Decoration. At 7.15pm at St. Peter's
Rooms.

Saturday 13th December

**Defibrillators Come to
Ruddington** - free training session by
The Community Heartbeat Trust on
how to access and use the machines. At
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Contact the Parish Council office to
book a place on 0115 914 6660 or email
office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Connecting local businesses in Ruddington

The Ruddington Business Partnership is an informal networking group which meets on the third Friday of the month, with the aim of bringing local businesses together. The group has been running for more than three years. During this time the meetings have been hosted by Philos in Ruddington; a great local cafe with delicious cakes and friendly service. We would like to thank Philos and its staff for being such great hosts for all these years.



However, as the group continues to grow we have decided to move our monthly meetings to The Ruddington Arms; a local pub which recently underwent a transformative refurbishment. In September we held a one-off lunchtime meeting at The Ruddington Arms which was a great success!

This new venue provides a bigger space to accommodate for the continual growth of the group and also has free parking on site. Mark and Sarah, the owners of the Ruddington Arms, say they are looking forward to welcoming us and to hosting the events going forward, and we would like to thank them for agreeing to open early for us so that we can keep our

meetings at the same time they have always been; 8-9am on the third Friday of the month.

The Ruddington Business Partnership is free to attend and you don't need to book, just turn up and buy yourself a drink.

We look forward to meeting with more businesses on the third Friday of each month at 8am at The Ruddington Arms. For more information get in touch with us by phone 0115 982 3249 or email madeleine@shamshadwalker.co.uk

By Graham Wright

Community Spirit at its best

Sincere thanks go to everyone who supported the recent "Ruddstock" community event held at James Peacock School. It was organised to showcase the schools work on equality and respect. The event culminated in Ruddy Bear leaving on an open top bus to start his journey to Uganda to visit a school there that James Peacock will now be linked with.



The proceeds from the day will be shared with that school, St Mary's Community Park project and the schools Stephen Lawrence Educational Standard Fund.

By Barbara Breakwell

Huge Response to the Traffic and Transport survey

The Parish Council has got some really helpful information from the Traffic and Transport survey, and a few new ideas about how to deal with what the public seem to see as Ruddington's biggest issue, traffic and transport.

The first stage of the survey is now closed but you will all have yet another opportunity to comment when we have analysed the findings and when we write our own Traffic and Transport Plan. That will then be presented to Rushcliffe Borough and the County Council, both of which currently have control over many of the things that we would like to influence.



Not everyone appreciated all of the questions, but they came from what you had asked us about. Please remember that it is not a poll, it is a survey. Facts have been gleaned from it but also evidence of attitudes about a number of matters.

The number of responses received on-line was very heartening, and that makes it easy for us to handle the results. The door-to-door delivery has been, according to some reports, patchy. If you did not get a paper copy and did not complete the survey on-line you can still contribute your thoughts, we'll never turn it away.

Councillor Nick Tegerdine

Women's Institute

WI members have been busy answering Radio Nottingham's request to make poppies to commemorate the Nottm/Notts men and women who were lost in WW1.



We have been lucky to get 2 tickets for the hand-over to the British Legion at Nottingham Council House. Evelyn Bedford and Val Kirkman are shown here with a selection of our poppies at Radio Nottingham.

Look out for the W.I. stall at the Village Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November (see Diary).

New additions to Country Park

As always, the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park (FoRCP) have been hard at work maintaining and enhancing the environment and facilities at our local Country Park for everyone to enjoy. Over the summer, the team added several new features to the Sensory Trail, including a signing alphabet board to help children learn the basics of sign language and understand the communication difficulties that deaf people face.

Three zoetropes were also installed, which use Victorian moving image

technology to display a bird in flight, a jumping frog and a bouncing ball when spun. A new Rain Wheel creates the sound of driving rain as it spins, whilst a newly-repaired Sensory Log lets children match chess pieces by feel. Finally a new Kaleidoscope, which was gathering dust in a Friend's loft, has been weatherproofed and fixed in place so that visitors to the Sensory Trail can enjoy the colourful patterns that it produces.

Most recently, a Timber Totter has been installed – a version of Tottering Dominoes that features 28 'trees' on two levels that, if you're lucky, will all totter from a single push!

The Friends have also introduced a new addition to their range of popular 30p activity sheets. The Photo Hunt sheet has 27 close-up images of sculptures and artwork around the Country Park for children to photograph and tick off – a great activity for a sunny winter's day in the Christmas holidays.

If you'd like to know more about the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park, or get involved in their many and varied activities, please visit www.friends-of-rcp.co.uk. You can also call the Ranger's Office for information on 0115 921 5865.

By Faye Stenson

Is Ruddington the new West Bridgford?

Well – possibly not – as we still like to think of ourselves as a rather more characterful village! However recent changes to Ruddington's many eating and drinking outlets could easily make us the destination of choice over and above our bigger neighbour. Even since our last Newsletter TWO village refreshment venues have reopened.

Firstly, after shutting for the summer, McArtney's received an offer to take over the running of their bar and bistro from John Noble and Max Harman of The Three Crowns. *"We were looking to create a more exclusive and contemporary wine and tapas venue in our village, and this opportunity just came up"*, explains John. And if the crowds queuing for cocktails on the 2nd of October were anything to go by they may well have succeeded! *"We've restyled the interior to include more high 'poseur' chairs and tables suited to drinking and light snacks, new décor and lighting, and a new name – Bar Six. I'll mainly be running this place, with new business partner Lucy Would, whilst Max continues to take care of the top house"*.



"Yes, it's no longer a restaurant" says Lucy "though we do offer a changing, blackboard selection of sharing platters and finger food for people to nibble on whilst they drink. We've a great range of wine and speciality cocktails, too. Bar Six is a place people can just pop into for a drink and a chat. We're open every day except Monday".

If real ale and tradition are more your thing then you're already spoilt for choice in our many existing village inns.

And it's just got even better! The completely refurbished **Bricklayers' Arms** reopened on Hallowe'en - not only now with five hand-pumps on the bar but another 20 cask ales to choose from outside in their attractive, new, elevated beer garden. It's hoped the cool £150,000 investment will transform its prospects into another destination for the discerning drinker.

The pub is now privately owned, and not



run by a big pubco, with Richard Harvey and Barney Coombes taking on the lease. New landlady Sonia Day is already well known in the village from her time at both The Victoria Tavern and White Horse:

"We hope people like our new-look pub. As well as changes on the outside we've redone the interior in a "brickies" theme but it's still a proper, traditional pub with a comfy, carpeted lounge and an extended Public Bar. We'll have occasional 'live' music, a TV, pool table and private functions in there" she explains "but the Lounge Bar is completely separate and designed for comfortable drinking and conversation - with no TV or music – and hopefully a real fire in the winter! We're majoring on beers from local breweries such as Castle Rock, Navigation and Lincoln Green. "

The new-look Bricklayers' Arms offers rolls, sandwiches, paninis, cakes, teas and coffees. It's also an adult pub with no children or dogs allowed.

"But" says Sonia "contrary to recent rumours, people wearing jeans WILL still be let in!"

By Graham Wright

Ruddington Christmas Event

On Saturday 29th November from 3pm to 6pm you are invited to amble around the centre of the village to enjoy the Ruddington Christmas Event.

There will be market stalls, entertainment, activities and food stalls in St Peter's Rooms and in the buildings and grounds of St Peter's Church.

Several local businesses will be having special promotions and activities and the shops will be adorned with their Christmas Window Displays.

At 6pm there will be carol singing in St Peter's Churchyard and the Christmas lights will be switched on. Everyone is welcome.

By Barbara Breakwell

Frank Kerry

Frank Kerry was Chief Reclamation Officer at NCC. He and his team designed and supervised the construction of Rushcliffe Country Park.

Frank died 25th September 2014. His wife died 3 days later on 28th September 2014.

A few months ago Wes Scarrott (previous Parish Council Clerk) and Val Clark (History Society) took Frank and his wife round the Country Park. He was amazed by the growth of facilities in the last few years.

Do you remember me?

This was “Rudd” the “roving reporter” who was part of the newsletter team led by Lorna McCullough when she launched “The Rudd” in November 1991.

With the demise of the Parish Magazine from St Peter’s Church and the “Village News”, which covered all South Notts villages, there was no longer a local newsletter , until “The Rudd” arrived.



It was published for 17 years until November 2008. During that period it had 2 editors, Lorna and then Chris Murden, who took over in 2003. Its format was predominantly A4 size and the first 2 copies were delivered to every household for free, courtesy of a grant from the Parish Council. Subsequently, it was sold in various outlets in the village. 20p bought you a fortnightly copy for several years but as it increased in content the price increased and it went to a monthly publication in its later years.

In 1992 it won the Rural Community Council Village Newsletter of the year award.

In the first issue Derek Kennedy welcomed it as an *“informative vehicle that keeps villagers updated on events- happenings- gossip etc”*

The desire to have a publication just for Ruddington remained post 2008. In January 2010 the Parish Council responded to the demand by launching the “Village newsletter”

The current editorial team consists of the Parish Clerk, Parish Councillors and local residents. We actively encourage anyone to submit articles for possible inclusion to maintain the ethos of an *“informative vehicle”*. It is produced monthly in an A5 format and is available for free from various outlets. On average 1200 are picked up each month. It is also published on the Parish Council website.

We thank Lorna for her vision. If you want to read issues of “The Rudd “ they are available as reference copies in the village Library, as are back copies of the current newsletter.

By Barbara Breakwell

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