

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Santas Get Running for Rainbows



A horde of Santas is set to descend on Rushcliffe Country Park on Sunday 14 December when the 'Santa on the Run' event comes to Ruddington. Held to raise funds for Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough, the fun run is a great way to spend time with family and friends whilst raising money for a good cause.

The event is suitable for all ages and you can walk, jog or run your choice of the 2.5km and 5km circular routes around the Country

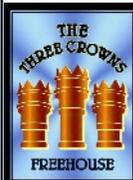
Park. The only condition is that you wear the Santa Claus outfit that's included in the registration fee! Runners are also encouraged to try and raise at least £20 in sponsorship to help Rainbows keep supporting children living with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Santa on the Run starts at 11am after a festive warm up to get everyone in the mood. Each runner will receive a medal and goody bag after completing the course. Ticket prices start from just £8 for children and you can opt to have your Santa suit posted in advance or collect it on the day. Find out more and book your place at www.rainbows.co.uk/christmas2014.

By Faye Stenson

Santa Coming to Ruddington - inside

The Village Newsletter is sponsored this month by:



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

Petition to extend Medi-link Service

The 63 bus to QMC provided quick, easy access to both QMC and the City Hospital (CHN) for patients, visitors and staff. Unfortunately public sector cuts resulted in the service being withdrawn in August. This means that you now need to get a bus into the city, then out again to either of the hospitals. This at

least doubles the travelling time, and at peak times it is worse than that.

The tram route from Clifton will, when it is open, speed up the journey times but it means that you will have to change trams at the Midland Station to get to QMC, then pick up the Medi-Link there if you are heading to the CHN.

If the Medi-Link service were to be extended to the new Clifton Park and

Santa Claus is Coming to Rudd

Santa Claus will be visiting our village again this year, thanks to the Rotary Club of Keyworth and Ruddington. Santa and his sleigh have become popular annual fixtures in Ruddington, with Santa and his little helpers – volunteers from Ruddington Colts Football Club – touring our streets and estates each December to get everyone in the festive spirit and raise money for good causes.

Every year, the Rotary Club's Santa and sleigh raise thousands of pounds for well-known local charities such as the Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance, Hope & Homes for Children and Rainbows Hospice. The branch also supports a range of national causes and campaigns, such as helping to eradicate polio from the face of the planet.

With festive tunes aplenty, Santa's visits are great fun for the children, so please show our local Rotary Club your support and give generously if you can. Here are this year's dates and places:

- **Thursday 11 December** – Churchill Drive estate, Old Station Road and Pasture Lane estate
- **Tuesday 16 December** – Camelot Street, Clifton Lane, Packman Drive and Rufford Road
- **Thursday 18 December** – Musters Road, Barleylands and Elms Park.



All visits will take place in the evenings, between 6pm and 9pm. If you'd like to find out more about the Keyworth and Ruddington Rotary Club, please visit www.keyrudrotary.org.

Ride a quick, convenient service would be re-established for Ruddington and surrounding villages. Please sign the petition below if you agree.

petitions24.com/medi-link_extension

By Nick Tegerdine

Dizzy Rascalz!

That's the name of the new children's soft play area which opened in Ruddington on the 5th of November.

'Dizzy Rascalz' on Brookside Road is the idea of Amy Phipps who manages the new business venture with her mum



Jeanette Pearson.

"I have a five year old daughter" says Amy "and there was nowhere indoors in Ruddington for her to go and play. So I thought I'd set somewhere up. Twenty months on we've finally done it! It's been really exciting but we're still finding our feet."

"It's for children up to around ten years old" explains Jeanette. "The pink slide was the first thing to go in then we built around it – two more slides, two ball pits, a traversing wall, vertical and horizontal rollers, cooper cars – plus our separate Baby Area and Party Room."

The cost for 2 hours is £3.50 for under 4s and £4.50 for older children. They emphasize it's not a nursery but a fun play area where parents or guardians supervise their own kids. However there are 4 other staff to keep an eye on things and to serve a range of adult and children's food and drink from Dizzy's Bistro. Business has been good so far!

"We're open every day until 6pm - Monday to Saturday from 9.30am and Sunday from 10am" says Amy. "Just come along and enjoy it!"

By Graham Wright

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.

The Parish Council office is closed over Christmas (starting 24th December) so if you are ringing please do it by 23rd in case the answer machine gets full! The office will be open again on Friday 2nd January.

New Services at St Peter's

I think it was Henry Ford who said of his model 'T', "You can have any colour as long as it's black." The same used to be true of churches. Every church used to have its own particular style or tradition – and you could take it or leave it! But now times have changed as we have woken up to the need to serve all of our

community and to provide a place where all can belong. We haven't changed or watered-down what we believe, it's just that we want to communicate in words and styles that everyone can understand and enjoy.



So now, at St Peter's we offer many different flavours of service (and here are just a few examples):

- On a normal Sunday we have a 9.30am traditional Holy Communion service. Then, after all the church has met together over fresh coffee and cake, at 10.45am we have a lively, family friendly, service of modern musical worship and teaching (with children's groups).
- On the first Sunday of the month, after our usual 9.30am Eucharist, at 10.45am we have Cafe Church. Here informality is the key, as we get to chat about faith and life over coffee and pastries, with loads of activities for the young (and not so young).
- Once a month, on a Saturday, we have Messy Church (pictured above). A joyous event, centred on children and families, where we

hear about God, do loads of activities and eat together!

Maybe, in the past, the Church of England could be written-off as unfriendly, dull and irrelevant! That certainly isn't the case now. Why not give St Peter's a try? (stpeters-ruddington.org)

Rev. Andrew Buchanan

January Newsletter

Please note: The January edition of the Village Newsletter out on Monday, 5th January.

Spoil for Choice this Christmas

If you're planning a Christmas meal with family, friends or colleagues this year, you need look no further than our very own village. After a year of refurbishments and re-openings, the choice of places to eat in Ruddington is better and more varied than ever before.

Both The Ruddington Arms and White Horse pubs will be running festive lunch and dinner menus throughout December, as will the Country Cottage Hotel. And all three establishments are offering Christmas Day menus if you don't fancy cooking on the big day. The two pubs are also taking bookings for special Boxing Day menus.

Meanwhile, The Old Bakehouse Tearoom is offering four course Christmas meals for parties of six or more in the evenings throughout December, with 7pm sittings. The Tearoom is also adding a novel twist this year in the form of 'Take away Christmas dinners'. Simply book in advance, take your labelled plate into the Tearoom by Sunday 21 December and collect your meal by 12 noon on Christmas Eve!

Save a Life?

Would you be happy to use one of the new defibrillators in Ruddington? It's really easy. Come along to find out. You might end up saving a life!

St. Peter's Rooms:

Saturday 13th December 11 – 1, and
Tuesday 20th January 7 -9 pm

Contact the Parish Council office – see back page.



Andy Scott (Colts) and Cllr David Hall (Parish Council) with the new defibrillator at St. Peter's Rooms

All you then need to do is heat up the food on Christmas Day and wash up the plate afterwards – a perfect solution for people having Christmas on their own or who find it difficult to cook a big meal.

If turkey and all the trimmings isn't your thing, you'll still find something to tempt your palate in Ruddington this December. The Red Heart will be running their usual menu throughout the month, whilst The Three Spices are offering a special Party Menu of Indian cuisine. Italian fayre will be available at Gino's and Bar 6 will be extending their range of cocktails and tapas dishes to include some festive options.

Ruddington is also the place to be this New Year's Eve, with several venues offering special food menus or planning

parties. More details will no doubt emerge during December, so why not ask your favourite pub or restaurant about their plans to ring in 2015 and keep your celebrations local this year?

By Faye Stenson

Books are fun.

During the school summer holidays the Library Service once again held a "Summer Reading Challenge" to encourage local children to keep up the reading habit while they are not in school. The aim being to read a total of 6 books. The recently published



evaluation of the scheme showed that of the county boroughs, Rushcliffe Borough had the highest number of children aged 4-11 taking part - with 2099. 143 of those were from Ruddington and 94 of them (66%) completed 6 books.

The team at the library are delighted with the enthusiasm local children showed for the Challenge. They were particularly delighted that this year 52 more children took part than in 2013.

By Barbara Breakwell

Christmas Tree Thanks

Many of you will have noticed the splendid Christmas tree outside the front of St. Peter's Rooms. Our thanks go to Ian Bardill for donating it.

Ruddington Diary

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

Ruddington Methodist Church Fellowship Group - "Christmas Lunch"

Parish Council - 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 3rd December

Ruddington District Probus Club - "The Ipress 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.

Saturday 6th December

Coffee Morning - In aid of the 3rd Ruddington Brownies pack holiday fund. St. Peter's Rooms 10am to 12 noon. Craft stalls, Bran Tub, raffle, tombola, cakes, toys, games, Christmas decorations, refreshments. 30p entrance fee.

Sunday 7th December

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

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. Call 0115 921 2309 for more information.

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

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 provided by The Community Heartbeat Trust on how to access and use the machines. At St. Peter's Rooms, 11am to 1pm. Contact the Parish Council office to book a place .

Sunday 14th December

Tea, Coffee & Cakes - at the Education Room (near the lake). Rushcliffe Country Park 9.30am-3.00pm. Expedition Fundraiser - Camp Ecuador

Santa's on the Run - Run, walk or stroll for a good cause. 11am at Rushcliffe Country Park. Sign up online at www.rainbows.co.uk/christmas or ring 0800 952 1133. Proceeds go towards Rainbows Hospice for children and young people.

Xmas Fair and Vintage Teas - St. Peter's Rooms 10am to 4 pm.

Tuesday 16th December

Ruddington Methodist Church Fellowship Group - "Christmas Get-together" at 2.30pm.

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 17th December

Ruddington District Probus Club

- Christmas Luncheon. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

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

The copy deadline for the next edition is 15th March.

Thursday 18th December

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 to 12.30pm. No appointment required.

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

Friday 19th December

Ruddington Business Partnership

- FREE networking at The Ruddington Arms (note new venue) from 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses. No booking required.

Saturday 20th December

Ruddington Mums

Community Christmas Party - At St. Peter's Rooms 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Craft, disco, games, soft drinks and a gift from Santa. Tickets £3 available though paypal pugh21@btinternet.com or in Perkins.

Sunday 21st December

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

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

Wednesday 24th December

GCRN Christmas Eve Santa

Specials - for more details go to www.gcrn.co.uk/events/2014

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Sunday 4th January

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

Footpaths Walk - Ruddington

Footpaths Preservation Group organised. 'Clifton Grove to Beeston Weir'. Meet on the green at 2.15pm.

Wednesday 7th January

Ruddington District Probus Club

- "The Myths and Realities of GPS" by Prof Terry Moore. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

History Society - "History, Development and Future of the Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre, by Alan Kemp. St. Peter's Rooms at 8pm.

Saturday 10th January

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.

Tuesday 13th January

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

Environment Committee - at St. Peter's 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.

Tuesday 20th January

Defibrillators Come to

Ruddington - free training session provided by The Community Heartbeat Trust on how to access and use the machines. At St. Peter's Rooms, 7pm to 9pm. Contact the Parish Council office to book a place.

Remembrance through the generations

Residents turned out in their droves to the Remembrance Parade and Service of Remembrance on Sunday 9 November to commemorate those killed in war. And the legacy of the brave servicemen and women is being passed down through the generations, with representatives from the Cubs and Brownies of Ruddington marching in the parade and acting as wreath layers and flag bearers.



"We've been involved with the parade for as long as I can remember – and I've been doing Brownies for 35 years," says Brown Owl Gina Eyre of the Third Ruddington Brownies. "We talk to the girls beforehand so they know what it all means – it's important they understand we are remembering people killed in war. Of course we now remember those from more recent wars as well as the First and Second World Wars. I was very proud of the children, they all behaved beautifully and respectfully, both outside and in the church."

The Cubs were also represented, and a sign of our growing village population was evident in the numbers of young people in uniform this year.

"When I first got involved with the First Ruddington Cubs we struggled to get enough young people together to hold the flags and lay the wreaths," says leader Caroline Crabtree. "This meant we'd have had attendance of around 15 young people. To go from that to having to squeeze five Cubs into four seats in church is an impressive turnaround, and is testament to the hard work and dedication of the volunteers who run each section."

The children involved enjoyed the morning and participating in the parade and service:

"I was very nervous because I wanted to do it right, and I felt very lucky to be involved." Ruby Gow

"I felt very proud because everyone was watching us marching in our uniforms." Chloe Budd

"It is my first year with the Brownies and I enjoyed marching and being part of the parade." Lola Garrett

"It felt nice for everyone to remember all the soldiers that fought and died in the war." Aoife Katon

Armistice Day Ruddington & Grenay

The road was filled with a record crowd at the War Memorial on Sunday 9th November for the Remembrance Day service, a century after the outbreak of World War 1.

The mayor of our twin town in France, Christian Champire, laid flowers with the Parish Council representative, Councillor Peter McGowan. Wreaths were laid by the British Legion, Rushcliffe Borough Council and all the uniformed organisations.

A service followed in a crowded St. Peter's Church where all three local ministers took part in the service. 61 names from the First World War are on the War Memorial and the names of the 6 that died in the first year of the war were read out.

Parish Councillor Peter McGowan returned to France with Grenay's Mayor for their Remembrance Day commemoration on 11th November. He laid wreaths at each of the war memorials including the British Cemetery in Grenay. He was also present at the official opening of a new memorial at Notre Damede Lorette near Arras in memory of almost 580,000 men who died during the War.

We Will Remember Them
WW1 Casualties this month
100 years ago

7th December 1914

Private **Thomas Arthur Cox**, aged 31, Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)

Son of Mrs E Cox, Camelot Street, Ruddington Cemetery: [Desplanque Farm Cemetery, La Chapelle-D'Armentieres](#), France

“Thank you, Sir”

I came across this article in a past copy of the Rudd, who reproduced it from the Village Museum Archives

Christmas Diary 1904

Wednesday 28th December Mr and Mrs Philo Mills will be entertaining the 100 workmen from the Ruddington Hall Estate. A meat tea will be followed by entertainment .Each workman will

receive a substantial Christmas Box in the sensible form of a purse of money.

(Philo Mills was American by birth. He bought Ruddington Hall in 1881 and lived there until his death in 1905. He bred prize winning cattle, pigs and Shire Horses).

By Barbara Breakwell

Rushcliffe Borough
Community Awards

Congratulations to all the residents of Ruddington who were nominated for the recent Community Awards. **Miss Ruddington Mums**, who created the local “Ruddington mums” Facebook page, was nominated for the second successive year. She was in a category with 24 nominees and so did incredibly well to be one of the 4 shortlisted.



The most poignant point of the evening was the announcement of the **Pride of Rushcliffe Award**. This was awarded posthumously to **Nikki Herbison**, the Chair of the St Mary's Community Park Project, who so suddenly died earlier this year. Her husband Adrian collected the award and was at the event with her mum, Sue, and members of the Park Project Team.

By Barbara Breakwell

Residents Parking Schemes

The recent traffic survey saw many people saying that Residents Parking Schemes are something to consider. If you or anyone else in your street is interested, the Parish Council has an information sheet explaining what a scheme entails and what you must do to propose one. The request must go to the County Council who will make the decision. Please email or telephone the Parish Council office and we'll send it to you.

Councillor Nick Tegerdine

Ruddington Pub Tour

The pre-Christmas event on Saturday the 13th of December has been organised by 'Rudd Beer Meister' via social media. It follows the refurbishment and reopening of several of Ruddington's drinking venues in recent months.



He says *"It's basically a tour celebrating Ruddington's pubs – and wine bar – all still trading in difficult times."*

They're planning to begin at **The Ruddington Arms** (formerly **The Jolly Farmers**) at 2pm and gradually work their way via **The Victoria Tavern**, **Bar Six** (formerly **McArtney's Bistro**), **Red**

Lion, Red Heart, Three Crowns, Bricklayers Arms and finishing up at **The White Horse**. Anyone over 18 is welcome to join in!

Also, over the weekend between Christmas and new year, The White Horse and The Three Crowns have announced a joint 'Winter Beer Festival'. It'll take place from midday until late on both Saturday the 27th and Sunday the 28th of December in a heated marquee in the White Horse Beer garden. They're promising 30 real ales, 20 ciders, food stalls and live music – plus a discount for CAMRA members!

By Graham Wright

Policing

Our Beat Manager, Rob says....

- Darker nights - keep doors and windows locked and ensure all sheds /outbuildings and vehicles are secured.
- Speed checks will be conducted in the village at various locations.

Contact:

DIAL 101 for non-emergencies
PC Rob Archer 07702 141 804
PCSO Vee White 07702 141 778
PCSO Jonny Wilkinson. 07525 226 593

In an emergency ring 999

Local Lad Keeps on Giving

A young volunteer who helps out at the Framework Knitters Museum in the village has been shortlisted in the Bakkavor Desserts Young People of the Year Awards (YOPEYs). Matthew Hamilton, aged 19, has been volunteering at the museum for the last five years and is the youngest trained framework knitter in the country.

Matthew, who lives in Clifton, started out as a general helper before learning how to demonstrate the framework knitting machines and make lace – a skill that almost died out when the industry became mechanised over 300 years ago.

An awards ceremony for the YOPEYs was held at Kelham Hall on 28 October, where Matthew was presented with a £50 prize for achieving a place on the shortlist. Showing typical generosity, Matthew not only donated his prize to the Boys' Brigade but also persuaded Nottinghamshire County Councillor Pauline Allen to match the £50, which he promptly donated to the Framework Knitters Museum.

Well done Matthew and keep up the good work!

By Faye Stenson

Recycle Banks Parish Council Car Park

The paper and card bins in the Parish Council Car Park (next to the Co-op) have been removed. This is because the firm who used to collect and recycle are no longer doing this due to the current low price for mixed cardboard and paper. There are no plans to replace these at the moment.

Please only recycle your glass bottles & jars between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.



Bunny and Bradmore Charities Almshouse Flat

The Charities are seeking a resident for the one bedroom ground floor flat at 124 Loughborough Road Bunny.

The flat will become available in December after redecoration and recarpeting. The Charities' scheme allows for occupation by an individual or a couple resident within the parishes of Bunny and Bradmore or the surrounding parishes at the date of their application.

Anyone interested should contact the Clerk whose details are set out below to obtain further information, raise any questions that they may have, or to request an application form. Alternatively, if you are aware of anyone whom you feel might be interested but may not see this notice please bring it to their attention.

Harry Barr
63 Musters Road
Ruddington
Nottingham NG11 6JB
Tel: 9217677

Christmas Business Window Display Competition 2014

Thank you to the following businesses that have entered this year's competition. We have 17 entries namely: Amanda Findlay Eyecare, Artisan, Crusader Costume Hire, Crusader Gifts, Hair Flair, Manor Pharmacy, Matthews Café & Deli, Nottingham Building Society, Nottinghamshire Hospice, Perkins, Ruddington Post Office, Something Special, Summers at Eleven, The Co-Operative, The Lovely Little Wool Shop, The Old Bakehouse, The Pamper Room.

Visit by Sheriff of Nottingham.

Recently Richard Copestake and the Team at the local Branch of the Nottingham Building Society welcomed the Sheriff of Nottingham, Councillor Jackie Morris and her consort the Rev Andy Morris to our village. She was here to judge a children's colouring competition the Branch had organised. She selected 3 winners, Robert, Isabel and Evie.

She also visited the Lovely Little Wool Shop to thank the owner, Karen, for her efforts and those of other village groups in helping to exceed the 11,000 knitted poppies that the recent Radio Nottingham Appeal were aiming for. At the time of her visit she reported that over 100,000 had been



received by the campaign. Several of these knitted poppies were evident at the Remembrance Ceremonies held in the village this year.

By Barbara Breakwell

I am sure everyone is looking forward to seeing the wonderful displays and we wish them all good luck.

Councillor Marion Pell

Community Christmas Party

The "Ruddington Mums" Facebook page has numerous followers.

Last year the children of this "virtual" community met in the "real world" at a very successful Christmas Party. It was such a success that it is being repeated this year.

It is on Saturday December 20th from 3.30pm till 5.30pm at St Peter's Rooms and is for children up to the age of 10 and they must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a disco, games and a visit and gift from Santa. **Numbers are limited.**

Tickets are on sale (£3) from December 1st at Perkins or see their Facebook page for more information.

By Barbara Breakwell

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