

RUDDINGTON DIARY

Sunday 1st January

Tea, Coffee & Cakes from 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Education Room (by the lake) at Rushcliffe Country Park. In aid of FoRCP.
Footpath Walk - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. Old Road, The Spinney and Sharpill Wood. Meet **2.00pm** on The Green.

Wednesday 4th January

Safer Neighbourhoods. Meet with your local officers at James Peacock School, Manor Park from 8.30am to 9.00am.

'The Mystery Object Quiz' - by Peter Hammond and a social evening at the Ruddington Local History and Amenities Society. St. Peter's Rooms 8pm in the Hall. New visitors welcome.

Tuesday 10th January

Finance & Policy Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street comm 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th January

Ruddington W.I. - presents 'Antarctica' a talk by Elaine Liquorish at St. Peter's Rooms 8pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Thursday 12th January

"Edward & Mrs Simpson" - by John Whitfield presented by Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club at St. Peter's Rooms 2pm.

Saturday 14th January

Parish Council Surgery - Your opportunity to meet with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors to discuss local issues. 10am to 12 noon in the Hall at St. Peter's Rooms also
Local Area Group - An opportunity to meet with your local police officers to discuss local issues at St. Peter's Rooms, 10am to 12 noon.

Tuesday 17th January

Safer Neighbourhoods. Meet with your local officers - High Street from 10.00 to 11.00am.

Friday 20th January

Ruddington Gardeners' Association - AGM 7.30pm at St. Peter's Rooms. To review plans, accounts and to elect a new committee for 2012. *Please note new date and venue.*

Tuesday 24th January

Parish Council Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm

Answers to quiz:

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| 1. Diamond City | 6. Devon Drive |
| 2. Peacock Close | 7. Everest Tandoori |
| 3. Bricklayer's Arms | 8. Beauty at the Barn |
| 4. Cooper Gardens | 9. Savages Road |
| 5. Jolly Farmer | 10. High Spirits |

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Follow Mary Portas' advice -
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL AND HIGH STREET SHOPS.

It's going to be more important than ever in 2012.

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Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

GOLD MEDAL SKATER FROM RUDDINGTON



Robin Riross

Our village has a Gold Medallist in the shape of Figure Skater Penny Coomes and her partner, Nicholas

Buckland, whose family live in Wilford. The couple appeared on the BBC "One Show" in early December just after winning the Gold medal in the Senior Dance Section of the British Figure Skating Championships. The pair who have been skating together since 2005 are actually a couple off the ice as well and currently spend a lot of time training in America with the help of an ex Olympic champion, Evgeni Platov. This seems to be paying dividends, although Penny admits to missing "our little village".

Penny and Nicholas are setting their sights on the European Figure Skating Championships being held in Sheffield later this month and we wish them continuing success.

NEW YEAR BRAIN TEASER?

How well do you know your village? The clues below represent street names and establishments in Ruddington - can you work them out? We've given you the number of letters to help. Answers on page 8.

1. Urban Jewellery (7 - 4)
2. Proud vicinity (7 - 5)
3. Builder's limbs (11 - 4)
4. Grounds for barrel-maker (6 - 7)
5. Happy landowner (5 - 6)
6. County urge (5 - 5)
7. Curry mountain (7 - 8)

8. Outbuilding attraction (6-2-3-4)
9. Barbarians thoroughfare (7 - 4)
10. Ascending spectres (4 - 7)

Partially adapted from page 67 of the 1981 "A Guide to the Village of Ruddington". (Researched by Faye Stenson)

ARE YOU A TWEETER?

Ruddington's "Twitter" information page now has more than 130 followers. You can find it at:

www.twitter.com/Ruddington_info

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Ruddington and District Branch of the Royal British Legion are pleased to

announce that the collection for the Poppy Appeal which took place between 1st October 2010 and the 30th September 2011 has realised the sum of £9,444.35.

The 2011/12 appeal which began on 1st October 2011 and will finish on 30th September 2012 has raised a total of £9,405.69 up to 1st December 2011. This includes the Ruddington Church collection on Remembrance Sunday which raised £507.44 – a record for St. Peter's Church.

Mr K R Hicks, Chairman of the local branch, would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed.

JAYNE SAYS A SAD FAREWELL

A celebration of the last 19+ years took place at St. Peter's Rooms on Tuesday 20th December, when around 100 guests wished Jayne Goodbody, the retiring Parish Council Clerk, a happy retirement. A fabulous spread of delicious food and beverages was donated by organisations, clubs, businesses and residents and everybody worked hard to make sure the event remained a secret from the guest of honour until the last minute. A surprised and delighted Jayne arrived with her family (which included her granddaughter Chloe) and was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a cheque for £445 along with a card listing everyone who had contributed. She received many other gifts and cards during the evening and another bouquet (in club colours)

presented by the Ruddington Colts Football Club.

Afterwards Jayne said:

"I can honestly say that I was overwhelmed when I walked in to St. Peter's Rooms and saw so many people – I couldn't believe they were all there for me! I didn't realise I knew so many people.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working for Ruddington Parish Council, particularly as the role is so varied and you never know what is going to occur from day to day. I have come in to contact with many people from numerous clubs and organisations, not forgetting all the councillors and contacts at other local authorities. The Parish Council staff have always worked closely together as a team – I will miss them all – and I want to thank them for their support. I would like to say a big, big "thank you" to everyone who contributed towards the cheque I received and can assure you that I will buy something special to remind me of you all.

Finally, thanks must go to the staff who co-ordinated the surprise event – they certainly know how to keep a secret!"



(Jayne with her granddaughter Chloe)
The Parish Council staff would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to help make this event such a success.

DISTILLERY STREET

Excerpts taken from the Customs & Excise History Network Newsletter No. 6 – April 1999

A VICTORIAN DISTILLERY THAT WORKED ON BEETROOT

Derek Larkin writes:

"Ruddington is a village near Nottingham. It has a thoroughfare called Distillery Street which in the mid 19th Century boasted a distillery which used beetroot as its raw material for distillation.

From an 1858 farming magazine, the local History Society discovered that the plant was installed in 1858 but could only guess as to how long the distillery was active and asked me if I could find out more about it.

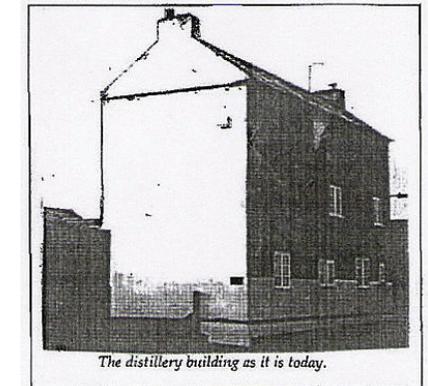
Ian Wright, the department's archivist from New King's Beam House, tracked down the distillery in official records and established that it closed in 1863 or 1864. This was useful information for the Society which was under the impression that it operated for about 50 years!

Further research established that the distillery was owned by the squire of the village, Sir Thomas George Augustus Parkyns. It was he who ordered the still invented by a Monsieur Leplay. The 1858 magazine described the process in detail, I summarise it as follows: The distillery worked day and night during the winter months employing 28 men and boys. The beetroots sent to the distillery weighed between 3 and 7 pounds each. They were thrown into a washing machine to get rid of the soil and then sliced. Fermenting vats were two thirds filled with water to 120 degrees Fahrenheit and sulphuric acid added. When the temperature dropped to 84 degrees the sliced roots were put together with a small

amount of yeast to produce fermentation.

The distillation process was 'delicate and difficult'. It required an array of cylinders, brass pipes and a rectifying boiler. The spirit obtained was 60-70 degrees over proof. The discharge was made through a glass case kept locked by the Excise Officer and from whence the spirit passed into the receiver.

The manager of the plant, a Monsieur Crolard (was he connected with the French inventor in some way?) said that each ton of roots produced 12-14 gallons of spirit, but that it could rise to 20 gallons per ton. The beet residue was sold at 12 shillings per ton as cattle feed.



("as it is today" being 1999!)

The distillery was probably not a spirited success, it closed down after 6 or 7 years. Sir Thomas George Augustus Parkyns sold his whole estate by auction and went to London to live on the proceeds! Inland Revenue work schemes for 1863 indicate that the distillery was laid to Nottingham's first station and run by an Assistant at Ruddington with other work."

formation in February 1924. She remained in office for 19 years, only resigning in August 1943 'due to bereavement and the state of her and Captain Ashworth's health'. A further note in the record of the meeting relating to her resignation states 'All members were grieved to hear of Mrs Ashworth's decision after nineteen years in office in which she has endeared herself to all members both past and present by her loyalty and devotion to WI affairs'."

For details about Ruddington WI meetings, please see the Diary page.

CADETS & CORPS OF DRUMS PLAY AT HODSOCK PRIORY

The Army Benevolent Fund asked Ruddington's Cadets and Corps of Drums to attend and play at their fund raiser in November 2011. The Bugles sounded "Pounders Fanfare" as the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Andrew Buchanan arrived and then the Bugles joined with the Corps of Drums to play a melody of Flute and Bugle Marches to the Lord and Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Nottingham Lord Mayor Mick Wildgust, Brigadier Andrew Williams 49 Brigade Commander and other civic dignitaries.

Following the event, the Cadets & Corps of Drums received a letter from Col. Roger Merryweather T.D. D.L. praising their "excellent playing and musical ability" and said it was a "superb performance, hugely enjoyed by all the guests but particularly by Sir Andrew."

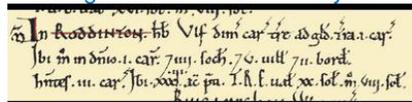
If you would like more information about Ruddington Cadets and Corps of Drums, and are between age 12 (year 8) and 18 years, contact C/Sjt Russ Jones on 0115 914 7834 or 0773 956 3588.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT SYSTEM

This is a free service which is available online. It gives you up-to-date information about crime and lets you report information confidentially to the police and Neighbourhood Watch. The advanced technology provides safe and secure two-way communication and can help communities and organisations to work together to solve problems like anti-social behaviour. For more information, register online at www.rushcliffecommunity.co.uk

HISTORY CORNER

Ruddington in the Domesday Book



Did you know Ruddington is mentioned four times in the Domesday Book? As well as its own entry, our village also features in the entries for Rushcliffe, Plumtree and Bradmore. According to the Ruddington entry, the village boasted a grand total of 5 villagers, 2 smallholders and 4 freemen in 1066. And its taxable value to the Lord of the Manor, one Ulf Fenman, was a mere £1!

POLICING

Police contact numbers are:

Dial 101 - the NEW non emergency number

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

KARATE CLUB SUCCESSES

2011 has been a particularly good year for Ruddington's Shotokan Karate Club. The club, affiliated to the 'Federation of English Karate Organisations' [F.E.K.O.] and a member of Community Shotokan, has been established in Ruddington for over 30 years. This year the Senior Instructor Robert Pannell of Bladon Road was promoted by the Chairman of F.E.K.O and the Chief Instructor of Community Shotokan to 5th Dan. Also this year, five students passed their Black Belts in front of the Chief Instructor for the Association. This added two brothers who live in Ruddington to the senior ranks which already included their older brother who is a 2nd Dan. At the same grading in December, two 3rd Dan instructors at the club were promoted to 4th Dan for their achievements and dedication to the art within the local area.



At the moment we have an abundance of Instructors who wish to pass on this knowledge to new and dedicated beginners. There is a friendly family atmosphere at our club, which allows you to participate without feeling overwhelmed or inadequate. The instructors will explain all the basic exercises and techniques needed to enable you to prepare for your first grading. Everyone can benefit from karate training and we encourage parents and children to train together as a family.

Training is on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening at the Village Hall. Give it a go in the New Year, ring Rob 07943719113 for details.

CLEAN THAT BIRD FEEDER!



(Photo supplied by Scot Tilley)

Many people in Britain regularly feed birds during the winter and spring, with bird feeders, tables and food being big-selling items at garden centres. All this is great news for birds, leading to much improved survival rates for small hedgerow and woodland species during bad weather and the breeding season. But there has been a significant rise in bird diseases over recent years, especially in avian pox, which has spread rapidly since its first appearance in the UK about 5 years ago. Research suggests that this spread is facilitated by birds gathering at 'feeding stations', such as bird tables, bird feeders and bird baths. Here saliva, droppings and feathers from infected birds can remain on the feeders and pass on the infection to later visitors. Please help reduce the spread of bird diseases by regularly and thoroughly cleaning the bird feeders, bird tables and bird baths in your garden. Before you put out fresh bird food: wash the feeder, rinse it with clean water and dry it (drying the feeder stops the fresh food getting damp and going mouldy).

SCHOOL SEEKS YOUR HELP

James Peacock School is excited to be involved in the "Stephen Lawrence Award for Equality". It will take the school a year to collect a portfolio of evidence to show that the school is championing equality for all and promoting community cohesion within Ruddington, Nottinghamshire and the Global Community. The award will show that the school respects all cultures and beliefs.

If you are interested in forming part of an action group please email the school at

office@jamespeacock.notts.sch.uk

Thank you. *(Sally Squires)*

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Due to the popularity of the Ruddington Village Newsletter, we are looking for one or two more "occasional" contributors to assist with compiling local stories. You don't need writing experience but you do need to have a strong interest in the village and be willing to do a little "leg work" from time to time when investigating an article. Obviously, you will be doing it "for love, not money" but articles are credited to the writer. Please contact Linda at the Parish Council Office and arrange to pop along to one of our monthly editorial meetings.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS TO CHANGE

According to the Nottinghamshire County Council website, Ruddington Library is one of 15 chosen to have their opening hours changed from April 2012. Hours will increase from the current 22 hours to 27 hours per week. More information to follow.



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

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

On 14th July this year, the "Ruddington Festival" will take place on Elms Park. During the planning process many residents have recalled the Scout Gala's and village festivals which were an annual event in the 1980's / 1990's. If you have any photos of those events we would love to see them and possibly scan them so we could include a "Memory Lane" display on the day. Please contact Barbara Breakwell by emailing ruddington2012@virginmedia.com or leave a message at the Parish Council Office.



(Taken at the Silver Jubilee celebrations)

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

A footbridge, new pathways and new steps have been installed at Hareham Garden Allotments on Asher Lane. The access improvements have been funded by Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme

and were approved by local councillor Reg Adair. The improvements have also been welcomed by physically and mentally disabled members of the THERA Trust Group from West Bridgford Day Centre who use the allotments every week and are delighted with the improvements. The funding has also created a raised bed which makes it easier for the elderly and disabled to tend the vegetables. New fencing and hedging have been installed and two wells have been made safe with grilles.



The allotments provide produce for the James Peacock Bread Charity which in turn distributes to the needy of Ruddington and surrounding areas. The charity has been running since 1655 and provides hundreds of vegetable boxes every year. Councillor Reg Adair and allotment Chairman Kim Aspinall both said how delighted they are with the improvements which have made a real difference to the site.

DOG FOULING – PLAY AREAS

The Parish Council is installing signage reminding dog owners that their pets are not allowed in children's play areas. Dog owners are also reminded that it is an offence not to "pick up" after your pet.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL CLERK



Ruddington Parish Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Gary Long as the new Clerk. Gary is married with a 15 year old son and has lived in Nottingham since 1980. Born in Essex, he studied Mathematics and Economics at Nottingham University and qualified as an accountant whilst at Leicestershire County Council, eventually moving in to the Health Service in Southern Derbyshire. In 1993, Gary was elected as a councillor for Nottinghamshire County Council and then moved on to the City Council in 1997 where he remained until 2011.

"I am thoroughly enjoying my new career as Clerk to Ruddington Parish Council. It is a hugely varied and interesting job in a lovely village, and the residents are helpful, polite and very friendly."

ASHWORTH AVENUE – more info'

In March 2011, we printed a brief explanation on how Ashworth Avenue came to get its name from the Ashworth family. Mrs Linda Davey has provided more detail about one of the Ashworth family members:

"It may be of interest for you to know that Mrs Blanche Ashworth was the first President of Ruddington WI at its