

RUDDINGTON DIARY

Wednesday 1st May

'A to Z Advertising Ephemera' by Graham Forty at Ruddington and District Probus Club at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Ring 0115 921 4139

Saturday 4th May

Steam Gala Event at GCRN, featuring guest steam loco No. 92293 'Black Prince'. Also, beer festival with live music in the evenings and evening trains as far as Rushcliffe Halt. Also today Classic Car and Motorcycle Day. Visit www.gcrn.co.uk.

Bright Reflections - an evening of light music and comedy entertainment at Ruddington Methodist Church at 7.30pm. All tickets £6 incl refr. Tickets from 0115 921 3112 or 0115 984 5375.

Sunday 5th May

Steam Gala Event at GCRN, See 4th May for details plus today Vintage Buses including rides over local routes. Visit www.gcrn.co.uk for details.

Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. Bunny Bluebell Woods and Ash Lane. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm

Monday 6th May

Workers Playtime - The Framework Knitters' Museum's annual family event - 11am to 4pm. Music, dance and have-a-go at traditional crafts plus spinners, weavers, lace makers and more. Entrance £4 per adult, £2 child, family ticket £10.

Steam Gala Event at GCRN, See 4th May for details plus today - Commercial Vehicle Day.

Tuesday 7th May

Scrabble - Ruddington Library 2pm to 4pm.

Wednesday 8th May

WI Meetings - Resolution Meeting - St Peter's Rooms, starting 7.15pm.

Thursday 9th May

Safer Neighbourhoods - Meet with your local officers to discuss issues in your area, on the High Street from 10.00am to 11.00am

'A Camera in the Garden' - by Richard Adams at the Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus. St Peter's Rooms comm 2pm. New members welcome.

Friday 10th May

"Joffrey's War: Pte. Geoffrey Husbands - a Chatsworth Rifle at War" by Bob Bushaway - the Western Front Association. 7.30pm at St Peter's Rms. Visitors welcome - donation of £3.50

Saturday 11th May

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

Tuesday 14th May

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm

Saturday 18th May

Spring Fair - Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust at St. Peter's Rms from 10am to 12 noon. Plant sale, home-made cakes stall and cafe. Large selection of records, vinyl and pre-vinyl.

Sunday 19th May

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

War Memorial Ceremony - see page 2.

Monday 20th May

Safer Neighbourhoods - Meet your local officers to discuss issues in your area, at James Peacock School, Manor Park from 8.30am to 9.00am

Tuesday 21st May

Amenities Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm

Wednesday 29th May

"Growing Better Vegetables" - by David Thornton presented by the Ruddington Gardeners' Assoc at the Hermitage comm 7.30pm. Membership is just £1 per year but non-members are also welcome to come along. Meeting ends with complimentary refreshments.

Thursday 30th & Friday 31st May

RuddFest - Ruddington's 11th Beer Festival starts today at The White Horse, The Red Heart and The Three Crowns. Thursday at the White Horse, the Dolphin Morris Men. See page 2 for details.

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Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION IS A HUGE SUCCESS



The 'Historic Photographs of Ruddington', a highly successful exhibition held at St Peter's Rooms over the Easter weekend attracted over 550 visitors, some of whom offered previously unseen photographs, additional information and lots of



positive feedback. The Society would like to thank Ruddington Parish Council for its support. Watch out for an exhibition of new discoveries and post war photographs at Easter 2014. (Photographs of the exhibition and one of the children enjoying a visit to the Museum. More photographs on page 2.)

WORRIES FOR WILWELL FARM CUTTING

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has issued a news release highlighting 'the inadequacy of wildlife legislation amid worries for wildflowers at its Wilwell Farm Cutting Nature Reserve'. The Trust claims that 'flooding at the nature reserve caused by engineering work linked to the construction of the NET Phase 2 highlights the weakness of the wildlife legislation and the planning system'.



'As well as being a Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve, Wilwell Farm Cutting is of national importance being designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) due to the range of wildflowers and grasses which thrive at the site. Its SSSI designation gives it legal protection from damage but, following months of flooding which could cause irreparable damage to the site's wildlife value, the Wildlife Trust

feels let down by legislation and the planning system.'

Flooding left parts of the grassland under up to 3 feet of water and concerns deepen the longer the water is allowed to sit on the site. 'Efforts to remove the water have been under way for some time and the Wildlife Trust has been assured by Nottingham City Council that the contractor will speed up the pumping process to drain the site as quickly as possible. The Council will also be working with the Trust to establish what needs to be done to restore the site and mitigate the effects of the flooding. The



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situation is being monitored by Natural England – the statutory agency for protecting Sites of Special Scientific Interest.’

To find out more about Wilwell Farm Cutting and the work of the Wildlife Trust visit

www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/nature-reserves

(Photographs of the Nature Reserve and the Green Winged Orchid, one of the wildflowers under threat)

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION (cont'd)



(One of the new photographs – Kirk Lane)



(Part of the display)

RUDDFEST BEER FESTIVAL

Ruddington's 11th Beer Festival will be opening its doors to real ale enthusiasts at the end of May, with a four day event running from Thursday 30 May to Sunday 2 June. Like last year, RuddFest will be hosted by three of our seven pubs – The

White Horse, The Red Heart and The Three Crowns. Between them, the trio hope to offer more than 100 beers and ciders, so there's sure to be one that tempts your taste buds!



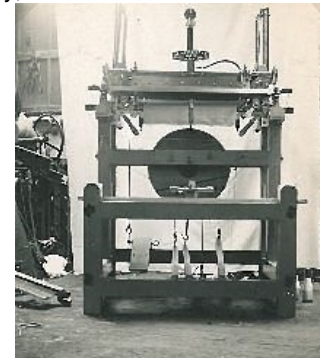
A packed entertainment programme focuses on The White Horse this year, with the ever-popular Dolphin Morris Men kicking things off on Thursday night. Saturday evening will feature live music from White Horse regulars *Basement*, who'll be playing a mixture of classic and modern tracks. And Northumbrian band *We Steal Flyers* will be appearing on Sunday from 4:30pm as part of their 'Happy Everything' tour, which will see the folk-inspired duo play 30 gigs around the UK in 30 days. You can soak up the beer with an open air barbeque at The White Horse, or sample an Indian dish from The Three Spices restaurant, located behind The Three Crowns.

CAMRA members will receive a discount from all three pubs and takeaway containers will be available for you to enjoy your favourite ales and ciders at home. You can find out more about RuddFest at www.ruddingtonfestival.co.uk. Please drink responsibly! (By Faye Stenson)

WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE

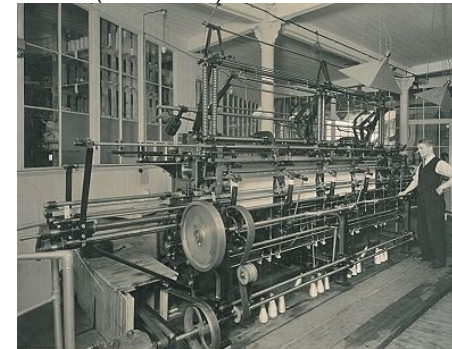
Work is continuing on the restoration of the War Memorial funded by the Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme. The work is due to be completed by 17 May. The Memorial was first Unveiled and Dedicated on 19 May 1923 by the Duke of Portland and

diversified in to building handframes for the textile industry. These machines were shipped all over the world, including Russia, Australia and Canada. At the last visit, there were still at least two handframes made by Cooke's in the Framework Knitters' Museum. Interestingly, one of the handframes was sent to America and is now at the bottom of the Boston harbour having slipped out of its sling



when being offloaded! At the same time, Bert Cooke (one of Alfred's sons) started up a Riley specialist garage attached to the factory and he became so well known for his knowledge and skills with these cars that a member of the Riley family was a regular visitor to the garage from their factory in Coventry. If only he was alive today to see that Riley cars can fetch as much as £60,000 to £80,000 for the most desirable sports models.

In 1946, the company became incorporated and was named Alfred Cooke (Machinists) Ltd.



As stockings shops became less in

demand due to an automated version being produced, Alan Cooke, (Alfred's grandson) a very talented designer and engineer, started to design and develop a new style of lace machine but unfortunately a German manufacturer called Meyer got to the market first and so this project was abandoned. However, it did open up a new area of production and the firm started to manufacture chain links and produced pattern chains for the new Meyer Raschel Knitting Machines. These chains were sent all over the world and at this point, Alfred Cooke (Machinists) Limited employed more than 45 people in Ruddington. As the years passed, the company realised that the textile side of the business was in decline and started to take on sub-contract machining for a variety of engineering industries alongside the existing business. In 1978, a subsidiary was set up to design and build special purpose machinery and the two companies worked hand-in-hand for a number of years as the chain link side wound down and eventually closed. Some of the original buildings still exist today and two have been converted in to a residential dwelling. (By David Cooke)

ALLOTMENT GARDENING

Good News! The waiting list for an allotment on the Parish Council's Wilford Road site (Paradise Gardens) is now open to new applicants. A starter plot of around 75 sq. mtrs costs less than £12 per annum and this site has a water supply and plenty of space for a greenhouse or shed. There are other sites (not Parish Council) on Asher Lane - Hareham Gardens and Buttercup Gardens and we are told that Buttercup Gardens currently has some vacant plots. If you are interested in allotment gardening and would like to know more, please contact the Parish Council Office. Contact details on the back page.

also to bake cakes. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the rangers office at the park. Tel: 0115 9215865

A NEW TATTOO FOR YOU?

History's been made in Ruddington this year with a completely NEW type of business for our village centre – a professional tattoo studio!



"Rider's Ink" has opened at 12 Church Street, promising "the best prices in Nottingham with some great work - specialising in custom artwork.... from writing to portraits... from cover-ups to bringing your old ink back to life."

The man behind it is Scott Morrell. He's been in the tattoo trade for around six years and previously had a shop in Nuthall but moved his business to Ruddington "because it's a better location – AND also nearer to Clifton, where I live!" And, so far, he's had a lot of interest. He admits "It's certainly something a bit different for the village!" He explains he's always been good at drawing and artwork so decided to turn it into a career – and there are plenty of examples of his work to see around the walls of the shop before you make a choice. "My oldest customer is a woman of 87 who keeps coming back for more tattoos of family members plus floral designs and butterflies. It is a skilled job to do it properly and safely using all the right inks and professional equipment and needles – sterilised in autoclaves. Just come in and have a chat and a cuppa if you're not sure."

Tattoo prices start from £10 - but customers must be at least 18 years old.
(By Graham Wright)

POLICING

Our Beat Manager, PC Ann Gill says: "I have had reports of people calling door-to-door selling anything from dusters to brushes. Unfortunately, very few of these people are genuine and often they are selling products of poor quality at inflated prices to vulnerable people. If anyone knocks on your door at any time of day, you should first look to see who is calling. If you are not happy with who is there, do not open the door. All genuine door-to-door sellers have a 'Peddlers Certificate' but be aware that these are easy to fake. If you are not happy with who is at your door, dial 101 and get the Police to come and check them out."

Police contact numbers are:

Dial 101 - for non emergencies

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

Our (temporary) PCSO is Verena (known as Vee) White – tel: 07702 141 778

IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999

THE RUDDINGTON CYCLE

Did you know that a firm in Ruddington was making bicycles before Raleigh? In fact, the company which was based on Parkyns Street had a long, varied and interesting history until it finally left the village around 15 years ago. 'Alfred Cooke, Machinist' was established in 1880 and set up business making cycles in an old forge situated in what was



originally an orchard in Parkyns Street. The phone number around the 1910's was No. 7 Ruddington and the address was 'Melbourne Works'. The first addition to the property was built in the style of a 'Stockingers Shop' as at this time the company had given up making cycles and

Rev H T Hayman 90 years ago. If work is completed by the 17 May a short ceremony is to take place on Sunday 19 May at 5.30pm followed by a service in church to give thanks for the restoration work and to remember all our War Casualties. Confirmation details will be posted on the notice boards and Ruddington Parish Council and Royal British Legion websites www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/ruddington

On behalf of the Ruddington & District Branch, Royal British Legion a warm welcome is given to all to attend. (Marilyn Parker, Secretary, Ruddington & District RBL)

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

On Saturday 20th April Ruddington showed itself to have a fantastic "Community Spirit"



Parents/ carers, pupils and their families along with other local residents turned out in force to support James Peacock Infant and Nursery school with the Community Launch of the Stephen Lawrence Educational Standard Project that they have been working on at the school for the past six months. The aim of the ongoing project is to educate pupils from an early age that everyone is

important and to encourage respect for and understanding of others.



The sunny afternoon was full of attractions and activities provided by the school and various village organisations. The school grounds hosted African Drumming, the Community Choir, a Cheerleading display by the pupils and even a bootcamp, to name just a few. Everyone was invited to dress up as a pirate or a princess and adults and children alike did so including the Head, Mr Waldron and the lead teacher of the Project, Mrs Squires.

Thanks to the support of Artex, who have a base in the village, the event culminated in a Balloon Launch with each balloon carrying a message of hope. The first balloon to be released carried a personal message from the mother of Stephen Lawrence, Doreen, in which she expressed her hope that "We all see people as people". Within 36 hours of the launch the school had received a message from Lincoln where one of the balloons landed. Where will the other 299 land?
(By Barbara Breakwell)

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FINE WINE TIME!



It's perhaps one of the most eagerly anticipated new businesses in Ruddington's history! "McArtney's" Wine Bar & Bistro is finally opening its doors at 6, Wilford Road on Tuesday the 7th May. It's the culmination of many months of hard work for sisters Rosie and Nancy McArtney. They saw the potential to convert the former laundry and dry cleaning premises into another eating and drinking option for the village "offering a fresh modern approach with great customer service." They have built up their successful outside catering operation over the past ten years, always with the intention of eventually opening up a stylish bar and quality food venue somewhere. Managing Director Rosie says "Our big thing will be an extensive range of fine wines, plus champagnes and cocktails. But we'll also have classic ingredient focused menus sourced from



local suppliers, plus a range of great family puddings all prepared by our professional chef."

Taking care of customers on a day to day basis will be managers Jo Harris and Natalie Amatt. McArtney's is set to open from 5.30pm on Tuesday to Thursday evenings, from 8am until 11pm

on Fridays and Saturdays, and from 9am until 6pm on Sundays. (By Graham Wright)

THE NOISE IN RUDDINGTON

The Noise will be taking place in Ruddington on 20th and 21st July this year. This exciting event, organised jointly by the Ruddington Churches, is focused on community action and showing God's love in practical ways. It's a great opportunity to make a positive difference in our village. Why do we do it? We try to look after Ruddington, and share the good we've been given: time, skills, resources and friendship. Over the weekend, we'll be bringing volunteers of all ages together to tackle some of Ruddington's needs.



Last year teams of young people and adults were allocated projects and tasks to complete like: interior painting, garden clearing, hedge cutting, fence or shed painting. If you know anyone who is unable to carry out these sort of tasks for themselves (such as a pensioner or unwell community member), then please do contact us, we would really like to help by sending a team on either 20th or 21st July. We only ask that the jobs must be in Ruddington and, if we are visiting your home, you will need to be in on one of the two days of The Noise.

Please call Sylvia Sanderson on 0115 914 7169 with your suggestions. If you would like to take part as a volunteer, download a sign-up form from our website www.ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On Tuesday 23rd April the Parish Council held its Annual Parish Meeting where electors are given an opportunity to hear about the work of the Parish Council during the previous year. The main part of

the meeting followed the normal pattern with reports from the committees, which only raised one question relating to Vicarage Lane Cemetery.

Clubs and organisations who receive support from the Parish Council presented reports on their activities and funding. The Bowls Club have been using the Green on Elms Park since 1934 added that they would welcome new members. Ruddington Fun, which was formed in 2011 and holds its main activities during the summer holidays, said that in 2012 a total of 891 people attended their events with a child age range of 1 week to 10 years old. Ruddington Colts currently have 16 squads of football players and made it clear it was a partnership between the Parish Council and themselves. They acknowledged that without this support it would be a struggle to maintain the high quality of performance. The Museum and Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society thanked the Parish Council for its support for the Photographic Exhibition and reported that the museum is attracting visits from local schools and organisations. (By Parish Cllr Allen Wood)

CADETS TUNE UP MUSICAL SKILLS



Senior Bugle Major James Murdock from Nottinghamshire Army Cadet Force enjoyed a successful Cadet Force Music Camp at Altcar, Merseyside during the Easter Half Term. With over 370 cadets from England, Wales and Northern

Ireland on the camp, the cadets receive expert musical tuition and take part in other ACF training, including shooting, sports and archery. As well as taking their ACF music tests, cadets have the opportunity to take BTEC (Music), a qualification equivalent to four GCSEs. James, from Nottingham, a student at NCN Basford Hall is being presented with the prize for the best 4 star Cadet by Brigadier (rtd) Mike Wharmby, Chairman ACFA. He will be using the musical skills learnt at camp with the Robin Hood Rifles Nottinghamshire Army Cadet Force at Ruddington on Tuesday evening 7.00 pm to 9.00pm. If you would like to join as a Cadet or Adult Instructor please Contact Bugle Major Russ Jones 07739563588 for further information.

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU!



Most of you will no doubt be familiar with Rushcliffe Country Park, just outside Ruddington. However, to keep this green oasis looking its best needs lots of hard work, not least from a dedicated band of volunteers called the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park (FORCP). In order to pay for the various tools and materials used by the friends requires funds. These come not only from various donations and subscriptions but also from the sale of tea, coffee and cakes in the visitor centre every first and third Sunday of the month. This is now proving so popular that the friends urgently need more volunteers not only to help serve the refreshments, but