

## RUDDINGTON DIARY

**Saturday 3rd November**

**Fireworks Spectacular** – see Page 7.

**Sunday 4th November**

**Tea, Coffee & Cakes** at the Education Room, Rushcliffe Country Park 10am to 3pm

**Ruddington Footpaths** Preservation Group's organised walk. Clifton Grove and River Trent. Meet on the Green at **2.00pm**.

**Tuesday 6th November**

**Scrabble** – Have a game of scrabble in Ruddington Library. 2pm to 4pm. All welcome.

**Wednesday 7th November**

**Ruddington & District Probus Club** - "True Tales of a Tour Guide" by Jo Carter. Ruddington Grange Golf Club. 0115 921 4139 for details.

**Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society** presents "Buildings of Fothergill Watson" by Kurt Hatton. 8pm at St. Peter's Rooms. Visitors welcome – £2 per meeting including refreshments.

**Thursday 8th November**

**"Christmas Ideas"** by the Mortons presented by Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus St Peter's Rooms, 2pm. Visitors/new members welcome.

**Friday 9th November**

**"Well Planning, Well Executed – Britain's Railways and the Great War"** by Jamie Green. Western Front Assoc., St Peter's Rooms, 7.30pm. Visitors and guests welcome £3.50 to incl refresh.

**Saturday 10th November**

**Parish Council Surgery** St Peter's Rooms. Speak with your Parish, Borough and County Cllrs.

**Nottingham Chamber Orchestra** - Charity Concert in aid of Ngora Parents' School, St. Peter's Church 7.30pm. Tickets £5 + concessions. Tel 0115 921 1565 for ticket reservations.

**Sunday 11th November**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – See Page 1.

**Tuesday 13th November**

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

**Wednesday 14th November**

**"Ideas for the Festive Season"** by Teresa Bovey, Ruddington WI, St Peter's Rooms, 7.15pm. Guests and new members welcome.

**Ruddington Gardeners' Association** presents "Nottingham's Unique Heritage Garden" by Mo Cooper. The Hermitage, 7.30pm (free tea/coffee & biscuits). Members and non-members welcome.

**Saturday 17th November**

**Festive Fayre** – Ruddington WI at St. Peter's Rooms from 10 am to 12 noon. Stalls include crafts, cards, cakes, etc.

**Wednesday 21st November**

**Ruddington & District Probus Club** Presents "Sanibel Islands" by J Pownall / C Atkins. Ruddington Grange Golf Club.

**Tuesday 27th November**

**Free Valuation Day** - Vanessa Savage from Hansons Auctioneers. J Bring along jewellery, silver, ceramics and collectables. Chapel Hall, Framework Knitters' Museum 10am to 4pm.

**Amenities Committee Meeting**, St. Peter's Rooms, 7.30pm. (Amenities Budget for 2013/14.)

**Friday 30th November**

**A Christmas Concert** - Songs 4 U. Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum 7.30pm. Tickets £6 including refreshments. Tickets from the museum or telephone 01509 856 208.

## POLICE

Report from Beat Manager Ann Gill:

*"There has been a spate of car related incidents through the areas of Ashworth Avenue, Rufford Road, St Mary's Crescent, etc. Now that the clocks have changed and dark nights start earlier, it would be helpful if residents are more vigilant and alert to suspicious person to help prevent further offences occurring. If you are concerned about someone or something, please phone 101 and report it."*

**Police contact numbers are: DIAL 101 for non emergencies.**

Our Beat Manager is PC Ann Gill – 07702 141 724

Our PCSO is Jenny Buggy – 07702 141 722

**IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999**

## Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

A Parade and Service of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial on Church Street, 10.45am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, followed by Morning Service at St. Peter's Church. Weather permitting, the parade of local organisations headed by the Ruddington Detachment RHR Corps of Drums and Bugles will march from The Green to the War Memorial prior to the service. Members of the public who are driving to the service are asked to park respectfully and to arrive in plenty of time as road closures will be in place for the duration of the event.

For those wishing to visit the War Memorial and look at the tributes after the service, or view the names on the memorial, the gates will remain open until Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

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### GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS

It was with regret that the Parish Council cancelled the Garden Competition Presentation Evening as a result of so many prize winners being unable to attend. It was a very successful evening last year and it is anticipated that in future this event will take place before the school half-term which hopefully will mean more people available to attend.



(‘A quiet corner of Japan in Ruddington’ – the winning photographic entry)

Prizes and certificates have been distributed and winners are as follows:

#### Garden Competition - Front Garden Section

Winner - Mrs I C Hardman

Second place - Mr E H Radford

Third place - Mr D R Wharmby

#### Garden Competition – Window Boxes, Hanging Baskets & Planters.

Winner – Mr S P Horton

Second place – Mr R J & Mrs S Porter

Third place – Mrs J Cartwright

Overall winner of the Harold Wroughton Memorial Trophy – Mr S P Horton

#### Allotment Competition

Winner – Mr A Simpson, Paradise Gardens, Wilford Road.

Second place – Mr R Smith, Paradise Gardens

Third place – Mr M Brownett & Mr P Parker, Hareham Gardens, Asher Lane

Fourth place – Mr B Booker, Buttercup Gardens, Asher Lane

Winner of the Victor Ludorum Cup, (Thorncroft Trophy) - Mr A Simpson  
‘Photographic’ Garden Competition  
Winner - Barbara Harrington-Tucker (picture in adjacent column)  
Second place - Mike Davey  
Third place - Mary Cripwell (for Peartree Orchard)

The Parish Council would like to thank all those people who entered the competitions and hopes that better weather in 2013 encourages more people to get involved.

### POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

On Thursday 15th November, new elections are taking place and you are being asked to vote for a Police and Crime Commissioner to oversee your local police force. The role includes:  
\*Meeting the public regularly to listen to their views on policing. \*Producing a police and crime plan setting out local policing priorities. \*Deciding how the budget will be spent. \*Appointing Chief Constables and dismissing them if needed. To find out who is standing for election in your area and see information from candidates, visit [www.choosemyppcc.org.uk](http://www.choosemyppcc.org.uk) or you can call 0800 1 07 07 08 to order printed information about your candidates.

### RUDDINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

The choir meets in term time every Tuesday from 8pm to 9.30pm at St. Peter’s School. It is open to everyone regardless of experience, ability or confidence. There are no auditions and songs are taught by ear so you don’t have to read music. Each session costs £4 (or a course of 11 sessions costs £35 in advance). Come along and join us for a tree taster session. Details from Cathy Troup on 07909 926 129.

consulted regarding ecological issues. An amendment to the original application was received in September 2012, which included a revised report on environmental noise. The revised report was compiled based on readings taken during the weekend when trains were running from GCRN, Ruddington. Rushcliffe Borough Council has advised that it may be some time before a decision is made on this development and that there is a probability of revisions being put forward in the light of recommendations from the Highways Department. Revisions should be referred back to the Parish Council, so please check our PLANNING section on the Parish Council website for updates.

### FIREWORKS AND FUN AT GCRN



Great Central Railway Nottingham (GCRN) will be holding its annual Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday 3 November from 5:30pm, with the fireworks display kicking off at 7:30pm. The popular event will feature include miniature train rides, fairground rides, candy stalls, hot food, live music and a licensed bar. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2 for children. Following the success of last year’s connecting train services to East Leake, there’ll be even more capacity this year so more people can enjoy a night-time train ride.

In December, the excitement is set to continue when Santa Claus returns to GCRN. Now a time-honoured tradition, ‘Santa Special Services’ will run every Saturday and Sunday throughout the month until Christmas. Santa himself will be on board to provide an ‘at seat’



gift service and a last chance for children to get their requests in before the big day. As always, there’ll be mince pies, confectionery and refreshments on offer for kids and adults alike. Pre-booking is essential. And if you fancy a seasonal but Santa-free train ride, don’t worry – non-Santa accommodation will be available on all services. GCRN’s gift shop and cafeteria will also be open and the model and miniature railways will be operating, too.

You can find out more about these events, look at train timetables and download the Santa Special leaflet at [www.gcrn.co.uk](http://www.gcrn.co.uk). (By Faye Stenson)

### MUSEUM WINS AWARD



The Framework Knitters’ Museum is celebrating being awarded the “Visit England Quality Assured Visitor Attraction Award”. Well done to everyone who helped to make this village attraction such a success!

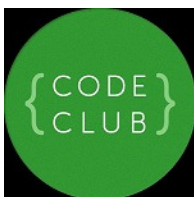
### CYCLISTS

There are cycle brackets at St Peter’s Rooms and at the library which are available for you to use.

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



### CODE CLUB AT ST PETER'S SCHOOL



A new network of nationwide after-school clubs is helping to create the next generation of computer whizz-kids – and our very own St Peter's Junior School was one of the first to get involved. Code Club is a volunteer-led initiative that teaches 9-11 year olds basic computer programming using a kids' programming tool called Scratch. The children have lots of fun making their own computer games whilst learning about what computer programmes look like and what they can do.

At St Peter's, Code Club is run by village resident Mark Pinks, working alongside the school's ICT Coordinator, Claire Board. *'It's really important to me that our kids have the best possible opportunity to compete on the world IT stage when they grow up,'* says Mark, who's also a parent-governor at the school. *'The current IT curriculum just isn't hitting the spot and is unlikely to change before 2014. That's why the voluntary community came together a few months ago to create Code Clubs at schools up and down the country – and they're proving amazingly popular.'*

So popular, in fact, that 50 children wanted to join the first Code Club sessions at St Peter's – Mark was expecting just five or six! He's currently running the Club every term-time Thursday between 3:30pm and 4:30pm for 18 Year 6 pupils, and is hoping to run another Club after Christmas to fit in the rest. *'I'd love to run Code Club every term for many years to come,'* he says, *'but I'll need another volunteer or two to keep it going. So if you'd like to help a few kids in the village learn to code, please let me know!'*

If you're interested in helping Mark with Code Club, you can email him at [mark@pinksy.co.uk](mailto:mark@pinksy.co.uk). And if you're a parent of a Year 5 or 6 child at St Peter's that would like to enrol in the Club, please contact the school office to apply for a place. You can find more information about the nationwide Code Club initiative at [www.codeclub.org.uk](http://www.codeclub.org.uk).  
*(By Faye Stenson)*

### UPDATE ON PASTURE LANE SITE

The Parish Council office is frequently being asked about progress on the proposed housing plans for Pasture Lane, so here is some of the background plus an update.

In July this year, the Parish Council was asked to consider planning application 12/01199/FUL by Bellway Homes Ltd. for the *"erection of 106 dwellings, including public open space, landscaping and ancillary engineering works at Land South East of Development, Pasture Lane, Ruddington"*. Bellway Homes Ltd. had already held an exhibition and consultation afternoon at St. Peter's Rooms on 15<sup>th</sup> June, which was very well attended despite horrendous weather conditions. The Village Newsletter also carried information about the proposals in its July edition.

The Parish Council discussed the application at a Special Planning Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August and whilst it did not object to the application, it made a number of observations which it asked Rushcliffe Borough Council to consider:

- \*A review of public transport was needed including the provision of a bus shelter
- \*Improved pedestrian access to the village from the site needs to be provided
- \*The existing footpath along the southern boundary is not appropriate
- \*Improvements need to be made to the junction of Clifton Road and Wilford Road
- \*Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust should be

### SOMETHING SPECIAL .....

is what's being promised by Ruddington's latest new traders! "Something Special" is to be a traditional card and gift shop opening at the former Crusader Gift Shop (and prior to that their fancy dress shop) at the corner of High Street and Easthorpe Street in the village centre.



It's the idea of Craig and Paula Baldwin – who saw the vacant unit and thought it would be the perfect size and location to expand their business. *"We already have a similar shop in East Leake, which has been very successful"* says Craig, *"so we're hoping Ruddington will like us, too. We'll be offering something a bit different to the other shops so hope we can complement what's already here."*

Exclusive lines will include Yankee candles, British-made Orchard Toys, Willow Tree figurines, and "nappy cakes". They'll also stock picture frames, jewellery, scarves, confectionery, helium balloons and other party-ware plus a wide range of cards and gift-wrap. They're planning to recruit their shop staff locally.

"Something Special" will be open Monday to Saturday from early November. Meantime you can find out more online at [www.shop4somethingspecial.com](http://www.shop4somethingspecial.com)  
*(By Graham Wright)*

### KEEP IT LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS

If you're organising a Christmas party, meal or festive get-together, why not give town a miss this year and enjoy your festivities right here in Ruddington? Several of our pubs and restaurants will be offering festive menus at competitive prices, and function rooms can be

booked through the Parish Council at special residents' rates.

With excellent food on offer, and two of our pubs listed in the CAMRA 2013 Good Beer Guide (again!), there's really no excuse to look elsewhere for top quality food and drink this Christmas. Visit [www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.co.uk) to view contact details for our village venues, or to find about the function rooms on offer. Or just pop into your favourite pub or restaurant to make a booking.

*(By Faye Stenson)*

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Do you remember?



Ruddington wins the "Best Kept Village" Competition in the 1960's. Pictured from left to right: Hon. George Seymour presenting the award, Ken Phethean (Chairman of the Parish Council), Wes Scarrott (Clerk to the Council), Mrs G. Seymour and Rev. Clive Shrimpton. Many thanks to Mrs Phethean for supplying this photograph of the presentation ceremony on the Green.

### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Please note that the toilets at St. Peter's Rooms are only available for public convenience during the Parish Council Office opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

### RUDDINGTON LANE CLOSED

As many residents will no doubt be aware, Ruddington Lane is currently closed to enable major road works to take place, to do with the construction of the new tram line to Clifton. The closure took effect from 3rd October and is expected to remain in place until March 2013, with the road being closed between Fieldway and the entrance to the Nottm. South and Wilford Ind. Estate. During the six month closure, the road will be lowered to provide space for a tram stop at ground level. A new, traffic-signalised tramway crossing will also be built. Traffic is being diverted up Landmere Lane and through Compton Acres before joining Wilford Lane at the junction with The Becket Way. The Ruddington Connection bus service is also being diverted along this route, with a free shuttle bus running between Roko Health & Fitness on Wilford Lane and Brierfield Avenue to serve residents living on and around Ruddington Lane. There are no changes to the timetable for customers travelling between Clifton, Ruddington, Ruddington Fields Business Park and the city centre.

You can find the latest information on the Ruddington Connection route and



timetable at [www.trentbarton.co.uk](http://www.trentbarton.co.uk).

News and updates on the NET tram works can be found at [www.thetram.net](http://www.thetram.net).

(By Faye Stenson)

### VILLAGE SURVEY

Sincere thanks are extended to all those of you who took the time to complete the village survey that was distributed around the village during the summer. As a Parish Council we wanted to get an idea of how the residents of Ruddington spend their leisure time in terms of social,

recreational and sporting activities and whether our current facilities support these. This information will be helpful in formulating any plans for the future needs of our village as we endeavour to make Ruddington an increasingly vibrant place to call "our home". The responses can be viewed on the Parish Council website [www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk](http://www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk) under the 'Ruddington Parish Council – About Us' heading.

(By Councillor Mrs Barbara Breakwell)

### REMEMBER REMEMBER ...

the 5<sup>th</sup> of November when the Nottinghamshire County Council Customer Service Number changes (from 08449 808080) to **0300 500 80 80**.

All the same services but at a lower call rate for you.

Remember also that now is the time to have your say on how your County Council's budget is spent. Have your say on what matters to you as part of the 2013/14 Budget Consultation. Visit [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budget](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budget) for more information.

### THE QUEEN'S AWARD



Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 was a very special day for The Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park (FoRCP). After receiving the news in mid May that we had been given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, it seemed a long time to wait for the official presentation.

All the working Friends, along with Civic

dignitaries and Friends from earlier years, who had laid the foundations for The Friends group, gathered in the classroom.

The Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Peace, presented The Friends with a crystal dome and a certificate signed by the Queen. We are all very proud and honoured to receive this prestigious award. The dome and certificate will be placed in the display cabinet in the foyer. The Mayor of Rushcliffe presented The Friends who had worked on the park before 2011 with a pin badge, which has the Queen's logo on it. The presentation was followed by a celebratory lunch.

### P. R. HARTLEY LTD.

The death of Peter Roger Hartley in June



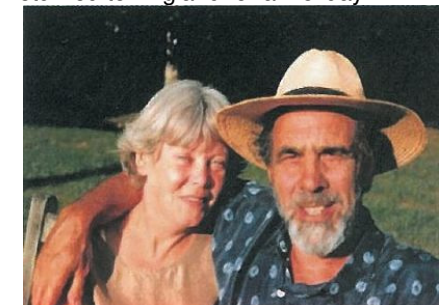
this year at the age of eighty three brought back memories of the electrical firm he founded in the village that many residents will still remember and some will still have items bought from there. Peter came to

Ruddington with his Swiss mother and Yorkshire born father in 1936 at the age of seven. Leaving school at 14, he was apprenticed as an electrician doing deliveries around Nottingham with a wheelbarrow for 15 shillings (75p) per week. Following three years National Service from 1947, he returned home to find there was no work available and so he set up on his own with a bag of tools, a bicycle and £50. At that time miners' cottages were being converted from gas to electricity and this gave Peter his start, along with repairing small electrical items in his bedroom at night!

The little business started to grow and in 1956 he took on his first employee, the late Gordon Kirkman, and then in 1958

he took on the late Ron Pallister, both of whom were to become directors of P. R. Hartley Ltd. In 1957, Peter opened a shop on the High Street in Ruddington and other shops followed; Keyworth in 1962, East Leake in 1968, Radcliffe on Trent 1971, Charles Street, Ruddington in 1974, and then he took on the old Liberal Club on Shaw Street as a workshop. There were now around 45 employees with a fair number from Ruddington and his business included electrical contracting, sales and repairs for domestic appliances and more.

On a personal level, Peter married Marian in 1960 and they went on to have three children; Roger, Louise and Tom. He played football for the village team until he was about thirty one and after that, despite his heavy workload and busy family life, Peter still found time to get actively involved with the Parish Council and with the Rotary Club. In 1993 Peter retired to live a very full life in France with his wife Marian. They made lots of good friends and enjoyed their time there until late in 2011 when they returned to England for a 'holiday'.



As for the business? The retail business was sold to Alan Broughton around 1989-90 but the electrical contracting business continues, run by local man Peter Stevenson.

I would like to convey my thanks to his widow Marian, for help with this tribute.

(By Peter McGowan)