

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Ruddington Choir Success

Congratulations to Ruddington Community Choir – who've managed to secure funding for a "Community Choirs' Festival" in our village!

This comes after the public were invited to vote for them online for a share of the Aviva Community Fund – set up to offer support and funding to "inspirational local projects" in the community. Over a thousand people did. Now the choir is set to receive up to £1,000 to stage their event.



Ruddington Community Choir was formed in March 2012, inspired by Gareth Malone's Military Wives' choir series on TV. Musical director Bernie Bracha had a dream to start this choral group. Her aim was to benefit the singers but also to encourage and inspire the local community. She also hoped to bring together different people in a joyful and uplifting experience.

Over the last three years the choir has gone from strength to strength with forty members aged from their mid-twenties to seventy plus. They've performed at several venues in the village - including The Framework

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Knitters' Museum, Ruddington Methodist Church and James Peacock School - and helped raise funds for numerous charities. Their next big adventure is in October when the choir travels to Grenay, Ruddington's twin town, where the singers will take part in a festival to celebrate 30 years of The Twinning Association.

Now it's hoped the Community Choirs' Festival will bring other similar groups to perform in Ruddington early next year. The Aviva funding will be used to pay for venue hire as well as sheet music, rehearsal time and space, advertising and flyers, signage, refreshments, lighting and decoration. They're also hoping to have some festival T-shirts printed, promoting Aviva as a sponsor.



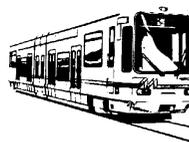
Bernie told us *"The choir is about so much more than singing, and it is the true sense of community which makes our choir so special. We aim to provide a festival of workshops and performances in various venues throughout the village, putting Ruddington firmly on the musical map!"*

By Graham Wright

Next stop...trams operational?

As anyone who visits Clifton or Beeston regularly will know, daytime testing is well underway on NET Phase 2. The project has seen its fair share of delays, but trams are now to be seen gliding up

and down the new lines which will connect Park & Ride sites at Clifton and Chilwell with the city centre.



The nearest tram stop to Ruddington is at Wilford Industrial Estate on Ruddington Lane, around a mile from the village centre. According to the latest reports, we can expect NET Phase 2 to become fully operational at some point over the summer...assuming the testing goes to plan!

Faye Stenson

The Bricklayers Arms Welcomes Families!!!

New manager Greg and his dedicated team would like to up-date you on the recent changes to The Bricklayers Arms, Ruddington. The Bricklayers Arms has long been a feature of the busy and popular Ruddington High Street, known to most as a popular drinking venue. **However**, did you know that it has undergone major changes? The layout and facilities have been renovated, and the décor is now stylish, modern and above all family friendly. The management has recently changed too, with experienced Pub and Restaurant Manager, Greg Mills, now leading the team.

Arguably the most significant change is the addition of an elegant restaurant! The team has worked hard to design a delicious, wholesome menu that is tasty, locally sourced, and affordable.

Offers include **2 courses for £9.50** or **3 courses for £11.00**, on Sunday a home-

made Sunday Lunch with a choice of three meats or a vegetarian option can be purchased for 2 meals for £15.00. The meals on offer will appeal to all palates, with mouth-watering dishes such as home-made Lasagne and Pies, and the speciality 'Bricklayers Burger'. Families are welcomed and a separate children's menu is available to keep the little ones happy!

The Bricklayers Arms also specialise in **cask ales**. Alongside regular ales such as St Austells **Tribute**, and Navigations **Bricklayers Blonde**, we regularly have guest ales available to explore, why not try a tempting pint of aptly named '**Tuck**' produced by Lincoln Green. Any suggestions on ales for us to offer are welcomed and we will see what we can do!

If you haven't yet been in, why not give us a try? To make a reservation call 0115 895 00 60 or contact the team at bricklayersruddington@gmail.com

The Bricklayers Arms are kindly supporting St Mary's Community Park Project. Any donations greatly appreciated.

Hermitage Preschool Chosen as TSB Local Charity Partner

TSB is pleased to announce The Hermitage Preschool as the Bank's first Local Charity Partner for Ruddington & Clifton. The partnership was unveiled on 19th May by Justin Whittaker, TSB Local Manager who presented the charity with a £100 donation from TSB to kick-start their Partnership at The Hermitage, Ruddington.

Instead of having a centrally chosen Charity of the Year, TSB Partners across Britain recognise local causes which share the Bank's passion for helping

local communities thrive. Hermitage Preschool was nominated locally by TSB customers and Partners for the work it does in the community to provide preschool learning to children through play in a secure and caring environment.

TSB's local branch will now aim to raise as much money as possible for them throughout 2015 to support the work the charity does in the local community. In addition, TSB is encouraging its Partners to spend a day, when they would normally be working, out in their community supporting their Local Charity Partner with their time and skills.



Faisal Khan, Branch Manager at TSB “The Hermitage Preschool do some amazing work in the area and it was really important to us to pick a Charity Partner that gives so much back to the community. We can't wait to get our fundraising off the ground and work together to make a real impact locally”

Teresa Gough, Supervisor at The Hermitage Preschool said “We are delighted to be nominated as TSB's Charity of the Year as the extra fundraising will enable us to purchase new resources and further support our children with their learning and development”

Ruddfest a resounding success



Pictures taken by Howard Greville-Giddins

The last weekend in May saw hundreds of real ale enthusiasts descending on the village for Ruddfest, making the 2015 beer festival the biggest and best to date. Four pubs took part this year: The White Horse, The Three Crowns, The Victoria Tavern and The Red Heart, as well as Bar Six and the Three Spices.

Despite some mixed weather conditions over the four days, punters flocked to all the venues and packed out the marquee on the Green – bringing a real buzz and festival atmosphere to the village. In total, over 100 real ales, ciders and perrys from more than 50 breweries were on offer, along with live music, barbeques and Indian food.

Andy Hunt, Landlord of The White Horse, commented: *'What a success for Ruddfest 2015! We sold out of beer and got even better feedback than last year, which we didn't think was possible. Thank you to all the local people who make it a growing success. The only downside to this year is the sad loss of The Red Heart. I would personally like to thank Rahul & Bav for all their efforts over the years that have helped make Ruddfest what it is today.'*

Max Harman, Landlord of the Three Crowns, added: *'Wow, what a beer festival! It was great to see new faces and more families enjoying the bouncy castle on the Green. The feedback for the live music was that everybody loved the selection and just want more next year. None of this would be possible if it wasn't for the people who turn up and enjoy themselves, so it's a HUGE thanks from John and me. I assure you that next year we'll continue to build on the success of Ruddfest and make it even better than before!'*

In other pub-related news, Nottingham Brewery has recently acquired The

Bricklayers' Arms and is promising a 'new and improved' experience for clientele in the coming months. Given Nottingham Brewery's real ale heritage, it's also realistic to expect that The Brickies will be filling the gap left by The Red Heart in next year's Ruddfest. Roll on 2016!

Faye Stenson

Ode to Ruddfest

Back in the year 2005
The Hoss and Top House did decide
To hold a festival celebrating beer
In 2015 it's our 11th year

Mighty oaks from little acorns do grow
Who could imagine the success to follow
With the Tavern and Red Heart taking part
This year has been the best so far

Over those years Ruddfest has grown
With over 150 beers and ciders this year alone
Live music, bbqs and Indian food
All helping to get you in the mood

Bigger and better must be our aim
So we need to up our game
All helping to put Ruddington on the map
Long may it continue – I'll drink to that!

Name withheld by request

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Village Newsletter is
available to read in the
library

Ruddington Diary

July 2015

Sunday 5th July

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. "Cropwell Bishop - Tithby - Cropwell Butler circular". Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Wednesday 8th July

Ruddington WI - Open meeting - "The Nottinghamshire I Know" by Colin Slater, St. Peter's Rooms, 7.15 pm.

Saturday 11th July

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 14th July

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

Amenities

Committee Meeting - 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.

Thursday 16th July

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.

Friday 17th July

Ruddington Business Partnership

FREE networking today and every 3rd Friday of the month, at The Ruddington Arms, 8am to 9am.

Come along and meet other local businesses. No booking required.

Saturday 18th July

Ruddington WI - Garden Day - 200 Loughborough Road.

Sunday 19th July

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

Tuesday 28th July

Environment Committee Meeting - 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

August 2015

Sunday 2nd August

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. "Three Moors of Ruddington, Gotham and Bradmore. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Wednesday 12th August

Ruddington WI - "Mask Theatre" by Stephen Jon, St. Peter's Rooms 7.15pm.

Tuesday 11th August

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

Planning Meeting - at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. Only if required. Please check with the Parish Council office.

Sunday 16th August

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

Thursday 20th August

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.

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

Friday 21st August

Ruddington Business Partnership - FREE networking, at The Ruddington Arms, 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses. No booking required.

Tuesday 25th August

Planning Meeting - at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. Only if required. Please check with the Parish Council office.



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Belly Belles Photo Shoot

Ruddington's Belly Dancers have been showing off some impressive publicity pictures after a recent photo shoot with Aaron Greco.

The photograph is of Nara - their semi pro Belly Dancing troupe - comprising (from left to right) Hilary, Josephine, Shirley, Anne and Liz. They are available to hire for parties, weddings, corporate events, residential socials and other events.



Josephine and Shirley run Ruddington Belly Dancing. They offer classes on Mondays (for intermediates) and Wednesday nights (for beginners) in the Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum Hall. Sessions run from 7.30pm until 8.30pm and cost £4 each - but the first "taster" class is given for half price at just £2.

Josephine Cowan told us *"Classes are lots of fun and give ladies of all ages and sizes more confidence - plus it's great exercise, too. All they need is some comfortable clothes, with no need to bare their belly! There's also a great social side, with plenty of events throughout the year."*

If you would like more information on classes, or wish to enquire about hiring Nara, please contact Jo on 07813 183520.

By Graham Wright

Looking to lose weight?

A local resident is celebrating this month after helping Ruddington to shed over 37 stone in the first half of 2015 and change their relationship with food for good. Having lost two and a half stone herself, Lisa Barnaby became a Weight Watchers Leader in 2011 and has since helped hundreds of residents towards a healthier weight and lifestyle.

Now, Lisa is encouraging even more Ruddington residents to develop healthier habits and feel good for summer

Lisa says: "In 2015 so far, local Ruddington residents have lost over 518 lbs and 22 members have successfully shed 5% or more of their body weight. This can dramatically improve your health and wellbeing and help prevent serious diseases."



Ruddington meeting member Ellen Sissons, who has lost 10% of her total body weight already, says: "Having the support of Lisa throughout my weight loss journey has been the key to my success. She is an inspiration and each week gives us all great tips, tricks and support to help us achieve our weight loss goals."

To find out more about Lisa's Weight Watchers meeting at St Peter's Junior School, Wednesdays 6.30pm, call 07876 501884 or visit www.weightwatchers.co.uk to find out about other meetings in Nottingham.

From Folk to Funk!

Nottingham Concert Band returns to St Peter's Church in Ruddington on Saturday 18 July 2015 with an eclectic programme of music entitled 'From Folk to Funk!' The concert starts at 7.30pm and will raise money for the DEC Nepal Earthquake Appeal. Tickets are £7 for adults and £4 for children, available from the church office (0115 878 0579) and Mal Lowe (0115 921 3144).

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On Wednesday 8th July we welcome you all to our Open Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms at 7.15pm to hear Colin Slater from Radio Nottingham speaking on 'The Nottinghamshire I Know'



We hope to see you all on 18th July when you can visit a beautiful garden at 200 Loughborough Road from 2 - 4pm. There will be various stalls and a strawberry tea - £3.50. All proceeds for our local charity The Peter Le Marchant Trust.

Thank You

A big thank you, to all of the people who supported the recent school fundraising events in the village. The sun shone for the Garage Sale Safari, jointly organised by the Friends of James Peacock and St Peter's Schools. Unfortunately the weather was not so good for the James Peacock Family Fun Day but it did not deter families from attending. Both events were successful and have added monies to the outdoor projects that both schools are working on.

Barbara Breakwell

Asher Lane – Update

A decision on the Asher Lane planning application has been put back to September. The applicant has asked for time to submit more information. When this is in there will be an opportunity for the public to comment.

The train now standing.....

Do you know that it is 20 years this month since the first passengers could



ride on a train from the Heritage Centre? The first journeys were only short to the 50 steps bridge but this achievement was due to the dedication of the volunteers who over several years helped restore the original mainline track.

Phil Sharpe who still lives in the village was the fireman on that first trip and still maintains his enthusiasm for steam trains. The Heritage Centre has developed over the last 2 decades and continues to develop and we are lucky as a community to have such an attraction on our doorstep.

Barbara Breakwell

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 July.

“Ruddington Fun”

“Ruddington Fun” is delighted to have been selected by the Post newspaper to be part of their £20,000 Giveaway. The paper is printing daily voting coupons until the 11th July. If you or anyone you know reads the paper please could you cut them out and collect them for us. I will collect them from you if you could kindly contact me on ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com.



Ruddington Fun

The more we collect the more money we will receive to enable us to provide our **free** play sessions during the summer.

Our diary of activities that are happening during the summer will be available before the school holidays start. Watch for further details

Thank you

Barbara Breakwell

Family Fun Day St Peters Church

18th July 2015 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

A day of fun for all the family with a wide variety of stalls and activities.

All proceeds will go to the Rainbows Hospice.

Thank You

Ruddington Village Football Club, Ruddington Parish Council and the Community of Ruddington have helped save lives by raising £1,938.00 to support the British Heart Foundation.

Leys Court

In the 1970's a sheltered housing scheme was opened at Leys Court on Moor Lane in the village. The original block had 32 flats for older residents. However the flats more recently were in need of an upgrade and this has now happened.



Metropolitan Housing Association in partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council have undertaken a comprehensive refurbishment and the block now has 21 more spacious one and two bedroom homes. The grounds have been landscaped to provide private gardens and communal space. The new scheme was officially opened a couple of months ago and helps meet housing needs for older people on the social housing register.

Barbara Breakwell

Visitors from France

Are you a young person who would like to meet some teenagers from France? A party of teenagers from our twin town Grenay in northern France will be once again visiting Ruddington on the 7th – 9th August. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Council.

The Ruddington Community Choir is giving a Concert in Grenay over the weekend of 16th – 18th October. There are still 3 places on the coach if anyone would like to join them.

Peter McGowan.

Framework Knitters Museum Achieves Award Success with Rushcliffe School

The Framework Knitters Museum, Ruddington, has been hugely successful at the East Midlands Heritage Awards. The textile museum won the Award for Engaging Children and Young People, and was Highly Commended for the Award for Innovation.



The Framework Knitters Museum and Pupils from Rushcliffe School at the Awards

The Award for Engaging Children and Young People was for a unique collaborative project to redevelop the museum undertaken with Rushcliffe School. The £100,000 redevelopment was made possible by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Museums Development East Midlands.

Paul Baker, Museum Manager, said, “We are thrilled to have been so successful at the East Midlands Heritage Awards, both for ourselves and the students we worked with at Rushcliffe School. The partnership was a great experience all round, and we are incredibly proud of what we achieved”.

For more information please visit www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk, or contact the museum on 0115 984 6914 or office@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

Rushcliffe Country Park

Rushcliffe Country Park, one of South Nottinghamshire's best-known beauty spots, is looking its best at this time of the year. But now, from the comfort of the education room at the Park's interpretation centre, you can contemplate the beauty of the lake whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

This facility will be on the first and third Wednesday of every month and takes place whatever the weather. This will be in addition to the highly successful coffee and cakes venture, which is on the first and third Sunday of every month. Make a note in your diary. Linger by the Lake at Rushcliffe Country Park; it's a great place to unwind.

Chris Rose

Challenge Ecuador for Poppy

Poppy Brown, who has just completed her GCSE's at Rushcliffe School, will be heading for Ecuador in South America in a few weeks' time to spend four challenging weeks working on projects in local rural communities and in the rain forest.

She first enrolled on this Camps International scheme eighteen months ago and immediately had to start raising £4,500 to fund the trip. She is very grateful to many people including the Parish Council, The Guiding



Please Respect our Neighbours

Rushcliffe Borough Council have recycling bins in the Parish Council Car Park (next to the Co-op)

Please only recycle your glass bottles & jars between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. as putting bottles in the bottle bank can make quite a noise.



Association, The James Peacock Education Fund, Local Rotarians, and many more private individuals. Old mobile phones and used computer inks were collected and sold and she held cake sales at the Country Park.

On her return she has to start fund raising again as she will be attending the World Guides Jamboree in Finland in August 2016 but we hope she will find time to tell us about her trip to Ecuador in a future Newsletter.

Peter McGowan

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