

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Could grant funding put Rudd on the map?

There is a new allocation of EU funding to help support the development of the rural economy and create new jobs. The funding could come through the EAFRD (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development) or the South Nottinghamshire LEADER Programme – as part of Rushcliffe borough, Ruddington could be eligible to receive some of the £1.3m pot that’s available over the next five years.

However, if we want to see a slice of the funding pie, local businesses and organisations will need to pull together to make it happen! Initial discussions have already taken place, with a focus on applying for EAFRD or LEADER funding to strengthen Ruddington’s tourist offering, which is one of the South Nottinghamshire Local Development Strategy’s key priorities.



Faye Stenson, one of the Trustees at the Framework Knitters Museum, explains: *‘A LEADER grant could really help us put Ruddington on the map as part of the local tourist trail. For example, we could create a village guide – printed and online – explaining what we have to offer,* Continued inside



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with different sections or “routes” around the village to reflect various interests such as The Museum Route, The History Walk or The Real Ale Trail.’

‘Joint tickets could be introduced across our three museums, or even a Totally Locally-style card offering discounts at our shops, food outlets and attractions.

By working together, we could make Ruddington a great day out for all the family – increasing visitor numbers, giving local businesses a boost, and gaining a new reputation as a quality tourist destination.’

To enable us to apply for and (if successful) implement grant funding, we need to recruit a committee of representatives from local companies, organisations such as the museums, and of course, residents.

Is this something you could help us with? It’s set to be a very exciting project to get involved in, as there could be lots of benefits for the village in the future if our plans come to fruition!

If you’d like to get involved in our bid for the funding, please contact the Parish Council in the first instance.

Or, for more information on the LEADER funding, please visit www.notttinghamshire.gov.uk/leaders_outh. The grant applications window opens this month (January) so the sooner we can get together and get planning, the better!

Faye Stenson

Well done, Rushcliffe School.

In our village we are fortunate to have school provision for 3-11 year olds but for secondary education young people have to travel out of the village. They go to various schools, including Rushcliffe School.

Rushcliffe School has recently joined a group of only 26 schools UK state schools that have been awarded the World Class Schools Quality Mark (WCSQM).



They have added this to their Outstanding Ofsted ranking. The Head, Steve Lewis stated “We’ve demonstrated that our school offers not just academic excellence but a truly character building, life affirming experience”

This is great news for the education of the young people of our village who currently attend Rushcliffe and those who will in the future. Congratulations are extended to all the staff and pupils.

Barbara Breakwell

Ruddington Open Gardens 2016

Planning is now well under way for an Open Gardens event in Ruddington, in aid of Save the Children, during the weekend of **25th/26th June 2016**.

Several residents have already kindly offered to open their gardens/allotments or to provide help in other ways. Both the Methodist Church and St Peter's Church are keen to be involved and I am hopeful that other village organisations, such as the W.I and the Framework Knitters' Museum will also join in.



To make the event really successful, however, we need more gardens to be open. Your garden doesn't have to be big or splendid – we are not looking for prize-winning exhibits, just pleasant gardens that visitors will enjoy wandering around! The more variety we have, the better.

If anyone would be interested in getting involved in any way at all, please do contact me by e-mail on je.piggott@btinternet.com or via the Parish Office. Many thanks.

Jane Piggott

Easthorpe House

For a long time Easthorpe House, the base for NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group, on Loughborough Road, was "hidden" from view by dense woodland.

The woodland contained a variety of species of trees of different ages and size along with bushes, ground cover and ivy. Over time due to the density of planting some trees have died and recent winds have damaged others, causing limbs to fall or roots to be lifted.

Over the last few months a lot of tree clearance has been undertaken and the House is now fully visible. The Borough Council have been liaising with the owners. It is proposed to install a post and rail fence along the frontage and plant a Beech hedge.

Barbara Breakwell

Join a Choir in 2016!

If you have been thinking of joining a choir, come along to the Ruddington and District Choral Society. We will be singing the Nelson Mass by Haydn and the Gloria by Vivaldi, both great pieces and enjoyable to sing. Rehearsals start in January for a concert in May.

We meet on Monday evenings at St Peter's Junior School, Ruddington NG11 6GB at 7 15 pm. Come along and try the choir before joining. Phone 0115 9211451 and see our website www.spanglefish.com/ruddingtonanddistrictchoralsociety/

A new era for our library

Ruddington Library is to change the way it's run, with a new cultural organisation called Inspire soon to take over the management of libraries, archives and cultural services across the county.

Starting in spring 2016, the new system is designed to give local communities a greater say in the way their library services are delivered.



Inspire membership is free – although you can still enjoy the library without becoming a member.

By joining, you will have more say on how the library operates, and receive special offers and discounts on events.

Members will also be eligible to stand for election to Inspire's board, or to get involved with Friends' groups, a great way to further influence the services.

You can find out more at www.inspireculture.org.uk

Kay Garrett

Ruddington Colts need you!

The Ruddington Village under 9s football team are looking for players to join them.

Training takes place on Thursday evenings at Power League through late autumn/winter and at Jubilee Fields the rest of the year.

Matches are on Saturday mornings as part of the Young Elizabethan League. Players don't need previous experience, as they'll be trained by FA licensed coach Dean Dale, who is qualified at Level 2 Coaching Football and Level 2 Goalkeeping.

To find out more, please contact Dean on 07771 922815.

Kay Garrett

Paradise Gardens allotments

And for many, that is exactly what it is – 'Paradise' – a little piece of land where the world passes them by while they grow all manner of fruit and veggies.

The Parish Council's main allotment site on Wilford Road has a couple of starter plots available at the time of writing this article.

It might be that by the time this is printed they may have been taken up but if you are considering taking on an allotment, now is the time to get on the waiting list. Just contact the Parish Council office - the contact details are on the back page - and we'll get back to you.

Robin Hood travel cards are now available

This card is the first of its type in the UK outside London, which has had its 'Oyster' cards for a few years. Valid on the tram, NCT, Pathfinder, South Notts, Linkbus and Kinch Bus services locally, as well as Trent Barton a little further afield. The card is free to get. You then have to load it in multiples of £10, and each journey is 10% cheaper than the price of the cheapest 'ordinary' ticket.



Kick-started by a £2.5 million investment from the Department of Transport, the Robin Hood card automatically gives you the cheapest fare for travel and is intended to make getting around Greater Nottingham cheaper and easier. It is planned that other bus companies and East Midlands Trains will soon be on board.

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

It is simple to use. Just present your Robin Hood card when you board. Once only, don't do it again when you get off. Cards are available at tram stops and from the new Robin Hood smart card machines across the city. If you have any credit on your card you can travel, but cards that have a negative balance will have that made up when the card is next topped up.

Cards such as Mango (Trent Barton), Kangaroo and CityCard are likely to be phased out in due course, although the Mango may be retained for use outside the area covered by the new Robin Hood card.

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 January

Although there will be changes and refinements to the scheme to come, I didn't think it would happen before Xmas. It has and so huge congratulations to those responsible, it is a major coup for public transport locally. The Robin Hood card promises a bright future for integrated public transport across the conurbation.

Keep an eye on the Council website for something else exciting and very useful for Ruddington public transport users.

Nick Tegerdine

Ruddington Diary

January 2016

Sunday 3rd 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. "Bramcote Hills Park and Hemlock Stone". Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 5th January

Parish Council Planning Meeting - 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.

Wednesday 6th January

History Society Meeting - "Bletchley Park" Bruce Frame, followed by a social evening. 8pm in St. Peter's Rooms.

Tuesday 12th January

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll - Have fun with your little ones. 11am at the Library, FOC.

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

Environment & Policy Committee Meeting - 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.

Wednesday 13th January

Ruddington W.I. - "Bits & Bobs" Exhibition "A Medal. 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Friday 15th January

Ruddington Business Partnership - FREE networking at The Ruddington

Arms, 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses. No booking required.

Sunday 17th January

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

Thursday 21st January

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.

You can often find more details of the events on the Parish Council website:
www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Look for the diary page.

Tuesday 26th January

Parish Council Meeting - 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.

Wednesday 27th January

Ruddington Gardeners' Association - "The National Trust in the East Midlands" by Alan Tyler, at the Hermitage 7pm for 7.30pm.

Friday 29th January

The Country Cottage Hotel- Ladies Lunch, 11.30am for 12 noon sit down, all lunches support charities with funds raised.

February 2016

Wednesday 3rd February

History Society Meeting - "History of the County Gaol" during the 18th & 19th century by Bev Baker. 8pm in St. Peter's Rooms.

Sunday 7th February

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. "Wilford Village and River Trent Circular". Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 9th February

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll - Have fun with your little ones. 11am at the Library, FOC.

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

Wednesday 10th February

Ruddington W.I. - "Ruddington Framework Knitters" by Kathy Powis. Competition: as small hand-knitted item. 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Amenities Committee Meeting - 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.

Thursday 18th February

Ear Foundation - FREE walk-in hearing aid clinic. In St. Peter's Rooms 11.30am to 12.30pm. No appointment required.

Tuesday 23rd February

Environment & Policy Committee Meeting - 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.

"I would like you to know....."

In the Autumn **Rushcliffe Reports** magazine there was an article called "Come on-complain".

It was encouraging residents to give feedback, whether it was a complaint or a compliment. Their rationale for inviting comments I feel applies to lots of situations.

"Feedback gives us chance to fix things, say sorry, or learn from our mistakes.

"Tell us if we've done something wrong, or if you think we can help, and we'll try to do our best.

"We can't always promise you the outcome you'd like, but at least we can explain why"

I readily contact Highways when I see a street light is not working, Severn Trent when I spot a leak or a store, restaurant or transport operator if I have not been happy with the service I have received.

I don't do this to be awkward but because it gives an organisation the chance to fix / improve the situation. If no-one tells them how would they know there was something wrong?

When I have made contact about an issue organisations have actually thanked me for doing so. In turn I always thank them when an issue is addressed.

Make 2016 the year that if you have something to say, say it.

Barbara Breakwell

I am proud to call Ruddington home

I have lived in Ruddington for 35 years and openly admit when I first saw a house for sale here I had no idea where it was, as I grew up in Bilborough.

Soon after I moved here I realised how unique a community it was. Compared to other communities nearby we have an incredible variety of businesses, shops, amenities and services. I used to leave the village on a daily basis for



work but now am around more during the day and can walk to access my daily requirements in the village. I often have to remind myself just how unique that is and not to take it for granted.



Some of the long established village organisations have recently upgraded their signage to remind us and visitors of their presence. They along with all the other local businesses make the place that myself and well over 7,000 people call "home"



Barbara Breakwell

And now for something completely different

Ruddington is an interesting place in which to live, one reason being that there are so many interesting (and windswept) people here. So, in the next editions of this newsletter you will find an occasional series of interviews with some of those interesting (and windswept) people.

First up is Anna, who is a physio with the England Women's Cricket Team. What does the job entail? Where is the most interesting country you have visited with this job? What is it about Ruddington that makes you happy, and also makes you sad?

Watch this space for bouncers and googlies.

Nick Tegerdine

New club extends after-school provision

A new after school club is opening in Ruddington this month. School's Out, run by Liz Wright, is already a successful holiday club, and Liz has decided to extend this due to popular demand.

The Ofsted-registered club will run from a secure area at the Body Centre on the Village Green, and is open to children from James Peacock and St Peter's, with collections available from both schools.

Sessions run until 6pm and cost £8.50 per child. The care will be offered in a play-centred environment, with both

The Ear Foundation

Hearing aid drop in clinic:

- New batteries
- New ear mould tubing
- Advice on equipment

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15th September, 20th October,
17th November, 15th December.

If you would like more information about the services we provide please contact Laura Ainsworth, Adult Support Co-ordinator on 0115 942 1985.

indoor and outdoor activities on offer. A light tea is included.

“When I set up the holiday club I received lots of thanks from parents grateful to have the service in the village,” says Liz. “I did some research into the demand for an after-school club. While both schools do offer this provision it is limited while the village population is growing, so there was plenty of scope for School’s Out to set one up, too.

“I’d like to say thank you to Project Body, who have been hugely supportive of this venture.”

Booking for the club can be done on an ad hoc basis, ideally with 24 hours’ notice. For those needing set days, these can be booked up to a week in advance.

You can find out more at www.schoolsoutruddington.co.uk or call **07508 056995**.

Kay Garrett

Fundraisers at the Framework Knitters Museum

The fundraising team at the Framework Knitters Museum have had a very busy few months since our first email back in August.

We've revamped the [fundraising page](#) at the museum website, launched a brand new [legacies leaflet](#) and introduced a new range of knitted mice to the Textile Emporium - and that's just for starters!

Read on to find out more about what we've been up to recently, what's in store for future months and the latest addition to our growing collection of awards. You'll also discover a few new ways you can help us achieve our fundraising goals in 2016.

Faye Stenson

PS. If you've not bought a [2016 museum calendar](#) yet, then hurry - stocks are running out fast!

The calendar is on sale at the Textile Emporium, priced at just £6 with all proceeds going to our redevelopment and expansion appeal.

Ruddington Xmas Fayre hailed a tremendous success

The 3rd Xmas Fayre held in Ruddington saw greater numbers of people attending compared with the previous year. Despite the poor weather, the village turned out in force to support the event, which was organised by the Parish Council.



The high winds prevented the marquees from going up on The Green, but other venues offered indoor space so many of the stallholders managed to set up and sell their wares.

The Council staff and volunteers worked hard all day long to make the event as safe and successful as it could be, despite the weather.

Innovations this year were popular: the children's rides on The Green, the closure of High Street, and the switching on of the tree lights being obvious examples, but also the dancing displays and the choirs singing all helped create a festive atmosphere.

So many people said 'thank you', and I'd like to say thank you as well. Firstly, to

the Councilors who gave so much of their time; next, to the staff who worked over and beyond what is normally expected; and, finally for now, to the public because there was no trouble, hardly any litter at all (much less than your average Saturday despite the numbers).



The shops and restaurants did a good trade and the feedback that I have received suggests a 'more of the same please' for next year. We'll do our best, and hopefully we will have a solution to the high winds problem as well.



To sum up, this event is now firmly embedded in the calendar and the visitor numbers confirm that it is something that people want to support, and which they enjoy.

Nick Tegerdine

Business Christmas Window Display Competition 2015

This free friendly competition entered its third year and a huge thank you to the 17 businesses who took part. The displays showed some wonderful creativity and obvious hard work by everyone.

The presentation of the prizes was carried out by the Vice Chairman of Ruddington Parish Council, Cllr. Ken Piggott:



- 1st place – Phoenix Flowers
- 2nd place – Hare & Rabbit
- 3rd place – The Lovely little Wool Shop





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The very difficult task of choosing the prize winners fell on the shoulders of our independent judges Rev. Andrew Buchanan from St. Peter's Church, Rev. Simon Rose from the Methodist Church and Rev. Sam Hackett from the Baptist Church and we thank them for agreeing to take time out of their busy schedules in the run up to Christmas to do this for us.



Here's to the next one so get your thinking caps on!!

Do you remember this day? 19th December 1985

The Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop on Church Street celebrated its 30th Birthday on Saturday 19th December 2015.

Four of the original trustees and others gathered to reminisce to that day when lots of prayer, preparation and planning culminated in the opening of No 3 Shop, (followed by No 5 some 6 years later). Originally a dwelling, leased from Mary Peach by Doris and Les Beaver, lots of hard work took place before it was ready to open as a business 30 years ago.



We are very proud that it began as an interdenominational venture, with people who simply wanted to show Jesus' love for the community. We have seen many

wonderful helpers serve in the shop over these 30 years, a number of whom are still involved today!



Honeycomb also has the loveliest and friendliest customers who have supported and donated to us over all these years and to whom we are most grateful.

So what will the next 30 years bring? Who knows???.... but we will gladly continue to serve the village of Ruddington and surrounding areas with the Joy of the Lord.

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