

## Ruddington Parish Council

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## Rotary Santa Claus returns

Santa Claus will be visiting our village again this year, thanks to the Rotary Club of Keyworth and Ruddington. Santa and his sleigh have become popular annual fixtures in Ruddington, touring our streets and estates each December to get everyone in the spirit and raise money for good causes.

As always, Santa will be joined by his little helpers, with volunteers from Ruddington Colts FC and the Friends of James Peacock helping to spread festive cheer around the village. With seasonal tunes aplenty, Santa's visits are great fun for the children, so please show our local Rotary Club your support and give generously if you can.

This year's dates and places:

### Wednesday 14 December

Churchill Drive estate,  
Old Station Road & Pasture  
Lane estate

### Thursday 15 December

Camelot Street, Clifton Road,  
Packman Drive & Rufford Road

### Wednesday 21 December

Musters Road, Barleylands  
& Elms Park



All visits will take place in the evening between 6pm and 9pm. For more information about the Rotary Club, please visit [www.keyrudrotary.org](http://www.keyrudrotary.org).

The Village Newsletter is sponsored this month by:

**Ruddington Grange Golf Club**

**0115 921 4139**

**[ruddingtongrange.com](http://ruddingtongrange.com)**

## A Christmassy Concert

Songs4U, a trio of local singers, will be performing a Christmassy Concert at Ruddington Methodist Church on Friday 16 December at 7.30pm. The concert is in aid of the Christmas appeal for the University of Nottingham's Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre (CBTRC).



The appeal is aiming to raise £125,000 to support ground-breaking research into ependymomas, which are the second most common malignant brain tumour in children and adolescents.

The primary aims of the research are to improve childhood ependymoma survival rates and to decrease the side effects caused by existing treatments, thereby benefitting all children and teenagers diagnosed with an ependymoma in the future.

This will be the second time that Songs4U have performed in aid of CBTRC. Three years ago, they did a similar concert as the granddaughter of Cheryl and Steve Mills, two of the singers, had a brain tumour removed and they wanted to raise money as a 'thank you' to the staff at QMC. Cheryl and Steve have since become

Ambassadors for the CBTRC charity and have helped to raise funds over the last few years.

Sadly, the tumour has returned and their granddaughter was scheduled for more surgery on 22 November. However, they are hoping that she will be a guest of honour at the concert on 16 December.

Songs4U have performed in Ruddington many times, mostly singing songs from musical shows and films, although the forthcoming Christmassy Concert will also have a suitably festive theme running through it. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Cheryl and Steve Mills on 0115 846 0689 or Carole Farrow on 0115 921 2662.

If you'd like to donate to the CBTRC appeal, please visit [www.justgiving.com/songs4u-Christmas](http://www.justgiving.com/songs4u-Christmas). You can find out more about the organisation and its work at [www.cbtrc.org](http://www.cbtrc.org).

### Christmas events round-up

Here's a reminder of some of the other Christmas events taking place in Ruddington:

**Ruddington Christmas Fayre** -  
Saturday 3 December, 12pm to 5pm

**White Horse Inn Christmas Fayre** -  
Saturday 3 December, 12pm to 6pm

**A Victorian Christmas at the Framework Knitters Museum** -  
Saturday 10 December, 10 am to 5pm

## **A Community Messiah - come and sing!**

Come and join a performance of Handel's Messiah at St Peter's Church on Monday 12 December at 7:30pm. You're invited to sing or be part of the audience by Ruddington and District Choral Society. The conductor is Paul Hayward, who will be joined by organist Michael Overbury, soprano soloist Jane Harwood, alto Emily Hodgkinson and tenor Peter Nicholson. There will also be a door collection for Nottingham Youth Orchestra.

Tickets, which include a programme and refreshments, cost £6 and are available from Perkin's Hardware on the High Street, from choir members by calling 0115 921 1451, or on the door.

Elizabeth Lister

## **Pick up an angel**

On your travels in Ruddington (and maybe beyond) you might come across a small knitted angel inviting you to take him home.



Members and friends of Ruddington Methodist Church have made 200 angels and hope that people will get into the spirit of Christmas by picking one up for themselves to keep, or give to a friend, or leave in a different place for someone else to find.

Kathy Powis

## **Christmas tree shredding**

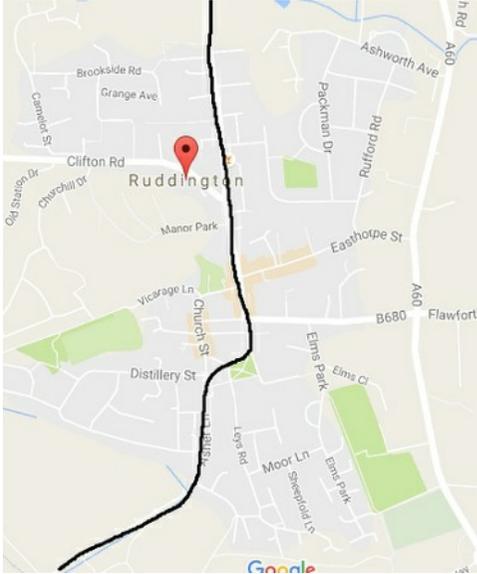
Would you like your Christmas tree shredded?



If so, just let the Parish Council office know by Monday 2 January – preferably by e-mail or phone – and make sure you leave your address and contact details.

As the number of trees to be shredded keeps on growing, we're spreading the collection over two days this year. On Monday 9 January, we'll collect trees from houses on the 'Loughborough Road' side of Wilford Road, High Street, The Green and Asher Lane ( to the right of the black line shown on the map overleaf).

On Tuesday 10 January, we'll collect from houses on the Clifton side of these roads (to the left of the black line).



Please leave your tree out before 9am on the right day and the Parish Council ground staff will collect and shred it.

The Parish Council office is closed over Christmas (from Friday 23 December) so if you're booking a collection by phone, please call us by Thursday 22 December in case our answering machine gets full! The office will be open again on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

Gary Long, Clerk to the Council

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

## Are you organising a Christmas party?

If so, here are a few tips to help you keep your party safe and happy. This advice is particularly relevant if you're organising a works event, to help avoid reputational damage to your business.

1. *Always* arrange transport home for everyone. "Don't drink and drive" is not just a Christmas message, but at this time of year many people either forget or ignore it. If you treat your party goers to organised transport instead of extra drinks, that's a win-win situation.

2. *Always* have alcohol-free drinks available in the same quantity and as prominently displayed as everything else. Encourage people to drink water as well – after all, this costs you nothing.

3. *Always* have some food available. Christmas parties don't have to be entirely alcohol-fuelled, but when they are, somebody usually does something that they, or you, later come to regret.

4. *Always* enjoy yourself and do have a positive mind-set. It's a time for being tolerant and forgiving. We all know that there's nothing nice about the drunken arguments that arise at parties and which carry on when folks get home.

Ruddington Parish Council wants everyone to have a happy, healthy and safe Christmas. Don't let too much "falling over water" spoil it for you, your family or your neighbours.

Nick Tegerdine, Chair, Environment & Policy Committee

## Struggling to park in Rudd?

As Christmas approaches, parking will get tighter in Ruddington. Just a quick reminder that shoppers' parking is available at the White Horse Inn on Church Street, Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm. Please only park on the left hand side of the car park (as you go in), unless you're visiting the pub.

## Diamond Wedding celebrations

Barbara and Alan Peel of Ruddington will celebrate their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 1 December 2016. The couple, who live on Elms Park, met whilst they were both serving in the Royal Signals regiment. Romance blossomed and they were married at Morningside Register Office in Edinburgh on 1 December 1956.



Alan is Ruddington born and bred, whilst Barbara originally hails from Manchester. After marrying, the couple moved to the village and have lived here ever since. They have two children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Congratulations to Barbara and Alan on 60 years of marriage!

## Gino's Silver Jubilee

Gino's Ristorante Italiano on Church Street is celebrating 25 years in business on 1 December 2016. Established in 1991, the restaurant has long been a firm favourite with diners in and around Ruddington who enjoy the venue's intimate atmosphere and authentic Italian cuisine.



Owned and run by Guglielmo Federico Formosa - affectionately known to locals as Fred - the restaurant has expanded its menu over the years, but still retains the same focus on traditional, family recipes.

Congratulations to Fred and all the team on reaching your Silver Jubilee this month!

## U3A update

U3A stands for the University of the Third Age, which is a self-help organisation for people no longer in full time employment. A U3A group is a learning co-operative of older people, which enables members to share many educational, creative and leisure activities in a friendly environment.

Activities are organised mainly in small groups that meet regularly, often in each other's homes. Members learn from each other through sharing their knowledge, skills and experience.

The U3A approach to learning is – learning for pleasure. There is no accreditation or validation and there are no assessments or qualifications to be gained. Although all local U3As remain operationally independent, they are members of The Third Age Trust.



Local resident Elizabeth Wills has been enthusiastically working to establish a Ruddington U3A group. She would like to thank the Methodist Church for offering a 'home' for the general meetings, as well as the lovely people who responded with enthusiasm and interest and offered to run various groups.

Unfortunately, Elizabeth has recently reported the following: "I am told, on fairly good authority, that Ruddington U3A will not be starting any time soon. However, it would appear that a U3A is being proposed in Clifton if those interested are able to travel."

Further details about other U3A Groups can be found at [www.U3A.org.uk](http://www.U3A.org.uk).

Barbara Breakwell

## Recognising Rushcliffe Awards

The Recognising Rushcliffe Awards 2016 grand final was held on 16 November at the Becket School. The event was organised by the Nottingham Post in partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council. It was attended by the finalists that had been nominated in seven categories to celebrate Rushcliffe residents who go the extra mile to make the community where they live and work a better place.

Ruddington residents were finalists in three categories. The "Supporting the Local Economy Award" was won by Shamshad Walker, who works tirelessly to bring the business community in the borough together. She does this by organising networking events and using social media to share tips.



The "Enabling the Community Award" was won by Laura Ratcliffe, the founder of Ruddington Mums community group Facebook page. This page has grown into a source of local information and discussion for its 1,656 followers (both female and male), and also organises events and utilises local venues to

enable its members to meet in the “real world”. Recently Laura has been helped by Gwen Eyre, both pictured.

In the “Supporting Young People Award”, our local dance school, Freedom Dance and Performance, was also a finalist. Well done to them all.

Barbara Breakwell

## **Print award for Rudd resident**

Midland Regional Printers Ltd (MRP), owned by Ruddington’s Stephen Tew, have scooped a prestigious award for a range of their labels at the 2016 FlexoTech International Print & Innovations Awards.

The company, located in New Basford, was shortlisted in the ‘Best use of flexo within a single forme’ category and was delighted to be named the winner at a black-tie awards ceremony and dinner at the Hilton London Metropole in October.



Stephen, who lives in Manor Park with his wife, Patricia, said: “It was a great honour to win this award for a range of

labels we produced for food manufacturer, Pureety’s, Ultimate Marinade Glaze product.” Stephen (second from right) was joined at the awards ceremony by MRP colleagues Stephen Bates, Catherine Tew and Matt Seaford.

MRP was established almost 50 years ago in 1969. The company recently made the bold decision to change its focus from general commercial printing to packaging and labelling – a move that’s definitely paying off.

“We now employ around 50 staff, with a great mix of fresh blood and experience,” says Stephen. “I think there’s a bright future ahead for MRP and winning the Flexo-Tech award is a sure sign that we’re going in the right direction.”

Faye Stenson

## **Paper and pastry**

Grange Bakery is a busy, thriving business which has become the victim of its own success. It has outgrown its current premises on the High Street, so the owners are relocating the bakery to the home of its sister business, Grange News, on Church Street.

The newly-refurbished premises will still house the existing newsagents, but will include a new bakery with enhanced facilities to support their growing trade in outside catering and deliveries.

Barbara Breakwell

# Ruddington Diary

## December 2016

### Saturday 3rd December

**Ruddington Christmas Fayre** – stalls, kids' activities, food and drink, music and dancing, petting zoo, light switch-on, carol singing and Santa Claus. 12 noon to 5pm. See [Facebook](#) for full details.

**White Horse Winter Fayre** – 25 stalls selling seasonal street food and gifts. 12 noon to 6 pm.

**Christmas Stocking Making** – children's Christmas stocking making and decorating activity in the Chapel at the Framework Knitters Museum. 12 noon to 6pm, £5 per stocking.

### Sunday 4th December

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

**Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group** - "50 Steps - Railway Line - Country Park" Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

**Service of Remembrance** 7.00 pm at St Peter's Church - open to all who have lost a loved one and find Christmas a difficult time. An opportunity to light a candle and remember them.

### Monday 5th December

**Ruddington Craft Group** - at St Peter's Rooms 10:00 am to 12 noon. Tuition materials and refreshments are included in £3 costs Craft this week - Christmas crafts.

### Tuesday 6th December

**Methodist Church Women's Fellowship** – Karen Cragg - The Lovely Little Wool Shop 2.30 pm in the Methodist Schoolroom.

### Wednesday 7th December

**History Society Meeting** – 'The Archaeology of Nottingham's Tram' by Gareth Davies. 8pm in St Peter's Rooms.

### Saturday 10th December

**A Victorian Christmas** – at the Framework Knitters Museum. Craft stalls, tombola, home-made cakes, festive music, hot crumpets and roast chestnuts, barrel organ, Santa's Grotto. 10am to 5pm. Free entry (£6 cost applies to Santa visits).

### Monday 12th December

**Community Handel's Messiah** – St Peter's Church, 7:30pm. All welcome. Sing or listen. Tickets £6 on door, also from Perkins Hardware, choir members or 0115 9211451

### Tuesday 13th December

**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 14th December

**W.I** - Christmas Party Faith Supper & Parcels for Lings Bar. At St Peter's Rooms 7:15pm

**Amenities Committee** – at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any agenda items.

## Thursday 15th December

**The 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.

## Ruddington Folk & Blues night

8.30 pm at The Country Cottage Hotel. Start the festivities with a song!

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Friday 16th December

**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

**Carols with the Salvation Army Band** 7.30pm at St Peter's Church.

**A Christmassy Concert with Songs4U** 7:30pm at the Methodist Church. In aid of the Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre Christmas Appeal.

## Sunday 18th December

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

**Carols by Candlelight** 7.00pm at St Peter's Church - a service of lessons and carols.

## Saturday 24th December

**Christingle Services** 4.00pm and

6.00pm at St Peter's Church - for all the family (Two services this year owing to the large numbers attending).

**Midnight Communion** 11.00pm at St Peter's Church - traditional Christmas celebration

## Sunday 25th December

**Christmas Service** 10.00am at St Peter's Church - family celebration with holy communion.

## January 2017

### Sunday 1st January

**Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group** – “Grantham Canal: Towpath from Gamston & return” Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

You can often find more details of the events on the Parish Council website: [www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) on the Diary page.

### Tuesday 3rd January

**Parish Council Planning Meeting:** To be held only if required – at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any agenda items.

### Wednesday 4th January

**History Society Meeting** – ‘West Bridgford Hall’ by Peter Hammond. 8pm in St Peter's Rooms. Followed by social evening.

### Tuesday 10th January

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

## **Top award for Ruddington Arms**

The Ruddington Arms on Wilford Road has scooped the 'Famous for Food' accolade at the Star Pubs & Bars 2016 Star Awards in Liverpool. The pub was one of 1,100 venues across the UK to be assessed across a range of categories including 'Best Bar Team', 'Heart of the Community' and 'Pint Perfection.'



Finalists in each category were visited by mystery judges, who described The Ruddington Arms as "an outstanding place to eat". The judging team were especially impressed by the pub's commitment to sourcing high quality seasonal produce, and their commitment to using local farms and suppliers.

The Ruddington Arms was opened in April 2014 by owners Mark and

Sarah Anderson, following a £250,000 makeover which transformed the venue – formerly known as The Jolly Farmers – into an attractive, modern gastropub with a 50 seat restaurant area. Since then, the pub has gone from strength to strength, attracting customers from near and far, and helping put Ruddington's drinking and dining scene firmly on the regional map.

Speaking to The Nottingham Post, Mark said of the 'Famous for Food' award: "It's great to receive a nationally recognised award. It makes all the hard work worthwhile and it's good for the whole of the team."

In 2017, The Ruddington Arms will feature in the Michelin Guide for the third year in a row – one of just two Nottinghamshire pubs to make the grade in next year's edition. Well done to Mark, Sarah and all the team!

## **New name for Manor Pharmacy**

Some of you will have spotted that the village pharmacy on the High Street has a new name. You may also have seen our new branding on social media.

We are now Evans Pharmacy and are owned by Daleacre Healthcare. We will be changing the branding on the pharmacy fascia in the near future.

Previously, there were a number of family members who owned Manor Pharmacy and some have chosen to retire. However, we are pleased that David and Judith Evans will continue to own the pharmacy here in Ruddington along with 9 other branches. The pharmacists, Mark Wharrier and I, as well as the support staff in the pharmacy, will remain the same.

On a personal note, the name change has given me the opportunity to set up new social media accounts for the pharmacy. I am enjoying using our Facebook page to promote good health and our Twitter account to engage in village life. So please have a look and let me know what you think.

You can find and like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Evansfamilypharmacy](http://www.facebook.com/Evansfamilypharmacy). For health information, go to *Photos*, then *Albums* and *See all*. We have information on flu vaccination, travel health, starting new medicines and lowering your cholesterol. You can also follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Evans Pharmacy](http://www.twitter.com/EvansPharmacy).

Emma Anderson, Pharmacist

**Hello, hello, hello!!**

**What's going on here, then?**

All's been quiet for a while at the former Ruddington Police Station – since Westbrookes Estate Agents closed. But now the building at the corner of Kirk Lane and High Street has had some new tenants since

Monday 14 November, when JP Lettings opened there.

The JP in question is Jodie Paget – who opened her first branch in Sherwood Rise just over a year ago. “Having worked for various lettings agencies, both independent and corporate, I feel that most landlords are looking for a personal service” says Jodie, “and being an independent company, we believe that is something JP Lettings provides.



“We offer a wide range of lettings packages and a property management services – a personal and professional service to both tenants and landlords. We are pro-active and aim to go the extra mile in order to fulfil the expectations of our clients.”

Jodie herself is working in the new Ruddington branch along with colleague Danielle Bromage. They're open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and Saturdays from 9am to 2pm. As well as the Ruddington office Jodie, is also opening another branch in Clifton.

We welcome her to our village and wish JP Lettings every success!

Graham Wright at [RUDDINGTON.info](http://RUDDINGTON.info)

## Our new village gift shop

Following the relocation of Julia's Kitchen from Church Street into larger premises on High Street it hasn't taken long for another brand new business to spring up in its place.

However it is co-run by two already familiar village faces – one from Summers at Eleven next door and the other from Bar Six on Dutton's Hill!

Yvonne Summers and Amanda Gardener have gone into partnership to provide Ruddington with a much needed general gift shop – after other similar village ventures over the past couple of decades fizzled out.

Whilst there are already Ruddington retailers specialising in fabrics, "Home Interiors and Gifts" are the focus of this new business, which officially opened on 5 November.

Yvonne and Amanda are very much open for feedback and suggestions on what villagers would like them to stock in the future. They already have lots of hand crafted goods in the new shop along with cards and art work by local designers and artists.

They also hope to create a hub for supporting local talent and creative individuals alongside their home interiors and gifts.

Plus, of course, Christmas is coming – and their "festive shelves" are already in place!

Graham Wright at [RUDDINGTON.info](mailto:RUDDINGTON.info)

## On track for Tokyo 2020

21 year old local resident, James Shaw, is a very enthusiastic and determined young man who I had the pleasure of meeting recently.

Born with Cerebral Palsy, James tried various sports before identifying tennis as his passion. Over the years, he has developed his skills and is now on The Tennis Foundation's Performance Development Pathway and is aiming to compete in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

In September this year, he was fortunate to be selected to go to the Rio



Paralympics as part of the Paralympic Inspiration Programme. The programme helps to excite and inspire potential Paralympic athletes, whilst providing them with the knowledge that will prepare them for future Games.

After his visit, James said: *"The Paralympics is an absolutely amazing experience that I need to do everything in my powers to get to."*

Last year, Nottingham Building Society began supporting James through the SportsAid programme and he much appreciates their continued support. With their help, he has recently acquired a hand-bike which attaches to the front of his wheelchair and affords him increased independence. It also supports his tennis training, as it helps develop his shoulder strength as he propels himself along.

This year, James has competed in 15 competitions at home and abroad, and has reached number 15 in the World Rankings. Such is his commitment to his sport that he even played in a competition in the Czech Republic on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in June. He has also been crowned National Champion 3 times (1 Singles and 2 Doubles titles).

James was also recently a runner up in the Young Sportsperson of the Year at this year's Nottingham Sports Awards. In the New Year, James takes on a new role as a mentor for "Beyond the Baseline," a three year programme which aims to inspire young people and help them fulfil their personal potential. He is definitely an inspirational individual and a name to watch out for in wheelchair tennis.

If you're interested in following James' progress towards Tokyo, you can find his Facebook page by searching for "James Shaw Wheelchair Tennis" online.

Barbara Breakwell

## **Need advice or support?**

Connect is a community-based service offering short term help when you need it. Do you need advice or information on any of the following: maintaining independence, managing money, advice and support with repairs and gardening, home security, aids and adaptations, managing health conditions, keeping active etc?

If so, pop along to the library and talk to Seema from Connect. She is there from 10am until noon on the last Tuesday of each month. If you prefer to talk to someone on the phone, you can call 0115 939 5406 or send an email to [connect@metropolitan.org.uk](mailto:connect@metropolitan.org.uk). The Connect team can even visit you at home. Independence is important and if you feel yours is at risk, all you have to do is ask for support.

Barbara Breakwell

## **Rushcliffe Probus Club**

Probus Clubs are clubs for retired or semi-retired business or professional people. Rushcliffe Probus Club is a men-only club that meets every other Tuesday at the Country Cottage Hotel on Easthorpe Street. Lunch commences at 12 noon and is followed by a presentation, usually from a visiting speaker. New members are very welcome and more details can be obtained from the General Secretary, Terence J Smith, on 0115 923 1786.

For more information about Probus, please visit [www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org).

## **Noise nuisance app**

Rushcliffe Borough Council will take action against a noisy neighbour or event – but only if there’s proof of the problem.

To help you report noise nuisance, Rushcliffe have recently introduced the “Noise App,” which is an electronic noise diary for smartphones and tablets. You can use the app to make recordings of the noise and add notes about the disturbance, which can then be sent to Rushcliffe for use as an evidence base for action to follow.

For more information about what the Borough Council can do about noise nuisance, and to download the Noise App, please visit [rushcliffe.gov.uk/noise](http://rushcliffe.gov.uk/noise). If you’re not sure how to do this, just ask your Rushcliffe Borough Councillor to help.

Nick Tegerdine

## **Twinning: opportunity knocks?**

Grenay is situated in Hautes-de-France, which is the new name for the administrative area around Calais. Ruddington has been twinned with Grenay for many years, but activities have been limited. One reason for this is simply that the French have money for twinning and Ruddington has relatively little. However, with the uncertainty that follows the Brexit vote, there is a desire to strengthen links across the Channel, and elsewhere.

Ruddington has many groups and associations involved in the arts, in sport, for young people, and in health and wellbeing. The opportunity exists for any group to forge links with likeminded people in Grenay. What twinning has done in the past had great value, but there is far greater value in what twinning can achieve going forward.

The Parish Council will be working hard to develop new ideas for twinning and really make these happen. If you have even just the smallest glimmer of an idea, or simply have an enquiry, please contact either myself or the Clerk to the Council.

Nick Tegerdine, Chair, Environment & Policy Committee

## **Watch out, there’s a warden about!**

Did you know that our village traffic warden service is provided by Broxtowe Borough Council, via Rushcliffe? These days, traffic wardens are known as enforcement officers, but the job they do is still pretty much the same. However, the Parish Council has recently agreed a change in tactics with Broxtowe to help tackle specific parking issues in the village.

As a result, we had fewer visits from our two enforcement officers in October than in September (92 and 168 respectively), but the visits were more focused than usual on drivers parking

illegally at peak times. And despite the lower number of visits, these tactics paid off as our officers issued 21 Penalty Charge Notices in October, compared to 18 in September.

As well as issuing tickets, the officers also made 309 observations in October (384 in September). This involves warning a driver that they're illegally parked and asking them to move on. The car in question might have parked in an illegal location (such as on a double yellow line or over a dropped kerb), at a prohibited time (such as outside Sainsbury's at peak times), or have parked in a time-restricted location for longer than permitted.

There are lots of places to park safely and legally in our village, so please show consideration for your fellow residents. If you do park illegally and are spotted by an enforcement officer, a Penalty Charge Notice will cost you up to £70 – you have been warned!

## A furry animal story

Many readers will have met Wilbur the cat, pictured here with Emily, one of the bar staff at The Frame Breakers pub. Wilbur is often to be found in Classic Cuts hairdressers, although he gets turfed out if he sleeps under the driers. He also frequents Phoenix Flowers and Perkins Hardware on the High Street, trying out the baskets and wheel barrows for suitable beds.

Recently, Wilbur has made himself very much at home at The Frame Breakers.

Indeed, he is a regular overnight resident. Always popular in the bar during the evenings, Wilbur enjoys the food and company in the pub and is always happy to meet new customers. Manager Amy Cameron now regards him as a member of staff, although he does get told off for waking her up too early in the morning.

Rumours have been spread that Nottingham Brewery has considered another name change for the pub in honour of Wilbur's namesake, the



prominent British anti-slavery campaigner William Wilburforce. However, the brewery insists that this is untrue and that their commitment to the heritage of the village, and their support for the Framework Knitters Museum, remains unwavering.

Nick Tegerdine

## Halloween disco success

On 30 October, the Ruddington Hermitage Preschool hosted its annual sell-out Halloween event.

The children's costumes were particularly good this year, with two boys choosing to come dressed in blue morph suits. The dance floor was packed with children strutting their dance moves! The quote of the evening goes to a 2-year-old little girl who claimed the evening was "the best party ever!" Local families enjoyed homemade cakes, face-painting, hot food, a licensed bar and of course the ever-popular chocolate tombola.

This year, the chocolate was kindly donated by the Nottingham Building Society; we are proud to be their 2016 Charity of the Year. The raffle was also a great success, thanks to prize donations from local businesses.



The disco is the main fundraising event of the year for the Hermitage Preschool, which offers affordable childcare for local children from 2-5 years. Bookings are now being taken for 2017. For more information please contact Jenny Kent, Co-Chair of the Management Committee at [enquiries@thehermitagepreschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thehermitagepreschool.co.uk) or on 07923 487 030.

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