

# THE RUDD

## Join us for The Great Get Together



This year's "Ruddington Great Get Together Picnic" will take place on The Green on Saturday 22nd June from 12noon to 2.30pm.

John Hallam will be there again with his tractors for the youngsters to sit on and one lucky winner will be given a free ride around the village. Why not invite your neighbours, friends and family to join in?

Pack up your lunch, blankets and games for the kids, and join us for some fun in the sunshine! There'll be an ice cream van, too.

After last year's success, we'll be holding another "Great Get Together Tea Party" in St Peter's Rooms from 2pm to 4pm.

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This is aimed at our older residents, with cake and drinks on offer and local musical trio, Songs 4U, entertaining us with songs of yesteryear. Ruddington Museum will also put on an exhibition of old photographs with the theme being "Celebration".



The whole event is free to attend, thanks to the generous donations from Ruddington Co-op and local people, with support from the Parish Council.

The Great Get Together began two years ago in commemoration of Jo Cox MP. Communities all over the UK will come together inspired by Jo's belief that: "*We have more in common than that which divides us*".

Come and join us for a fun and relaxed afternoon!

Paul Reedman

## **Friends of James Peacock Family Fun Day**

Come and join the Friends of James Peacock School for an action-packed afternoon on Saturday 15th June 2019 between 2pm and 5pm at the school

premises. This year's Family Fun Day is set to be even bigger and better than before, with activities for both adults and children including:

- Mustard Seed Project stall raising money for Uganda
- Notts Fire and Rescue Service will hopefully be in attendance with a Fire Engine (subject to call-outs)
- Bouncy castle and slide
- Popcorn and candy floss
- Ice cream
- Tombolas including the Chocolate Tombola
- Fairground games – hook a duck, marbles in a jar etc
- Lucky Jars
- The infamous "Friends of School Wheelbarrow of Wine" raffle
- Free entertainment from Yodance
- Mini disco
- Outdoor games from Ace Sports/Ruddington Kids
- Free children's crafts
- Tea and coffee as well as a bar selling Pimms, prosecco, lager and soft drinks

It's a perfect afternoon for parents to relax whilst the children are entertained. The event will go ahead rain or shine, but we'll hope for the latter! So bring your chairs or picnic blankets

and spend an enjoyable afternoon with us.

Entry is free for children and costs £2 per adult on the door (£1 in advance from the school office). All the money raised will benefit James Peacock Infant School and its pupils.

Liz Dean, Chair of the Friends of James Peacock School

PS. The Fun Day is also a fabulous chance to have a look around the school if your child is joining us in Nursery or Reception this September!

### **Ruddington recital**

Katharine Dryden (Mezzo-Soprano) and Philip Robinson (Piano) will be giving a recital at St Peter's Church on Saturday 15th June at 6 pm. They'll be performing Schumann's *Frauenliebe und Leben*, a tale of a woman's life and love, followed by Elgar's vivid song cycle, *Sea Pictures*.

The proceeds for this performance will be donated to West Bridgford and South Nottingham Debt Centre. Tickets cost £10, including refreshments, with concessions priced at £7.50. Tickets are available on the door or by email from [katharine.dryden@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katharine.dryden@hotmail.co.uk).

For more information about Katharine and the recital please visit [www.katharinedryden.co.uk](http://www.katharinedryden.co.uk).

### **Happy birthday to Ray!**

Last month, the pupils and staff of James Peacock Infant and Nursery school joined together to celebrate the 70th birthday of their caretaker, Mr Ray Dixon.



Ray, who has worked at the school for 35 years, attended a special assembly where the children sang "Happy Birthday" to him and he was given a gift to mark the occasion.

When asked about some of his memories over the last 35 years, Ray commented on how much the school has grown and expanded and how he enjoys working with all the lovely children.

Liz Horridge, Teaching Assistant at James Peacock Infant and Nursery School

## Cycle Live Nottingham

The 38th Cycle Live Nottingham event will take place on Sunday 23rd June. Up to 4,000 riders will be tackling routes ranging from 25 to 125 miles through the Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire countryside.

As in previous years, some of the routes will pass through Ruddington and you'll see signposts popping up with information in the near future. No road closures are planned and access in and out of homes and businesses shouldn't be affected. The event will be fully managed and supported with stewards.

Whilst all cyclists taking part will be required to comply with highway regulations, roads in and around the village will be busier than usual, so please allow more time for journeys on 23rd June. The event organisers, Perfect Motion, are also asking residents to take extra care when using the highways and avoid parking vehicles on streets along the route if possible.

Perfect Motion recognises the event may cause some short-lived inconvenience, but hope that local residents will enjoy the spectacle and help support those raising funds for good causes. For more details about Cycle Live and to view details of the routes, please visit [cyclelive](http://cyclelive)

[nottingham.co.uk](http://nottingham.co.uk). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Perfect Motion on 0115 925 8777, or email [cyclelive@perfectmotion.org](mailto:cyclelive@perfectmotion.org).

## Games Night at The Cottage

Are you barmy about Battleship? Crazy about Cluedo? A demon at Dobble? The Cottage Hotel in Easthorpe Street is inviting you to embrace your "inner geek" and pop down to our new monthly Games Night, starting on Thursday 20th June.



We wanted to do something that might appeal to a younger group of Ruddington residents, in an effort to help fill the gap in activities for young people in village communities. Therefore, inspired by the board game cafés in Nottingham, we've amassed a fine selection of games for locals to enjoy playing.

A collection of the games has been stored in the hotel lounge for a while, and it's been wonderful to see how

many people have been attracted to them. It was a particular pleasure recently to witness a group of senior citizens enjoying a rowdy game of Buckaroo!

So, please bring your friends or your family to our new Games Night. You can bring your own game if you wish or choose one of ours. There's no entrance fee and a range of snacks and refreshments will be available, including hot pork cobs and burgers.

To find out more, please email [enquiries@thecottagehotel.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thecottagehotel.co.uk) or call us on 0115 984 6882. Or just come along on Thursday 20th June from 7.30pm – all are welcome!

### **Swing into Shape is back!**

Yes, it's back! Most people thought Swing into Shape didn't exist anymore, but we're still alive and kicking after over 60 years. I myself have been teaching for more than 24 years; I had a break due to illness, but I'm pleased to tell you that my new Swing into Shape class is now up and running on Tuesdays from 11am to 11.45am at the Framework Knitters Museum Chapel. Parking is available at the left hand side of The White Horse Inn car park, just around the corner on Church Street.

This is a 50-plus class (my oldest pupil is 90 this year; I'm so proud of my Mum!) No floor work or jogging is

involved, just fun exercise to music with the emphasis on keeping mobile within your own capabilities. From a personal viewpoint, I've had fibromyalgia for 30 years and have found that if I don't move it, I lose it!

The cost per class is £3.50 on a "pay as you go" basis. This includes tea or coffee and, of course, the chance to have a good natter. I'm already enjoying seeing some of my old friends and looking forward to making lots of new ones. To join us at Swing into Shape, please come along to a class, or call me on 0115 921 6056 for more information.

Teresa Thompson

### **Crime figures for Ruddington**

For April, these were as follows:

- 4 x criminal damage
- 5 x burglary from an outbuilding
- 3 x burglary from a dwelling
- 1 x burglary from a factory
- 1 x theft from a shop
- 1 x theft of number plates
- 1 x theft of fuel
- 2 x theft from vehicle
- 2 x theft of vehicle
- 1 x assault

For crime prevention advice, visit the Nottinghamshire Police website.

## Village Museum goes viral!

Since it opened in 1968, the Village Museum has welcomed around 75,000 visitors through its doors. It was something of a surprise, therefore, to play host to 438,000 virtual visitors from China on the morning of the local elections on 2nd May.

Feixue Huangdu, a Masters student at Nottingham Trent University, asked if she could livestream a tour of the museum to her heritage-hungry audience back home. Four museum guides took Feixue on a tour which, with simultaneous translation and a barrage of questions from viewers, took rather longer than usual.



The item which provoked the most questions was a 1930s black doll – it seems that all dolls in China are Chinese in appearance – and the most difficult to explain was a wooden clothes peg,

This was Feixue's sixth heritage livestream since she's been in England

and the most popular to date. You can view the broadcast (and brush up on your Chinese) at <http://lj.lanijingfm.com/radio/viewRoom?rid=55766>.

Gavin Walker

## "The best £10 I've ever spent"

Ruddington & District Choral Society (RDCS)'s spring concert on Saturday 18th May was, as promised in the pre-concert advertising, a highlight not only of our own year but also that of the wider Nottinghamshire choral scene.

St Mary's Church in the Lace Market was filled to capacity as 500 singers, musicians and audience members gathered for a glorious performance of Mendelssohn's much loved Old Testament oratorio "Elijah."

Joining RDCS were the Burton Joyce Choral Society, the Nottingham Hospitals' Choir and the Djanogly Community Orchestra. Completing the line-up were soloists Jane Harwood, Fiona Milburn, Simon Lumby and James Gaughan, and organist Michael Overbury.

The event, sponsored by the Co-op Local Community Fund, was a sell-out with support from across Nottinghamshire and further afield. RDCS were especially gratified to receive so much local support from Ruddington and the surrounding area.

Under the skilled, sensitive and enthusiastic baton of Paul Hayward, our Director of Music, the performers enthralled the audience from start to finish, ensuring not only a hugely enjoyable and successful performance but also one which beautifully captured this glorious work.

In 1846, The Times reported on the first performance of "Elijah" as follows: "Never was there a more complete triumph, never a more speedy recognition of a great work of art." The audience on 18th May 2019 clearly felt the same way as they applauded the performance on leaving St Mary's Church after the performance. Typical comments included: "A wonderful night," "Stunning" and "What a super performance". Or, as one gentleman remarked as he went out into the Lace Market, "The best £10 I've ever spent for a Saturday night out."

The new RDCS season begins on Monday 9th September. For more information, please visit [www.ruddington-choral.com](http://www.ruddington-choral.com) or call 0115 921 1451.

Pat Beale

## **Making gooseberry jam this summer?**

Why not jazz up your usual recipe by adding 6 heads of elderflower per 6lbs of gooseberries? Both should still be readily available in the coming months.

The elderflower heads will need washing and putting in muslin before being cooked with the gooseberries. After cooking, remove the elderflowers and squeeze them out before adding sugar. You'll find the result more fragrant and a little sweeter than a standard gooseberry jam. Happy cooking!

Allen Wood

## **Do you shop at the Co-op?**

Have you heard of the Co-op Local Community Fund? The Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park (FoRCP) have been chosen as one of the charities to receive funding from the Co-op for our latest project.

This will involve creating an audio/visual display recounting memories of local residents who were interviewed as part of our well-known book, "Bombs to Butterflies" (see separate article if you'd like to get involved). When complete, the display will be available on a loop system 7 days a week in the foyer of the Visitors' Centre at the Country Park.

If you're a member of The Co-op and shop locally, please consider choosing our project as the cause for 1% of money you spend to go towards.

For more information about FoRCP and our work, please visit [www.friends-of-rctp.co.uk](http://www.friends-of-rctp.co.uk).

John Hubbard

# Ruddington Diary

## Community events & activities

### Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June

**Ruddfest** - Ruddington's annual beer festival. Beers, ciders and a host of other drinks will be available on The Green and at The White Horse Inn, The Frame Breakers and The Victoria Tavern. Also food, entertainment and family / kids' activities.

### Saturday 1st June

**Ruddington Village Market** - 9:30am to 12:30pm at The White Horse Inn. Stalls offering quality crafts, produce and provisions to take away. Bring your Ruddy Good Loyalty Card!

**Open Day at Wilwell Cutting Nature Reserve** - 10am to 4pm. Held particularly for the early summer wildflowers, including Southern Marsh Orchids, labelled up around the reserve. Also guided walks. The road entrance is on the left just before the ring road underpass, heading towards Wilford. Car parking available. For more info, please contact Gordon Dyne on 0115 878 4842 or [gordon.dyne@gmail.com](mailto:gordon.dyne@gmail.com).

### Sunday 2nd June

**Café Church** - 9.30am - 10.50am at St. Peter's Church, followed by Holy Communion for those wishing to stay.

**Ruddington Baptist Breakfast Church** - 10.30am St Peter's Rooms. Meet and enjoy croissants and drinks before doing activities together.

**Ruddington Footpath Preservation Group** - Old Dalby Circular Via Grimston. Meet on The Green at 2.15pm.

### Monday 3rd June

**Ruddington Craft Group** - Easel Cards. St Peter's Rooms 10.00am - 12.00pm. £3.50,

tuition, materials and refreshments included. You may like to bring your own basic equipment such as pencil, ruler, colouring pencils and scissors. Newcomers are welcome to come and learn a craft.

### Councillor Surgery Saturday 8th June

#### County & Borough Councillors' Surgery

- 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Borough and County Councillors about local issues. A Parish Councillor will usually also be present.

### Saturday 8th June

**Wildlife Watch Group (8 to 13 year olds)** - 'Dipping Deeply' See what aliens lurk beneath the murky depths of our park's ponds. All welcome. Suggested donation: £2/3. Please dress for the weather! Kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. For info, contact Geoff East on 07804 297 041 or at [rushcliffewatch@nottswt.co.uk](mailto:rushcliffewatch@nottswt.co.uk).

### Tuesday 11th June

**Rattle Rhyme & Roll** - Ruddington Library, 11am - 11.30am. Free half hour fun session for babies & toddlers.

**Scrabble** - Ruddington Library. 2pm - 4pm All abilities welcome.

### Wednesday 12th June

**W.I. Meeting** - 'Colours of Bangladesh' at St Peter's Rooms, commencing 7.15pm.

### Thursday 13th June

**Free Afternoon Tea for Carers** - provided by Bloomin' Dementia as part of Carers' Week. Come along to The Cottage Hotel on

Easthorpe Street between 12 noon and 2pm to talk, relax and connect with other carers with a cuppa and a cake. All are welcome.

### **Saturday 15th June**

**Friends of James Peacock Family Fun Day** - see main article.

**Recital at St Peter's Church** - see main article.

### **Monday 17th June**

**Ruddington Craft Group** - Mixed Crafts. See 3rd June.

**Ruddington & District U3A Monthly Meeting** - 2pm, Ruddington Methodist Church. Guest Speaker Geoff Parkinson "Lowdham Grange & the Prison Service" plus time for notices, reports, discussion, questions and socialising. Please bring your membership card. For further details or information on how to join please email [rudd\\_u3a@yahoo.com](mailto:rudd_u3a@yahoo.com).

### **Thursday 20th June**

**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 & 12.30pm. No appointment required.

**Games Night at The Cottage Hotel** - see main article.

**Ruddington Rhythm** - 8pm - 11pm at The Cottage Hotel, Easthorpe Street. All styles of music and song to tap your foot to or sing along with. Come and join our regular audience, you may win a raffle prize!

### **Friday 21st June**

**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.

**"Makers' Night"** - see main article.

### **Saturday 22nd June**

**The Great Get Together** - see main article.

### **Sunday 23rd June**

**'Bubbles'** - 10.30am St Peter's Rooms. Group for the under 5s provided by Ruddington Baptist Church, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Play area, singing, bible stories, craft and a little lunch for the children. For more information call 0115 984 3523.

### **Wednesday 26th June**

**Ruddington Gardeners' Association** - "From Jungle to Paradise" with Alan Clements at The Hermitage. 7pm for 7.30pm.

### **Friday 28th June**

**Textile Tales Road Show** - see main article.

### **Every Tuesday during term time**

**Ruddington Community Choir** at Ruddington Methodist Church. 8.00pm - 9.30pm. £5.50 per session. All welcome

### **Every Sunday**

**Ruddington Baptist Church at St Peter's Rooms.** 10.30am. An opportunity to worship, pray and explore what God is saying to us together.

**Spiritual Light Centre at Framework Knitters Museum Chapel.** 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Divine Service with a visiting Medium. Healing during service. Refreshments afterwards.

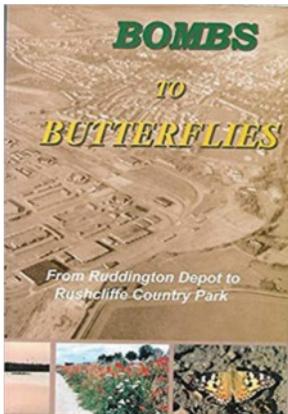
### **Parish Council meetings**

#### **Tuesday 25th June**

**Parish Council Meeting** - at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public, you can share your views on any agenda item.

## “Bombs to Butterflies”

Do you have any memories or photographs of Rushcliffe Country Park when the area housed a bomb-filling factory during the Second World War, or afterwards when it was used as an Ordnance Storage and Disposal Depot?



We're currently extending the “Bombs to Butterflies” project using recordings of previous interviews and we'd like to hear from anyone who has any further information which might be relevant.

If you can help, please contact Jean Gray on 0115 921 4095 or June McConnell on 0115 998 7942.

**Editor's note:** The original “Bombs to Butterflies” book by Margaret Lawson is available to borrow from Ruddington Library. You can also read or download a scanned copy at the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park website.

## Ruddington Village Market presents: “Makers’ Night”

For one night only, Ruddington Village Market will be transformed into “Makers’ Night” this month, as they present a special craft event across multiple village venues. This latest event builds on the success of the monthly Ruddington Village Market, which launched in February this year, and has grown in popularity and reputation right across the region.

Taking place on Friday 21st June from 6pm until 9pm, Makers’ Night sees The Cottage Hotel, The Frame Breakers, and The White Horse Inn all play host to over 30 craft stalls and street foods, forming what the organisers, Ruddington Village Centre Partnership (RVCP), envisage as a “craft trail” through the heart of the village.

Visitors will spot some familiar and popular craft stallholders from previous market days, plus a host of new stalls. What's more, a number of village shops and cafés plan to stay open late too, making it a night-time village event for residents and visitors alike.

Mark Pinks, one of the founders of RVCP, said "As the regular market has grown, we've had so much interest from quality crafters wanting a stall. They've always been popular, and we

can't fit them all in every month, so we decided to have a one-off special craft market and take advantage of the light summer evenings. By having the event across three village centre venues, we hope this is another way we can encourage visitors to browse our independent shops and cafes as they move between venues, and enjoy a drink and something to eat as they browse."

For more information, visit [www.ruddingtonvillagemarket.co.uk/makers-night](http://www.ruddingtonvillagemarket.co.uk/makers-night), search for "ruddington villagemarket" on Facebook and Instagram, or @ruddmarket on Twitter.

Ruddington Village Centre Partnership

## **Textile Tales**

### **Preserving textile workers' life stories for future generations**

Did you work in the textile industry in Ruddington or the local area? Perhaps you worked at Cooper and Roe, Malmic Lace or Beeva Garments?

If the answer is "yes" and you worked, or are still working in the textile industry, we need your stories!

Why not come along and meet old colleagues and share your unique experience at our roadshow event? We want to hear from everyone involved from dyers and machine operators, workers and management from the

boardroom to the shop floor, as we are planning to save and share these stories for future generations.

The Textile Tales project is holding a roadshow event in Ruddington so we can meet you and let you know about this exciting initiative.

We'd also love it if you have any photographs or items that you may want to share with us. There'll also be an opportunity to have your photo taken on a historic knitting frame.



If you'd like to get involved, please come along to our event on Friday 28th June 2019 from 11am to 4pm at The Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street. Refreshments will be provided.

The Textile Tales is led by Nottingham Trent University with support from the National Lottery as well as local museums and businesses. To find out more, please visit [www.textiletales.co.uk](http://www.textiletales.co.uk).

## **Borough Councillor election results**

Further to the Rushcliffe Borough Council elections on Thursday 2nd May, the three Councillors for Ruddington are: Mike Gaunt, Jen Walker and Gary Dickman. Their contact details can be found at [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/councilanddemocracy/](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/councilanddemocracy/).

The Borough Councillors will attend the monthly Surgeries at St Peter's Rooms on the second Saturday of each month (excluding August and December), from 10am to 12pm.

## **Annual Parish Council Meeting**



At the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 14th May 2019, the following Councillors were elected as Chairman of the Parish Council, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Chairman of the Environment & Policy Committee and Chairman of the Amenities Committee respectively: Councillor W. A Wood, Councillor K Piggott, Councillor Mrs M Pell and Councillor D Hall.

## **End of an era for Ruddington Chemists**

At 1pm on Saturday 11th May, Evans Pharmacy staff closed and locked up their historic shop at 12 High Street for the last time before relocating into their new, state-of-the-art building at 11 Charles Street. Since being approved almost two years ago, these larger premises have been purpose-built to plans drawn up by Nottingham's Allan Joyce Architects and are said to be more suited for a 21st century dispensary.

The two-storey building has been constructed in the former garden of Dairy Cottage behind Ruddington Library, with one downstairs room of the old cottage incorporated as a consulting room for the new pharmacy. As well as having more space, better facilities and increased security, the new location means it will also be closer to both our medical centres for those needing to pick up a prescription or other medication.

Meantime, what's next for our old High Street chemist's shop? It's been a dispensary since 1905 and was run by three generations of the Phethean family until 1993 before being sold to a larger company, originally under the Manor Pharmacy brand.

At least the original back room from its earlier history at 12 High Street

has been preserved and reconstructed within our Village Museum for future generations to see.



However, a new tenant with a fresh use for the old shop has yet to be found. Just after The Bottle Top opened to fill the gap at 2 High Street left by Thomas's Greengrocers, Ruddington village centre now has another empty shop at number 12, in addition to the vacant units at numbers 7-9 and 18 left by the closure of Barclay & Cook and the relocation of Grange Bakery.

That said, Ruddington's High Street is in a much healthier state than many around the country. With our new Village Market, other initiatives like the Loyalty Card Scheme from The Ruddington Village Centre Partnership and Nottingham City Transport working with [RUDDINGTON.info](http://RUDDINGTON.info) to encourage visitors to have a #RuddyGoodDayOut in our village, fingers crossed they can be occupied again very soon.

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

## Meet the...bicycle servicing and repair workshop

### Cycle Clinic, behind the Pamper Rooms, 10 Church Street

Ruddington is an interesting place full of quirky surprises. We have a fascinating past, unusual buildings (often hidden), colourful characters, famous cats (Wilbur) and an array of independent shops. Not forgetting all the fun events we have on our own doorstep!

When the Tour of Britain came racing through Ruddington last year, we celebrated by decorating our historic village with images of a yellow smiley face: a symbol of good times and positivity for some, and for others, an unmistakable symbol of rave culture! Either way, our historic village certainly looked interesting that day and what a good time everyone had.

Local cycle enthusiast, Austin Hayes, now proudly hangs one of these smiley face flags in his new Cycle Clinic workshop. Hidden away on Church Street behind his sister's popular beauty salon, The Pamper Room, you can find Austin expertly repairing all kinds of bike, from road to mountain bikes.

He offers an array of services from puncture repairs right up to full bike builds, starting from £12. Austin's hours work around you and he even offers a flexible (and free!) pick-up and collect

service to Ruddington residents – handy if you can't pedal to his workshop.

We asked Austin (pictured below) a few questions to find out more.



**Q:** How did you get into repairing bikes?

**A:** I work in the printing industry; however bikes are my passion. I've been cycling for over 20 years and have been repairing them for professionals for a long time, so I'm very happy to now have my own workshop. I've had years of experience working with all types of bike.

**Q:** How did you stumble across this hidden workshop?

**A:** It was an old outhouse (Ruddington is full of them) and was converted into a beauty therapy room before it was left empty and became my workshop. It's behind my sister's salon, The Pamper Rooms.

**Q:** What plans do you have for the business?

**A:** My first step is to let locals know I'm here, hiding away behind the salon! Hopefully residents will begin to notice and get to hear about me. I've got a few creative ideas up my sleeve so watch this space! I'm also keen to get involved with the community and champion the idea of repairing bikes rather than buying new ones as the "throwaway culture" isn't good for anyone. Cycling is a great activity to get the family involved with, so I'm offering free junior safety checks. I'd love to see the business grow so I can realise bigger dreams.

**Q:** Tell us more!

**A:** I'd like to open a hub/workshop for cyclists who also want to stop for an artisan coffee and cake. There are a few successful businesses combining cycling with coffee dotted around the country and I think it's time Nottingham had one. We have great cycle paths around here and lots of cyclists come through. Cyclists love a good coffee and cake! I also have plans to do organised rides for locals, so please get in touch if this is of interest.

**Q:** What do you like to do in Ruddington?

**A:** We have loads of great pubs; I like The Frame-breakers and The Ruddington Arms...also a group of us go for bike rides around the area as we have some lovely countryside. I'm a big

fan of Ruddington Village Market and you may see me there very soon.

Thanks Austin! We like the sound of your plans and we'll follow you closely to hear more about the rides you have planned. Ruddington wishes you all the best!

To book a repair appointment, call Austin on 07790 032 110. For more information you can visit [www.cycleclinics.com](http://www.cycleclinics.com) or email [cycleclinics75@gmail.com](mailto:cycleclinics75@gmail.com).

Sarah Godfrey

## **The Bottle Top opens!**

Ruddington welcomed another unique, local business to the village centre with the arrival of The Bottle Top on Friday 10th May.

You'll find it at 2 High Street in the premises previously occupied by Thomas's Greengrocers. As revealed in February, husband and wife team Anthony and Alex Preston (pictured opposite with their eldest daughter, Iris) are bringing this famous shop back to life with a range of products not previously available in our village.

In addition to it now being an off-licence, The Bottle Top also heralds the return of a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Alex says: "I guess the best way to describe us is a little bit like a farm shop but without all the meat and

cheese! So we have a big range of craft beer, along with some ciders and some nice premium spirits – a few of which are brewed in Nottingham. We have fresh fruit and veg and a 'zero waste' station. You can weigh out all your own grains and rice to try and combat food waste but also reduce plastic and anything that can't be reused or recycled."



Continuing their recycling theme, the shop will also soon be a drop-off point for the new Ruddington Children's Clothing Library.

Alex emphasises they're keen to stock other locally produced food, whenever possible, too: "We've got some local honey, some local jams, sauces and coffees – and we'll be trying to expand that all the time as well."

The Bottle Top will be open Tuesday to Thursday from 9am to 5pm, and from 9am all the way through to 9pm on Friday and Saturday nights!

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

## Mascot for Ruddington events



At the last meeting of Ruddington Parish Council on Tuesday 14th May, Councillors approved the purchase of a bespoke mascot costume which will be named “Ruddy Duck”. The name is an amusing play on words, referring to the name of the village as well as a species of duck which has visited Rushcliffe Country Park (pictured below).

The Events Team said: “We’re delighted that the Parish Council

supported our proposal to purchase a mascot costume. We believe the Ruddy Duck character will give a lot of enjoyment to youngsters in Ruddington, enhance our various events and generally raise the profile of Ruddington.

“We’ve already had one request for Ruddy Duck to attend a community event, so be sure to keep an eye out for him when you’re out and about in Ruddington!”



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