

THE RUDD

Local children help to save bees

Year 5 children from St Peter's Junior School have been having fun and getting muddy planting a range of bee-friendly plants, as part of the school's first ever Bee Week.

As well as planting bee-friendly flowers around the school

grounds, bought with a donation from Barratt and David Wilson Homes, the children also listened to a talk by Glenis Swift from Nottinghamshire Beekeepers and learned about the importance of bees to our ecosystem and the threats they face.

A giant bee, butterfly and stag beetle also took shape, as children worked with Nottingham-based artist Michelle Reader to create sculptures of endangered insects from recycled materials.

St Peter's has a large amount of outdoor space and has already (PTO)



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taken steps to make its grounds a better environment for wildlife by creating an orchard area, planting a hedgerow, managing woodland, planting a wildflower meadow and creating mini allotments where children can grow their own flowers, fruit and vegetables.

During the week children were challenged to redesign their own allotment plots or gardens to make them more bee-friendly.

“Children across the world are quite rightly responding to the damage we’ve done to the environment,” said Head Teacher, John Mapperley. “We want our children to know that there’s so much they can do to ‘be the change’.”

Pictured from left to right on the front page are George Brooks, Joe Bowie, Ruiee Ali, Beth Connor, Zac Bellamy, Elin Colville, Anna Clifford and Jasmine Archer.

Karen Cross, Teacher, St Peter’s Junior School

5p Challenge

This summer sees the fourth inter-school 5p Challenge in Ruddington.

The idea is for the pupils of James Peacock Infant & Nursery School and St Peter’s Junior School to collect as many 5p pieces as they can from

family, friends and neighbours during the summer holidays.

The coins are then taken into their respective schools at the beginning of the autumn term and given to the “Friends of School”.

Both Friends groups then declare their total and the one with the most wins the 5p Challenge Trophy. Currently, James Peacock holds the trophy.



Both schools have been delighted by the support given by the wider community to this fun fundraising effort. Local businesses have hosted collection pots and whatever their customers have donated has been split 50/50 between the two schools.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! If you’d like to host a collection pot or directly donate any spare coins, please contact me at ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com.

Thank you on behalf of both schools.

Barbara Breakwell, Treasurer, Friends of James Peacock School

Space Chase

During the upcoming school summer holidays, don't forget to visit the village library. The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is "Space Chase," inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Children aged 4 to 11 are invited to pop into the library and sign up. Then, during the summer, they can enjoy reading six library books – which can be fiction, fact or poetry – so they can complete the Challenge and collect rewards along the way.

Barbara Breakwell

Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale

The annual Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale at St Peter's Junior School returns on Saturday 6th July. The event, which is organised by the school's Friends group, will run from 10.30am to 1pm.

There'll be plenty to see and do, including a variety of stalls, chocolate and teddy tombolas, bouncy castles and slides, face painting, belly dancing and Zumba displays, and refreshments.

You can also enjoy all kinds of fun games and entertainments including Hook A Duck, Tug of War, £5 Note Golf Challenge, Bucket Ball, Splat the Rat, Hoopla, Scavenger Hunt, Gladiator Duel, the Human Fruit Machine and "Seaside Stocks with Mr Mapperley!"

New attractions for this year include Guess the Lego, the Gin Grid and our Guess the Staff Game. There's also the "Big Grand Raffle" with a first prize of an Amazon Echo Spot in white, worth over £100!

Like last year, the school's Year 3 and 4 pupils have made and designed their own products, and will be selling them on their Enterprise Stalls.

And if you fancy finding a lucky bargain, make sure you visit the car boot sale too. There's fun for the whole family and all are welcome. Last year, over 600 people came along to enjoy the day, so make sure you join us for a fantastic family day out.

You'll find full details at the school's website, www.stpetersjunior.org.uk.

Last chance to comment on Green Belt changes

Residents have until 5pm on Friday 5th July to air their views on the changes and additions that have been made to Rushcliffe Borough Council's Land and Planning Policies for Ruddington. To comment on the Local Plan Part 2 Proposed Modifications, email localdevelopment@rushcliffe.gov.uk with your comments, including your name and address.

To find out more about the Modifications, please visit <https://rushcliffe-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/>.

Summer holiday fun

Ruddington Fun used to provide free holiday activities, but unfortunately no longer do so. However they've maintained their Facebook page, "Ruddington Fun", to inform families of activities happening locally that may be of interest to them. It's well worth a look.

The Griswold Gang at the Framework Knitters Museum will be holding sessions during the summer. These are themed, craft-based activities held in the Chapel at the museum. A donation of £1 is welcomed and children must be accompanied by an adult. Check the museum's Facebook page for more details, or look out for posters around the village.



The museum is currently looking for more volunteers to help out with the Griswold Gang. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Jim or Helen at the museum on 0115 984 6914.

Other popular activities in the summer are the sessions held at Rushcliffe Country Park during August. The rangers run sessions based around Pond and Woodland Mini - Beasts and Den Building, which cost £4.50 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult and there are limited places, so you'll need to book. You can call the Rangers' Office on 0115 921 5865 or email countrypark@rushcliffe.gov.uk for more details

Don't forget about the Village Museum, GCRN and the parks and Playgrounds we have around Ruddington. It's always worth keeping an eye on the various Parish Council noticeboards around the village. Also, check for notices in shop windows and the local supermarkets for anything else that may be happening.

Have a great summer!

Barbara Breakwell

WI Garden Day

"The WI inspiring women"

On Saturday 27th July, Ruddington's Women's Institute (WI) will be holding their annual Garden Day at 200 Loughborough Road in Ruddington, the home of Linda and Mike Davey. The event will run between 2pm and 4pm.

Visitors can relax in the beautiful mature garden of around half an acre, with its wildlife pond and interesting collection of cacti and summerhouse plants, before browsing a range of stalls. These will include a bottle stall, cakes and preserves, books and puzzles, crafts including handmade cards, and a raffle.

The entrance fee of £4 includes a delicious homemade scone with strawberries and fresh cream, together with unlimited tea and coffee from our pop-up café. Tickets are available on the gate or in advance from our President, Sally Bryer, on 0115 984 7219.

All proceeds from the event will go to our chosen charity, 'Bloomin' Dementia, who are based on Easthorpe Street in Ruddington. Please come and support this worthwhile cause whilst spending an afternoon in beautiful surroundings.

Janet D Stafford, Secretary

New groups at the library

The library is starting two new regular hobby groups this month.

The first is a Writing Group that will meet fortnightly from Friday 5th July until Friday 16th August, from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

The sessions will focus on fun, informal writing exercises in a

supportive and no-pressure environment. Themes and direction will develop with the interests of the group.

No prior knowledge is required, just an interest in writing although experienced writers are welcome!

From Friday 19th July, a new monthly Knit & Natter group will start (all crafters are welcome). This will run on the third Friday of each month from 10:30am to 11:30am.

It's a great opportunity for crafters to get together to knit, crochet, natter, share skills or simply admire them!

There's no need to book – just drop in and meet other friendly crafters.

Both groups are free to attend and you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit for just 50p.

Crime figures for Ruddington

For May, these were as follow:

- 2 x criminal damage
- 3 x theft from a shop
- 1 x theft of fuel
- 4 x theft from vehicle
- 1 x theft of vehicle
- 1 x theft of bicycles

For crime prevention advice, please visit www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice.

Sports and activities themed Summer Fayre is coming to The Green

According to the NHS, to maintain a basic level of health, children and young people aged 5 to 18 need to do at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Being active for at least 60 minutes a day is linked to better general health, stronger bones and muscles, and higher levels of self-esteem.

Adults are also recommended to be active daily, with at least 150 minutes a week of moderate activity (full details at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/>).

The Parish Council Events Team have therefore themed this year's Summer Fayre around Sports and Activities.

The event takes place on Saturday 20th July from 12 noon to 6pm on the Green and will be opened by the new Events Mascot, Ruddy Duck. There'll be a range of sports and activities for all ages and abilities to try, including Zumba, belly dancing, bowls, petanque and football. And a visit from the @NottsCricket Nutsmobile will bring a taste of Trent Bridge to Ruddington with small and contained activity challenges for families to have a go at and be in with a chance of winning prizes. We're hoping Nuts the Squirrel will also be able to attend to

meet our very own Ruddy Duck and help show youngsters how to get involved in cricket.

Throughout the event, the main stage will host entertainment including choirs singing, Zumba, belly dancers and more. Punch and Judy shows will take place and the local petanque piste will be available to try during the afternoon. Ruddington Kids, who offer Holiday Camps locally, will be providing a small area with free activities for children to enjoy.



The event will also be promoting a raffle with an extensive range of prizes donated by local residents and businesses. All proceeds will go towards the local Scout Hut Appeal, with tickets available on the day and beforehand through local outlets. The draw will take place at the Fayre at 4.30 pm, with prizes drawn by Jean Greenwood.

If organisers of local sports or activity groups would like to come along on

the day to showcase what they offer, please contact office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk as soon as possible.

Please come along on Saturday 20th July from 12 noon to 6pm and enjoy the various stalls offering food, drinks, gifts, jewellery, hats, health and wellbeing products, and much more.

Councillor Sue Matthews

Charity Choir performance to round off Summer Fayre

Our own Ruddington Community Choir will be performing at the Methodist Church on Saturday 20th July at 7pm to round off a fun day of activities at Ruddington's Summer Fayre.

The Church has chosen local charity, Bloomin' Dementia, to benefit from the proceeds of this concert and a key member of the organisation will be there to explain the valuable work they do for our community.

Kathy Powis from the Methodist Church Events Team explained: "Most of us will have some experience of dementia and the challenges it brings to families.

"Thankfully, there's help and support out there and we in Ruddington are fortunate to have Bloomin' Dementia on our doorstep. We're also very proud of our local Community Choir under the leadership of Bernie Bracha, so we have a great evening to look forward to."

Tickets are priced at £6, which includes refreshments after the show, and are available at the Church's Saturday Coffee Mornings, from Kathy on 0115 984 5375, or on the door.

Bloomin' Dementia are based at 4 Easthorpe Street and can be contacted on 0115 984 3703 or at info@bloomin-dementia.org.

Kathy Powis

Happy birthday to Phoenix Bridge Club!



Phoenix Bridge Club in Ruddington celebrated their 15th anniversary in May. 13 of the Club's founder members are pictured above at a party to celebrate the occasion.

Phoenix Bridge Club meets at St Peter's Rooms on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6.45pm. A Friendly Friday session also meets at 1.30pm at the Jubilee Clubhouse on Loughborough Road. For more information about the Club, please contact Ann Adkin on 0115 937 2453 or at anngadkin@btinternet.com, or visit www.phoenixbridgeclub.com.

Ruddington Diary

Community events & activities

Monday 1st July

Ruddington Craft Group – Memory plaques. St Peter's Rooms 10.00am – 12.00pm. Tuition, materials and refreshments are included in the £3.50 cost. 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, experience or expertise is not essential. We participate in a variety of crafts.

Friday 5th July

Launch of a new Writers' Group – 2:30pm to 3:30pm at the library. See article.

Saturday 6th July

Ruddington Village Market – 9am to 12:30pm at The White Horse Inn. Stalls offering quality crafts, produce and provisions to take away. Bring your Ruddy Good Loyalty Card! Find out more at www.ruddingtonvillagemarket.co.uk.

Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale – 10:30am to 1pm at St Peter's Junior School. See article.

Sunday 7th July

Café Church – 9.30am – 10.50am at St. Peter's Church, followed by Holy Communion for those wishing to stay. Come and join us for Café breakfast, alongside games, a short talk, discussion, with options for quiet reflection, prayer, drama, art, crafts, liturgical service and music. Something for everyone.

Ruddington Baptist Breakfast Church – 10.30am St Peter's Rooms. Meet and enjoy croissants and drinks before doing activities together. For more information visit www.ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk.

Hannah's Tea Party – 1:30pm to 4pm at the Framework Knitters Museum. Enjoy special cakes made to Victorian recipes to celebrate the life of Hannah Parker, wife of Frameshop Manager John Parker, who lived in Chapel Street for over 50 years. Normal admission fees apply.

Ruddington Footpath Preservation Group – Barton to Thrumpton and Return. Meet on The Green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 9th July

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 10th July

W.I. Meeting – 'From Bee to You' – A year in the honey bee hive – Alec Thompson at St Peter's Rooms, commencing 7.15pm.

Saturday 13th July

Wildlife Watch Group (8 to 13 year olds) – 'Buzzy Bees' Come and join us for a Waggle dance. Get a real buzz from discovering about the lives of our bees. Members and non-members welcome. Suggested donation: £2/3 per session. For info, contact Geoff East on 07804 297 041 or at rushcliffewatch@nottswt.co.uk.

Councillor Surgery Saturday 13th July

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.

Sunday 14th July

Wilbur's 10th birthday party – 4pm until close at The Frame Breakers. See article.

Monday 15th July

Ruddington Craft Group – A Line Cards. St Peter's Rooms 10.00am – 12.00pm. See 1st July for details.

Ruddington & District U3A Monthly Meeting - 2pm Ruddington Methodist Church. 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.

Thursday 18th July

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.

Games Night at The Cottage Hotel – from 7:30pm. Board games night aimed at younger residents although all are welcome. Bring your own games or choose from the hotel's wide selection.

Climate Change talk – 7:30pm at The Hub, 62 Musters Road. See 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 19th 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.

Launch of a new Knit & Natter Group – 10:30am to 11:30am at the library. See article.

Saturday 20th July

Ruddington Summer Fayre – 12 noon to 6pm on The Green. See article.

Ruddington Community Choir Concert – 7:00pm at the Methodist Church. See article.

Saturday 27th July

W.I. Annual Garden Day – 200 Loughborough Road, Ruddington, 2pm to 4pm. See article.

Sunday 28th July

'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.

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 23rd July

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.

The Great Get Together



Ruddington's 2019 Great Get Together picnic took place on Saturday 22nd June.

While a large crowd gathered to picnic on The Green in the sunshine, over 40 senior residents attended the tea party at St Peter's Rooms, featuring some luscious homemade cakes provided by local residents. Outdoors, John Hallam's tractors proved especially intriguing to the young ones.

This is the third year that the event has been held across the country in memory of the murdered Labour MP, Jo Cox.

Despite the occasion's tragic origins, the Great Get Together lived up to its name and was a chance for our community to share a day together in the village, reminding ourselves that we all have much in common.

An amicable tone was set by the "conversational menu" provided for attendees, which even included ideas

for things to "whine" about to each other.

Local band Songs4U created a delightful ambience with a range of vintage tunes.

A young member from the Beavers also added some welcomed positivity with countless jokes. Our favourite was: "What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?"

Answer: "One's a heavy animal... the other is a little lighter."



Another memorable feature from the day was a head-scratching quiz where residents had to match uncaptioned photographs from local history to their respective decade and event.

This was jointly won by Cheryl, the vocalist with Songs4U, and Ruth, a retired history teacher!

We look forward to congregating again for next year's Great Get Together.

Words by Theo Perrin, images from Paul Reedman

Ruddington Village Market – give us your feedback to win!

Have you been to the monthly Ruddington Village Market? What do you like best about it? How could it be improved? Ruddington Village Centre Partnership (RVCP), the team behind Ruddington Village Market, would like your feedback on this popular event as we look to build on its success.

Perhaps you have some thoughts about the range and quality of products on offer, or maybe you'd like to share your views on the timing or layout of the market. Whatever your feedback may be, RVCP are keen to hear it. To thank you for taking part in our short survey, you'll be entered into a prize draw to win a £30 market voucher!

"When Thomas' Greengrocers closed and RVCP was formed in response, lots of people said a market would be a good way of bringing shoppers back to the village centre", said Mark Pinks of RVCP.

"Support from our village traders' market, and linked initiatives such as Makers Night, has been exceptional, so we want to make sure it remains an enduring, credible and quality market that's well regarded throughout the borough. To do that, it's important to check we're getting it right for both residents and visiting shoppers."

To be in with a chance of winning a £30 market voucher, head over to ruddingtonvillagemarket.co.uk/survey, but hurry – the survey closes on Friday 2nd August! For the latest Ruddington Village Market news, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at 'ruddingtonvillagemarket', or on Twitter @ruddmarket.

Mark Pinks, RVCP

Is climate change relevant to me?

Climate change is often in the news. But just how bad are things really? And what can we do about it?

The planet is in ecological crisis. Scientists believe we may have entered a period of abrupt climate breakdown. This is an unprecedented global emergency. Our children and our nation face grave risk.



In this public talk for Ruddington, Tom Barber from Extinction Rebellion (Nottingham) will share the latest

climate science on where our planet is heading, discuss some of the current thinking around climate change, and offer solutions.

The event aims to raise awareness of and tell the truth about the current environmental crisis; arm local people with facts they can share with neighbours, friends and family; and consider what we can do about this in Nottinghamshire. There'll be time to ask questions and for discussion afterwards. The talk will take place on Thursday 18th July at The Hub, 62 Musters Road. Doors will be open and refreshments available from 7:30pm.

All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend, but due to the content of the talk, parental discretion is advised. Tickets are FREE but please note that places are limited and only available on a first-come, first-served basis as the venue is quite small.

Please obtain your tickets from The Honeycomb, Perkins Hardware store or by contacting Caroline on 07787 527 224 or at cas.cooke@gmail.com by Monday 15th July. Whilst the event is free to attend, donations towards venue and refreshment costs at the end will be welcome if you'd like and are able to contribute.

Caroline Cooke

Are our polling stations in the right place?

Rushcliffe Borough Council is currently undertaking a review of its polling districts and polling places and is inviting views from the public to see if anything needs changing.

The consultation period starts from Monday 24th June and ends on Monday 19th August. During this period, the Council welcomes views and comments on factors such as where polling places are located, the ease of getting into them if people have a disability and any other relevant information.

Submission forms are available on the website at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk or by calling the Council on 0115 981 9911. Completed forms should be returned to Electoral Services, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7YG.

Further information is available on the website or by emailing elections@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

Like to submit an article to The Rudd?

The deadline is the 15th of each month. Please email your copy to office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk, including a photo if you can.

Meet the Village cat

Wilbur

In this month's "Meet the..." we get to meet a real life celebrity: Wilbur, The Village Cat, aka The King of Ruddington aka Six Dinner Sid, aka Top Cat.



Wilbur is so famous he's in the news, he has his own Wilbur merchandise and has a huge following on Facebook set up by his biggest fan, local Nicola Burton (search for "Wilbur – King of Ruddington").

We wanted to hear more about his life in the public eye and what it's like to be THE village cat.

Q: What's new, pussy cat?

A: Actually, I'm feline pretty good. I've recently landed a job in finance – I'm now manager at The Nottingham Building Society in Ruddington. So far it's been pawsome and they pay me extremely well with attention. I also get to work with my best friend, Lesley.

Q: That sounds like really hard work, Wilbur. How do you manage it all?

A: Life as a celebrity cat can be pretty demanding at times. Everyone wants to touch me and say "hello" and I do love it; however if it ever gets too much, a short cat nap really helps. The building society look after their staff and they have a very comfortable swivel chair. I have a great cattitude to work and my owner Cathy Appelbee keeps me grounded with the celebrity stuff.

Q: What is it like being the public eye?

A: Well, obviously, I'm a cat and I unashamedly love it. I literally stop traffic during the rush hour – what cat wouldn't want that? Having said that, if you're a "Somebody" like me, it's important to use this notoriety to help others.

So unlike other celebrities, I don't just lend my name to good causes, I like to visit the chosen people in their homes and engage with them and the contents of their fridges. I'm a fur-ever committed people's person (cat). People need me and I need sardines. (Wilbur's fave snack). Just for the record, and for my followers, I don't like sweet things.

Q: Have you always lived in Ruddington?

A: I'm practically born and bred here. I was born in July 2009, and my mummy, Cathy adopted me and my sister Ruby at 6 weeks old. I've lived here all my life.

Q: Tell us more about your flower shop lock-in?

A: Oh yes. I'll never live that down will I? There was that time I got locked in Phoenix Flower shop over a Bank Holiday. For months I felt pretty embarrassed about it but actually looking back, it was one of the best weekends of my life.



It could have been a cat-astrophe and I would have lost one of my lives if it not for my loving owner Cathy. She shoved food through the letterbox all that weekend. The flower shop is known for its great window displays and to be honest, it's never looked as fabulous as it did with me in it. Now I love lying out in all the windows down the High Street. My public love it, too.

Q: Do you have any kittens?

A: Absolutely not, I'm not an animal person. I'm more a people's person...err I mean people's cat. Also, I like my

freedom. I like to spend a lot of time in the pubs, especially The Red Lion and The Frame Breakers. Sometimes they let me sleep over.

My owner is cool with that, so long as I drop in occasionally and say hi to the fam. I have a couple of feline sisters and a canine sister, who are happy being regular pets. I'm very successful at what I do and I have several homes I like to reside in.

Q: What do you like to do in Ruddington?

A: You can see what I get up to on my fan page on Facebook, but I love hanging out everywhere. You will often see me in Classic Cuts; I love the glamour. I enjoy chilling out outside Perkins Hardware store, the pubs, the cafes... We're so lucky in Ruddington!

Q: Isn't it your birthday soon?

A: Yes, I'm 10 years young in July. In human years I would be having a midlife crisis around now. Instead, I'm having a big party at The Frame Breakers to celebrate turning the big 1-0. Everyone is invited.

Q: Tell us more!

A: It's on Sunday 14th July 4pm till close. I want to give back to my fans so I'm crowdfunding for more lifesaving defibrillators in the village. Any extra money raised that evening will go to heart charities. So it's going to be a

purrfect great village get together. My friends will be selling Wilbur merchandise, cupcakes and little knitted Wilburs for the charitable cause. I've heard there'll be tails for sale! A birthday cake will be baked by my talented friends from Jasper's Café. The pub will also be putting on cat-themed drinks (Hair of the Cat, Pink Panther etc) and a raffle. The Frame Breakers have been very generous and will be putting on a fantastic evening for all. Please get in touch with my Facebook page if you'd like to contribute towards the raffle.



Q: Will you be there?

A: I hope so but I am a cat. If I happen to be somewhere else, my owner Cathy is hoping a human will bring me to my own party! There'll be a piece of cake waiting for you if you do.

You're invited to Wilbur's 10th Birthday party at The Frame Breakers on Sunday 14th July, from 4pm until close. Families welcome! Don't forget to bring cash for fundraising fun.

Sarah Godfrey

“Let's go fly a kite” – save the date

**Sunday 1st September, 12 noon to
4pm, Kite Field,
Rushcliffe Country Park**

This is the afternoon you can amble over to Rushcliffe Country Park for the revival of the Kite Festival.

As a long standing resident of Ruddington, I fondly remember in the 1990s and early 2000s marvelling at the professionals from the Midlands Kite Fliers as they demonstrated their kite-flying skills on the first weekend in September.

This fondness was echoed by other residents, prompting me to approach the Parish Council Events Team – and with their support, the event will make a welcome return this year. The Midlands Kite Fliers are equally delighted to be invited back!

You're welcome to come along just to spectate or you can bring your own kite. If you don't have one, you'll be able to make one for free at the event, courtesy of resources from Rushcliffe Play Forum. We can all then endeavour to make our kites fly!

Weather permitting, it will hopefully be an afternoon of good, old fashioned fun.

Barbara Breakwell, ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com

Another resounding success for Ruddfest

Thanks to everyone who made this year's event so amazing!



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