

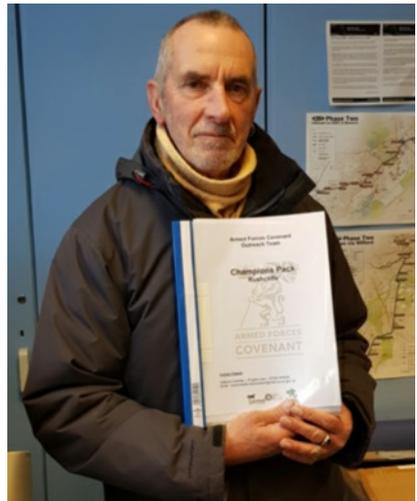
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RPC signs Armed Forces Covenant

At the December 2019 Parish Council meeting, the Council voted to adopt the Armed Forces Covenant. Councillor Wayne Rogers and I (Councillor Graham Fletcher, pictured) put ourselves forward to become the Covenant Champions for this area.

The Armed Forces Covenant was set up by the MOD and has been adopted by many businesses and organisations throughout the UK. To find out more about the Covenant, please visit: www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk.

As an ex-soldier who's served in Northern Ireland twice in the 1970s as well as other postings, I can relate to the many issues that serving and ex-forces personnel can face in our ever-changing world.



The Covenant has brought together a wealth of information and contacts for both serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families.

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For advice or a chat, please contact either myself or Councillor Rogers via the Parish Office on 0115 914 6660 or email office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Or, you can call in at the Councillors' Surgery held at St Peter's Rooms from 10am to 12pm on the second Saturday of each month, except August and December.

Councillor Graham Fletcher

Food glorious food – Friends of James Peacock Annual Food Fair



The doors of James Peacock School are once again being thrown open for our annual Food Fair on Sunday 29th March, from 11am to 2pm.

The Fair is run by the Friends of James Peacock School, with proceeds going towards buying things that enhance the children's education but aren't covered by the school's budget. Over

the last few years, we've raised more than £10,000 a year for the school.

We'd like to thank everyone who's helped us achieve these fantastic figures! And we'd LOVE to see as many people as possible at our 2020 Food Fair, whether or not you have children at the school. The Fair is growing year on year, with stalls where you can buy things to take home and also a Food Court so you can have lunch with us.

We're absolutely delighted to be welcoming a whole range of different exhibitors this year, both local producers and a few from further afield. From chutneys and preserves to chocolate and coffee, there's something for everybody, so there's sure to be something to tickle your taste buds.

Stall holders attending so far include The Jam Lady with her sumptuous jams and chutneys, Buttercup Fudge selling homemade fudge and sweets, and Brocklebys with their award-winning pies, which are perfect for freezing.

We're also excited to welcome new stalls this year including Mediterranean Deli, Culpeper Tonic and Forever Global UK, who'll be bringing their aloe vera based products.

Also at the Fair will be local suppliers The Old Bakehouse selling delicious cakes, The Black Cat Café with sausage rolls, scotch eggs and pastries (including vegan ones); plus The Next Episode and The Ruddington Arms. So, don't fill up before you visit! Instead, enjoy lunch with us in our playground food court. Stalls include delicious wood fired pizzas (a popular choice so get in quick), Indian and Caribbean food, and some BBQ favourites such as hot dogs and burgers. New for this year is the Panini Project selling a range of meat and vegetarian options.

If you have a sweet tooth there'll be popcorn, candy floss and donuts, and an all-important ice-cream van for the kids. Come hungry and leave satisfied! There'll also be a licensed bar with prosecco, cider and beer for the adults.

Crafts and activities for children will include badge-making, glitter tattoos and a bouncy castle (weather permitting), thanks to Clifton Castles. The kids' favourite stall, the chocolate tombola, will also be returning!

The Friends of School will be selling raffle tickets for our well-known Barrow of Booze, as well as our Annual Prize Draw with chances to win fantastic prizes including tickets to Trent Bridge, Manor Farm, the National Space Centre and day passes from a number of holiday clubs. Prizes have

also been donated from local businesses including Jaspers and Summers at Eleven.

Both will be drawn at the event. Raffle tickets are just 50p and will be available to buy from Co-op during the morning of Saturday 21st March. Everyone is welcome, so bring your family and friends and spread the word. Entry to the Fair is just £1 for adults and free for children (a great opportunity to check out the school if you're a parent of a pre-schooler in the area!)

Keep an eye out for posters in the village and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on the day. If you're interested in attending as a stallholder, please email fjp.committee@yahoo.co.uk.

Friends of James Peacock Committee

Table Top Sale



Ruddington & District U3A are holding a Table Top Sale on Monday 16th March at 2pm, at Ruddington Methodist Church on Charles Street. Stalls will include sundries, jewellery, toys and cakes etc. Entry is free and all are welcome.

Barbara Breakwell

‘Kick Out Poverty’ Fashion Show

Ruddington-based charity, The Mustard Seed Project – Uganda, are delighted to announce that their popular Fashion Show will take place on Friday 6th March at St Peter’s Junior School from 7pm to 10pm.

This event, which has become an annual village highlight, is always a great night out, bringing together the opportunity to purchase fantastic value fashion (up to 75% off leading brands) and the chance to get up to date with the charity’s latest work.

The Fashion Show’s organisers also pride themselves on bringing the very best raffle prizes to their supporters and this year’s offerings don’t fall short! This year’s top prizes are a 3 night break for up to 4 people – kindly donated by Ruddington’s own National Car Finder – and an overnight stay with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Radisson Blu East Midlands Airport.

Other prizes have been donated by The Cottage Hotel, The Ruddington Arms and The Next Episode, The Frame Breakers, The Three Spices, Gino’s, Elegance Beauty, The White Horse Inn, Philo’s and Jasper’s. The Mustard Seed Project are honoured and extremely grateful to be strongly supported by so many of Ruddington’s

local businesses. The raffle will be drawn at 9pm.

The Mustard Seed Project’s community fundraising group raises money to provide clean water, food and an education for children in Teso, Uganda. This year, the Fashion Show is specifically focussed on supporting girl’s football in Teso. Football coaching helps girls stay in school through teamwork and rights-based learning, which in turn helps prevent early marriage and pregnancy.

The Ugandan girls’ team, supported by the charity Team Raising Shero’s, have been selected to play at Kampala Stadium on International Women’s Day. They’re competing in the GGW Cup East Africa, where they’re playing to raise awareness of gender inequality.

With this in mind, organisers are seeking donations of football boots to send out to Uganda – please get in touch if you can help.

If you’d like to buy tickets for the Fashion Show, they cost just £5 each and are available from Perkins Hardware, James Peacock School, St Peter’s School. Or, you can contact The Mustard Seed directly through their Facebook page or at info@mustardseeduganda.com.

Ruth Keen, Trustee

New Headteacher for St Peter's

In January, St Peter's C of E Junior School welcomed Michael Bradley as their new Headteacher. Mr Bradley has previously been a Deputy Head at a school in Eastwood.



As a parent of two boys himself, he knows the importance of the relationship between home and school, and acknowledges how supportive the parents and carers of the pupils at St Peter's are.

Mr Bradley said that he's "...passionate about inspiring and empowering our children to change the world for the better."

He wants to "...ensure the pupils receive an education for the head (achieving academically), the heart (developing the character skills needed to be good people) and the hands (providing our children with opportunities to make a real difference)."

Mr Bradley has already noticed the amazing community spirit here in Ruddington and says that this, along with the fantastic children and dedicated staff in his team, means he couldn't ask for a better foundation for everyone to build on.

His overriding aim is for the pupils to love coming to school by "ensuring they receive a broad and rich education in a happy, inclusive and joyful setting."

Welcome to Ruddington, Mr Bradley.

Barbara Breakwell

W.I. Spring Fayre

Ruddington's Women's Institute are holding their annual Spring Fayre on Saturday 4th April 2020, from 9am to 12noon at St Peter's Rooms.

Come along and meet friends, and enjoy tea, coffee, biscuits and hot cross buns in the Lounge. Stalls in the Main Hall will include books and puzzles, bric a brac, cakes and preserves, plants and a tombola.

We look forward to seeing you.

Janet D Stafford, W.I. Secretary



The Nottingham Roosevelt Memorial Travelling Scholarship

Did you know there's a scholarship to travel to America that's only open to Nottinghamshire residents? It's called the Nottingham Roosevelt Memorial Travelling Scholarship and is focused on young people aged between 21 and 35. So, if you or anyone you know is in this age range, please read on.



The idea behind the scholarship is that the more people travel and meet other cultures, the better we all become. It was set up in Nottingham to honour President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and so focuses on travel between Nottinghamshire and the USA. Many cities put up statues to the President for the role he played in helping end World War II but Nottingham chose to have a living memorial instead, in the form of a scholarship.

Applicants choose a subject they're passionate about which will benefit from development by a visit to the US. This can be any subject and doesn't have to be related to their work. It's hoped that, by developing the project,

they'll bring back new insights from the States to benefit the scholar, their employer and the county.

You can choose the timing of your travel as long as it's completed by the end of 2020. The scholarship can be either 6 or 12 weeks long and includes return flights to New York City plus a grant of either £1,500 for a 6 week trip or £3,000 for a 12 week trip.

You can apply online for the scholarship at <https://rooseveltscholarship.org/how-to-apply/>. There's then a two stage interview process in Nottingham and then County Hall West Bridgford. **The deadline for applications is Friday 6th March.**

Previous scholars have found this a life changing experience. You travel alone in the States meeting amazing people and becoming immersed in US life.

Your network grows, you learn more about your topic and come back full of energy and enthusiasm. It builds your self-belief and confidence, and looks great on your CV.

You'll find more details on the website, where you can also register your interest and submit an enquiry form if you have any specific questions. You can also follow the scholarship on Twitter @NottsRoosevelt and Facebook @NRMTS.

Russ Blenkinsop, NRMTS Secretary

Rotary funding opportunities

Following the success of the Club's Santa Sleigh collections, Rushcliffe Rotary is offering grants to individuals and groups within the community who are engaged in projects at home or abroad.

Individual grants usually range from £50 to £200. The total allocation each year is limited so early application is advised. When considering an application, the club makes reference to the following criteria:

1. Any previous application made to the club.
2. The link the individual or group has with the local area.
3. The extent to which the project has a humanitarian, environmental or educational focus.
4. The extent to which the project supports disadvantaged groups within the community.
5. The willingness to report back to club members on the outcomes from the project.

Applications should be sent by email to the Secretary, John Hooley at johnhooley@virginmedia.com.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Kip Herrington on 0115 937 5397.

Kip Herrington

Help for hidden disabilities

As someone with a condition that may not be obvious, e.g. hidden, I was delighted recently to learn of a new national initiative called the "Sunflower Lanyard."



The brightly coloured green lanyard, adorned with sunflowers, is voluntarily worn by people with hidden disabilities, such as autism, anxiety, hearing impairments, dementia etc. It acts as a discreet sign for staff that additional help or support may be required.

A growing number of supermarkets, retail stores, airports, railways, visitor attractions and leisure providers are registering to be part of the scheme and training their staff accordingly. Our local Sainsbury's store is one of them.

If you feel you'd be more confident and reassured when out and about by wearing a Sunflower Lanyard (just in case you may need extra help), they're available from airports or any participating store or attraction.

Barbara Breakwell

Ruddington Diary

Sunday 1st March

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.

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

Ruddington Footpath Preservation Group – Hickling Standard and canal side walk. Meet on The Green at 2.15pm.

Monday 2nd March

Ruddington Craft Group – 'Iris Folding Cards' – St Peter's Rooms 10.00am – 12.00pm Tuition, materials and refreshments are included in the £3.50 cost. Newcomers welcome. Contact Chris Gibson for more info: 07967 245308

Tuesday 3rd March

Ruddington Methodist Church Woman's Fellowship – Kathy's Exploits – Kathy Powis, 2.30pm, Methodist Schoolroom. all are welcome to join us.

Friday 6th March

'Kick out Poverty': Mustard Seed Project Fashion Show – see article.

Saturday 7th March

Ruddington Village Market – 9am to 12:30pm at The White Horse Inn.

Tuesday 10th March

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

Wednesday 11th March

W.I. Meeting – 'Iced Cookie Demonstration' – Ferda Ozcan at St Peter's Rooms, commencing 7.15pm.

Councillor Surgery

Saturday 14th March

County & Borough Councillor' Surgery
10am – 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms.
This is your opportunity to speak with your Borough & County Councillors about local issues.

Saturday 14th March

Wildlife Watch Group (8 to 13 year olds) – 'Creature Comforts' Find out who lives here all year round and who has a penthouse in Africa, or a holiday home in Arctic climes. 11am – 1pm. Nature based activities, fun and games. Members and non-members welcome. Please come dressed for the weather! Suggested donation: £3 per session. For info, contact Geoff East on 07804 297 041 or at rushcliffewatch@nottswt.co.uk.

Monday 16th March

Ruddington Craft Group – 'Easter Cards' – St Peter's Rooms 10.00am – 12.00pm. See 9th March for details.

Ruddington & District U3A – Table Top Sale, 2pm at Ruddington Methodist Church. Sundries, toys, jewellery, cakes etc. Free entry, all welcome.

Friendship Group – St Peter's Church (Vestry entrance) 2 – 3.30pm. Please join us for conversation, quizzes, armchair yoga, sing-a-longs, tea and cakes

Tuesday 17th March

Ruddington Methodist Church Woman's Fellowship – TESO – Honor Dixon, 2.30pm, Methodist Schoolroom, all are welcome to join us.

Thursday 19th March

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.

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 20th March

Ruddington Business Partnership – FREE business networking at The Next Episode, 8am to 9am.

Knit & Natter Group – 10:30am to 11:30am at the library. Meet other friendly crafters and get together to knit, crochet, natter, share skills or simply admire them! Free to attend with refreshments on sale.

Sunday 22nd March

'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. For more information call 0115 984 3523.

Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 24th March

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.

Wednesday 25th March

Ruddington Gardeners' Association – "Growing and Showing" with Mike Davey at The Hermitage, 7pm for 7.30pm.

Saturday 28th March

Ruddington Methodist Church Mini Sales – Children's toys and books, household stall and cake sale. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 29th March

Annual Food Fair at James Peacock School – 11am to 2pm. See article.

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.

Ruddington Methodist Church. 10:30am Morning Service, plus 6pm Evening Service on the first Sunday of each month.

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

Every Monday during term time

Ruddington & District Choral Society at St Peter's Junior School 7.15pm – 9.15pm.

Every Tuesday during term time

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

Every Tuesday

Nappuccinos at The Hub, 62 Musters Road. 10am – 12pm. Group for parents with babies under 1. Homemade cakes, tea and coffee. Meet other new parents and find support.

Meet our new Parish Councillor

Mike Gaunt has recently been co-opted to the Parish Council and now represents Camelot Ward. Together with our other new councillors, who we'll be introducing in future issues, we'd like to welcome Mike on board.



"I'm 43 years old, married with two children and work as a secondary school geography teacher," says Mike.

"As well as being a Parish Councillor, I'm also one of Ruddington's Borough Councillors and have lived in the village for over 11 years."

Mike adds: "I'm particularly interested in people living sustainably within their local community. I strive to live, work and shop locally wherever possible, as a way of supporting local services and living an eco-friendly life.

"I try to do this whilst trying to have a positive impact on the environment

and the quality of life of other residents."

You can contact Mike through the Parish Council office.

There are still some vacancies on the Parish Council. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact the Parish Clerk, Claire Dorans.

Keyworth & District Probus Club seeks new members

Probus Clubs are clubs for retired or semi-retired people from all walks of life. The object of all Probus Clubs is to promote fellowship amongst members by holding regular meetings and some social functions.

We are a men-only Probus club and meet fortnightly on Tuesdays at The Cottage Hotel in Ruddington, from around 11.30am. A meeting consists of a talk by an invited speaker, followed by lunch.

There are opportunities to participate in occasional golf and bowling matches, as well as a Spring Lunch and Christmas Lunch to which partners are invited. Visits are arranged to local places of interest.

We are currently seeking new members. Why not give our Secretary a call on 9372766 or visit our website at www.keyworthprobus.org.uk to find out more?

Dennis Hackett

New defibrillators

Two new defibrillators have been installed in Ruddington, thanks to the generosity of our village. When I heard that Juliet Abbott from Compound Strength and Conditioning Gym was fundraising for a defibrillator, I immediately got in touch to offer to help. Almost £3,000 was raised through raffles and cake sales, and at Wilbur the Village Cat's 10th birthday party last summer.

Although Ruddington already had several defibrillators, only two of them were accessible 24 hours a day and both of these are at one end of the village.

Being in close proximity to a defibrillator is vital in the event of a cardiac arrest to increase your chances of survival. Each minute of delay reduces the probability of survival by 10%. Ruddington is a busy and often congested village, so having more 24 hour defibrillators spread around the village is really important.

The two new devices are positioned on the walls of Near and Far Removals on Brookside Road, and Edward James Flooring on Ashworth Avenue. Both businesses have shown tremendous support for the project and will not only foot the electricity costs, but also do routine checks on the devices to make sure they're working properly.

We hope to run some free community training sessions on the use of the devices soon.

A massive thank you to everyone who got involved in fundraising for the new defibrillators, from donating raffle prizes and knitting cats through to buying cakes and biscuits.

There are way too many people to thank – the whole village got behind us to make this happen, which is pretty spectacular.

Emma Scott

Crime figures for Ruddington

For January 2020, these were as follow:

- 1 x theft of number plates
- 2 x property break-in and vehicle theft (both recovered)
- 1 x theft of fuel
- 2 x theft from shop (one suspect arrested)
- 1 x theft from garden
- 1 x attempted property break-in
- 1 x van break-in
- 1 x criminal damage to a fence
- 1 x theft of bicycles

For crime prevention advice and tips on protecting your property, please visit www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice.

New smart phone app for Notts

Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) has unveiled a free, easy to use app providing a new way of accessing a wide range of council services.

Two thirds of residents told NCC they'd be likely to download an app to access council services.

The MyNotts app, now available to download, will make it easier, quicker and more convenient for people to make the most of council services wherever they are, using their smartphones.

Services accessible through the app include adult social care services, school places, registering a birth or death, arranging a wedding at a council venue, information on council libraries, recycling centres, applying to foster or adopt, and reporting a safeguarding or highways issue.

MyNotts will also make it easier to report potholes, street lights and other highways issues, using the smartphone's GPS facility to automatically identify the location and provide updates on progress direct to people's smartphones.

In addition, the app will provide information about what's on in Nottinghamshire, with links to visitor attractions such as Sherwood Forest

Country Park and Visitor Centre, Holme Pierrepont and Rufford Abbey.

Councillor Reg Adair, Deputy Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council said:

“MyNotts is a further development in making it easier, quicker and more convenient for the public to access council services in Nottinghamshire.

“95% of householders in the UK have access to a smartphone and two thirds of our residents told us they'd be likely to download an app to access council services.



“We've involved local residents in developing and testing the app, and intend to continue to improve and enhance the services available using ongoing feedback from the public.

“I encourage residents to download the app for free on their smartphones and see for themselves how useful it can be.

“We hope this app will put council services quite literally in the hands of

the public, and enhance and complement the services already provided through the council's website and customer service centre."

The app is available to download by visiting the App Store on Android or Apple devices.

Ruddington Medical Centre Patients' Participation Group

A practical helping role

The Patients' Participation Group is looking for volunteers prepared to engage with patients in the practice waiting rooms with tasks such as:

- Guiding patients at 'flu clinics.
- Publicising the various NHS screening programmes and other initiatives, such as Bowel Cancer Awareness, Support for Carers, Eye Health, Diabetic Awareness, etc.
- Encouraging patients to register for online prescriptions and appointment bookings
- Completing questionnaires such as the Friends and Family Test.

How often would I need to help?

Some of the activities described above annual, such as 'flu clinics and bowel cancer screening awareness, whilst others are ongoing, e.g. the Friends and Family test.

How much time is involved?

You can offer as little or as much time as you like. To avoid clashes, the PPG secretary produces a rota following offers of help.

Are the medical staff supportive?

The GPs and other staff within the practice are keen to foster greater patient involvement between the PPG and the medical team. Current PPG members say they're always made welcome in the practice.

Interested?

Email rmc.ppg@virginmedia.com or call the Medical Centre on 0115 921 1144 and leave a message with Reception and someone will get back to you.

Gavin Walker

Please Respect our Neighbours

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

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



New volunteer drivers revving up for new passengers in Ruddington

Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme has been providing community transport for over 30 years, using voluntary drivers who love helping people get out and about.



Our Voluntary Transport service is for people who don't have a car, have poor mobility, find it difficult to use public transport, or live in rural areas with poor transport links and find it hard to get around.

This can lead to feelings of isolation, loneliness and a lack of independence. Rushcliffe CVS provides community transport to help people live more independent lives.

Our volunteers provide a 'door to door' service to a variety of destinations, for example:

- Doctor's and other health appointments
- Shopping
- Leisure and social activities
- Visiting friends and family
- Day centres and lunch clubs.

Our drivers can wait for up to an hour for you, or come back at a prearranged time to take you home if required.

Our Transport Plus Service is an extension of our successful voluntary transport scheme. As well as driving, our Transport Plus volunteers can provide extra support including:

- Assistance with shopping, e.g. accompanying you around the supermarket and carrying your shopping
- Accompanying you on social and recreational activities.
- Attending as an observer or chaperone at GP surgery appointments
- Simply sharing a cup of tea and a chat with you.

All our volunteers are trained and police checked for your peace of mind. If you make regular bookings, we'll try to allocate you someone who'll get to know you personally. All our staff and volunteers will always do

do their best to meet your individual needs and make sure you're given the service and the information you need to maintain your independence.

To book a journey, please call 0115 9699060 or email transport@rushcliffecvs.org.uk. We're open Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm.

Carole Green, Operations Manager

“God Above, Man Below”: an evening of music for our times

Ruddington & District Choral Society (RDCS)'s Spring Concert on Saturday 16th May at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church will be a night to remember, with some of the most powerful works of the 20th century being performed.

In our often divided and turbulent world, the three major works each reflect upon man's inhumanity to man and the need for peace and reconciliation in all its guises.

With soloists from Nottingham University, the choir will perform the Choral Suite from Jenkins' powerful, spellbinding and moving *The Armed Man*. This work was composed in 1999 to reflect on the passing of “the most war-torn and destructive century in human history” and to look forward in hope to a more peaceful future.

It will be followed by the Five Spirituals from Michael Tippett's secular oratorio, *A Child of Our Time*.

Tippett's reflective and deeply moving work was written in the dark days of the Second World War as a response to the fascism, hatred and nationalism of the time and urges empathy and love for everyone, whatever their creed, colour or nationality.

The final work will be Zoltan Kodaly's *Missa Brevis* (sub-titled *In Time of War*). Composed while Kodaly took refuge for 50 days beneath the Budapest Opera House as the Red Army bombed the German-held city in 1945, this intense, poignant work is both a hymn of hope and a musical poem of praise to give comfort and strength in the most difficult of circumstances.

Under the baton of Director Paul Hayward and accompanied by Michael Overbury on the organ, our Spring Concert is an opportunity to hear some of the greatest modern choral works that have not only become much-loved, but have also helped shape our understanding and response to an often harsh, unpredictable and divided world.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from Perkins Hardware, Ruddington, from RDCS members, by calling 0115 921 1451 or on the door. To find out more, please visit www.ruddingtonchoral.com.

Patricia Beale

Ruddington VE Day 75th Celebration



Ruddington Parish Council will be holding a VE Day 75th Celebration this year on Saturday 9th May 2020, between 2pm and 6pm on The Green. The event will feature a marching band, 1940s dancing, the Ruddington Community Choir, Punch and Judy, fair rides, games and Hook a Duck.

There'll also be displays by the History Society, wartime rationed food to taste, and stalls run by the WI, U3A, Framework Knitters' Museum and Ruddington Scouts.

Dig for Victory plants and seedlings will be for sale from the Gardeners' Association, with the proceeds going to the Parish Council's chosen charity, the British Legion. There'll also be a bar and other food refreshment outlets on offer.

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to join our Events Team to help organise this events and others in the future. If you'd like to help, or to find out more, please contact the Parish Council office.

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