

THE RUDD

VE Day 75th anniversary

Stay at Home Street Party - Friday 8th May 2020



If society was operating normally, the weekend of 8th to 10th May would have been a period of national commemoration for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe), which marked the end of the Second World War against Germany.

In Ruddington, a community event was scheduled to take place on The Green on Saturday 9th May. Unfortunately, like numerous other events, this has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown.

Given our current requirement is to “Stay at Home,” an alternative way of marking this historically significant date has been suggested: a “Stay at Home Street Party.”



To take part in the Stay at Home Street Party, simply:

- Decorate your house in red, white and blue, and
- Enjoy a picnic in your front garden.

The idea is for families in your neighbourhood to celebrate outside together, whilst still observing social distancing – i.e. **staying in your own garden** – to mark this important date. In 1945, street parties and celebrations were held nationwide and everyone congregated together. The 75th Anniversary will go down in history as a very different celebration, but hopefully one we can still enjoy as a community.

I was part of the group planning the original event and was going to ask residents to help make bunting to adorn the High Street and The Green. I had already sourced ribbon for this activity, via my volunteer role at a scrapstore.

I've now made this ribbon into bunting "starter packs" so families can create their own bunting to decorate their houses. Already, I've received numerous requests from all over the village from residents advising me that they're actively planning their "street parties".

Local businesses are also joining in the event by streaming music, creating

picnic hampers to purchase and offering various food options.

Taking part in the Stay at Home Street Party is purely voluntary. However, it's hoped that neighbourhoods across the village will embrace the idea and bring us together in a shared experience during these isolated times.

Supporting the Royal British Legion

As we're all acutely aware, many charities are struggling financially due to losing their funding and income streams. Each year, our Parish Council chooses a charity to support by donating the proceeds from community events such as the Summer Fair.

This year's chosen charity is, appropriately, the Royal British Legion, which provides help and support to service personnel and their families.

If you'd like to make a donation to the Royal British Legion, the Parish Council's Deputy Clerk, Sue Peacock, has set up a Go Fund Me page which you can find [here](#).

Please support our fundraising efforts if you can, as we remember the service personnel who helped to secure our freedom 75 years ago this month.

Barbara Breakwell

Doorstep criminals using Covid-19 fears to promote misleading services

During this period of uncertainty regarding Covid-19, it appears there are some people who are trying to take advantage of the situation and are trying to use fear of coronavirus to promote false services.

The type of services being advertised are disinfection services to driveways and other objects found external to people's homes, including gates and grab rails.

To appear more legitimate, businesses may also claim they use government-approved disinfectants for these services and that they're endorsed by an official Government body.

Nottinghamshire County Council Trading Standards would like to stress that people are still to follow the guidance issued by the Government in respect to self-isolation and social distancing measures. These types of advertisements are misleading you into the services you think you may need.

We always advise residents not to purchase goods or services at the front door and this is even more important during these unprecedented times.

Please be aware of any suspicious services being advertised at the door or online through social media sites.

If you've been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, please report it to Action Fraud at their website, www.actionfraud.police.uk, or by calling 0300 123 2040.

You can also report a trader to Trading Standards, or obtain consumer advice, by contacting the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 11 33.

For anyone concerned about Covid-19, please visit www.nhs.uk for the latest advice.

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Ruddington Diary

All physical events, activities and meetings due to be held in May, and likely beyond, won't take place (the VE Stay at Home Street Party is an exception – see article). There is therefore no diary for this month.

However, many activities are now taking place online. We suggest you contact event organisers or check social media pages to find out more.

The [Ruddington Mums Facebook page](#) and RUDDINGTON.info are two useful sources of information.

We urge residents to follow Government advice by staying at home as much as possible and, when it's necessary to go out, practising social distancing.

Community Response Team update

Our Community Response team are doing a fantastic job of helping people who are self-isolating with essential tasks such as shopping, dog walking and collecting prescriptions. If you're one of the many people in our village using their services, here are a few updates.

Pay for shopping in advance with "credit"

You can now call the Parish Council office to make a card payment in advance for shopping that Community Response Team volunteers will pick up for you. This works by giving you a "credit account" that you can use to offset the costs of shopping from local retailers.

To use the service, please call the office on 0115 914 6660 between 9:30am and 12:30pm, Monday to Friday.

For an up to date list of retailers and other outlets that are open in Ruddington, plus details of special offers and shopping arrangements, please visit www.RUDDINGTON.info.

Home schooling packs

The Community Response Team has been working with our village schools to safely deliver home schooling packs to families around the village. Around

380 of the packs, prepared by local teachers, were delivered to St Peter's Junior School pupils after the Easter holidays, followed by another 100 to younger children who normally attend James Peacock.



£5,000 of funding for hot meals

A portion of Nottinghamshire County Council's £1 million Community Fund has been earmarked to support initiatives in Ruddington. Our village will receive £5,000 to fund the delivery of hot meals to vulnerable residents identified as "in need".

Thank you to Ruddington resident and Ruddington Village Centre Partnership (RVCP) committee member, Mark Pinks, for securing the grant and to RVCP for enabling the funds to be delivered where needed.

This welcome service will supplement the existing food delivery services carried out by the Community Response Team.

Thank you!

A huge "Thank you!" to everyone involved in coordinating and delivering the amazing services that our Community Response Team continue to provide. Thanks to you, our vulnerable village residents can access the extra support and services they need.

Contact the Community Response Team

Please call 07954 073 115 or email ruddcovid19@gmail.com. You can also contact the team via the Parish Council Office, or on [Facebook](#).

If you're concerned about your health, please visit www.nhs.uk.

With thanks to RUDDINGTON.info

Rushcliffe "best place to be married with children"

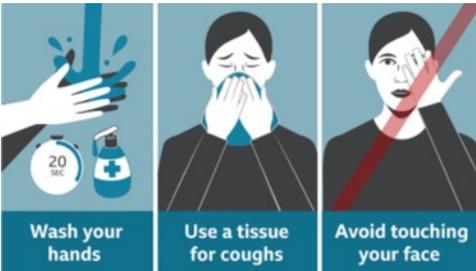
A survey by comparethemarket.com has identified Rushcliffe as the East Midlands' most popular place to be married with children. The survey looked at the marital statuses of over 10 million people across the region – and Rushcliffe came out on top with

19.8% of residents being married with kids.

The result is no doubt strongly linked to the wide range of family-friendly facilities on offer in the borough, including Rushcliffe Country Park, an abundance of smaller local parks and open spaces, and top quality sports and leisure facilities. Our local schools are also well-known for providing some of the highest educational standards in the East Midlands.

Commenting on the findings to the Nottingham Post, our local MP Ruth Edwards, said: "This research confirms what everyone who lives here already knows; Rushcliffe is the most fantastic place to live or work and I am delighted to see us also take the crown as most family-friendly.

"Rushcliffe is great for people of all ages, we have a strong community spirit and look out for each other. I'm so proud to represent somewhere which has pulled together in the way Rushcliffe has; first in response to flooding and now in helping the most vulnerable through coronavirus."



Bin it, don't burn it

Rushcliffe Borough Council are asking residents not to burn rubbish in their gardens, as the smoke and fumes could affect people suffering from coronavirus and other lung conditions. People managing the symptoms of Covid-19 at home may need to open doors and windows to help with their breathing, and the presence of smoke could make their condition worse.



The Council appreciates that our local recycling centres, run by Nottinghamshire County Council, are currently closed due to the outbreak. However, they are asking people to store waste safely and responsibly at home until the tips reopen, instead of burning it. This includes garden waste generated as people start spending more time out of doors as the weather improves, as well as household rubbish.

Many types of garden waste can be composted or disposed of through the

Borough Council's Garden Waste Scheme. To find out more, please visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk.

“Thank you” from James Peacock

The sudden closure of our schools due to the Covid-19 pandemic meant that the proposed Food Fair at James Peacock School, scheduled for late March, had to be cancelled. As usual, a major part of this fundraising event was set to be the popular annual raffle.

However, as tickets were already on sale before the school closed, it was decided that the raffle should go ahead.

With the help of The Bottle Top on the High Street, ticket sales continued and we raised a total of £239.

On Saturday 29th March, the day of the cancelled Food Fair, Rushcliffe Borough Councillor, Jennifer Walker very kindly conducted the draw at her home, witnessed by her family.

On behalf of the school, the Friends' committee would like to thank everyone who supported the raffle by buying tickets.

We'd also like to say a huge “Thank you” to the local businesses and individuals who donated prizes.

Barbara Breakwell

Treasurer, Friends of James Peacock

Meet our new Parish Councillor

VE Day quiz

Susannah Cox has recently been co-opted to the Parish Council and now represents Easthorpe Ward.

Together with our other new councillors, who we're introducing one at a time in The Rudd, we'd like to welcome Susannah on board.



"I'm a 33 year old single lady and have lived in Ruddington since December 2018, and I work as a Customer Director at Mars Petcare," says Susannah.

"I'm keen to get involved in a variety of Parish Council activities, but have a special interest in setting up a new Youth Club in the recently-purchased Community Centre on The Green.

"I feel this is a facility that our young people badly need, and will be of great benefit to the village."

You can contact Susannah 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, to find out more about the role.

Question 1

What does VE Day stand for?

- A: Victory in Europe
- B: Violence in Europe
- C: Victory in England

Question 2

What did it mark the end of?

- A: The end of war with Germany
- B: The end of war with Russia
- C: The end of war with France

Question 3

How did people living in the UK find out about VE Day?

- A: The Prime Minister went on television
- B: The Prime Minister went on the radio
- C: The Prime Minister spoke to newspapers

Question 4

What happened after VE Day?

- A: All the soldiers came home
- B: Many soldiers went to fight in South America
- C: Many soldiers went to fight the Japanese

Question 5

When did VE Day happen?

- A: 5 May 1945
- B: 8 May 1945
- C: 15 May 1945

Answers on page 9!

The Resilience Quilt

Help the Framework Knitters

Museum create a quilt made up of individual creative textile responses to the unprecedented events and experiences of 2020.

You're invited to help the museum document these extraordinary times: by creating a textile quilt piece using images, colours, patterns, words, stitches and textures to represent the isolation, the worries, the gardens dug and flowers planted, the extraordinary blue skies, the time we had to listen to the birds, the improvement in air quality, the amazing gestures of friendship, support and bravery, the uncertainty...and the boredom!

Whatever you're doing, however you're feeling, whatever you're hoping for, sew it into a quilt piece! The museum would especially love you to document your reaction to the Resilience Quilt project and the progress you make with your quilt piece on social media – please use the hashtag #resiliencequilt so they can identify your posts.

The quilt will be assembled into a diamond pattern, which has a strong significance for the museum as when Ruddington was at the centre of the 19th century knitting industry, it was known as “the diamond village”

because the knitters finished their work with a diamond signature. The qualities of strength, beauty and resilience associated with the diamond provide further inspiration for the quilt. Each diamond will interlock into a pattern and, most importantly, will be connected.



When the current lockdown restrictions are relaxed, the museum will run physical workshops bringing interested participants together to combine the contributions into a finished piece, which will be known as The Resilience Quilt.

It will be displayed in the museum on one of the framework knitter's beds (pictured above), celebrating creativity and resilience in the face of hardship, both historically and in our current situation.

The project is led by Common Threads (<http://common-threads.org>), an organisation which supports wellbeing through creativity inspired by historical collections.

The Resilience Quilt project builds on a previous Common Threads project called the Recovery Quilt, created with more than 50 participants in response to the theme of recovery and PTSD.

How to get involved

You can download the instructions and submission form at the museum website, www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk. Please complete the submission form and send in your quilt piece by 20 June 2020. You can also follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to keep up with the latest news on the quilt. When posting about the quilt on social media, please make sure you include the hashtag #resiliencequilt.

“Portraits of this Time” – Lockdown 2020

I’m a photographer living in Ruddington and I’m working on a personal project, documenting this unprecedented time through photographs.

The idea is very simple. When I go on my daily walk, I’ll have my camera with me and I’ll make portraits of people or their families as I walk by.

People can be on their doorstep, at the door window or house window, or in the porch or garden – all safely socially distanced.

All participants can have a digital copy of their portrait for free; all I ask is that I can use the photos for my project/Instagram page.



I’m planning to walk between 6.30pm and 8pm initially, but will change the time to suit participants. To get involved, all you need to do is let me know who you are and where you are, and I’ll let you know when I am passing by!

Send me a message at Instagram www.instagram.com/urbanscot or email peter@urbanscot.co.uk to let me know you’re interested below and I’ll get in touch! Thank you.

Peter McConnochie
www.urbanscot.co.uk

Answers to VE Day quiz

1. A
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. B



Go Wild with Notts Wildlife Trust!

Can you do one wild thing a day throughout the whole of June? We believe you can! Join thousands of people taking part in our annual nature challenge, 30 Days Wild. Do it for your health, wellbeing, wildlife and the planet!

30 Days Wild is a fun, feel-good challenge run by The Wildlife Trusts every June. Back for its sixth year, it brings people closer to nature where they live, taking small actions that can collectively have a big impact.

From little things such as watching a bee from your window or feeding the birds, to giving up single-use plastics for a month or digging a pond in your garden: every Random Act of Wildness counts. If you want to see what others are getting up to, just check out #30DaysWild on social media.

When you sign up, you'll be able to download a host of goodies to help you plan your month. You'll have a wallchart, wildlife bingo, an activity passport and a nature table template.

We'll send you lots more resources leading up to June too, from instructions for baking hedgehog cupcakes to a beginner's guide to wildlife photography*.

To sign up, find out more and read The Wildlife Trusts' Covid-19 statement, please visit www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/30dayswild.

** Different packs are available for individuals/families, businesses, care home and schools/groups, and contents will vary accordingly. We are aware many schools, businesses and care homes are not open at the current time, but hope these packs will provide you with inspiring activities that can be adapted no matter your living, working or teaching situation.*

Beauty out of ugliness – museum's knitted Covid-19 set to “go viral”!

Helen Brownett, Textile Artist & Technical Demonstrator at the Framework Knitters Museum, has designed her own version of a Covid-19 virus – and knitted it in 3D on one of the museum's antique circular knitting machines. Helen put the finishing touches to the blue coronavirus by hand, adding pink pompoms on stalks to make her creation instantly recognisable.

Explaining her motivation to design and knit a coronavirus, Helen says: “I've always had an interest in knitting unusual things. Past projects have included the knitted bike you can see in the museum garden, an octopus and even a shed! Like so many people

around the country, I'm staying at home right now and thought I'd use some of my newfound spare time to knit something that captures the spirit of the times we're living in."



A photo of Helen's creation, posted on Facebook by Museum Assistant, Jan Perrett, has already reached over 3,200 people, with the museum hoping that the post will ultimately "go viral"! Says Jan: "It (Covid-19) is currently a symbol of fear, but I love the fact that Helen has created something beautiful out of something so horrendous."

Like all museums and attractions, the Framework Knitters Museum is currently closed to visitors. But the museum's team of dedicated staff and volunteers are still busily working away from home, doing what they can to promote the museum and keep its army of fans entertained and engaged via social media.

Current initiatives include regular Facebook posts with fun facts about exhibits, staff and volunteers talking about their favourite objects, and

"Name that Plant" posts to help people enjoy the museum's beautiful garden from afar.

Jim Grevatte, Museum Manager & Curator, adds: "Our staff and volunteers are doing a great job of keeping in touch on social media. In the coming weeks, we're looking to create opportunities for people to join us remotely for video workshops, knitting sessions and other activities. We're keen to help people stay connected to the museum whilst we're closed, so they can still enjoy the therapeutic benefits of knitting and other craft activities."

For the latest updates on museum activities and other news, you can visit their [website](#) and follow their Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Crime figures for Ruddington

For March 2020, these were as follow:

- 1 x theft of fuel
- 6 x theft from shop (one suspect caught)
- 1 x trailer theft
- 1 x theft from outbuilding
- 1 x theft from shed
- 1 x fight, 3 males charged

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

Can you help St Peter's School support our community?

If you'd like to help other families in our local community who need additional support during these difficult times, the St Peter's Junior School JustGiving page is now live at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-peters-junior-school>. Please share this page and let's try and reach our target of £1,000.

The Friends of School charity is supporting us in the collection of funds and we thank them for their help.



In addition, the school is collecting donations of food and essential items on **Friday 1st May**, near Basecamp in in the school grounds.

If you'd like to make a contribution, the food bank will be open from 10am to 2pm. A limited number of St. Peter's staff will be there on hand to collect items from you. (Please adhere to social distancing

guidelines.) Any donations will be sorted and then distributed. Thank you for your support.

“Stronger Together”

St Peter's Junior School

Editor's Note

If you miss the St Peter's School food bank collection, you can still donate to NG11 Clifton Foodbank which supports Ruddington residents. There are donation points in our village Co-op and Sainsbury's stores. To find out more about supporting or using the food bank, please visit [www.cliftonng11](http://www.cliftonng11.foodbank.org.uk).

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