

# THE RUDD

## Cluck Brothers come to Ruddington!

Ruddington food fanatics will soon have another culinary option to choose from – in the shape of fresh rotisserie chickens from newly-established firm, Cluck Brothers. The chickens will be supplied on a “Cluck & Collect” basis from a mobile rotisserie van that will park on The Green roadway between 4pm and 8pm every Thursday from 10th September.

Cluck Brothers is the creation of Ashley Childs and his co-director (pictured), who came up with the idea after their local private fine dining business stumbled to a halt due to the Covid-19 outbreak.



Says Ashley: “For the last 8 years we’ve travelled all over the UK, cooking seasonal taster menus in private residences across the country. We’re an established business with a strong reputation. Sadly, since the start of Covid-19 we’ve had to suspend all of this work, which has impacted a number of our employees. With the outlook for the future of catering still so uncertain, we’ve decided to set up a mobile ‘upmarket’ chicken rotisserie business, similar to the ones you see in every town in France and much of Europe.”



We look forward to welcoming this new addition to the already impressive range of dining options available to Ruddington residents!



To find out more, please visit [www.cluckbrothers.com](http://www.cluckbrothers.com), which will go live on Saturday 5th September.

## **Safari Sale**

**Sunday 27th September 10am to 2pm**

If, like me, you've had a chance to have a clear out during lockdown and have found yourself with so much unwanted stuff, why not register for a stall at the Safari Sale?

The cost is £1 and all stall fees will be donated to the Friends of James Peacock. To register, either email [ruddingtonsafari@outlook.com](mailto:ruddingtonsafari@outlook.com) or message the Ruddington Safari Sale Facebook page.

We had our first village Safari Sale last month and it was really successful. Over 30 households had stalls, with all stall fees donated to The Honeycomb

Christian Charity Shop. The sale also attracted a lot of visitors to our village, which was a great way to meet new people just by selling your unwanted items from the comfort of your own drive or garden.

Posters to advertise the September sale will be put up around the village and it will also be promoted on social media. Maps will be available to buy a few days beforehand, or on the day.

If you've already registered, or are thinking about registering, for a stall, why not give your friends and neighbours a nudge to do the same? The more the merrier!

Sarah Norton

## **More changes afoot with Ruddington traders**

In the last few weeks, there have been quite a few changes on the High Street and elsewhere in Ruddington. Here's a round-up of some of them (note that this may not be an exhaustive list!)

### **Openings, reopenings and relocations**

- The demolition of Kempson Court, just off High Street, has caused the loss of 8 retail units. However, some of the tenants have already relocated within Ruddington, or plan to. National Car Finder is moving to Easthorpe Street, whilst Artisan Hair & Beauty has taken over 13 High Street.

Meanwhile, The Treatment Room will be merging with Beauty by Lauren and setting up in the new shopping mall off High Street. Unfortunately, some of the other tenants have had to leave the village.

- The Honeycomb has become the first of Ruddington's three charity shops to reopen its doors after lockdown. The new opening hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 2pm and Wednesday 10am to 12:30pm.

- A Sainsbury's "To Go" store has opened inside the Esso petrol station on Loughborough Road. This is a new retail format for Sainsbury's which focuses on takeaway food and picking up a meal for the evening.

- Ruddington Library on Church Street is now open, but with reduced hours. You can call in between 10am and 1pm on Tuesdays and 1pm and 4pm on Fridays.

We wish all our new, reopening and relocating traders the best of luck.

### Closures

- Ruddington Village Butchers finally closed its doors on Saturday 29th August. After months of uncertainty, the lease on the premises has expired and the owners now have a new tenant (another butcher).

- Dizzy Rascalz, a soft play centre on Brookside Road, has sadly decided not

to reopen. This is due to the pressures of lockdown and new, stricter operating guidelines which the owners feel are untenable.

- The Nottingham on High Street will close on Monday 30th November when the branch merges with the West Bridgford outlet, located at 30 Central Avenue.

Thank you to those closed or closing businesses for serving our village over the years.

When visiting any of our local traders, please follow their social distancing guidelines and maintain a 2m distance, where possible.

Please always wear a face mask when inside our shops and, where required, when using other services, and sanitise your hands regularly.

With thanks to [RUDDINGTON.info](http://RUDDINGTON.info)

### Crime figures for Ruddington

For July 2020, these were as follow:

- 4 x criminal damage
- 2 x theft of number plates
- 2 x burglary
- 2 x assault
- 4 x theft from shop
- 1 x theft from garden

For crime prevention advice, please visit [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice).

## No heritage trains until Easter 2021

Over the last couple of months, the Office of Road & Rail and Heritage Railways Association have been working with Heritage Railways to determine ways in which the railways may safely start running again. As part of this we've had to consider how (or if) we can reopen the railway to the public whilst safeguarding both our volunteers and visitors, and still cover all our running costs.

It's with huge regret and much soul searching that the GCRN Directors have come to the decision that, as we depend entirely on volunteers and a huge proportion of our volunteer base fall into the groups still most at risk, together with the social distancing measures involved, we've decided that we won't be operating any further services during 2020. Unfortunately, as it's unlikely we could cover costs, this also means our highly popular Santa Special services will not operate this year.

Phil Stanway, GCRN's Commercial Director, said: "Whilst this is not a good situation to be in, we have to put the safety of our visitors and volunteers before anything else. We fully appreciate that this decision will cause some disappointment amongst potential visitors and, as we receive

no external funding, will hit us hard financially over what would be our busiest periods of the year. The decision has not been taken lightly and we look forward to seeing you all on our trains again during 2021."



However, it's not all gloom and doom. We've now reopened various sections of our site to the public, at weekends, only as of Saturday 15th August. This includes our Café, Model Railways and Road Transport sections, but for the time being won't include the Miniature Railway operated by the Nottingham Society of Model & Experimental Engineers.

In the meantime, we'll still be here working behind the scenes on lots of improvements in many areas of the railway by socially distanced volunteer workers, in preparation for welcoming you all back on the trains in time for Easter 2021.

We thank you for your continued support.

Phil Stanway

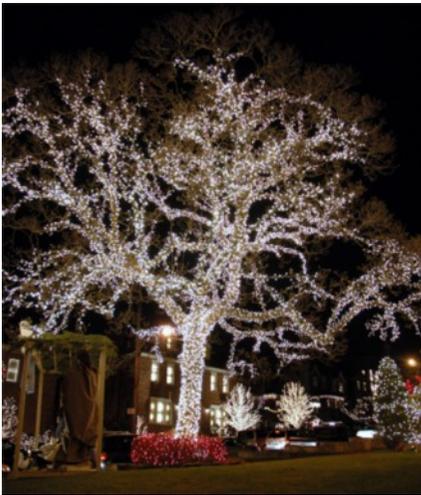
## Christmas lights for Ruddington

Sadly, Ruddington Village Centre Partnership (RVCP) has had to take the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Christmas Market and Fayre, which was due to take place on Saturday 28th November.

However, RVCP are keen to use the National Lottery funding they received for the event to fund a spectacular Christmas lights display instead.

The Parish Council has agreed to contribute as well.

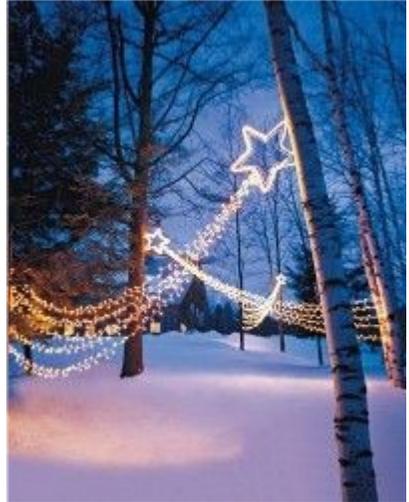
The agreed scheme will see the trees around St Peter's Rooms wrapped in beautiful warm LED lights, both static and twinkling.



Some trees may be lit in ice white or multicoloured lights to add variety.

The larger trees will also feature warm white star motifs, each of which will

have twinkling string lights leading down to the ground and then feeding into the decorative scheme below, or shooting to the side of the stars. (The effect should be similar to that pictured below.)



The annual Christmas Tree Scheme and Christmas Window Decorating Competition will be held as usual.

And the company providing the Christmas lights has undertaken to work with our local business owners to plan additional, appropriate decorations for the trees around St Peter's Rooms.

So, whilst Christmas will be a little different in Ruddington this year, we can still look forward to some fantastic festive decorations to raise some seasonal cheer.

With thanks to Mark Pinks and the Ruddington Village Centre Partnership

## Flu clinics at Ruddington Medical Centre

We're now starting to plan our 2020 flu clinics, taking into account additional aspects we need to consider this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These include social distancing measures, PPE requirements, safety for our staff administering the vaccine and safety for our patients.

To be eligible for a FREE flu vaccination you need to be in one of the following groups:

- Aged over 65
- Liver problems
- Splenic dysfunction or asplenia
- Asthma/COPD
- Carers
- Splenectomy
- Kidney Problems
- Immunosuppressed
- Heart Problems/Stroke
- Diabetes
- Learning disability
- Neurological problems (e.g. Parkinsons, Motor Neurone Disease)
- Pregnant
- Household members of patients on the NHS "Shielded List" \*

• Health and social care staff working in a care home / nursing home / voluntary managed hospice .\*

*\* It's not yet been defined how and where these staff/patients will be vaccinated.*

In addition to the above, there is consideration to expand the eligibility to include patients aged 50 to 64, but this will be towards the end of the year.

We're waiting for further guidance and clarity from Public Health England (PHE) and NHS England (NHSE) regarding their national roll out plans, which will then allow us to plan our local clinics effectively and safely.

As soon as we have further information, we'll update our website: [www.theruddingtonmedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.theruddingtonmedicalcentre.co.uk). At the moment, we're considering offering 'pre-bookable' appointments at weekends to administer the bulk of the vaccines.

We ask that patients:

- Do NOT attend if you or any of your household members have any COVID-19 symptoms
- Come on your own
- Arrive on time (NOT early or late)
- Be ready for the vaccine – ideally have your arm exposed
- Wear a face covering or visor

This information is correct as of 12th

August. As the situation is constantly changing, please refer to our website for the most up to date information.

Ruddington Medical Centre

**Editor's note:** *If you're registered with Church House Surgery on Shaw Street, you can contact them on 0115 984 7101 to find out about their arrangements for flu jabs.*

## **Free online workshops for high street businesses**

A programme of free online workshops begins this month, allowing high street businesses in Rushcliffe to access expert marketing and retail guidance and advice to help them reopen or continue to trade securely and successfully following COVID-19.

Rushcliffe Borough Council has launched the project with funding from the European Regional Development Fund to help local businesses recover and operate safely in the aftermath of the pandemic.

The first of these live, online training sessions takes place on Tuesday 1st September and addresses shopper psychology, including how businesses can optimise their customer engagement activities having suffered the economic shock of COVID-19.

The session looks at how people process information, react or behave when introduced to various stimuli.

You can book on the workshop here: <https://bit.ly/2CFgqeE>.

A further 10 opportunities are set to take place throughout September and October, covering a range of topics.

Businesses can review further details on the full list of sessions or find out more about the programme here: <https://bit.ly/2Xwp46i>.

The workshops are delivered by expert business consultancy firms Shamshad Walker Marketing and Grounded Places, both of which boast extensive experience in guiding and advising businesses to maximise their success. (Shamshad is a Ruddington resident.)

The consultants have recently visited businesses across the Borough to help advertise the range of support available to high street businesses through the programmes.

Rushcliffe Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Business and Economic Growth Cllr Andy Edyvean said: "I'm delighted that we're able to launch this new package of free support and offer training, guidance and advice from experienced consultants who can help local businesses navigate their way out of COVID-19."

Businesses seeking advice on any matter can find out more at [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/business](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/business) [coronavirus](https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/business/coronavirus) or contact [econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:econdev@rushcliffe.gov.uk).

## Asher Lane construction commences

Residents along the southern side of Musters Road and Western Fields have something new to watch from their back bedroom windows – the disappearance of the open views they have enjoyed ever since their homes were built.

Thanks to the Coronavirus, these householders have actually had rather longer to continue enjoying their green fields and wildlife than the property developer intended – since its imminent groundworks and construction were abruptly halted by the lockdown in March.

However, to some residents' chagrin, this was not before a sizeable section of mature hedgerow alongside Asher Lane had already been controversially removed and a mature Ash tree originally included on plans for the site was unexpectedly facing the axe.



Now, with COVID-19 restrictions eased, and with such concerns seemingly brushed aside by Rushcliffe Borough Council officials, the photograph opposite (taken by Toni Whittaker) shows the access created from Asher Lane where the earth moving machines have finally moved on to the former Green Belt site. The doomed ash tree can be seen in the centre of the picture. This is even though the official access is from Musters Road (another controversial decision!) where the former number 75 has just been demolished to create a gap for the vehicular route all future residents here will have to use.

The Asher Lane development is the first of four brand new major Ruddington housing estates granted permission within the remit of The Rushcliffe Local Plan Part Two and was an especially controversial one – probably the most fought against by villagers. After initially being refused by the Borough Council, it received approval for 175 dwellings only after an appeal to the Government Planning Inspectorate by the original landowner in 2018.

Since then, Avant Homes has been trying its best to win people over to the idea – not least by naming its new estate “Wilbur Chase” in homage to our now renowned Ruddington feline.

Regardless, it's certainly unlikely to have any trouble finding enough takers for these houses – as property buyers clamour to secure a home within our highly sought after village.



Managing Director for Avant Homes in the Midlands, Tim Brickley, told [RUDDINGTON.info](http://RUDDINGTON.info): “After demolition of the vacant, residential property on Musters Road, the initial groundworks at the site have commenced. The sales and marketing suite at the development is due to open before the end of the year – with the first homes expected to be ready for occupation in Spring 2021.”

He adds: “All access routes have been agreed with Highways and we will continue to keep you informed of progress throughout the build programme.”

One thing's for sure. Existing Ruddington residents will be keeping a careful watch on this, and other new building projects, to try to make sure the property developers at least live up to their promises.

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

## Shout out to our schools!

As our local kids prepare to don their uniforms for the first time in many months, let's give a shout out to St Peter's Junior School and James Peacock Infant & Nursery School for taking all the steps needed to keep them safe.

The staff at both schools have worked tirelessly to put the necessary arrangements in place, which must have been something of a logistical nightmare.

The measures required by the Government are extremely wide-ranging, covering everything from space management to additional cleaning, processes for arriving and leaving, to “infection action plans”.

It must have been a great deal of hard work, so we'd like to say a huge “Thank you” to our teachers and support staff for their efforts. Not to mention all the work they put in during lockdown to provide teaching resources and online learning during the spring and summer terms.

Of course, school life will be a little different with COVID-19 precautions in place. But we're sure most of our village children (not to mention their parents!) will be glad to get back to school and resume some kind of normality.

With thanks to Barbara Breakwell

## Rushcliffe author's first book published

A local author's debut mystery novel for children aged from 8 to 88, "The Mystery of the Old Orphanage," will raise funds for Nottinghamshire Hospice and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.



Beverley Fairbanks created many exciting stories when her son Samuel was young. But when, in 2017, spinal fusion surgery forced her early retirement, she combined her fascination for old buildings – including her present home – with serious historical research to create her first book.

Sadly, two years later Beverley was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Illness gave her a fresh determination to see her book in print.

Daughter of Jamaican parents of the Windrush generation, Beverley was

born in Nottingham in 1960. She trained as a teacher in Newcastle upon Tyne and taught in Avon, Buckinghamshire and Nottinghamshire for over 34 years.

Ruddington residents may remember that Beverley held a fund-raising coffee morning in the village shortly before lockdown, which raised around £1,000 for Nottinghamshire Hospice.

Beverley will be sharing 50% of the royalties on the sale of her book between the Motor Neurone Disease Association and Nottinghamshire Hospice. These two fantastic charities have given her the most wonderful care and support since she was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease.

### About "The Mystery of the Old Orphanage"

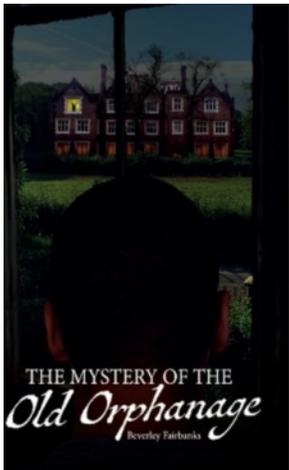
*Someone was trying to tell him something; voices, strange noises and a mysterious figure seemed to haunt Lewis in his new home. The old Victorian rectory and the deserted orphanage had a shared secret. In 2019, Lewis finds himself on a journey into the past to right a wrong committed in Victorian England.*

*In what had seemed a sleepy Nottinghamshire village, a chance discovery of an old newspaper leads Lewis, his new friend Lupin, and his cockapoo Truffle, to unearth the*

*mystery of what happened to James Cooper, a 14 year old Victorian orphanage boy, whose disappearance is not as simple as it seems.*

*150 years later the old orphanage is being searched, but for what and by whom? Together Lewis, Lupin and Truffle solve the sinister link between the run-down rectory and the abandoned orphanage.*

*Unravelling the mystery demands detective work, relies on youthful friendship and loyalty, and needs the special senses of the cockapoo puppy. There is suspense and danger before the three friends can unearth the truth and settle a troubled soul.*



You can find “The Mystery of the Old Orphanage” on Amazon [here](#). The book costs £8.99 for a printed copy and £3.99 for the Kindle edition.

For further information, please call Marion Edwards on 0115 939 2459 or

07977 818 854 or email [mimsie19052017@gmail.com](mailto:mimsie19052017@gmail.com).

Marion Edwards

## **Ruddington Diary**

With the continued easing of lockdown restrictions, we’re now starting to see activities and events returning to Ruddington, such as the monthly Village Market (now held on The Green).

However, there aren’t yet enough physical events taking place to justify a dedicated Diary Page – although we hope this will change in the near future.

There is therefore no diary for this month and we suggest you contact event organisers or check social media pages to find out more about what’s happening.

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

Despite the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, we urge residents to still follow Government advice by following social distancing guidelines and wearing face coverings where required, such as in shops and when using public transport.

(Please note that the 2020 Ruddington Christmas Market and Fayre, due to take place on Saturday 28th November, has been cancelled.)

## Social inclusion and isolation grants



The Armed Forces Covenant Fund has introduced a new local grants programme awarding one-year grants of up to £20,000 for projects seeking to promote social inclusion and support Forces communities to become less isolated.

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund: Force for Change programme will support local Armed Forces communities as they address the needs that have arisen as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This new programme will also support volunteer-run projects, benefiting Armed Forces communities that need some additional help.

In early 2020, the Trust ran an open consultation to explore how we should make small grants locally. The feedback from this told us that we should continue to fund grants of up to £20,000, as we had done under an earlier programme.

Mental health, veterans at higher risk of isolation and support for Armed Forces families were the top three issues that emerged from the responses we received.

Applicants to the Fund need to show:

- Why their project is needed and that it won't duplicate other work
- How their project will help people from the Armed Forces community become less isolated and more active in their local communities
- How the idea for the project has been shaped by the people it will benefit.

We can consider projects that support serving personnel, veterans and Armed Forces families.

Find out more on the [Covenant Fund website](#).

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