

THE RUDD

Village Market returns!

Saturday 3rd April sees the return of the much loved Ruddington Village Market on The Green. After a 3 month hiatus, the market returns on Easter Saturday with 40 essential traders selling food and drinks in line with current lockdown guidelines. If all goes to plan, non-essential traders will return to The Green the following month.

Ruddington businesses such as The Frame



Breakers, Ruddy Fine Gin, Britmask, Mortons, Elms Farm, The Next Episode, The Ruddington Arms and Split Screen Coffee will be joined by regular traders to the market offering bread, cheeses, wines, pies, charcuterie, olives, preserves, fudge, macrons, doughnuts and much more from across the region.

Ruddington Village Market is a member of the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) and closely follows their COVID recommendations. The market is licensed by Nottinghamshire City Council and follow the advice of Environmental Health to ensure the safety of the public, volunteers and traders.



Enhanced safety measures that were in place when the market operated last year will return. These will include traders and volunteers wearing masks (unless exempt), and hand sanitiser stations being placed around The Green and at each stall.

Members of the public are also encouraged to follow the “Hands, Face, Space” slogan we’ve all become accustomed to, with 2m markings and guides for stalls that generate queues.

The Market will be open from 9am until 12:30pm. Visitors are encouraged arrive early to avoid the crowds and get your essential treats before they sell out!

For up to date information on all the traders who are due to attend, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/ruddingtonvillagemarket>.

Leia Morales, RVCP Committee & Village Market Volunteer

Census Day has passed but it's not too late to complete yours

Census Day was on Sunday 21st March, but you still have your chance to be counted. Reminders will be sent out and you can request a new access code at www.census.gov.uk if you've misplaced yours.

Paper questionnaires can be ordered online or via the phone number 0800

141 2021. This number can also be used if you have any questions while completing your questionnaire, or if you require a trained telephone operator to record your responses.

Census field officers will be out and about over the coming weeks, visiting those who are yet to respond. They'll carry their Office for National Statistics ID, face coverings and sanitiser, and will respect social distancing.

If you're concerned whether someone visiting is an official Census officer, you can call 0800 141 2021.

No one will ever ask for payment to help complete the Census or be able to issue a fine on your doorstep if you haven't yet completed your census.

It's important that everyone is counted on the census as the data is used to inform local decisions about healthcare, schools and transportation. Local businesses and charities also use the data to make choices about the services they offer.

By law you must complete the Census, with a penalty of £1,000 for anyone who refuses.

For more information, please visit www.census.gov.uk.

Leia Morales, Census Engagement Manager for Rushcliffe, Gedling and Broxtowe

COVID-19 lockdown roadmap continues

The second round of Step 1 measures are now in place to ease lockdown restrictions, with changes made on Monday 29th March. If all goes well, we can expect Step 2 to come into play on Monday 12th April, with 17th May and 21st June pencilled in as the earliest possible dates for Steps 3 and 4. Here's a run-down of the recent and forthcoming changes.

Step 1b – Monday 29th March

- **Social contact.** Outdoor gatherings, including in private gardens, of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households are now allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.
- **Business and activities.** Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, have been allowed to reopen, and people are able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.
- **Travel.** The “Stay at home” rule have ended, but many restrictions remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of

permitted reasons. Holidays abroad are still not allowed.



Step 2 – Monday 12th April at the earliest

- **Business and activities.** Step 2 will see the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will also reopen (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups), as will most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas. Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen.
- **Hospitality venues.** Pubs, restaurants and cafes will be allowed to serve people outdoors. There'll be no need for customers to order a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks and no curfew although customers must order,

eat and drink while seated.

- **Social contact.** Wider social contact rules will apply to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

- **Events.** While funerals can continue with up to 30 mourners, the number of people able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15.

For the latest information on the lockdown roadmap, please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Supply shortages delay COVID-19 vaccinations

Due to supply issues with a manufacturer, the Government recently announced a national shortage of COVID-19 vaccines would take effect from 29th March.



Priority will be given in April to people due to receive their second dose of the vaccine, but Nottinghamshire is still on track to provide a first jab to everyone aged over 50 by mid-month.

Unfortunately, it looks like there will be delays in offering first vaccinations to the under 50s, with the shortage expected to last around 4 weeks.

Residents in the 40 to 49 age group will be next on the list after the over 50s. Please wait to receive your invitation letter or text message before trying to book an appointment.

For the latest information, please [visit the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group \(CCG\) website](#).

Ruddington Diary

Despite the gradual easing of restrictions, Ruddington is still in lockdown so there is no diary for this month. Where we know events are taking place, you'll find articles about them elsewhere in The Rudd.

For all other events and activities, we suggest you contact organisers and venues, or check social media pages. The [Ruddington Mums Facebook page](#) and [RUDDINGTON.info](#) are two useful sources of information.

From Monday 29th March, the lockdown rules changed from “Stay at home” to “Stay local.” Whilst this isn't compulsory, we ask residents to follow this guidance where possible.

Please also observe “Hands, Face, Space” when you're out and about.

Alpha Online – starting this month on Zoom

This month there'll be a brand new way of finding your faith in Ruddington with a new virtual initiative from St Peter's Church.

Its services have already been available online for quite some time. Due to the Coronavirus lockdown, this is the first time its 10 week Alpha Course will be available to attend from home via Zoom.



Dorothy Houghton, the Alpha Online Coordinator, explains: "Though COVID-19 restrictions are easing, people still are wary about getting together with others. Alpha Online is safe. The beauty of it is that there's no limit to the number of guests and also, we might have friends and relatives who live outside Ruddington who can attend.

There are also no babysitting issues, and people can relax in the comfort of their own homes without having to rush out for a 7.30pm start in the centre of Ruddington!"

Enrolling on the course is FREE. The content will be exactly the same as the

traditional Alpha Course. It will run primarily on Thursday evenings from 15th April, with one Saturday morning session along the way.

A typical evening starts with a friendly chat to get to know one another a bit more (for those who want to chat – it's not compulsory!). We then all watch a 20 minute video on some aspect of Christianity before we split up into groups to discuss the video, or anything else faith-related which a guest might want to discuss. It's a very relaxed evening which most people get a lot from, and they look forward to the following week.

Adds Dorothy: "There are a lot of hurting people out there – people who have lost loved ones, lonely people, people with questions.

"The Alpha Online Course is for anyone who can do Zoom! It's for people with some faith, no faith, agnostic, atheist; people with questions about a God who promises He will always unconditionally love us.

"Many former guests have had a 'Eureka' moment after or during the 10 week course. I've seen many lives changed."

You can get more information by emailing ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk, calling 07376 594 06 or visiting www.alpha.org.uk.

Dorothy Houghton

Could you be a Trustee?

The James Peacock Educational Foundation has a vacancy for a new Trustee and welcomes applications from anyone in Ruddington who would be interested in continuing the unique tradition established by James Peacock over 370 years ago in supporting the education of the children of the village.

No experience is necessary, but a desire to support and participate in the future of the children of Ruddington is essential.

All Trustees have equal status with the positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer being undertaken on a voluntary basis. The Trustees meet 3 times a year.

About the James Peacock Educational Foundation

James Peacock was born in Ruddington in 1585, leaving for London when he was 14 years old where he became a highly successful leather merchant. He made an endowment in his will of a farmhouse in Ruddington to be



used as a school for children of the village and appointed Trustees to manage his legacy.

Today, James Peacock Educational Foundation continues this tradition as a Charitable Trust (Registered Charity Number: 513594). Each child who lives in Ruddington is eligible, at the age of 11 years, to receive a gift from the Trust which is now normally a scientific calculator, book and thesaurus.

The Foundation can also assist young people (aged up to 25 years) of Ruddington who live in the village, or whose parents are resident here, by way of a gift or grant for educational purposes, not including educational fees. We also support the village schools.

Apply to become a Trustee

Please send a statement outlining why you would like to be considered for this position to Liz Corder (Secretary) at jpfoundationrudd@gmail.com by 10th April 2021.

Crime figures for Ruddington

For February 2021, these were as follow:

- 1 x illegal entry & theft
- 2 x theft of fuel
- 1 x theft of football netting

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

Edible Ruddington returns



With spring very much in the air, and plants starting to come back to life, a community project in our village, which began during the first Coronavirus lockdown, is now out of 'hibernation' for the growing season ahead.

The idea of Edible Ruddington was mooted just a year ago by a group of green fingered residents who found themselves with plenty of time to spend out and about in our lovely village.

One of them, Gwen Eyre, explains: "We saw first-hand how beneficial nature and watching plants grow can be for our health. We became inspired by other groups we heard about such as the Incredible Edible movement and Abundance Keyworth and decided we would like to create something similar in Ruddington."

So 'Edible Ruddington' was born – with the following aims:

- To enhance our community spaces by growing fruit, veg and herbs in "unloved" areas of the village for anyone to pick and use.
- Inspire people to grow their own and suggest ideas of how to use it.
- "Map" fruit trees in the village (public and any private ones where help is needed to harvest) and arrange harvesting and distributing to make the most of produce already in our village.
- Distribute excess produce to those in need.
- Promote the benefits of gardening and outdoor spaces.

"Thanks to Ruddington Parish Council, we took over responsibility for the planters around the Elms Park Playground and, in the autumn, planted a variety of herbs (mint, rosemary, thyme) that we hope people will be able to pick" says Gwen.

"COVID has currently limited some of our plans but now spring is here we are hoping to inspire as many people as possible to grow some produce of their own.

"We have set up a Facebook group to share ideas and inspiration and to keep everyone up to date with our planters. We are hoping members will use the group to share seeds and seedlings

so that everyone can have a go at growing something regardless of whether they have a garden, patio or a window box.”



So, if you're a village gardener who could offer advice and get involved, Gwen, Liz Corder, Emily Cooper, and Alex Preston (The Edible Ruddington team) would love to hear from you. Perhaps you belong to a local group and would like to take part?

Maybe you want to learn more about growing your own and give a helping hand for an hour – or are willing and able to make planters/signs or have any other skills and/or ideas to offer?

Even if you have absolutely no experience or knowledge they'd still like you to get in touch if you're interested.

You can email the team at edibleruddington@gmail.com or get in touch via their [Facebook page](#). For the time being, of course, social distancing and other COVID-safe measures and

restrictions will continue to be observed.

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

TV licensing scam email

We've received information that emails are being sent to members of the public, falsely claiming to be from TV Licensing. The email address used is fraudulent and has no connection with TV Licensing.

Official emails from the TV Licensing service are sent from donotreply@tvlicensing.co.uk or donotreply@spp.tvlicensing.co.uk and always include the customer name and/or part of the postcode.

If you receive any suspicious or unfamiliar communications, please always take a few minutes to consider whether the request is genuine.

You should never provide personal details to an unknown or untrusted organisation, and always check with your provider if you're uncertain about the validity of an email, call, text or other correspondence.

You should always feel free to challenge any communication, with criminals often trying to rush or panic individuals into making a decision.

If they think you've been the victim of a scam, contact your bank immediately and report it to [Action Fraud](#).

Register to vote before May elections

We're reminding residents to register to vote, to make sure your voice is heard ahead of the upcoming Police and Crime Commissioner and County Council elections on Thursday 6th May.



To vote in these important elections, you must be on the electoral register. Therefore, we're encouraging anyone who hasn't registered at their current address to make sure they're registered in time. The deadline to register to vote is midnight on Monday 19th April. It takes just 5 minutes to [apply online to register to vote](#).

This year, residents in Rushcliffe will go to the polls to vote in two different elections and will select:

- County Councillors, who represent their local area and residents, and contribute to the development of policies in areas such as transport, social care and children's services
- The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), who oversees your local police

force and makes sure they're prioritising what matters to you.

Kath Marriott, our Deputy Returning Officer, said: "Make sure you can take part in these elections by registering to vote before the deadline. It's an opportunity to make your voice heard and have a say on who represents you on issues that directly affect day-to-day life here in Rushcliffe. If you're not registered by 19th April, you won't be able to vote."

Ailsa Irvine, Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance at the Electoral Commission added: "If you've recently turned 18 or moved home, it's particularly important that you act and make sure you're registered to vote. If you were registered to vote in the last election and your details haven't changed, you don't need to take any action. If in doubt, you can check with your local authority on 0115 981 9911."

Voters have a range of options for casting their ballot – in person, by post or by appointing someone they trust to vote in their place, known as a proxy vote. The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on 20th April, and for a proxy vote, 5pm on 27th April.

For information on elections in your area, how to register to vote, or how to apply to vote by post or by proxy, please [visit the Electoral Commission website](#).

Free school meals confirmed for Easter holidays



Vulnerable children in Nottinghamshire will not go hungry this Easter as Nottinghamshire County Council's free school meals scheme will be provided through the Easter holidays.

25,800 children and young people in the county received free school meals over the October, Christmas and February school holidays; and the scheme is now being extended to provide thousands of meals to the most vulnerable families over Easter.

The Government is making an investment of more than £800,000 through the Covid Winter Grant Scheme to make sure that children and young people who qualify for free school meals have access to food vouchers.

Each eligible child aged 5 to 18 will receive £15, and preschool children will receive £10 for each of the two-week Easter holiday period.

The Council has written to schools, nurseries and colleges across

Nottinghamshire to make them aware that the Covid Winter Grant Scheme is being extended. Vouchers will be given to families by their nursery, school or college in time for Easter.

Councillor Philip Owen, Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee, said: "We wanted to ensure that families were given the earliest notification possible, to give them reassurance that this support would be available over the Easter Holiday period.

"This continues the commitment of the current administration to support the most vulnerable families across Nottinghamshire to ensure that they come through the pandemic in as safe a way as possible.



"We recognise the pressures families in Nottinghamshire are under and we remain committed to supporting them. I am pleased that children in Nottinghamshire will receive help at a time when families continue to be affected by the ongoing coronavirus situation."

Nottinghamshire Children's Centre Service

Virtual **B.A.B.E.S** Group



Are you already a breastfeeding mum or an expectant mum?

Interested in planning how to feed your baby?



Have you've been missing the B.A.B.E.S group in the Children Centre or talking to other mums?

Why not come and join us for the virtual breastfeeding group!

Every Tuesday from 1.00pm until 2.15pm

you can either contact me on

novlette.johnson@nottsc.gov.uk

Or

The Children Centre details below.



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W: nottinghamshire.gov.uk/childrenscenreservice

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Staying safe at parks, open spaces and play areas

We're encouraging residents visiting our parks, open spaces and play areas to follow some simple steps to make sure they enjoy a safe trip with their household.

As spring weather arrives, many sites including Rushcliffe Country Park, local play areas and open spaces will remain very popular, with more people looking to explore the great outdoors during their leisure time.

That's why we're asking residents to observe the following steps for staying safe, so everyone can enjoy visiting the locations.

- Follow the on-site signage and remember to socially distance from others at all times
- Wash your hands before and immediately after visiting
- No one should visit a site if they feel unwell
- Consider returning at a quieter time should you arrive to find parks or facilities already busy
- Follow current guidance to use open skate parks in line with [Skate England advice](#)
- Outdoor gym equipment remains open in line with the latest government guidance.

If visiting Rushcliffe Country Park, don't forget its mass of parkland has lots of places to explore in addition to the children's playground.

The facilities at all play parks are sanitised routinely. Please send any feedback on the cleanliness of the sites to facilities@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

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